



Symbol of victory of good over evil: PM Modi extends Vijayadashami greetings

(Agency)
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday extended warm greetings to the nation on the auspicious occasion of Vijayadashami and prayed that people draw inspiration from the festival to move forward with courage and wisdom.

Vijayadashami, also known as Dussehra, is observed annually at the culmination of Shardiya Navaratri. Falling on the tenth day of the month of Ashvin in the Hindu lunisolar calendar, it symbolises the triumph of good over evil.

In a post on X, Prime Minister Modi wrote, "Vijayadashami is a symbol of the victory of good and truth over evil and untruth. My wish is that on this sacred occasion, everyone receives the inspiration to

continuously progress on the path of courage, wisdom, and devotion."



Extending his best wishes, he added, "My warmest greetings of Vijayadashami to my family members across the country."

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also conveyed his greetings through a message on X.

"Heartfelt congratulations to all devotees and the peo-

ple of the state on the great festival of Vijayadashami, the sacred symbol of the



eternal victory of truth, the righteous path, values, good conduct, and eternal principles!" he said.

He further added, "May every heart be illuminated by the light of righteousness and truth through the grace of Lord Shri Ram."

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta joined in

extending her wishes on X, highlighting the deeper message of the festival.

"This sacred day of Dussehra reminds us that in life, adherence to truth, righteousness, and eternal values is the true victory. This festival inspires all of us to walk the path of dharma, duty, and humanity," she posted.

"May Lord Shri Ram's blessings bring happiness, peace, and prosperity to every home. Heartfelt congratulations on Vijayadashami to all fellow countrymen and the people of Delhi," she added.

The word Vijayadashami itself is a combination of 'vijaya', meaning victory, and 'dashami', referring to the tenth day, denoting the festival that celebrates the triumph of righteousness over evil forces.

On Vijayadashami, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Performs Shastra Poojan



Gandhinagar, 02 October 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel performed the traditional Shastra Poojan (weapon worship) on the auspicious occasion of Vijayadashami at his residence. Along with his police and security personnel.

Through this Shastra Poojan, the Chief Minister emphasized the age-old tradition in Indian Sanatan culture of revering weapons and scriptures.

Extending his greetings to the security personnel on Vijayadashami, he stated that the festival symbolizes the triumph of divine

power over demonic forces and serves as an occasion to overcome destructive elements in society.

CM further highlighted with examples reflecting the principles of duty that security personnel must remain committed to safeguarding the nation, the state, and society.

The Shastra Poojan was attended by Chief Minister's Security Superintendent of Police Shri Tejas Patel, who oversees the Chief Minister's security, Deputy Superintendents, Police Inspectors, PSIs, and commandos.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Shri Amit Shah, visits Khadi India showroom in Connaught Place

(Agency)
On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah visited the Khadi India showroom in Connaught Place, New Delhi today. Shri Shah purchased Khadi products and made an online payment.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said on this occasion that Mahatma Gandhi recognized the soul of India and awakened the common people to stand against the British. He said that Mahatma Gandhi wove many elements into the freedom movement that continue to shape the map of India's future. Shri Shah said that two significant ideas—Khadi and Swadeshi emerged from these elements. He emphasized that the freedom movement cannot be

viewed separately from Khadi and Swadeshi. Shri Shah added that by giving the country the concepts of Swadeshi and Khadi, Mahatma Gandhi not only accelerated the freedom movement but also brought light into the lives of many poor people in the country.

Shri Amit Shah said that for a long time, both the ideas of Khadi and Swadeshi were forgotten. In 2003, when Shri Narendra Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat, he launched a significant campaign to revive Khadi, and that marked the beginning of this movement. The Home Minister stated that Khadi has once again become an item of common use among people. He added that in the 11 years of Modi ji's tenure, the sales of Khadi and village

industry products have increased fivefold from Rs. 33,000 crore to over Rs. 1.7 lakh crore.



Union Home Minister said that Prime Minister Modi, through his Mann Ki Baat program, has promoted the idea of Swadeshi, inspiring the people of the country to connect with economic development and the Make in India campaign. Inspired by this, millions of families across the country have decided not to use any foreign goods in their households. He added that

similarly, millions of shopkeepers have resolved not to sell any foreign products in their shops.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, while appealing to the people of the country to make the Khadi and Swadeshi campaigns successful, said that every family in the country should resolve to purchase Khadi products worth at least 5,000 rupees annually. This will provide employment to millions of people and bring light into their lives. Shri Shah stated that when we adopt the vow of Swadeshi, we also align ourselves with the ambitious campaign to take India to the top position in the world by 2047. He said that both campaigns—promoting the use of Khadi and embracing Swadeshi—launched by Prime Minister Modi should empower us.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Purchases Khadi on Gandhi Jayanti

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Promotes Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Vision of 'Khadi for Nation, Khadi for Fashion' and 'Vocal for Local'

Gandhinagar, 02 October 2025: On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti today, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel purchased Khadi from the Thaltej area of Ahmedabad, endorsing Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Khadi for Nation, Khadi for Fashion.'

"By purchasing Khadi, a symbol of Swadeshi, the Chief Minister realized the mantra of 'Vocal for Local' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat.'" CM purchased Khadi for

himself from Yash Khadi Emporium, a unit of Bharat Khadi Gramodyog Sangh located in Thaltej, and from Om Khadi, a unit of Khadi India situated on Sindhu Bhavan Road.

On this occasion, Deputy Mayor Shri Jatin Patel, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation Standing Committee Chairman Shri Devang Dani, along with members of the Municipal Corporation and city BJP leaders, were present.



One Route To Karachi Passes...: Rajnath Singh Warns Pakistan Over Military Build-Up Near Sir Creek

(Agency)
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday issued a warning that any provocation by Pakistan in the Sir Creek area would be met with a firm response.

Speaking at the Lakki Nala Military Garrison in Kutch during a multi-agency capability exercise and Shastra Poojan ceremony held on Vijayadashami, Singh said India remains committed to resolving border disputes through dialogue but

expressed concern over Pakistan's recent military activities near the region.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh warned Pakistan of a firm response to any provocation in the Sir Creek area, citing concern over recent military activities and reaffirming India's commitment to resolving border disputes through dialogue, while highlighting the success of

Operation Sindoor.

"India has made several attempts to resolve the Sir Creek border issue through dialogue," Singh said, "but Pakistan's intentions remain unclear." He

cited recent expansion of military infrastructure by Pakistan near the disputed area as a cause for concern.

Singh stated that the

Indian Army and Border Security Force (BSF) are jointly and vigilantly guarding the borders. He warned that any misadventure from the Pakistani side would be met with a decisive response, referencing past military operations and asserting that India retains the capability to respond effectively.

The minister also spoke about Operation Sindoor, a recent military initiative aimed at countering threats to India's sovereignty.

When Will UP Govt Employees Get Diwali Bonus 2025? Yogi Govt To Announce Good News In 2nd Week

(Agency)
Just in time for the festive season, the Yogi Adityanath government is preparing to give a Diwali bonus to its employees, mirroring a similar move by the central government.

This initiative aims to bring festive joy to around 8 lakh state government workers. The bonus, expected to be up to ₹7,000 per employee, will be issued by the second week of October, ensuring payment before Diwali, as per the reports in the Hindi media.

The Yogi Adityanath government plans to give a Diwali bonus of up to ₹7,000 to around 8 lakh employees in Uttar Pradesh by the second

week of October, with approximately ₹1,000 crore allocated, and is also focusing on women's safety and empowerment through schemes like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Kanya Sumangala.

The bonus will benefit non-gazetted state employees and daily wage and work-charge staff. The Finance Department is currently evaluating the proposal. Once approved, an official order will be drafted. A budget of approximately ₹1,000 crore has been allocated for this payout. Additionally, there are

speculations about a potential increase in dearness allowance (DA) and dearness relief (DR) for employees and pensioners. Women's Safety and



Empowerment Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath recently highlighted Uttar Pradesh's efforts in promoting women's safety and empowerment. Despite being India's most populous state, Uttar Pradesh

boasts one of the lowest crime rates against women. The state also leads in punishments and convictions related to such crimes.

Adityanath addressed the media after performing Kanya Pujan at Gorakhnath Temple during Navratri. He emphasised the cultural significance of the festival, noting that Sanatan Dharma followers worship Goddess Durga's nine forms with devotion. Navratri celebrates feminine divine energy, symbolising women's power in the universe.

Empowerment Schemes The Chief Minister discussed several initiatives aimed at empowering women and girls.



देश-दुनिया के नवीनतम समाचार
प्राप्त करने के लिए आज ही
गरवी गुजरात हिंदी चैनल देखिये

Editorial

Ongoing Ambiguity

Britain's immigration debate has entered a new and unsettling phase. A proposal by the Nigel Farage-led Reform UK party to abolish the right of long-term migrants to settle permanently strikes at the very heart of how the United Kingdom defines fairness, stability, and trust in government. The plan would end the pathway known as indefinite settlement, replacing it with a system of renewable visas that must be reapplied for every few years under stricter conditions.

Higher salary thresholds, tougher language requirements, and ongoing compliance checks would become the norm. At first glance, the argument sounds simple: reduce fiscal pressure, prioritise citizens, and discourage welfare dependence. Advocates speak of massive budgetary savings and a system that rewards only the most economically valuable newcomers. Yet these claimed savings are built on shaky foundations. Migrants who qualify for permanent residence typically work, pay taxes, and contribute to growth. Many claim benefits only temporarily or while unemployed, and their presence often fills critical gaps in health care, technology, and other essential sectors.

Weakening their security could push skilled workers elsewhere, reduce tax revenues, and increase recruitment costs for British businesses already facing labour shortages. The most disturbing element lies in the proposal's retroactive sweep. Individuals and families who entered the country legally, played by the rules, and built their lives on the promise of eventual permanence would suddenly find that promise revoked. Children who consider Britain their only home could be forced into cycles of visa renewals, each carrying the risk of rejection. Such a move would almost certainly invite legal challenges and create administrative chaos, but the deeper damage would be moral: it would erode the basic expectation that government commitments endure beyond the next election. Such abrupt reversals risk turning lawful migration into a gamble, where personal futures hinge on shifting political winds and economic calculations.

Supporters claim that other nations maintain similar restrictions, but these comparisons ignore key differences. Countries with tighter residency rules often provide alternative routes to long-term stability, or operate under legal frameworks that do not share Britain's history of common-law protections. Importing only the harshest elements of foreign systems while discarding their safeguards is a recipe for insecurity, not reform. This debate is not merely about visas or welfare accounts. It is about whether Britain chooses to be a society that rewards lawful conduct and hard work, or one that treats settled migrants as expendable bargaining chips.

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A hundred years ago, on the sacred occasion of Vijayadashami, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh was founded. This was not the creation of something entirely new. It was a newer manifestation of an ancient tradition, where India's eternal national consciousness expresses itself periodically, in different forms, to face the challenges of the times. In our times, the Sangh is the embodiment of that timeless national consciousness. It is the good fortune of our generation of swayamsevaks that we are witnessing the Sangh's centenary. On this historic occasion, I extend my greetings to the countless swayamsevaks who remain dedicated to the pledge of serving the nation and its people.

I also bow in reverence to the founder of the Sangh, our guiding ideal, Param Pujya Dr. Hedgewar Ji. To mark this glorious journey of a hundred years, the Government of India has released a special postage stamp and commemorative coin. Human civilizations thrived on the banks of great rivers. Similarly, countless lives have flourished due to the impact of the Sangh. A river enriches each part of the land that it touches with its waters. Likewise, the Sangh has nourished every part of our nation, every sphere of our society. A river often multiplies into many streams and expands its impact. Something similar has hap-



pened in the Sangh's journey. Through its various affiliated organisations, the Sangh works in every domain of life, such as education, agriculture, social welfare, tribal welfare, women's empowerment and more.

Though diverse in their fields of work, they all embody one spirit and one resolve: 'Nation First'. From its very inception, the Sangh has devoted itself to nation-building. To achieve this, it chose the path of character-building. Vyakti nirmaan se rashtira nirmaan, nation-building through character-building – this has been the Sangh's path. For this, it created the unique, simple and enduring mechanism of the daily shakha. The shakha is an inspiring place where every swayamsevak begins his journey from 'Me to We' and goes through a process of personal transformation. The foundation of the Sangh's hundred-year journey has been laid by a great national mission, a path of personal transformation and the practical method of the shakha.

Through these, the Sangh has shaped lakhs of swayamsevaks who continue to propel India forward in every sphere of life. Right from the moment of its founding, the Sangh has considered the nation's priority as its own priority. Param Pujya Dr. Hedgewar Ji and many swayamsevaks participated actively in the freedom struggle. Dr.

Hedgewar Ji himself was imprisoned several times. The Sangh also provided support and protection to many freedom fighters. After Independence, the Sangh continued working for the nation. Along this

in the gravest crises. The Sangh has always been synonymous with patriotism and service. When Partition left lakhs of families homeless, swayamsevaks came forward to serve refugees.

Today, institutions such as Sewa Bharati, Vidya Bharati, Ekal Vidyalayas and the Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram have become strong pillars of empowerment for tribal communities. For centuries, social ills such as caste discrimination and untouchability have been challenges for Hindu society. From the time of Dr. Hedgewar Ji until today, every member of the Sangh, every Sarsanghchalak, has fought against such discrimination. Param Pujya Guruji constantly carried forward the spirit of 'Na Hindu Patito Bhavet', meaning 'no Hindu can ever be fallen'. Pujya Balasaheb Deoras Ji declared: "If untouchability is not wrong, nothing else is wrong in the world." Later, Pujya Rajju Bhaiya Ji and Pujya Sudarshan Ji, too, carried this message forward.

In the current times, the present Sarsanghchalak, respected Mohan Bhagwat Ji, has given a clear call for unity, calling for one well, one temple, one cremation ground for everyone. When the Sangh was formed a century ago, the needs and struggles of the time were different from those of today. Today, as India advances towards becoming a developed nation, there are newer challenges. Dependence on foreign countries, conspiracies to

divide our unity, demographic changes through infiltration and more. Our government is actively countering these. I am glad that the RSS too has prepared a concrete roadmap to face them. The 'Panch Parivartan' of the Sangh gives every swayamsevak the path to overcome today's challenges. 8 Svabodh: Self-awareness helps us free ourselves from the colonial mindset, taking pride in our heritage and advancing the principle of Swadeshi.

8 Samajik Samrasta: Social harmony is brought about by ensuring social justice by prioritising the marginalised. Today, our social harmony faces a grave challenge from demographic imbalances caused by infiltration. To address this, the nation has announced a High-Powered Demography Mission. 8 Kutumb Prabodhan: Family values strengthen the institution of family which is the foundation of our culture. 8 Nagrik Shishtachar: Civic sense and a sense of responsibility need to be awakened in every citizen. 8 Paryavaran: Safeguarding the environment is of paramount importance to secure the future of coming generations. Guided by these resolutions, the Sangh now begins its journey into its next century. In the mission of building a developed India by 2047, the contribution of the Sangh will be crucial. Once again, my best wishes to every swayamsevak.

Echoes of the Past

The recently-concluded State visit of US President Donald Trump, along with First Lady Melania Trump, to the United Kingdom has provided global netizens with a host of quotations, symbols and optics bringing the imperial past to the fore. King Charles III and Queen Camilla as gracious Royal hosts welcomed the Trumps at the historic Windsor Castle where the pageantry of the spectacular military guard of honour by The King's Guard on the lawned Quadrangle brought back to life Pax Britannica and Pax Americana – the 'times of peace' initiated by the two great powers who ruthlessly ruled the world, exploiting its lands, forests and oceans for centuries.

President Trump, in the UK for a historic second state visit, experienced the trademark pomp and grandeur with a formal banquet hosted by King Charles III and Queen Camilla at the Windsor Castle. Official photographs of the two couples at the banquet reveal the resplendent and dignified, though aging British Royalty with the all-smiling US President and First Lady, standing head above shoulders over their hosts. President Trump was in a sleekly cut tailcoat wore a bow tie, white on white, with the aplomb of a just-arrived victor.

Tailcoats, as historians of sartorial elegance tell us, were integral to aristocratic horsemanship; the equestrian dress which gave the horse-rider mobility and flexibility to hunt on horseback, and as the Americans love to say, shoot from the hip. That seems to be the mood of President Trump as he posed with a wide smile to the camera, the smile of the buccaneer, an all too famous 'I don't care a damn' Trump look and his inimitable hairstyle. First Lady Melania was in a floor-length canary yellow dress with a light violet belt, her bare shoulders trumpeting her boldness, as she stood tall in the royal red,

maroon and ornately gilded interiors of Windsor Castle.

Yellow is not only the colour of sunshine and hope, very American and forceful, it is also the colour of deceit and untruthfulness, tinted with shocking dishonesty. Being the youngest of the four in the photograph, she exuded confidence and bravado of the arm-candy of the world's most powerful man, even though he remains the most vilified at home and abroad. The aging Queen Camilla wore a deep purple dress, flowing to the floor, fully covering her arms. Besides the bejewelled tiara, she had donned the Royal Family Order of Charles III for the occasion. This decoration is conferred by the head of a Royal Family to their female relations; a Royal Family Order is considered more of a personal memento than a state decoration. Featuring a small portrait of the Sovereign attached to a ribbon, this Order's history dates back to King George IV in 1820.

King Charles III wore military medallions and decorations on his chest; the Royal Family Order he donned had been painted by miniaturist Elizabeth Meek. It was his portrait on polynin, a synthetic material, instead of the traditional ivory. The portrait is surrounded by 10.41 carat diamonds, mounted on a white and yellow gold frame, and hung from a gold and enamel Tudor Crown. While the pale blue colour of the silk ribbon was chosen by the King himself in homage to that used by his great-grandfather, George V, the bow itself has a far more modern reference bank. It was designed by Philip Treacy, the milliner and former Tatler contributing editor, whose works are beloved by the Queen. Royal sartorial history leaps out from the pages of the British Royalty-loving media covering the State Banquet, preparations for which begin six months in advance.

It typically takes house-

hold staff around three days to lay the nearly 52 yards-long table. The King has the ultimate stamp of approval on both the seating plan and the menu, reporters were told, with input from both governments. Roughly 100 staff were taking care of the evening's guests. The evening's drinks gave a nod to Mr Trump and his heritage. They included a Warre's 1945 Vintage Port, made the year before the president was born. Hennessy 1912 Cognac Grande Champagne was a nod to the president's mother, born in 1912. The menu: panna cotta with parmesan shortbread and a quail egg salad, chicken ballotine wrapped in courgettes with a thyme and savoury infused jus, and vanilla ice cream bombe with a raspberry sorbet interior.

The specially crafted cocktail for the evening was called the transatlantic Whisky Sour, a twist on the whisky sour. The evening's flowers were handpicked seasonal flowers from the gardens of Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and the Savill Garden in



my life." He and the King both spoke about the bond between the US and UK, which King Charles said has been tested time and again.

"We're joined by history and fate, by love and language and by transcendent ties of culture, tradition, ancestry and destiny," the president said, calling the bond "priceless" and "eternal." Mr. Trump said the US

is now the "hottest country anywhere in the world," crediting the UK for giving the US a firm footing from which to begin. The president toasted the king as "a very, very special man." King Charles remarked about the friendship

wonder what our forebears from 1776 would think of this friendship today," the king continued, "our countries have the closest defense, security and intelligence relationship ever known. In two world wars, we've fought together to defeat the forces of tyranny," he said.

"Today as tyranny once again threatens Europe, we and our allies stand together in support of Ukraine to deter aggression and secure peace." While Ukraine got a mention in the opulent expanse of Windsor Castle, President Trump told reporters earlier that his administration is attempting to get the former US Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan back from the Taliban.

The US abandoned the air base in 2021 during former President Biden's massive military withdrawal from Afghanistan. Trump made the revelation during a press conference with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, where he also criticized his predecessor's chaotic withdrawal. "We gave it to them for nothing," Trump said of the base. "We're trying to get it back, by the way.

Accountability Now



have not forgotten the lessons of their past.

The country endured a brutal military dictatorship within living memory, and its return to civilian rule was built on a commitment to transparency and accountability. Crowds chanting "no amnesty" and "shameless Congress" were not merely

opposing a single bill; they were defending the fragile safeguards that prevent power from being seized or abused. The protests are not merely a left-wing reaction to a right-wing figure. Data show that even many centrist Brazilians – who once tolerated Mr Bolsonaro's rhetoric – now

see the amnesty bill as a direct threat to their own rights. Their participation signals that the movement transcends partisan lines and reflects a shared understanding that democratic checks must be defended before they are irretrievably weakened. President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva's pledge to veto the amnesty bill if it reaches his desk offers a temporary barrier, but it is not a solution.

The amendment still moves to the Senate, and political calculations can shift rapidly. Lasting protection will require not only presidential resolve but also sustained civic pressure and an engaged judiciary willing to uphold con-

stitutional principles. What happens next will shape Brazil's democratic trajectory for years. If lawmakers succeed in insulating themselves and pardoning a convicted ex-President, it will signal to future leaders that democratic institutions are negotiable. If the public resistance holds, it will reaffirm the principle that no individual – however powerful – is above the law. Brazil's citizens have shown that they understand the stakes. Their message is simple but profound: democracy cannot survive if impunity becomes policy. The world should take note, because the struggle to hold leaders accountable is not unique to Brazil.

US Shutdown: White House Freezes Funds For Democratic States

(Agency)

Signs of the federal government shutdown such as the closing of the US Capitol Visitor Center were visible on Wednesday as it came into effect

The Trump administration has frozen some \$26 billion (€22 billion) for projects in Democratic-leaning states on the first day of the federal government shutdown.

The Trump administration froze approximately \$26 billion for projects in Democratic-leaning states, including \$18 billion for transit projects in New York and nearly \$8 billion for green energy projects across 16 states. The shutdown, which began Wednesday, has led to furloughs for around 750,000 federal workers and the suspension of various activities, as the Senate failed to pass a funding bill.

Switch To Shorts

The White House announced the freeze on Wednesday on roughly \$18 billion in payments to build transit projects in New York, home to Congress's two top Democrats.

The freeze also includes almost \$8 billion in green energy projects in 16 Democrat-run states, including California and Illinois.

Chuck Schumer, the top Democrat in the Senate who is from New York, said Trump was targeting regular Americans for partisan aims.

"He is using the American people as pawns, threatening pain on the country as blackmail," Schumer said.

Republican Senator Thom Tillis said he was concerned that the transit

lasts

Meanwhile, Vice President JD Vance warned that the administration might sack federal workers if the shutdown lasts more than a few days.

Previous shutdowns have not resulted in permanent layoffs.

Some 750,000 federal workers are expected to be furloughed since the shutdown started at midnight on Wednesday.

Other federal employees, such as troops and Border Patrol agents, began to work without pay.

Scientific research, financial oversight, environmental cleanup efforts and a wide range of other activities have also been suspended under the shutdown.

"They need to be really careful with that, because they can create a toxic environment here," Tillis said.

Vance warns layoffs could follow if shutdown



Bareilly On High Alert: Drones Deployed, Internet Suspended For 48 Hours

(Agency)

The Bareilly division in Uttar Pradesh has been placed on high alert ahead of Dussehra festivities, with police, PAC, and RAF personnel deployed across the streets and drones monitoring the skies.

The state government has also ordered a 48-hour suspension of internet services in Bareilly, reported PTI citing officials. Mobile internet, broadband, and SMS services will remain suspended from 3 pm on October 2 to 3 pm on October 4, according to a home department notification.

Ahead of Dussehra festivities, Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh is on high alert, with internet services suspended for 48 hours from October 2 to 4 due to

potential misuse of social media following the September 26 clash in Kotwali over the 'I Love Muhammad' poster campaign, which led to stone-

over the "I Love Muhammad" poster campaign.

Home Secretary Gaurav Dayal explained the move, stating:

"There is a possibility of social media platforms such as Facebook, YouTube, and WhatsApp being misused to spread rumours and incite communal tension. This step is being taken to maintain peace and public order."

High Alert Across Four Districts

Divisional Commissioner Bhupendra S Chaudhary has issued a high alert for Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Pilibhit, and Budaun districts. Police

pelting and resulted in the registration of 10 FIRs. High alert has also been issued for Shahjahanpur, Pilibhit, and Budaun districts.

The heightened security comes after a clash on September 26 in Kotwali, which escalated into stone-pelting during a protest



What Really Happened To Zubeen Garg? Autopsy Reveals Surprising Details

(Agency)

The cause of singer Zubeen Garg's death has been officially confirmed. According to his autopsy report, Garg died due to drowning while swimming near a Singapore island, and not during a scuba diving session as was initially speculated.

The singer, who had travelled to Singapore to mark the 60th year of India-Singapore Diplomatic Relations and to participate in the India-ASEAN Year of Tourism celebrations, tragically passed away on September 19.

Singer Zubeen Garg died on September 19 in Singapore due to drowning while swimming, as per the Singapore Police Force's autopsy report and initial findings shared with the

High Commission of India. Garg was in Singapore for the India-ASEAN Year of Tourism celebrations and the 60th year of India-Singapore Diplomatic Relations, and the CID's SIT in Assam has detained North East India Festival organiser Shyamkanu Mahanta and Zubeen Garg's manager Siddharth Sarma.

Weeks after the incident, the Singapore Police Force (SPF) shared a copy of Garg's autopsy report along with preliminary findings with the High Commission of India on Thursday. According to The Straits Times, the report clarified that Garg's death was caused by drowning, not scuba diving.

Authorities had earlier ruled out foul play in the Bollywood singer's death. Legal expert Ng Kai Ling, associate director at LIMN

What Happened to Zubeen Garg?

On September 19, Zubeen Garg was rescued from the sea by Singapore police and rushed to a nearby hospital. He was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), where doctors provided continuous monitoring and emergency treatment. Despite these efforts, he could not be revived.

Garg was in Singapore to attend the North East Festival, where he was scheduled to perform on the same day the incident occurred.

Death Probe and Arrests in India

Back in Assam, the CID's Special Investigation Team (SIT) is continuing its probe into the singer's death.

Law Corporation, noted that a coroner's inquiry may further explain the sequence of events that led to Garg's drowning.

Adding to this, several media outlets also reported that Garg's death certificate issued by a Singapore hospital listed the cause of death as drowning.



Pandit Chhannulal Mishra's Death: Who Was Legendary Singer & PM Modi's Proposer In 2014 LS Polls?

(Agency)

Pandit Chhannulal Mishra, a legendary figure in Indian semi-classical music and a recipient of the Padma Vibhushan, passed away in Mirzapur on Thursday morning. He was 89.

For the past several months, Pandit Mishra had been battling multiple health issues, including Type-2 diabetes, critically low hemoglobin, and Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS). After receiving extensive treatment at hospitals in Mirzapur and Varanasi, he was recently discharged and was residing at his daughter's home. His health deteriorated late on Wednesday night, and he was rushed to a hospital where he was pronounced deceased in the early hours of the morning.

Padma Vibhushan recipient and Indian semi-classical music legend Pandit Chhannulal Mishra, who was 89, passed away in Mirzapur on Thursday morning after battling multiple health issues; he was known for his association with Varanasi and his contributions to the Kirana Gharana.

His mortal remains are being brought to his home in Varanasi, the city he was synonymous with, for the final rites. His son, noted tabla maestro Pt. Ramkumar Mishra, is en route from Delhi to perform the last rites. Pandit Mishra's demise marks the end of an era, leaving a

profound void in the world of Indian classical music.

Who Was Pandit Chhannulal Mishra?

Pandit Chhannulal Mishra will always be remembered not only for his timeless music but also for his symbolic presence in Indian politics. In 2014, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi filed his nomination papers for the Lok Sabha elections from Varanasi, it was Pandit Mishra who stood as one of his proposers - a gesture that beautifully captured the confluence of art, culture, and politics in the holy city.

But Pandit Mishra was far more than a ceremonial figure. Born in 1936 in



Dhaka: Indian Medical Student Found Dead, Probe Underway

(Agency)

A 19-year-old Indian medical student, Nida Khan, was discovered dead in her hostel room at Ad-Din Momin Medical College in Dhaka. This incident occurred after she was expelled for allegedly cheating on an exam. Her family, residing in Jhalawar, Rajasthan, is devastated and has requested the authorities to return her body to India.

Dhaka police reported that Nida was a second-year MBBS student. She had taken an exam on Saturday and was expelled after being caught cheating. "We received information at 4:15 am and found the hanging body of 19-year-old Indian student Nida Khan," said police chief Syed Md Akhtar, as quoted by bdnews24.com.

Nida Khan, a 19-year-old Indian medical student, was found dead in her hostel room at Ad-Din Momin Medical College in Dhaka after being expelled for cheating. Her family from Jhalawar, Rajasthan, requested that the authorities return her body; the All India Medical Students' Association appealed to the Ministry of External Affairs for assistance.

The All India Medical Students' Association (AIMSA) has appealed to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for intervention. AIMSA Vice President Dr Mohammad Momin Khan wrote to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, seeking help to bring Nida's body back from Dhaka. The letter highlighted the family's deep grief and their wish to perform her last rites in India.

Nida's family is overwhelmed with sorrow and is struggling to repatriate her remains. They have urged



Cleanliness as Seva, Seva as Nation-Building: Department of Legal Affairs observes Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 with nationwide participation

(Agency)

The corridors of Shastri Bhawan and its attached offices across the country echoed not just with brooms and brushes, but with a shared spirit of responsibility as the Department of Legal Affairs (DLA), Ministry of Law and Justice, observed Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 from 17th September to 2nd October, 2025. This year's campaign unfolded as a series of activities that touched every aspect of the five core pillars of the nationwide movement — from the transformation of cleanliness target units to the cleaning of public spaces, from recognising Safai Mitras to creative expressions of cleanliness such as Swachhata Ki Rangolis, and advocacy for Swachhata.

The observance extended across the Main Secretariat and all attached and subordinate offices of DLA, including its four Branch Secretariats (in Bengaluru, Chennai, Kolkata, and Mumbai), the Central Agency Section, the Law Commission of India, the Indian Law Institute, the India International Arbitration Centre (IIAC), and all benches of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT), along with litigation sec-

tions at the Delhi High Court, CAT (PB) and Lower Court (Tis Hazari), Delhi.

What gave this campaign its true force was the scale of participation. 1,109 officers, officials, and staff members across all units of the Department joined the movement. Together, they transformed 69 Cleanliness Target Units, conducted 19 activities for Safai Mitras, organised 23 activities



“Gandhiji’s ideals are a source of inspiration for all” – Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan

(Agency)

The ideals that Mahatma Gandhi, presented to the world through truth and non-violence, are a source of inspiration for all of us. Today, it is essential that we try to imbibe Gandhiji's ideals in our lives as much as possible. Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan made the statement while addressing an interfaith prayer meeting organised at Gandhi Bhavan on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

Shri Chouhan said that today the entire world is gripped with war, unrest, violence, and injustice. The situation has become so grave that even trade has come back again." Paying his tribute to

Organisations working for the welfare of people should draw inspiration from this and strive to ensure greater community support for their work. He further said that any organisation can work with true impartiality only when it is not dependent on any government.

At the outset, Rajesh Badal, treasurer of Gandhi Bhavan Trust and senior journalist, welcomed Shri Chouhan. The Trust's secretary Dayaram Namdev, veteran Gandhian thinker Shri Raghu Thakur, and eminent writer and journalist Shri Vijayadutt Shridhar were also present on the occasion.

been weaponised. People are indulging in arbitrariness of all kinds, and Gandhiji is needed now more than ever. Looking at the prevailing darkness all around, one often feels, "Bapu, if possible, please

Gandhi, Shri Chouhan said that Gandhiji did all his work with the cooperation of society. None of his campaigns ever stopped due to lack of resources. People contributed funds for all his constructive efforts.



APEDA Showcases India’s Agri-Food Strengths as Export Partner at World Food India 2025

APEDA's Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet Attracts 530 Global Buyers and Enables 4,600+ B2B Meetings

(Agency)

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry participated as the Export Partner in the 4th edition of World Food India (WFI) 2025, held at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

With 142 exhibitors and 120 stalls, APEDA's pavilion showcased the diversity of India's agri-food sector, including GI-tagged products, Basmati rice, millets, organic produce, livestock products, and value-added foods. The pavilion also featured dedicated thematic zones such as the GI Gallery, Fresca Zone, Basmati Export Development Foundation

stall, and a BHARTI Zone focused on startups and innovation.

As Export Partner, APEDA organized the Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet (RBSM), which attracted more than 530 international buyers from 68 countries, including leading supermarket chains such as Walmart, Nesto, Al Madina, Mustafa Singapore, and Choithram.

Over 4,654 curated B2B meetings were held during the event, providing Indian exporters and startups an unprecedented platform to explore new markets, showcase innovative products, and establish long-term business linkages.

APEDA further strengthened global market access by signing a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with LuLu Hypermarket LLC on September 25, 2025. The

sampling campaigns, consumer engagement, and access to LuLu's export division for global distribution.

The BHARTI Initiative was another major highlight at WFI 2025, with a dedicated stall and an interactive seminar on "From Farm to Global Markets: Startup-Driven Innovation for Agri-Food Exports." The session brought together policymakers, industry leaders, and innovators to deliberate on strategies for empowering 100 agri-food ventures through mentorship, branding, technology adoption, and global market intelligence.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman, APEDA, Shri Abhishek Dev said that World Food India 2025 has been a milestone in showcasing India's agri-food potential to the world.



Major general paul owuor otieno, commander kenya navy visits southern naval command

(Agency)
Major General Paul Owuor Otieno, Commander of the Kenya Navy, along with a four member delegation, visited Southern Naval Command (SNC), Kochi from 30 Sep – 02 Oct 2025

tion between the two Navies. The visiting delegation was presented a brief overview of Indian Navy's professional and operational training frameworks. In the deliberations, Major General Otieno appreciated the Indian

training exchanges and adoption of best practices. The recent long-range training deployment of the First Training Squadron (1TS) to Mombasa was also noted as a significant milestone in bilateral ties.

Attack Craft, INS Kabra was also undertaken. At the Naval hospital INHS Sanjivani, the delegation was briefed on the wide range of multi-speciality medical facilities available. Indian Navy has been



as part of his official visit to India.

During the visit, the Commander of the Kenya Navy interacted with Vice Admiral V Srinivas, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, and held discussions on avenues to enhance training engagement and maritime cooperation.

Navy's maiden initiative Indian Ocean Ship – Sagar (IOS Sagar), jointly crewed by personnel from nine IOR nations including Kenya, as a unique step towards regional maritime synergy. He underscored the importance of strengthening regional cooperation, capability enhancement, and interoperability through

The Kenyan delegation visited various training schools at SNC and witnessed demonstrations on advanced simulators and state-of-the-art training infrastructure. At Headquarters Sea Training, discussions focused on operational sea training and avenues for deeper training cooperation. A visit to Fast

actively fostering maritime excellence with Kenya Navy through training endeavours since 1990. The visit of the Commander of the Kenya Navy to SNC underscores the growing maritime partnership and reaffirms shared commitment of both Navies towards enhancing maritime security and regional stability.

Crackdown on encroachments in Sambhal; marriage hall demolished, mosque given time

(Agency)
On Dussehra day, the district administration in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal launched a major demolition drive against illegal encroachments, bringing down a marriage hall built on government land in Rawa Buzurg village, officials said.

The operation, carried out on Thursday morning, turned the area into a heavy security zone, with nearly 200 police and Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) personnel deployed. Drones were also used to monitor the exercise in real time.

According to SDM Vikas Chandra, the marriage hall had been constructed on land recorded as a government pond.

"The village has two government records — plot number 691 designated for a pond and plot number 459 earmarked as a compost pit. The hall stood on pond land, and hence it has been demolished," he said.

The administration also

served notice to a mosque that had come up on compost pit land in the same village.



However, after representatives of the mosque management committee requested four days' time, the administration granted a temporary moratorium.

"The committee members themselves have agreed to remove the illegal structures voluntarily, in consultation with the District Magistrate. This cooperation will help avoid any law-and-order situation," an official said.

District Magistrate

Rajender Pensia said the action was taken strictly in accordance with legal provisions.

By the afternoon, mosque committee members began removing disputed constructions on their own. "We are cooperating with the administration to ensure peace and harmony in the area," the committee said in a statement.

Samajwadi Party MP Ziaur Rahman Barq, however, said the bulldozer actions being carried out by the UP government are unconstitutional and violate the principles of justice.

"Punishment is the sole prerogative of the judiciary, not the administration. Despite repeated observations by the Supreme Court against such practices, the government continues to deploy bulldozers under police pressure. This undermines the rule of law and democratic values."

Sambhal's Superintendent of Police Krishna Kumar Bishnoi said adequate time had already been given to the

Administrative officials conducted cleanliness drive on Parikrama Marg

Govardhan. A cleanliness drive was conducted on Govardhan Parikrama Marg on behalf of the administration and Nagar Panchayat to give a message of cleanliness on Gandhi Jayanti. On Thursday, SDM Prajakta Tripathi motivated people by sweeping themselves on the Parikrama Marg. He said that the cleanliness campaign should not only have a formal program, but it should have continuity. CO Anil Kumar Singh said that if the local people are aware about cleanliness,



SDM Prajakta Tripathi and others during the cleanliness drive on Gandhi Jayanti in Govardhan.

then this campaign will be even more successful. EO Chaitanya Tiwari said that

sibility. Nagar Panchayat Chairman Prabha Devi Sharma said that the cleaning system is being given priority as per the guidelines of the government.

Naib Tehsildar Meenu Rajput and CP Yadav said that we should take care of cleanliness daily. During this, CO Anil Kumar Singh, Tehsildar Sushil Gupta, EO Chaitanya Tiwari, Chairman Prabha Devi Sharma, Sadhram, Mohan Shyam and others joined the campaign by cleaning the parikrama road

strict instructions have been issued to the cleaning workers to fulfill the respon-

Salutations to the Father of the Nation and Lal Bahadur Shastri

Mathura. A tribute program was organized in the Collectorate campus on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister of India Lal Bahadur Shastri. On this occasion, District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh paid hurdles and flowers at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at the Collectorate and paid homage. Addressing the officers and employees present, the District Magistrate said that the entire life of Gandhiji and Shastriji was dedicated to the sacrifice, simplicity and service spirit. He appealed to the employees to follow their duties with a sense of



DM, SSP offered flowers on the collectorate

service before themselves. He said that honesty and discipline are the biggest capital for the progress of the nation. SSP Shlok Kumar also laid flowers on the photographs of Gandhiji and Shastriji. Additional District Magistrate (Finance and

Revenue) Dr. Pankaj Verma, Assistant Commissioner Food Dharendra Pratap Singh, Deputy Collector Sanjay Singh, DLRC Vishan and other officials also participated in the program and highlighted the views of Gandhiji and Shastri ji.

Officials said that Mahatma Gandhi's path of truth and non-violence still inspires the whole world, while Shastri ji's Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan's slogan still strengthens the soul of India. He said that these great men kept the national interest paramount even in difficult circumstances and gave a new direction to the country. Collectorate employees also participated in the program and paid tribute to the two leaders and resolved to follow the path shown by them. At the conclusion of the program, the District Magistrate appealed to everyone to adopt cleanliness, discipline and service spirit in his life

NIA files charge sheet against two in 'Dunki' human trafficking case

(Agency)
The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has chargesheeted two accused in connection with human trafficking from India to the US via the 'dunki' route.

The NIA has charged the accused, Sunny and Shubhal Sandhal alias Deep Hundi, with human trafficking and cheating.

Sunny, a resident of Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra district and Sandhal of Delhi's Peeragardhi were arrested in July this year, around three months after the arrest of the main accused, Gagandeep Singh alias Goldy, from Tilak Nagar area of the national capital.

The case was initially registered by the police under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya



Sanhita and the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act 2014 at the Goindwal police station in District Tarn Taran, Punjab, and then re-registered by the NIA on March 13.

During the interrogation of the accused, it came to the fore that Sunny was a 'donkar' actively involved in human trafficking via the 'dunki' route.

Based in Mexico from

Sandhal, a Delhi-based hawala agent, was engaged in illegal fund transfers for the human trafficking syndicate, led by Goldy and his associates.

The NIA investigations revealed that Shubham collected money from Indian clients and remitted it abroad using the hawala network.

Sandhal was involved in smoothly managing and moving the illicit funds across India, Mexico and the US as part of the illegal immigration racket.

The investigation is continuing against the other accused in the case.

The probe agency is also working to dismantle similar illegal trafficking syndicates involved in cheating and exploiting innocent people with false promises of a legal visa.

Unprecedented response from domestic as well as international industry on government's Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme; Applications worth Rs. 1,15, 351 crores of Investment received

(Agency)
The Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme has received an overwhelming response from both domestic and international industry leaders. This reflects India's growing stature on the global stage and the increasing confidence of the domestic industry, including MSMEs, which have shown strong interest in making the country self-reliant in electronics manufacturing.

The scheme is projected to create 1,42,000 direct jobs well above the target of 91,600 and a manifold number of indirect jobs, demonstrating its potential to drive large-scale employment.

Expressing happiness over the enthusiastic response, Union Minister

Ashwini Vaishnaw urged states to seize this golden opportunity and develop a favorable framework for electronics manufacturing in their regions.

Addressing a press conference at Electronics Niketan, New Delhi, he emphasized that the electronics manufacturing industry generates significant direct and indirect employment opportunities for the youth.

The scheme, approved by the Cabinet on 1st May 2025 with a fiscal outlay of Rs. 22,919 crore, has received 249 applications with anticipated investment commitment of Rs.1,15,351 Crores. The response is nearly double the targeted

Rs.59,350 crore under the scheme. The estimated production of Electronics Components

under the scheme in the next six years will be about Rs. 10,34,700 Crores. The response is 2.2 times of the targeted Rs. 4,56,000 crore worth of production under the scheme.

The huge response will also translate into more direct and indirect jobs for the people of the country. The application window was open for an initial period of 3 months, starting from 1st May 2025, and was subsequently extended till 30th September 2025.

Strengthened India's electronics manufacturing

ecosystem

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw also highlighted that the successful launch of ECMS scheme would propel the nation to achieve the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister to establish a \$500 billion domestic electronics manufacturing ecosystem by 2030-31. Building upon the momentum generated by schemes such as EMC, SPECS and the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for mobile phones and IT hardware, ECMS represents the natural progression of the Government's strategic vision.

He said that each successive scheme has strengthened India's electronics manufacturing ecosystem, and ECMS now stands poised to complete the value chain integration

Prime Minister Modi's Condolence Message on the Demise of Padma Vibhushan Pandit Chhannulal Mishra

(Agency)
Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed deep sorrow at the passing away of Padma Vibhushan Pandit Chhannulal Mishra ji.

The Prime Minister said that the demise of Pandit Chhannulal Mishra ji is an irreparable loss to the world of Indian music. He remarked that Pandit Chhannulal Mishra dedicated his life to art and culture and played a key role in taking the musical tradition of the Banaras Gharana to new heights.

Shri Modi noted that Pandit Mishra enriched the traditions and festivals of Kashi with his voice and songs. Be it Holi at Manikarnika Ghat or his Kajri renditions in the month of Sawan, his music will forever resonate in Kashi. The Prime Minister also appreciated Pandit

Mishra ji's contribution in bringing recognition to important folk traditions on the global stage.

Sharing his personal experiences, the Prime

Minister said that he had the privilege of meeting Pandit Mishra ji several times and receive his affection. Recalling that Pandit Chhannulal Mishra ji had

been one of his proposer in the 2014 elections, the Prime Minister said that Pandit Mishra ji's deep emotional connect with Kashi was truly unique.



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The Prime Minister further said that Pandit Mishra ji had often given him valuable suggestions regarding the development and traditions of Kashi. Shri Modi

Single Biggest Risk to Democracy': Rahul Gandhi's Statement Draws BJP Fire

(Agency)
During an interaction at Colombia's EIA University, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi criticised the Narendra Modi-led government. He stated that the "attack on democracy in India" is the "single biggest risk." The BJP responded by accusing him of attempting to divide India during his foreign visit.

Gandhi emphasised India's diverse nature, highlighting its multiple religions, traditions, languages, and ideas. He asserted that India's democratic system provides space for everyone to engage in dialogue. However, he expressed concern over what he described as a comprehensive assault on this democratic framework.

In a discussion at Colombia's EIA University, Rahul Gandhi criticised the Narendra Modi-led government, stating that the attack on democracy is the

biggest risk, which the BJP responded to by accusing him of attempting to divide India during his foreign visit.

Gandhi pointed out that India cannot emulate China's authoritarian model due to its diverse linguistic and cultural landscape. He stressed the importance of allowing different traditions to flourish and express themselves freely. According to him, suppressing people under an authoritarian regime would not suit India's design.

The BJP strongly reacted to Gandhi's comments, labelling him a "Leader of Propaganda." They accused him of disparaging Indian democracy while abroad. A BJP spokesperson remarked that Gandhi often criticises Indian institutions on foreign soil and

sometimes calls for international intervention in India's affairs.

BJP's Response to Gandhi's Remarks



Union minister Arjun Ram Meghwal commented on Gandhi's statements, saying it has become habitual for him to malign India's constitutional bodies overseas. Meghwal noted that such behaviour is not appreciated by the Indian populace.

Gandhi also mentioned the risks within India's structure, identifying the attack on democracy as the primary threat. He high-

lighted the need for India to overcome these challenges while maintaining its democratic ethos.

The BJP further criticised Gandhi through social media posts. Shehzad Poonawalla, a party spokesperson, accused Gandhi of attacking Indian democracy from abroad and labelled him as someone who wants to challenge the Indian state.

In conclusion, Rahul Gandhi's remarks at Colombia's EIA University have sparked significant controversy. His comments about democracy being under threat have drawn sharp criticism from the BJP, who accuse him of undermining India while overseas. The debate highlights ongoing tensions between political parties regarding India's democratic principles and governance.