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## **PM Modi Engages In Dialogue With President Macron On Ukraine Conflict And Bilateral Relations**

phone conversation with President Emmanuel Macron. The discussion covered various aspects of their bilateral relationship and global issues. PM Modi shared on X that the dialogue was "very good," highlighting the positive evaluation of their cooperation defence, trade, technology, and cultural exchanges. cial for fostering global They also deliberated on significant international and lateral collaboration.

regional topics. Ukraine was a focal point Emmanuel Macron disduring their conversation. cussed bilateral relations, PM Modi emphasised global issues, and the efforts to expedite the reso- Ukraine conflict during a lution of this crisis. He also phone call, focusing on

Prime Minister Narendra which celebrated its 25th and cooperation, notably Modi recently engaged in a anniversary, remains cru- marking the 25th anniver-

Partnership, role in promoting peace Russian forces. This state-



peace, stability, and multi-

Prime Minister Narendra The ongoing conflict in Modi and French President noted that the India-France their strategic partnership's ered legitimate targets for in promoting international

Russian

President Vladimir Putin recently issued a stern warning to Western nations regarding military involvement in Ukraine. According to the New York Times, Putin stated that any foreign troops deployed would be considment was made at an economic forum in Vladivostok, as reported by Deutsche Welle (DW).

Putin further elaborated that foreign military presence would be unnecessary if peace agreements were established. "If decisions are reached that lead to peace, to long-term peace, then I simply do not see any sense in their presence on the territory of Ukraine, full stop," he remarked.

The conversation between PM Modi and President Macron underscored the importance of resolving the Ukraine conflict swiftly. Both leaders acknowledged the role of their strategic partnership

flict through imports of

Russian crude oil. He went

further, alleging that India

resells Russian oil to

"profiteering" from this

#### **State Government Announces Special Gift for Teachers Honored with Best Teacher Award at State and National Level**

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel's Decision to Provide Lifetime Free Travel in All Types of Gujarat ST Corporation Buses within the State and on Routes Outside

Gandhinagar, September 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel has taken an important decision to give a special gift to the teachers of the state who have received the Best Teacher Award.

the State

According to this decision, teachers who have received the Best Teacher Award at the state and national level will be able to travel free of cost for a lifetime in all bus services of State Road Transport Corporation (ST) across the state and also on routes outside the state he has taken this important where services are availdecision.

Responding sensitively ing lifetime free travel to

sentations made by the Gujarat State Awardee Teacher Federation before

This decision of provid-

Sources in the INDIA

come after another high-

level meeting between the

efit around 957 state and national award-winning teachers of the state so far. the Hon'ble Chief Minister, In addition, teachers who receive the State or National Best Teacher Award in the future will also be entitled to this benefit.

## and positively to the repre- awardee teachers will ben-**INDIA Bloc Finalises Bihar Seat-Sharing:** RJD May Contest 122-124, Congress 58-62

RJD, Congress, Left parties, bloc said most of the seat

and Vikassheel Insaan adjustments had been iden-

Party (VIP). The RJD plans tified and finalisation could

The Pasupati Kumar Paras-led Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP) and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) will contest the upcoming Bihar assembly elections as part of the Indian Europe, Africa, and Asia at Developmental Inclusive hefty profits. In a particular- Alliance (INDIA). The decily controversial remark, he sion came after a key meetsuggested that only ing held on Saturday at the Brahmins in India were residence of Opposition leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav.

> Under the arrangement, RLJP will be allotted seats along with other coalition partners such as Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), Congress, Left parties, and Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP). JMM will contest from seats allocated out of the RJD's share.

The Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP) and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) will contest the upcoming Bihar assemsharing arrangements final- morale but clarified that this test

including allocations for

a yatra starting September

15 from Sasaram.

Speaking to Hindustan Times, Bihar Congress chief Rajesh Ram said the meeting on seat-sharing was held in a "cordial atmosphere" and a broad understanding had been reached. "Unlike the last elections, Congress and other parties would field candidates in their areas of influence," he said.

the success of Rahul Prasad Yadav's residence, mise on their share of seats. 5-7, and JMM 2-3.

RJD and Congress. "We are discussing every seat. and the talks are going smoothly. We have to contest the elections under Tejashwi Yadav's leadership in the Mahagathbandhan. There is no dispute regarding seats," said Mukesh Sahni, VIP founder.

In the 2020 assembly elections, the RJD contest-Ram also stressed that ed 144 seats, Congress 70, CPI(ML) Liberation 19, CPI bly elections as part of the Gandhi's Voter Adhikar six, and CPM four. This time, INDIA alliance, with seat- Yatra had boosted party the RJD is expected to con-122-124 ized in a meeting at would not mean forcing Congress 58-62, Left par-Opposition leader Tejashwi other partners to compro- ties 31-33, VIP 20-22, RLJP

In 2020, RLJP was part of the BJP-led NDA and contested three seats, winning all of them. However, it split from the NDA after the BJP allied with Chirag Paswan's LJP (Ram Vilas), sidelining RLJP in the last Lok Sabha polls. Similarly, VIP contested 11 seats under NDA, winning four, but most of its MLAs later joined the BJP. JMM spokesman Bablu Pandey said their arrangement in mirrored Jharkhand model, where the party shared seats with Congress from its own quota.

Congress and Left leaders said the meeting focused solely on seat-sharing. The RJD, however, has proposed a yatra on the lines of Rahul Gandhi's Voter Adhikar Yatra, starting Sasaram from September 15 to cover districts left out previously. RJD spokesperson Shakti Singh Yadav confirmed that seats, plans were in motion but said details were still being

# **India Pushes Back Against Navarro's Criticism, Reaffirms US Ties**

Trade Advisor Peter Navarro, calling his recent remarks "inaccurate and misleading." While rejecting his claims, New Delhi also chose to underscore the depth of its partnership with Washington. Speaking at a press

Ministry briefing, External Affairs spokesper-Randhir Jaiswal described the India-US relationship as a "comprehensive and global strategic partnership," anchored in shared democratic values, common interests, from White House Trade flict. and strong people-to-peo- Advisor Peter Navarro, transitions and challenges," its strategic partnership of fueling the Ukraine con-

he said, stressing that India with the United States, cit-India has firmly pushed remains committed to ing shared values and back against sharp criti- advancing a "substantive interests; Navarro had cism from White House agenda" with the United accused India of profiting



States.

India refuted critiques

from Russian oil imports related to the Ukraine con-

Navarro, a known ally of ple connections. "This part- labeling his comments US President Donald nership has weathered inaccurate while reaffirming Trump, has accused India

While India did not directly address Navarro's caste-linked allegation, officials have repeatedly made clear that the country's energy purchases are driven by domestic needs and national interest. The New rebuttal reflects

Delhi's balancing actrejecting external criticism while maintaining the the importance of its ties with Washington.

# **GST Slab Reform Not BJP's Decision, But Consensus of States: Finance Minister**

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday accused Opposition parties of "misleading the country" over Goods and Services Tax (GST), clarifying that the decision to retain four tax slabs was not made by the BJP but by the Empowered Committee of state finance ministers.

According Sitharaman, the GST Council has approved a new structure that will come into effect on September 22, coinciding with the start of Navratri. Under the revised system, 18% and 28%-but the 12% structure

In a post on X, the Rashtrapati Bhavan said,

@narendramodi called on

President Droupadi Murmu

Bhavan also shared photos

of the meeting on the post

days after PM Modi's

return from his visit to

to Japan, the two counties

focused on shaping the

next phase in Special

Japan and China.

The meeting comes

During PM Modi's visit

at Rashtrapati Bhavan."

Minister Shri

Rashtrapati

(Gns).

and 28% categories have September 22, featuring consumption. "This reform now been eliminated.

Finance

5%, 18% and 40% slabs, Minister aiming to benefit 140 crore Nirmala Sitharaman stated people by reducing tax



there will be two primary that the decision to retain burdens. slabs of 5% and 18%, four GST tax slabs was along with a 40% slab for made by the Empowered changes as a "people's luxury items and so-called Committee of state finance reform" aimed at benefiting sin goods. Previously, GST ministers, with the GST families across the country had four tiers-5%, 12%, Council approving a new by reducing the burden of

She described the effective taxation and encouraging

will reach 140 crore people, and there will be no individual untouched by GST. Even the poorest of the poor, who buy small essential items, are impacted," Sitharaman said in an interview with PTI.

The minister stressed that the reform was not limited to tax rationalisation but also involved structural changes to simplify the system. "It's about ease of living, ensuring businesses can carry out operations under GST with greater ease," she added.

Highlighting the focus on the common man, Sitharaman pointed out that taxes on daily-use goods had undergone rigorous review, and in most cases, the rates were reduced significantly.











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PM Modi later travelled to China to attend the Cooperation Shanghai Organisation Summit in Tianjin, at the invitation of Chinese President Xi

Jinping. The Summit witnessed productive discussions on SCO development strategy, reform of global governance, counter-terrorism, peace and security, economic and financial cooperation, and sustainable











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Strategic and Global Partnership, which has made steady and significant progress over the past

eleven years.

to the bilateral collaboration, expanding the scope and ambition of economic and investment ties. They During the visit, India advanced cooperation in

development.

The summit featured

discussions on EV charging

infrastructure, digital

ticketing, Al-based fleet

management, and Non-fare

revenue.

State

Summit-2025" at GIFT City,

Mobility: Green, Integrated

and Digitally Driven." The

one-day summit highlighted

Gujarat's leadership in

India's transport sector and,

under the leadership of

Bhupendra Patel and guid-

ance of Minister of State for

Transport Shri Harsh

Sanghavi, facilitated in-

The military parade in

Beijing was meant to com-

memorate an old victory,

but it became something

far more consequential: a

carefully staged display of

political power, designed to

re-order perceptions of who

leads the world's shifting

President Xi Jinping's deci-

sion to place Russian

President Vladimir Putin

and North Korean leader

Kim Jong Un at his side

was not an accident of pro-

In one gesture, Mr Xi trans-

formed what could have

been a routine anniversary

into a tableau of defiance

against a US-dominated

order. The seating arrange-

ment and the optics spoke

louder than the rumbling

tanks or the missiles rolling

through Tiananmen Square.

The historical echoes were

unmistakable. Decades

It was deliberate theatre.

Chinese

Minister

Gandhinagar,

September 2025:

Mobility Awards

Gujarat

Transport

(GSRTC)

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Gandhinagar,

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Chief

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### **Editorial**

### **Punjab Water Crisis**

The devastating floods in Punjab and parts of north India are a stark reminder that climate vulnerability is no longer a distant threat but an immediate crisis reshaping lives and economies. With more than 30 lives lost, over 350,000 people displaced or affected, and all 23 districts declared flood-hit, the state is experiencing its worst inundation since 1988. What unfolds in Punjab today should concern not only its residents but the entire nation, for this disaster strikes at the heart of India's food

Punjab is celebrated as the nation's "food basket," the land that has for decades produced the wheat and rice that fill Indian plates. Today, nearly 150,000 hectares of fertile land lie submerged, and the crops that once promised sustenance have been swallowed by floodwaters. In a state where a quarter of the population depends directly on agriculture, this is a livelihood catastrophe. Thousands of farmers now face the grim prospect of lost income, mounting debt, and shattered futures.

The scale of response has been enormous. Disaster response teams, backed by the army, air force, and navy, have been deployed with boats and helicopters to rescue families and livestock. Relief camps provide shelter, food, and medicine, but they cannot restore what is irretrievably lost ~ homes destroyed, possessions washed away and agricultural cycles disrupted. For many families, patching embankments with sandbags and standing vigil by swollen rivers has become the only defence between survival and despair.

While it is tempting to view this as an exceptional calamity, science suggests otherwise. Punjab's deluge is part of a pattern. Meteorologists attribute the excessive rainfall to the repeated clash of monsoon currents with westerly disturbances, a dynamic that is becoming more frequent as climate change alters weather systems Extreme rainfall, sudden floods, and overflowing reservoirs are no longer anomalies; they are the new normal.

The adjoining Punjab province across the border in Pakistan faces a similar ordeal, underlining that climate events pay no heed to political boundaries. This crisis forces us to ask difficult questions. Why do we continue to depend on infrastructure that buckles under pressure year after year? Why do we allow unchecked construction along floodplains, knowing the risks?

And why is climate resilience still an afterthought in national planning, when disasters strike with such predictable unpredictability? Punjab's tragedy must become India's wake-up call. Central assistance, urgently needed now, should not be limited to relief and compensation It must translate into long-term investments in river management, resilient cropping systems, insurance mechanisms for farmers, and urban planning that accounts for water. Otherwise, the cycle of devastation and rebuilding will repeat, each time at a greater cost.

Floods may be an act of nature, but the suffering they unleash is compounded by human neglect. If India fails to treat this moment as a turning point, then Punjab's floodwaters will not just drown crops and homes ~ they will erode confidence in the nation's preparedness for a climate-shaped future.

GSRTC leads the way in advancing India's green and integrated transport depth discussions on "National Mobility Summitaddressing future chal-2025" organised at GIFT City

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Corporation

successfully

"National

R.C. Shri Meena, Principal Secretary of the Ports and Transport Department, Government of Gujarat, stated that GSRTC transports over 27 lakh passengers safely across the state each day. In addition to providing reliable connectivity, it has placed strong emphasis on environmental sustainability, enabling Gujarat to advance rapidly toward eco-friendly transportation through initiatives such as electric and CNG buses.

lenges and exploring new

opportunities in mobility

On this occasion, GSRTC Managing Director, State Gujarat Road Corporation Transport (GSRTC), Shri M. Nagarajan said that, Public transport passengers today seek comfort, safety, and

ago, Mao Zedong stood on

the same balcony flanked

by Soviet and North

Korean leaders, presenting

an image of communist

solidarity. Back then, China

was weaker, dependent on

others for recognition and

support. Today, the posi-

tions are reversed. North

Korea is still nuclear-armed

but impoverished, its sur-

vival is tied to Beijing's

war and global sanctions,

needs China's validation.

Mr Xi is no longer a junior

partner; he is the axis

which

uneasy allies revolve. The

weapons on display under-

advanced drones, and

nuclear-capable systems

signalled that China is nar-

rowing the gap with

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Transport Corporation The summit's key high-

remains fully committed to fulfilling these expectations. The summit also explored future-oriented models, including asset monetisation and non-fare revenue generation.

light was the signing of a Memorandum (MoU) Understanding between GSRTC and the State Bank of India (SBI). The agreement aims to enhance financial stability

bank's green financing has already exceeded ₹63,000 crore, and this collaboration with GSRTC will further drive sustainable trans-

public transport. An SBI

official stated that the

portation in India. The summit saw the

remains on an upward tra-

jectory, destined for "great

rejuvenation." Still, one

Historic Partnership with and foster innovation in launch of a special edition of E-Governance Magazine highlighting GSRTC and Gujarat's green transport initiatives. It brought together leading companies, including Tata Motors Charge Zone, JSL, AMNEX, and SBI. The National Mobility Awards-2025 were also awarded to organisations for their outstanding contributions to public and private transport.

> The summit featured indepth discussions on EV charging infrastructure, digital ticketing, Al-based fleet management, safety, and non-fare revenue.

Notably, GSRTC is committed to providing citizencentric, eco-friendly, and digitally empowered transport services. The summit further reinforced Gujarat's resolve to lead India's green and integrated mobility revolution.

United States and its allies.

Military parades cannot

mask the costs of escala-

tion, and symbols of

strength may harden posi-

tions rather than encour-

age dialogue.

## Cold Front

and Moscow Pyongyang. Mr Putin and Mr Kim were reminded, as much as the rest of the world, that the true source

social challenges: a real estate crisis, an ageing population, and growing anxiety among its youth.



of strength in this alliance now resides in Beijing. Yet, the message was also domestic. China is facing

trated nationalism serves as a unifying balm. The parade was meant to strains, China collision course with the

promise of Taiwan by 2035, heard increasingly in nationalist assure citizens that despite rhetoric, places China on a

The world is now confronted with an image of three leaders - one isolated by sanctions, another clinging to nuclear deterrence, and one determined to reshape the global order. Of the three, Mr Xi alone appears confident, even triumphant. But beneath the spectacle lies a question that cannot be paraded away: can China balance its ambition to rival the West with the domestic stability its citizens demand? The Beijing parade was not just a rehearsal of history. It was a declaration of intent. The era of quiet rise is over; Mr Xi has stepped forward to claim the mantle of global

# Striking at humanity

tragedy that took place in officer pressed his knee the USA nine days after Donald Trump assumed nine minutes that killed office of the President for the second term. On 29 the entire episode and plunged into the Potomac river near Washington D.C. leaving all 67 passengers and crew dead. The fallout of this deadly incident has been even more deadly. The President of the United States who is opposed to the principles and policies of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), immediately initiated a crusade against DEI.

During a White House

briefing, Trump suggested that DEI initiatives at the began in Minneapolis and Aviation Administration (of the United States) might have played a role in the crash. Without any supporting evidence. When a reporter asked Trump how he could conclude that diversity had something to do with the crash, he said "It just could have been." "Because I have common sense, OK, dramatic diversity, equity and, unfortunately, a lot of and inclusion push globally. people don't." Shortly thereafter he stated to the a university-wide Chief World Economic Forum Diversity and Inclusion "My administration has taken action to abolish all discriminatory equity, and inclusion non- prises people with different sense – and these are policies that were absolute age, sex, religion, ethnicity, nonsense - throughout the disability, etc., that gives government and the private sector."

will also Readers remember another tragic event that took place about five years ago, on 25 May 2020. An African American, often discriminated against George Floyd, was accused by a cashier of a orientation, religion, race, food store in Minneapolis of using a counterfeit twentydollar bill to pay for his purchase. The police were ing support to groups with called. They handcuffed protected characteristics so him. They pushed him to that the opportunities are DEI is not just about fair-

Readers will recall the the ground. A white police made fair for them. Equity ness. It seeks to identify into Floyd's neck for over Floyd. A passer-by filmed January of this year, a pas- uploaded the video on more favourably than other everyone. Promoting DEI rate reductions that will reforms indicate an initial istration, enabling quicker mometers, and glucomesenger jet and a military Facebook. The video quick- groups so that equality of enhances excellence in directly spur demand and direct consumption boost of access to funds. helicopter collided and ly went viral. Mass protests opportunity can be outcomes of activities, growth. It is a strategic Rs 70,000 crore, derived

differs from Equality is achieved by treating everyone equally irrespective of their needs. Equity treats certain groups



spread like wildfire throughout the United States.

Supporters of the international activist movement "Black Lives Matter" held nationwide demonstrations against police brutalities and racial injustice. There was a nationwide reckoning of racial justice and these protests resulted in a Harvard University created Officer in August 2020, for example. Diversity recogdiversity, nises that our society comcharacteristics, such as, rise to a variety of principles and perspectives, and acknowledges the value of the differences. Certain personal characteristics based on which people are ~ such as, age, sex, sexual etc. ~ are called 'protected

> characteristics.' Equity is about provid-

Inclusion achieved. ensures respect to individuals for their skills, perspectives and experiences. The principle of inclusion propounds fostering an environment that allows persons with diverse backgrounds, characteristics and ways of thinking to work together effectively so that their potentials are fully realised. Therefore, inclusion means creating spaces where everyone feels welcome, respected and are able to contribute

fully. Incorporating diverse viewpoints is also more likely to address the needs of broader populations, ensuring equitable outcomes. While diversity is simpler to monitor, increasing diversity alone does not guarantee equity or inclusion. From a humanitarian point of view, it is absolutely essential to make a workplace safe, equitable and non-discriminatory for everyone. When there is diversity in a workplace, outcomes of activities in the workplace are maximised, thereby enriching perspectives and enabling equality.

equality. and address structural barriers, making better decisions, building stronger communities and driving innovation that works for aligns with human rights principles, and ensures equitable benefits for global populations.

The world has recog-

nized the social benefits of non-discrimination, and of DEI. But suddenly, there seems to be a 'realisation' that DEI results in engaging persons who are "less fit" than many others who are engaged in the same activity. Even if persons from a homogeneous background are engaged in an activity, it is impossible to ensure that all of them will be "equally fit" for the job. On the other hand, homogeneity will throttle expansion of mind-sets, skills and viewpoints. DEI is a set of principles designed to make people of various backgrounds - including socioeconomic class, race, gender and physical ability ~ feel supported, welcomed and safe. It is not about including people of diverse backgrounds in a workplace who are unqualified

or less qualified to do a job. DEI in the workplace can be a mix of training, resource networks and recruiting practices, so as to allow everyone to contribute well to the workplace. However, there are people who have criticized DEI like hell. William Ackman, an American billionaire hedge-fund manager, criticized DEI as "inherently a racist and illegal movement in its implementation even if it purports to work on behalf of the socalled oppressed." Almost everybody in the world knows Elon Musk because

they use his X.

ties. The show was not just for Washington, but also profound economic and these Reform that boosts growth (Gns) India's GST reform of 3

September marks a transformative leap in indirect taxation, with a streamlined two-rate structure and bold move to stimulate economic growth, neutralize the impact of US tariffs, and enhance ease of doing business across sectors. The headline impact, supported by SBI Research, is an estimated Rs 1.98 lakh crore increase in additional consumption in FY26, projecting the reform as an economic game-changer for households, various sectors, and the broader

economy. On September 3, the GST Council shifted from four complex tax slabs to a simplified two-tier structure: 5 per cent and 18 per cent, plus a demerit rate of 40 per cent for luxury and sin goods. Everyday essentials and infrastructure inputs now fall within the lower two slabs, benefiting millions. These changes are set to roll out from 22 September, aligning with the festive season and amplifying positive impacts. With new rates, daily items such as hair oil, soaps, butghee, namkeens, ter. chocolates, and coffee now attract just 5 per cent GST a sharp reduction from previous levels of 12-18 per cent. Lifesaving medicines (33 major drugs) have been fully exempted, and staple foods (milk, paneer, chapatis) are taxed at 0 per cent GST.

This means more disposable income for every household, translating into broader spending for other goods and services. Sectors like cement (GST down from 28 to 18 per cent) and auto components compliance through the will see cost reductions, reduction of tax slabs, easboosting

automotive demand, and SME activity. SBI Research's report is central to understanding the scale enhances liquidity with feaof the reform's impact. The key projections of the GST refunds and automatic reg-

This reduction lowers working capital burdens and tures like provisional

Beyond rate cuts, the from Rs 85,000 crore GST reforms introduce structural



foregone, assuming a marginal propensity to consume of 0.7.

The total additional aggregate demand is projected to reach Rs 1.98 lakh crore due to the multiplier effect as new spending circulates through the economy. When combined with income tax changes, nearly Rs 5.31 lakh crore is exp e cte d to b e adde d to consumption, contributing about 1.6 per cent of GDP in FY26 and fueling robust economic momentum alongside GST reforms. After these two reforms GDP uplift of 100 to 120 basis points is expected, potentially pushing GDP growth to 6.5 per cent in FY26 and even reaching 7 per cent in FY27.

retail, and healthcare sectors are set for a surge. Simpler compliance, input credit improvements, and lower litigation will help MSMEs expand, improve liquidity, and support job creation. The recent GST 2.0 reforms provide substantial benefits to businesses by simplifying tax

automated online registration, faster refund disbursals, and solutions to inverted duty issues, particularly benefiting sectors like textiles, fertilizers, and renewable energy. These changes also resolve classification disputes and support a more competitive, resilient business ecosystem aligned with the vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, ultimately fostering ease of doing business, boosting consumer demand, and driving stronger festive and annual sales. Together, these measures improve cash flow, reduce compliance challenges, and create a more supportive environment for economic business growth and FMCG, auto, cement, resilience under GST. The reform brings significant relief across everyday life.

improvements such as

With GST on essentials like Utensils, Feeding Bottles, Dairy Products, Sewing machines and parts lowered to 5 per cent, households can expect notable savings of 10-15 per cent on monthly grocery bills. Staple foods and staples like milk and paneer carry zero GST, ment. construction, ing the complexity of tax assisting nutritional security.

calculations and filings. Healthcare benefits substantially with over 33 lifesaving medicines now GST-exempt, plus tax waivers on health and life insurance policies, therters, making healthcare accessible and affordable. Education sees relief via GST exemption on exercise books, pencils, erasers, and crayons, lowering costs for students and

families.

lower GST rates on agriculequipment and tural machinery (from 12 to 5 per cent), enabling investments in productivity and supporting rural incomes, a key pillar for Atma Nirbhar Bharat. Automobiles gain affordability as small cars (up to 1200cc petrol, 1500cc diesel) and motorcycles (up to 350cc) move to 18 per cent GST from 28 per cent, stimulating demand. Consumers also gain on electronics, with ACs, televisions, and refrigerators now taxed at 18 per cent instead of 28 per cent, encouraging upgrades and improving living standards.

Farmers benefit from

The September 2025 GST reform, known as GST 2.0, represents a landmark step towards creating a simplified, fairer, and growth-oriented indirect tax system in India. By raising household purchasing power through thoughtful tax rate rationalisation and delivering broad-based structural and process reforms, GST 2.0 rigorously supports consumption, industrial growth, and overall economic vibrancy. This next-generation serves as a defining catalyst for inclusive and Atma Nirbhar Bharat, fostering ease of living and boosting economic momentum across sectors in the current geopolitical environ-

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#### **GST** Reforms Bring Big Relief to Middle Class, Will Infuse New **Energy into the Economy: Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw**

In a major step on the financial front, the Central Government has introduced comprehensive reforms in the Goods and Services Tax (GST), providing significant relief to citizens, particularly middle-class families. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, in a press conference, said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this decision will not only reduce day-to-day expenses but also accelerate the coun-

try's economy. Vaishnaw explained that earlier, reforms in income tax had provided exemption on income up to ₹12 lakh. Now, by reducing and simplifying GST rates, middle-

said that from basic essentials such as food, clothing, and housing to electronic products like televisions, refrigerators, mobile phones, power banks, and solar panels, the tax burden on almost every household item has been reduced.

Highlighting the broader impact, he stated that India's GDP is around ₹330 lakh crore, of which consumption accounts for ₹202 lakh crore. If GST relief leads to even a 10% rise in consumption, it could generate an additional ₹20 lakh crore in GDP. Increased production will employment growth and strengthen investment.

The Union Minister

families will increase. These savings will either go into deposits, higher purchases, or investments. All three activities, he noted, will boost the economy and try. initiate a "positive cycle."

To ensure the message reaches rural and common consumers, the party and government will run a largescale campaign through village gatherings, public meetings, and media out-

Speaking specifically on electronics manufacturing, Vaishnaw highlighted that in the past 11 years, production in this sector has grown sixfold and exports eightfold. Today, around 25 lakh people are employed in the Bharat (self-reliant India) class households will gain emphasized that savings in industry, and India now and economic growth.

substantial benefits. He the hands of middle-class manufactures everything from mobile phones to batand teries Semiconductor and API (pharma) manufacturing has also begun in the coun-

> He assured that all industry associations have committed to passing on GST benefits directly to consumers. The Finance Minister has also made it clear that strict action will be taken against companies that fail to transfer these benefits.

> Vaishnaw concluded by saying that this reform is not merely about simplifying the tax structure but marks a new chapter in the journey toward Atmanirbhar

## **Tourism Diplomacy in Action: IRCTC Leads Global Outreach in International Tourism Expo Vietnam 2025**

Prime Minister of India has announced the year 2025 to be the ASEAN-India Year of tourism and has renewed the commitment of India to enhance its September 2025 in the Vipra Pandey,

New Delhi, 06.09.2025: mandate to organize the the Maharajas express, the Indian participation in the highly regarded International Tourism Expo (ITE) Vietnam 2025, to be held between 4th and 6th

Golden Chariot and the Buddhist circuit luxury AC train besides the tourism scenery and attractions of the ASEAN nations. Sh. Consul

Travel Mart 2025 in Bangkok, a new dawn in cross-cultural and tourism cooperation between India and ASEAN nations. The ASEAN-India located in Bangkok was



economic and tourism relations with the ASEAN countries. This bold proclamation outlines the role of tourism in improving people-to-people connectivity, mutual prosand strengthen friendship between India and the ASEAN countries.

Under this new initiative of enhancing relations, the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), Government of luxury trains that are the India, has been given the best in the world namely

Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center (SECC), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. IRCTC is establishing an exclusive ASEAN-India pavilion that will showcase a wide range of tourism products that India has to offer to the world including the rich cultural heritage of the country, spiritual and wellness packages, natural scenery, adventure activities and luxury travel products in the form of IRCTC

General of India, opened the ASEAN India pavilion at Chi Minh city. Depending on the importance of the event, Vipra Pandey, Consul General of India, Ho Chi Minh City.

As the prelude to this new collaboration and the celebration of 2025 as the ASEAN-India Year of Tourism, IRCTC in coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs spearheaded a solid group of tourism sector players in India and ASEAN states at PATA also such a big success.

opened by the Indian Ambassador to Kingdom of Thailand, Sh. Nagesh Singh, which gave an added momentum to the effort of MEA and IRCTC in fostering Indo-ASEAN cross-cultural and tourism relationships. To continue with this mission a Road Show was also held in Thailand on 28th August 2025 during which the representatives of the travel and tourism industry were also present, and it was

# **N Srinivasan Named Chairman of Chennai Super Kings Cricket Ltd at 80**

Former BCCI and ICC remains chief N Srinivasan has CSKCL's leadership. His been appointed Chairman daughter Rupa Gurunath of Chennai Super Kings was appointed Whole-time age of 80. Known for his 2025. She has prior experistrong influence in cricket ence in cricket administraadministration, Srinivasan tion and curjoined the CSKCL board as rently a director in February 2025 and was elevated to the

top post on May 10. Leadership and Family Involvement

Chennai Super Kings Cricket Ltd. (CSKCL) appointed 80-year-old N Srinivasan, former BCCI and ICC chief, as Chairman on May 10, 2025, with his daughter Rupa Gurunath also holding a items including the reapkey directorial position; the franchise is set to host its 11th AGM on September directors.

central

holds 36,440 shares, while Srinivasan himself owns

4,27,400 shares. The franchise will host

its 11th Annual Meeting on General September 27 at 11 AM IST, virtually, with key agenda pointment of both Srinivasan and Rupa as

Despite maintaining a public profile, Srinivasan continues to be actively engaged in CSK's Cricket Ltd (CSKCL) at the Director on August 24, internal strategy. He is pushing for overseas with CSK expansion,

> teams already up in South Africa and the United States, and is advocating for high-performance cen-

tres and academies to build long-term

infrastructure.

A senior CSK official confirmed that Srinivasan plays a pivotal role in decision-making and remains in close touch with MS Dhoni, whose leadership Strategic Focus and still carries weight within

Board

The current CSKCL includes board Srinivasan, Rakesh Singh, PL Subramanian, Sanjay Patel, V Manickam, and Gurunath. Rupa Jayashree stepped down as director on May 10. Day-to-day operations are overseen by Viswanathan, Managing

Director and CEO. With CSK now fully separated from India Cements, control rests firmly with the Srinivasan Srinivasan's hands-on involvement has also fueled speculation that Dhoni, now 44, could extend his playing career with CSK for a few more

## **AIADMK Leader KA Sengottaiyan Sacked Following Call For Reintegrating Expelled Members**

the party. His removal follows his call for the readmission of expelled leaders such as VK Sasikala, O Sengottaiyan Panneerselvam, and TTV Dhinakaran. Sengottaiyan's EPS to swiftly dismissal highlights the reunite the party growing tensions within the party as it prepares for the expelled leaders 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly

Sengottaiyan had previ- removed from his roles as ously stressed that only a organising secretary of the unified AIADMK could achieve victory in the upcoming elections. He set a ten-day deadline for among all factions was cru-Edappadi K Palaniswami cial for success and insist-(EPS), the party's general secretary, to start reinte- tion efforts. grating these leaders. If

reunification

independently. Erode, In publicly urged by reinstating all

within ten days. Following this demand, he was state and Erode Rural West district secretary. He emphasised that unity

Sengottaiyan argued

ed on immediate reconcilia-

leaders MG

Ramachandran Jayalalithaa, who reinstated critics to strengthen the party. He warned that ongoing factionalism would

damage electoral

prospects. While some expelled leaders supported his unity call, senior insiders loyal to EPS dismissed it as an attempt to create discord.

Conflict Internal Intensifies

Sengottaiyan's removal underscores escalating internal conflict within AIADMK. His ultimatum future political battles.

reflect deep divisions and power struggles within the party ahead of crucial assembly elections. This development intensifies the battle for control and direction within AIADMK as it grapples with competing factions before state elec-

The situation reveals significant challenges facing AIADMK as it navigates internal strife while preparing for future electoral contests. The party must address these issues to present a united front in upcoming elections. The outcome of this internal struggle will likely shape AIADMK's strategy and influence its performance in

#### **Major GST Reductions to Boost Cooperatives, Farmers, and Rural Enterprises** inputs such as ammonia, In a landmark decision, will benefit cooperatives in sulphuric acid and nitric Centre has announced farming and animal hus-

More than 10 crore dairy farmers to benefit from it No GST on Milk and Paneer, 5% on Butter and

Affordable dairy products will improve nutrition security and benefit dairy cooperatives

GST on cooperativesprocessed foods like cheese, pasta, namkeens, jams, jellies, fruit pulps and juice-based drinks reduced

It will reduce household expenditure, stimulate demand, and boost food processing and dairy processing cooperatives

GST on packing paper, cases, and crates reduced to 5%, easing logistics and packaging costs GST on tractors below

1800 cc, and tractor components reduced to 5%

GST on key fertiliser

twelve bio-pesticides and several micronutrients been reduced from 12% to 5%, promoting organic and natural farm-

GST on commercial trucks and delivery cooperative sector, make vans reduced to 18%, thereby reducing freight rates per tonne-km, cutting logistics cost and improving export competitiveness

GST on third-party insurance of goods carriage reduced to 5% with Input tax Credit (ITC)

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acid reduced to 5% making wide-ranging reductions in available affordable fertiliz- Goods and Services Tax

(GST) across key sectors **GST** directly impact cooperatives, farmers, rural More than 10 crore dairy farmers to benefit from it enterprises and No GST on Milk and Paneer, 5% on Butte benefit more than 10 crore dairy farmers in the country. These reforms will

> strengthen the their products competitive, increase demand or their products and increase income of cooperatives. It will promote rural entrepreneurship, promote cooperatives in food processing sector and ensure affordable access to essential goods for millions of house-

bandry, promote sustainable farming practices, and benefit small farmers and FPOs. The #NextGenGST reforms brought under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji has been hailed by the entire dairy cooperative sector, including the big cooperative brands like AMUL.

In the dairy sector, direct relief has been provided to farmers and consumers as milk and paneer, whether branded or unbranded, have been exempted from GST, while the tax on butter, ghee and similar products has been reduced from 12% to 5%, and GST on milk cans made of iron, steel or aluminium has also been lowered from 12% to holds. GST rate reductions 5%

## **IEPFA Proposes Simplified Documentation for** Low-Value Claims to Enhance ease of living

(PHDCCI),

Suggestions, adopted, would be applicable to claims valued up to ₹5 lakh (physical securisecurities), and dividends up to ₹10,000, as suggested by the Committee (Gns).

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, had formed a Committee to review existing procedures and recommend reforms for simplifying documentation in low value claim cases. This initiative was expected to significantly reduce timelines, improve transparency, and provide hassle-free services to investors.

prised representatives from (FICCI), the PHD Chamber and

the Ministry of Corporate of Commerce and Industry Affairs (MCA), the Investor Education and Protection Confederation of Indian Fund Authority (IEPFA), the Industry (CII), and the

ties), ₹15 lakh (demat Securities and Exchange Registrar Association of Board of India (SEBI), the India

Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI), the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), the Federation of Indian Chambers of The Committee com- Commerce and Industry lakh (demat securities),

Committee had submitted its report to the IEPFA.

(RAIN).

The suggestions, once adopted by IEPFA, would have been applicable to claims valued up to ₹5 lakh (physical securities), ₹15 ₹10,000, as suggested by the Committee. About IEPFA

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) was established on September 7, 2016, under the Ministry Corporate Affairs, Government of India. IEPFA is responsible for managing the Investor Education and Protection Fund, which focuses on safeguarding investor interests by facilitating the refund shares, unclaimed dividends, and matured deposits/debentures. Through its initiatives, the IEPFA aims to ensure transparency, investors' rights, and promote financial literacy

# **Khalistani Extremist Groups Active In** Canada, Raising Funds: Govt Report

A Canadian government Babbar organisations continue to operate and raise funds within Canada, validating India's long-standing concerns that pro-Khalistani elements are using Canadian territory to support anti-India activities.

The report, titled 2025 Assessment of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Risks in Canada, noted that these groups target diaspora communities to solicit donations, often through non-profit organisations. It specifically identified Babbar Khalsa International and the International Sikh Youth Federation as beneficiaries of funds raised in Canada.

A Canadian government report released in 2025 that Khalistani

Delhi is preparing to

July but was postponed

after agencies such as the

Department (IMD), IIT-

Kanpur, and the Indian

Meteorology (IITM) Pune

advised that weather condi-

tions at the time were

unsuitable. The new time-

line coincides with the

retreating monsoon season

when clouds are expected

to be more conducive for

Meteorological

of Tropical

Environment

Institute

Federation, continue to number raise funds within Canada, including Canada." It added often through non-profit that such groups fall under organizations, despite the broader category of strained relations with India since 2023 due to accusations regarding the killing of encourages the use of vio-Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

The assessment said, systems or alter existing extremist ones. While PMVE may "Khalistani

that Khalistani extremist International Sikh Youth ed of raising funds in a supremacy.

image/AFP).

extremist groups, including means to establish an inde- it is primarily driven by Khalsa pendent state within political self-determination report has acknowledged International and the Punjab, India, are suspect- rather than racial or ethnic

On June 16, 2025, members of the Sikh community were seen holding flags during a protest against Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in front of Calgary City Hall in Alberta (Representative

Khalistani Groups Listed Alongside Hamas and Hezbollah

The report placed at least two Khalistani groups in the same category as Hamas and Hezbollah, stating that all have been observed receiving financial support originating from Canada. It noted that while Khalistani groups had fundraising networks in the country, their current activigroups supporting violent contain religious elements, ties appear limited to small-

# **Delhi Plans Artificial Rain Project: Cloud Seeding Trials Worth Rs 3.21 Crore Cleared**

conduct its first cloud seeding trials in the first half of ficial rain, aiming to combat ture-laden clouds. The par-September, aimed at genrising air pollution; the proj-ticles serve as nuclei for erating artificial rain to tackle rising air pollution levels. Manjinder Singh Sirsa confirmed the plan, noting that the project had originally been scheduled for early

weather

ect, costing Rs 3.21 crore, technology developed by

involves a Cessna 206-H aircraft and targets areas in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh in collaboration with IIT-Cloud seeding is a

Kanpur and other agencies. release hygroscopic partimodification Ideal conditions for seeding method that induces artifi- require nimbostratus (Ns)

first cloud seeding trials in iodised salt, rock salt, and September to generate arti- sodium chloride into mois-

Politically Motivated Violent

Extremism (PMVE), which

lence to create new political



seeding IIT-Kanpur.

During each operation, the aircraft will fly just below the cloud base and cles into suitable clouds. cial rainfall by dispersing clouds at altitudes between

Delhi will conduct its agents such as silver iodide, 500 and 6,000 meters with more than 50 percent moisture, conditions expected during this period. Scientific teams will monitor rainfall samples for chemical form and grow, traces and assess improvements in air quality following the experiment. Why the Experiment Is

Being Conducted Delhi's persistent pollu-

tion crisis, particularly during the post-monsoon and winter seasons, has prompted the search for innovative Hazardous levels of PM2.5averaging 175 micrograms per cubic metre-pose severe risks to public health. The government, in collaboration with IIT-Kanpur, has allocated Rs 3.21 crore for the project, with each trial costing Rs

#### failed to act, that expelled leaders were and subsequent dismissal Sengottaiyan warned that willing to return without KA Sengottaiyan, a senior leader of the AIADMK, like-minded members conditions. He cited former has been dismissed from would unite to push for AIADMK

# Who Is Shabana Mahmood? UK's First Muslim **Woman Home Secretary Of Pakistani Origin**

Shabana Mahmood has

been appointed as the UK's Home Secretary, succeeding Yvette Cooper. This appointment comes after Angela Rayner's resignation and is part of Prime Minister Starmer's cabinet reshuffle. Mahmood's new role involves addressing immigration, policing, and national security issues. Her

move by Starmer's govern- Elected immigration and lawand-order matters.

Shabana Mahmood was born in 1980 to Pakistani parents and spent part of her childhood in Saudi Arabia before return-

ing to the UK. She pursued law at Lincoln College, Oxford, and became a barrister specialising in profespromotion is seen as a sional indemnity cases. ing, and national security, Lord Chancellor.

as ment to focus more on Birmingham Ladywood in 2010, she was among the first female Muslim

> MPs in the UK. Shabana Mahmood, born in Birmingham and an MP since 2010, has been appointed as the UK's Home Secretary,

succeeding Yvette Cooper, as part of Keir Starmer's cabinet reshuffle and will address immigration, polichaving previously served as Justice Secretary.

Mahmood has held several key shadow roles, including Shadow Financial Secretary to the Treasury and Shadow Minister for Prisons. She briefly stepped away during Corbyn's leadership but returned under Keir Starmer. Following Labour's 2024 election victory, she served as Justice Secretary and

economic challenges posed by US President Donald Trump's policy decisions Only two slabs will make it Easier for businesses to honour their statutory tax liabilities, the MP said. This tax reduction will help businesses find new customers amid the tariff increase by

#### Mathura, September 6 - GST reforms will boost swadeshi product and will encourage entrepreneurship in small cities said Mathura MP Hema Malini. from GST, help India in facing new

Actor turned politician money in the hails the GST reform taken hands of conby the Modi government and calls it historic, as they are designed keeping the masses in consideration. "This shows our government, led by visionary Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment towards sabka sath sabka vishwas and making India self-reliant." "Healthcare will be more Hema Malini said. The affordable after getting

reduction will leave more exception sumers, which is going to boost demand, She added.

Hema Malini said that these reforms will speed up our economic growth.

Similarly, our farmers will benefit from cheaper farm equipment as they are migrating to a lower tax slab. Daily essentials will also get cheaper due to the

Prime Minister Mr. call Swadeshi will get a boost

slab, she added.

migration to a lower

she said.

the United States, she

# **Sanskriti University Celebrates Teachers' Day with Grandeur and Gratitude**

Mathura, September 5 -Sanskriti University celebrated Teachers' Day with warmth, joy, and respect, honouring the mentors whose guidance shapes the destiny of students. The programme reflected the University's ethos of valuing its faculty as pillars of academic excellence.The celebrations began with a traditional welcome of dignitaries with tika and gifts, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by Hon'ble Chancellor Dr. Sachin Gupta and Hon'ble CEO Dr. Meenakshi Sharma, accompanied by senior members of the University. In their inspiring both leaders expressed deep appreciation for the faculty and



ue uplifting students with dedication and passion.

The event featured poetic recitations and perreflections from respected faculty members. Dr K. K. Parashar, and Mr. Barister Singh recited heartfelt poems, while Dr. Fahim Akhtar shared meaningful classroom experiences, highlighting the bond between teachers and students. The cultural segment added vibrancy to the occasion, with Gaurav Sarvang, Harsh Singh, Sharma, and

Kancharas Togi delivering a dynamic dance performance that enthralled the audience. Other performances by Nandini Vyas and Sheetal Kushwaha brought variety and cheer to the

The programme also included fun-filled games and activities, thoughtfully organised for the faculty, ensuring an atmosphere of and togetherness. Enthusiastic participation from both male and female faculty members made the celebration lively and mem-

The event was seamlessly coordinated under the leadership of Dr. Ratish, Dean, Hotel Management, with valuable support from co-coordinators Shubhra Pandey (Assistant Professor), and other faculty members. The lively anchoring by Mr. Shivam Bharadwaj, who engaged the audience with multiple interactive games, added to the charm of the day. The celebration concluded with

a spirited dance performance, leaving behind cherished memories of unity, respect, and joy. Teachers' Day 2025 at Sanskriti University stood out as a heartfelt tribute to its faculty and a reaffirmation of the institution's commitment to excellence in education.

## Shikshamitras submitted memorandum to the district administration in terms of 6 point demands

memorandum of six -point demands

encouraged them to contin-

Mathura. On Saturday, on the call of the state leadership of Uttar Pradesh Shikshamitra Sangh, dozens Shikshamitras gave a memorandum addressed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the office the District through Magistrate in the context of their 6 -point demands under the leadership of District President of the Union.

Through the memorandum, it was demanded that Shikshamitra, who has been teaching for the last

Shikshamitras have been receiving honorarium of only Rs 10,000/- 11 months

25 years in primary schools reason. Shikshamitra of 2023. The said committee of Uttar Pradesh, has Uttar Pradesh is taking a passed the graduation BTC. fatal step like suicide by In this era of inflation, financially and mentally disturbed.

A committee headed by



is not being raised. For this formed on 14 November

Director, under the direc-



the family of Shikshamitras Basic Education, was

since 2017, due to which tion of Principal Secretary,

sent its proposal to the government after holding several meetings. The subsequent process stopped from the implementation of the ideal election code, implementing that proposal soon and solving the six problems point District Shikshamitras. media -charge in Chaudhary, Shivkumar Block President Farah Bani Singh Sagar, Dheeraj Chaudhary, Saudan Singh, Seema Sharma, Mukesh Chandmohan Sharma, Shivraj Singh, Rajendra Singhal, Harprasad, Kishan Singh, Hukam Singh Shikshamitra were present

# Cabinet minister gave the green signal to the hammer to drop the clock tower

work to demolish the clock

Kosikalan. The municipality started the work of demolishing the renovated part of the clock tower on four pillars at the clock tower intersection called the city's site. The work will be started to demolish it from Saturday Sunday night. For this, on Saturday, the Cabinet Minister and Municipality jointly gave the green signal to the company workers to demolish it.

state of the city and the freedom of accidents arising from the city, there was an atmosphere of fear Agra was given the con- Saturday. Laxminarayan among the people who have been traveling on the day of falling stones and debris. According to the municipality's plan, its teder process was completed

Due to the dilapidated

- Municipality started about three days ago. month. Cabinet Minister Thereafter, the company of Chau at around 4.30 pm on



Cabinet Minister Chaudhary Laxmi Narayan inaugurating the work of demolishing the renovated part of the clock tower

tract. The contractor has and Municipality Dharamvir been ordered by the munic- Agrawal jointly gave the ipality to demolish half of green signal to demolish the clock tower before the the clock tower by hitting historic Shri Bharamtilap to be held next taries and shopkeepers

Ram the hammer with the digni-

and passers -by. The clock tower was given a final farewell with the drums. The Cabinet Minister, while Municipality Dharmveer Agrawal, said that the decision taken by the municipality to demolish it soon is a good task in the public interest. He said that it was necessary to remove the clock tower made about fifty years ago due to renovation. Instead, a new building will be constructed on the same pillar. The Municipality said that it will be made by the working organization MBDA. He told that it will cost Rs 3 lakh to demolish it, which will be given from the municipality, while the new clock tower will be constructed by the Mathura Vrindavan Development Authority, which will cost 1 crore 70 lakhs

### **District-Level Program Organized in Aravalli** under Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference Commissioner and regional levels is a Gujarat is scaling new

MoUs Signed at Program to Bring Over Rs. 460 Crore Investment. Create 1,300 New Jobs

Aravalli, 6 September gram was organised in Modasa, Aravalli district, under the Vibrant Regional Gujarat Conference. During this program, a total of 10 MoUs were signed by the Industry and Mines & Minerals departments. Through 5 MoUs of the Industry Department, investments

worth ₹344.23 crore will be made, and through 5 MoUs of the Mines & Minerals Department, investments worth ₹125 crore will be made. These projects are expected to provide employment opportunities to approximately 1,300 people, giving a new momentum to the economic and industrial development of Aravalli district. The Vibrant Guiarat Summit, a successful model initiated under the vision of the then Chief Minister and current Minister Narendra Modi, is now being scaled to the regional level under the leadership of the Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, marking a new chapter in the holistic development of Gujarat.

Shri P. Swaroop (IAS) stat- result of successful leader- heights in 2003, Vibrant Gujarat Gujarat's industries are 2025 : A district-level pro- has today reached the gaining recognition on a attended by Smt. Priyanka

> regional level. Under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, a collective platform has been established, which is opening new opportunities for skill development, MSMEs, and small and medium enterprises. Today, industries are receiving encouragement through this platform, which will make a significontribution cant Gujarat's economic development." Regarding the changes

in his address, "Through in the industrial sector, the efforts of the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Vibrant GMDC Managing Director Gujarat is today gaining Shri Roopwant Singh (IAS) recognition both nationally said, "Today we are reaching new heights in the era and internationally. With of Al. Over the past 100 the signing of MoUs worth years, the industrial sector crores, Gujarat is accelerhas undergone numerous ating its development. Such conferences ensure transformations. The planning of Vibrant Gujarat at that development reaches the international, national, the common man, and

ed in his address, "Started ship. Through this initiative, progress."

Hon'ble Collector Shri

"This Regional Conference

is an example of Aravalli

district's development. This

initiative will significantly

increase the district's

industrial growth and

Aravalli district is today

entering a new era of

Bhikhusinhji Parmar added

Hon'ble Minister Shri

industrial development."

global scale."

The program was

> Panchayat, Aravalli; Smt. Snehal Patel. President, Taluka Panchayat, Modasa; Shri Niraj Sheth, President, Municipality, Modasa; Shri Bhikhaji Dudhaji President,

Aravalli District BJP:

Hon'ble Collector, Aravalli; Hon'ble Prashasti Pareekh stated, Development Officer Aravalli; Shri Kanubhai Patel, President, Chamber Commerce; Phoolchand Kachhava, Managing Director, Greenfay Farm Foods Pvt. employment opportunities. Ltd.; and Shri Vijay Shah, Managing Director, V Here Innovation Pvt. Ltd. A large number of students were also present.

Regional This Conference is set to be a significant milestone in advancing the industrial and economic growth of Aravalli district. The Vibrant Gujarat initiative will not only reinforce Gujarat's development journey but also open up new avenues of employment for the local

#### CM Yogi Adityanath urges phased action, strict enforcement, and technical support from IIT Kharagpur to make UP roads safer. action plans implemented in expertise with Uttar ter most — tackling priority

Uttar Pradesh, IIT Kharagpur and Road Safety Network Partner to Implement Safe System Approach for Road Safety

occasion,

**UP** reports highest road crashes in India—new collaboration aims at systemic solutions with measurable outcomes.

Lucknow. September 2025 landmark move to curb fatalities, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has signed a Memorandum Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur to implement the globally recognized Safe System Approach—an evidencebased framework proven to reduce traffic injuries and deaths. The MoU was signed during the Uttar Pradesh Transport event at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow, in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath, Transport Minister Shri Dayashankar Transport Commissioner Shri B.N. Singh, among others.

The urgency of this collaboration is highlighted by the MoRTH 2023 report, which recorded 23,652 deaths and over 44,500 accidents in Uttar Pradesh, the highest in the country. Fatalities in the state rose by 4.7% compared to 2022, with over speeding alone accounting for nearly 70% of deaths.

Speaking on the occasion, Hon'ble Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, "Road crashes have taken more lives than even the COVID-19 pandemic, and this is one of the greatest challenges before us. To overcome it, we need both short-term and long-term

a phased manner. Road Pradesh's policy leadership. safety requires not just infrastructure upgrades but also behavioural change VOICE, a leading NGO in and strict enforcement of road safety advocacy, are laws. We must address the also playing a vital role in

परिवहन विभाग की विभिन्न सेवाओं आईआईटी, खड़गपुर तथा परिवहन विभाग वेद्यीच एमओयू पर हस्ताक्षर leading risk factors—over supporting public awarespeeding, drunken driving, ness, accountability, and non-use of helmets and evidence-based interven-

seatbelts—while ensuring regular driver testing, medical fitness checks, and use of modern technology. This collaboration with IIT Kharagpur will strengthen the technical implementation of our road safety measures, ensuring that policy and science work hand-in-hand to make Uttar Pradesh a model for India." "Road safety is a top priority for our government. and widespread public edu-

This collaboration with IIT Kharagpur reflects our serito address the challenge with urgency. Through evimanagement, and stronger enforcement, we will save lives and build safer roads for every citizen," said Shri Dayashankar Transport Government of Uttar

Pradesh. Road Safety Action Plan (SRSAP) and the newly adopted Speed Kharagpur's

A Technical Advisory Group comprising experts from academia, government, and civil society will steer interventions, monitor progress, and ensure evidence-based policymaking. Priority areas include speed management on high-risk corridors, technology-driven crash data management, safer road designs, cation.

"Our vision is to synchroousness and determination nize policy and science ensuring every intervention is data-driven and monidence-led strategies, speed tored for measurable impact. Speed management is the critical front line," stated Dr. Bhargab Maitra, Professor, Civil Engineering Singh, Department, IIT Kharagpur Minister, and Member, Road Safety Network.

"This MoU is a crucial Building on the State step in Uttar Pradesh's journey to make its roads safer. By bringing together the Management Guidelines, and civil society, we can the initiative combines IIT ensure technical solutions technical are applied where they mat-

risk factors like speeding, The Road Safety Network non-use of helmets and (RSN) and Consumer seatbelts, drunken driving, and distracted driving. This collaboration gives us the framework to turn data-driven insights into real, lifesaving action on the ground." said Ashim Sanyal, CEO, Consumer VOICE and Member, Road Safety Network.

The first phase of the partnership will include a statewide situational analysis, district-level engagement, and public consultations to shape the implementation of Regular monitoring and transparent reporting will keep the initiative accountable and aligned with its long-term vision of reducing

road traffic deaths. About the Uttar Pradesh Road Safety Mission

The Uttar Pradesh Road Safety Mission is state's flagship program to reduce road traffic deaths and injuries through systemic, scalable, and sustainable interventions.

About IIT Kharagpur

IIT Kharagpur is a premier Indian institution known for pioneering research, technology development, and policy advocacy in road safety and transportation engineering.

About Consumer VOICE Consumer VOICE is a leading consumer advocacy organization, committed to promoting road safety and public welfare in India. Consumer VOICE works to protect consumer rights. Through evidence-based campaigns and collaborations, it empowers citizens government, IIT Kharagpur, to demand accountability and contribute to making Indian roads safer

## People were seen in great enthusiasm in the procession

1500th Jashne Eid Miladunnabi was celebrated with great pomp in Anpara Anpara (Sonbhadra).

The magnificent procession of 1500th Jashne Eid Miladunnabi started from Anpara Bazaar with great pomp and respect with Naat and Naraye Takbir Allah in the honour of Muhammad Rasulallah Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam.

The procession of Jashne Eid Miladunnabi started Anpara from Bazaar and passed through Dharamshala, Venkatmod, Renusagar,



Bina Road, Aaudi Mod, Kashi Mod, Anpara Colony and ended at Anpara Bazaar Mahabir Chowk. People involved in the procession then gathered in Nooriya Mohalla where the programme ended after Takreer, Naat and Durood

There was a lot of

dren, young and old in the there was a lot of enthusiasm in the Muslim community due to it being the 1500th procession. People from both Hindu and Muslim communities parin Juluse ticipated Muhammadi. People participating in the procession were carrying the Islamic flag as well as the tricolor in their hands. Cold drinks, biryani, bundia, water etc. were distributed to the

enthusiasm among chil- way.

Former MLA of Obra procession, people were assembly Sunil Kumar seen in colorful clothes, Singh Yadav, State Headquarters accredited journalist Sultan Shahryar Khan who had come specially from Lucknow, Chairman of Nagar Panchayat Vishram Prasad Vaiswar, Ravi Kumar Gond Badku, Zulfiqar Ali, Mohammad Jalaluddin, Ayub Khan Nayla, Shahzad Ali, Gaibi Yadav, Mukhtar Rizvi, Itkamul Haq Rabbani, Prakash Yadav, Imran people participating in the Khan, Cancer Raza, Hafiz procession throughout the Fuleel, Imran Khan Murga