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New India Fears No Nuclear Threats: PM Modi Mentions JeM Commander's Azhar Family 'Torn Into Pieces' Remark

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hailed the success of Operation Sindoor and said that "New India" is not afraid of nuclear threats.

Addressing a gathering in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar, he said, "The nation gives utmost priority to the security of Mother India. terrorists Pakistani removed the Sindoor of our sisters and daughters. We did Operation Sindoor and destroyed terror camps.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a gathering in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar, highlighting the success of Operation Sindoor against Pakistani terrorists and emphasizing national security: he also announced a GST reduction starting September 22 and urged citizens to embrace Swadeshi products, while appreciating artisans and outlining the 5F vision for the textile industry.

brought Pakistan to its killing over 100 terrorists in knees within the blink of an eye. Just yesterday, the nation and the world wit- It was reported that at least nessed another Pakistani 10 family members of terrorist tearfully narrate his Azhar were killed in the ordeal. This is a new India. attack, including his wife. It fears no one's nuclear threats..."

It comes a day after a video went viral where JeM and appeals focused on the Commander Masood Ilyas economy and Swadeshi. Kashmiri is seen claiming that the Indian Army tore the family of Masood reduction will come into Azhar's family into pieces effect, just from the first day during Operation Sindoor, of Navratri. We should buy which was launched by only Swadeshi products

infrastructure deep inside We must remember one carry the fragrance of the Pakistan.

In a viral video quoted

mantra, and I want it to be written in every shop. I will by the publication, Kashmiri also urge state govern-



Urdu. "Embracing terrorism, we fought Delhi, Kabul and Kandahar to protect the borders of this country. After sacrificing everything, on May 7, Maulana Masood Azhar's family was torn apart by Indian forces in Bahawalpur."

This operation, which took place on May 7, saw India hit nine terrorist infrastructure targets Pakistan-occupied-

Our brave armed forces Kashmir and Pakistan, retaliation for the deadly April 22 attack in Pahalgam.

Also, Pradesh, Prime Minister Modi made a series of announcements He announced, "From September 22, the GST India to eliminate terrorist and take advantage of this. Whatever you buy should **Transform Cantonment Boards into smart, green & sustainable**

soil of our India..."

swadeshi hai'..." He framed

this initiative within a larger

historical and national con-

text, stating, "Mahatma

Gandhi made Swadeshi a

means of freedom; now we

have to make Swadeshi the

foundation of a 'Viksit

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made an earnest request to

the nation, saying, "At this

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request to all of you, and

my prayer to 140 crore

countrymen. Whatever you

buy should be made in

India. Whatever you pur-

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sweat of some Indian.

Bharat'..."

He specifically appreciated the contributions of artisans and craftspeople, noting, "I want to specially appreciate Vishwakarma brothers and sisters across the country carpenters, blacksmiths, goldsmiths, potters, weavers, coppersmiths, metalworkers, and all those who work with their hands. You are the real strength behind 'Make in India.' Your craftsmanship and skills fulfill the daily needs of vil-

On the textile industry, he outlined a clear vision, saying, "The textile industry is progressing with the 5F vision: from Farm to Fibre, Factory, Fashion, and Foreign markets. This will be achieved quickly and efficiently..."

lages and cities..."

Reflecting on the outcomes of his government's policies, PM Modi stated, "Because of working with dedication and a pure heart, the results of our policies are visible to the world today. Everyone present here will feel proud that due to continuous efforts over the past 11 years, 25 crore people in the country have been lifted out of the grip of poverty." He concluded with a forward-looking statement, saying, "The work we are engaged in today will become a great blessing for future generations. Even those who are yet to be born will benefit from it. If children are born healthy today, it will ensure their well-being in the

urban ecosystems in sync with Govt's Viksit Bharat vision, aspire to achieve the target by 2035: Raksha Mantri to IDES officers ple can avail transparent anism," he added.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has called cers for successfully fulfillupon the Indian Defence ing a dual responsibility -Estates Service (IDES) offi- managing over 18 lakh cers to strive for the development of Cantonment ensuring the Boards into smart, green & welfare of civilsustainable urban ecosystems in sync with the 61 Government's vision of ments transforming India into a India, Raksha developed country, and Mantri aspire to achieve the target stressed on by 2035. He was delivering the need to the keynote address at 'MANTHAN 2025', a twoday national conference modern cities organised by Directorate General of ly upgrading systems and demands of the times. It is Defence Estates (DGDE)

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ians residing in cantonpan-

develop cantonments like the by continuous-

processes to make service on the central theme delivery more efficient, to ensure that Cantonment 'Strategic Roadmap to transparent & citizen- residents have the best Viksit Bharat @2047', in friendly. "We must increase civic amenities and a quick

and timely services from home. We must increase citizen participation so that the residents become partners in the future planning

> Cantonments. We must trans-Cantonment boards into modern, transparent, and accountable institutions that deliver meet the

our collective responsibility

Underscoring the need to enhance the Ease of Living of the residents, Shri Rajnath Singh pitched for advancing digital platforms such as e-Chhawani 2.0 with the inclusion of Al-driven grievance redressal, multilingual services, and smart health. There is a need to specifically focus on the welfare of the poor, the disabled, senior citizens and special children in the Cantonments, he said, adding that future cantonments need to be smart, equipped with smart power systems, renewable energy grids, EV charging hubs, waste-to-energy smart plants and Al-based surveillance systems.

New Delhi on September digital services so that peo- grievance redressal mech-**CM Dhami attributes Uttarakhand** disasters to global warming

paralysed Uttarakhand to global warming, assured that expert agencies would be employed by the state government to examine the disaster-affected regions in

the coming days. In a statement issued, the state chief minister on Thursday said that the raininduced disasters in Uttarakhand occurring one after another for the past two months are the result of global warming. "Disasters in Uttarakhand are the We are affected by global warming like other parts of the world. Areas affected

rences in Uttarakhand did increase in rain disasters, ther said that his govern-Chief Minister Pushkar not witness unplanned mainly cloudbursts, flash ment would try working Singh Dhami, attributing developmental activities or floods and landslides in



result of global warming. landslides took place in spite of this," he added.

Dhami said his government would conduct a by rain disaster occur- study on the sudden

the series of disasters that habitats. Cloudbursts and order to understand the truth behind

> assess the situation with the support of expert agencies and other institutions that work in this field. The state government will conduct a survey and get exam-

this. "We will

ined disaster affected areas with the help of specialists and organisations known for their

expertise" said Dhami. The chief minister furover to find means to preempt the disasters in future "We cannot stop disaster but will try to hammer out measures to predict the tragedy and resort to mitigate its impact in future" added the chief minister.

It's noteworthy that more than 215 people have either died or gone missing due to natural disasters in the himalayan state in more than five months. Officials have admitted that those missing have the least chance of survival. Most of the deaths have occured due to rain flicted tragedies mainly cloudbursts, landslides, road ruptures and flash flood in the last two and half months.

No Vote Deletion Can Be Done Online: EC Responds To Rahul Gandhi's Vote Chori Allegations

Election The Commission of India (EC) strongly refuted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's claims that Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar was safeguarding those involved in voter deletion scams. The EC labelled Gandhi's allegations as "incorrect and baseless," emphasizing that no public member can delete votes online, contrary to Gandhi's assertions.

In a press conference filled with drama, Rahul Gandhi accused the electoral system of a softwaredriven plot to erase millions of voters from the rolls, particularly targeting Congress supporters. He claimed to have "100 per cent proof" from Karnataka's Aland constituency but refrained from revealing what he previously called a "hydrogen bomb" of evidence.

the Election Commission of elections, including those neighbour who denied any India (EC) and Chief in Aland, Karnataka. Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar of protect- irregularities in Aland dur-

Gandhi detailed alleged

ing those involved in voter ing the 2023 elections, THERE IS UNDENIABLE PROOF THAT **CEC GYANESH KUMAR IS** PROTECTING VOTE CHORS

deletion scams; however, claiming a targeted operathe EC refuted these claims, tion was discovered by stating no voter deletions chance. He explained that occur without due process 6018 applications were and hearings. Gandhi filed impersonating voters, alleged a software-driven but those individuals never plot to erase voters, partic-submitted them. A boothularly targeting Congress level officer noticed her supporters, while the EC uncle's vote was deleted 2023.

Rahul Gandhi accused maintained the fairness of and found it was done by a involvement.

> The EC clarified that no voter can be removed without due process, stating: "No deletion can take place without giving an opportunity of being heard to the ffected person." acknowledged They attempts to fraudulently delete voters in Aland but stressed these efforts failed, leading to an FIR for investigation.

> According to Gandhi, sophisticated software automated the deletion requests using mobile numbers from outside Karnataka. He alleged this targeted Congress voters specifically. Despite these claims, the EC maintained that elections in Aland were fair, with BJP's Subhadh Guttedar winning in 2018 and Congress' BR Patil in

SECL Honours 75 Coal Workers on Occasion of Prime Minister's Birthday and Vishwakarma Jayanti Shri Sushant Shukla was occasion of Vishwakarma Campaign 2025, across

South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), a flagship subsidiary of Coal India Limited on the occasion of the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lord Vishwakarma Jayanti, felicitated 75 coal mining workwith the SECL Vishwakarma Awards at a grand ceremony organised at its headquarters in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh. The first edition of SECL Vishwakarma Awards recognised the grit, dedication and exemplary service of workers engaged in mining operations, maintenance, supervisory and allied roles across SECL

Union Minister of State graced the programme as Chief Guest. MLA (Beltara)

mines.

present as Guest of Honour. Jayanti, coinciding with the The event was presided birthday of the Prime over by Shri Harish Duhan, Minister Shri Narendra CMD, SECL. Functional Modi. Directors, representatives To mark the occasion,

of trade unions. HoDs. offi- dignitaries planted saplings cers and employees of under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke SECL were present during Naam" campaign. The the occasion.

Addressing the gatherfor Housing and Urban ing, Shri Tokhan Sahu laud-Affairs, Shri Tokhan Sahu ed SECL's initiative of insti- Chief Guest, which also of workers, sustainable tuting the Vishwakarma marked the launch of the practices, and community Awards on the auspicious Swachhata

administration of the Seva

SECL headquarters and operational areas. As part of the celebra-

tions, SECL also conducted a special one-day campaign titled "SECL-17: Vishwakarma Sankalp" across its ten operational districts in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. The campaign featured seventeen welfare activities for regular and contract workers. including health camps, blood donation, safety and vigilance awareness programmes, financial and digital literacy workshops, plantation drives under Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, and de-addiction awareness inievent commenced with the tiatives. These activities reflected SECL's continued Swachhata Pledge by the commitment to the welfare

development.











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Editorial

Calculated Risk

US President Donald Trump's latest ultimatum to America's allies underscores how trade has become a central weapon in the struggle over Ukraine. By demanding that every Nato member halt purchases of Russian oil and impose tariffs of up to 100 per cent on China, he has fused economic coercion with the promise of military de-escalation. His message is stark: follow my plan and the war will end quickly; refuse and the conflict will drag on. At first glance the logic seems simple. Russian oil exports remain the Kremlin's main source of hard currency. China and India have stepped in as key buyers since Europe began phasing out its own imports, cushioning Moscow from Western sanctions.

Punish these buyers with steep tariffs, Mr Trump argues, and the cash lifeline sustaining Russia's invasion will snap. Yet the strategy is far more complicated than the rhetoric suggests. Europe has already slashed its dependence on Russian energy from nearly half of its gas imports in 2022 to a fraction today. But persuading holdouts such as Turkey to stop buying Russian crude will not be easy, and some European economies still rely on limited Russian supplies. Forcing them to move faster risks both political backlash and economic disruption The call for tariffs on China is equally fraught. Such measures would deepen the global trade war, hit European consumers, and invite retaliation from Beijing, which could in turn tighten its own partnership with

Even Washington's own relationships are tangled The United States recently levied a 50 per cent tariff on Indian goods, half of it justified as punishment for Indian purchases of Russian oil, even as Mr Trump courts New Delhi as a counterweight to China. India is unlikely to abandon cheap Russian energy because of tariff threats while its own growth depends on affordable fuel. By shifting the burden of enforcement to allies, Mr Trump signals both urgency and limitation. America cannot on its own choke off Russia's revenue, yet it remains the indispensable power in any coalition. Europe must weigh the costs of compliance against the risk of a prolonged war.

History shows that sanctions and tariffs rarely deliver quick victories. They work best as part of a sustained multilateral effort, not as a one-off shock. Even if every Nato member followed Washington's lead tomorrow. Russia's economy ~ already re-oriented toward Asia ~ would adapt. The real challenge is not simply starving Moscow of revenue, but sustaining political will across democracies whose voters will feel the costs of prolonged economic warfare. Economic pressure can complement military aid, but it is no substitute for a coherent strategy. Tariff ultimatums may generate headlines and force allies to take sides, yet they could also fracture the very unity needed to contain Russian aggression. The danger is that in seeking to starve Moscow, the West ends up starving itself of cohesion ~ and still leaves the battlefield unchanged.

TO GLOBAL HARMOI

(Gns)

Moments of crisis and transformation have often brought forth voices of profound wisdom that guide humanity toward unity, tolerance, and peace. India's journey as a guiding light for the global community is anchored in the transformative messages delivered by Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi on two historic September 11ths – the former at the Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893, and the latter launching the Satyagraha movement in South Africa in 1906. In contrasting eras marked by colonial oppression, racial injustice, and later, the global shock of 9/11's terrorism, their wisdom and the syncretic traditions of India offer invaluable lessons of tolerance, non-violence, and unity for the 21st century world.

The resonant words of Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi - "Help and not Fight, Assimilation and not Destruction, Harmony and Peace and not Dissension," and "In a gentle way, you can shake the world" - remind us that moral courage and universal acceptance are vital antidotes to fanaticism, divisiveness, and violence. Their voices are not just historical echoes; they are living calls for introspection, inviting us to weave empathy, truth, and pluralism into

the fabric of modern society. Through their timeless reflections, we discover a central theme - the enduring power of principles rooted in compassion and syncretic understanding to inspire a global moral uprising. Swami Vivekananda's address at the Parliament of Religions, Chicago, beginning with the iconic "Sisters and Brothers of America", resonated with a call for universal acceptance and tolerance. He declared, "I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance. We believe not only in universal toleration, but we accept all religions as true." This idea did more than challenge Western preconceptions.

respectful cross-cultural dialogue. As historian Will Durant observed, "Swami Vivekananda's words at Chicago were not just a plea for harmony; they were a declaration that morality does not belong to any single tradition, and progress rests on an embrace of diversity.' Swami Vivekananda cited the syncretic currents of India, proud that Hindus sheltered "the purest remnant of the Israelites" and "the grand Zoroastrian nation," highlighting India's long tradition of providing refuge irrespective of faith. This spirit is echoed by

It laid the foundation for

international writers like Mark Tully, who wrote, "India's greatness has always been its ability to hold irreconcilable differ-

atmosphere where religions and cultures coexist and enrich each other.'

Displaying India's philosophical breadth, Vivekananda quoted Bhagavad-Gita,

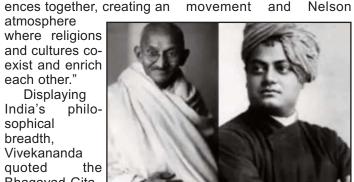
through whatsoever form, I reach him; all men are struggling through paths which in the end lead to Me." He also offered a universal prescription - "... upon the banner of every religion will soon be written, in spite of resistance: 'Help and not Fight', Assimilation and no t Destruction, 'Harmony and Peace and Dissension." Vivekananda's vision of global harmony and the concept of seeing all humanity as "one global family" offer an antidote to rising nationalism and iden-

"Whosoever comes to Me,

On 11 September 1906, Mahatma Gandhi inaugurated the Satyagraha movement in South Africa, a pivotal moment in the fight against injustice and

tity politics.

(nonviolence), 'Satyagraha' became an enduring global philosophy, inspiring figures like Martin Luther King Jr. in the U.S. civil rights



Vivekananda said that Mandela in the African struggle against apartheid. Gandhi said, "In a gentle way, you can shake the world." His teachings, rooted in Hindu, Christian, and Islamic ideals, hold deep contemporary relevance. "Peace is not an end, it is the way," wrote Gandhi, a dictum cited by peace scholars globally. Acknowledging this idea, Thabo Mbeki, former President of South Africa, said, "In all our battles, the legacy of Gandhi lives on and has become rooted in the heartbeats of our peo-

Gandhi's model inspired not only movements for human rights and justice but also fostered standards for sustainable development and ecological protection - concerns at the heart of modern global apar theid. Grounde d in crises. In the face of "truth-force" and 'ahimsa' oppression, Gandhi urge d

empathy and reconciliation. shaping the Indian freedom movement, and guiding future global struggles. "Tolerance and nonviolence are the soul of a great civi-With growing multipolarity, competition among blocs, and eroding consensus, the world in 2025 confronts not only geopolitical shocks but also an ethical crisis how to foster security and cooperation amid fragmentation.

Vivekananda's call for difference, respecting paired with Gandhi's insistence on truth and peaceful resistance, can inspire states to seek mutual understanding instead of domination. These philosophies support rebuilding international trust and provide strategies for civil societies and global actors to counter misinformation, violence, and leadership failures. In the aftermath of tragedies like the destruction of the World Trade Centre – on another September 11, 2001, killing almost 3,000 people on the site - the relevance of Indian values, is more urgent than ever.

terrorism, identity politics, and climate crises intersect, India's ancient wisdom and modern democratic ethos stand as a beacon. Gandhi's philosophy, notes Sarvepalli

In an era where global

Radhakrishnan, "humbles

the arrogance of modern civilization and values. Pioneering work to delineate non-violent ways of intervention for peace and human rights is gaining unilization", Gandhi had said. versal acceptance." The Gandhian ethos guides not only inter-state relations but holds practical value in mediation, arbitration, and conflict resolution in a fragmented global system. India's unique contribution is not merely its plurality, but its living demonstration of tolerance, nonviolence, and syncretic unity.

The principles of Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi, drawing inspiration from the Vedas, the Bible, the Quran, the Upanishads, and the Bhagavad-Gita, serve as a beacon for all humankind. Their teachings urge the world to rise in moral courage, empathy, and understanding. As conflicts continue to erupt and old paradigms falter, it is in the embrace of India's ethical legacy that the world may find its most promising path forward. Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi offer pathways for peace and solidarity that extend far beyond borders or faiths. Their legacies may be the philosophical anchor humanity urgently needs to navigate today's geopolitical turbulence and create a more just, empathetic world.

Faith and Balance

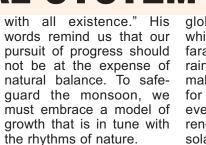
has once again underlined that constitutional principles cannot be bent to political convenience. Its interim order on the Wagf

India's Supreme Court

than a narrow legal ruling ~ it is a reminder that the management of religious endowments must remain under the watchful eye of the judiciary, not the fluctuating will of the executive. (Amendment) Act is more Waqf properties occupy a array of welfare activities.

unique space in India's social and economic landscape. These endowments, created as perpetual charitable trusts, mosques, graveyards and a wide

madrassas,



made strides in weather forecasting, but the information often misses farmers to act upon. Extensive real-time use of satellite technology and weather data, artificial intelligence, and localised weather stations can provide microlevel advisories. When a farmer knows whether the rain will come next week or next month, sowing decisions become more resilient. At the same time, reviving traditional water wisdom is essential. India once thrived on stepwells, tanks, and ponds that rainwater buffered against extremes. Reviving these practices, alongside modern rainwater harvesting, can help communities cope better. Protecting wetlands and floodplains is vital too, for they act as natural sponges

Indian scientists have

during heavy rains. Agriculture must also adapt. Diversifying crops, adopting drought-resistant varieties, and promoting efficient irrigation methods such as drip systems can vulnerability. Generous support for climate-resilient farming is crucial to make this transition viable for millions of Urban regions must abandon constructions on wetlands, lakes, and riverbeds. The concept of "sponge cities" ~ designed to absorb, store, and reuse rainwater ~ should replace the current Upgrading drainage, enforcing zoning laws, and involving citizens

global climate systems, which means emissions in faraway continents affect rainfall at home. Our policy makers continue to push for global climate action even as it transitions to renewable energy, expands solar and wind power, and explores green hydrogen. Here, Gandhi's words become more relevant: The world has enough for everyone's needs, but not enough for everyone's greed." If humanity continues to exploit resources without restraint, the very systems that sustain life ~ including the monsoon ~

may collapse. Both the governments and the society at large have a role to play. Citizens can adopt rooftop rainwater harvesting, plant trees, and reduce water Communities can revive local ponds, manage solid waste to prevent drain blockages, and persuade the concerned agencies to protect wetlands. Farmers, with proper support, can shift to sustainable practices that reduce dependence on erratic rainfall. Schools and universities should incorporate climate education, ensuring the next generation grows up aware of the risks and responsibilities. As Rachel Carson observed in her landmark work Silent Spring, "In nature nothing exists alone." The monsoon, forests, glaciers, and rivers are all part of a living

system, and protecting one means protecting them all. The cultural imagination has long linked beauty, nature, and permanence. John Keats famously wrote, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." Rivers, rains, fertile lands, and lush forests are precisely such joys, enriching human life across generations. Yet, if exploited recklessly, they will vanish, leaving behind not beauty but barrenness. The challenge before us is to

ensure that these natural

treasures remain sources



private faith serving public good. Over the years, however, they have also become vulnerable to encroachments. internal corruption and opaque record-keeping.

Any government would assets worth billions of rupees. The recent amendments were presented as a introduce reform to accountability. But buried in the text were provisions that tilted the balance of power sharply toward the executive. By demanding rigid documentary proof of ownership for properties often sanctified by long usage, and by granting the government the final authority to decide whether a disputed property qualifies as waqf, the law risked eroding both minority rights

donor to have been a practising Muslim for a set period further betrayed a spirit of exclusion rather than reform. This verdict is not merely about one community's rights.

It signals that any have a legitimate interest in attempt to centralise conensuring transparency and trol over religious or charitable assets Muslim, Hindu or Christian ~ will face constitutional scrutiny when it threatens equality, property rights, or judicial independence. The Court's intervention strikes at the heart of these concerns. By staying the government's power to adjudicate disputes, the bench reaffirmed that determining property rights is a judicial function. By removing the religious qualification for donors, it reminded lawmakers that faith cannot be reduced to bureaucratic certification. At the same and the separation of pow-time, it allowed provisions

aimed at broader participation in waqf boards to stand, while capping the number of non-Muslim members to preserve the community's voice. This careful calibration preserves the possibility of cleaner governance without surrendering autonomy.

The challenge now lies beyond the courtroom. Transparency will not come merely from striking down overreach; it requires professional management, regular audits and an end to factional politics within wagf boards. The Muslim community, too, must treat this reprieve as an opportunity to modernise recordkeeping and embrace reforms that strengthen credibility. India's pluralism rests on a delicate balance: faith communities manage their own charitable assets. but always within the constitutional framework of equality and rule of law. By clipping the executive's wings while leaving room for reform, the Supreme Court has drawn that balance with uncommon clarity. It is a message to every government ~ transparency is essential, but it must be pursued through fair procedure and judicial oversight. never through unilateral

Celebrating a leader who has transformed India's destiny

(Gns).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi marks his 75th birthday, India celebrates not just the life of a ly, leader, but a transformative journey that has redefined the nation's political, social, and economic landscape. In the last eleven years at the helm, Modi has emerged as a symbol of decisive leadership, visionary governance, and unwavering commitment to nation-building. His tenure has taken India into a new era, one of confidence, resilience, and aspiration, making his 75th birthday not just a personal milestone, benefits flow seamlessly to but a national moment of reflection and pride.

A Governance Model and Rooted in Delivery: The hallmark of Modi's leadership lies in his ability to con-

often remained confined to files and announcements, today they reach citizens directly, swiftly, transparenteffectively. and Technology-driven governance has ensured that



every corner of the country, cutting across class, region, community. The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana stands as a shining example. During the vert intent into impact. global pandemic, over 80 Where earlier schemes crore Indians were provided

free food grains, a relief measure that continues to this day, embodying Modi's philosophy of ensuring that no citizen goes hungry. Similarly, the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana has helped over 4 crore families secure a roof over their heads, turning the dream of home ownership into reality for millions. The Ujjwala Yojana has empowered over 9 crore women with free LPG connections, liberating them from hazardous smoke-filled kitchens and improving their quality of life. Health, too, has been redefined through Ayushman Bharat, which provides free medical coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh annually to more than 5 crore families, a historic step that has freed countless households from the financial ruin of medical emergencies.

MOST VITAL NATURAL SYSTE

Meanwhile, shifting jet

streams, the high-altitude

winds that guide weather

systems, are steering mon-

soon currents away from

their usual tracks. Instead

of steady rainfall spread

over for nearly four months

we now experience cloud-

The Statesman editorial, "Monsoon Peril" in (September 12), rightly sounds the alarm on the future of India's most vital natural system. For centuries, the south-west monsoon has been the subcontinent's heartbeat ~ nurturing its fields, filling its rivers, replenishing its groundwater, and dictating the rhythm of rural life. But climate change, rapid urbanisation, and environmental

degradation are making

this once-predictable cycle

increasingly erratic.

The editorial highlights a truth that is no longer confined to academic journals: the monsoon is in peril, and with it the security of millions. To understand why the rains are fal- bursts, flash floods, and tering, it helps to recall how the system works. The Indian monsoon is essentially a vast wind-and-rain engine driven by a contrast: the summer heating of the Asian landmass and the relative coolness of the Indian Ocean. Warm air rises over the land, drawing in moisture-laden winds from the ocean. These winds rise, cool, condense, and fall as rain. For centuries, this system had its ups and downs ~ a strong year, a weak year, a

But overall, its rhythm was steady enough for farmers to trust and for civilizations to thrive. Climate recovery harder. Food change, however, is unset- security is directly tied to tling this balance in pro- this cycle. A poor monsoon found ways. The Indian Ocean has warmed faster than most parts of the world's seas, changing the self-sufficient in grain, but very currents that carry rain. its production remains vul-This heating alters wind nerable to the timing and patterns, intensifies cyclones, and delays or disrupts the monsoon's arrival. Added to this are the Pacific Ocean's El Niño events - periods of abnormal warming that are becoming more frequent and severe. They disrupt atmospheric circulation and rushes through streets, give us information but weaken the Indian monsoon.

structure.

The Chennai floods of 2015, which paralysed the city for days, were a grim reminder of what happens when heavy rain meets fast progress for development. The Kerala floods of 2018, fuelled by unprecedented



long dry spells. The atmosphere's increased capacity to hold moisture means when it does rain, it often rains too much, too quickly. Glaciers and snowpacks in the Himalayas, which help regulate temperature gradients crucial for monsoon winds, are melting rapidly. This adds uncertainty to an already unstable system. More than half of India's

farmlands are rain-fed, which means a weak or delayed monsoon can devastate crops, trigger rural drought here, a flood there. distress, and fuel migration to already crowded cities. Erratic rainfall also damages soil health, making often translates into higher food prices, hitting the poor the hardest. We may be distribution of rainfall. Recent monsoon seasons have seen our main cities like Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Chennai reeling under intense downpours. Paved surfaces, clogged drains, and vanished wetlands mean rainfall that once soaked into the ground now that which does not merely

rainfall, displaced millions and showed how fragile our river basins have become under the twin pressures of climate and intense human indulgence. At the other extreme, drought-prone regions like Marathwada in Maharashtra have seen repeated crop failures because of erratic rainfall, demonstrating that the monsoon's vagaries can swing from deluge to drought in a matter of weeks. heavy rainfall does not always mean more water for drinking or irrigation.

aquifers dry. This forces communities to dig deeper borewells, depleting groundwater that takes years to recharge. Floods bring water-borne diseases, while dry spells create heat stress, both placing additional burdens on healthcare systems. The peril of the monsoon is not destiny; it is a warning. Nature is signalling that the present ways of managing water, agriculture, and cities will not work in a warmer, more volatile climate. As Tagore wrote, "The highest education is

overwhelming civic infra- makes our life in harmony

stored Paradoxically, Short bursts of extreme rain run off quickly, leaving reduce

smallholders. models. in water conservation can mitigate the damage of urban flooding. India can-

not, however, solve the monsoon crisis alone. The monsoon is tied to

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Western railway observes launch of "swasth nari sashakt parivar abhiyan" with special health drives across mumbai central division

SWASTH NARI...... Additional

..... SASHAKT PARIVAR Railway marked a significant step towards women's health and family wellbeing by celebrating the launch of the nationwide initiative "Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan" on 17th September, 2025. This unique campaign, inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister, focuses on empowering women through preventive healthcare, awareness programmes and community participation, thereby laying the foundation for stronger families and a healthier

According to a press release issued by the Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Vineet Abhishek, Medical Department of Mumbai Central Division organized the inaugural programme at Mumbai Central Railway Health Unit where Shri Pankaj Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Mumbai Central Division, are the cornerstones of a Western Railway formally inaugurated the event by lighting the ceremonial lamp in the presence of and Senior Railway officers, including

Railway Manager, Mumbai Western Central; Dr. Nisha Singh, Additional Chief Health Director, WR; Dr. Sonali Ghumre, Additional Chief

Divisional conducted which included screenings for blood sugar, blood pressure, haemoglobin levels, breast and gynecological examinations, PAP smear tests, oral can-





Medical Meena Kumari (ACMS); Baby Dr.Rosalin

and Dr. Bharti.

In his address, Shri Pankaj Singh emphasized that the health and education of women and children progressive society. Smt. Aarti Parihar appreciated the initiative and encouraged regular health check-

Divisional Medical Officer

As part of the event, a Parihar, special health drive was Hospital, Valsad for female

up camps for women.

cer and TB screening. Superintendent(ACMS); Dr. Counselling sessions on Swati Singh (ACMS); Dr. menstrual hygiene were conducted for adolescent girls. Dr. Swati Singh delivered an impactful presentation on women's nutrition and awareness of cervical cancer, breast cancer and lifestyle-related diseases. A lecture on Tuberculosis screening was also delivered by the TB Supervisor

from J.J. Hospital. In continuation of the campaign, a similar health check-up camp was organized at Sub-Divisional

beneficiaries and children. The camp, attended by Dr.Simmi Gupta (CMS) and other specialists, featured a talk on the aims of the programme, early detection of lifestyle diseases, anemia, cancer awareness, importance of nutrition, etc. and ways of healthy living. To mark the launch of Nutrition Month, an exhibition of protein, iron and calcium-rich food products was displayed at Valsad Hospital which received wide appreciation from attendees.

Shri Vineet Abhishek stated that over 200 women and adolescent girls actively participated in the health check-up camps organized at Mumbai Central and Valsad. A wide range of screenings were conducted, including blood pressure and blood sugar monitoring, breast cancer and cervical cancer screening, as well as gynecological examinations and other essential health tests.

These programmes successfully reinforced the message that healthy women are the foundation of strong families and a healthy nation, and it also empowers women to take charge of their well-being.

500+ Buyers from 85+ Countries to Explore Business Opportunities at the 3rd Edition of UP International Trade Show 2025

India is set to host its ucts and opportunities. largest Reverse Buyer Seller Meet at the 3rd Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS) 2025, scheduled from September 25-29, 2025 at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida. With the support of the Government of Uttar Pradesh, 500+ international buyers from 85+ countries will meet local exporters and manufacturers in a massive exchange of ideas, prod-

Over the course of five ing delegations from all G20 countries: USA UK, Canada Germany, France, Italy, Japan South Korea

Africa, Saudi Indonesia, Mexico, Russia and China will engage with

Brazil

Australia,

Argentina, South

than 100,000 sellers.

The event is estimated making it a his-India's trade journey. The outcome

technology tie-Arabia, ups, and even Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), paving the way for long-2,400 exhibitors and more term business partnerships. ecosystem."

"It aims to develop

FIEO President, Mr S C Ralhan said that "UPITS days, these buyers includ- to generate huge business, 2025 is not just a trade show, it's a bridge between toric milestone in Uttar Pradesh and the world. By connecting 500+ buyers from 85+ countries with our exporters, we are creating opportunities that go beyond business partnerships that can transalso joint ventures, form industries, bring investments, and showcase the true strength of UP's manufacturing

Pakistan, Saudi Arabia Ink Defence Pact **For Joint Defence Against Aggression**

announced the signing of global peace, the state-

the pact, which stated that ment said.

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia on Wednesday

signed a defence pact under which any aggression against either country shall be considered as an act of aggression against both, according to media reports.

The 'Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement' was signed during Minister Shehbaz Sharif's state visit to Riyadh, where he was received by Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman at Al-Yamamah Palace, Geo News reported.

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia signed a Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement in Riyadh, stating that any aggression against either country is considered an act of aggression against both; the pact was signed during Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit, and reflects a commitment to enhance security ties.

According to the Dawn newspaper, a statement bilateral security ties and

any aggression against

either country shall be considered an act of aggression against both. "Building on a partnership extending nearly eight decades, and grounded in bonds of brotherhood, Islamic solidarity and shared strategic interests, the two sides signed Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement," a joint statement released after the signing ceremony

The pact reflects a joint commitment to enhance the PM's office contribute to regional and Minister Khawaja Asif, issue.

said.

defence cooperation further and strengthen joint deterrence against any aggression. Crucially, the agreement stipulates that any aggression against one country shall be considered aggression against both," the Geo News reported.

PM Sharif was earlier received by Riyadh Deputy Governor Muhammad bin Abdulrahman bin Abdulaziz upon his arrival in the Saudi capital. He is accompanied by Foreign Minister Defence Dar, Ishaq

Muhammad Aurangzeb, Information Minister Attaullah Environment Minister Musadik Malik and Special Assistant Tariq Fatemi.

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia enjoy a historic relationship, rooted in shared faith, values and mutual trust, and the visit will provide an important opportunity to the two leaders to consolidate this unique partnership, while exploring new avenues of collaboration, for the benefit of the peoples of the two countries, the Foreign Office had said ahead of the prime minister's visit to the oil-rich kingdom.

This is his third visit to the Gulf region within a week. He earlier visited Qatar twice, on Thursday and Monday, to express solidarity with Doha following Israel's attack on the Hamas leadership in the Gulf country and to attend an emergency meeting of Arab-Islamic nations on the

Government eases compliance burden on industry while ensuring benefit of reduced GST for consumers

Legal Metrology Rules Relaxed: No Newspaper **Notice Needed for Revised MRPs**

Old Packaging Use Permitted till Mar 2026 with Corrected Prices (Gns)

The Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, has issued a revised advisory in view of the revision of GST rates effective from 22nd September 2025. Using powers under Rule 33 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, the Central Government has granted relaxations to reduce compliance burden on industry while ensuring that the benefit of reduced GST is passed on to consumers.

manufacturers, packers and importers may volunaffix additional revised price stickers on unsold packages manufacbefore September 2025, provided that the original MRP printed on the package is not obscured. It has been clarified that the Rules do not mandate such re-stickering and it is purely optional for companies who wish to

declare revised prices. Further, the requirement under Rule 18(3) to publish revised MRPs in two newspapers has been waived. online printing at any suit-Instead, manufacturers and able place on the package.

importers will now only be required to circulate revised price lists to whole-As per the advisory, sale dealers and retailers, with copies endorsed to the Director, Legal Metrology in Central Government and Controllers of Legal Metrology in States/UTs. This will simplify compliance and reduce procedural burden for industry.

> The advisory also permits use of old packaging material or wrappers printed before the GST revision, up to 31st March 2026 or until such stock is exhausted, whichever is earlier. Companies can correct the MRP on such packaging by stamping, stickering, or

addition, Government has advised the manufacturers, packers and importers to take proactive steps to inform dealers, retailers and consumers about the revised GST rates. They have been encouraged to use all possible communication channels, including electronic, print and social media, to ensure consumer aware-

This step strikes a balance between ease of doing business and consumer protection, ensuring that industries are not overburdened with compliance while consumers receive the intended benefit of GST

Implementation of Unified Pension Scheme under

NPS in Department of Posts - Option for One-Time one-way Switch option from UPS to NPS. opt for the switch within the

Department of Posts is pleased to inform its employees that the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare has notified the Central Civil Services (Implementation of the Unified Pension Scheme under the National Pension System) Rules, 2025, through publication in the Official Gazette dated 02.09.2025.

These rules govern the service matters and benefits under the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for Central Government employees, including employees the Department of Posts who have opted for UPS under under UPS can switch to ed. the National Pension NPS only once, and cannot

Under these rules, pro-UPS to NPS has also been

GOVT LAUNCHES A ONE-TIME SWITCH

OPTION FOR UPS TO NPS

THOSE WHO DO NOT OPT FOR THE SWITCH WITHIN THE STIPULATED TIME WILL CONTINUE UNDER UPS; CHECK DETAILS

lated time lines i.e. of removal, dismissal or

30.09.2025. UPS sub- compulsory retirement as a

switch back to UPS.

(ii) The switch can be vision for one-time, one- exercised at least one year way switch option from before superannuation or three months before VRS.

stipulated time will continue under UPS. (v) Subscriber on opting NPS will get NPS benefits and a differential 4% contri-

> (vi) This switch option would provide more flexibility to subscriber in opting UPS and also provide them informed choice in planning their post-retirement financial security.

bution amount.

Therefore, all eligible NPS covered employees/retirees eligible for UPS in the Department of Posts may kindly note the above key points regarding this provision and be enabled to exercise their informed decision within the stipulated time

disposal of pub-The Ministry of Statistics Programme lic grievances, Implementation (MoSPI), PMO referalong with its attached ences, State offices and Autonomous Government Body, has recorded signifireferences and cant achievements under appeals. Building on

the Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending these achieve-Matters (SCDPM) during ments, Government of January – August 2025. The campaign resulted in India will launch the review of 1,257 files, of Special which 638 were weeded Campaign 5.0 from 2nd to 31st out, the conduct of 52 cleanliness campaigns, October 2025. and the release of 4,235 sq.

ft. of office space. In addi-

tion, substantial progress

The campaign will focus on the safe dis- Rules,



MoSPI reports major progress under Special

the E-Waste Management 2022, efficient posal of e-waste in line with space and record manage-

Shri Nitin Gupta and will

involve eminent profession-

Campaign, prepares for Special Campaign 5.0 ment, and enhancing workplace experience across field offices.

> The Preparatory Phase (15th - 30th September 2025) will emphasize identification of pending references from the PMO, VIPs, State Governments and Parliament, along with strengthening record and space management practices. The Implementation Phase (2nd - 31st October 2025) will focus on the use of e-office, e-HRMS and PFMS, safe and responsible disposal of e-waste through collective efforts of MoSPI and its field offices.

NFRA announces outreach programmes across the country to enhance its stakeholder engagement initiatives with audit professionals

The series of outreach programmes "Creating a Better Financial Reporting World" will be held at various locations across the country

The outreach programmes aim to obtain stakeholder feedback, outline expectations and promote adoption of best practices in relation to Public Interest Entity audits in the

The National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) has announced outreach als and experts. The workprogrammes across the shop series will bring country to further enhance together auditors, profes-

its outreach and stakeholder engagement initiatives with audit professionals. The initiative is aimed at enhancing audit quality and promoting sustainable

(Gns).

audit practices for all sizes of audit firms. The series of

outreach programmes is sional bodies, academics, Financial Reporting World" and will be held at various locations across the country. The inaugural programme is scheduled to be held in Hyderabad on 26 September 2025. Similar outreach programmes are being planned at Indore

of the year.

The series will be inau-

titled "Creating a Better and experts to discuss key professional and qualitative Informative and interesting

technical sessions have also been planned as part of the outreach programmes.

on 06.10.2025 and at NFRA intends to take forother cities during the rest ward its past initiatives of engagement with the professionals in 2024, with the

the Chairperson, NFRA, Accountants Society and the Karnataka State

Chartered Accountants

Association. These outreach programmes across the country aim to obtain stakeholder feedback, outline expec-

tations, discuss aspects relating to enhancing skills and technical knowledge, and promote the adoption of best practices, especially in relation to Public Interest Entity audits in the country. NFRA remains commit-

ted to extending such collaborative efforts to more cities and invites stakeholders to request further outreach activities.

NFRA has also initiated its first-ever "Audit Firms Survey 2025" alongside the outreach activities aimed at addressing issues related to audit quality, and towards its role of supporting all audit practitioners effectively. The insights gathered will enable NFRA responsibilities and enable constructive dialogue with all audit firms and audit practitioners.

Union Minister of Development of North Eastern Region Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia interacts with NER students who visited ISRO under NE-SPARKS programme ments in space science technology, with the goal of 800 meritorious science accompanied by their state

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(iv) Those who do not

are ongoing or contemplat-

Minister of Development of North Minister Shri Eastern Region Communications, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, virtually interacted with school students from the North Eastern states who visited ISRO HQ under NE-SPARKS program of MDONER in collaboration with NESAC-ISRO and 8 North Eastern state governments. During the interaction, the students shared their experiences of visiting ISRO facilities and learning

about India's advance-

and technology. Union sparking their and appreciated

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enthusiasm and encouraged them to nurture scientific curiosity. 'North East

Students' Programme for Awareness, Reach, and Knowledge on Space' (NE-SPARKS) is a flagship initiative

supported MDoNER in collaboration of 8NE States that exposes Northeastern students to ISRO's cutting-edge space

Scindia Science,



Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. The programme envis-

interest in students (100 from each Technology, state of NER) to premier ISRO Centres at Bengaluru.

Four batches of students have successfully completed their visits under the NE-SPARKS program, providing an immersive learning experience to 394 students (189 male, 205 female) from the

North Eastern region. Each batch comprised students representing all eight ages exposure visits for states of the North East, you children carry.'

coordinators, coordinators from NEC and NESAC. The Union Minister of DoNER students who visited preing their feedback to gain valuable insights into the program's impact.

and India is moving forward because of the spark that

today met with around 100 mier ISRO centers, gather-

During the interaction, the Union Minister commended the students for their enthusiasm and curiosity, emphasizing that 'space is the final frontier,

gurated at Hyderabad by Bombay

practical themes on several aspects

Chartered

With these events, to further tailor its roles and

Army, Navy and Air Force to share bases under new integration plan, move not tied to theatre commands

a senior official confirmed can that the locations will be selected in areas where the Army, Navy, and Air Force can be co-located and function jointly.

The landmark decision was taken during the concluded recently Combined Commanders' Conference 2025 at the Eastern Command headquarters at Vijay Durg, formerly known as Fort William, in Kolkata. The three Joint Military Stations would help in further strengthening coordination ness and integration and operational efficiency among the services.

the stations will be identiannouncement to set up fied in areas where the repairs, supplies, and storthree joint military stations, Army, Navy, and Air Force age. This will help in better





advancing the goal of joint-

among the three services. "A joint military station Speaking to The essentially signifies the Statesman, the officer said consolidation of Army, Navy, integration amongst the trithat while the specific loca- and Air Force resources services, including cross-

efficiency in times of crises," the officer said.

In recent times, the three services have already been working on increased

Two women drug smugglers among six held with 9 kg heroin in Amritsar

In a major breakthrough against cross-border narcoterror networks, Amritsar Commissionerate Police has busted two more narcotic cartels with arrest of six drug traffickers and been identified as Honey recovered a total of 9.066 Kg Heroin from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here

The operation was part of the ongoing drive to make Punjab a drug-free state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh

Those arrested have of village Kale Ghanupur in Amritsar, Parmdeep Singh alias Paras (18) of Jandiala Guru in Amritsar, Harwinder Singh alias Hinda (19) of Singh alias Jagga.

Jandiala Guru in Amritsar, Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi (25) of village Dande in Amritsar, Jasbir Kaur (40) of village Dhala in Tarn Taran and Kulwinder Kaur (54) of village Haveliyan in Tarn Taran. The development came a day after Amritsar Commissionerate Police had busted a drug smuggling syndicate operated by Moga-based Jagpreet

posting personnel, establishing joint logistics hubs, and aligning procurement, training, and staffing through coordinated planning and requirement inte-

gration. Recently, Minister Narendra Modi had instructed the Ministry of Defence to swiftly implement concrete steps to achieve greater jointness between the armed forces of India in order to meet future challenges and to prevail against any eventuality.

When asked whether the three joint military stations would also serve as the proposed theatre commands, the officer clarified that they will not function as theatre commands.

It may be recalled that during the recently held Ran Samwad-2025 at the Army War College in Mhow, both the Naval Chief and Air Force Chief had presented conflicting opinions regarding the creation of theatre commands. While Admiral DK Tripathi had called for the roli-out of theatre commands as the "ultimate goal", Air Chief Marshal AP Singh had cautioned against succumbing to pressure to implement something hastily, stressing that it should not be done merely for the sake of doing

Prisoners participated in general knowledge competition

Mathura. A general knowledge competition was organized among the prisoners at the direction of Jail Superintendent Anshuman Garg at District Prison Mathura. 78 male and 15 female prisoners were participated in the said competition. Question papers for the said competition were prepared by education teacher Sulndra Chaudhary.



Prison prisoner participating in general knowledge competition headed by Jail Superintendent Anshuman Garg There were a total of 100 questions in the said ques-

tion paper and one hour time was fixed to solve them.

In the competition, sub discipline was completed under the supervision of Ravindra Kumar, Durgesh Pratap Singh and education teacher. In the competition, first, second and third prizes will be given to each from men and women

LDA's sealing and compounding game, a spectacle

Mohammad Saif Lucknow is known for corruption. But its elegance and culture, a few days but it seems some people later, the magic have transformed this cul- of compoundture into a culture of illegal ing worked and construction. Aminabad, the seal was once famous for its streets lifted. Officials and markets, is now turning into a jungle of illegal

Complaints are made, the area of an and action is even pretend- illegal ed, but the result is the struction also ment and Angad sleeping Zone 6, took same! The case of the Aarij reduces Fashion Club, located in crime. front of the Bata showroom at Aminabad intersection, spectacle. It's an open inviis a prime example. Initially, tation to those who flout the LDA proudly sealed this the rules and act arbitrarily. citizen complains, they are

buildings.

had uprooted argued that the area was small as if reducing con-



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This isn't action, but a

a little paperwhy shouldn't such builders celebrate? Since Angad

Sahib, head Parivartan

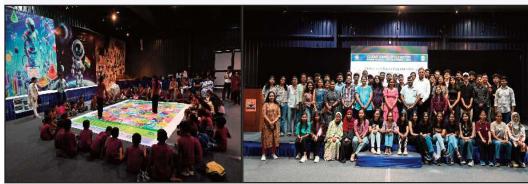
he has taken up the task of protecting illegal constructions.

Even when an aware

will be fine with aware," as if awareness is a crime and corruption a work. After all, duty! This shows that this the isn't just negligence, but a authorities are game of collusion. asleep, The narrow streets of

> Aminabad are difficult to walk on, and commercial buildings without parking spaces are proving to be a scourge for the city. This isn't just a matter of one building, but of the entire city's system, which is built on the foundation of corruption. Unless the officials understand their responsibility and keep taking action only on paper, this 'development' of Lucknow

illegal construction, as if it They know that everything taunted, saying, "You're so will continue like this. **Celebration of Ozone Day and National Engineers Day at Gujarat Science City: Awareness Spread Among Students** about Environment and Technological Contribution



Ahmedabad. Gujarat September: Science City organized grand celebrations of World Ozone Day and National Engineers Day. On this occasion, more than 2000 students from various engineering colleges and schools across Gujarat enthusiastically participated in the events.

Ozone Day: World Raise Efforts Environmental Awareness

As part of the World Ozone Day celebration, college students organized panel discussions and plays on environmental awareness for visiting school students. The students were informed about the importance of the ozone layer, current threats it faces, and measures to protect it. Experts and students emphasized the importance of maintaining environmental balance along with industrial and technological development. In addition, interesting discussions were held on topics like climate change and sustainable development.

cals damaging the ozone

layer. In 1994, the United

World Ozone Day is observed every year on 16th September in remembrance of the Montreal Bharat Protocol adopted in 1987 to Mokshagundam reduce the use of chemi-

Nations officially declared it as a global observance day.

knowledge-Special based games were also organized to engage students, combining learning with fun.

National Engineers Day: Commitment to Innovation and Development

Gujarat Science City also celebrated National Engineers Day, observed every year on 15th September to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's great engineer and

Visvesvaraya.

The program began with the screening of a film

based on the life and contribution of Shri Visvesvaraya. Following that, in a panel discussion, experts provided students with insightful knowledge on sustainable innovation in engineering, net-zero targets, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and artificial intelligence (AI).

Experts highlighted that future engineers should not just focus on new inventions, but ensure that these innovations help maintain the balance between humanity and the environment.

Platform Knowledge, Dialogue, and Inspiration This joint celebration of

Ozone Day and Engineers Day provided an excellent opportunity for young minds to understand the relationship between science, engineering, and the environment. With guidance from experts, students were inspired to bring about positive change through a sci-

'I Respect All Religions': CJI BR Gavai Clarifies **After Khajuraho Idol Case Remarks Spark Row**

Vishnu idol at the Javari Temple, which is part of the

Temple, part of Khajuraho UNESCO World Heritage-

reconstruction of a Lord concerning

Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai on Thursday issued a clarification after his remarks during a hearing related to the Khajuraho group of monuments in Madhya Pradesh sparked a row on social media. The CJI stressed that his comments had misrepresented online and reiterated that he holds respect for all reli-

"Someone told me the other day that the comments I made were misportrayed on social media," CJI Gavai said, adding, "I respect all religions."

Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai clarified that his remarks regarding a petition concerning the

The central government,

with its "very consultative"

approach, is all set to roll

out the new rules governing

gaming

Electronics and Information

Ashwini Vaishnaw said on

discussions with them

(online gaming companies

and stakeholders), and

after passing the law, once

again, we engaged with

also consulted banks and

Vaishnaw added while

speaking at the pre-event

The government has

them," the minister said.

"We have had multiple

from

Union

Minister

online

October

Technology

Thursday.

other

Madhya listed Khajuraho temple in temples Pradesh, were misrepre- complex. On September 16,

The clarification comes

the Ministry of Electronics

and he respects all reli-

stallation of a seven-foot in the backdrop of a case idol of Lord Vishnu at the

sented on social media, the Supreme Court dis-

sised that the government's approach remains "very consultative" and that another round of discussions will be held with industry the before implementation of

the new laws. "In case we need some more time, we will definitely look at a more consultative stakeholders, approach. At present, the government is targeting ceremony of Al Impact the

Summit 2026, organised by Vaishnaw said.

"We engaged with practiand Information Technology. cally every stakeholder The minister empha- possible in this, and we

missed a petition seeking

the reconstruction and rein-

सघटन

October, discussions with the industry. And in case we need

new legislation," the Union Minister added.

the bench described it as a "publicity interest litigation." CJI Gavai, addressing the petitioner, remarked: "This is purely publicity interest litigation. Go and ask the deity himself to do something. If you are saying that you are a strong devotee of Lord Vishnu, then you pray and do some meditation."

While rejecting the plea,

His remarks drew significant attention online, with several social media users claiming they were disrespectful. Following the backlash, the CJI clarified that his comments had been taken out of context and mispresented, underlining that he had no intent to hurt religious sentiments.

Online gaming: new rules take effect from October 1 On August 22, President

have finalised the rules. The rules will be promulgated with effect from the first of and before that, we will have one more round of

more time, we will definitely consider a more consultative approach, which is our standard approach. Our government's approach is very consultative on practi-October 1 for the rollout of cally everything that we do,"

Droupadi Murmu gave her assent to The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025, which was passed by Parliament. The Bill was brought in

to encourage e-sports and online social games while prohibiting harmful online money gaming services, advertisements, and financial transactions related to them.

There will be no punishment for those playing online money games; it is only the service providers, advertisers, promoters, and those who financially support such games who will face the consequences, sources said

Municipal corporation conducted special cleanliness campaign in golden

Mathura. The Municipal Corporation Mathura-Vrindavan is running a large sanitation campaign from conducted September to 2 October. Under this, in the presence of Municipal Commissioner Jag Pravesh Verma in Ward 13 Sunarkh on Thursday, people were running a special cleanliness drive by the of Municipal Corporation by conducting cleaning and garbage disposal in the entire area. message cleanliness was given to



Municipal Commissioner cooperating in cleanliness campaign the peopleIn this campaign, Nature Green Company the project manager of Abhilash

Operation In -charge Abhishek Bajpai and the entire Nature Green team were active participation, which contributed significantly in making the campaign a success. During the cleanliness work, the work of cleaning roads in the area, cleaning of drains, garbage lifting and spraying were done. The Municipal Corporation has appealed to the common citizens to maintain cleanliness around them, dump garbage at the place and designated cooperate in cleanliness campaign

ister inaugurated the exhibition, visited Cabinet min childhood since the public welfare thinking Exhibition will be held till

becoming a world guru. welfare thinking. The

Gandhi Jayanti on 2 October People gathered in the district-Mahanagar BJP

exhibition

Mathura. The Seva Pakhwara campaign being run by the BJP on the 75th birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi started on Wednesday across the district. This campaign will run till October 2. On Thursday, the exhibition was organized by the BJP District and Metropolitan Unit at Bhagat Singh Park in Dampier Nagar, Mathura. The exhibition based on the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji was inaugurated by the state minister Laxminarayan Chaudhary, District Panchayat President Kishan Singh Chaudhary, MLA Meghshyam Singh, Mayor Vinod Aggarwal, BJP Metropolitan President Harishankar Raju Yadav,

Representative

Chaudhary said that the

entire life of Prime Minister

Narendra Modiji is a source

The path he has adopted

District President Nirbhay Pandey, Cabinet Minister NaradevChaudhary, former Metropolitan President Chetan Swaroop Parashar and visited the exhibition by cutting the laceCabinet Minister Laxminarayan

Modi ji's deeds, his loyalty

and dedication to the nation medium of public service. functions conduct give a message to all of us that impossible can be made possible only on the strength of resolve and work. District President Panchayat

personality and gratitude of Prime Minister Narendra has made politics a real Modi is unique in Indian politics. The life of the Prime Minister is a unique story of struggle, service and patriotism. Giving information about the upcoming programs to be held under Seva Pakhwada, District Media in -charge Kishan Chaudhary, MLA Shyam Chaturvedi said Thakur Meghshyam Singh, that the exhibition will start Mayor Vinod Aggarwal, from 17 September and will BJP Metropolitan President continue till October 2. On Harishankar Raju Yadav, October 2, there will be a of inspiration for all of us. BJP District President special program on the Nirbhay Pandey said that birth anniversary of the

childhood, today he is of the Prime Minister is a Mahatma Gandhi. In this moving India towards living example of the special exhibition, maximum number of students, youth, farmers, women can all come and take information about the schemes and also give their suggestions for the Uttar Pradesh Vision Document.

On this occasion, Dr.

Devendra Sharma, former Chairman of State Child Conservator Commission Program Convenor Councilor Councilor Ankur Gurjar Kunj Chaturvedi Shyam Sharma Kamla Prasad Sharma Pawan Hariomasharma Ankur Agarwal Nitin Chaturvedi Lalit Aggarwal Councilor Tarun Saini Saini Saini Saini Saini Saini Saini Saini Saini Hanuman Gurjar Councilor Vikas Diwakar Councilor Councilor Representative Brijesh Aheria Dharmesh Nauhwar Amit Pathak Saundhaot Manoi Thesurendra Pradhan Nihal Singh Arya Deepak Gola Pranay Parashar Yashpal Singh Nattu Pandit Nattu Pandit Natin Kaushik Hakim Singh Titu Ajay Singh Rajawat Ashish Sharma Rajawat Ashish

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