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PM Modi- US President Trump Have Always Been Good friends: MEA S Jaishankar

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi's quick acknowledgment of U.S. President Donald Trump's latest praise for India-US relations suggests both leaders may be looking for a course correction. After years of friction, the exchange has sparked speculation that the two countries could attempt to revive a partnership once hailed as one of the defining alliances of the 21st century.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, while measured in tone, made it clear that Modi still places value on personal diplomacy with Trump. "We remain engaged with the U.S., and at this time I can't say more

than that," Jaishankar remarked, underscoring the importance of keeping lines of communication open even in uncertain times.

Following U.S. President Donald Trump's recent praise, Prime Minister Narendra Modi may seek to revive the India-U.S. partnership, with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasizing the importance of open communication amidst strained ties regarding trade, defense, and global positioning as India considers its moves.

For India, the U.S.

remains a critical partner. Yet ties have been strained under Trump's presidency, with disagreements over trade, immigration rules,



defense alignments, and India's balancing act with Russia and China. The Ministry of External Affairs insists India remains committed to advancing the partnership on "shared interests and mutual respect."

Trump's tone has also fluctuated from controversial claims of brokering peace between India and Pakistan to sharper rhetoric about New Delhi's global positioning. His latest remarks, however, signal a more conciliatory stance.

The UNGA Factor Whether Modi himself joins the 80th UN General Assembly later this month remains uncertain. India has informed the UN that Jaishankar will deliver the national statement on September 26, though Modi retains the option to travel if diplomacy requires it. A Modi-Trump meeting on the sidelines, if it materialises, could mark a turning point.

Rift in NDA over seat-sharing resurfaces ahead of Bihar polls

(Gns). The ongoing tussle within the NDA over seat sharing between Nitish Kumar and Chirag Paswan came to the fore once again on Sunday as Arun Bharti, Chirag Paswan's brother-in-law and Bihar in-charge of the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), highlighted his party's strong claim for the upcoming Assembly elections in Bihar and also issued a warning by evoking memories of the 2020 elections.

In a post on social media platform X, Bharti claimed that only the LJP (R) has the capacity to contest all 243 seats in Bihar. "The workers are the real

backbone of our party. It is a natural expectation of workers who toil tirelessly for the party that one day they too would get the opportunity to serve the people as public representatives from the party's platform," he wrote.

"In 2020, when we couldn't fulfill these expectations due to alliance obligations, we made the bold decision to contest alone. This wasn't just about electoral politics, it was a mark of respect toward the emo-

tions of our workers," he added.

In the 2020 Assembly



elections, Chirag Paswan went solo, parting ways with the NDA in opposition to Nitish Kumar. His party fielded candidates from 137 seats, mostly from JD(U)'s share. However, the results did not go in

favour of Chirag. Of the 135 seats, the party won only one, stood second on nine seats, and secured a total vote share of 5.64%. The party's lone MLA joined the JD(U) later.

Bharti went on: "Even though we won just one seat in that election, the truth is we contested 137 seats and secured 6% of the vote. Had we contested all 243 seats, our vote share would have crossed 10%. This was living proof of our workers' strength and the people's trust."

So far, there has been no formal understanding on seat sharing among the alliance partners in the NDA.

Kejriwal questions govt's 'weakness' before US, calls for strong tariff response

(Gns). AAP National Convener Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday accused the Modi government of betraying Indian farmers by removing import duties on American cotton, warning that the move could crash domestic prices below Rs 900 and push farmers towards financial distress and potential suicides.

The AAP supremo, currently on a two-day visit to Gujarat, asserted that PM Modi was "sacrificing farmers' interests to protect Adani and please Trump," while ignoring the plight of diamond workers hit by a 50 percent US tariff.

Asking Prime Minister Narendra Modi to "show

courage", Kejriwal said, "The whole country is with you, PM Modi. Impose a 75% tariff on all American goods. The nation will bear it, but Trump will be forced to back down. The world bows down when confronted by strength. Why is our government acting weak?"

Addressing a press conference after his scheduled Kisan Mahapanchayat in Chotila was postponed due to heavy rains, Kejriwal said that the Modi government's decision to remove the 11 percent import duty on

American cotton amounts to a betrayal of India's farmers.

Arvind Kejriwal said that cotton farmers, who had taken loans to sow crops in June-July, were expecting fair prices at harvest in October-



November, but were unaware that the Modi government had removed the 11% import duty on American cotton, initially for 40 days from August 19 and now extended till December 31, undermining domestic prices and disadvantaging Indian farmers.

The AAP supremo noted,

"With this decision, American cotton has become cheaper than Indian cotton, and textile companies have already started placing massive orders from the US. This means our farmers' cotton will not sell, and they will be left with no option but suicide."

"Once cheaper US cotton floods our markets, our farmers will get less than Rs 900. This is making American farmers rich while bankrupting India's farmers," he declared. Arvind Kejriwal raised the question of why the Modi government was bending to US pressure. "Rumours are spreading that Adani is facing a very serious case in America and risks imprisonment.

Minister for Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh Felicitates Student Winners comprising the Indian team at "International Earth Sciences Olympiad" (IESO-2025) Held in China

(Gns). Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Minister of State for Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh felicitated the student winners comprising the Indian team at the 18th "International Earth Science Olympiad" (IESO-2025) held at Jining, China from 8-16 August 2025.

Team India put up a stellar performance by securing a total of seven medals - 1 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze - along with a 3rd Prize in the International Geoscience Youth Movement (I-GYM) Reporter category.

The winning students included: Rayansh Gupta

(Sat Paul Mittal School, Ludhiana, Punjab) - Gold, Silver & I-GYM 3rd Prize • Charuvrat Bains (M.G.N. Public School, Kapurthala, Punjab) - 2 Silver, 1 Bronze



• Apam Nidhi Pandey (PM Shri K.V. No.1, Jaipur, Rajasthan) - 1 Silver • Priyanshi Ghanghas (MD Indraprastha Sr. Sec. Public School, Delhi) - 1 Bronze

The students were guided by mentors Prof. Devesh Walia and Prof. Hema

Achyuthan, with Dr. Jagvir Singh, Scientist-G, as observer.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Jitendra Singh lauded the young achievers

for bringing glory to the nation and said the results reflect the new aspirational spirit among youth, particularly from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, after India's startup revolution in the last decade.

The Minister underlined that the National Education

Policy (NEP-2020) has unleashed the creative potential of young minds by freeing them from the limitations of rigid subject streams and enabling them to explore diverse disciplines. This, he said, is encouraging a paradigm shift from conventional courses towards cutting-edge fields such as Earth Sciences, Biotechnology, Space Technology and Start-up led self-employment.

Dr. Jitendra Singh appealed to students to actively leverage opportunities being provided by the Government through initiatives such as Vigyan Jyoti, scholarships, fellowships and research grants, to scale their ideas and make them beneficial for society.

Akhilesh questions BJP leaders' 'silence' plight of Indian exporters due to US tariff row

(Gns). Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav has alleged that BJP leaders were not speaking on the losses Indian exporters are incurring as a result of steep hike in tariffs imposed by the US on India. "It seems the US tariffs have shut the mouths of BJP leaders as well. Due to the imposition of US tariff, Bhadohi carpet, Moradabad brasswares, exports from Meerut, Saharanpur, and other places have started facing losses. This will render artisans unemployed and hit the economy hard," he claimed.

Addressing a press conference here on Sunday, Akhilesh Yadav said, "If the

US is strengthening its economy, then the Indian government should also think of saving its economy and should take a decision

Commenting on the reduction of GST rates, the SP president said, "Now, the question arises who benefited from the imple-

tion with prices of everything soaring."

He further claimed that even reducing the slab of the GST would not bring down inflation because those who have got into the habit of profiteering will not reduce prices.

Akhilesh Yadav said that BJP's thinking is hegemonic as it oppresses and exploits the PDA community. "The BJP does negative politics to spoil social harmony. BJP people have a lot of ill-will against PDA. Only when the BJP government goes, inflation will reduce, development will happen, the poor will get treatment, and injustice and atrocities will end too," he claimed.



accordingly. In the BJP government, the slogan of Swadeshi is only in words while Make in India has been ruined."

mentation of the GST ever since the government implemented it. Wrong policies of the government resulted in galloping infla-

TTV Dhinakaran blames TN BJP chief for AMMK's exit from NDA

(Gns). Training his guns on Nainar Nagendran, accusing him of clinging to AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami (EPS), Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) leader TTV Dhinakaran on Sunday squarely blamed the Tamil Nadu BJP president for his party deserting the NDA in the state.

"Nainar alone is the reason for AMMK and OPS leaving the NDA. He thinks that EPS alone is enough for the NDA to face the 2026 assembly elections and succeed in dethroning the ruling DMK. Even Amit Shah has not declared EPS as the CM candidate. But he is clinging to him. We launched the party in protest against betrayal of EPS and can't be expected to be palanquin bears for him to become Chief Minister. And this is the reason for us to walk out of the

NDA," he told reporters in Manamadurai in Sivaganga district.

Dhinakaran, nephew of Jayalalithaa's confidant VK Sasikala who kept the AIADMK under her thumb, launched the AMMK following his expulsion from the party in 2018. The AMMK teamed up with the BJP for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and helped the saffron party to enhance its vote share, especially in the southern districts, pushing the AIADMK, which was not in the NDA, to the third place in many constituencies.

"Nainar is a good friend, but his response to rebel AIADMK leader O Panneerselvam (OPS), who has been with the BJP-led NDA, for an audience with Prime Minister

Narendra Modi during his previous visit to the state, smacks of arrogance. He is



asking why I should speak for OPS. It was OPS who gave up the Theni LS constituency for me. If not me, who should speak up for him?" he fumed.

"Till now, Nainar had not wholeheartedly expressed a desire to talk to us for our re-entry into the NDA. As is widely rumoured, Annamalai has not instigated us to walk out of the NDA. He was instrumental in getting the AMMK into the NDA. He is a good friend and is aware of our

concerns. But we are not acting at his instance. Nainar's mindset is that we should not be there in the NDA. We are not foolish enough to ensure Nainar's victory at our own expense," he said.

Responding to the outburst of Dhinakaran, BJP state president Nainar stoutly denied that he is responsible for the exit of both OPS and Dhinakaran from the NDA. "I hold him in high esteem and have great respect and love. Even now, he is TTV sir for me and others close to me. In 2001, he had ensured that myself and others were granted recognition and inducted in the cabinet. I'm indebted to this forever. In 2021 itself I had insisted that Dhinakaran and Sasikala have to be accommodated," he told the media adding, "there is still time for the elections and things could have been sorted out."



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Editorial

Stray Dog Issue

Delhi's streets are not just crowded with vehicles and people; they are also home to a vast population of stray dogs that have long been part of the city's landscape. For some, these animals are companions in need of care, for others they are a source of daily anxiety. Recent legal interventions have sharpened this divide, leaving residents caught between compassion and fear. Feeding community dogs has always been a quiet act of kindness. From tea stalls that leave out scraps to residents who carry food in their bags, such gestures have ensured survival for countless strays.

Caregivers often go beyond feeding; they help identify dogs for vaccination and sterilisation, ensuring that programmes to control numbers are implemented effectively. In many neighbourhoods, these individuals are the bridge between civic authorities and the dogs themselves. Yet the growing number of reported dog bites has changed the tenor of the conversation. Families worry about children being chased on playgrounds, senior citizens fear sudden attacks during morning walks, and residents complain of unsanitary conditions near feeding spots. The sheer scale of the problem ~ millions of cases of dog bites reported nationwide last year ~ cannot be brushed aside.

To dismiss these concerns as mere prejudice would be to ignore legitimate questions of public safety. The law has tried to carve a middle path. Stray dogs are not to be rounded up and caged en masse, but rather sterilised, vaccinated, and returned to their localities. Aggressive or rabid dogs must be sheltered separately. Feeding in public spaces has been restricted, with designated areas to be identified. On paper, this seems like a workable compromise. In practice, however, ambiguity has bred hostility. Many residents now assume feeding strays is banned altogether, and caregivers face harassment, sometimes even violence, from neighbours. What is missing is not law but clarity, resources, and dialogue. Delhi has a network of sterilisation centres, but they are overstretched and underfunded. Shelters run by charities are perpetually short of space.

Municipal bodies, meanwhile, have been slow in marking safe feeding zones, leaving both feeders and residents in limbo. In the absence of coordination, suspicion festers: caregivers are seen as reckless, while residents are painted as cruel. A sustainable solution demands cooperation. Civic authorities must accelerate sterilisation drives and provide clear, accessible information about feeding rules. Resident welfare associations should work with caregivers rather than against them, identifying safe corners for food distribution away from gates, lifts, or children's play areas.

Above all, the state must acknowledge that coexistence, not elimination, is the only humane and effective path forward. Delhi's debate over strays is not a battle between dog lovers and dog haters. It is a test of whether a city of millions can embrace compassion without compromising safety. The choice is not between people and animals, but between chaos and order. With structure, funding, and mutual respect, coexistence is possible ~ and urgently necessary.

Possible, with a will

(Gns).
Rs. 1,000 and less! Some 37 lakh senior citizens and their dependents survive on this monthly pittance called pension from the Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 of the EPF Act 1952. They have to manage their food, clothing, medicine, and all other geriatric care needs within this provision. They deserve a higher minimum pension, not simply because the amount is so paltry and they are senior citizens.

No, they are entitled to it because they have toiled all their productive lives for the creation of wealth and have sacrificed a part of the employer's share of PF contribution to build a robust pension fund. Without any of these ~ contribution or work ~ many of the poor in the country get much bigger support during their old age. For instance, the A.P. and Telangana governments give a welfare pension of Rs 4,000; still more in certain cases in these states.

Similarly, the state and Central government employees get a good amount of pension. The MPs and MLAs, too, get a pension; some of them who functioned in both roles at different times get two pensions. All their pension schemes have much bigger minimum provisions than the EPF minimum. So, it is the EPF pensioners' right to get an adequate pension, not some charity demand out of anybody's compassion. No argument against the claim is tenable and just. Funds' shortage and non-viability of the scheme and similar claims for not raising EPF minimum pension, concerning 5.39 crore members under the EPF Pension Scheme and more than 81 lac pensioners at present, therefore, are

absolutely wrong and untenable. The government takes shelter under its inability, usually based on three impediments. The



EPF pension scheme is based on the defined contribution and defined benefit.

In other words, it is predetermined as to how much contribution is to be pooled in the fund and how much pension is to be paid out of it. So, no scope for an increase; this is the first and foremost objection. The second ground is based on an actuarial evaluation. The fund is periodically evaluated as per para 32 of EPS 1995 to determine if the present corpus and future accumulation are sufficient to meet the continued pension payment obligation. The claim is that there was an actuarial deficit as of 31.03.2019. The third observation: the pension scheme, though not declared as such, appears to be of the Pay-As-You-Go (PAYG) type.

Under PAYG, the current employees contribute to the pension fund while retired persons receive the pension; the cycle goes on without needing any additional help. But the government fears that it may not work without external support. Looking at these three premises objectively, and adding to it the governmental responsibility in a welfare state to provide for old

(Gns).
In the Himalayan mountainous region of India, flash floods are nothing new. The residents of the Himalayas have witnessed several such incidents before,during and after the monsoon. On Tuesday, 5 August,at around 1.30 p.m., the inhabitants of Dharali, Uttarakhand, witnessed yet another devastating flash flood. Again, we lost many fellow citizens and suffered damage to numerous national assets. At any gauge station, if the water level rises more than one metre above the pre-determined danger mark, it is considered a flood. When the floodwater level exceeds 10 metres above the danger level, it is classified as a devastating flood.

The water level in the Dharali flash flood undoubtedly exceeded this limit. The scale of destruction caused by a flood depends on the water volume, the height of the flood level, and the nature of land use by human settlements along the riverbanks. In mountainous regions, flash floods occur due to various reasons. Sometimes, in a narrow valley, very heavy rainfall over a short period of time can trigger such events. For instance, the village of Harsil near Dharali experienced such an incident in July 2012. At other times, large volumes of water suddenly rush down from higher Himalayan glaciers or glacial lakes into narrow valleys, creating devastating floods.

These events are called Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs). Examples include the Kedarnath disaster of 16 June 2013 and the Lhonak Lake Disaster of 4 October 2023 in Sikkim. Another example occurred on 7 February 2021, when

age social security, the payment of an adequate sum like half the salary as a pension to all the EPF members, and raising their

minimum pension to a decent level is not only not impossible but an inescapable obligation.

Look at these hard facts. The total investment corpus in the employees' pension scheme by 31 March 2025, as Ms Shobha Karandlaje, minister of state in the labour ministry, revealed in parliament, was Rs. 9,92,689.56 crore. The pension outflow every year is minimal compared to the corpus. For instance, in 2023-24, the pension paid was Rs 23,027.93 crore, equal to 2.59 per cent of the corpus that year of Rs 8,88,269.01 crore. Let alone the corpus comparison, the interest earned on it in one year, 2023-24, was Rs 58,668.73 crore, more than double the pension.

The number of present pensioners (81 lakh) in the total number of members in the scheme (5.39 crore) constitutes about just 15 per cent. True, more pensioners are added every year, increasing the pension payment burden, so will there be the increased volume of funds, with more and more persons joining the labour force in an expanding economy. The contribution in a given year will be more than the pension outgo. The pension

a glacier collapse in the Tapovan-Reni area triggered flash floods in the Dhauliganga and Alaknanda rivers. Such floods can also result from the sudden breach of man-made reservoirs or dams. Scientists have found that in some narrow rivers of the mountain regions, massive landslides sometimes block river channels, forming what are called natural temporary dams.

Later, due to heavy rainfall, the large volume of water stored behind boulders and rock masses builds up pressure, causing the dam to break, and leading to flash floods in the lower valleys. In the past, several such incidents have occurred in the Alaknanda River.In 1857, the Nandakini River was blocked for three days, forming a temporary dam that eventually breached, triggering large-scale flooding and widespread damage in the Alaknanda Valley. Similarly, in 1868, a dam formed on the Birahi River near the village of Jhinji, creating an artificial lake known as Gudiyar Tal.

When this lake burst, it claimed 73 lives and destroyed the Lalsanga Bridge near Chamoli. Now, let us look at some specific aspects of the Dharali flash flood. Based on nearly two decades of intensive field surveys, topographic maps from the Survey of India, and satellite imagery from the Indian Remote Sensing Agency, certain points have been highlighted in the present article.

From Uttarkashi to Gangotri, the Bhagirathi Valley is a narrow gorge, enclosed by the Himalayas. The river has very little space to shift its course. Flowing along ancient slopes of the terrain, the Bhagirathi is a consequent

accumulation last year was Rs 71,780.41 crore against pension payment of Rs 23,410.17 crore, which means a Rs 48,370.24 crore accretion to the pension fund.

Then, where is the actuarial deficit? Why can't PAYG work? Where are the non-viability signs? Even if these things happen at any time, a hypothetical situation now, the government should come forward to meet its social responsibility to protect the interests of senior citizens. Is it not undemocratic and arbitrary to single out EPF pensioners in fixing such a small amount as a Rs 1,000 minimum on baseless fears, while providing a higher amount to government employees and legislators, who execute and make policies for the citizens? Also, the financial burden as a result of increasing the minimum is not going to be too big, as is being made out by the government.

At present, more than 78 lakh of the total 81 lakh pensioners get less than Rs 5,000 a month, while 58 lakh get less than Rs 2,000. To raise the minimum to Rs 5,000 from the present Rs 1,000, it would require Rs 46,918 crore; net of the present payment of total pension of Rs 14,329 crore, it would need a still lesser sum, Rs 32,589 crore. Around double this money is needed to raise the minimum to a reasonable Rs 10,000 a month. These are not unsustainably big sums given the fund's position and of course, the government's will. If the government doesn't agree with these facts, it may appoint a Commission under the chairpersonship of a Judge who can examine the pension systems under EPS of EPF and decide its overall restructuring to guarantee post-retirement income

river. However, past records indicate that the main course of the Bhagirathi itself has not been the direct cause of major problems. The real



danger comes from its right-angled tributaries ~ subsequent streamswich, for most of the year, remain almost dry or glacier-fed.

In the lower reaches of the Khera Gad, near its confluence where a narrow man-made embankment standson both sides, Dharali village has spread unscientifically across a small, alluvial-fan-shaped landform at the confluence leaving people to bear the consequences. Now, let us get acquainted with the Khera Gad. Khera Gad, known locally as "Gad" for stream, flows northward from the glaciated terrain of the Greater Himalaya to meet the Bhagirathi near Dharali. Its source lies within the Rudugaira Bamak (6,400 m), surrounded by peaks like Jaonli (6,632 m), Srikanta (6,133 m), and Rudugaira (5,819 m).

The glacier-fed stream

(Gns).
Russian President Vladimir Putin (Left), Prime Minister Narendra Modi (Center) and Chinese President Xi Jinping (Right) (Photo Credits: ANI)

The past week has underscored the widening gulf between Western diplomacy and Moscow's military calculus. In Beijing, Russian President Vladimir Putin suggested there was "light at the end of the tunnel" if Ukraine accepted his version of peace. Days later in Vladivostok, he erased any illusion of moderation by declaring that Western forces deployed in Ukraine would be "legitimate targets." The shift from guarded openness to outright warning captures the strategic reality of this war: every initiative for security guarantees collides with Russia's refusal to concede ground.

The Paris summit hosted by France marked the most ambitious allied move yet. Twenty-six nations pledged concrete security assurances for Ukraine, with promises of air, sea, and land deployments once a ceasefire takes hold. French President Emmanuel Macron framed it as the first credible shield to deter renewed aggression, while Ukrainian

India has chosen an unusual weapon to counter an external economic assault: cheaper goods for its own citizens. At a time when punitive tariffs from the United States threaten to squeeze exports and dampen investor sentiment, New Delhi has opted to shield its economy not through retaliation, but by revamping its tax structure to stimulate domestic demand. The Goods and Services Tax (GST), often criticised for its complexity, has now been pared down to two simple slabs of 5 and 18 per cent, alongside a steep 40 per cent rate on sin goods such as cigarettes. This is more than a technical correction.

drains a steep, avalanche-prone terrain marked by icefalls, cirques, and moraines. The Bhagirathi River in this stretch flows east-west through a deep

V-shaped valley, with Dharali occupying a flat alluvial terrace. The surrounding ridges rise abruptly to 3,800 m, and tributary streams descend steeply, forming alluvial fans at the confluence zone. On 5 August 2025, Dharali village witnessed one of the most devastating flash floods in recent Himalayan history. Nestled along the Bhagirathi River, Dharali is more than just a picturesque settlement ~ it is a vital cultural hub and a key point en route to Gangotri.

On the day of the disaster, the village was alive with the colours and sounds of the HardudhMela, a traditional mountain festival where villagers offer freshly produced cow's milk to Someshwar Maharaj, their local deity, keeping only a small portion for children. The festival coincided with

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy hailed it as a step from rhetoric to action. For Kyiv, the reassurance force is more than symbolism ~ it is a signal that Ukraine will not be left alone in the vulnerable pause between war and peace.

Mr Putin's rejection of this plan was swift and sweeping. By warning that even post-ceasefire troops would be targets, he effectively tried to nullify Western guarantees before they materialise. His stance is not just a dismissal of allied proposals; it is a bid to define the terms of any ceasefire in advance. Moscow's message is simple: peace cannot come with foreign boots on Ukrainian soil, only with recognition of Russia's conquests. This is where the divergence between Washington and Europe becomes sharper. American efforts have leaned on drawing Moscow into dialogue, hoping that talks could cap the conflict's escalation.

Europe, by contrast, has shifted toward visible commitments to Ukraine's defence ~ promising not just weapons but also the infrastructure of long-term security. That divergence allows the Kremlin to play

the celebration of the Panchayat election results, drawing large crowds to the main market area. Around 1:30 PM, a sudden cloud-burst over the upper catchment of the Khera Gad transformed joy into tragedy. Within minutes, the small north-flowing tributary ~ originating from the Rudugaira Glacier at around 4,720m ~ swelled into a raging torrent, tearing through both banks, flattening apple orchards, sweeping away homestays and hotels, and erasing the main market from the map.

The primary trigger was an intense cloudburst in the upper Khera Gad basin during a period of extremely heavy rainfall over Uttarakhand (3-5 August). IMD data recorded exceptionally high 24-hour rainfall totals across the state. On 5 August, nearby stations in Uttarkashi district recorded daily rainfall between 1.0 cm and 2.7 cm. Although these values appear modest, they mask the possibility of short, intense downpours in the upper Khera Gad catchment. Such localized high-intensity rainfall is typical of Himalayan cloudburst events and can trigger destructive flash floods.

The combination of steep gradients, saturated moraines, and glacial melt-water facilitated the rapid mobilisation of boulders, sediments, and woody debris. This debris-laden flow, travelling at great velocity, magnified the destructive potential downstream. As per news there were at least four con-



one against the other, praising constructive US engagement while deriding European "provocation." For Ukraine, the calculus is stark. A ceasefire without guarantees risks freezing the war in Russia's favour. A ceasefire with guarantees, on the other hand, risks becoming a new flashpoint if Moscow treats foreign troops as targets. This is the essence of the stalemate: every path toward de-escalation carries the seeds of further escalation.

The danger now is that the pursuit of peace itself becomes weaponised. By

firmed deaths; dozens remain missing and potentially more than 200 people are feared buried under debris. Nine Indian Army personnel from the nearby Harsil camp are among the missing.

Twenty-five hotels and homestays were washed away and over 50houses destroyed or severely damaged. Collapse of bridges, breach of National Highway sections, damage to the Harsil helipad, and loss of army installations were reported. Many roads were blocked or destroyed severely disrupting regional connectivity. The flash flood dealt a severe blow to Dharali's tourism-driven economy, destroying key infrastructure and halting visitor inflow. For nearly two decades, Dharali and the Bhagirathi valley have been part of our academic and emotional journey. We have walked its trails, mapped its landforms, and shared tea with its resilient people.

Learning from the Dharali flash flood, villages located at the confluence of major tributaries like the Khera Gad and the Bhagirathi must become more aware and maintain a conscious distance from these tributaries to ensure the safety of human lives. This event is not only a scientific case study but also a deep personal loss. The mountains are sending us a message ~ through landslides, floods, and glacier retreat. It is time to listen, act, and protect both the people and the fragile Himalayan environment.

Guarantees Targeted

GST Gamble

responded with optimism. Yet the risks cannot be brushed aside. States are staring at potential revenue shortfalls of up to \$6 billion. For many, GST is the single most important revenue stream, and replacing that with the promise of higher consumption is a gamble. While economic theory suggests that lower rates can expand the tax base, such gains often take time to materialise. The interim strain could be severe, particularly for states already struggling with post-pandemic fiscal pressures. Politically, however, the move reinforces the Prime Minister's pledge of a "tax bonanza" for the common man.

At a moment when external headwinds threaten to undercut growth, the government has doubled down on its domestic audience. The middle class, small traders, farmers, women, and youth ~ all explicitly mentioned in official statements ~ form a coalition too important to ignore, especially as the political calendar heats up. Strategically, this approach also sets India apart from the usual script of tit-for-tat trade wars. Instead of raising barriers, New Delhi is opening wallets. The message is clear: India will not allow external pressure to derail its growth trajectory. By boosting internal consumption.

VP Election 2025: Opposition Candidate Reddy Stresses Values and Cooperation Over Confrontation

(Gns). Congress-led INDIA bloc's candidate for Vice President of India, former Supreme Court judge B Sudershan Reddy, addressed MPs on Sunday, emphasizing that voting for him is "not just about an individual, but a vote for the spirit of India itself."

Reddy highlighted the importance of cooperation over confrontation in a democracy. "Democracy thrives on cooperation, not confrontation, and my strength lies in listening, mediating, and building consensus," he said in a message to MPs. The voting is scheduled for September 9 to elect the next Vice President, who will succeed Jagdeep Dhankhar, and will also become the Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha. His opponent is CP Radhakrishnan, a BJP-RSS

veteran and current Governor of Maharashtra, backed by the ruling NDA.

The Congress-led INDIA bloc's Vice President candi-



date, B Sudershan Reddy, addressed MPs on Sunday, stating that voting for him upholds democratic values; the election on September 9 will determine the successor to Jagdeep Dhankhar, with CP Radhakrishnan as Reddy's opponent.

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Reddy reminded MPs that there is no party whip in this election, meaning parties cannot issue binding voting instructions. He

urged lawmakers to let "love for the country guide your choice," stressing that his candidature is about upholding democratic values, not personal ambition. "I seek your support not for myself, but for values that define us as a sovereign democratic republic," he

said. He further noted that the Rajya Sabha must remain a chamber where national interests prevail over partisan concerns, and warned that India's democratic space is shrinking, making it the duty of leaders to defend the republic's core values. "My candidature is not a personal aspiration but a collective effort to protect our democratic fabric," Reddy added.

While the election is largely seen as symbolic, given NDA's majority for CP Radhakrishnan, Reddy's candidature sends a message of Opposition unity. The next Vice President will serve a full five-year term, rather than the remaining period of Dhankhar's tenure. Dhankhar's resignation, officially due to ill-health, has sparked widespread speculation and discussion.

Shigeru Ishiba To Resign As Prime Minister Amidst LDP Leadership Challenges And Electoral Losses

(Gns). Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba has chosen to resign, aiming to prevent a division within the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), as reported by NHK. The announcement comes just before the party's decision on whether to hold an early leadership election, which could have been seen as a no-confidence vote against him.

Ishiba's resignation follows increasing pressure from his party to take responsibility for their significant loss in the July parliamentary elections. The LDP and its coalition partner Komeito lost their majority in both the Lower and Upper Houses during these elections, shaking the government's stability.

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Shigeru Ishiba's resignation underscores the complexities of political leadership amid electoral setbacks. The LDP now stands at a crossroads, with its next steps likely shaping Japan's political landscape in the coming years.

Sharjeel Imam Moves Supreme Court After Bail Denial in 2020 Delhi Riots Case

(Gns). Activist Sharjeel Imam on Saturday moved the Supreme Court challenging the Delhi High Court's order that denied him bail in the 2020 Delhi riots conspiracy case filed under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The case relates to the alleged larger conspiracy behind the February 2020 communal violence in North-East Delhi.

A Delhi High Court bench of Justices Navin Chawla and Shalinder Kaur had dismissed the bail pleas of Imam and seven other accused, which were filed between 2022 and 2024 and reserved for judgment on July 9, PTI reported. "All the appeals are dismissed," the bench stated while delivering its order.

Sharjeel Imam challenged the Delhi High Court's denial of bail in the 2020 Delhi riots conspiracy



case under UAPA, relating to violence during protests against the CAA and NRC; the High Court dismissed his and seven others' bail pleas, including Umar Khalid and Gulfisha Fatima,

while another bench dismissed Tasleem Ahmad's plea.

During the hearings, the

prosecution argued that the riots were not spontaneous but had been "planned well in advance" with a "sinister motive" and were part of a "well-thought-out conspiracy."

Imam, along with Umar Khalid and several others, faces charges under the UAPA and sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for allegedly being among the "masterminds" of the riots. The violence, which erupted during protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC), claimed 53 lives and left over 700 injured.

Others whose bail pleas were rejected include Umar Khalid, Gulfisha Fatima, United Against Hate (UAH) founder Khalid Saifi, Athar Khan, Mohd Saleem, Shifaur Rehman, Meeran Haider, and Shadaab Ahmed. In a related development, another bench of the Delhi High Court also dismissed the bail plea of co-accused Tasleem Ahmad.

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Anand Pandit Motion Pictures & Jannock Films Unveil Teaser of Chaniya Toli on Teacher's Day



A teacher trains Toli of 7 females and 1 male to rob a bank : Jannock Films Unveil Teaser of 'Chaniya Toli' on Teacher's Day

Ahmedabad,

On the occasion of Teacher's Day, Anand Pandit Motion Pictures & Jannock Films have unveiled the much-anticipated teaser of their upcoming Gujarati film Chaniya Toli. Directed by Jay Bodas and Parth Trivedi, and produced by Vaishal Shah and Anand Pandit, the film brings a refreshing twist to the concept of mentorship and learning.

Chaniya Toli follows the intriguing journey of a teacher who takes seven women under his wing – not to teach them academics, but to master the art of bank robbery. With its unique storyline, sharp dialogues, and suspenseful undertones, the film promises to be a rollercoaster ride blending drama, thrill, and entertainment.

Releasing the teaser on Teacher's Day adds a

clever layer of irony and curiosity, as the film redefines the role of a "guru" in the most unconventional manner.

Speaking about the project, Film maker Vaishal Shah shared, "Gujarati cinema is evolving rapidly, and with Chaniya Toli, we are pushing the boundaries of storytelling. The teaser gives audiences just a glimpse of the excitement ahead."

Veteran producer and real-estate entrepreneur Mr. Anand Pandit, is one of India's leading film production and distribution companies. Known for its wide-ranging projects across Hindi, Marathi, and Gujarati cinema, the banner has delivered critically acclaimed as well as commercially successful films. Mr. Anand Pandit's vision combines strong storytelling with strategic production and marketing, ensuring that every project not only entertains but also reaches the right audience. With the film Chaniya Toli, Anand Pandit Motion



Pictures continues its commitment to bringing innovative and engaging stories to Gujarati cinema, in collaboration with Vaishal Shah.

Film Producer Anand Pandit said, "The premise itself is enough to spark conversations, and we are confident this film will appeal to both youth and family audiences."

Film directors Jay Bodas and Parth Trivedi are very much overwhelmed about the film. They said that, "Every second of this teaser carries the heartbeat of our team. From the first storyboard sketch to the final sound mix—it's been a labor of love. I hope it sparks curiosity, emotion, and maybe even a few goosebumps."

Vaishal Shah is Hit Machine of Gujarati Cinema. The 'Hit Man' of the Industry, year after year, Vaishal's productions have shattered box-office records. His knack for understanding audience tastes, coupled with inno-

vative marketing and grand on ground events, has earned him the title of Gujarati cinema's Hit Man.

Vaishal's films are released worldwide, with overseas Gujarati communities eagerly awaiting each new title. His productions blend entertainment with family values, appealing to both traditional audiences and modern viewers. For Vaishal, filmmaking is more than just creating a good movie — it's about delivering it to the right audience, in the right way, at the right time. His mastery of digital platforms, combined with his marketing acumen, ensures that his films don't just release — they arrive with impact.

The lead role in this film is played by Yash Soni. Audiences will get to see Yash in a completely new avatar. Alongside him are seven women, whose characters will leave the viewers spellbound.

And here his new film's teaser arrived. The fans can now watch the teaser across all digital platforms.

"The Yash Mangalam Show"s new short film "Path Pradarshak" hails the guides of life

Launched in Mayanagari Mumbai on "National Teachers' Day"

Mumbai, 5th September.

After the continuous success of various short films released recently on the popular internet medium YouTube, the short film "Path Pradarshak" as the latest episode of "The Yash Mangalam Show" which is becoming popular as a strong brand of creative excellence was launched on 5th September, 2025 on the occasion of National Teachers' Day in the country's economic capital and Mayanagari Mumbai. In this short film, teachers and all the guides who provide proper guidance at every stage of life have been hailed.

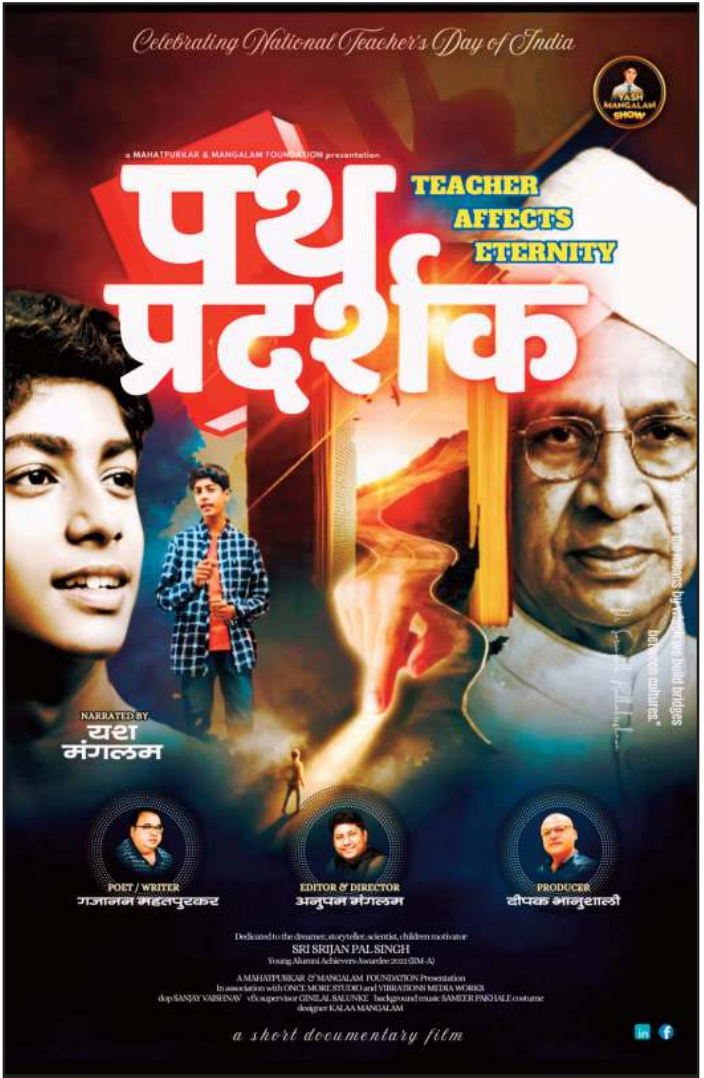
In a unique creative initiative, a newly created short film "Path Pradarshak" by "Vibrations Media Works, Mumbai" under the banner of "Mahatpurkar & Mangalam Foundation" has been uploaded on the most powerful social media platform YouTube under an elegant channel "The Yash Mangalam Show-2025" which is very popular and widely appreciated for its unique content and style of presentation. Earlier, this popular show has received very good response on YouTube with its impressive episodes like "Dharahar: A Poetic Saga", "Shilpkar", "Yoga Retreat", "Sehat Ke Rakhwale", "Kargil Vijay Diwas- A Poetic Saga and "Main Bharat Hoon..!". The show is hosted by the energetic Yash Mangalam who at the age of just 15 has made a name for himself in the world of show-biz with his powerful style of presentation. The poetic script of his special short film has been written effectively by

Mumbai's well-known lyricist, stage anchor and media & public relations consultant Gajanan Mahatpurkar, in which vari-

Bollywood's well-known line producer Deepak Bhanushali, who has played his role very well in popular films like Ek Tha

ensured by Sanjay Vaishnav, VFX coordination by Giniilal Salunke and costume designing by Kalaa Mangalam. Post production has been done by "Vibrations Media Works, Mumbai". It is worth mentioning that Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on 5th September on the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the second President of India. This special short film released on this important occasion is getting a very good response on social media and its extraordinary quality is being appreciated on a large scale. The main lines of this short film have been created like this: - Shikshak jo svayam tapakar, apane shishyon mein bharate hain, vishvaas kee anoothee shakti...! jo achchhaiyon kee sahee seekh dekar hamen dilaate hain buraiyon se mukti, jo svayam thokaren khaakar bhee.... hamen sambhalana sikhaate hain, jo hamaare bheetar sahee- galat kee chetana jagaate hain, unake aadarsh hamaare man ko thamaate hain anushaasan kee dor, unakee shiksha hamen le jaa-tee hai.. agyaanata se ujaale kee oar, shikshak hain banate hain vipareet paristhitiyon mein hamaare svaabhimaan ke rakshak, ye hote hain hamaare- apakee jeevan ke asalee "path pradarshak"..! aaiye, aaj shikshak divas ke avasar par ham pratkar karen sabhee shikshakon ke prati haardik aabhaar..! hamaare jeevan ke sabhee path pradarshakon kee antarmann se jay-jayakaar..!"

This short film can be seen on this You Tube link: <https://youtu.be/m9dXhLYgu2E?si=gap9VZO2fFp0DUnQ>



A view of the poster of "Path Pradarshak from "The Yash Mangalam Show" on the occasion of National Teachers' Day.

ous aspects of pathfinders have been woven very well. It is worth mentioning that 9 short films written by Gajanan Mahatpurkar have already created a stir on YouTube. In this sequence, now through the latest short film "Path Pradarshak", the magic of Gajanan Mahatpurkar's powerful writing and the skillful direction of well-known film director and editor Anupam Mangalam is becoming popular on YouTube. The producer of this short film is

Tiger, Jai Ho, Kick and Rangrez. The responsibility of bringing this powerful, impressive and sensitive short film to the screen through precise editing and skillful direction has been done very well by Mumbai's trusted director of advertising and film industry, Anupam Mangalam. Who has rich experience of making more than 300 ad films in the last 25 years. The soulful music of this newly created short film has been given by Sameer Pakhale. Videography has been

Union Food and Consumer Affairs minister to inaugurate state-of-the-art Chemical Laboratory in National Test House, Ghaziabad on 10th September

NABL-Accredited Chemical Laboratory Ensuring Quality & Safety Across Construction, Packaging, Water, and Fertilizers
NTH Ensuring Safety, Quality, and Compliance Through Advanced Chemical Testing (Gns).

Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy, Shri Pralhad Joshi will inaugurate newly constructed state-of-the-art Chemical Laboratory at National Test House (NTH), Ghaziabad during an event on 10th September, 2025 in New Delhi.

The lab will provide testing of packaged drinking water and natural mineral water, food packaging materials, enamelled and insulated wires made of aluminium and copper, coal, petroleum coke, bitumen, enamel paints, anti-skid products, filtration media such as sand and gravel, as well as white and

coloured chalk. The Chemical Laboratory will play a central role in testing a wide range of materials, including building construction materials, cement, water, metals, alloys, paper, plastics, organic products, and

The laboratory is equipped with state-of-the-art instruments, including Atomic Absorption Spectrometer (AAS), Inductively Coupled Plasma – Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-AES), Optical Emission

The laboratory also offers training, research, and testing support to universities, engineering colleges, and industries, thereby strengthening the scientific and industrial ecosystem.

Furthermore, the Laboratory aims to further expand its scope of testing. Some key plans include facilities for testing fortified food products such as fortified wheat flour, refined flour (maida), nuts, edible oils, and salt enriched with vitamins A and D so as to serve the industry as well as public at large. The laboratory also plans to introduce testing of various spices and conduct micronutrient analysis in food products, thereby widening its contribution to public health, food safety, and quality assurance.

The National Test House (NTH), Ghaziabad, established in 1977, has been a trusted institution for high-quality testing and calibration services across various engineering fields.



fertilizers. The laboratory is accredited by NABL under ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and holds approvals under the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Outside Laboratory Scheme, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), and the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985.

Spectrometer (OES), Gas Chromatography – Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS), High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), and Ion Chromatograph. These advanced facilities enable the laboratory to carry out sophisticated and highly accurate analyses across diverse domains.

DM-SSP inspected PMV Polytechnic College, conducted safely

Under the supervision of 38 sector magistrates and 38 static magistrates, 51529 students took the exam

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar inspected the PMV Polytechnic College in Vrindavan in view of the preliminary qualification examination (P.ET) 2025 conducted by Uttar Pradesh Subordinate Services Selection Commission Lucknow. The said examination was conducted safely at 38 examination centers of the district.

The examination was held on 6 and 7 September 2025. The



exam was held in 2 shifts in which the examination was conducted from 10 am to 12 noon and from 3 pm to 5 pm.

On 6 September 2025, the candidates registered in the first shift were 16992, 12809 present,

absent 4183 and the total attendance was 75.38 percent. On 6 September 2025, the candidates registered in the second shift were 16992, 12749, absent 4243 and the total attendance was 75.02 percent. On 7 September

Yogiraj's city will decorate like a bride

- Half a dozen receptions to be built at major intersections,
- Ten toran will also be made
- Colorful lights and chuns will be installed on all the main routes,

Kosikalan. The city of Yogiraj will be decorated like a bride at the historic Sri Rama Bharatmilap fair organized by Sri Ramliila Sansthan. The fair to be held from 17 September to 3 October will be decorated with colorful lights and chunis from the streets of the city to the square intersections. Along with the entrance to the fair, half a dozen reception and ten toran gates will be built at the main intersections. Regarding the historic Lakkhi Fair Shri Ram Bharat Milap Mela, starting with the flag worship from

17 September, the institute president Ajay Mangla said

Ambedkar Park, near the old sugarcane mill, near

will be built on the old GT Road and Clock tower. The



that all the officials have decided this time that Baldevganj, Ghantaghar, Sabzi Mandi, Shergarh Chauraha, Agrasen Chowk, Swami Dayanand Chowk, on Gate and Totaram TempleToran gates will be built at ten major places near the city police post, Jonti Gali, Syndicate Bank, Nandan Dhaba, near

Bake Devi Temple i.e. ten major places, which will be the center of attraction of the people. The major routes of the city will be equipped with colorful clothes, chunis and various artistic lights. He informed that during the festival, main routes and venues will be equipped with colorful, carved lights. Its center

officials of the institute have appealed to all the shopkeepers to cooperate in the adornment of the festival by putting colorful lights outside the shops. He can become a participant of the system by contacting the tableau makers to include more and more tableaux in the fair during the fair

District Magistrate-General Superintendent of Police inspected Yamunapar flood affected areas

Through the tractor, the water level was reviewed at the railway bridge Yamunapar near the flood -prone village Tiipuram, located under the police station Jamunapar area.

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar inspected various arrangements for flood affected families in view of the rising water level of Yamuna ji. He reviewed the flood refugee site / shelter home installed in the huge marriage home under Lakshmi Nagar area of Tehsil Mahavan. The District Magistrate spoke to the flood affected families, all of them went to the efficient and the facilities being provided at the center. The District Magistrate assured the flood affected families that all damaged houses and crops will be surveyed and

all should be compensated. He inspired everyone to maintain restraint / patience. He said that everything will become normal in 1/2 days. No one needs to panic. After inspection of the huge

Yamuna ji. He visited the college campus and ground and directed Deputy District Magistrate Mahavan Kanchan Gupta to shift the animals to the said place. The District Magistrate

Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police inspected the railway bridge Yamunapar near the flood -prone village Tirapuram located under the police station Jamunapar area through a tractor. He observed the entire flood affected areas. The District Magistrate urged flood affected families to shift to flood refugee sites / shelter homes. He appealed to everyone not to go close to Yamuna ji. The District Magistrate said that flood affected areas are being inspected by all district level offi-



marriage home, District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar reviewed the Subhash Inter College Yamunapar to shift the animals to safe places in view of the rising water level of

gave necessary guidelines to the officers for arranging straw, green fodder, shed, water etc. for animals. He said that no animal should remain hungry. The administration has enough straw and green fodder. District Magistrate Chandra

cers by continuously traveling. People are being transported to safe places. The arrangement of living and eating of people is being ensured. The police administration is committed to the help / help of flood affected families.

“Bistirna Parore”: A Musical Voyage Across Brahmaputra to Celebrate Dr. Bhupen Hazarika’s Birth Centenary

(Gns). The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA), under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), will launch “Bistirna Parore: A Musical Voyage from Sadiya to Dhubri” tomorrow at Gujjan in Dibrugarh to mark the birth centenary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika.

The unique cultural journey, named after one of Dr. Hazarika’s most iconic compositions, will span the length of the Brahmaputra River and bring together communities through music and celebration. The voyage will be flagged off tomorrow morning from Gujjan.

The opening ceremony at Bogibeel, Dibrugarh, will feature a wide range of activities designed to hon-

our Dr. Hazarika’s creative legacy and inspire young minds. These include an art competition, a quiz competition based on the life and works of Dr. Hazarika, and group dance performances showcasing the traditions of Moran, Motok, Tea Tribe, Sonowal Kachari, Deuri, and Gorkha communities. Together, these events will reflect the diversity of Assam’s cultural mosaic that Bhupen Da so vividly captured in his music.

Adding to the significance of the occasion, video tributes from some of India’s most prominent voices in music will be screened. Among those

paying homage are violinist Sunita Bhuyan Khound, music directors Dhruvajyoti Phukan, Amrit Pritam, Lohit Gogoi, and Syed Sadulla, as well as noted artists Ramen Choudhury, Samar Hazarika, and devotional singer Anup Jalota. Their messages will celebrate Bhupen Da’s unparalleled contribution to Indian music and his ability to transcend borders with his art.

The centenary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika is more than an anniversary—it is a collective remembrance of a cultural icon whose voice became the soul of the Brahmaputra. Known as the “Sudhakantha” (Bard of the Brahmaputra), Dr.



Hazarika drew his deepest inspiration from the mighty river. His immortal song Bistirna Parore not only captured the physical expanse of the Brahmaputra but also echoed the struggles, aspirations, and unity of the people who live along its banks.

The Brahmaputra, flowing from Sadiya to Dhubri, has long been the lifeline of Assam, binding together its diverse ethnic, cultural, and linguistic communities. Dr. Hazarika transformed this river into a metaphor for humanity—its boundlessness mirroring his universal messages of equality, friendship, and justice. Through his music, the river became more than geography; it became a symbol of cultural solidarity and global harmony.

Won’t participate in Global Ayyappa Sangamam: Suresh Gopi

(Gns). Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Tourism Suresh Gopi on Sunday said that he would not participate in the Global Ayyappa Sangamam being organized by the LDF government and Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) at Pampa on September 20.

Speaking to media persons in Thrissur on Sunday, Suresh Gopi said he would not participate in the global Ayyappa Sangamam under any circumstance.

Travancore Devaswom Board President P S Prashanth had personally invited the Union minister to the Sangam the other day.

Meanwhile, the global Ayyappa Sangamam also got support from Kerala Pulaya Maha Sabha(KPMS). Expressing support for the Ayyappa Sangamam, KPMS

General Secretary Punnala Sreekumar said that there

was no need for controversy over the entry of women and that the Supreme Court would decide it.

Earlier, the Nair Service Society (NSS) clarified that it would cooperate, if the aim of the Ayyappa Sangam is development work that protects the sanctity of Sabarimala without compromising on rituals. Even while declaring full support, the Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana (SNDP) Yogam had demanded that the cases filed against those protesting against the entry of women be withdrawn.

Meanwhile, Suresh Gopi on Sunday visited the site of the controversial “pookkalam” (floral carpet) arranged on the theme of

Operation Sindoor at the Parthasarathy temple in Muthupillakkad in Kollam.

Suresh Gopi reached the temple along with BJP activists on Sunday evening. He expressed solidarity with persons against whom the Kerala Police have registered an FIR for arranging the Pookalam by scattering sindoor (crimson) inside the controversial floral carpet in front of the temple.

BJP Kerala president Rajeev Chandrasekhar has strongly criticized the action of the Kerala Police in having registered an FIR for arranging a “pookkalam” (floral carpet) on the theme of Operation Sindoor, calling it a seditious act.



DRM conducts inspection of damaged railway bridges on Jammu-Pathankot section

(Gns). Divisional Railway Manager (Jammu Division) Vivek Kumar on Sunday conducted a comprehensive inspection of three vital bridges on the Jammu-Pathankot section, where repair work is underway after they were damaged in recent flash floods.

Rail operations had been disrupted for some time after several bridges in the division sustained damage. Railway bridge number 232, built over the Chakki River between Pathankot Cantt and Kandrodri in Jammu Division, was severely damaged, and repair work

on this crucial link between J&K and Punjab is still in progress.

Similarly, railway bridge number 17, located between Kathua (J&K) and Madhopur (Punjab), and railway bridge number 137, located between Ghagwal and Hiranagar, were also damaged. Repairs on all three bridges are proceeding smoothly.

The inspection was carried out by DRM Jammu Division Vivek Kumar, Senior Divisional

Commercial Manager Uchit Singhal, and other senior officials. More than 250



workers are currently engaged in restoring the Chakki Bridge, which officials said will be completed soon.

During the inspection,

DRM Vivek Kumar emphasized, “Passenger safety is our top priority. After the flood incidents, we immediately began a detailed inspection of 232 bridges in the division. Necessary repair works are being completed, and instructions have been issued to expedite the process.”

Meanwhile, the vital Jammu-Srinagar National Highway remained closed for the seventh consecutive day due to extensive damage at several stretches. The Srinagar-Kargil and Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag highways also continued to remain shut for traffic.

Army Hospital successfully conducts life-saving bone marrow transplant in 7-year-old child

(Gns). A team of doctors in the Department of Hematology and Stem Cell Transplantation at the Army Hospital R&R (AHRR) in Delhi Cantt has for the first time successfully conducted a life-saving bone marrow transplant in a child diagnosed with a rare primary immunodeficiency disorder.

The ground-breaking procedure, performed on Sushant Paudel, has opened new doors of hope for children and families facing similar challenges.

Sushant, son of Sepoy Pradip Paudel, was diagnosed with ARPC1b, a very rare form of immunodeficiency, when he was a year old. It is a condition that severely compromised his immune system making him prone to repeated life-threatening infections and other complications.

The patient was referred to the Army Hospital (R&R) six months back but did not

have an HLA matched sibling donor. The hematology team at the hospital, embarked on an arduous journey to find a suitable donor and orchestrate a meticulously planned bone marrow transplant.

The Matched Unrelated Donor (MUD) transplant, carried out on November 30, involved harvesting healthy stem cells from an HLA compatible donor, which in this case was a voluntary unrelated donor and infusing them into Sushant Paudel’s bloodstream, after his own defective cells were destroyed by a very high dose of chemotherapy. The procedure aimed to replace the defective immune cells with healthy ones, offering a renewed chance at a healthy and vibrant life.

After the successful

transplant, Commandant at AHRR Lt Gen Ajith Nilakantan said: “It’s a moment of great pride and satisfaction for the entire medical fraternity at AHRR



and this patient is a success story due to a team effort.”

The HoD at the Hematology Department Brig Rajan Kapoor said: “Sushant Paudel’s journey has been nothing short of miraculous. This achievement is a testament to the collaborative efforts of our dedicated medical team, the unwavering support of Sushant’s family, and the generosity of the donor. To our knowledge, this is the

first such transplant for this immunodeficiency in India.”

Senior Advisor in the Hematology Department Col Rajiv Kumar said: “Only one in five patients have a sibling with a full HLA match. The availability of HLA matched unrelated donor stem cells, sourced in this patient from DATRI, is truly a game changer for such patients suffering from a life-threatening immunodeficiency disorder.”

Pediatric Hematologist at AHRR Lt Col Sanjeev Khara stated that the presence of multiple active infections at the time of the transplant made this a very challenging and high-risk transplant. The family members of Sushant Paudel shared their gratitude to the team of doctors for giving him a new lease of life. Opposition’s VP candidate Sudershan Reddy makes passionate appeal to MPs

In a recorded speech delivered via social media,