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PM Modi Expresses Grief Over Monsoon Devastation In 125th 'Mann Ki Baat'

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday expressed deep anguish over the destruction caused by floods and landslides triggered by incessant monsoon rains across India. Highlighting the human and infrastructural losses, he shared his concern for the families affected by the natural calamities.

"In this monsoon season, natural disasters are testing our nation. In recent weeks, floods and landslides have caused massive havoc. Homes have been destroyed, fields submerged, entire families affected. Bridges and roads have been washed away, and lives endangered.

These incidents sadden every Indian. The pain of families who lost loved ones is shared by all of us," PM Modi said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed concern over the destruction caused by floods and landslides due to heavy monsoon rains, commending the efforts of rescue teams and highlighting achievements in Jammu and Kashmir, including a day-night cricket match and the Khelo India Water Sports Festival. He also announced the launch of the 'Pratibha Setu' portal to

support UPSC aspirants and remembered Sardar Patel's role in Operation Polo ahead of Hyderabad Liberation Day.

PM Modi lauded the tireless work of the NDRF, SDRF, and other security forces in the rescue operations amid landslides and cloud-monsoon rains, commending the efforts of local citizens and social workers during the crisis.

"Wherever there was a crisis, our NDRF and SDRF personnel, along with other security forces, worked day and night to save lives. They used technology,

including thermal cameras, live detectors, sniffer dogs, and drones, to speed up relief work. Relief materials were delivered by helicopters, and the injured were airlifted. Armed forces, local people, social workers, doctors, and administrative officials - everyone did their best during this hour of crisis. I sincerely thank all citizens who prioritized humanity during these difficult times," he said.

Despite the monsoon devastation, PM Modi highlighted two significant achievements in Jammu and Kashmir. He noted that Pulwama hosted its first-ever day-night cricket match, attracting a record audience.



Tejashwi Yadav Declares Himself CM Face Of Grand Alliance, Rahul Gandhi Maintains Silence

(Gns). Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav on Saturday unilaterally announced himself as the chief ministerial face of the Grand Alliance in Bihar, even as Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav stood beside him on stage in Ara. Rahul Gandhi, who has so far avoided clarifying his position on the chief ministerial candidate issue, remained silent during the declaration.

Addressing the crowd, Tejashwi Yadav launched a strong offensive against Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, branding him a "copycat Chief Minister" who simply imitates others'

policies. "Tejashwi is moving ahead. The government is following behind," he said, adding that Nitish Kumar lacked originality and was merely replicating his initiatives.

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav declared himself the Grand Alliance's chief ministerial candidate in Bihar, with Rahul Gandhi and Akhilesh Yadav present; furthermore, the rally addressed criticisms of electoral processes and the Election Commission of India (ECI).

Tejashwi further asked the audience whether they

wanted an "original Chief Minister" or a "duplicate CM," pitching himself as the "original" choice to lead



Bihar. The remarks signaled his determination to emerge as the undisputed leader of the Grand Alliance despite Congress's hesitation on endorsing a CM face.

The 'Vote Theft' Row The rally also coincided with Rahul Gandhi's ongoing march against what he

and his allies describe as "vote theft" in Bihar. The protest targets the Election Commission of India's (ECI) Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The yatra, which began on August 17 in Sasaram, has so far passed through over a dozen districts including Gaya, Nawada, Darbhanga, and Purnea, and will conclude in Patna after covering Bhojpur.

Rahul Gandhi accused the BJP of colluding with the BJP to manipulate elections. "We will not let you steal the election in Bihar. You stole in Maharashtra. You stole in Haryana. In Karnataka, we clearly showed that votes were stolen.

Mayawati opposes construction of religious site of another faith in Buddha Park in Kanpur

(Gns). Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati on Sunday strongly objected to a reported government proposal to construct a religious site of another faith within the premises of Buddha Park in Kanpur Nagar.

In a statement posted on social media platform X, she urged the government to immediately withdraw the plan, warning that such a move could lead to social unrest and communal tension.



Highlighting the constitutional principle of secularism, Mayawati said India is a diverse country where

people of different religions and castes coexist, each having its own places of worship. She emphasized

that Buddha Park holds deep spiritual and emotional significance for followers of Buddhism and Ambedkarite ideology.

She asserted that introducing a religious structure of a different faith in such a location is inappropriate, which could cause disharmony among communities.

"The government must withdraw this proposal immediately, otherwise it may lead to unrest and hatred among the people," she warned.

Wrote to PM five times on BC Reservation: Telangana CM Revanth

(Gns). The Telangana State Legislative Assembly Sunday passed two key Bills providing 42 per cent reservation to the Backward Classes in the local body elections, scheduled to be held next month.

Speaking about the BC bills pending with the Centre, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said he had written five letters to the Prime Minister seeking an appointment to discuss the BC reservation, but to no avail. BRS working president KT Rama Rao challenged the chief minister to sit on an indefinite hunger strike at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi until the BC Bill is passed. The government also tabled the PC Ghose report on the Kaleshwaram Dam today.

The Telangana Panchayat Raj (Third

Amendment) Bill, 2025, and the Telangana Municipalities (Third Amendment) Bill, 2025, were passed after two previous Bills providing enhanced reservation to BCs in education, employment, and local body elections were kept pending by the Centre after the Governor referred the Bills and Ordinance to it.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said, "I wrote five letters to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking an appointment and requesting him to allow an all-party delegation to meet him to discuss the BC reservation. But the Prime Minister did not give me an appointment." He also accused the Opposition of influencing the Governor and stopping

the promulgation of the Ordinance on the BC reservation.

Blaming his predecessor, K Chandrababoo Naidu, Reddy accused the BRS of creating hurdles for the enactment of the BC Bill. The Chief Minister warned that the BRS would face public ire if the party did not stop playing politics on



BC's political empowerment.

Chief Minister Reddy also openly praised BRS BC leader and MLA Gangula Kamalakara for supporting the BC Bill, but it did not go down well with the BRS. Reddy told Kamalakara not to succumb to pressure from BRS leadership and promised to take care if anything happens, reminding him,

"Remember, we are old friends." The BRS accused the Chief Minister of openly bribing the Opposition MLAs on the floor of the House. Ten BRS turned Congress MLAs are facing disqualification, and the BRS alleged that Reddy was openly trying to buy their MLAs.

Though the BRS supported the enhancement in reservation for BCs, it said it was not convinced about the procedure through which the reservation was being implemented. "If Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was truly committed towards Backward Classes, he should sit on an indefinite hunger strike at Jantar Mantar in Delhi until the BC Bill is passed. This is not about seeking appointments but about showing dedication," said BRS leader KT Rama Rao.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah and Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Lead Tree Plantation Drive at Ayushman Van, Ghatlodia

Gandhinagar, 31 August 2025: In Ahmedabad's Ghatlodia ward, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah and Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel led a tree plantation drive under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative.

Trees play a vital role in maintaining environmental balance and purifying the atmosphere. Inspired by the vision of Prime Minister

Shri Narendra Modi, the campaign encourages citizens to plant a tree in the

name of their mother. In this spirit, the plantation program was organised at

Ayushman Van by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation.



On this occasion, Mayor Smt. Pratibha Jain, Deputy Mayor Shri Jatin Patel, Standing Committee Chairman Shri Devang Dani, MLA Shri Babubhai Patel, and Ahmedabad Municipal Commissioner Shri Banchhanidhi Pani, along with other officials and dignitaries, were present.

Karnataka Deputy CM DK Shivakumar To Join BJP? Here's What Congress MLA Said

(Gns). Bijapur City MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal on Sunday claimed that Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's one leg is towards the BJP, as he called the latter singing the RSS prayer song in the Assembly recently as "drama".

The senior leader, who was expelled from the BJP for violating party discipline, has even claimed that there was a round of discussion in Delhi to make Shivakumar the chief minister, if he comes with 60-70 Congress MLAs, but nothing hap-

pened as the saffron party leadership got a report that he lacked support of legislators. Shivakumar refused to react to Yatnal's claims.

Bijapur City MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal alleged that Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar has one leg towards the BJP and claimed there were discussions to make him CM. Yatnal stated that the BJP leadership received a report showing Shivakumar lacked legislator support, and that a meeting was held in Delhi involving B Y Vijayendra.

stones on garbage or cow dung," he said while speaking to reporters in Bengaluru. "D K Shivakumar is doing drama (by singing the RSS prayer song). He has kept his one leg towards BJP.

He has held one round of discussion with BJP. As MLAs are not with them, they (BJP) dropped the plan," Yatnal said.

Speaking to reporters here, he said, "There was one meeting in Delhi with Shivakumar under the leadership of BJP state President (B Y Vijayendra)

about getting 60-70 Congress MLAs..."

"He (Shivakumar) wanted an understanding with the BJP. But a report has gone (to BJP top brass) that there are not even 12-13 people (MLAs) behind Shivakumar, and everyone is with Siddaramaiah," he added. Noting that he was asked by a BJP high command leader as to how many MLAs are with Shivakumar, Yatnal said, "I told 10-12 are there and if he comes with the BJP, none will come. He (BJP leader) said my assessment was right."



UP Govt to establish welfare board for nomadic castes

opened as the saffron party (Gns).

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday announced the setting up of a special board for the welfare of nomadic and Vimukta castes.

While participating in the Vimukta Jati Diwas celebrations here, he said that along with this welfare

"I don't want to throw board, the government would also work on a plan to provide colonies and housing facilities to people belonging to these communities.

Extending his greetings on Vimukta Jati Diwas, the Chief Minister said that communities such as Nat, Banjara, Bavariya, Sasi,



Kanjar, Kalbelia, Sapera and Jogi were among the brave castes of the country

Stating that the BJP who fought as warriors during foreign invasions.

He recalled that these castes fought with indomitable courage—sometimes against the Mughals and at other times against the British.

The Chief Minister said that the British, fearing their valour, enacted the



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Editorial

Trump the Game-Changer

With global GDP rising from US\$11.74 trillion in 1950 to US\$166.65 trillion in 2023, the last seventy-five years were probably the best for the entire human race. Politically, by the end of the twentieth century, after long years of subservience, almost all countries in Asia and Africa had been freed from the colonial yoke. Additionally, technological and scientific advances ensured that the standard of living of all humanity went up manifold. Today, an average citizen of an average country works in an air-conditioned office, eats fruits, vegetables and food grains harvested at far-off places, uses gadgets made by the best companies in the world, watches matches being played in different continents, and if he so desires, jets off to exotic locations at a moment's notice.

His ease of living has increased exponentially; 25 years ago, making an outstation call was difficult, now a smartphone can effortlessly connect him to someone living in a distant country. The same is true for railway and plane reservations, money transfer, and a host of other mundane tasks. Such comfort and choice were not available even to medieval kings and emperors. However, this beautiful dream has begun to unravel. The third decade of the twenty-first century has seen strife breaking out in different parts of the world, causing defence budgets of most countries to rise steeply – at the cost of other budget areas.

This fact is borne out by a report of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) which states that touching US\$2718 billion, global military expenditure recorded its steepest increase in 2024 – the 10th consecutive year of rises. The advent of Donald Trump, as President of the United States, in this fraught scenario, has accelerated the global arms race. Just into his presidency, at the 2025 NATO Summit, Trump extracted pledges of massive increases in defence budgets from NATO countries, which would increase arms expenditure further – cutting social security budgets across Europe, as also aid to poorer countries. The concept of a rules-based world order, which reduced wars and strife, and ensured quick restoration of peace, has almost been abandoned in the new millenium. The Israeli invasion of Palestine, with the full backing of the US, and the human-rights violations unleashed by Israel which Trump endorses – despite entreaties by US allies – shows that international law is history now.

The same can be said about the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Given Trump's ambivalent attitude, hostilities between Russia and Ukraine may not end soon. With the two strongest countries flouting all canons of international law, and winking at each other's transgressions, there is little scope for multilateral institutions, like the UN, to spread peace and goodwill.

The situation is so bleak that world leaders are now counselling Ukraine to cede its territory to Russia, and are also urging Palestinians to move out of Palestine; showing that might is right, and powerful countries can browbeat their weaker neighbours, at will. Since both Russia and Ukraine were major producers of food grains, a direct fall-out of the Russia-Ukraine war has been food shortages in many countries in Africa, with famine-like conditions in the Horn of Africa. On a smaller scale, this is also the story of the Chinese incursion in Indian territory, with India now ready to repair its relations with China.

The very concept of free trade, which was one of the pillars of economic progress worldwide, has been upended by Trump's quixotic tariffs. Inspired by the US, most countries have increased tariffs, which harm the global economy; according to classical economic theory, free trade makes nations richer because nations then produce goods and services that they can at lowest cost, which they exchange with other nations who also produce goods they are best at. In this process, everyone benefits; the global prosperity of the last fifty years owes much to free trade. However, if circumstances do not change, free trade may never be restored. Another victim of Trump's policies is the world's fight against climate change. On the second day of his presidency, Trump, by an Executive Order, withdrew the US from the Paris Climate Agreement 2016, and also from all agreements, pacts, accords, and similar commitments made under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Read with the Kyoto Protocol, such agreements imposed obligations on richer countries to assist developing countries in their climate-change mitigation and adaptation efforts – through financial aid, technology transfer and capacity building. Thus, Trump's Executive Order has dealt a decisive blow to worldwide efforts for combating climate change. Significantly, in December 2024, President Joe Biden had outlined a plan to cut U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by more than 60 per cent by 2035. Poor countries have suffered the most from Trump's depredations. Trump has withdrawn the US from WHO, and has discontinued USAID, which since 1961, had successfully focused on promoting global health, reducing poverty, and helping nations become self-reliant. Trump's ill-advised moves have delivered a cruel blow to the poorest of poor nations, by disrupting their medical supplies and facilities. Americans have not escaped Trump's ravages; top civil servants and military top brass have been fired at short notice – for not acquiescing in his sometimes-madcap policies. People whom Trump could not fire, like Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell were openly threatened and humiliated, while as a warning, Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook was ousted over unproven mortgage-fraud allegations. The notorious Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), established by Trump, has shut down entire Government departments; funding has been withdrawn from centuries-old universities; guiding tenets of US policy like Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) have been discarded; immigrants, who built America are now being labelled as villains. Ironically, Trump's ascension as President was widely welcomed in India – the country worst affected by his policies. At that time, the thinking was that being right-wing, Trump would be sympathetic to the right-wing dispensation in India. However, right from the time Trump took office, he has singled out India for special treatment. Recently, Trump imposed a penalty of 25 per cent, in addition to a tariff of 25 per cent on Indian goods, ostensibly for buying oil from Russia, for which the US itself had advised India, and which is being bought in far greater quantities by China. Apparently, some other factors are at work; probably, mis-steps like targeting Sikh separatists in US and Canada, supporting individuals accused of financial fraud in the US, and bombastic statements by some Indian leaders have antagonised Trump.

Gujarat Takes Major Steps Towards ‘New Age Smart Policing’ with GPS-Enabled Vehicles Operated via Sophisticated Software : Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah:-

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- Launch of 112 Integrated Helpline to Make Gujarat’s Emergency Services Stronger and Effective – MoS Home Harsh Sanghavi

Gujarat Implements Amit Shah’s Western Zonal Council Suggestion, Integrates All Emergency Services under One Roof in Just Six Months

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Launches Security Projects, E-Inaugurates Police Housing from Gandhinagar

Presence of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel and Minister of State for Home Shri Harsh Sanghavi*

Gandhinagar, 31 August 2025: The State Government has adopted an innovative approach to ensure that citizens receive prompt assistance at the scene of criminal incidents, road accidents, and other emergencies through the use of modern technology.

In line with the directives of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, Union Home and Cooperation Minister and Member of Parliament from Gandhinagar, Shri Amit Shah, along with Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel and Minister of State for Home Shri Harsh Sanghavi, inaugurated several safety and security projects in Gandhinagar today.

As part of this initiative, the “Dial 112 Jan Rakshak Project” was launched, which includes a state-of-the-art call centre and the deployment of 500 Jan Rakshak vans. Additionally, under the Police Mobility Improvement Program, 534 new Bolero vans were flagged off for public service. On this occasion, vehicle keys were symbolically handed over to police drivers by dignitaries.

Furthermore, under the Gujarat Police Housing Project, newly constructed residential and non-residential buildings worth ₹217 crore were virtually inaugurated by Shri Amit Shah. For the first time in India, the Mansa Police Station in Gandhinagar was awarded the IS 15700 certification by the Bureau of Indian Standards.

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah

While inaugurating the “Jan Rakshak – 112” service, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah stated that citizens will no longer need to dial multiple numbers for emergency services. With just one number — 112, immediate assistance can be accessed for police, fire, ambulance, women’s helpline, and child helpline services. Equipped with sophisticated GPS-enabled vehicles and advanced software, the Gujarat Government has taken a significant step toward “New Age Smart Policing.” The modern control room in Ahmedabad, staffed by 150 leadership of CM Shri Bhupendra Patel and MoS Shri Harsh Sanghavi.

On this occasion, Shri Amit Shah also e-inaugurated newly constructed residential and non-residential buildings for police, jail, and home guard personnel worth ₹217 crore.

goal of serving and protecting citizens through innovation.

The Chief Minister added that the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister have boosted the morale of the police while enforcing a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism, crime, and anti-social elements. Police training has been transformed to prepare personnel for new challenges, making them more modern and capable of smart policing.

He emphasised that Gujarat’s police now effectively handle crime from street space to cyberspace by enhancing intelligence, surveillance, and conviction. Expressing confidence, he said that Gujarat’s tech-savvy police, by developing indigenous technology, will build a Smart, Safe, and Secure Gujarat, contributing to the vision of Viksit Gujarat in Viksit Bharat.

Minister of State for Home Shri Harsh Sanghavi called the launch of Dial-112 Jan Rakshak Project a historic day for Gujarat’s safety, as citizens will no longer need to remember multiple emergency numbers like 100, 108, 101, 181, 1098 or 1070/1077 — now one number, 112, will connect them to all services with the required team dispatched immediately.

He recalled that six months ago, during the Western Zonal Council meeting in Pune, chaired by Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, detailed guidance was given on integrating emergency services and reducing police response time. Following this, under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, Gujarat completed this challenging task within just six months by adding technology-enabled First Response Vehicles and unifying all emergency services under one platform.

The new system ensures faster, tech-enabled response: Jan Rakshak vehicles are not restricted to police station limits; the nearest vehicle will reach first, using accurate caller location tracking.

He further shared that, as per Shri Amit Shah’s suggestion in the Pune meeting, Gujarat is also setting up a Dedicated Centre for Cyber Excellence to provide swift assistance in cybercrime cases, especially for citizens in remote areas.

Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Shri M.K. Das proudly noted that the initiatives once started by Shri Amit Shah as Gujarat’s Home Minister are being carried forward under CM Shri Bhupendra Patel. This has made Gujarat one of the safest states, with a significant drop in crime rate.

Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, and Rajkot are now among India’s safest cities.

On this occasion, 500 vehicles were deployed under the 112 project, and 534 more were allocated to the police, ensuring Gujarat becomes even safer with quicker response through AI-enabled technology. Shri Das also highlighted that Gujarat is a frontrunner in implementing the three new Central laws with continuous guidance from the Chief Minister.

At this event, the Mayor of Gandhinagar, Smt. Miraben Patel, Director General of Police and Chief of Police Shri Vikas Sahay, MLAs Smt. Ritaben Patel, Shri Alpesh Thakor, Shri J.S. Patel, Shri Laxmanji Thakor, and Shri Balrajsinh Chauhan, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Smt. Nipuna Torwane, EMRI Director Shri K. Krishnam Raju, along with senior police officers from across the state, municipal corporators, and a large number of citizens, were present.



domestic constituency. These realities mean that disagreements are not going away. But the re-opening of high-level diplomatic channels ensures that disputes will not be allowed to escalate into permanent hostility. The appointment of seasoned envoys matters. Diplomacy in such strained circumstances requires not just protocol but also political dexterity. New high commissioners will be tasked with rebuilding communication and confidence in an environment where suspicion still lingers.

Their success will depend on whether the two governments allow professional diplomacy to prevail over grandstanding. Rebuilding trust will not be easy. Each side remains wary of the other's intentions, but diplomacy must operate on patience, persistence, and the recognition that dialogue itself is progress. The larger question is whether both sides can learn to compartmentalise. India's concerns over separatist activity are tied to sovereignty and security; both are non-negotiable issues. Canada's stance is shaped by domestic politics, where freedom of expression intersects uncomfortably with radical advocacy. Neither side will abandon its core positions. Yet, the test of mature diplomacy is not in eliminating disagreements but in managing these without letting them poison the entire relationship. Economic and people-to-people ties offer common ground.

Canada remains a magnet for Indian students, and bilateral trade has scope for significant growth. Both countries are part of wider groupings that demand cooperation on climate change, technology, and security. Allowing a single dispute to overshadow these areas is self-defeating. This reset should be seen for what it is: a fragile beginning, not a resolution. Symbolism alone cannot sustain it. Both governments must now demonstrate the discipline to engage quietly, avoid public escalation, and focus on incremental progress. The political will has been signalled. Whether it can survive the next flare-up will determine if this reset marks a turning point ~ or merely a temporary truce.

Fragile Reset



Meetings on the margin

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to China has attracted a lot of strategic significance not because of the SCO summit meeting taking place in Tianjin but because of his scheduled meetings with Chinese President Xi Jinping in an effort to recalibrate the frosty relations between the two countries. These meetings on the margins of the multilateral summit are significant. Such meetings provide opportunities for an interaction between and among world leaders to discuss bilateral issues which the format of the multilateral meeting does not permit.

Such meetings are increasingly assuming great significance in terms of strategic communication especially when there is a political or military impasse between two countries. Summit meetings and structured dialogues between leaders are, at times, difficult to work out due to paucity of time and the nitty-gritty they involve. It is in this backdrop that side-line meetings create the atmospherics for a closer interface and interaction between leaders. Take for example the Bangkok BIM-STECH meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh leader Mohammad Yunus which took place in April this year.

Although there was media speculation about such a bilateral meeting, neither side made it public that it was to take place, even though much diplomatic activity must have preceded it given the frosty relationship between the two countries. In a thoughtful gesture, Mr Modi who is an excellent communicator smartly greeted Mr Yunus on Eid ahead of his departure to Bangkok in spite of the latter's cosying up to China and describing China as the “guardian of the ocean” and urging it to manage its trade ties with intent. Professor Yunus was also mindfully prepared for the unstructured bilateral meeting while presenting the Indian Prime Minister a framed photograph of Modi presenting him a gold medal in January 2015 at the Indian Science Congress in Mumbai.

Notwithstanding the continuing impasse in the bilateral relationship between the two countries, the value of the side-line meeting at BIMSTEC between the two leaders cannot be underestimated. These symbolic gestures break jarring logjams. Diplomacy is an art of the possible. The way India is gaining the lost diplomatic space in Maldives after the ‘India Out’ tirade is a pointer to the stasis in the present state of India-Bangladesh relations. It is equally true of the Prime Minister's persistent diplomatic outreach to both Sri Lanka and Nepal. China's money cannot buy India's cultural, civilizational and spiritual connection with the countries in its neighbourhood.

Over the years, the side-line meetings at multilateral groupings like the G-20 Summit, the BRICS summit and SCO meetings have been fruitfully availed by both India and China to diffuse tensions between the two neighbours. In another instance of the utility of such meetings, Mr Modi met Mr Xi on 23 October last year on the margins of the BRICS summit in Kazan, Russia. Although the two leaders had earlier had fleeting encounters, the Kazan meeting was where the two agreed for a reset in the bilateral relationship after the Galwan skirmish in June 2020.

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Pithoragarh Landslide Traps 19 Inside Dhauliganga Power Station Tunnel

(Gns). What began as a routine afternoon at the Dhauliganga power station in Pithoragarh turned into a tense rescue mission when a landslide slammed into the tunnel entrance on Saturday, cutting off 19 personnel inside.

The sudden rush of boulders and debris, triggered by continuous rainfall, sealed the tunnel mouth, leaving the underground facility isolated. Eight men have since been pulled to safety, but 11 remain trapped, waiting for rescuers to carve through the rubble.

A landslide at the Dhauliganga power station in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, on Saturday trapped 19 personnel; 8 have been rescued, while

11 remain trapped, prompting a rescue operation

tunnel mouth, and clearing work at the emergency



involving BRO, NHPC, NDRF, and CISF teams, with district magistrate Vinod Goswami overseeing the efforts.

District magistrate Vinod Goswami described a race against time: "Debris has been removed from the

shaft continues." Teams from the BRO, NHPC, NDRF, and CISF are working around the clock with heavy machinery to restore access.

Inside, those trapped are not entirely without support. Emergency supplies,

kitchen facilities, and rest areas are available, giving rescuers precious time to break through. Among the missing are staffers Lalit Mohan Bisht, Suraj Gurdani, Vishnu Gupta, and senior officials like G Augustine Babu and Apurba Rai.

For families waiting outside, every update carries weight. The relief of hearing that their loved ones are safe is mixed with the anxiety of not knowing how long the ordeal will last.

Officials believe the landslide was triggered by a highway-widening project that destabilised the hillside, worsened by relentless rain. "Movement stopped completely as boulders kept crashing down," recalled M Kannan, group general manager of the station.

India Emerges As Ukraine's Top Diesel Supplier In July 2025 Amid Geopolitical Challenges

(Gns). In July 2025, India emerged as Ukraine's top diesel supplier, contributing 15.5% of the country's imports. NaftoRynok, a Ukrainian oil market analytics firm, reported that India's daily shipments averaged 2,700 tonnes, marking one of the highest monthly export figures for India this year. This is a significant increase from July 2024 when India only supplied 1.9% of Ukraine's diesel requirements.

According to a report by FE The geopolitical landscape adds complexity to this development. The United States recently imposed hefty tariffs of 50% on Indian goods due to India's ongoing purchase of Russian oil. This situation presents an irony as

Indian fuel supports Ukraine's economy during wartime while facing US trade penalties for its energy ties with Russia.

In July 2025, India became Ukraine's top diesel supplier, providing 15.5% of its imports with daily shipments averaging 2,700 tonnes, a significant rise from 1.9% in July 2024, despite US trade penalties due to India's Russian oil purchases; supplies also came from Greece, Turkey, Slovakia, Poland, Lithuania, and Sweden.

Indian-origin diesel reaches Ukraine through various routes. A considerable amount is transported

via tankers along the Danube from Romania. Additionally, shipments pass through Turkey's Marmara Ereğlisi port at



the OPET terminal, despite partial sanctions affecting some pathways. These routes have allowed India to become a dependable supplier amid challenging geopolitical circumstances.

From January to July 2025, India's share in Ukraine's diesel imports

rose to 10.2%, a fivefold increase compared to the same period last year when it was just 1.9%. Although India's share now surpasses several European partners, its physical export volumes are still behind those from Greece and Turkey.

July's Import Dynamics Despite India's leading position in July, other suppliers remain crucial for Ukraine. Diesel imports from Greece and Turkey were substantial; however, Slovakia delivered more than both countries combined. Supplies from Poland and Lithuania's Orlen Group together made up about 20% of total imports.

Swedish exports also played a role in July's import structure.

White House Urges Europe To Enact Tariffs On India Over Russian Oil Purchases

(Gns). The White House is urging European countries to impose secondary tariffs on India, similar to the U.S. threats if India continues buying Russian crude. Sources revealed that the U.S. wants Europe to stop importing oil and gas from India due to its ongoing trade with Russia. The administration accuses India of indirectly funding Russia's war in Ukraine through these energy transactions, according to India Today.

India has publicly criticized the U.S. tariffs, calling out the West's double standards. Indian officials argue that China is the largest buyer of Russian oil, and European nations have also been purchasing Russian energy products

without facing similar tariffs. Despite this, Washington remains firm in its stance.

India has criticized U.S. tariffs, citing European purchases of Russian energy without facing similar measures, while the U.S. is reportedly impatient with European leaders for allegedly undermining diplomatic efforts amid sanctions enforcement; Prime Minister Modi is expected to discuss the matter with Putin and Xi Jinping at an upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit, as India defends its discounted Russian oil purchases.

Switch To Shorts

U.S.-Europe Coordination on Sanctions A senior Oval Office source mentioned that



White House officials are growing impatient with European leaders. The U.S. accuses Europe of encouraging Ukraine to demand maximalist territorial claims, which they believe has worsened the conflict. Trump's advisors suspect some European leaders are undermining diplomatic efforts despite publicly supporting them.

This perceived duplicity has strained coordination between the U.S. and Europe regarding sanctions

enforcement. While Trump's tariffs have put economic pressure on India, European leaders have largely remained silent, neither supporting nor openly criticizing these measures.

India's Response to Allegations

The timing is crucial as Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin, and Chinese President Xi Jinping are set to meet at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Tianjin soon. Discussions at the summit will likely focus on Trump's tariffs and India's Russian oil purchases.

The U.S. accuses India of profiting from Russian oil by refining it and selling it elsewhere.

Vital Jammu-Srinagar highway crippled by landslides, full restoration may take 20-25 days: CM Omar Abdullah

(Gns). After reviewing the extensive damage caused by incessant rains and recurring landslides to the strategic Jammu-Srinagar highway, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Sunday said that full restoration of vehicular traffic on the vital road link may take 20 to 25 days. He, however, added that traffic was being regulated through alternate routes.

Omar Abdullah travelled by road from Srinagar to personally have the first-hand account of the damages and the ongoing repairs of the highway. Flash-floods have washed away stretches of the mountainous highway. The 270-km-long vital highway has remained closed to traffic for the past six days. He inspected the dam-

aged stretches of National Highway-44 at Marog and Bali Nallah in Ramban district, which have been hit by flash floods and cloudbursts in recent days.

CM Omar said, "Inspection is being done. Highways have been damaged. I have spoken to NHAI and the district administrations. They say it will take 20-25 days for restoration; however, alternate routes are available".

"Unlike before, the most problematic area this time is not the Ramban-Banihal stretch, but the Udhampur sector. Until repair work in Udhampur is complete, normal traffic movement cannot resume," he said.

The Chief Minister inspected another damaged site on the National Highway at Udhampur, the worst-affected this time. He



directed officials to expedite road restoration and ensure food and water arrangements for drivers stranded on the highway.

He expressed anguish over the damage caused by flash floods in Warwan, Kishtwar.

Deputy Commissioner and SSP Kishtwar are on

the site to assess the ground situation.

Instructions have been issued to ensure immediate relief, rehabilitation, and restoration of connectivity, and to reach out to the nomadic Bakerwals in the upper reaches for their safety.

Meanwhile, immediate vacation of all commercial establishments in certain parts of the Katra town, the base camp for the Vaishno Devi pilgrimage, has been ordered by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Katra, in view of landslides and incessant rains.

In a coordinated operation, 8 people trapped in the flooded Chenab River in the Doda district were rescued on Saturday night by the Army, NDRF, SDRF, and Quick Reaction Team (QRT) of the J&K Police.

‘Even Dogs Are Giving Blessings’: Justice Vikram Nath On Stray Dog Case Fame

(Gns). Supreme Court judge Justice Vikram Nath, known for his lighthearted remarks, on Saturday expressed gratitude to Chief Justice of India BR Gavai, saying the stray dog case has brought him fame across civil society worldwide. Speaking at the Regional Conference on Human-Wildlife Conflict in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, Justice Nath shared that he has been receiving messages suggesting that not just dog lovers, but even dogs, are "giving him blessings."

Elated by International Recognition

Recalling a recent experience at an event, Justice Nath said he felt "elated" when people outside India

asked him about the stray dog case. "For so long, I have been known mainly in the legal fraternity for the

Chief Justice of India BR Gavai at a conference in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, stating the stray



modest work I do, but I am thankful to the stray dogs for making me known to the entire civil society, not only in this country but across the world," he told LiveLaw. Justice Vikram Nath, a Supreme Court judge, expressed gratitude to

dog case brought him international recognition. Justice Nath's bench, part of a three-judge bench, directed the return of stray dogs to their original locations after vaccination and sterilization. Switch To Shorts

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He added, "I am thankful to my CJJ for allotting me that matter. Recently, at the Law Asia POLA Summit, the presidents of lawyers associations started asking questions about the stray dogs matter. I felt very elated to see that people outside India also know me, and I am grateful for this recognition."

Messages from Humans and Dogs

Justice Nath humorously noted that he has been receiving messages expressing goodwill, stating, "Apart from human blessings and good wishes, I am also receiving them from dogs."

'Sir Tan Se Juda' : FIR Against Mahua Moitra Over Controversial Remark On Amit Shah

(Gns). A complaint was lodged against Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra in Chhattisgarh due to her controversial statement about Union Home Minister Amit Shah. She allegedly remarked that Shah's "head should be cut off and put on the table." This led to a case being registered at Mana Camp Police Station in Raipur.

The complaint was filed by Gopal Samanto, a local resident, who claimed that Moitra's words insulted democratic institutions and threatened national unity. He expressed his disappointment, stating that such language against a senior constitutional figure could embolden disruptive elements.

Trinamool Congress MP

Mahua Moitra faces a complaint in Chhattisgarh for allegedly stating Union Home Minister Amit Shah's



rhetoric, likening her words to "ISIS-style rhetoric." The infiltration issue has been a contentious topic

between the BJP and the Trinamool. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Amit Shah have previously accused Mamata Banerjee's government of ignoring illegal migration from Bangladesh for electoral benefits. This concern was even highlighted during Modi's Independence Day speech.

Legal Proceedings Initiated

The case against Moitra was filed under Sections 196 and 197 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). These sections address promoting enmity, disturbing social harmony, and making imputations against constitutional authorities. A separate complaint was also lodged against her in West Bengal.

Samanto, who belongs to the same community as Moitra, stated, "I filed the complaint with a very heavy heart. It is an insult to the entire community when she talks so embarrassingly wrong about the home minister. The purpose of this complaint is to ensure that she gets punished and her Parliament membership is revoked."

Central Railway Announces Special Late-Night Train Services For Ganpati Festival Celebrations

(Gns). Central Railway has announced special late-night suburban trains to accommodate devotees during the Ganpati Festival. These trains will operate between CSMT Mumbai and Kalyan/Thane on the Main Line, and between CSMT and Panvel on the Harbour Line. The services are scheduled for 4th/5th September, 5th/6th September, and 6th/7th September 2025.

Special Train Schedule for Main Line

On the Main Line, a train from CSMT to Kalyan will leave at 1:40 am, reaching Kalyan by 3:10 am. Another train will depart from CSMT at 3:25 am, arriving in Kalyan at 4:55 am. Additionally, a service from CSMT to Thane is set to leave at 2:30 am, reaching

Thane by 3:30 am.

Central Railway will operate special late-night

will start at 12:05 am and reach its destination by 1:30 am. From Thane, two



suburban trains for the Ganpati Festival on the Main Line between CSMT Mumbai and Kalyan/Thane and on the Harbour Line between CSMT and Panvel on September 4th/5th, 5th/6th, and 6th/7th, 2025.

For those returning to CSMT, a train from Kalyan

trains will head to CSMT; one departing at 1:00 am and another at 2:00 am, arriving at their destination an hour later.

Harbour Line Special Services

The Harbour Line will see special services only on the night of 6th/7th

September. A train from CSMT to Panvel will leave at 1:30 am and arrive by 2:50 am. Another service is scheduled to depart from CSMT at 2:45 am, reaching Panvel by 4:05 am.

For the return journey on the Harbour Line, a train from Panvel will start at 1:00 am and reach CSMT by 2:20 am. Another service will leave Panvel at 1:45 am and arrive in Mumbai by 3:05 am.

The Central Railway urges passengers to take advantage of these special services during the festival period. All trains will make stops at every station along their respective routes between CSMT Mumbai and Kalyan/Thane/Panvel.

This initiative aims to facilitate smooth travel for devotees participating in Ganpati celebrations.

Kerala Congress leader seeks probe against ex-minister for misbehaviour with women

(Gns). A Congress leader in Thiruvananthapuram has filed a complaint with the Kerala Police chief against former Kerala minister Kadakampally Surendran on the basis of the allegation made by Swapna Suresh, prime accused in the diplomatic baggage gold smuggling case.

Swapna Suresh made the allegation in television interviews. However, the police have yet to take an action in the case.

Describing the allegations as serious, M Muneer, former president of Pothencode block Congress Committee, in his complaint to the police chief demanded that a case be filed against the tainted minister.

According to the com-

plaint, Kadakampally allegedly sent her messages of lewd nature. It also mentions a voice clip in which Kadakampally allegedly talks in an inap-

propriate manner to a woman. Muneer, in his complaint, demanded that the women who made the allegations against Kadakampally

should be identified and their statements should be recorded for investigation. "The chief minister has said that even if the victims can't approach cops, the police



will file cases based on complaints. So, a case shall be filed against Kadakampally Surendran," Muneer said.

Earlier, the police have

filed a case against former Youth Congress state president Rahul Mamkootathil MLA taking suo motu cognizance of audio messages and screenshots of text messages of sexual misconduct related to him surfaced. Although no formal complaint was filed, the police proceeded with the investigation. Against this backdrop, the Congress leader has filed the complaint against Kadakampally seeking registration of a case based on the revelations of the victims.

Congress leaders argue that the criterion used for registration of case against Rahul Mamkootathil should be applied in the case of CPI-M leaders who face similar allegations.

CRPF destroys Naxal supply cache in Chhattisgarh forests

(Gns). The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has dealt a fresh blow to Maoist networks by recovering and destroying a cache of supplies hidden deep inside the forests of Chhattisgarh's Gariyaband district.

Acting on precise intelligence, the 65th Battalion launched a "C-level" area domination operation in the Bhalludiggi forest under Mahanpur police station limits on August 31.

During the search, joint teams from F/65 and G/65 companies unearthed large quantities of daily-use items, including sewing machines, backpacks, plastic footwear, tarpaulins, medicines, and tarpaun supplies from the

Kulhardighat and Bindranawagarh areas. All materials were destroyed on the spot to prevent their use by insurgents.



Superintendent of Police (Gariyaband) Nikhil Rakhecha said, "In coordination with the CRPF battalion deployed at

Kulhardighat, we conducted this operation and recovered a significant quantity of Maoist literature, uniforms, footwear, and other

materials, all of which were destroyed on the spot. Similar operations will continue, supported by intensified search activi-

ties." Security forces have intensified anti-Naxal operations across southern Chhattisgarh. Earlier this year, similar recoveries in Sukma and Bijapur districts revealed explosives and logistical supplies, significantly weakening insurgent supply chains. The CRPF confirmed that the 65th Battalion, with support from state police and local administration, will continue search, combing, and area domination operations in Gariyaband. With successive recoveries disrupting logistics, officials believe Maoist groups are finding it increasingly difficult to operate in the region.

Joint Magistrate Sadar remains Messiah for flood victims

Food-essential items with the team are distributing the victims

Mathura. At present, IPS Joint Magistrate Sadar Abhinav Jain Messiah remains for the flood victims. Whether it is night or day, the Tehsil Sadar team formed by them is running the campaign. Revenue workers engaged in the relief work of flood victims are providing food arrangements and essential items by the team of Tehsil Sadar



Joint Magistrate Sadar Abhinav Jain distributing food under the leadership of Jaisinghpura located at the Joint Magistrate Sadar flood outpost Rouhani Abhinav Jain at Ashram. The accountants

Astha Yoga and Environment Sangam Sri Chitrugupta Peeth launched the constellation garden and the Bhavatit meditation center

Forest and Environment Minister DrArun Saxena and Maharishi University Chancellor Ajay Prakash Srivastava inaugurated Government will give 500 rupees to those who oversee five years by planting a tree on med: Arun Saxaina

Mathura. On the auspicious occasion of Radha Ashtami in Vrindavan, the establishment of Nakshatra Vatika on Sunday at Sri Chichtigupta Peeth, Julhendi (Vrindavan) and Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Bhavatit Dhyana and Yoga Center was launched. Inaugurated Minister of Forest and Environment, Uttar Pradesh Government of Uttar PradeshArun Saxena and the Chancellor of Maharishi University, Ajay Prakash Srivastava were concluded.

On this occasion, Dheeraj Srivastava (former Special Member, Prime Minister's Office), Mrs. Garima Khare (District Development Officer

Mathura) in his address as a special guestArun



Inauguration during the Nakshatra Vatika Podhar plantation Dr. Arun Saxena, Minister of Forest and Environment

Saxena and Chancellor Ajay Prakash Srivastava said that "Shri Chitrugupta Peeth is not only a temple, but a divine center of faith that is doing remarkable work towards environmental protection, water harvesting and health promotion of citizensPlantation in the back premises, establishment of constellation

garden, water parikrama and the establishment of

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and the establishment of Yoga Center are all inspirations and Ishani undertakings for the world."

Minister DrArun Saxena said that if the villagers take a tree on their med and look after for 5 years, then after 5 years, the Uttar Pradesh government will pay 500 rupees per tree and by

planting trees on the banks of the ponds, the tree automatically becomes fruitful, it does not require water, the tree itself takes water. The Sardari of Julhendi village tied all the guests and welcomed it on behalf of Julhendi village.Prominent in the program, Mahamandaleshva Swami Sureshanand, Pandit Gori Shankar Sharma, Vipin Goyal, M. M. Sharma, Naveen Aggarwal, Deepak Goyal, Akash Single, Ravi Aggarwal, Dr. Saxena, Shilpa Swarpa, Alka Saxena, Ajay Saxena, Rakesh Saxena, Manoj Chaudhary, Thakur Bihari Lal, Ajay Jahari, MayanSaxena, Sudhir Saxena, Rajesh Saxena, Arun Sharma, Alok Kulshrestha, Dharendra Kulshrestha, Narendra Kulshrestha, Brijesh Saxena etc. were present. The program was conducted by Manoj Kumar Saxena, co -head of Chitrugupta Peeth.

PNB Marks National Sports Day 2025 with Enthusiastic Multi-Sport Tournament

~ PNB's Hockey Team wins by 3-0 against Delhi 11 ~

31 August 2025 – Punjab National Bank (PNB), India's leading public sector bank, celebrated National Sports Day 2025 with a spirited multi-sport tournament, reflecting its strong commitment to employee well-being and the promotion of a healthy work culture.

In line with the directives of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the Bank successfully conducted competitions across four major disciplines—Cricket, Hockey, Badminton, Table Tennis, and the Plank

Challenge. The events drew a record 453 partici-



pants from the PNB family, demonstrating enthusiasm, teamwork, and sporting excellence.

The event saw an active participation by Shri Ashok Chandra, MD & CEO, along with ED, Shri Bibhu Prasad Mahapatra, who applauded the winners and participants for their dedication

and energy.

PNB's Hockey Team

participated in the National Sports Day event held at Shivaji Stadium, Connaught Place, on August 29, 2025. The team won against Delhi 11 with a score of 3-0. This victory on Major Dhyana Chand's birth anniversary highlights PNB's commitment to supporting hockey and carry-

ing forward the legacy of the sport.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Ashok Chandra, MD & CEO, PNB, said:

"The participation of 453 PNB family members across sporting disciplines reflects our institution's commitment to holistic growth. The proud moment of our Hockey Team's win on National Sports Day is a testament to PNB's continued support for hockey and its legacy. At PNB, we remain dedicated to fostering a culture where professional success goes hand in hand with personal well-being."

SBI and Radio City celebrate National Sports Day

Lucknow. Fit India Health Walk was organized at SBI headquarters today under the joint aegis of State Bank of India and Radio City 91.1 FM. More than 200 SBI employees participated enthusiastically in this walk.

The program started in an energetic atmosphere, where RJ Vikram gave a fun warm-up session to all the participants, while RJ Rashi told the participants that this health walk is inspired by the Fit India Movement of the Government of India and



along with this, National Sports Day is also being celebrated today. He said that this initiative provides motivation and awareness to people for fitness.

Dey gave the message of health and fitness to all the participants and appreciated this effort made by Radio City. All the officials jointly flagged off the Fit India Health

Walk and after completing the walk, Anil Kumar expressed his gratitude to everyone.

Present on the occasion were Deepak Kumar Dey (Chief General Manager, Lucknow Circle), Anil Kumar, Kaushlendra Kumar, Rajeev Kumar, Dharendra Mahe Deputy General Manager, RJ Rashi, RJ Vikram, RJ Mayank, Pushkar, Prateek Mehra (Programming Head), Iti Kapoor (VP Sales), Prashant Trivedi (GM – Sales), Diva and Tanya.

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel Visits Public Ganesh Mahotsav in His Assembly Constituency

Chief Minister Visits 'Bodakdev Ka Raja' and 'Vastrapur Ganesh' Pandals, Seeks Blessings of Lord Ganesha

Gandhinagar, 31 August 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel visited public Ganesh Mahotsav celebrations in Bodakdev ward of his Ghatlodia constituency.

As Ganesh Mahotsav is being celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy across the state, the Chief Minister also participated in the festive spirit by visiting various public Ganesh celebrations in different parts of Ahmedabad city.



On Sunday evening, the Chief Minister visited the 'Bodakdev Ka Raja' and 'Vastrapur Ganesh' pandals

and sought blessings of Lord Ganesha.

At Vastrapur Lake and near Judges Bungalow

Crossroads, citizens accorded a warm and enthusiastic welcome to the Chief Minister. He, in turn, greeted the people present at the celebrations and interacted with children and youth.

The Chief Minister appreciated the themes of the Ganesh pandals, the adornments and decorations of Lord Ganesha, and the arrangements made for the festivities at both locations. Officials from Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, along with social and political leaders, were present during the Chief Minister's visit.

Kirat Suta Sriradha, revealed amidst heavy rains, devotees arrived in millions

Goswami performing Mahabhishek of Shriradhaji Amazing confluence of devotion and gaiety was seen in Sriradha Janmotsav

Mathura. On the auspicious occasion of Bhadrpad Shukla Ashtami, Barsana Dham witnessed the supernatural view of Radharani's birth anniversary. Radharani was born in the echo of clouds, strong rains and hours of gongs. Vrishanu Dulari Kirat Suta Sriradha appeared with lotus flower. Millions of devotees from all over the country came to participate in the birth anniversary of Kishori Ji.

With the beginning of Radharani's birth anniversary, clouds gathered in the sky and rain showers started. This supernatural scene made every devotee present in the Barsana temple enthralled. During this time, the devotees continued to perform flowers and the whole atmosphere continued to echo with the shouts of 'Radhe-Radhe'. Radhe-Radhe's shouts were echoing from late last night. There was faith among devotees even in the rain. The weather suddenly changed at the time of Radharani's birth in Barsana Dham. It started raining with a thunder of clouds. Meanwhile, the

whole temple complex echoed with the sound of gongs. Vrishanu Dulari

Compared to normal days, this time a system of darsan was arranged for 15



Radharani appeared with lotus flower. The Savayatas seated Vighra in a silver post. Radharani's Panchamrit Abhishek began for an hour amidst Veda chanting at Shreeji temple at Shreeji temple at four o'clock in the morning, which lasted for an hour. Abhishek included milk, curd, honey, ghee, perfume, boora, sapt grain, seven fruits, seven fruits, leaves of 27 trees, Raja of 27 places and 27 wells. Apart from this, Radharani was also bathed with the water of seven rivers including Yamuna. After Abhishek, at 5:30 am, Radharani was worn by Pitambar dress and the Aarti of the couple was performed. Radharani appeared to the devotees from Sheesh Mahal at around eight o'clock.

hours, so that every devotee can get blessings. The inundation of devotees from India and abroad gathered on this auspicious occasion. Along with Abhishek, the crowd gathered till evening. The entire temple complex Radha Pyari echoed with birth Leo Hai. Thousands of devotees from Maharashtra, Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Bihar, Jharkhand and abroad also arrived. On Radha Ashtami, Bhajan-Kirtan was echoed in the Shreeji temple adorned with flowers and jhalars. Fireworks and rain were praising this holy festival herself. It is believed that Radharani was born on Bhadrpad Shukla Ashtami on Vrishabhanu Mahal, Brahmanchal mountain. By bringing this

US tariffs not a hindrance to India's growth: CA. Charanjot Singh Nanda

National Seminar 'Jagrati' organised by ICAI Lucknow Branch concluded

Lucknow. 800 Chartered Accountants attended the two-day National Seminar "Jagrati" organised by Professional Development Committee and Lucknow Branch of CIRC of ICAI on 30th and 31st August 2025 at Hotel Dayal Gateway, Lucknow.

ICAI National President, CA. Charanjot Singh Nanda was present as the Chief Guest at the event.

Several Central Council Members of ICAI CA. Mangesh P. Kinare, CA. (Dr.) Anuj Goyal, CA. Gyan Chandra Mishra (Program Director), CA. Rajendra Kumar P., CA. Jai Chhaira were present at the event.

Addressing the event, National President CA. Charanjot Singh Nanda explained how Chartered Accountants are partners in nation building. He also informed about various scholarship schemes of ICAI for students, which has been increased from ₹100 crore to ₹500 crore. He said that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is our supporting tool, not our competitor, and we can make our daily tasks easier with the help of AI. He also informed the members that to express solidarity with the nation, the Central Council of ICAI celebrated 79th Independence Day at



Pahalgam with its family members, which was also appreciated by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Omar Abdullah. He appreciated the large number of women members present at the conference. He also remarked that the tariffs imposed by the US will not hinder India's development and India will emerge stronger from this difficulty.

CA Anurag Pandey, President, ICAI Lucknow Chapter informed that the event was successfully conducted due to the continuous and tireless efforts of the Managing Committee. He said that such events inspire all of us Chartered Accountants to do better and better in our

services.

The conference had eight sessions focusing on various professional topics.

The first session was "Audit Reporting Standards: SA 700 Series", addressed by Speaker CA. MP Vijay Kumar and Session Chair CA. Atul Mohan.

The second session was "Capital Markets – A Technical Overview with Opportunities for Chartered Accountants", addressed by Speaker CA. Himanshu Kapoor and Session Chair CA. Uma Shankar Tiwari.

The third session was "Transition from a Professional to a Propreneur", addressed by Speaker CA. Dhruv Seth and Session Chair CA. Suyash Kapoor.

The fourth session was "Valuation by Escaping Income", addressed by Speaker CA. Vinod Gupta and Session Chair CA. Rohit Bhalla.

The fifth session was "Members' Queries related to MSS and SSP Portal", addressed by Speaker CA. Rajendra Kumar P. and Session Chair CA. Jayant Pandey.

The sixth session was "Break Barriers, Build Bridges, Break for Success", addressed by Speaker CA. Jai Chhaira and Session Chair CA. The seventh session "Chartered with Intelligence: AI as a New Partner" was addressed by CA. Puneet Sakhuja and session chairperson CA. Rajneesh Shukla. The eighth and final session "Concealed Removal and Confiscation of Goods under GST Law, Procedure and Judicial Trends" was addressed by CA. Dharmendra Shrivastava and session chairperson CA. Dharmendra Kumar. Vice President CA. Charu Khanna, Secretary CA. Rishabh Mishra, Treasurer CA. Ashish Gupta, CICASA President CA. Ashwani Jaiswal, Executive Committee Members CA. Anshul Agarwal, CA. Priyanka Garg, CA. Jitendra Kumar, CA Sumit Keshwani, CA Naman Bhargava were present on the occasion.