



PM Modi greets physiotherapists on World Physiotherapy Day, lauds their contribution

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi Monday extended his greetings to the physiotherapy community on the occasion of World Physiotherapy Day.

In a post on platform X, PM Modi appreciated the efforts of physiotherapists, saying, "World Physiotherapy Day is an occasion to appreciate the efforts of all those associated with the practice of physiotherapy. It is commendable how they contribute to the wellbeing of

people, especially the elderly, by ensuring mobility, dignity and a better quality of life."

The prime minister highlighted the significant role physiotherapists play in improving the lives of individuals, particularly the elderly. By ensuring mobility, dignity, and a better quality of life, physiotherapists make



a positive impact on the well-being of people.

World Physiotherapy Day is celebrated annually on September 8 to raise awareness about the importance of physiotherapy in maintaining physical health and well-being. The day also recognizes

the contributions of physiotherapists in the healthcare sector.

Mr Modi's message conveys his appreciation for the hard work and dedication of physiotherapists. Their contributions to the healthcare sector are invaluable, and their efforts deserve recognition. While acknowledging the importance of physiotherapy, his message highlights the need for continued support and recognition for the profession.

Dr. Jitendra Singh Inaugurates International Conference on Space 2025, Calls for Harnessing Space for Global Progress

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Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology; Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh today said that India is entering a transformative phase in its space journey, with ambitious goals ranging from a Bharatiya Space Station by 2035 to landing an Indian astronaut on the Moon by 2040. He was speaking virtually at the inaugural session of the International Conference on Space 2025, themed "Harnessing Space for Global Progress: Innovation, Policy, and Growth."

Highlighting recent milestones, the Minister referred to the success of Chandrayaan-3, which placed India among the leading spacefaring nations by becoming the first to

land near the lunar south pole. He also pointed to the achievements of Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, the first Indian Air Force officer to travel to the International Space Station, and outlined India's upcoming exploration missions to Mars, Venus, and asteroids, alongside the human spaceflight programme Gaganyaan.

Dr. Jitendra Singh underscored the role of reforms initiated under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, which have opened the sector to private participation, startups, and academia. Over 300 startups are currently active in areas including launch vehicles, satellites, and ground systems. This, he said, is not only fostering innovation but also generating jobs, investments, and opportunities for young

professionals.

He noted that the true value of space lies in its applications across every-



day life — from agriculture and health to education, urban development, and governance. "Space must empower every sector and serve the common citizen," he said.

The Minister also emphasized India's commitment to international collaboration. He cited recent partnerships such as the joint NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) mission with the United States, and the upcoming Chandrayaan-5

lunar mission with Japan. Such cooperation, he added, demonstrates how space can serve as a powerful platform for global engagement.

Skill development, he said, remains a critical pillar of India's space strategy. Through ISRO outreach programmes, academic Centres of Excellence, and industry-academia collaborations, the country is nurturing talent in fields such as satellite design, propulsion, AI-driven applications, and space law.

The conference, organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), has drawn over 500 delegates from India and abroad, including government representatives, academics, industry leaders, and startups. Dr. Jitendra Singh commended CII for creating a platform that brings together stakeholders to discuss innovation, policy, and growth in the sector.

Defence Minister Interacts with Navy Children School Students at South Block

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday met and interacted with students of the Navy Children School. The meet-up, which took place at South Block, was part of the ongoing Diamond Jubilee celebrations being observed by the school.

Addressing the students, the Defence Minister encouraged them to dream with purpose, pursue their goals with sincerity, and uphold a strong sense of national pride in all their endeavours. He exhorted them to stay humble yet strong and fulfil their duties in whichever capacity with



honesty and respect. He laid emphasis on the character development of children in their formative years.

Singh also lauded the role of NCS in shaping the character and aspirations of students through disci-

pline, service, and patriotism. He acknowledged the vital role schools under the Ministry of Defence play in nation-building, emphasizing that these institutions are not just centres of learning but platforms that imbue the next generation

with values of leadership, integrity, and responsibility.

During the event, the Defence Minister was given a brief overview of the NCS' vision and achievements, with the students sharing their experiences of how the school is playing a central role in their holistic development. The students also presented handcrafted tokens of respect to the Defence Minister, along with a coffee table book and crest.

The others who were part of the interaction included the Principal of the school and Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Pays Tribute to Former Chief Minister Late Shri Vijay Rupani and Former Members in Gujarat Legislative Assembly

Gujarat Legislative Assembly Observes Two Minutes of Silence to Pay Tribute to Departed Souls

State Honors Former Chief Minister Late Shri Vijay Rupani for His Contributions to Gujarat's Continuous Development Journey

Gandhinagar, 08 September 2025 : Leader of the Gujarat Legislative Assembly and Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel paid tribute to former Chief Minister Late Shri Vijay Ramaniklal Rupani and the deceased who died in the Ahmedabad plane crash and former deceased members through condolence remarks on the first day of the seventh session of the 15th Gujarat Legislative Assembly.

The seventh session of the 15th Gujarat Legislative Assembly commenced on

Monday, 8th September, for three days.

On the first day of this session, in the condolence references presented, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, as the Leader of the House, paid tribute to Gujarat's former Chief Minister late Shri Vijay Rupani, Gujarat's former Minister late Shri Smt. Hemaben Suryakant Acharya, Gujarat's former Minister of State late Shri Ishwarsinh Shivaji Chavda and late Smt. Nurjahan Mohammad Ibrahimkhan Babi, Gujarat's former Deputy Minister late Shri Prof. Balvantray Bachulal Manvar, and former members of Gujarat late Shri Bhupendrakumar Sevkarman Patni and late



Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel appreciated the contributions of former Chief Minister late Shri Vijay Rupani towards the development of the state during his tenure as Chief

Minister. The Chief Minister also paid heartfelt tributes to all the deceased passengers of the Air India Plane crash accident that occurred in Ahmedabad. He recognized the services of all the deceased former legislators as global public representatives and prayed to God for the supreme peace of their souls.

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Shri Shankar Chaudhary, the Ministers of the State Cabinet, as well as the ruling and opposition members of the Assembly, also joined in these condolence references to pay tribute to all the deceased former members and the victims of the air accident. The House observed two minutes of silence to pay homage to all these former deceased members.

Chairman of the National Commission for Backward Classes Shri Hansraj Ahir, pays a courtesy visit to Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel

Gandhinagar, 08 September 2025: Chairman of the National Commission for Backward Classes, Shri Hansraj Ahir, paid a courtesy visit to Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel in Gandhinagar.

He is in Ahmedabad to attend a review meeting regarding the implementation of benefits and reservations extended to OBCs in Gujarat, accompanied by the Secretary of the National Commission, Smt. Meeta Rajivlochan and other officials. He



held a meeting with the Additional Chief Secretary of the General Administration Department, Smt. Sunaina Tomar, Principal Secretary of Social

Justice Empowerment, and Shri Mohammad Shahid, IGP, Smt. Gagandeep Gambhir and officers from the concerned departments. During this visit to

Ahmedabad, on Monday evening, he also met Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel in Gandhinagar, along with Commission Member Shri Bhuvan Bhushan Kamal.

Jaishankar flags linkage of trade measures to non-trade issues at BRICS Summit

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In an indirect jibe at US President Donald Trump's decision to increase tariffs on India, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday stated that linking trade measures to non-trade matters will not help in promoting a sustainable global trade.

Jaishankar was speaking at a virtual BRICS summit convened by Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva to discuss the tariffs imposed by Trump, and multilateralism.

Jaishankar, who was representing Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the summit, during his address, said that the state of the world today is a cause for genuine concern.

"The world requires constructive and cooperative approaches to promote trade that is sustainable. Increasing barriers and complicating transactions will not help. Neither would the linking of trade measures to non-trade matters," said the EAM.

The EAM noted that the past few years have been marked by the devastating impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, major conflicts in Ukraine and the

Middle East, volatility in global trade and investment flows, extreme climate events, and a noticeable slowdown in progress

The EAM said that in the past, the endeavour has been to find common ground between our respective national policies

When there are multiple disruptions, our objective should be to proof it against such shocks," said the minister urging the world leaders for the creation of more resilient, reliable, redundant and shorter supply chains.

"Not just that, it is also essential that we democratize manufacturing and production and encourage their growth in different geographies. Progress in that regard will contribute to regional self-sufficiency and relieve anxieties at times of uncertainty," said the Union Minister.

In his concluding remarks, the EAM also urged the BRICS members to not lose sight of bigger concerns, especially climate change, even as the world grapples with policy challenges.

"Sadly, both climate action and climate justice are currently slipping in global priorities. We need new thinking and initiatives as well. I commend the International Solar Alliance, the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, and the Global Bio-fuels Alliance for your consideration," he added.



towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In the face of these challenges, he stated, the multilateral system appears to be falling short of its responsibilities to the world.

"The international trading system is based on the foundational principles of open, fair, transparent, non-discriminatory, inclusive, equitable and a rules-based approach with Special and Differential Treatment for developing countries," he went on to add.

and to act on that basis. "Today, the focus is on stabilizing the international economy and the world order. But it is equally essential that we turn our attention to ongoing conflicts, not least because they have direct developmental and supply chain implications," he added.

"The world as a collective is seeking a stable and predictable environment for trade and investment. At the same time, it is imperative that economic practices are fair, transparent and to everyone's benefit.

President of india graces platinum jubilee celebrations of eepc india

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The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, graced the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of the Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) India in New Delhi today (September 8, 2025).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that in ancient times, India led the world in both spirituality and trade. Making India once again a leading centre of knowledge and trade should be the resolution of all citizens. Being an important stakeholder in the economic sector, EEPC should take this resolution with great determination.

The President was happy to note that in the last 10 years, India's engineering exports have increased from 70 billion dollars to more than 115 billion dollars. She said that this growth in exports seems even more impressive when we consider that there have been many challenges in the field of international trade during the last decade. She appreciated EEPC for its contribution to this achievement.

The President said that EEPC acts as a bridge between the international market and Indian producers. She urged EEPC to continuously expand India's role and the role of Indian entrepreneurs in the Global

Value Chain. She highlighted that due to the changes taking place in the World Trade Order and International Economic

the challenges of global trade need to be turned into opportunities by utilising the exceptional capabilities available in our country.

seven decades. EEPC should continue this process of change and keep working to make India's economy continuously stronger with the spirit of 'Nation First'.

The President said that high-quality engineering services and products at low cost are a great strength of India. Global Capability Centres of the world's biggest companies are in India. Stakeholders like EEPC should move forward with the idea of making India a Global Innovation Centre by providing proper incentives and an ecosystem.



Order, its role has become more important.

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India's engineering export destinations have changed significantly over the last

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Editorial

Regulating AI is crucial

Artificial Intelligence is the most transformative revolutionary technology of our era that is shaping every area of human activity, but its immense power is also saddled with immense risks. The opacity of its algorithms enhances this danger – there are numerous instances where it has caused grievous harm to society. These harms can propagate at lightning speed giving little scope for correction or course reversal.

The risks also extend to systemic instability, as evidenced by AI-driven financial “flash crashes” – on 6 May 2010, the Dow Jones fell more than 1,000 points in just 10 minutes, erasing about \$1 trillion in equity, though 70 per cent of the losses were recovered by the end of the day. Left unregulated, these risks can undermine trust in institutions and destabilize markets. But much more sinister is their ability to inflict physical violence. In 2020, a UN report indicated that Turkish-made Kargu-2 drones, powered by AI-based image recognition, may have attacked human combatants without direct human oversight, marking what may be the first recorded incident of autonomous lethal force.

Reports from Gaza in 2023–24 suggested that Israel used an AI system known as “Lavender” to automatically generate target lists for bombing campaigns. Such automated decision-making may have caused unintended civilian deaths by lowering the strike threshold, mocking the morality, legality and accountability in using violence against civilians. AI systems are prone to inheriting their creators’ biases and frequently reflect hidden biases within their training data, thereby replicating and intensifying human prejudices while feigning impartiality.

AI’s scale, invisibility, and speed make it more dangerous; once embedded in automated decision-making systems, biased outcomes can affect millions of people together. Such abuses erode trust, deepen inequalities, and perpetuate systemic injustice. A case in point is the COMPAS algorithm used in US courts to predict reoffending risk. The system unfairly labelled Black defendants as “high risk” compared to white defendants even when the latter had worse criminal histories, affecting bail and sentencing. Amazon’s AI hiring tool was scrapped after it was found to discriminate against female applicants.

Apple’s credit card algorithm came under fire in 2019 when women, including high-profile applicants, received significantly lower credit limits than men with identical financial credentials. Another serious concern is that a handful of large US corporations control most AI resources and computing power. This creates significant geopolitical risks, entrenching monopolies and deepening the digital divide. It is impossible to overlook how Facebook’s algorithm contributed to the Rohingya genocide in Myanmar’s Rakhine state in 2016-17.

Programmed to enhance user engagement to generate more advertising revenue for Facebook, the self-learning algorithm quickly learnt a common human trait – that propagating hatred and sharing provocative content were more efficient in enhancing user engagement. It then started normalising hateful content and dehumanizing Rohingyas – thousands of them were murdered and over 700,000 fled to Bangladesh. A 2018 UN Fact-Finding Mission highlighted the role of Facebook in inciting violence against Rohingyas, accusing the company of being “slow and ineffective” in responding to the crisis.

For big companies, profit is more important than safety, ethics, or accountability. AI is a tool with limitless potential to advance human welfare, but equally capable of causing limitless harm. The release of ChatGPT in 2022 was a wake-up call – its potential for spreading misinformation and hatred in society, and even undermining the democratic process, prompted global demands for AI-regulation. The European Union spearheaded this initiative by passing the EU Artificial Intelligence Act in August 2024. This August marks the implementation of its key features, with complete functionality expected by August 2026.

At its core, the Act follows a “risk-based” approach, categorising AI applications according to their risks from minimal to unacceptable, and prescribes obligations accordingly. It aims to ensure that AI systems are safe, transparent and non-discriminatory, and are overseen by humans to prevent harmful outcomes. Those with unacceptable risks will be outright prohibited in the EU – they include cognitive behavioural manipulation of people or specific vulnerable groups, social scoring or profiling of people by governments or any manipulative biometric surveillance including real-time biometric identification systems like facial recognition in public spaces.

As per this Act, high risk AI systems capable of breaching the safety or fundamental rights of citizens will need continuous monitoring. While Generative AI, like ChatGPT, will not be classified as high-risk, it will have to comply with transparency requirements by disclosing AI-generated content and to prevent it from generating illegal or harmful content.

FundsIndia Crosses ₹20,000 Crore AUM, Aims to Become India’s Go-To Wealth Management Platform

8th September, 2025 – FundsIndia, one of India’s pioneering digital wealth management platforms, has announced a landmark achievement, crossing ₹20,000 crore in Assets Under Management (AUM). This milestone underscores the company’s strong market position as a trusted fintech leader delivering investor-centric solutions at scale.

FundsIndia’s growth trajectory reflects consistent expansion across Retail Investors, Partner Ecosystem, and Private Wealth clients, strengthening its position in the wealth management space. By combining technology-driven convenience with personalised



guidance, supported by deep research capabilities and enduring investor trust, FundsIndia is committed to evolving into a full-service wealth management platform, a go-to destination for every investor seeking comprehensive wealth management solutions.

Commenting on the development, Akshay Sapru, Group CEO, FundsIndia, said: “This is a proud milestone for us and a reaffirmation of our

A tribute to Bhupen Da Today, 8th September, is a very special day for all those who are passionate about Indian culture and music. It is particularly more special for my sisters an

Today, 8th September, is a very special day for all those who are passionate about Indian culture and music. It is particularly more special for my sisters and brothers of Assam. After all, it is the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, one of the most extraordinary voices India has ever known. As you are all aware, this year marks the beginning of his birth centenary celebrations.

It is an occasion to revisit his monumental contributions to Indian artistic expression and public consciousness. What Bhupen Da gave us extends far beyond music. His works embodied emotions that transcended melody. More than just a voice, he was the heartbeat of the people. Generations have grown up listening to his songs, each word resonating with themes of kindness, social justice, unity and deep-rooted belonging. From Assam emerged a voice that flowed like a timeless river, crossing borders and cultures, carrying with it the spirit of humanity.

Bhupen Da travelled the globe, rubbed shoulders with the who’s who across all spectrums of society, but he remained deeply connected to his roots in Assam. The rich oral traditions, folk melo dies and community storytelling practices of Assam deeply shaped his early childhood. These experiences formed the bedrock of his artistic vocabulary. He always carried the spirit of Assam’s indigenous identity and the ethos of its people.



(Gns). The warning issued by the United Arab Emirates against Israeli annexation of the West Bank is more than diplomatic rhetoric; it is a rare attempt by a Gulf state to draw a firm boundary in a conflict too often treated as open-ended. By declaring annexation a “red line,” the UAE is signaling that the very agreements that were meant to symbolise regional rapprochement could unravel if Israel presses ahead with far-right proposals to impose sovereignty over vast swathes of occupied territory.

The Abraham Accords were not born in a vacuum. They represented a calculated gamble: normalisa-

tion with Israel could coexist with a commitment to Palestinian aspirations, so long as Israel suspended earlier annexation plans. For the UAE, this balance allowed it to expand its geopolitical reach, gain access to Israeli technology, and demonstrate independence from older Arab positions while still maintaining a rhetorical anchor in the two-state vision. Annexation, however, would sever that delicate compromise. What makes this moment more acute is the scale of the proposal now being advanced.

To claim nearly 80 per cent of the West Bank while leaving Palestinians in disconnected enclaves around a handful of cities is not

Brilliance came to Bhupen Da at a very young age. At the age of just five, he sang at a public event and quickly caught the attention of none other than Lakshminath Bezbaruah, the pioneering figure of Assamese literature.

By the time he was a teenager, he had recorded his first song. But music was only one part of his personality. Bhupen Da was as much an intellectual at heart...curious, articulate and driven by an insatiable desire to understand the world. Cultural legends like Jyoti Prasad Agarwala and Bishnu Prasad Rabha left a deep impression on his mind and also deepened his spirit of enquiry. It was also this desire to learn that made him excel at Cotton College, Banaras Hindu University and took him to the United States, where he interacted with leading academics, thinkers and musicians of those times.

He met Paul Robeson, the legendary artist and civil rights leader. Robeson’s song “Ol’ Man River” became the inspiration for Bhupen Da’s iconic composition ‘Bistirno Parore.’ The much-admired former American First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, awarded him a Gold Medal for his performances of Indian folk music. Bhupen Da had the option of remaining in the US, but he returned to India and immersed himself in music. From radio to theatre, films to educational documentaries, he was well-versed in each of these media. Wherever he

went, he emphasised supporting young talent.

His works combined lyrical flair and also gave social messages, touching upon justice for the poor, rural development, strength

those within the state and for the Assamese diaspora across the globe. Bhupen Da, although not really a political person, did remain connected to the world of public service as well.

In 1967, he was elected as an independent MLA from Nauboicha constituency in Assam, demonstrating how deeply his public persona was rooted in the people’s trust. Though he never became a career politician, his passion for serving others was highly impactful. The people and Government of India have recognised his enormous contributions over the years. He was conferred with several awards,



of common citizens, to name a few. Through his music, he gave voice to the aspirations of boatmen, tea garden workers, women, farmers, etc. In addition to being nostalgic, Bhupen Da’s works also became a powerful lens to view modernity. A lot of people, especially from the socially backward classes like him, derived strength and hope from his music. The spirit of ‘Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat’ found powerful expression in Bhupen Hazarika’s life journey. His works transcended linguistic and regional boundaries to unite people across the country.

He composed for films

Land Grab Cost

merely territorial tinkering; it is the effective burial of statehood. The language used by Israeli ministers ~ “maximum land with minimum Arabs” ~ strips away any pretense of coexistence. It reduces Palestinians to demographic inconveniences rather than partners in a future settlement. The Palestinian Authority’s endorsement of the UAE’s position illustrates both its desperation

and its dependence on external voices to defend even the possibility of sovereignty. Yet the deeper significance lies in what this means for Israel’s regional standing.

If Arab states that chose normalisation feel betrayed, then the symbolic breakthrough of 2020 risks being remembered as a false dawn. In diplomacy, trust is a scarce currency. Once depleted, it cannot be easily

including the Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, Dadasaheb Phalke Award and more.

In 2019, it was an honour for me personally and for the NDA government

that the Bharat Ratna was conferred upon him during our tenure. People from across the world, especially those from Assam and the Northeast, expressed joy that this honour was conferred upon him. This honour celebrated the principles that Bhupen Da held dear to his heart – that music, when grounded in truth, can transcend all barriers. That a song can carry the weight of a people’s dreams and move hearts across the world.

I remember the time Bhupen Da passed away in 2011. I had seen on television how lakhs of people attended his funeral. Every eye was moist that time.

Even in death, like in his illustrious life, he brought people together. It was thus fitting that he was cremated at the Jalukbari hillock overlooking the Brahmaputra, the very river that had been the lifeline of his music, metaphors and memories. It is gladdening that the Assam Government has supported the work of the Bhupen Hazarika Cultural Trust, which is working to popularise his life journey among youngsters. Bhupen Hazarika’s life teaches us the power of empathy, of listening to people and of staying rooted.

His songs continue to be sung by young and old alike. His music teaches us to be compassionate and courageous. It asks us to remember our rivers, our labourers, our tea workers, our Nari Shakti and our Yuva Shakti. It encourages us to believe in unity in diversity. Bharat is blessed to have Bhupen Hazarika. As we celebrate the beginning of his centenary year, let us reiterate our commitment to spreading his message far and wide. May it also inspire us to keep working to support music, art and culture, to encourage young talent and make India a nurturing ground for creativity and artistic excellence. It is only fitting that one of India’s most significant infrastructure projects, the bridge connecting Dhola and Sadiya, bears the name of Bhupen Hazarika. Just as his songs connected hearts across regions, this bridge connects lands and people.

Not in Need of Any Introduction – Santosh Kunjiraman Resides in the Hearts of the People

Santosh Kunjiraman – A Unique Symbol of Art, Acting, and Culture

Anpara (Sonebhadra): In today’s time, Santosh Kunjiraman is not just a name but a living tradition. Through his unique artistic talent, powerful acting, and extraordinary cultural activities, he has left an indelible mark on society.

Whether it’s stage performances, musical instrument presentations, traditional music, or participation in social and cultural programs, Santosh Kunjiraman’s involvement has always been remarkable. Audiences not only find entertainment in his

performances but are also inspired by the social messages embedded within his art.



Santosh Kunjiraman has not only kept traditional art alive but has also played a crucial role in connecting the younger generation with cultural values. His contributions towards

social harmony, cultural unity, and the promotion of art are beyond words. It is for this reason that people regard him not just as an artist but as a cultural ambassador.

Moreover, Santosh Kunjiraman is a man of many talents. He founded a music band called “Clap

Box Music Band Renusagar”, bringing together music lovers into one collective. Additionally, he created a short film titled “Jurassic World in Renusagar,” based on dinosaurs. The film was screened at the Renusagar Auditorium and received an excellent response from the audience. The film was especially praised for its outstanding animation effects and creative execution.

He is also a popular YouTuber under the name “Santhosh Kunjiraman”, with many followers. His channel is a reflection of his diverse talents and artistic versatility.

Sunita Ahuja breaks her silence on rumours; shares truth about life with Govinda on COLORS' 'Pati Patni Aur Panga'

Loved by the internet for her candour, infectious laugh, and punchlines that never miss, Sunita Ahuja has always spoken her mind in her signature bindaas style. Time and again, Govinda’s better half has shown that she knows exactly how to rise above the noise with grace, grit, and just the right touch of humour.

On COLORS’ Pati Patni Aur Panga – Jodiyaon Ka Reality Check, Sunita made a guest appearance and decisively addressed the rumours swirling around her. In a show that explores the highs, lows, and hilarious moments of

marriage, it was only natural that her personal life became a topic of discussion. True to her style, she confronted the chatter head-on with a candid and fearless response.

During her recent appearance, Sunita said, “Kya chaalis saal maamuli hota hai kaatna? Har insaan galti karta hai, par har cheez ka ek umar hota hai. Jab 62 saal ki umar mein itne bade-



bade bacche ho jaayein, toh insaan galti kaise kar sakta hai?”

Curious to know the full story? Watch the weekend episode of Pati Patni Aur Panga to catch Sunita Ahuja’s confession.

Nivea Body Milk Presents ‘Pati Patni Aur Panga - Jodiyaon Ka Reality Check’ Co-Powered by Sugar Free Green, Rajdhani Besan, Cadbury Dairy Milk, Pouch Home Air Fresheners, Envy Perfumes and L’Oréal Paris Hyaluron Pure. Special Partners Colgate and Catch Masale, airing every Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 PM, only on COLORS.

Western railway to run weekly special train between bandra terminus & ahmedabad

Mumbai, For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season, Western Railway will run a Weekly Special Train on Special fare between Bandra Terminus & Ahmedabad.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details of the train is as under:

Train No. 09441/09442 Bandra Terminus – Ahmedabad Weekly Special [4 Trips]

Train No. 09441 Bandra Terminus - Ahmedabad Special will depart from Bandra Terminus on Wednesday, 17th & 24th September, 2025 at 22:50 hrs, and will reach Ahmedabad at 07:40 hrs, the next day. Similarly, Train

No. 09442 Ahmedabad – Bandra Terminus Special will depart from Ahmedabad on Tuesday, 16th & 23rd September, 2025 at 21:15 hrs, and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 06:00 hrs, the next day.

Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Vadodara, Anand and Nadiad, stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC -3 Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

The booking for Train Nos. 09441 & 09442 will open from 09 September, 2025 at all PRS counters & on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

WESTERN RAILWAY EXTENDS THE TRIPS OF SPECIAL TRAIN BETWEEN MUMBAI CENTRAL - INDORE

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Train No. 09085 Mumbai Central - Indore Special departs from Mumbai Central every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 23.20 hrs and will reach Indore at 13.00 hrs, the next day. The trips of this train have been extended further from 15th to 29th September, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09086 Indore – Mumbai Central Special will depart from Indore every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 17.00 hrs and will arrive Mumbai Central at 07.10 hrs, the next day. The trips of this train have been extended further from 16th to 30th September, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Vadodara, Dahod, Ratlam

20-Year-Old Woman Gang-Raped By Two Acquaintances During Birthday Celebration In Kolkata

(Gns).

A 20-year-old woman from Haridevpur, Kolkata, was allegedly gang-raped by two acquaintances on Friday, September 5, under the pretext of celebrating her birthday, according to police reports.

The survivor filed a complaint at the Haridevpur police station, alleging that the two men lured her to a residence in the Regent Park area after dining together. When she attempted to leave, the accused locked the door and sexually assaulted her. She managed to escape the following morning and informed her family about the incident.

On September 5 in Kolkata, a 20-year-old woman reported being gang-raped by Chandan Mallick and Dwip Biswas, who are now absconding, after they lured her to a Regent Park residence. The incident follows a similar case in June 2025

Police have launched an investigation into the case. In an official statement,



Monojit Mishra, Promit Mukherjee, Zaib Ahmed, and security guard Pinaki Banerjee were arrested.

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20-Year-Old Woman Gang-Raped by Two Acquaintances During Birthday Celebration in Kolkata

The accused, identified as Chandan Mallick and Dwip (Deep) Biswas, are currently absconding.

the police said: "The FIR-named accused, Chandan Mallick, brought the complainant to the house of another accused, Dwip Biswas, near Malancha, where both allegedly raped and assaulted her. An investigation in the case is ongoing."

According to police sources cited by India Today, the woman had come into contact with

Haryana Man Killed In United States Over Small Argument

(Gns).

What was meant to be a journey of hope turned into a tragedy for a farming family in Haryana's Jind district. Their only son, Kapil, who had left for the United States two years ago in search of a better future, was shot dead in California after he objected to a man urinating in public.

Eyewitnesses rushed to alert the police, but before any help could arrive, the 24-year-old collapsed from his injuries. Doctors tried to save him, but he did not survive. The shooter is still on the run.

Kapil, a 24-year-old from Barah Kala village in Haryana's Jind district, was fatally shot in California after objecting to a man urinating in public, two years after he had migrated to the United States via the Dunki route in 2022. Having spent ₹45 lakh to send him abroad, his family now struggles to afford the cost of bringing his body back.

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Kapil was killed for stopping a person from urinating

in public

Kapil was killed for stopping a person from urinating in public

For Kapil's parents, the news has been unbearable. Born on May 22, 2000, in Barah Kala village, Kapil was their only child and their only hope. In 2022, he had taken the perilous "Dunki" route to the US, a journey that cost the family nearly ₹45 lakh-an amount they raised by exhausting their savings. Once settled abroad, he had begun sending money home,

India stands united to overcome global challenges; focus on Swadeshi and Atmanirbhar Bharat essential: Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal

(Gns).

No matter how big the problem arises in the global situation, India stands together as a nation said Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, while addressing the 56th EEPIC India National Awards today. He added that the country has the strength to overcome any crisis. Shri Goyal further emphasised that businesses should focus on swadeshi products, as this will not only help India's growth but also strengthen the country's financial security. He cautioned that recently it has been seen that any country can impose export controls or restrict important products from reaching India, which can create hurdles for businesses. Therefore, he said, there is a need to focus more on Atmanirbhar Bharat. He



described it as a call to action that everyone must accept.

Shri Goyal also recalled that on 15th August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a clarion call for swadeshi products, stressing the importance of innovation. He said that India's 1.4 billion people, businesses and trade should focus on Made in India products. Businesses that are import dependent, he suggested, can look into products that can be procured and made in India.

The Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In her address, she spoke about India's engineering exports and their advancement over the decades. She emphasised the importance of exports in strengthening the country's economy and enhancing India's global standing.

Shri Goyal highlighted that India's strength relies on trade and the MSME sector, which form the backbone of the country's businesses. He said that India's self-confidence is so strong that it will only grow stronger and will not bow in front of anyone. Referring to EEPIC's journey, he pointed out that in 1955 exports were at USD 10 million, while today they stand at USD 116 billion. With time, he said, the engineering sector will grow further with bigger goals and greater strength.

The Minister said that he

has full confidence that India, with the motto of "Zero Defect, Zero Effect," will grow bigger. He underlined the need to ensure that good quality products are made in India and sold across the world. He added that the world today considers India a trusted partner, and it is important to maintain that status. He also stated that India is a nation conscious of sustainability. As a responsible global citizen, India is mindful of Mother Nature, and with its NDC commitments under COP21 in Paris, India has ranked in the top three for consecutive years in global sustainability efforts.

Shri Goyal said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has transformed from a fragile five economies to one of the top five economies.

Throwback: Forget Navya Nair, Ganguly, Harbhajan Paid \$400 Fine For Dirty Shoes In NZ Airport

(Gns).

In an unusual yet striking reminder of how stringent international biosecurity regulations can be, Malayalam actress Navya Nair recently found herself slapped with a hefty fine at Melbourne International Airport.

While heading to Australia to attend a festive Onam celebration organized by the Malayali Association in Victoria, Navya was caught carrying a 15 cm-long jasmine garland in her handbag-a simple token of tradition that ended up costing her A\$1,980 (around ₹1.25 lakh).

Malayalam actress Navya Nair was fined A\$1,980 at Melbourne Airport for carrying a jasmine garland, while Indian cricketers Sourav Ganguly and Harbhajan Singh were



asked her to carry one half from Kochi to Singapore and keep the remaining piece safely in her handbag.

celebrity misadventures at foreign customs. A throwback to the early 2000s reveals a memorable episode involving Indian cricket stars Sourav Ganguly and Harbhajan Singh. During the Indian cricket team's tour of New Zealand in 2002-03, both were fined \$400 (approximately ₹18,000 at the time) at Auckland Airport for carrying dirty cricket shoes-specifically shoes with mud and grass stuck to them.

The video from that time shows a young Parthiv Patel and Rahul Dravid clearing customs process, while Ganguly and Harbhajan found themselves under scrutiny. Tony Davys, the then MAF (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry) Enforcement Officer, alleged Harbhajan had failed to declare all his cricket shoem

Unfortunately, this innocent act was considered a serious violation by the Australian Border Force, which treats such items as potential threats to the country's unique ecosystem.

This incident is not isolated in the annals of Indian

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

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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,



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

(Gns).

Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba resigned to prevent division within the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) after the party's significant loss in the July parliamentary elections, losing its majority in both houses, prompting internal pressure for his resignation.

Despite the setback, Ishiba initially pledged to continue serving as Prime Minister. However, internal demands from rightwing opponents within his party persisted for over a month. This internal pressure ultimately led to his decision to step down.



The government has announced that Ishiba will address the public in a press conference scheduled for 6 pm IST. His resignation marks a significant moment in Japanese politics, reflecting the challenges faced by leaders in maintaining party unity amidst electoral defeats.

Political Implications

Ishiba took office in October and faced immediate challenges from within his party. His decision to resign is seen as an effort to maintain cohesion within the LDP and avoid further political turmoil. The

Accept Hostage Deal or Face Consequences: Trump's 'Last Warning' To Hamas

(Gns).

US President Donald Trump on Sunday demanded Hamas to accept a deal on hostage release with Israel, saying this is his "last warning" failing which the militant organisation has to face the consequences.

In a post on Truth Social, he wrote, "Everyone wants the Hostages HOME. Everyone wants this War to end! The Israelis have accepted my Terms. It is time for Hamas to accept as well. I have warned Hamas about the consequences of not accepting. This is my last warning, there will not be another one! Thank you for your attention to this matter." However, Trump's post lacked specifics.

Former US President Donald Trump urged

Hamas to accept a hostage release deal with Israel, warning of consequences in his final warning, while negotiations involve releasing hostages, Palestinian prisoners, and pausing the Gaza City advance, reported The Times of Israel. Hamas responded with readiness to negotiate for prisoner release, demanding an end to the war and complete withdrawal from Gaza, amidst international pressure.

According to a report in Israel's Channel 12, the plan involves freeing all hostages on the first day of a truce, followed by broader discussions. In return, Israel would release Palestinian prisoners and pause its advance into Gaza City. These negotiations would occur under Trump's direct supervision, with the ceasefire maintained as long as talks continued, Times of Israel reported.

Hamas' Response and Conditions

Following Trump's ultimatum, Hamas issued a cautious response. They expressed readiness to negotiate immediately for prisoner release in exchange for a clear declaration to end the war, complete withdrawal from Gaza Strip, and forming an independent Palestinian committee to govern Gaza. "Hamas welcomes any move that helps the efforts



to stop the aggression against our people," Times of Israel quotes statement, affirming that it received "some ideas from the American side aimed at reaching a ceasefire."

Hamas also mentioned being in "constant contact with mediators" to transform these ideas into a comprehensive agreement meeting their demands. Meanwhile, opposition leader Yair Lapid criticized Netanyahu's government for delaying negotiations despite mediator efforts. He emphasized that a hostage deal is possible and necessary.

International Pressure and Concerns

The proposed framework emerges amid growing international pressure against Israel's offensive in Gaza City.

Global Leaders Convene for DialogueNEXT Conference in New Delhi to Confront Hunger Tipping Point

The two-day gathering brings together high-level policymakers, experts, and farmers to explore frontier innovations

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Global agricultural leaders, policymakers, scientists and farmers gathered in New Delhi for DialogueNEXT in India. A two-day high-level event aimed at exploring and accelerating breakthrough innovations to secure the world's food future, is being held from 8-9 September, 2025 at the ICAR Convention Centre, PUSA Campus, New Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Mangi Lal Jat, Secretary Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Govt of India and Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research

(ICAR) said the emerging global megatrends are posing complex challenges on agri-food systems which



need smallholder farmer-centric, systemic solutions and their accelerated uptake. "This essentially needs greater investments in cutting-edge science, innovations and partnerships across discovery to delivery. Since India's agricultural transformation is happening at a faster pace, the country can serve as a

smallholder agriculture innovation hub for the Global South", he said.

Hosted by the World

Food Prize Foundation in partnership with CIMMYT, the Borlaug Institute for South Asia (BISA) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), this year's DialogueNEXT "Take it to the Farmer" continues the farmer-focused theme, building on last year's DialogueNEXT in Mexico.

The conference emphasizes the urgent need to ensure that transformative agricultural solutions reach farmers, particularly across the Global South. Held on the occasion of World Agriculture Day, DialogueNEXT will shine a global spotlight on those who feed the world. The event celebrates India's powerful legacy of agricultural innovation, honors Indian World Food Prize Laureates and showcases the country's leadership in global food systems. Through this gathering, stakeholders across science, policy, business and civil society will come together to advance a farmer-first agenda and deepen cross-sector collaboration—laying essential groundwork for action-oriented outcomes.

Moradabad's Gautam Buddha Park's ongoing construction should be stopped immediately - Sudarshan

Lucknow/ Samajwadi Party Baba Saheb Ambedkar Vahini's National General Secretary Rambabu Sudarshan said that according to the Constitution of India, India is a secular country where people of different religions and castes live and people of every religion have their own places of worship, but ever since the BJP government has been formed, there has been a conspiracy to destroy and demolish the social and religious

places of Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar and Dalits, a living example of this is the Moradabad incident.

Sudarshan said that Moradabad's Gautam Buddha Park is the most popular park in the city, and it is also a major place of faith for the followers of Buddhism, Dr. Bhimrao

Ambedkar, Kanshiram and the followers of the PDA community. Sudarshan further said that the Municipal Corporation of Moradabad is constructing a Senior Care Center in the park premises. This step has caused great anger among

the PDA community, especially the local public. Shri Sudarshan said that even



DM spoke to flood affected families The water level has started decreasing, all things will become normal in a few days

District Magistrate showed love and affection to children

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh inspected the flood refugee site /shelter home installed at Laxmi Garden Marriage Home of Tehsil Sadar. The District Magistrate held talks with flood affected families and everyone should go to the efficient. He reviewed the arrangements like food, drinking water, light, toilets, medical teams, electricity, generators, fans, mattresses, sheets, pillow etc. at the relief camp. The District Magistrate informed the flood affected families that now the water level of water has started decreasing, in a few days everything will become normal.

The District Magistrate said that after the flood

waters, a special cleanliness drive will be carried out by the district administration. All will be safely sent back to their homes. No one will be allowed to have any problem. Police-administration is committed to help you all. All things are being provided by the government for your convenience. Ration materials will also be provided to flood affected families. The District Magistrate assured everyone that compensation will be given as per the rules after survey of damaged houses and crops. No one will be left.

The District Magistrate inspected the flood refugee site set up at Subhash Inter College

located in Laxmi Nagar, Tehsil Mahavan after



District Magistrate CP Singh explaining to flood-prone families

inspection of Laxmi Garden Marriage Home. The District Magistrate loved the children. He asked the children that after the flood, he would go to school, on which all the children said in unison that we will go to school. The District Magistrate came to know everyone's skills. He

before this, the BJP i.e. the double engine government was constructing a place of worship of another religion in the Buddha Park in Kanpur city. The BJP government wants to earn its political bread by making people of one religion fight with people of other religions and by creating communal frenzy. He demanded from the state government that the construction work of the Senior Care Center should be stopped immediately.

instructed Deputy District Magistrate Mahavan Kanchan Gupta that children should be given milk, banana, fruits, biscuits, chocolate etc. The District Magistrate visited the medical camp. He asked the doctor present, asked the number of sick, informed about the treatment being given and directed that they should provide excellent health facilities to all. The District Magistrate also instructed the officials of the municipal corporation to clean the ground of the college. Deputy District Magistrate Sadar/ Joint Magistrate Abhinav J Jain, Deputy District Magistrate Mahavan Kanchan Gupta, Additional Municipal Commissioner Saurabh Singh and other officials were present in the inspection

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh announces 1-Week Residential Administrative Training programme for Science 'Administrators' prepared by INSA

(Gns). Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh has announced 1-week residential Administrative Training Programme/Module for Science "Administrators", an initiative of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) led by President, INSA, Prof. Ashutosh Sharma who called on the Minister today at Kartavya Bhawan, here.

Dr. Jitendra Singh appreciated this pioneering initiative and directed that the training programme be specialized on the lines of Civil Services training modules, providing exposure to upcoming Science Administrators for tasks ahead. Stressing the shift from "Rule-based" to "Role-based" capacity building, he instructed that the module be onboarded on the iGOTKarmayogi Portal under Mission Karmayogi,

ensuring wider accessibility, continuous value addition through feedback, and upskilling opportunities for participants across the country.

The Minister underlined the importance of capacity building of human resources as a critical component of India's scientific advancement. He also suggested incorporating communication skills and industry perspectives in the module to prepare Science Administrators not just as managers but also as future leaders for Viksit Bharat.

Sharing details of the training programme, Prof. Sharma said the structured module will target PhD students, Assistant Professors, and Mid-Career Faculty, enabling them to contribute towards world-class research, impactful teaching, and leadership devel-

opment for India's knowledge economy.

The programme will cover diverse areas including scientific communication, grant writing, lab safety, innovation, stress and time management, net-



working, career opportunities, research group management, and administrative responsibilities. For mid-career faculty expected to take on senior administrative roles, INSA in collaboration with the American Chemical Society (ACS) will organize leadership-focused conferences addressing strategic deci-

sion-making and change management.

Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasized that the initiative is not only about creating Science Administrators but about building Science Leaders who can steer India's S&T ecosystem in the coming decades.

Highlighting the democratization of science in the last decade, Dr. Singh said there has been a remarkable rise in participation of youth, women, and researchers from remote and aspirational districts in science and research. He drew parallels between scientific research and India's thriving startup ecosystem, pointing out the shared spirit of innovation, risk-taking and problem-solving.

The Minister also stressed the need to sensitize scientists and laboratories to contemporary sustainability imperatives. He directed that modules on Environment, Sustainability, and Governance (ESG) be included to align Indian science with emerging global compliance and sustainability frameworks.

Ministry of Education celebrates International Literacy Day (ILD) 2025 with the Theme "Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era"

Himachal Pradesh becomes 5th fully literate State/UT after Tripura, Mizoram, Goa and Ladakh

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan emphasizes Literacy as Empowerment; celebrates progress and urges Collective Effort for Universal Literacy Skills, civic awareness, digital access and financial awareness are keys to true literacy - Shri Jayant Chaudhary (Gns).

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, Shri Jayant Chaudhary addressed International Literacy Day (ILD) 2025 celebration organised by Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of

Education at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi today. The programme was also attended

State/UT Education Departments, Volunteer Teachers, Learners, Neo-Literates, and other stake-



by Shri Kishor Barman, Minister of Education, Tripura, Dr. Vanlalhlana, Minister of Education, Mizoram, and Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, DoSEL, along with senior officials from the Ministry of Education, NCERT, CBSE, KVS, NVS, NCTE, NIOS,

holders.

The theme for this year's celebration was "Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era", highlighting the pivotal role of digital technology in enabling reading, writing, numeracy, and lifelong learning skills across the country.

Himachal Pradesh has become the fourth state to achieve full functional literacy, joining Tripura, Mizoram, and Goa in this significant milestone. On June 24, 2024, Ladakh was declared the first Union Territory to be fully literate.

On this occasion Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, delivered a virtual address highlighting India's progress and vision for universal literacy. Shri Pradhan underscored that literacy goes beyond reading and writing. It is a means to dignity, empowerment and self-reliance. He noted that India's literacy rate has risen from 74 percent in 2011 to 80.9 percent in 2023-24, but emphasised that true progress will be achieved only when literacy becomes a lived reality for every citizen.

Image Introduction: Cabinet Minister Ch. . Lakshminarayan addressing the participants at the 14th Shri Sharda Centenary Honor Ceremony organized at Santosh Memorial Hall of Sanskriti University

Sanskriti University a milestone in the field of education, culture and religion: Ch. Laxminarayan

Mathura. In the 14th Sri Sharada Shatabdi Samman Samaroh organized at Santosh Memorial Auditorium of Sanskriti University, Chief Guest, Cabinet Minister Laxminarayan Chaudhary said that there are six universities in my region but Sanskriti University is the only university which is carrying religion and culture along with education. Therefore, I feel that this university will prove to be a milestone for the students of the country to build a strong future.

The Dairy Minister said that I am also a fan of

Sanskriti University's Chancellor Dr. Sachin Gupta because today when everyone is raising the flag of allopathy, in such an environment you are imparting education of natural and Ayurvedic chikitsa in your university. Your good fortune was established from the time when cow service was also started in the university. Everyone faces obstacles and those who do good work face more obstacles. I am associated with this university from the beginning and the people of the region also have affection for this university. He said that it is a matter of great fortune for us that Shankaracharya Sharda Sarvajna Peethadheeshwar Swami Amritananda Dev

Tirth Ji Maharaj is doing Chaturmas in Sanskriti University. It is my good fortune that I got to see him today. I congratulate the global ambassadors of Sanatan culture who are being honored in this ceremony today.

After lighting the lamp, in the Santosh Memorial Auditorium of Sanskriti University, in the presence of Srimad Jagadguru Shankaracharya Sharda Sarvajna Peethadheeshwar Swami Shri Amritananda Dev Tirth Ji Maharaj, Shri Sharda Shatabdi Vidya-Vivek Ratna, Shri Sharda Vani-Prakash Ratna, Shri Sharda Shatabdi Shakti-Naad Ratna were awarded to the eminent personalities who ignited the sacred

stream of Sanatan culture on the world stage. Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra Eknath Shinde to his representative in his absence, President of Vision Divyang Foundation Mukesh Gupta, Retired IAS Dr. Vishwapati Trivedi, Secretary Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department Jammu, IAS Aijaz Asad to his representative in his absence, former DGP IPS Om Prakash Singh, Sagar Shivaji Rao Jonghale Mumbai, All India Shraddhalu Sabha Brajesh Kishore Dubey, Lok Nayak Orchha, Madhya Pradesh Umesh Yadav, CEO of Sanskriti University Dr. Meenakshi Sharma, President of All India Footwear Association Puran Dawar, Joint Secretary of Indian Universities Association Alok Kumar Mishra were honoured with Shri Sharda Shatabdi Vidya-Vivek Ratna 2025. Additional Superintendent of Police Sambhal IPS Ms. Anukriti Sharma, senior professional retired Major General Hari Singh from Indian Army, Dr. Priyanka Singh of Banaras Hindu University, industrialist, environmentalist Mathura Ranjit Chaturvedi, former military officer Jammu and Kashmir Dr. Ashok Raina, retired Air Force officer Squadron Leader Atul Kumar Singh, social worker Agra, Manish Agarwal, Manager Smt. Shanti Devi Degree College Agra Bhoop Singh Indaulia, CEO of Barsiya Advertising Ltd. Bharat Barsiya were awarded Sharda Shatabdi-Vani Prakash Ratna 2025. Dr. Krishnakant Dwivedi, Saif Khan Baba, Krishna Chandra Bajpai, Prof. Dr. Vinod Kumar Nagar, former Executive Director, Power Grid Corporation Subhash Chandra Singh were awarded Sharda Shatabdi Shakti Nad Ratna 2025. All the personalities were honored by Shankaracharya Sharda Sarvagya Peethadheeshwar Swami Amritananda Dev Tirth Ji Maharaj and Cabinet Minister Choudhary Laxminarayan. Srimad Jagadguru Shankaracharya Sharda Sarvagya Peethadheeshwar Swami Shri Amritananda Dev Tirth Ji Maharaj honoured Sanskriti University Chancellor Dr. Sachin Gupta by draping a sash and presenting a garland. All the distinguished people were honoured by Sanskriti University Chancellor Dr. Sachin Gupta.

During the ceremony, Himachal Pradesh Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla sent his best wishes for the ceremony through audio-video. In the ceremony, the speakers gave detailed information about

Orientation Programme for Newly Promoted Assistant Provident Fund Commissioners Inaugurated at PDUNASS

(Gns).

An Orientation Programme for newly promoted Assistant Provident Fund Commissioners (APFCs) was inaugurated today at the Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS) by Shri Kumar Rohit, Director, PDUNASS.

A batch of thirty promoted officers from the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has joined the Academy for a comprehensive three-week training programme. In his inaugural address, Shri Kumar Rohit welcomed the officer trainees and encouraged them to share their expectations from the course. The trainees responded enthusiastically, candidly expressing their aspirations and thereby setting a participatory and engaging tone for the programme.

programme. The Director highlighted that the core objective of this orientation programme is to prepare the officers for their enhanced responsibilities as Group-A officers. Recognising their prior experience in EPFO, he urged them to fully utilise



ities as Group-A officers. Recognising their prior experience in EPFO, he urged them to fully utilise

World Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Day

(Gns).

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,

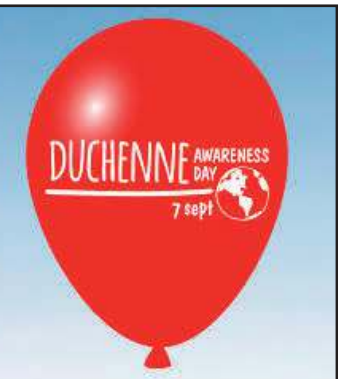
Government of India, observes World Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Day every year on 7th September. The theme for this year was "Family: The Heart of Care."

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) is a rare and progressive disorder that causes gradual weakening of the muscles. It mainly affects children and progressively impacts mobility, breathing, and heart functions. Timely intervention, awareness, education, and social inclusion are essential to improve the quality of life of persons affected by this condition.

On this occasion, various awareness programmes were organized by the Department's

National Institutes and Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) across the country:

The Department of Physiotherapy, Swami Vivekananda National Institute of Rehabilitation



Training and Research (SVNIRTAR), Cuttack, organized an online awareness programme focusing on early detection and management of DMD.National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (Divyangjan), Kolkata, organized a special webi-

nar on the theme "Family: The Heart of Care."The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi, organized a webinar spreading messages of inclusion, awareness, and hope.

The CRC Jaipur organized an awareness programme at Mahatma Gandhi University, Jaipur. CRC Tripura conducted an awareness programme on DMD at Birsia Munda Community Hall, Durgabari Tea Estate, West Tripura. CRC Nellore and CRC Rajnandgaon also organized awareness activities on the occasion.

All these programmes aimed at disseminating knowledge about Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, promoting awareness among different sections of society, and fostering a spirit of support and care for the affected families.