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British PM Keir Starmer To Make First Official Visit To India In October 2025

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer is set to make his first official visit to India in the second week of October 2025, at the invitation of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, according to government sources. The trip comes shortly after the two nations historic Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) in July 2025.

The agreement, concluded after more than

effect in 2026.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer is scheduled

Narendra Modi will discuss trade, technology, and defense, aiming to double bilateral trade to \$120 bilto visit India in the second lion by 2030, with the FTA



three years of negotiations, week of October 2025, folaims to double bilateral lowing the signing of the trade between India and Comprehensive Economic the UK to \$120 billion by and Trade Agreement 2030. The FTA is currently (CETA) in July 2025. undergoing ratification in During the visit, Starmer both countries and is and Indian Prime Minister Starmer is expected to hold

expected to begin in 2026.

Switch To Shorts British PM Keir Starmer To Make First Official Visit To India In October 2025 During his visit, PM

recently signed FTA and explore ways to strengthen economic and strategic cooperation. This trip marks a significant milestone in India-UK relations, reflecting both ration program of the nations' commitment to expanding bilateral trade, Durga Puja Pandal, the investment, and technological partnerships. It will also be PM Starmer's first visit

to India since taking office

in July last year, highlight-

ing the growing importance

of the strategic partnership

between the two countries.

high-level discussions with

PM Modi on trade, technol-

ogy, and defence. The visit

will also provide an oppor-

tunity for both leaders to

review progress on the

Minister and Minister of great joy by people world- said that the dream of a

(Gns). Union Home nessed and embraced with

Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the Santosh Mitra Square Durga Puja Pandal and the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre Durga Puja Pandal in Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal today. Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah also offered prayers to Goddess Kali at the Kalighat Temple in Kolkata.

Addressing the inaugu-Santosh Mitra Square Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that the nine-day festival of worship during Navratri has become popular not only in Bengal or India but across the world. He said that this great tradition of Bengal has been wit- 09-26 at 17.23.25.jpeg

wide. For nine days, every person in Bengal—whether a child, youth, or elderlydevotes themselves to the worship of Shakti. Shri Shah added that these nine days are very significant for Bengal.

WhatsApp Image 2025-

developed India envisioned by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi through the development of Bengal must be fulfilled collectively by all of us. Shri Shah said that in the upcoming

Assembly elections, with

the blessings of Mother

Durga, a government would

Union Home Minister be formed in Bengal that will build a 'Sonar Bangla'. WhatsApp Image 2025-09-26 at 17.23.24 (1).jpeg

He added that Bengal should once again become safe, prosperous, peaceful, abundant in water and wealth, and that the Bengal envisioned by poet-guru Rabindranath should be realized.

Union Home Minister expressed grief over the death of more than 10 people due to the recent heavy rainfall in Kolkata. He said that we share in the sorrow of all the bereaved families.

Union Home Minister Minister and Cooperation paid tribute on the birth anniversary of the great educationist and social reformer Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar.

MiG Is a Testimony of India-Russia Ties: **Rajnath Singh At Its Farewell Event** ing the 1971 war and Kargil Station, concluding its as a "tremendous strength"

Defence Rajnath Singh on Friday recalled the role played by MiG-21 during the Indian wars and said that it was like a family member.

While bidding farewell to the Russian-origin fighter jet, Singh hailed its contributions as he said that MiG-21 was a symbol of the strong relationship between India and Russia. Defence Minister

Rajnath Singh bid farewell to the MiG-21 fighter jet at the Chandigarh Air Force Station, which was officially bat jet, the MiG-21, was decommissioned by the ing its contributions in ceremony

remarkable 63 years of India's legendary com- service that began with its



officially decommissioned Indian Air Force after 63 by the Indian Air Force years of service, highlight- (IAF) on Friday at a grand the at numerous conflicts includ- Chandigarh Air Force ous conflicts and hailing it

induction in 1963.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh led the tributes, recalling the jet's crucial contributions to numerfor India's armed forces throughout its history.

"Its contribution has not been limited to a single event or a single war. From the war of 1971 to the Kargil conflict, or from the Balakot airstrike to Operation Sindoor, there has not been a moment when the MiG-21 has not tremendous provided strength to our armed forces," Singh stated.

He specifically remembered the MiG-21's important role during the 1971 war, citing its decisive attack on the Governor's House in Dhaka, which he said outlined the result of the war on that very day.

Rs 10,000 handouts can't buy votes, Bihar women want dignity: Priyanka Gandhi

Shri Amit Shah inaugurates the Santosh Mitra Square Durga Puja Pandal and the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre Durga Puja Pandal in Kolkata

Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi, in a sharp attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, alleged that by transferring Rs 10,000 each to the bank accounts of 75 lakh women in Bihar, the 20-year-old NDA government is trying to buy votes days before the elections.

Addressing an election rally in Motihari, Bihar on Friday, she said the BJP-

JDU government has never worked for the welfare women, but with elections approaching, they are now pretending to be champions women's rights.

longer fall for their tricks. they're offering GST relief. They will drive these antiwomen forces out of power," she added.

said, "No one is but as elections approach, all announcements

made. Narendra Modi imposed GST on everything, but

"The women of Bihar will no now that elections are near, Today, the BJP is talking about giving Rs 10,000 to women, but why didn't

She further these people, who have been in power for 20 years, heard in Bihar, think about women before?" "The question is, why are

they waking up only before elections? The answer is simple, they want your vote. I say, if they give you Rs 10,000, take it, but vote for the country," she said.

She said handing out money is not a sign of respect. "Real respect will come when fair wages are given, when daughters feel safe,

President of india presents national geoscience awards

The President of India, and coal. Smt Droupadi Murmu, prethe National sented tions in the field of ment opportu-Geoscience at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan this Cultural Centre today also (September 26, 2025).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that minerals have played a displacement crucial role in the development of human civilization. deforestation, Minerals found in the and pollution of Earth's crust have provided air and water. the foundation for human She stated that life and shaped our trade all regulations and industry. The Stone Age, the Bronze Age, and Industrialization have been unimaginable are not harmed.

The ongoing agitation

(UKSSSC) examination on

prising turn when protest-

ers chanted slogans calling

for freedom and banning

the entry of Bhagwa into

September 21, surprised

agitators

Thursday night. The speak-

er, identified as Pushpa

Rawat, addressing a large

gathering of protesting

The incessant statewide

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speaker called for "azadi" streets), "Sansad se lenge,

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youths and chanted slo- chanting slogans for free-

on

(Gns).

Subordinate

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without minerals like iron

The President said that mining provides resources

nities. However industry has numerous adverse effects. including the

of residents,

must be strictly followed during the mining process the Iron Age — the major to mitigate these adverse stages of human civiliza- effects. Proper procedures tion's development — are must also be followed when named after minerals. closing mines to ensure would that residents and wildlife

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Uttarakhand "Tum kyon nahi doge, azadi" Minister Pushkar Singh

Services (why won't you give free- Dhami condemned the agi-

ed that our country is surrounded by oceans on three sides. The depths of Geoscience Awards-2024 for economic development these oceans hold reserves for outstanding contribu- and creates huge employ- of many valuable minerals.



'Azadi' slogans in Uttarakhand paper leak protest cre-

ate flutter; CM calls it a ploy to create unrest in state

kya chahte, azadi" (what do mixed reactions from the

Geoscientists play a crucial role in utilizing these resources for the nation's development. She urged them to develop technologies that can harness the resources beneath the seafloor for the nation's

gans including: "Hum sab dom went viral, it evoked demanding freedom from a

tation, calling it

a conspiracy to

create unrest in

the state. The

Chief Minister

said some peo-

ple were delib-

erately trying to

create unrest

under the guise

of the paper

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leak issue, for which the

government has already

constituted an SIT for an

However, many people

stating she did not commit

any crime and was merely

applauded her slogans,

intensive

The President highlight- benefit while minimizing damage to marine biodiversity.

The President said the

role of geoscientists isn't limited to mining. The impact of mining on geoenvironmental sustainability also needs to be addressed by them. Technology needs to be developed and deployed to add value to mineral products and minimize wastage. This is crucial for sustainable mineral development. She was happy to note that the Ministry of Mines is committed to sustainability and innovation and is promoting AI, machine learning, and drone-based surveys in the mining industry. She also appreciated the steps taken by the Ministry for the recovery of valuable elements from mine tailings.

corrupt and unjust system

wrong word, irrespective of

what the government thinks.

Agitation and demand for

freedom from a corrupt sys-

tem in the state are the

people's right. Question

paper leaks in Uttarakhand

have become the order of

the day, despite the state

government and the Chief

Minister claiming strict

enforcement of the law.

Youths are on the streets

demanding the quashing of

the leaked question paper,

but the state government is

unwilling to accept. They

have been forced to contin-

ue the protest," said Samar

Bhandari, state convener of

the Communist Party of

India (Marxist).

"She did not say a single

in the state.



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Editorial

Barriers to Entry

The United States has long been hailed as a land of opportunity ~ a paradise for those seeking prosperity. Migration has been a central force in shaping America's identity, economy, and innovation enabling it to become a global power. This article explores the historical roots of migration, the comparative contributions of migrants and native-born citizens, the evolution of the immigration policy, and the broader implications of a migrant-free America. Migration to the U.S. started before its inde-

Settlers from Europe laid the foundation for colonial America. Africans forcibly brought as slaves built its economy. The 19th century saw waves of Irish, German Italian, and Chinese immigrants, each group contributing to infrastructure, agriculture, and industry. They brought both cultural enrichment and political tension, but the cumulative effect has been a dynamic, resilient society According to the Migration Policy Institute, 45.2 per cent of recent immigrants (post-2010) hold a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 38 per cent of U.S.-born

Immigrants from countries like India, China, South Korea, and Nigeria consistently outperform native-born Americans in educational attainment. Though the Latin American immigrants tend to have lower formal education, they contribute through skilled trades and entrepreneurship. This educational diversity in the U.S. workforce, fills both high-tech and essential service roles. Migrants have been instrumental in building America in all spheres Immigrants added \$2 trillion to GDP in 2016. They paid over \$500 billion in taxes in 2021, including \$76 billion from undocumented workers.

Twenty-two per cent of U.S. entrepreneurs are immigrants driving innovation and job creation. Over 45 per cent of Fortune 500 companies were founded by immigrants or their children. Immigrants account for 22.8 per cent of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) workers, driving research and technological advancement. Migrants dominate sectors like agriculture, hospitality, elder care, and domestic services ~ cleaners and cooks. Without them, these sectors would face crippling labour shortages and economic stagnation. Migrants are no longer just labourers ~ they are leaders too. They have served in Congress, state legislatures, and as mayors.

Notable figures include Rep. Pramila Jayapal, India and Rep. Ilhan Omar, Somalia. Immigrant professors and researchers lead top universities and labs. CEOs of Google (Sundar Pichai), Microsoft (Satya Nadella), and Adobe (Shantanu Narayen) are all immigrants. They make up 15.2 per cent of nurses and 26.5 per cent of doctors. Their presence in leadership roles reflects excellence. Migrants are the invisible engine powering the U.S. logistics sector. Their presence is not just helpful ~ it is indispensable. Nearly 20 per cent of U.S. truck drivers are immigrants ~ up to 47 per cent in states like California and Texas.

They are largely employed in warehousing, loading docks, and freight handling and at ports. Restricting migrant entry has severe consequences. The U.S already faces a shortfall of over 80,000 truck drivers New immigration policies could displace 50,000 to 100,000 drivers. Fewer drivers result in slower freight movement, delays, and higher costs for consumers Americans can be reluctant to take on these roles due to long hours, low pay, and harsh conditions. The first major federal restriction on immigration came through the Chinese Exclusion Act (1882).

The Immigration Act of 1924 imposed quotas favouring Northern Europeans. Later, quotas were abolished opening doors to Asia, Africa, and Latin America by enacting the Immigration and Nationality Act (1965). The Immigration Reform and Control Act (1986) legalized millions of undocumented immigrants. Recent reforms (2025) have introduced steep visa fees and narrowed pathways for migrants. U.S. immigration policy has oscillated between openness and restriction. Early policies favoured European migrants.

Post-1965 reforms diversified the migrant pool. The 'Diversity Visa Lottery' also known as the 'DV Lottery' or 'Green Card Lottery' has promoted immigration from countries with historically low rates of migration to the United States Recent reforms in 2025 include: Unimaginable hike of annual H-1B visa fee to \$100,000; abolition of the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program for foreign graduates that allowed international students on F-1 visas to work temporarily in the United States after completing their studies, and wage-based visa selection, which will favour wealthier applicants.

These changes have made migration more expensive exclusive, and uncertain ~ particularly for mid-level professionals and students. Many migrants rely on imports from their native countries ~ food, medicine, cultural goods, etc. Recent tariffs hike has led to their shortages and financial burden on migrants. An example is Indian textiles which face up to 50 per cent tariffs, hurting migrant-owned businesses. Kerala's seafood and spice exports have drastically reduced due to U.S. penalties. affecting migrant workers and families. Tariffs on Chinese technology components have raised costs for

immigrant-run start-ups. Immigrant-owned businesses are a vital part of the U.S. economy ~ creating jobs, driving innovation, and contributing billions in revenue. This is another major contribution of immigrants to the American society. This can lead to reverse migration. Recent reforms have led to a projected decline in net immigration, with estimates suggesting the U.S. may experience negative net migra-

tion for the first time in decades (Brookings Institute). Historically, countries like India, China, and Nigeria suffered from "brain drain" of highly educated professionals to the U.S. However, recent U.S. restrictions have reversed this trend. Skilled migrants are returning home bringing back advanced education and training from U.S institutions, entrepreneurial experience and global networks, as well as exposure to cutting-edge technologies and research. India's technology hubs such as Bengaluru and Hyderabad, have seen a surge in startups founded by returnees, many of whom were previously employed in Silicon Valley (NASSCOM, 2024) Returnees are revitalising local industries by introducing best practices from U.S. companies and creating jobs through new ventures. China's semiconductor sector has benefited from engineers returning after facing visa hurdles in the U.S., accelerating domestic innovation, and reducing reliance on American firms, according to a report in the South China Morning Post.

H1B changes alone can't secure India's Al Future

(Gns)

One of the most contentious policies of the Trump administration was announced: \$100,000 fee to apply for an H1B visa. Naturally, the announcement unsettled the Indian diaspora and many prospective Green Card applicants in India, since over 70 per cent of H1B visa holders are Indian, with many of the brightest among them likely contributing to the development of foreign AI systems and large language model companies.

The White House promptly reassured existing H1B visa holders, though, by making it clear that the \$100,000 fee would only be charged to new applicants, not to those who already had one. Since then, the action has generated discussion about its possible advantages and disadvantages for national interests, with some applauding it as a step to stop the longstanding "brain drain" phenomenon. While preventing brain drain is directly relevant to the global Al race. retaining domestic talent alone does not fully address India's Al challenges.

From an objective standpoint, Trump's decision to significantly raise H1B visa costs will inadvertently slow down the flow of some of India's most talented individuals to the West,

something India has long failed to stop. The large immigration to the United States was driven because of what America could provide but India was unable to -merit recognition, better infrastructure, better education, and cleaner air. The numbers speak for themselves. Consider for instance that at the national level, India's Central Sector Scheme of Scholarships for College and University Students awards a maximum of 82,000 scholarships annually for graduate and postgraduate studies.

In contrast, the United

States awards more than

1.7 million private scholarships and fellowships annually, valued at over \$7.4 billion as of 2020. Now consider infrastructure, education, and pollution: In the 2024 infrastructure rankings by the World Population Review, the U.S. was ranked seventh, while India ranked According to the latest QS World University Rankings, the US has 192 ranked universities, including 44 in the top 100, whereas India has only 54 ranked universities and none in the top 100. Last vear. India's capital was ranked the most polluted city in the world.

Collectively, these factors have incentivized India's most talented workers to contribute to the U.S. economy, rather than to India's own development. make the point clear, one

which makes it crucial for countries to protect their interests and seize new opportunities - something that is impossible without

In light of the AI revolution, must first realize that creating AI systems necessitates a large investment in R&D.

Regretfully, neither the



the right human resources the loss of India's brightest minds becomes even more pressing. Naturally, a lack of talent could further disadvantage India, which was already far behind in the global Al race.

Inadvertently, Trump's move could allow India to keep more of its skilled workforce, which could lead to a chance to take a more active role in the Al race. However, this must definitely not invite unwarranted optimism as India's capacity to take full advantage of this opportunity is still constrained by the same elements that drove talented people to relocate to the United States: infrastructure, funding for research, and a favourable business environment. To

research and development. The private sector makes significant investments in countries that have successfully developed AI systems, but the government cannot be held entirely responsible. As a percentage of GDP, India's R&D spending has stayed between 0.6 and 0.7 per cent, which is less than the global average and less than that of nations like the U.S., China, and South Korea. Furthermore, only roughly 36 per cent of India's total R&D expenditure comes from the private sector, compared to over 70 per cent in these other countries. Low R&D investment in India means that retaining talented individuals does not automatically

India invest much in

of Al systems.

The fact that AI innovations typically originate from start-up ecosystems that promote entrepreneurship is another crucial point. India has yet to establish such an environment. For instance, take the corporate tax system in both countries: The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 established the 21 per cent flat rate in the United States. All corporate income brackets are subject to the same rate. In contrast, corporate taxes in India range from 25 to 30 per cent plus surcharges. Businesses are further burdened by the intricacy and ambiguity of India's tax laws, especially smaller ones that cannot afford professional advice. Delays and a lack of transparency in tax administration are examples of inefficiencies that can increase mistrust

and encourage tax evasion. The favourable business climate in California undoubtedly aided the Indian talent who migrated there and established their businesses, but it looks unlikely that India would provide similar opportunities for some time to come. Another possible effect of Trump's decision is that India could experience a temporary decline in wages instead of seeing an increase in domestic Al job creation. This is because workers who may have

migrated to the United States will now stay here boosting competition in terms of both quantity and calibre. The fact that AI is now performing tasks like homework and assignments that are typically used to indicate proficiency undermining the legitimacy of degrees and causing information asymmetry complicates this situation. Short-term wage pres-

sure is likely to continue,

and it might only subside if some of this talent moves abroad, perhaps to Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, or Germany, where there may be a greater influx of Indian professionals. Ultimately, retaining talent within India alone will not be sufficient. The country will continue to face the persistent challenges that have long been part of public discourse, and these issues may now become even more pressing. It is time for policymakers to decide how best to leverage the current situation. The problems are well understood, and many of the potential solutions are already clear, including higher R&D spending greater domestic Al job creation, easier business conditions, and broader improvements in India's standard of living, among others. Therefore, what is now required is decisive

waterlogged road after heavy rainfall in Kolkata, West Bengal prolonged humanitarian

(Gns).

Kolkata has once again found itself submerged ~ literally and figuratively ~ beneath a torrent of rain and the weight of its own urban vulnerabilities. In less than a day, more than 250 millimetres of rain transformed roads into streams, disrupted train services, and left entire neighbourhoods wading through knee-deep water.

At least 10 lives were lost, most to electrocution, a grim reminder that the city's ageing electrical grid and fragile drainage systems are ill-equipped to handle the new extremes of weather. The timing could not be crueller. The floods nature. struck days before Durga Puja, the city's most beloved festival, when elaborate temporary pandals come up in every

locality and millions of residents take to the streets in celebration. Many of these pandals

now sit waterlogged, threatening not just the festivities but the incomes of thousands of artisans, electricians, decorators, and small traders who depend on the season for their livelihood, and a plethora of corporates who set aside a large chunk of their budgets for promotional activities at this time of the year. What should have been a time of colour and music has turned into a scramble for dry ground and basic safety. This is not merely an unfortunate accident of

It is the consequence of decades of Kolkata's drainage infrastructure was designed for a different century, when

rainfall patterns were more es, yet serious investments predictable and population pressure less intense. Wetlands paved over by rapacious builders, clogged canals, and unplanned construction, have left the

in climate-resilient urban planning remain patchy and politically fraught. The crisis also exposes

translate into the creation

a deeper inequity ~ while upscale neighbourhoods



neglect. city incapable of absorbing sudden downpours. Each year the monsoon exposes submerged for days, turn- The city needs modern these structural weakness-

eventually drain and recoving a natural disaster into a drainage

emergency for the most vulnerable. The larger warning is unmistakable. Climate scientists have long cautioned that extreme rain events will become more frequent and more intense as the planet warms. Kolkata's latest deluge is not a freak occurrence but a preview of a wetter, harsher future. The cost of inaction is measured not just in property damage or festival disruption but in human lives and long-term economic loss. Relief operations ~ draining waterlogged streets, restoring transport links, comurgent.

er, poorer wards remain tute for systemic change. ing

stronger embankments and a power grid that can withstand heavy flooding without turning puddles into deadly traps. Early-warning systems and disaster-preparedness drills become routine, not occasional. Kolkata is no stranger to resilience. Its people have rebuilt after cyclones, pandemics, and economic upheavals. Yet resilience without reform is simply endurance. If the city continues to rely on improvisation rather than planning, each monsoon will bring not just rain but the same tragic headlines. The waters will recede, but pensating bereaved fami- without decisive action, the lies ~ are essential and next storm will find the same weak points ~ and But they cannot substi- the same needless suffer-

Geopolitical Landscape

Saudi Arabia's decision to formalise a mutual defence pact with Pakistan is more than a ceremonial embrace; it is a calculated signal of shifting power equations in the wider Asian neighbourhood. For India, the agreement is not a battlefield threat but a strategic tremor that demands careful attention. At its core, the pact commits each side to treat aggression against one as an attack on both. For Pakistan, this provides more than symbolic comfort.

Economically fragile

external backer willing to underwrite its military relevance. For Riyadh, the deal offers access to Pakistan's experienced army, its ready manpower, and ~ more subtly ~ its nuclear status as a form of insurance against regional adversaries. The arrangement extends a relationship that has included Pakistani troop deployments, training missions and covert support for decades, but it now gives that history a sharper edge. For New Delhi, the timing is unsettling.

The pact follows a tense ners. and politically unstable, year of clashes and diplo-

Islamabad gains a powerful matic barbs between India underscores the erosion of and Pakistan. It comes just as India has cultivated deep economic and strategic ties with Saudi Arabia, including major energy contracts and investment corridors. Delhi has worked hard to separate its partnership with Riyadh from the volatility of its Pakistan policy, but a treaty that frames Pakistani security as a Saudi concern narrows the diplomatic space. It suggests that India's economic weight alone may not guarantee strategic restraint from its Gulf part-

old assumptions about West Asian security. As Riyadh experiments with multi-vector India must recognise that economic leverage alone cannot shield its interests from the ripple effects of the move is not primarily about India. Saudi Arabia's against India, and Riyadh leadership is diversifying security partnerships as confidence in the American defence umbrella wanes. Rising tensions with Iran, only push Saudi Arabia an unpredictable Israel, and a West Asia unsettled by new conflicts have driv-

By locking Pakistan more firmly into its orbit, the kingdom signals autonomy from Washington and a diplomacy, readiness to assemble alternative security architectures in the Muslim world. India's challenge is to respond without overreevolving Gulf rivalries. Yet, acting. The pact does not compel Saudi Arabia to act continues to value its burgeoning trade relationship with Delhi.

> A loud protest would closer to Islamabad and Beijing. Instead, India must deepen its own ties across

preparedness along the Pakistan border, and quietly strengthen partnerships with countries such as the United Arab Emirates, Israel and France to balance emerging alignments. The Saudi-Pakistan pact is a reminder that power in the region is no longer defined by static alliances. India's strategy must evolve beyond bilateral friendships to a more agile diplomacy ~ one that protects economic interests, anticipates new coalitions, and remains ready for the unexpected in a rapidly changing strategic land-

This development also en Riyadh to hedge its bets. the Gulf, reinforce defence Critical Enhancement

While the government has rolled out infracture for healthcare that reaches the entire country, in several parts of the country its actual reach in remote villages continues to be unsatisfactory. Recognizing this reality, the government too has been exploring various options of improving the situation from time to time. Several approaches and models created by teams of doctors and other health professionals have been tried in this context, including the widely appreciated work of several renowned doctors.

One such widely discussed health initiative is

that of a voluntary organization Basic Healthcare Services (BHS). This initiative, which can be said to be based on the AMRIT approach or AMRIT clinics, started in 2012 in south Rajasthan. Over the last 13 years or so its work has steadily consolidated and although it continues to struggle with challenges old and new, its achievements resulting in saving thousands of lives have been widely appreciated. Dr. Pavitra Mohan, cofounder and director of BHS had earlier led the child health programme of UNICEF in India. He emphasizes three aspects

of any such initiative. Firstly, the health needs of the poorest should be prioritized, or the 'last person'

should get the 'first priority'.

Secondly, the initiative should be based on recognizing the right to health of all people. Thirdly, such an initiative should be highly participative so that the community's real and priority needs can be properly understood by all those involved in the health initiative. Dr Sanjana Mohan, another co -founder, (see photograph) emphasize that in such people-based health initiatives dignity and trust are very important. The success of such initiatives, she says, should be seen more in terms of their more durable and lasting impacts, not just temporary gains

BHS has six clinics in

Udaipur and Salumbur districts, most of these in the midst of villages with tribal communities constituting most of the population, with high levels of poverty, malnutrition, disease burden and migrant labour. After considerable discussion it was decided that clinics helped by the weekly visit of one or two physicians and round - the - clock phone consultations with

with adequate qualifications improved by BHS training, are selected, broadly speaking, from with the communities with which they work. Apart from attending to patients in day clinics, nurses are also available for night-time emergencies.

They can consult BHS doctors any time on phone or by video calls. They refer patients with more serious problems to hospitals in Udaipur where a BHS would be led by nurses, staffer is specially posted to provide help to any such patient whenever this is needed, particular at the initial stage of hospital BHS doctors. Then Nurses, admission. Nurses are

assisted at the clinic and in villages by health workers. Village-based health workers called 'health ray' or swasthya kiran play a particularly important role.

Thus, with four nurses providing the base, a clinic functions effectively with support from doctors on the one hand and female and male health workers on the other hand, helped further by village advisory committees, peer groups and partner organizations. There are also phulwari or nutrition and play centres for small children in many villages.

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Western railway to run five pairs of festi- Sonam Wangchuk Arrested Following Violent val special trains to various destination

For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season of Durga Pooja, Diwali & Chhath Pooja, Western Railway will run Festival Special Trains on Special Terminus Indore - Khadki, Indore -Nizamuddin, Sabarmati - Patna and Rajkot – Barauni stations.

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:

09023/09024 Bandra Terminus -Sanganer SuperFast Weekly Special [

Train No. 09023 Bandra Sanganer SuperFast Special will Bandra depart from Terminus every Thursday at 16:45 hrs and will reach Sanganer at 12:30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 02nd October to 27th Train No. 09024 Sanganer Bandra Terminus SuperFast Special will depart from Sanganer every Friday at 16:50 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 11:15 hrs, the next day. This

October to 28th November

train will run from 03rd

halt at Borivali, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Ratlam, Nagda, Chaumahla, Shamgarh, Bhawani Mandi. Ramganj Mandi, Kota & Sawai Madhopur stations in both directions.

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

> 09427/09428 Sabarmati -Patna Weekly Special [18

Train Sabarmati - Patna Special will depart from Sabarmati every Wednesday at 18:10 hrs and will reach Patna at Train No. 01:00 hrs, on Friday. This train will run from 01st October to 26th November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09428 Patna – Sabarmati Special will depart from Patna every Friday at 04:40 hrs and will reach Sabarmati at 09:55 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 03rd October to 28th November, 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Mahesana, Palanpur, November, 2025. Similarly, Abu Road, Marwar, Ajmer, Jaipur, Gandhi Nagar Jaipur, Dausa, Bharatpur, Achhnera, Idgah Agra, Tundla, Etawah, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Mirzapur, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara and Danapur stations in both directions.

This train comprises of Enroute, this train will AC -3 Tier Coaches.

09324/09323 Indore Khadki Weekly Special [18 Trips]

Train No. 09324 Indore -Khadki Weekly Special will depart from Indore every Wednesday at 11:15 hrs and will reach Khadki at 03:10 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 01st October to 26th November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09323 Khadki - Indore Weekly Special will depart from Khadki every Thursday at 05:10 hrs and will reach Indore at 23:55 hrs, the same day. This train will run from 02nd October to 27th November, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt Ujjain, Nagda, Dewas, Ratlam, Godhra, Vadodara, Surat, Valsad, Vapi, Vasai Road, Kalyan and Lonavla stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC - 2 Tier and AC -3 Tier Coaches.

Train No. 09309/09310 Indore Hazrat Nizamuddin Bi -Weekly SuperFast Special

Train No. 09309 Indore -Nizamuddin SuperFast Special will depart from Indore every Friday & Sunday at 17:00 hrs and will reach Hazrat Nizamuddin at 05:00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 03rd October to 30th November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09310 Hazrat Nizamuddin – Indore

Train No. SuperFast Special will depart from Nizamuddin every Saturday & Monday at 08:20 hrs and will reach Indore at 21:00 hrs, the same day. This train will run from 04th October to 01st December, 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Dewas, Ujjain, Nagda, Ramganj Mandi, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City and Mathura stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC - 2 Tier and AC -3 Tier Coaches. Train No.

09569/09570 Rajkot – Barauni Weekly Special [18

Train No. 09569 Rajkot – Barauni Weekly Special will depart from Rajkot every Thursday at 17:00 hrs and will reach Barauni at 05:00 hrs, on Saturday. This train will run from 02nd October to 27th November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09570 Barauni - Rajkot Weekly Special will depart from Barauni every Saturday at 14:40 hrs and will reach Rajkot at 04:40 hrs, on Monday. This train will run from 04th October to 29th November, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt Wakaner, Surendernagar, Chandlodiya B Cabin, Mahesana, Palanpur, Abu Road, Falna, Marwar, Beawar, Aimer, Kishangarh, Jaipur, Gandhi Nagar Jaipur, Dausa, Bandikui, Bharatpur,

New White Paper Charts India's Path to Palm Oil Self-Sufficiency by 2047

pliers are vast: a robust

domestic palm oil ecosys-

September 26, 2025: Solidaridad Asia, in collaboration with The Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA) and the Asian Palm Oil Alliance (APOA), released a researchbacked white paper titled Path to Palm Oil Self-Sufficiency in India. The white paper provides a comprehensive strategy to reduce India's heavy reliance on palm oil imports, boost domestic production, and achieve up to 50% self- An expanded palm oil value sufficiency by 2047, poten- chain is projected to create tially saving trillions of dollars in import costs while enhancing farmer income

ability. India, the world's largest tonnes (mmt) in 2023 global imports—while the domestic output met less than 5% of the demand. Palm oil's high yield per With the projected vegetable oil demand reaching 66.8 mmt by 2047, driven by rising incomes, urbanisation and growing reliance on processed and packaged foods, the white the case in India - emispaper warns of a potential 40 mmt supply gap if pro-

duction lags. "India's pursuit of selfsufficiency in edible oils is sunflower. With better landboth a national imperative and a collective responsibility. Among vegetable oils, Effluent) methane-capture palm oil stands out for its technologies, India can furaffordability, versatility, and critical role in meeting both nutritional and industrial needs. Yet, domestic proonly a small fraction of our demand, leaving the nation heavy depend on its import," Executive Director, SEA.

The white paper highlights the potential of palm across critical pathways.

Economic resilience: Oil palm is a highly profitable crop, delivering a Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) of 1.49, about compared to 1.03 for rice and 1.13 for cotton. In states like Andhra Pradesh, transitioning from lowreturn crop cycles, such as rice-rice, rice-maize, and groundnut-based systems to oil palm can boost farmer profits by INR 30,000 to

INR 1,50,000 per hectare per year.

Multi-sectoral growth: tem could generate an



an additional cumulative output of INR 15 trillion by 2047, creating an estimatand environmental sustain- ed 6.9 lakh new employ-These multi-sectoral opporimporter of palm oil, tunities hold potential to sourced 8.9 million metric empower rural households, enhance livelihood security accounting for 21% of the and drive regional economic development.

Environmental benefits: hectare translates into lower emissions per unit of oil compared to soybean, sunflower, and rapeseed oils. When cultivated on non-peatland areas — as is sions are among the lowest globally at 1.44 kg CO₂ per kg of oil, versus 3.45 kg for soybean and 3.32 kg for use planning and the adoption of POME (Palm Oil Mill ther minimise emissions, positioning palm oil as a climate-smart oilseed option.

Food security: Palm oil duction of Palm Oil fulfils plays a vital role in food security, particularly in developing economies. Studies from Indonesia and said Dr B.V. Mehta, Costa Rica show that switching to oil palm cultivation increased household calorie intake by 13 percent and improved access to nutritious foods.

> "India's push for palm oil self-sufficiency is not just economic resilience—it's a bet on home- grown innovation that can transform rural livelihoods and secure food security for billions," said Dr. Shatadru Chattopadhyay, Managing Director,

Solidaridad Asia. "Beyond farms, the multi- India,

additional INR 15 trillion in output and create nearly 7 lakh new jobs annually. For a country aiming to build resilient supply chains and inclusive growth, this is an ment opportunities per year. opportunity too significant to ignore."

To achieve the goal, the white paper suggests a five-point action plan.

1. Target high-potential areas: Expand the coverage of the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) while simultaneously strengthening irrigation infrastructure and providing targeted support for rainfed regions, with a special focus on Northeast India.

2. Repurpose lowreturn lands: Approximately 16.08 million hectares (mha) of marginal ricegrowing areas, identified as suitable for oil palm cultivation, can be utilised to enhance yields and overall returns.

3. Enhance productivity and efficiency in oil palm cultivation: A focused strategy is required to improve yields from the current 2.4 metric tonnes/hectare to 4-5 metric tonnes per hectare through the adoption of high-quality planting material, improved agronomic practices and timely access to critical inputs.

4. Create an enabling ecosystem for oil palm cultivation: Strategic investments in rural road connectivity, FFB collection systems, and processing facilities are required, particularly in the Northeastern states where infrastructure gaps remain a major constraint.

5. Catalyse private sector partnerships: In private players

already play a pivotal role — owning 69 of the country's 82 seed nurseries and operating 26 of the 32 processing Strengthening public-private partnerships under NMEO-OP, enabling investments in new nurseries, expanding processing capacity and supporting technology transfer can significantly boost production while improving market access for farmers.

Speaking at the launch event, APOA chairperson Atul Chaturvedi said: "A self-reliant India is critical for the development of the region. The white paper illustrates strong evidence of south-south cooperation, especially on key learnings from Indonesia and returns and inclusive growth for palm smallhold-

Among the key recom-

paper are: Strengthen

 Embed the India Palm Oil Sustainability (IPOS) framework into the NMEO-OP to mandate responsible production practices, traceability and certification,

Adopt regenerative ity. agriculture and integration of similar certification and MD, UP Sugar Federation, practice-based models in India to help improve soil health, strengthen ecosys- opportunity lies in building tem services, build climate a farmer-centric ecosystem resilience and secure long- where productivity growth term crop profitability while goes hand-in-hand with contributing to the social profitability and sustainand economic well-being of ability. By enhancing the farming communities and workers,

 Encourage publicnurseries, mills, and distribution, and mechanisation services

integration of smallholder added products. farmers into value chains is critical. Prioritise access to consistently organizing land rights and dedicated advisory services.

Protests In Ladakh Amid Stability Concerns

Leh, Ladakh: Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk was arrested on Friday by Ladakh Police, two days after violent protests in Leh demanding statehood for Ladakh left four people dead and more than 70 injured. The unrest escalated from a peaceful shutdown into widespread clashes with security forces and arson, targeting government buildings and

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had earlier canceled the FCRA license of Wangchuk's NGO, the Students Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh (SECMOL), citing alleged violations. Authorities allege that Wangchuk incited the pro-

es referencing the Arab the region's stability; Spring and Nepal's Gen Z authorities are investigating



protests, which allegedly motivated the violence.

taken into custody in Ladakh after violent incidents during a protest these allegations, asserting resulted in four deaths and that his NGO did not testers through his speech- heightened concerns about receive foreign contribu- hood.

the events. Community members are urged to Sonam Wangchuk was remain calm while officials work to restore order.

Wangchuk has denied

used for legitimate activities. The government also claims that his other initiative, the Himalayan Institute of Alternatives Ladakh (HIAL), received over ₹1.5 crore in foreign remittances without FCRA registration. Additionally, ₹6.5 crore was allegedly diverted to his private company, Sheshyon Innovation.

The activist described the government's actions as a "scapegoat tactic" and warned that his imprisonment could create greater challenges for authorities than his continued activism.

The incident has drawn widespread attention to the region, raising concerns over public safety and governance in Ladakh amid ongoing demands for state-

Swami Chaitanyananda Saraswati Bail Plea Denied **Amid Alleged Sexual And Financial Misconduct**

A Delhi court on Friday rejected the anticipatory bail plea of self-styled god-Chaitanyananda Saraswati, who is under investigation for alleged financial irregularities at a private management institute. The order was passed by the Patiala House Court, which observed that the seriousness of the allegations warrants custodial interrogation at this stage.

The decision comes shortly after the court reserved its order on another case against Saraswati involving cheating, forgery, and criminal conspiracy.

A Delhi court denied anticipatory bail to Swami

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who faces investigation for to its retention financial irregularities and alleged sexual harassment forged documents or elecof 17 female students at a tronic records as genuine private management insti-

tute. The Patiala House Court cited the seriousness of the allegations, including cheating, forgery, and criminal conspiracy, as grounds for custodial interrogation; police are trying to

Saraswati. Financial Irregularities The FIR lodged against Saraswati includes charges

Cheating by personation

Cheating by dishonestly inducing a person to Chaitanyananda Saraswati, deliver property or consent

Wr's jumbo block between churchgate

and mumbai central station on sunday

Public Relations Officer of

hours will be taken on UP & Vineet Abhishek, during the terminated/reversed ex

Central (local) stations from fast lines between to take note of the above

10:35 hrs to 15:35 hrs on Churchgate and Mumbai arrangements.

Forgery and use of Criminal conspiracy According to

the Delhi Police, the investigation into financial irregularities revealed that Saraswati allegedly tightened his control over the institute by sublet-

ting properties of the Jagadguru Shankaracharya Mahasamsthanam Dakshinamnaya

Sharada Peetham to private companies for financial gain. Sexual Harassment

Allegations Apart from financial

Due to this, some subur-

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Passengers are requested

irregularities, Saraswati is also accused of harassing 17 female students of the institute. The Vasant Kunj North Police received complaints that the godman sent obscene messages via WhatsApp and SMS, used abusive language, and engaged in unwanted physical contact.

During the investigation, statements of 32 female students were recorded, of which 17 alleged harassment. Victims claimed that some faculty and administrative staff pressured them to comply with Saraswati's demands.

The institute, affiliated with Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri, offers Postgraduate Diploma in (PGDM) Management under the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) scholarship. The allegations have caused significant concern in Delhi, and police are actively trying to locate Saraswati, who is currently on the run.

Court's Observation

The Patiala House Court emphasized that the DOWN slow lines between block period, all slow line Bandra/Dadar station. gravity of the accusations, both financial and sexual harassment-related, makes custodial investigation nec-

Sunday, 28th September, Central (local) stations. **CII Uttar Pradesh organised 11th Edition of CII** Sugartech 2025 on 26 September at Lucknow

According to a press ban trains will remain can-

release issued by Chief celled during the block and

Malaysia on predictable graced by industry experts, policy makers, academia and research scholars. The conference was chaired by Shri Narendra Mohan, mendations of the white Former Director, National Sugar Institute (NSI) and Managing Director, research via regional Greentech. The confer-Indian Institute of Oil Palm ence was attended by Research (IIOPR) centers, more than 200 industry members.

> At CII Sugartech, companies and innovative farmers were felicitated for their exemplary contributions in the field of sugar production and sustainabil-

Shri Kumar Vineet, IAS, Government of Uttar Pradesh said that, the real quality of cane, we unlock higher recovery for mills, and by improving the quanprivate partnerships to tity, we ensure farmer prosaccelerate investments in perity and steady supply chains. It is only through Centres of Excellence this balance that India can (CoEs) for training, input strengthen its position as a global sugar leader and also diversify into ethanol, The successful green energy, and value-He commended CII for

affordable credit, secure Sugartech and providing a valuable platform for dialogue, knowledge-sharing, "The real opportunity lies in

The conference was among industry leaders, into integrated bio-refiner-

policymakers, researchers, ies operating year-round,



The

Conference Chairman Shri Narendra Mohan Agrawal, Former Director NSI & Greentech stated that emphasized that the Indian sugar industry has transformed remarkably over the past two decades, evolving from a singleproduct sector into a diversified hub for bio-electricity, bio-ethanol, compressed biogas, and future-ready green fuels. Highlighting the need for out-of-the-box thinking, he stressed four key priorities — developing climate-resilient high-yield varieties, stabilizing demand-supply, adopting advanced technologies for cost reduction and specialty sugars, and diversifying value-added products from by-products and waste.

creating bio-energy, biochemicals, and sustainable fuels, while keeping environmental sustainability at the core," he noted, underlining the vision of a green, need for technological resilient, and self-reliant Bharat.

Gangwar, Director, Mawana Sugars Limited said that The Indian sugar industry stands at a critical juncture, balancing the dual objectives of increasing sugarcane productivity and enhancing the quality of both cane and manufactured sugar. Enhancing both the quantity and quality of sugarcane is critical to meet growing domestic demand, ensure steady exports, and support ethanol production for a sustainable energy future.

and collaborative action transitioning sugar mills Executive Director, Uttam improve efficiency.

Sugar Mills Ltd. Stated that the sugar industry is at a critical juncture where embracing innovation and sustainability is no longer optional but imperative. Advances in technology, from precision agriculture bio-refineries, are redefining how we produce and utilize sugar, making the entire value chain more efficient and environmentally responsible.

Mr Alok Saxena, Executive Director, Gobind Sugar Mills Ltd emphasized the importance of diversifying into ethanol production to support India's blending targets, reduce surplus, and strengthen streams. Stressing the upgradation, he highlighted the adoption of automation, Mr Rakesh Kumar data-driven monitoring, Managing and advanced machinery to enhance efficiency and product quality.

Mr Satish Maratha, Managing Director, AB Mauri India noted that over the years the Indian sugar industry has made remarkable progress, evolving from a single-product focus to becoming an integral part of the nation's green energy transition. He emphasized that the next phase of growth will come from harnessing advanced technologies, sustainable practices, and innovative Mr Shankar Lal Sharma, bio-based solutions to

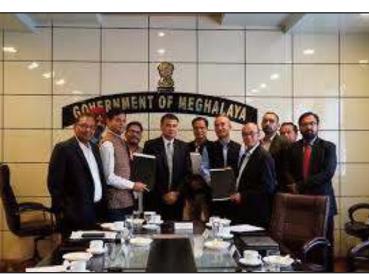
IICA Forms Core Working Group (CWG) on Corporate Affairs and ESG under the Chairmanship of DG, IICA

CWG to review Corporate Disclosures, Board-Level ESG Oversight and Global Best

Practices (Gns) The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), under the aegis of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, has constituted a Core Working (CWG) Group Corporate Affairs and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) under the Chairmanship of Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General & CEO. IICA. This was done in pursuance of the directions of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA). The Group has been formed to facilitate structured consultation and decision-making on matters relating to corporate disclosures and governance in alignment

of the CWG include exami-

The terms of reference stakeholder engagement Mukundan, frameworks, and enabling nation of disclosure provi- measures for innovation, sions under the Companies financing and impact Act, 2013, review of inter- assessment of ESG initia-



national best practices, recommendations for boardlevel ESG oversight, con- Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar with global practices and vergence of Indian norms Singh, Director General & with global standards, CEO, IICA. Shri R.

The CWG is chaired by

Director & CEO, Tata Chemicals will serve as Senior Expert Advisor. Members include Senior Leaders from IOCL; NTPC Ltd.; Schneider; Infosys Reserve Information Technology Ltd.; Aditya Birla Group, Reliance Industries, Tata Products, Consumer Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Tata Steel; firms; Consultancy Experts Industry Academicians from IIM

Prof. Garima Dadhich, Head, School of Business Environment (SBE), IICA, will serve as the Member-Convener. The School of Environment Business shall function as the Secretariat to the Group and provide institutional and technical support.

Bangalore and IICA.

"River conservation is being pursued through short-, mid-, and long-term plans". Shri C.R. Patil, Union Minister of Jal Shakti

The 6th edition of Nadi Utsay, organised by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), of Culture, Ministry Government of India, was inaugurated by the Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri C.R. Patil, today at IGNCA, Janpath, New Delhi. The inaugural session was also graced by Shri Gaurang Das, Spiritual Leader, ISKCON; Sadhvi Vishudhanand Thakur; Shri Rambahadur Rai, President, IGNCA; and Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, IGNCA.

Celebrating rivers as vital ecological lifelines and cultural reservoirs, the festival opened to an enthusiastic gathering of scholars, artists, practitioners, and students. In his inaugural address, Shri C.R. Patil asserted the significance of rivers in sustaining commu-

Gave information about legal

rights and government

schemes to women

awareness program was

organized in the district

under the direction of

District Magistrate Mathura

today under the ambitious

campaign 'Mission Shakti

5.0', the Uttar Pradesh gov-

ernment. The team of

Department organized this

program with the aim of

empowering girls, teachers

and local women at Maa

Resham Devi Inter College,

Mathura. At the same time,

according to the instruc-

tions of the government

department,

September 26, under the

special campaign of Nari

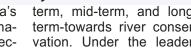
Shakti 5.0 from September

25 (till 30 September 2025),

Women's

Mathura. An important

nities and shaping India's term, mid-term, and long- tions and culture. He caucultural ethos. He empha- term-towards river consersised the need for collec- vation. Under the leader-





instructions of DM, Nandani became Principal for one day

Nandani sitting on the chair of Principal and operat-

ing the school

the school was conducted about important schemes

tive responsibility in preserving rivers for future Narendra Modi, significant generations. He remarked, efforts are being undertak-"India is a land of rivers. The world's finest river, the Ganga, flows in India. It is our duty not to pollute our rivers." He further stated that work is being carried

by making the school a day

Principal of the school,

the program was to make

women aware of their legal

rights and to give detailed

information about various

welfare schemes run by the

state and central govern-

The main objective of

Nandani, class 10, a day.

through Vision@2047.

Highlighting the cultural significance of rivers, he said that rivers are not merely resources but the out at three levels- short- very current of our emo-

related to security, educa-

tion, health and self -

employment like 'Beti

Bachao, Beti Padhao',

'Chief Minister Kanya

Sumangla Yojana', 'Women

Help Line 181', 'UP 112',

members openly discussed

On the occasion, team

and 'One Stop Center'.

tioned that human intervention has caused immense damage to rivers, and their conservation is a shared responsibility. He also commended IGNCA for the continued organisation of Nadi Utsav.

On this occasion, Shri Gaurang Das said that rivers are not merely streams of water but symbols of strength, energy, and the constant progress of life. Just like the Ganga, which finds its way from Gangotri to the Bay of Bengal despite numerous obstacles, we too must maintain hope and direction in the face of life's adversities. He added that rivers are the flow of our culture and sensibility, teaching us that challenges can be transformed into opportunities through energy and hope. **Awareness program under Mission Shakti 5.0 'on the**

equality and sexual harass-

ment and emphasized the

importance of helpline

numbers available to get

immediate assistance in

the event of crisis. He

inspired women to speak

fearlessly and raise their

voice for their rights. The

Principal of the school

appreciated this initiative

and said that such pro-

grams are very important

towards increasing confi-

dence in women and mak-

ing them self -sufficient.

The District Magistrate has

directed that this aware-

ness campaign under

'Mission Shakti 5.0' will

continue in other educa-

tional institutions and rural

areas of the district, so that

every woman can reach the

message of security and

national priorities. **Municipal corporation launched cleanliness** campaign in Aurangabad under Bapu's plan

Mathura. Under Bapu's ambitious scheme Swachh Mission, Bharat "Swachhata Hi Seva" 156 Cleanliness Program, Campaign Municipal Corporation Mathura-Vrindavan

Municipal Commissioner

Jag Pravesh, Assistant Municipal Commissioner Kalpana Chauhan Nature Green Company Project Abhilash Manager Sangwan and Operation Incharge Abhishek Bajpai with his teamA cleanliness drive was carried out in 28 and 10

Aurangabad.During this time the surrounding area was cleaned and freed from dirt. Both sides were cleaned on the main road. Kachra was freed. The team also gave a message

Mining officer seized two

tractor trolley and JCB

Wednesday, the mining

department raided the ille-

gal mining in the fields in Naugaon, Chhata Kotwali,

took action and seized two

trolley tractors a JCB

machine. On getting infor-

mation about mining, the mining officer reached the

spot and conducted this

raid. In the raid, two tractor

seized and taken to the

Lucknow, 26 Sep 2025 :

Amazon's Great Indian

Festival is now live with

exciting offers on Echo

Paperwhite. Whether it's

getting started on your smart home journey or ele-

vating your TV streaming

During Amazon's Great

avail flat ₹2,000 on this e-

reader and get it for

₹14,999.

Mathura.



Municipal Commissioner Jag Entrance and Municipal Commissioner Kalpana Chauhan instructing subordinates

towards cleanliness by making people aware. The team is constantly calling

Illegal soil mining raided in Chhata, Chhata

police station. Mining mafia from the fields in

gally mined by mining mining department about

Tractor trolley seized by mining officer

Inspector Akshay Kumar Naugaon.

trolleys and one JCB were said that the soil was ille- informed the officer of the

Festival

for not dirt by going among people. Manager of Nature Green Company Abhilash Sangwan has requested the residents of the city to give garbage to the garbage and keep garbage in two separate boxes, keep wet garbage in green box and dry before this, the area was cleaned by running a cleanliness drive in Birla Temple and Chamunda

garbage in blue box. Do not put garbage in roads and parkou. Single should not use it plastic, cooperate with the Municipal Corporation. The city commissioner should cooperate with us in the cleanliness system of the city. The city is yours. A day

Devi temple area.

this. The mining officer

reached Naugaon with the

team and saw the illegal

mining of soil being done from the farm. The miners

came to know about the

arrival of the team. The

miners fled from there. The

mining team seized two tractor trolleys and a JCB

from there. The team took

all three vehicles to

Kotwali Chhata. In this

case, FIR is being pre-

pared against illegal soil



ment. The department sensitive topics such as

team informed women domestic violence, gender







Megha Asher, Co-Founder COO of Juicy Chemistry, India's first Cosmos/ECOCERT-certified organic skincare brand.

Addressing the event, Megha emphasized the need to be cautious about which often contain preser-

minimize dairy products.

During the session, Award. Megha shared her journey of passion, perseverance, and purpose—from her early career in media and fashion to co-founding Juicy Chemistry, a brand that has redefined beauty today's beauty products, standards with its commitment to organic, sustain-

Her story resonated deeply with the audience, demonstrating how resilience, clarity of vision, and adherence to the values of authenticity, sustainability, and ethical practices can create global impact.

Year and Superstar Startup tion. Our endeavor is to inspire FLO members to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams with determination. The event was moderated by Jyoti Dewan, and the conversation was moderated by Dr. Priyanka

> More than 50 FLO mem-Sahni, Devanshi Seth, Tulika Kapoor, and Shilpa Chapter, Gupta, were present on the

Tandon.

smart speakers and dis-Speaking about the bers, including Simran plays with Alexa, Alexa ₹21,999. vatives and chemicals. able, and performance-drievent, Vandita Agarwal, smart home combos, Fire Upgrade your home Instead, we should choose ven formulations. Under Chairperson of FICCI FLO entertainment with Fire TV TV streaming sticks, smart products made from natural her leadership, the brand Lucknow TVs with Fire TV built-in, Elevate your TV experiingredients, without preser- has not only pioneered the explained that the event occasion. ence this festive season and the all-new Kindle Indian Russia-India biz dialogue unlocks

with Fire TV devices that

bring smarter, faster, and

lag-free entertainment to

your home. Access TV

show episodes and movies

across thousands of apps

(subscription fees may

apply). With the Alexa

Voice Remote, you can use

simple voice commands to

search and launch content

as well as control playback.

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TV Stick 4K with Alexa

Voice Remote. Get it for

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Offers you can avail dur-

• Flat 55% off on Fire

• Flat 36% off on Fire

Up to 60% off on

new avenues at UPITS 2025 (Gns). A business-to-business (B2B) meeting on the Russia-India Business Dialogue was successfully

convened here today on the sidelines of the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show 2025 at India Expo Mart.

chaired by Alok Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Infrastructure and Industrial Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh, and cochaired by Shashank Chaudhary, Additional CEO, Invest UP.

The dialogue witnessed robust participation from over 85 companies, facilitating more than 240 targeted B2B meetings within

Thirty Russian companies Energy, representing a wide spec- Infrastructure, FMCG, IT & trum of sectors engaged Digital



with the Indian counter- Chemicals & Cosmetics, investment opportunities,

parts to explore trade and Packaging, Medicine & Medical Equipment, Electronic Components & Transmission, Food Processing & Agriculture, Trade Tourism, Wholesale Distribution, and

The discussions emphasized synergies in areas of Solutions, mutual interest and highlighted Uttar Pradesh's emergence as a dynamic hub for international collaboration.

Russian investors expressed keen interest in the state's expanding industrial base, proactive governance, and sector-

specific incentives. The event reaffirmed the

commitment of both sides to strengthen economic ties and unlock new avenues for sustainable growth. It also showcased Uttar Pradesh's strategic positioning as a gateway for global partnerships, backed by world-class infrastructure and investor-friendly policies.

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