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PM Modi Condemns Israeli Strikes on Doha, Speaks to Emir of Qatar

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday spoke with the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, condemning the recent Israeli strikes on Doha that resulted in the deaths of six people in a neighborhood where foreign embassies and schools are located. The attack has raised concerns over regional security and the potential for wider escalation in the Middle East. During the conversation, Modi expressed India's deep concern over the strikes and reiterated the importance of addressing disputes through dialogue and diplomacy. He stressed that escalation must be

avoided at all costs to preserve peace and stability in the region.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a conversation with the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, condemned the Israeli strikes on Doha, which resulted in six deaths, and upheld India's support for peace and stability in the region while also advocating for diplomatic resolutions.

In a post shared on X, the Prime Minister stated, "Spoke with Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani and expressed

deep concern at the attacks in Doha. India condemns the violation of the sovereignty of the brotherly State of Qatar." Modi's remarks underscore New Delhi's longstanding position of upholding respect for sovereignty, international law, and peaceful resolution of conflicts.

Reaffirming India's stance against violence, he added, "India stands firmly in support of peace and stability in the region, and against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations." His statement highlights India's commitment not

only to regional security but also to combating terrorism globally. The Israeli strikes in Doha have drawn strong reactions worldwide, particularly because of the sensitive location targeted, which included diplomatic zones and schools. The deaths of six civilians have further intensified calls for restraint and diplomatic engagement. By reaching out to the Emir of Qatar, Modi signaled India's solidarity with Doha and reinforced its role as a supporter of peace efforts in the Middle East. His message reflects India's broader foreign policy approach of advocating dialogue, non-violence.



Mr. Bezalel Smotrich, Finance Minister of Israel, and his delegation pays a courtesy visit to Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel.

Finance Minister of Israel expressed a strong interest in investment opportunities in GIFT City, financial protocols, and the UPI system

Gujarat has adopted a positive approach towards Israel's drip irrigation and development projects:- CM

With a zero-tolerance approach, India and Israel remain steadfast in their fight against terrorism: CM.

Gandhinagar, 10 September 2025: Mr. Bezalel Smotrich, Finance Minister of Israel, and his delegation paid a courtesy visit to Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel in Gandhinagar.

On his first visit to India, the Finance Minister of Israel visited Gujarat and held a meeting with the Chief Minister.

Mr. Bezalel Smotrich emphasized the shared heritage, traditions, culture,

and technology between India, Gujarat, and Israel, and engaged in meaningful discussions on further strengthening these ties in the future.

Finance Minister of Israel stated that he visited Gujarat with the desire to

He noted that the close ties between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Prime Minister of Israel, along with their shared commitment to combating terrorism, have further strengthened relations between the

ship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India's ties with Israel have grown stronger. He also noted Israel's firm stance and significant progress in upholding a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism.

CM stated that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is firmly committed to eradicating terrorism and that India stands ready to extend steadfast support to Israel in its fight against terrorism.

CM added that, under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's leadership, India has earned recognition as a trusted nation in the global community, while the Swaraj (self-government) achieved by Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel has evolved into Surajya—good governance.



see the birthplace of a distinguished leader like Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and to explore opportunities for business relations and for Israel to operate in international financial hubs such as GIFT City.

two countries. Mr. Bezalel Smotrich also lauded India's consistent support for Israel and expressed interest in learning about the use of UPI and financial protocols.

CM emphasized that under the visionary leader-

Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk announces 35-day fast for Ladakh's statehood

(Gns). Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk and the Leh Apex Body (LAB) on Wednesday announced a 35-day fast over their demands for Ladakh's inclusion in the Constitution's Sixth Schedule and statehood.

Wangchuk told media persons that despite repeated assurances, the Union Home ministry has not held talks with local representatives for nearly two months. "Just when discussions were about to reach the stage of address-



ing our core demands, the government stopped calling meetings," he said.

Wangchuk said they are being forced to intensify the

the Centre has not addressed their demands.

The activist also reminded the ruling BJP of its promise during the last Hill Council elections to secure Sixth Schedule status for Ladakh, stressing that the commitment must be honoured ahead of the upcoming polls.

The Leh Apex Body held an all-faith prayer service to convey the message that our protest is "peaceful, non-violent, and our demands are within the ambit of the Indian Constitution," he said.

World Suicide Prevention Day: Listen without judgment, create open spaces, says Nadda

(Gns). Union Health Minister J P Nadda, speaking on World Suicide Prevention Day on Wednesday, urged citizens to "listen without judgment" and create open spaces to support people struggling with mental health challenges.

Taking to social media, he said, "World Suicide Prevention Day reminds us of the importance of compassion and care for people who may be silently struggling. By listening without judgment and creating open spaces, we can bring hope to those in pain."

He appealed to the citizens to speak more openly about mental health, reduce stigma surrounding it and stand beside those in need. "With kindness and understanding, we can build a safer, more hopeful world for everyone," Nadda posted on X.

World Suicide Prevention Day is observed every year on September 10, with this year's theme focused on "Changing the Narrative on Suicide." This day aims to chart actions to

of global female and nearly a fourth of male suicides annually occur in India. On average, more than 100,000 lives are lost to suicide in India each year.

The trends in suicide

To counter this, the government in 2022 launched the first National Suicide Prevention Strategy (NSPS), which aims to cut suicide mortality by 10 per cent by 2030.

As part of this, national programmes were rolled out — such as Tele-MANAS (Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States), DMHP (District Mental Health Programme), RKSK (Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram), and Manodarpan to strengthen helplines, community outreach, and school-based support.

"Let us replace fear with empathy and isolation with support. Start the conversation — it could save a life. If you or someone you know is struggling, don't wait — call Tele-MANAS at 14416 today for free, confidential mental health support."



Jagan, Naidu lock horns over public-private model of medical colleges

(Gns). The TDP and the YSRCP on Wednesday locked horns over the proposed public-private partnership model of medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh, with Opposition leader Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy warning that his party would vehemently oppose the privatization scheme.

Reddy said the privatization move by the TDP-led NDA government will be opposed tooth and nail and they will force the government to roll back the decision. If the Andhra Pradesh government under Naidu still decides to go ahead with the PPP model once YSRCP comes to power, they will reverse the decision.

YS Jagan Mohan Reddy

said, "We had planned to set up one medical college in every district and initiated the process of setting up

Addressing the "Super Six Super Hit" meeting at Anantapur, Naidu hit out at the former chief minister,

engaged in publicity by laying foundations and cutting ribbons. Elaborating upon the PPP model, Naidu said this scheme will ensure that the assets remain with the state, while private partners will run it efficiently.

Four new medical colleges will start in 2026-27, while seven more will start by 2027-28. He also challenged YS Jagan Mohan Reddy to come to the Assembly for discussion.

Speaking on urea supply, Naidu said, "I promise that no farmer will face a shortage of urea. Farmers should also use only as much urea as needed — then there will be no problem. Just recently, when I called the Centre, they immediately sent urea."



17 medical colleges... Chandrababu has declined the sanction of medical seats to Pulivendula out of vindictiveness. He is now giving away medical colleges on a platter to private players for kickbacks, and we will oppose it."

saying that YS Jagan Mohan Rao had no role in establishing the medical colleges in the state.

Naidu claimed it was the NDA and TDP governments that prioritized education and set up institutions, while YS Jagan Mohan only

India must reduce its dependence on imported fuels: Nitin Gadkari

(Gns). Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday emphasized that India needs to reduce its dependence on imported fuels by adopting alternative fuels, including bio fuels, hydrogen and electric mobility.

"We have an import of Rs 22 lakh crore. There should be no import. We can stand on our own strength. So we are working on it. We want to concentrate on alternative fuel, biofuel, hydrogen, electric, whatever the choice may be. Now we are planning to use methanol," the union minister said at the 7th Auto Retail Conclave of FADA in the national capital. Gadkari also informed

that trials were underway to blend isobutanol with diesel and that the government was engaging with agriculture equipment companies

ture, which is going to be helpful for our economy, and at the same time, we are going to reduce our imports. That is not only

for all of you." Speaking on the occasion, Shailesh Chandra, President of SIAM and Managing Director of Tata Motors, highlighted the strong economic contribution of the automobile sector.

"The sector's overall contribution to the Indian economy exceeded rupees 20 lakh crore and has contributed to about 15 percent of the country's GST collections amounting to more than rupees 3.37 lakh crores in addition to 88,000 crore from motor vehicle tax," he said.

Meanwhile, the new GST rates and slabs are expected to have a wide-scale impact in the automobile sector, as the rate cut, which extends across the



to promote the use of alternative fuels in tractors and farm machinery.

"Now I've got a tractor on electric. So my cost for the tractor is very less. And it is very important for India that we need to reduce our expenditure cost in agricul-

going to stop our air pollution, but that is going to strengthen the Indian economy," the minister added.

Urging the country's auto industry to think about scrapping vehicles, he said, "You start your own units, it can also be an advantage

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Editorial

Circadian Nutrition

Intermittent fasting has been hailed as the ultimate shortcut to better health. By narrowing the hours of eating rather than obsessing over calories or food groups, its advocates promised a pathway to weight loss, metabolic balance, and even longevity. The appeal was obvious: skip breakfast, eat in a compressed window, and let biology do the heavy lifting. It fit neatly into the rhythm of modern life, where simplicity often trumps sustainability. But new evidence has thrown a spanner into this narrative.

For the first time, large-scale, long-term data tracking of thousands of adults suggests that restricting eating to less than eight hours a day may not be as benign as once thought. In fact, the findings indicate a significantly higher risk of cardiovascular mortality among those who stuck to such narrow eating windows, even after accounting for diet quality, lifestyle factors, and existing health conditions. The revelation is jarring. If fasting is truly protective, why would deaths linked to heart disease rise so sharply in those who adopt it most rigorously?

The answer may lie in the limits of earlier studies. Most fasting research to date has been short-term – weeks or months – sufficient to capture quick changes in weight or blood sugar, but not long enough to reveal the toll on organs and systems over years. What looks like progress in the near term may mask vulnerabilities that emerge slowly. There are, of course, nuances. The increased risk was strongest among smokers, diabetics, and people already battling cardiovascular disease. That suggests fasting may interact differently with underlying vulnerabilities.

For someone relatively young and healthy, a time-restricted routine might remain useful for weight management. But for others, especially those with fragile metabolic balance, prolonged fasting could aggravate existing risks. This raises an uncomfortable but necessary point: nutrition cannot be reduced to a universal hack. Context matters – age, medical history, cultural patterns, and even psychological resilience influence how the body responds. Skipping meals might help some manage blood sugar, while for others it may trigger nutrient deficiencies, muscle loss, or dangerous dips in energy. What is liberating for one person can be hazardous for another.

The broader lesson here is humility. Science evolves, and dietary wisdom shifts with new evidence. Instead of clinging to a single formula, individuals should view fasting as a tool – one option among many – not as a guaranteed road to health. Medical guidance, especially for those with chronic conditions, becomes indispensable. Perhaps the more enduring truth is this: it is not the clock but the plate that deserves greater attention. Food quality, diversity, and moderation still shape long-term outcomes more reliably than fashionable regimens. Until science settles the debate, moderation and balance remain safer bets than extreme adherence to dietary trends.

Marathi star Sanchi Bhoyar on stepping into Hindi television: “COLORS’ Binddii shows how education can change everything”



After winning hearts in Marathi households as Indrayani, child prodigy Sanchi Bhoyar is now stepping into Hindi television with COLORS’ newest offering, ‘Binddii’. At just the beginning of her career, the little powerhouse has already shown an uncanny

ability to bring depth to layered characters and this time, she shoulders the titular role in a heart-tugging mother-daughter saga. At its heart, the show captures a daughter’s relentless fight for her imprisoned mother. Born and raised behind prison walls, Binddii’s world begins and ends with Kajal,

The United States has historically championed free trade, particularly after World War II. It played a key role in establishing the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and later the World Trade Organization (WTO), both promoting reduced trade barriers. While the US has negotiated numerous Free Trade Agreements, its commitment to free trade has recently been a topic of debate, especially with the rise of protectionist sentiment. President Trump has made tariffs on imports from other countries the central plank of his administration’s trade policy.

Trump’s tariffs, while intended to boost domestic production and jobs, are having a complex set of global and domestic economic effects. While the tariffs are designed to protect specific domestic industries and raise revenue, the overall economic impact on the US and the global economy is turning out to be negative, resulting in reduced trade, higher costs, and decreased growth. The tariffs are sparking intense uncertainty

The August labour market figures from the United States confirm what has been building for months: the world’s largest economy is slowing in ways that can no longer be brushed aside as statistical noise. Employers added a mere 22,000 jobs last month, while the unemployment rate inched upward to 4.3 per cent. More alarming was the revelation that June actually saw a net job loss, the first since the pandemic.

For a country that has

ty in the US and it is unclear how it will all end. The full impact of these tariffs is still unfolding, and economic projections may vary depending on how consumers, businesses, and governments respond.

The implementation of Trump’s tariffs could significantly impact economic growth within the US. There’s also on-going uncertainty about the legal basis of these tariffs, particularly regarding the administration’s reliance on the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), which could be challenged in court. Against this background, it is not surprising that multiple cases had been filed in the US Federal Courts against the Trump Administration’s tariffs. The main legal challenge centres on whether the IEEPA gives the President authority to impose tariffs without specific congressional approval. While the IEEPA grants the President broad economic action powers during national emergencies, it does not explicitly mention tariffs.

Challengers argue that

prided itself on its post-Covid recovery, this is a warning bell that should not be ignored. The fragility of the labour market is not an accident of business cycles alone. It reflects the deliberate policy choices made in Washington. Sweeping tariffs, a sharp turn on immigration, and significant cuts in government payrolls have converged to squeeze both supply and demand. Manufacturing has endured four consecutive months of losses, construction has faltered, and even the

8.30 pm only on COLORS.

PGTI NEXGEN 2025 Hosted by Lucknow Golf Club with Enthusiasm

Umed Kumar Lucknow, September 10, 2025:

Umed Kumar from Chandimandir, Haryana, established a three-shot lead at a total of five-under 135 after he fired a two-under 68 in round two of the PGTI NEXGEN event being played at the Lucknow Golf Club.

Sanjeev Kumar of Lucknow, playing at his home course, carded an even-par 70 to be placed second at two-under 138.

The Lucknow Golf Club is a par-70 nine-hole course where the nine holes are played twice to comprise a round. On a number of holes, there are different tees used and there are different hole

(Gns).

The recently concluded SCO summit in Tianjin displayed India’s ability to balance ties with different groupings. Contrary to views, New Delhi’s attempts to resolve its differences with Beijing are not due to tariffs imposed by Donald Trump, though these are a factor, but a desire to restore normalcy along a vexed border. Since the Modi-Xi meeting at the BRICS summit in Kazan, Russia, in October 2024, there has been steady mending of fences.

Trump’s tariffs were only a catalyst. National Security Adviser Ajit Doval had met Chinese Foreign minister Wang Yi in December last year followed by meetings in June

tariffs are a matter for Congress to decide, while the administration contends IEEPA’s powers include imposing tariffs.



Other arguments concern whether the reasons for the tariffs qualify as an “unusual and extraordinary threat” under IEEPA and broader constitutional limits on executive power. Some days ago, the Federal Circuit ruled by a 7-4 decision that the tariffs which Trump brought in through emergency economic powers act did not fall within the president’s mandate and that setting levies was “a core Congressional power”.

Jobs on Edge

once-reliable cushion of public sector jobs has thinned after thousands of federal workers were let go. Health care remains a bright spot, but its gains are not enough to offset the declines elsewhere. For ordinary Americans, these



trends are deeply unsettling.

Secure, well-paying jobs in factories and construc-

The Court of Appeals ruled that Trump overstepped his presidential authority when he implemented the steep levies. In

a petition filed in the US Supreme Court, the Trump administration has asked the justices to quickly intervene to overturn the judgement of the Appeals Court and to rule that the President does have the power to impose such import tariffs on foreign nations. The president has warned that “our country is going to suffer greatly” if the Supreme Court upholds the lower court’s decision on the tariffs.

tion sites have long underpinned the middle class. Their erosion, accelerated by trade uncertainty and shrinking government support, threatens to widen inequality and weaken social cohesion. At the same time, a crackdown on

immigration has slowed the inflow of new workers, altering the balance of the labour force. While the

The outcome in the case is not guaranteed, and various factors could influence the Supreme Court’s decision. Some US analysts suggest the 6-3 conservative majority in the Supreme Court could lean in Trump’s favour. However, others point out that the legal challenge is based on fundamental constitutional principles and could divide the court in unpredictable ways. Economists say that the tariffs are slowing down U.S. economic growth, while inflation has also ticked upwards.

In his piece ‘Trump’s Tariff Tantrums Are Hobbiling the U.S Economy’, Jeffrey A. Sonnenfeld, Professor in the School of Management at Yale University has stated that tariffs have fundamentally disrupted markets, leaving businesses vulnerable to the double threat of uncertainty and cost inflation. John Mearsheimer, a leading American international relations expert and Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago, has said that the Trump administration’s India policy is a “colossal

economy may now need fewer jobs each month to absorb population growth, that statistical cushion cannot disguise the reality of a system producing less opportunity. Investors, meanwhile, are reading the numbers differently.

Financial markets greeted the weak report with relief, seeing it as a guarantee that the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates. Bond yields fell and equities edged higher, proof of the perverse logic that “bad news is good news” when central banks are expected to step in. Yet rate cuts, however welcome to traders, are not a panacea. Cheap money cannot resolve the structural weaknesses created by trade barriers, policy uncertainty, and shrinking fiscal support. The larger concern is that Washington seems unwilling to acknowledge

shots on the par-5 third hole.

Thereafter, Umed made a brave comeback with some brilliant putting as he sank a couple of eight-footers and a 10-footer to pick up three birdies between the sixth and 11th holes. A great drive on the 16th secured Umed another birdie. He finally ended the day with a terrific par save on the 18th where he recovered well after finding the trees with his tee shot.

Umed, currently placed eighth in the PGTI NEXGEN Order of Merit, said, “My putting was the highlight of my round today. It helped me pull back things after I had an early setback with that double-bogey. I just changed my putter

blunder” and asserted that secondary tariffs on India for buying Russian oil “won’t work.” Trump’s former National Security Adviser (NSA) John Bolton has said that he (Trump) “has shredded decades of efforts” made by the West to strengthen diplomatic and strategic ties with India with his “disastrous” tariffs.

Meanwhile, global trade continues to be destabilized by the on-going tariff battles. According to the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the rules-based global trading system has been weakened, and countries are increasingly resorting to tariffs to pursue domestic policy goals. As a result, many countries are engaging in bilateral negotiations to navigate and mitigate the effects of the U.S. tariffs. India is also actively pursuing and expanding its bilateral trade network as a key part of its economic strategy. This strategy of diversification is to some extent a response to trade uncertainty with the U.S. and is intended to provide India with greater negotiating leverage.

the depth of the problem.

Blaming statistical agencies or insisting that revisions will paint a better picture avoids the central issue: the job machine that powered America’s growth is faltering under the weight of political choices. The damage cannot be reversed simply by monetary policy tweaks or optimistic rhetoric. The lesson from August is sobering. Employment data may fluctuate month to month, but four straight months of manufacturing decline and a first net loss since 2020 are not coincidences. They are signals of a slowing economy shaped by policy as much as by markets. If the United States fails to adapt, the weakness in its job market may mark not just a pause, but a turning point.

ahead of this event and that move seems to be working wonders for me as I have putted well in both rounds so far.

“I gave myself a target of three-under for each round at this event. So, I’ll look at achieving a three-under in the final round too. If I can continue my good form with the tee shots and putting, I believe I should have a good chance of winning.”

Local lad Sanjeev Kumar (68-70) continued in second position for the second straight day produced after he posted a 70 that featured three birdies and three bogeys.

Teenager Abhimanyu Dhara of Panchkula closed the day in third place at a total of even-par 140.

India’s balancing act in Tianjin

and August this year. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar too has met Wang Yi on multiple occasions, including on the sidelines of different forums. The visit of Wang Yi to Delhi a fortnight before the SCO summit was China’s way of signalling its intent to improve ties and remove roadblocks.

Most of what was discussed during Wang Yi’s visit was firmed up in Tianjin. The MEA statement emphasizing the Indian view, during PM Modi’s interaction with Xi, mentioned “importance of peace and tranquillity on the border areas for continued development of bilateral relations.” A strong signal from China was to have

Cai Qi, the enforcer of Xi Jinping, meet PM Modi. Cai Qi is the most sought-after member of Xi’s close circle in Beijing, and is considered mostly inaccessible.

Cai Qi met no other dignitary during the summit, signalling seriousness in improving ties. He had also planned a luncheon in honour of PM Modi which was cancelled due to scheduling issues. A Chinese handout quoted him mentioning, “(China) is willing to work with India to enhance friendly exchanges and mutually beneficial cooperation, properly manage and resolve differences, and promote further improvement and development of China-India relations.”

Militarily, de-escalation

along the LAC may not come easily, considering that the trust deficit runs high. The difference in infrastructure on both sides of the LAC implies that pulling back a few hundred km by troops currently present may not be the answer, as China could take a few hours to return to the LAC due to better infrastructure, while Indian forces will take longer.

The solution may lie in both sides accepting an altitude differential, which would imply a near similar time frame for movement based on the need to acclimatize. This may not be acceptable to China. Hence, the current scenario could remain, with a tenuous peace as existing at present. Proximity in ties

between PM Modi and President Putin of Russia was evident in the manner the two met throughout the summit. Not only did they spend time together, they travelled to the venue of their bilateral meeting in the same vehicle and also had a one-on-one conversation for about 45 minutes prior to their formal meeting, without the presence of a translator.

Both are familiar with English. The war in Ukraine, Trump’s ranting, sanctions and the way forward in enhancing ties would likely have been discussed. It was Putin who shared what had transpired in Alaska with Modi shortly after his summit with Trump. Trump himself and his lap dogs Peter Navarro.

Railways In Mizoram Mark Not Just A Journey, But A Validation



As India's sunrise states of the Northeast wake up to the dawn of rail connectivity, the newly laid Bairabi-Sairang Rail Line prepares to fold Aizawl into the Railways' network. The line extends from Bairabi, which previously served as a railhead near the Assam-Mizoram border, to Sairang, a town just 18 kms from the state capital, Aizawl.

This 51-km new line winds its way through the lush Lushai (Mizo) Hills, traversing deep valleys, steep hills, and dense bamboo forests. The 45-tunnel, 55 – major bridges line, which boasts the second tallest pier bridge in the country (taller than the QutubMinar of height 114 meters), now links Capital of Mizoram, the land of whispering winds, to the national railway grid.

The challenging topology, landslide-prone zones, and difficult climatic conditions, defined by heavy and prolonged monsoons, required the Railways to channel its finest engineering prowess to execute the project.

The newly constructed railway link is set to change life in Mizoram. Until now, the state's hilly terrain

made access slow and arduous, making goods expensive and travel time-consuming. With the completion of the 51.38-km line, travel time between Kolasib and Aizawl district will be cut by more than half. This means better access to affordable essentials, new jobs, and business opportunities, and easier movement for everyone. For entrepreneurs, it opens up bigger markets. For families, it brings the joy of staying better connected with loved ones across the country.

A Corridor To Nature And Culture
More than just a transport corridor, this rail link heralds a new chapter of growth and connectivity for Mizoram. Beyond facilitating trade and business, it will showcase the state's emerald valleys and lush green hills to the world, offering visitors a gateway to its rich cultural heritage, warm hospitality, and vibrant traditions.

Mizoram's beauty lies in its abundant natural landscapes, including dense forests, rolling hills, picturesque valleys, and crystal-clear streams and water-

falls, earning it the nicknames "Land of the Highlanders" and "Land of the Blue Mountains". The state is a biodiversity hotspot, home to diverse flora and fauna, alongside a rich tribal culture known for its music, dance, and handicrafts. The state is also gaining recognition as a budding adventure tourism destination.

The Mizoram government and the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), a 'Navratna' listed company under Ministry of Railways signed a two-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in August 2025 to harness the tourism potential of this rail connectivity. Curated tourism packages, dovetailed with access to the state's tourism infrastructure, are central to this collaboration. IRCTC plans to run special tourist trains under its "Discover NE Beyond Guwahati" initiative, building a budget-friendly, sustainable, and eco-friendly tourism model. Geo-strategic Bridge
Mizoram's pivotal location, bordering both Bangladesh and Myanmar, places it at the centre of

India's "Look East Policy" and "Neighbourhood First Policy". Rail accessibility means that trade, domestic as well as cross-border, is poised for a leap. Planned extensions of rail and road networks could potentially position Mizoram as a transit hub between India and Southeast Asia. This is especially relevant in the current climate of geopolitical challenges.

Whispering Winds of Change

Beyond the economic and logistical implications, the arrival of the Railways in Aizawl is deeply emotional. For the Mizo people, it is a validation of their place in the broader national narrative, a signal that they are very much at the heart of India's aspirations.

With the new rail link inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mizoram celebrates not just the completion of a railway project, but the realisation of a long-cherished dream, a testament to the fact that no terrain is too tough and no vision too ambitious when pursued with dedication and steely resolve.

Western railway to run three pairs of festival special trains to various destination

Mumbai.
For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season of Dussehra, Diwali and Chhath Puja, Western Railway will run Festival Special Trains on Special fare between Mumbai Central – Banaras, Vadodara – Gorakhpur and Okha – Shakur Basti.

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

1. Train No. 09083/09084 Mumbai Central – Banaras AC Special (Weekly) [16 Trips]
Train No. 09083 Mumbai Central – Banaras Special will depart from Mumbai Central every Wednesday at 23:10 hrs and will reach Banaras at 10:30 hrs, on Friday. This train will run from 17th September to 05th November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09084 Banaras – Mumbai Central Special will depart from Banaras every Friday at 14:30 hrs

and will arrive Mumbai Central at 04:20 hrs, on Sunday. This train will run from 19th September to 07th November 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Bharatpur, Idgah Agra, Tundla, Shikohabad, Mainpuri, Bhongaln, Farrukhabad, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Rae Bareilly, Amethi, Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh, Janghai and Bhadohi stations in both directions.

This train comprises of First AC, AC - 2 Tier, AC -3 Tier and AC – 3 Tier (Economy) Coaches.

2. Train No. 09111/09112 Vadodara – Gorakhpur Special (Weekly) [20 Trips]
Train No. 09111 Vadodara – Gorakhpur Special will depart from Vadodara every Saturday at 19:00 hrs and will reach Gorakhpur at 23:30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 27th September to 29th November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09112

Gorakhpur – Vadodara Special will depart from Gorakhpur every Monday at 05:00 hrs and will reach Vadodara at 08:00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 29th September to 01st December, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Godhra, Ratlam, Kota, Gangapur City, Bharatpur, Idgah Agra, Tundla, Shikohabad, Mainpuri, Farrukhabad, Kanpur, Manak Nagar, Badshah Nagar, Bara Banki, Gonda and Basti stations in both directions.

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

3. Train No. 09523/09524 Okha – Shakur Basti Special (Weekly) [20 Trips]
Train No. 09523 Okha – Shakur Basti Special will depart from Okha every Tuesday at 10:00 hrs and will reach Shakur Basti at 10:35 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 23rd September to 25th November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09524 Shakur Basti – Okha Special will

depart from Shakur Basti every Wednesday at 13:15 hrs and will reach Okha at 13:50 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 24th September to 26th November 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Dwarka, Kambhaliya, Jamnagar, Hapa, Rajkot, Surendranagar, Viramgam, Mahesana, Unjha, Siddhpur, Palanpur, Abu Road, Falna, Marwar, Beawar, Ajmer, Kishangarh, Jaipur, Gandhi Nagar Jaipur, Dausa, Bandikui, Alwar, Gurgaon and Delhi Cantt stations in both directions.

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

The booking for Train Nos. 09083, 09111 & 09523 will open from 11th 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.

Dr Priti Adani Calls for Unified Collaboration to Amplify Social Impact at AVPN Global Conference 2025

(Gns).
Hong Kong, 9 September 2025 - In a compelling keynote address at the AVPN Global Conference 2025, Dr Priti Adani, Chairperson of the Adani Foundation, urged global philanthropists, corporates and changemakers to move beyond transactional giving and embrace a unified platform for collaborative impact.

Dr Priti Adani on Collaborative Philanthropy
Delivering her speech to a packed audience in Hong Kong, Dr Adani emphasized the urgent need for convergence across philanthropic institutions, NGOs and social enterprises. "Don't just give. Build together," she declared,

calling for a shift from isolated efforts to co-created solutions that multiply outcomes and foster systemic change.

At the AVPN Global Conference 2025, Dr Priti Adani called for a shift from transactional giving to collaborative impact, emphasising co-building and shared purpose among philanthropists.

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"We must be co-builders, not just donors. Real change happens when we work as partners - pooling resources and breaking down silos," Dr Adani said. Dr Adani proposed the creation of a global collabora-

tion platform - one that aligns efforts, shares learnings and centers human stories over metrics.

"Impact is never about numbers. It is about the stories behind them - stories of hope, transformation, and empowerment," she noted.

Her address resonated strongly with the conference's theme of inclusive development and resilience. Ms Naina Subberwal Batra, CEO of AVPN, praised the keynote as "a powerful call to bold action," adding, "Philanthropy must stay the course and unite diverse stakeholders so that together, we can turn con-

viction into action and build systems that withstand the test of time and uncertainty."

Dr Adani outlined three foundational principles for this shared movement:

Co-Building: Partners must engage not merely as donors, but as architects of lasting change.

Multipliers, Not Beneficiaries: True impact lies in empowering individuals to become agents of transformation.

Uniting Skills with Values: Technical expertise must be rooted in ethical purpose to build sustainable legacies.

In a stirring conclusion, Dr Adani challenged the audience to move beyond applause and commit to action:

Nepal's Possible Next PM Sushila Karki: From Chief Justice To Political Spotlight

(Gns).
Sushila Karki, at 73, might seem an unlikely choice to lead Nepal after protests led by younger citizens. However, the former Supreme Court Chief Justice is no stranger to anti-government sentiment. Since retiring in 2017, she has been active in civil society movements and was seen among protesters in recent demonstrations.

In 2017, Karki faced a significant challenge when Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' and numerous MPs sought her removal as Chief Justice. Her decision to overrule the government's appointment of the national police chief sparked controversy. Her bench ruled that the highest-ranking officer should be appointed

instead, a move seen as pro-democracy.

Sushila Karki, Nepal's former Chief Justice, faced impeachment attempts in

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Political Turmoil and Judicial Independence
The ruling coalition's attempt to impeach Karki



2017 due to her rulings, including one on the national police chief appointment, and her anti-corruption stance; she later became involved in civil society movements during ongoing political tensions.

drew global attention. Human Rights Watch criticised it as an effort to override judicial decisions, violating the principle of judicial independence. The International Commission of Jurists also supported

her, highlighting the importance of an unbiased judiciary in Nepal's unstable political landscape.

Karki's tenure was marked by her strong stance against corruption. She once convicted a sitting minister on corruption charges and made landmark rulings, such as allowing Nepali women to pass citizenship to their children. These actions earned her both admiration and criticism from political circles.

Impeachment Motion and Aftermath

During the impeachment motion against her, political analyst Lok Raj Baral noted it was another instance of judiciary versus executive conflict in Nepal. He mentioned that Karki's aggressive stance against

CJI BR Gavai Praises Indian Constitution Amid Violent Protests in Nepal

(Gns).
During a Supreme Court hearing on the Presidential Reference, Chief Justice of India BR Gavai praised the Indian Constitution, contrasting it with the turmoil unfolding in neighbouring countries.

"We are proud of our Constitution... Look at what is happening in our neighbouring countries... We have seen what happened in Nepal," the CJI remarked.

During a Supreme Court hearing, Chief Justice of India BR Gavai highlighted the Indian Constitution's stability, contrasting it with unrest in Nepal, where Gen Z-led protests against the government's social media ban escalated into widespread anti-corruption demonstrations, leading to

the Nepal Army taking control, a massive jailbreak, and the resignations of Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli and President Ram Chandra Poudel.

Justice Vikram Nath supported the observation, pointing out ongoing political tensions in Bangladesh as well.

Nepal in Crisis: Gen Z-Led Protests Turn Violent

Nepal is witnessing its worst unrest in years, with Gen Z protestors spearheading violent demonstrations. The movement, which began as opposition to a government ban on social media platforms, quickly escalated into a widespread anti-corruption uprising. Protestors have

torched government and private buildings.

Homes and offices of top leaders and officials



were vandalised.

The unrest has spiralled into a nationwide crisis.

Army Takes Control

On Tuesday, the Nepal Army assumed control after repeated appeals for peace went unheard. Strict restrictions on public movement

Who Is Baiju Bhatt? Indian-American Robinhood Co-Founder On Forbes Youngest Billionaires List

(Gns).
An Indian-origin entrepreneur has secured a spot on the Forbes 400 ranking of America's richest, featuring among the 10 youngest billionaires in 2025. Baiju Bhatt, co-founder of trading platform Robinhood, is the only person of Indian descent on this elite list. Others in the youngest billionaire category include Meta's Mark Zuckerberg, 41, and Walmart heir Luke Walton, 38.

Who Is Baiju Bhatt?

Baiju Bhatt, 40, co-founded Robinhood, the popular stock trading app, in 2013 with Vlad Tenev, whom he met while studying at Stanford University. As per Forbes, Bhatt's current net worth stands at \$6 billion, primarily from his 6% ownership stake in

Robinhood. Baiju Bhatt, co-founder of the trading platform Robinhood, and the only person of Indian descent, has been listed among the 10 youngest billionaires in America in 2025; Bhatt's net worth is valued at \$6 billion from his 6% ownership of

Robinhood, which recorded \$3 billion in revenue in 2024. Bhatt initially served as Robinhood's co-CEO alongside Tenev until 2020, later transitioning to chief creative officer. In 2024, he stepped down from his executive role but continues to serve on the compa-

ny's board while retaining his ownership stake.

Robinhood's Rise And Bhatt's Wealth

Robinhood has seen remarkable growth in recent years. In 2024, the platform recorded \$3 billion in revenue, driven by the boom in crypto-related transactions, along with new product launches such as IRAs and high-yield savings accounts. The company's stock price surged by 400% over the past year, significantly boosting Bhatt's net worth.

Early Life And Family Background
Born to Gujarati immigrant parents in the United



States, Baiju Bhatt is the only child in his family. His father moved to America to pursue a PhD at the University of Huntsville, Alabama, but later had to abandon his studies due to health challenges.

Bhatt spent his childhood in Poquoson, Virginia. Following in his father's academic footsteps, he studied physics at Stanford and later earned a master's degree in mathematics from the same university in 2008.

Struggles Behind The Success

In a recent conversation with Shawn Ryan, Bhatt recalled the financial struggles his family faced during his early years. His father was diagnosed with kidney failure when Bhatt was about five years old, requir-

NITI Aayog in collaboration with UNDP organised a National Workshop on 'The National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI): Strengthening Outreach and National Capacity' in New Delhi on 09 September 2025

(Gns).
The workshop highlighted India's MPI Journey and the technical methodology behind calculating the MPI.

A one-day National Workshop on 'The National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI): Strengthening Outreach and National Capacity' was organised by NITI Aayog, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, as part of the NITI-State workshop series under the State Support Mission, on 9 September 2025 in Delhi.

The conference brought together senior government officials from 30 States and Union Territories, along with representatives from various Ministries of Government of India, UN agencies (UNDP, UNRCO), and think tanks (Institute of

Economic Growth, IIT Roorkee, NCAER, CEEW, Institute of Human Development and the Nudge Institute).

The inaugural session, chaired by Sh. Suman K. Bery, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, featured a series of insightful addresses by Prof. S. Mahendra Dev, Chairman, EAC-PM; Dr. V. K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog; Sh. Shombi Sharp, UN Resident Coordinator in India; Dr. Saurabh Garg, Secretary, MoSPI; Dr. Sabina Alkire, Director, OPHI; and Sh. Rajib Kumar Sen,

Programme Director, NITI Aayog. The session underscored the importance of MPI as a tool for precise



poverty reduction, stronger governance, and ensure progress of the SDGs.

A panel discussion was held on how States are cur-

rently using data for targeting in social protection and poverty alleviation schemes, and on the potential for integrating the MPI into these efforts. The panelists shared key insights on supporting more effective, data-driven decision-making in programme design and delivery, including reducing the periodicity of surveys and complementing existing data. They also shared their experiences of ideating and implementing various initiatives such as Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme, Uttar Pradesh's Sambhav Abhiyan, Andhra Pradesh's Zero Poverty - P4, and Odisha's Social Protection Delivery Platform.

Cabinet approves doubling of Bhagalpur – Dumka – Rampurhat single railway line section (177 Km) in Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal with total cost of Rs. 3,169 Crore

(Gns). The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today has approved the doubling of Bhagalpur – Dumka - Rampurhat single railway line Section (177 km) in Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal with total cost of Rs.3,169 crore (approx.).

The enhanced line capacity will improve mobility, providing enhanced efficiency and service reliability for Indian Railways. The multi-tracking proposal will ease operations and reduce congestion, providing the much-required infrastructural development on the busiest sections across Indian Railways. The projects are in line with the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a New India which will make people of the region "Atmanirbhar" by way of

comprehensive development in the area which will enhance their employment/self-employment opportunities.

The projects are



planned on PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan with focus on enhancing multimodal connectivity & logistic efficiency through integrated planning and stakeholder consultations. These projects will provide seamless connectivity for move-

ment of people, goods, and services.

The project covering five Districts in three states i.e. Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal will increase

tourists from across the country.

Multi-tracking projects will enhance connectivity to approx. 441 villages and about 28.72 lakh population and three Aspirational Districts (Banka, Godda and Dumka).

This is an essential route for transportation of commodities such as coal, cement, fertilizers, bricks and stones etc. The capacity augmentation works will result in additional freight traffic of magnitude 15 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum). The Railways being environment friendly and energy efficient mode of transportation, will help both in achieving climate goals and minimizing logistics cost of the country, reduce oil import (5 Crore Litres) and lower CO2 emissions (24 Crore Kg) which is equivalent to plantation of 1 (One) Crore trees.

Memorandum assigned to protect constitution and democracy

Mathura. A phased movement of Bharat Mukti Morcha submitted a memorandum to Mathura to protect the Constitution and democracy. Through the memorandum, under the nationwide phased movement under the banner of Bharat Mukti Morcha, a memorandum was sent to 625 districts of the country as well as Mathura in the district Mathura today through the District Magistrate, the District Magistrate.

The memorandum was received by the Municipal Magistrate due to non-presence of the District Magistrate. In this memorandum, important issues being raised by thousands of organizations across the country were mentioned under the aegis of Bharat

Mukti Morcha, Bahujan Kranti Morcha, National Backward Class Front and

administration through a memorandum to see this phased movement in a

respected and the safety of the participants should be ensured. Also, any kind of

unnecessary obstacle or oppressive action should be avoided, so that the dignity and democratic values of the Indian Constitution can be protected. On this occasion, Kshetrapal Singh Nishad, Maraj Ali (District President Bahujan Mukti Party Mathura), Anjali Saini Advocate (President, Rashtriya Phule Sangh), Chow. Israel Malik (State Executive President, Bahujan Mukti Party Uttar Pradesh), Jitendra Nishad (District President, National Backward Class Front), Mahtab Singh, Mohan Singh, Bhopendra Saini, Kanha Saini, Jitendra Singh, Ajay Kumar, Ramdhun Singh and many activists were present.



Member of Bharat Mukti Morcha submitting memorandum to City Magistrate Rakesh Kumar

Rashtriya Parivartan Morcha. The agitators have appealed to the district

democratic spirit. The original and constitutional rights of the citizens should be

MP Hema and District Magistrate inspected 4 shelter homes / flood refugees, served food to flood -prone families

Negotiations with flood affected families
Distributed banana, chocolate, biscuits etc. to children

Mathura. MP Mrs. Hema Malini and District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh inspected the shelter home / flood refugee site established at Gurukul University, Vrindavan. He took stock of the entire cap and held talks with flood affected families. He came to know everyone's skills. The MP and the District Magistrate distributed food to the flood affected families.

After the inspection of Gurukul University, the MP and District Magistrate inspected the Shelter Home/Flood refugee site established at Subti Devi Inter College in Vrindavan. He spoke to the mothers and sisters present there and know the health of all. Mothers and sisters got excited to see Mrs. Hemi Malini. People said that this is like a dream, today such a big actress has stood in front of us. The MP Ji and the District Magistrate themselves served food to the flood affected families.



District Magistrate CP Singh is accompanied by MP Hema Malini serving food to flood -affected families

He served vegetables, bread, rice etc. He observed the original-bound facilities available at the flood relief camp. MP Hema and District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh inspected the shelter home/flood refugee site established at Srigita (Birla) Dharamshala. He distributed chocolate, banana, biscuits etc. to the children. He took stock of the medical camp and took information about various medicines from the doctor and checked the medicines.

MP Mrs. Hema Malini and District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh inspected the flood refugee site installed in Laxmi Garden Marriage Home. He took feedback from flood affected families present at the center. The MP asked about the quality of food, on which people said that food is good and all people are helping us with full service. People said that they are not facing any trouble, all facilities are being provided by the administration timely. The

District Magistrate told the flood affected families that the police-administration is committed to help / help you.

District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh, Additional District Magistrate Finance and Revenue Pankaj Kumar Verma, Deputy District Magistrate Sadar/ Joint Magistrate Abhinav J Jain, Deputy Collector Rajkumar Chaudhary and other officials were present in the inspection.



Accused police custody

seeing the riot from Tumula late Sunday evening, the accused Sachin along with his accomplices along with his accomplices fired on the young man Jeetu. A case was registered at the police station in connection with this serious incident. During the arrest, an illegal

gun and two live cartridges were recovered from the possession of the accused. Legal action was taken against the accused under the sections of the Arms Act due to illegal weapons

Auto Retail Sector Key Interface Between Consumers and Industry: Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal

(Gns).

The automobile retail sector is the interface between consumers and the industry, responsible for ethical marketing, providing good quality service, fair financing and insurance terms, and smooth registration processes stated Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, at the inauguration of FADA's 7th Auto Retail Conclave and 4th Finance & Insurance Summit today. The Minister, the sector acts as a bridge between customers and automobile companies, and the credibility of the companies depends on how dealers operate and serve consumers.

He said that with automobiles becoming more affordable, the benefits of the GST reductions will be passed on to consumers

from 22 September.

Shri Goyal underlined the critical importance of

where companies set up operations in India, only to wind up and leave after



after-sales service, availability of spare parts, and continued support for customers, even in situations where companies decide to discontinue specific models or exit the Indian market entirely. He observed that there have been cases

some time, creating challenges for customers who had purchased their products. In such instances, the responsibility often falls on dealers to address consumer concerns. To prevent disruption and protect buyers, he suggested the

creation of a framework or charter that would require all companies operating in India to commit to maintaining a local presence and providing after-sales support for a defined period before they are permitted to close operations. This, he emphasized, would ensure that customers are not left stranded and that the credibility and trustworthiness of the automobile sector are maintained.

He observed that India is negotiating Free Trade Agreements with several developed countries and attracting significant investment from global companies because of the size of the Indian market. While supporting domestic industry and manufacturers, he said there must also be fair competition, as competition improves efficiency, product quality.

National Test House Celebrates 114 Years of Excellence

(Gns).

The National Test House (NTH) to continue to modernize, engage globally, and explore new frontiers such as hydrogen energy, smart materials, advanced electronics, digital testing, and AI-driven certification, said the Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy, Shri Pralhad Joshi, while addressing the 114th Foundation Day celebrations of NTH here today. He added that these future-ready initiatives align with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and India's goal of becoming a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

He informed that NTH is modernizing its operations through digital initiatives. The Laboratory Data Automation System (LDAS) will minimize manual errors, reduce turnaround time,

and enable faster completion of quality tests, thereby increasing capacity and efficiency. Additionally, a new mobile application will allow industry and consumers to conveniently access NTH's laboratory services, streamlining interactions with stakeholders.

Shri Joshi lauded NTH's strong growth in recent years, noting a 60.36% increase in sample testing with 45,926 samples tested in 2024-25, along with a 49.89% rise in revenue, reaching ₹44.45 crore in 2024-25 compared to ₹29.66 crore in the previous year. For the first time, NTH has also instituted annual awards to recognize outstanding contributions

of its scientists and staff, reflecting its commitment to excellence and motivation. The Union Minister presented NTH Annual Excellence Awards 2025

along with Special Recognition to High-Value Clients. This year's awardees included the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Eastern Regional Office, Kolkata; M/s Kansai Nerolac Paints, Mumbai; Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation (TNTBESC); Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Rajasthan; Uttar Pradesh Jal Jeevan Mission (UPJJM); and NBCC (India) Limited, Guwahati. These organizations were honored for their trust, collaboration, and contribution towards strengthening India's testing and quality assurance framework.

On the occasion, Shri Joshi inaugurated several state-of-the-art testing facilities aimed at strengthening India's industrial ecosystem and providing future-ready services. These included

the Electric Vehicle Testing Facility at NTH (ER), Kolkata, designed to test EV batteries, charging systems, and vehicles, ensuring safety, efficiency,

and competitiveness in line with India's clean mobility mission; the Drone Testing Facility at NTH (NR), Ghaziabad, which will provide a one-stop solution for testing and certification of drones for defence, agriculture, logistics, and surveillance; and the Chemical Testing Laboratory at NTH (NR), Ghaziabad, which will enhance India's capabilities in chemical safety, industrial materials testing, and environmental monitoring, and in future, support organic food testing to meet the requirements of farmers and exporters.

The Minister also issued the first drone certificates to two Indian manufactur-

Ministry of Culture to Launch Gyan Bharatam Mission; PM to Address International Conference on Manuscript Heritage

(Gns).

The Ministry of Culture will launch the 'Gyan Bharatam', a landmark national initiative dedicated to preserving, digitising, and disseminating India's manuscript heritage. To mark this occasion, the Ministry of Culture is organising the first-ever Gyan Bharatam International Conference on 'Reclaiming India's Knowledge Legacy through Manuscript Heritage' from 11th – 13th September 2025 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The conference will bring together over 1,100 participants, including scholars, experts, institutions, and cultural practitioners from across the country and abroad. It will create a collaborative platform for discussion, deliberation, and shaping the way forward in preserving, digitising, and

sharing India's manuscript heritage with the world. The press briefing on the Mission was addressed by Shri Vivek Agarwal,



Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Gol. Ms. Amita Prasad Sarbhai, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Gol and Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, IGNC, was also present during the press conference held at Indra Gandhi national Centre for the Arts.

The 'Gyan Bharatam' will be launched as a

visionary national movement dedicated to safeguarding and disseminating India's vast manuscript wealth. It will serve both as a tribute to the nation's civilisational roots and as a forward-looking step towards the Prime Minister's vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2047, where India emerges as a true Vishwa Guru, combining the wisdom of its past with the innovation of its future. Designed as a

comprehensive framework, 'Gyan Bharatam' will revive India's manuscript legacy by combining preservation, digitisation, scholarship, and global accessibility. Its objectives include identification and documentation through a nationwide register, conservation and restoration of fragile texts, large-scale digitisation using AI-driven tools, and

creation of a National Digital Repository. It will also focus on research, translation, and publication of rare manuscripts, capacity building for scholars and conservators, development of digital platforms, and public participation through collaborative programmes. Further, global partnerships and the integration of manuscript wisdom into education will strengthen India's role in global knowledge exchange.

Shri Vivek Agarwal, Secretary Culture, in his briefing on the 'Gyan Bharatam' stated that the initiative, announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, is a major scheme for preserving India's manuscript heritage. The Mission will undertake a nationwide survey and cataloguing of manuscripts, creation of a digital repository.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan meets H.E. Ms. Sara Musallam, ADEK Chairperson; discusses expanding India-UAE education ties, school exchanges & Indian curricula schools

(Gns).

Union Minister for Education, Government of India, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, met with H.E. Ms. Sara Musallam, Chairperson, ADEK, at the start of his two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates. Shri Pradhan thanked her and ADEK for all the cooperation extended in establishing IIT Delhi Abu Dhabi Campus and also for the support being extended to Indian curricula schools in the UAE.

Both the sides engaged in fruitful exchanges on mutual educational priorities. Shri Pradhan shared the success of Atal Tinkering Labs in fostering curiosity and creativity in schools across India as well as plans of Indian

schools in the UAE for implementing Atal Incubation Labs. They also had productive conversations on further expanding

cooperation in education, including opening more Indian curriculum-based schools in the UAE to meet the educational needs of the Indian diaspora and facilitating two-way student exchanges right from the school level, among others. Shri Pradhan appreciated H.E. Ms. Sara Musallam's willingness to strengthen educational cooperation and to establish education as one of the strongest pil-

lars of bilateral ties.

The Minister expressed delight at receiving a warm welcome at the IIT Delhi Abu Dhabi campus. He



mentioned that it is his second visit to the institute and said he is glad to see it evolve from a concept to a full-fledged campus. He highlighted that, with the prestigious legacy of IIT Delhi, the institution served as a beacon of knowledge and research and a light-house of the India-UAE knowledge partnership. He also shared that going through the wall showcas-

ing IIT Delhi Abu Dhabi's journey from vision to reality is a personally satisfying moment for him.

Shri Pradhan viewed a presentation on the academic activities and future plans of IIT Delhi Abu Dhabi. He appreciated their emphasis on providing industry-relevant engineering programs and immersive educational experiences. He expressed that IIT Delhi Abu Dhabi will evolve as a world-class institution and nurture global leaders in engineering, technology, energy, sustainability, AI and other futuristic areas. The Minister was taken on a guided tour of the vibrant campus by the students consisting of various students from India.