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Vikas Saptah

24 years ago, on 7th October 2001,
India's beloved leader Hon'ble Prime Minister
Shri Narendra Modi took oath
for the first time as Chief Minister of Gujarat

24 years of Public Trust, Service and Dedication

Garba, Dhordo, and
Smritivan have earned
international recognition



Prosperity through
Co-operation: A Dream Fulfilled



Empowered women are
shaping a prosperous India



Under PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana
free food grains reach crores of people



Gujarat has emerged as
India's semiconductor hub



Gujarat leads the nation
in renewable energy

MSP brings true
honour to farmers

Narmada now reaches
every field and each home



Gujarat - the Growth Engine of a Viksit Bharat

Editorial

Pivotal Moment for Professionals

China's new K visa for foreign science and technology professionals is more than just an administrative change. It signals a bold attempt to reposition the country as a global talent destination at a time when traditional magnets like the United States are recalibrating their immigration policies. The new visa's design ~ flexible entry terms, absence of employer sponsorship, and eligibility for graduates of reputed STEM institutions ~ reveals a clear strategic intent: to pull in skilled individuals who might once have gravitated to Silicon Valley, Boston, or London.

Yet, this ambition is colliding head-on with domestic realities. What might appear as a rational talent-acquisition policy to outsiders has triggered a wave of anxiety within China. A sluggish job market and record youth unemployment have created a combustible environment where any perceived preferential treatment for foreigners is bound to meet resistance. Online reactions have been swift and sharp, reflecting both economic insecurity and cultural unease. The fact that the policy gained wider attention after being dubbed "China's H-1B" in Indian discourse added a nationalist edge to the backlash, with many netizens explicitly targeting Indian professionals as emblematic of this perceived threat. The sudden public spotlight has turned a bureaucratic reform into a test of political messaging.

What was conceived as a global signal is now being refracted through the prism of domestic insecurities. This response is telling. For decades, China's engagement with foreign talent has been limited, and immigration remains a sensitive subject. Unlike the United States, where waves of immigration have shaped the labour market over centuries, China is only now tentatively experimenting with policies that open its doors to outsiders. This requires not only regulatory clarity but also domestic consensus ~ something that is evidently lacking. Moreover, practical barriers remain formidable. While ethnic Chinese professionals returning from abroad may navigate language and cultural differences more easily, foreign scientists and engineers without Mandarin fluency face real integration challenges. Beyond language, China's tightly controlled political environment presents deeper structural questions. Innovation thrives in ecosystems that prize intellectual freedom, open debate, and a degree of unpredictability.

China's trajectory in recent years has moved in the opposite direction, creating uncertainty about whether foreign talent will find space to thrive. For India, this development carries dual implications. On one hand, it highlights the scale of demand for Indian STEM professionals globally, reinforcing the country's growing human capital advantage. On the other, it signals that competitors are emerging in unexpected places. If China succeeds, even partially, in becoming a viable destination for skilled professionals, India will need to think more strategically about retaining its talent and integrating foreign expertise at home. The K visa represents both opportunity and paradox: a policy designed to project openness introduced in a socio-political environment unaccustomed to foreign competition. Whether China can reconcile its global ambitions with domestic sensitivities will determine if this initiative becomes a genuine talent magnet or remains a political mirage.

Sonalika breaks all previous records to clock highest ever monthly sales peak of 20,786 tractors in Sep'25

Lucknow, 6th October 2025: India's No. 1 tractor export brand, Sonalika Tractors, has once again brought festive cheer to farmers across the country with its heavy-duty, technology-driven tractors, clocking its highest-ever monthly overall sales of 20,786 tractors in September 2025. This remarkable performance has been powered by robust domestic demand and Sonalika's strong commitment to deliver customised solutions that enhance efficiency, productivity, and profitability for Indian farmers.

With the festive season in full swing, Sonalika has already extended its biggest annual offer 'Heavy Duty Dhamaka' since August 2025,

ensuring farmers can access the best technology at the most rewarding value. The recent GST reduction on tractors from 12% to 5% announced by the Central Government, has further strengthened farmer confidence and made heavy-duty tractors more affordable and accessible nationwide. Backed by the world's No. 1 integrated tractor manufacturing plant, Sonalika continues to guarantee superior quality tractors and timely delivery across the nation. With its agile market



approach, strong supply chain, and focus on empowering farmers, Sonalika is driving growth, prosperity,

Swami Vivekananda shines in the annals of Indian history like a radiant dawn after a long night of despair. At a time when India was bound in chains of colonial subjugation, torn by caste barriers, and weakened by loss of self-confidence, he arose like a mighty lion, roaring forth words that awakened a sleeping nation. In saffron robes he stood, not merely as a wandering monk, but as a prophet of strength, a messenger of harmony, and an architect of unity. He gave voice to the soul of India, reminding her children of their eternal heritage and calling them to unite in love of their Motherland.

His role in national integration was not of a politician's maneuverings but of a spiritual visionary whose torch of wisdom illumined the path of unity in diversity. The first gift Vivekananda gave his country was the rekindling of self-respect. Centuries of foreign domination had taught Indians to doubt themselves, to look upon their ancient culture with shame. Against this tide of despair, Vivekananda thundered with immortal words: "We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think. Words are secondary.

Thoughts live; they travel far." And indeed, he sowed thoughts of confidence and pride in Indian hearts. His resounding speech at the Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893 was not merely an address but a declaration of India's spiritual wealth: "I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance."

Those words were like nectar to his countrymen's ears, for they reminded India that her strength was not dead ~ it was merely sleeping, waiting to rise once more. Thus, the foundation of national integration was laid in the soil of renewed self-confidence. Equally profound was his teaching of religious harmony. Vivekananda saw India not as a battlefield of creeds but as a vast ocean where many rivers of faith flow together. His voice resounded with clarity: "We believe not only in universal toleration, but we accept all religions as true." In this grand vision, there was no room for suspicion or hostility; rather, every faith was seen as a path leading to the same summit of Truth. By proclaiming this ancient Vedantic ideal in modern language, he gave Indians a unifying principle to rise above sectarian divides.

MIT-WPU Researchers Pioneer Scalable Solar PV Waste Recycling Process with ₹25 Lakh Grant from Maharashtra's RGSTC

October 6, 20205: With solar photovoltaic (PV) waste in India projected to reach nearly 200,000 tons by 2030 and 1.8 million tons by 2050, researchers at MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU) have developed and validated, through lab trials and industry inputs, a scalable recycling process that tackles mounting PV waste. The team has secured a

Research Grant of INR 25 lakh from the Rajiv Gandhi Science & Technology Commission (RGSTC), Government of Maharashtra, to support this pioneering research.

The solution not only addresses India's growing PV waste challenge but also advances UN Sustainable Development Goals 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure) and 11 (Sustainable Cities and

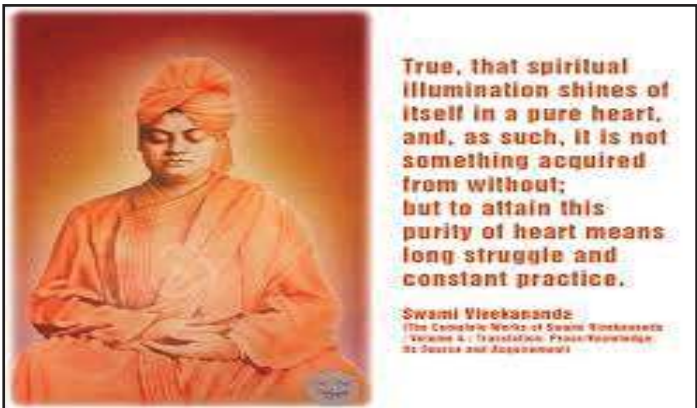
Visionary Leader

He transformed religion from a dividing wall into a golden bridge ~ binding together Hindus, Muslims, Christians, and others into the fraternity of service to humanity.

"So long as the millions live in hunger and igno-

chained by ignorance. His immortal call ~ "Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached" ~ was not only an exhortation to individuals but a trumpet call to a fragmented nation to rise as one body.

He called the youth the



rance, I hold every man a traitor who, having been educated at their expense, pays not the least heed to them," he declared, thus making service itself the highest religion and the strongest bond of integration. Swami Vivekananda was also a crusader against social divisions. He denounced untouchability and caste arrogance, proclaiming, "So long as the millions live in hunger and ignorance, I hold every man a traitor who...does not care for them." He dreamed of a nation where no man would be despised for his birth, and no woman

"dynamic power of the nation," urging them to dedicate themselves to the service of the poor, the weak, and the downtrodden. In his dream of integration, no caste, creed, or class could be excluded; the nation could only stand united when its weakest were embraced as equals. Patriotism, in Vivekananda's hands, became a spiritual force. He saw India not as a political map but as a divine Mother. "For our motherland, a junction of two great systems, Hinduism and Islam ~ Vedanta brain and Islam body ~ is the only



Communities) by promoting circular industry practices and greener urban development.

At present, most discarded panels are either stored or partially dismantled for aluminum and cables, while valuable materials such as silver (Ag), copper (Cu), tin (Sn), and lead (Pb) are lost due to the difficulty of separating laminated, multi-layered structures. Recognizing this challenge, Dr. Sarita R. Zele, Professor, Research and Development, Dr. Nivedita Gogate, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering, along with Dr. Deepti Marathe and Dr. Amrut Joshi, are leading this initiative at MIT-WPU.

Contributing to this research are Amar Shitole, Omkar Gajare, Neha Jadhav, Veda Shewalkar, Atharv Jagdale, Pranali Dhiware, Sameer Thamke, Anjali Gabhane, Sumit Dafe, Avanti Gulhane, Dhanashree Langhi, Ruturaj Jadhav, Ameya Bakal, and Chirag Sonawane.

The solution not only enables recovery of valuable materials from end-of-life solar panels but also upcycles non-recoverable fractions into construction materials such as bricks, blocks, and aggregates. This dual approach prevents hazardous waste from entering landfills while reducing dependence on virgin raw materials, fostering a circular economy

hope." In these words, he envisioned a synthesis, a unity in which the best of all traditions could be harmonized into a strong and vibrant nation. His devotion to Bharat Mata was so intense that he turned patriotism into worship, declaring: "For the next fifty years, let this be our keynote ~ this, our great Mother India."

With such fiery devotion, he transformed love of country into a sacred duty, lifting patriotism from mere sentiment to a spiritual vow. Thus, he created the emotional and moral cement that bound together the bricks of India's unity. In the grand mosaic of his vision, Vivekananda saw India rising not as a uniform mass but as a splendid garland of diversity. "Unity in variety is the plan of creation," he proclaimed, reminding his countrymen that diversity was not a curse but a blessing, so long as it was harmonized by the spirit of love.

His role in national integration was therefore not of era sing difference shutoff orchestrating them into a symphony ~ each voice distinct yet contributing to the harmony of the whole. Leaders like Mahatma Gandhi admitted, "I have gone through his works very thoroughly, and after having gone through them,

the love I had for my country became a thousandfold." Subhas Chandra Bose called Vivekananda "the spiritual father of modern nationalist movement." Such testimonies reveal how deeply his message of unity sowed seeds in the hearts of India's future builders.

Swami Vivekananda's role in national integration was like that of a divine sculptor, chiselling away fear, division, and despair to reveal the noble form of a united Mother India.

His thunderous words, his tireless call to youth, his insistence on service to humanity, and his profound vision of religious harmony created the spiritual foundations of unity. He awakened in India the consciousness of her own soul and reminded her children that their destiny lay in standing together as one. Even today, his voice rings like a temple bell across time: "Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached." In that call lies the eternal blueprint of national integration ~ a vision of harmony in diversity, of unity in love, and of strength in service. Swami Vivekananda was not merely a saint of his age; he was, and remains, the eternal architect of India's oneness.



ing a circular economy between the renewable energy and construction sectors.

Dr. Sarita R. Zele, Professor, Research and Development, MIT-WPU said, "Solar energy is one of the pillars of India's clean energy transition, but its by-product ~ solar panel waste ~ is a growing concern. Our research provides a sustainable solution that not only recovers valuable resources but also converts waste into useful construction products. This ensures that renewable energy continues to be truly green and environmentally responsible."

Dr. Nivedita Gogate, Associate Professor, Civil

Engineering, MIT-WPU said, "Our innovation bridges renewable energy and construction, turning a waste challenge into an opportunity. By creating an industrial symbiosis, we reduce landfill burden, conserve virgin raw materials, and promote a circular economy. We believe this model can be scaled across India to make solar adoption more sustainable."

As India accelerates its solar energy adoption under national clean energy commitments, MIT-WPU's pioneering research ensures that today's renewable energy infrastructure does not become tomorrow's environmental burden.

Shri Asheesh Pandey assumes charge as Managing Director & CEO of Union Bank of India

Shri Asheesh Pandey assumed charge as Managing Director & CEO of Union Bank of India, today. A seasoned banker with experience of over 27 years, Mr. Asheesh Pandey started his career in erstwhile Corporation Bank at its Industrial Finance Branch, Mumbai and later worked in the Investment & International Banking Division in Mumbai.

Before his present appointment, he served as Executive Director at Bank of Maharashtra for over 3 years 9 months, where he was instrumental in driving Corporate Credit & Treasury, Digital Lending Solutions, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Robotic Process Automation (RBA) across various domains, including retail, compliance, human resources, and customer services. Under his leadership the Bank implemented

several technology-driven initiatives such as digital lending solutions, internal dashboards, and process reengineering.

Earlier, Shri Pandey held the position of Chief General Manager (CGM) & Chief Operations Officer (COO) at Union Bank of India, where he successfully steered the integration and process harmonisation of the amalgamated entity. He played a pivotal role in re-engineering operations, embracing automation, and implementing cutting-edge digital solutions such as WhatsApp Banking, e-Nomination, Online Death Claim Settlement, Video KYC, Robotic Process Automation, Doorstep Banking, Digi Connect Branches, and several advanced analytics-

based monitoring tools.

Over the years, he has handled a wide range of portfolios including Credit, Treasury & Merchant Banking, Credit Monitoring, Foreign Transactions & Joint Ventures, Marketing & Customer Relationships, and Banking Operations. As General Manager of Credit Monitoring and Restructuring at Union Bank, he introduced advanced monitoring systems powered by data analytics, predictive modelling, and machine learning to strengthen credit portfolio management. He has rich field exposure and has held key leadership positions, notably leading Union Bank's Jaipur Region.

He also held the post of

Chairman of The Maharashtra Executor & Trustee Co. Ltd., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of Maharashtra and also the President & Trustee representing Bank in Gramin Mahila Va Balak Vikas Mandal (GMBVM), a Trust of Bank of Maharashtra.

Shri Asheesh Pandey is a Mechanical Engineer (Hons) with Post Graduation in Management (Hons) with specialisation in Finance & Marketing. He is Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Bankers, also holds NSE Certification in Insurance (both Life & Non-Life), Mutual Funds & Demat Operations. He undertook Executive Leadership programme and is an alumnus of IIM, Bangalore. He also underwent Directors Development Program 2023 by Egon Zehnder in collaboration with Harvard Business Publishing.

Evidence Aadhaar in National Nursing Conference at Sanskriti University

Mathura. The National Conference of Sanskriti School of Nursing and Nursing Teachers Association India was organized. The national conference discussed in detail the topic of "Roll of Evidence based Practices and Use of Health Technology in Improving Patients Outakams".

On this occasion, Chief Guest, Chairman ST/ST Welfare Constituent Committee, MP Faggan Singh Kulaste, Special Guest Mrs. Pratibha Shukla ji, Minister of State Women Welfare, Child Development and Nutrition Department Uttar Pradesh Government, Distinguished Guest Mathura-Vrindavan MLA Srikanth Sharma, Special Guest Dr. I Clement, Shriman SureshGautam gave his useful addresses on the role of intelligence based practices and health tech-

nology to improve the result of patients patients.

On the stage of this national conference and on

Dheeraj Parashar, Deputy Organizing Secretary Mukul Pathak, University Dean Dr. U. Pungori,

ence was notable.

In the conference, in the conference, 22 National Nursing teachers selected



Chief guest, Chairman ST/ST Kalyan Samiti Samiti, MP Faggan Singh Kulaste, launching a lamp of National Nursing Conference held at Sanskriti University. Together, Mathura Vrindavan MLA Srikanth Sharma, guests honoring the nursing teacher. Together, Dr. KK Parashar, Principal of Sanskriti Nursing School.

stage, Vice Chancellor of Culture University, Prof. Dr. M.B. Chetty, National President of NTAI Dr. Farooq Khan, National General Secretary Dr. Manish Kumar, Treasurer Dr. Poonam Thakur, Organizing Secretary and State President NTAI Prof.

Principal K. Of. Parashar was also present.

Speaker Dr. Smriti Arora, Dr. Sushma Kumari Saini, Dr. Anu Gauba also shared their useful views. Moderator Prof. Dr. Princillay Semson, Mrs. Asha Yadav, Dr.Ashok Kashiram Sharma's pres-

in the year 2025, Teachers Ratna Award and two teachers were awarded the National Best Nursing Teacher Award. A total of 310 participants from far flung participated in the conference. The program was concluded with distribution of certificate.

WESTERN RAILWAY CONTINUES SWACHHATA PAKHWADA 2025 WITH FOCUS ON CLEAN STATIONS AND CLEAN TRAINS

Mumbai, Western Railway is observing Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 from 1st to 15th October, 2025 to promote cleanliness, hygiene, and environmental awareness across stations, offices, workshops, and trains. Building on the launch and initial activities, the campaign progressed with focused initiatives on Swachh Stations and Swachh Railgadi during Days 3rd, 4th and 5th.

According to press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, intensive cleanliness drives were carried out at more than 80 major stations, covering platforms, circulating areas

and passenger facilities. At 31 stations, cleaning machines, tools, plants and protective gear were inspected to ensure proper working conditions. Dustbins and their maintenance were verified at 123 stations, while 37 stations received comprehensive cleaning of drains, toilets, approach roads, foot over bridges and waiting halls. Additionally, inspection and proper stacking of hydrant pipes to support ongoing sanitation operations were carried out at stations.

On the fourth day, 4th October, cleanliness drives were carried out and measures to discourage plastic usage were implemented, accompanied by passenger awareness campaigns.

Eight Plastic Bottle Crushing Machines (PBCMs) were installed under CSR funding to promote eco-friendly disposal and recycling of PET bottles. Functioning and maintenance of solar power equipment were checked to ensure green energy utilization. Segregated dustbins for biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste were installed and comprehensive cleaning of drains and toilets were carried out at stations, to maintain hygiene and prevent foul odours.

On the fifth day, 5th October, the focus was on Swachh Railgadi (clean trains). Intensive cleanliness drives were conducted at train washing lines,

focusing on toilets, gangways, and vestibule areas, with 27 trains thoroughly cleaned. About 20 important trains were inspected by officers, verifying adequate OBHS staff, linen quality and pantry car cleanliness. Passenger awareness campaigns were held at several locations to educate passengers on proper use of bio-toilets, flushing systems, and anti-littering practices both on trains and at stations.

Through these sustained efforts, Western Railway reiterates its commitment to the Swachh Bharat Mission, ensuring cleaner, safer and healthier stations and trains for passengers and communities across its network.

A FEW WR TRAINS AFFECTED DUE TO UPGRADATION WORK AT VIRANGANA LAKSHMIBAI JHANSI STATION

Mumbai, In view of the ongoing work of upgradation at Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi station over Jhansi division of North Central Railway from 25th November, 2025 to 08th January, 2026, a few Western Railway trains will be affected.

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

Cancellation of Trains: 1. Train No.09043 Bandra Terminus – Barhni Special, Journey commencing from 30th November, 2025 to 04th January, 2026.

2. Train No.09044 Barhni – Bandra Terminus Special, Journey commencing from 01st December, 2025 to 05th January, 2026.

3. Train No.05560 Udhna – Raxaul Special, Journey commencing from 30th November, 2025 to 04th January, 2026.

4. Train No.05559 Raxaul – Udhna Special, Journey commencing from 29th November, 2025 to 03th January, 2026.

Division of Trains: 1. Train No. 09189 Mumbai Central – Kathihar Special, Journey commencing from 29th November, 2025 to 03rd January, 2026 will be diverted via Prayagraj Chheoki – Manikpur – Katni Murwara -

Bina stations.

2. Train No. 09190 Katihar – Mumbai Central Special, Journey commencing from 25th November, 2025 to 06th January, 2026 will be diverted via Bina - Katni Murwara – Manikpur - Prayagraj Chheoki stations.

3. Train No. 04156 Udhna – Subedarganj Special, Journey commencing from 25th November, 2025 to 06th January, 2026 will be diverted via Itarsi – Satna- Manikpur - Prayagraj stations.

4. Train No. 04155 Subedarganj – Udhna Special, Journey commencing from 01st December, 2025 to 05th January, 2026 will be diverted via Prayagraj – Manikpur –

Satna – Itarsi stations.

5. Train No. 09465 Ahmedabad – Darbhanga Special, Journey commencing from 28th November, 2025 to 02nd January, 2026 will be diverted via Guna – Gwalior – Etawah – Kanpur Central stations.

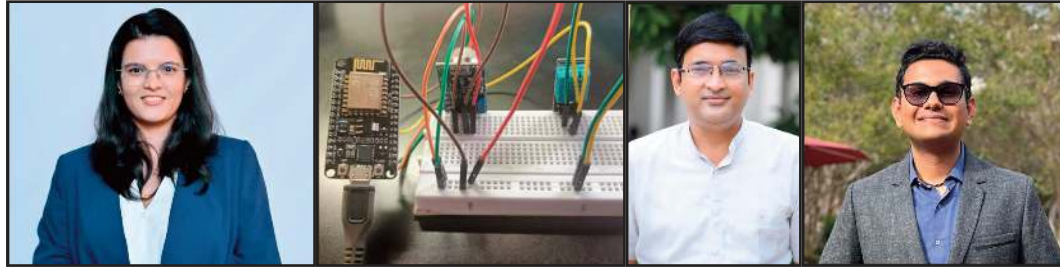
6. Train No. 09466 Darbhanga – Ahmedabad Special, Journey commencing from 01st December, 2025 to 05th January, 2026 will be diverted via Kanpur Central – Etawah – Gwalior – Guna stations.

7. Train No. 14320 Bareilly – Indore Express, Journey commencing from 26th November, 2025 to 07th January, 2026 will be diverted via Gwalior – Guna – Bina stations.

PDEU Student Innovates for Cleaner Indoor Air with a Low-Cost, AI-Powered System

In a significant step towards accessible health technology, Aum Pandya, a final-year undergraduate student in the Computer Science department at Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU), has developed a low-cost, intelligent indoor air quality monitoring system. This innovation addresses the high cost of accurate air monitoring, making it feasible for everyday use in homes and offices.

Working under the guidance of Dr. Rajeev Gupta and PhD student Mrs. Hiteshri Yagnik from the Computer Engineering department, Aum has designed a system that



utilizes inexpensive sensors to detect common indoor pollutants, temperature, and humidity. The core of this invention lies in its use of a cloud-based machine learning model. This AI-driven approach calibrates the sensor data in real-time, compensating for environmental variables to provide highly accurate and reliable Air Quality Index (AQI) read-

ings, a feature typically found only in expensive equipment.

Indoor air pollution is a growing health concern, linked to issues from fatigue to respiratory illnesses. By creating an affordable and precise monitoring tool, this project empowers individuals to understand their environment and take timely action to improve air quality.

Aum is currently in the process of deploying the system. His work, which merges computer science with environmental engineering, is a testament to the culture of interdisciplinary innovation fostered at PDEU and highlights the impactful solutions students can create to address real-world problems.

10 Days After Karur Tragedy, TVK Chief Vijay Yet To Meet Victims' Families

(Gns). Tamilaga Vетtri Kazham chief Vijay is yet to meet the families of the victims who were killed in the stampede in Karur on September 27.

The tragic incident at his political rally in Karur resulted in the deaths of 41 individuals due to overcrowding. However, Vijay has been criticised for failing to meet the victims'



families even after 10 days.

chief Vijay has yet to meet the families of those killed

in the September 27 Karur stampede at his rally, where 41 deaths occurred due to overcrowding, sparking criticism; the event was delayed, and investigations led by Officer Asra Garg are underway. Vijay announced financial aid to victims' families after the incident, while Chief Minister Stalin and other leaders offered condolences.

7 October – World Cotton Day

Gandhinagar, 06 October 2025: The three basic necessities of human life are food, clothing, and shelter. After food, cotton holds great importance in meeting the essential need for clothing. To emphasise its significance, October 7 is celebrated globally as "World Cotton Day." Referred to as "white gold," cotton shares a deep-rooted bond with Gujarat. For decades, Gujarat has remained vigilant, progressive, and at the forefront of cotton cultivation and development.

Cotton holds a vital place in the economies of both India and Gujarat. When Gujarat was established in 1960, the state's cotton productivity stood at just 139 kg lint per hectare. Today, it has increased to about 512 kg of lint per hectare, surpassing the national average.

These figures clearly demonstrate that through research advancements, extensive development initiatives, farmer-oriented government policies, and the dedicated efforts of farmers, Gujarat has generated billions of rupees in revenue from cotton—an achievement of great significance for any state's economy.

While giving details on cotton, Agriculture Minister Shri Raghavji Patel stated that at the time of India's independence, while most of the textile mills stayed within India, the key cotton-producing areas became part of Pakistan.

Consequently, India faced a shortage of raw cotton and had to import it from other countries at a significant cost in foreign exchange.

In 1971, after research at the Surat research farm, the Hybrid-4(Sankar-4) cotton variety was developed, ushering in the era of hybrid cotton across India. This led to a rapid and substantial increase in the country's cotton productivity. Consequently, India not only fulfilled its domestic raw cotton needs but also began exporting the surplus. In 2020-21, India recorded a historic cotton export worth ₹17,914 crore, he added.

Minister Shri Patel further stated that, under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his tenure as Chief Minister

of Gujarat, the state's cotton sector has seen a remarkable transformation over the past two decades. Thanks to various initiatives under his strong leadership, the cotton cultivation



area in Gujarat expanded from 17.49 lakh hectares in 2001-02 to 23.71 lakh hectares by 2024-25. At the same time, cotton production surged from 17 lakh bales to 71 lakh bales, while productivity rose from 165 kg lint per hectare to 512 kg lint per hectare.

Gujarat currently stands second in the country for cotton in terms of cultivation area, production, and productivity. In the 2025-26 season so far, cotton has been sown across 21.39 lakh hectares in the state, with an estimated production of 73 lakh bales. The state accounts for roughly

20% of India's total cotton cultivation and about 25% of its total cotton production.

The minister expressed confidence that, with the state government's various incentive schemes and ongoing efforts in cotton development, Gujarat is set to become the nation's leading hub for cotton production, contributing the largest share to India's total output.

Minister said that even during the Bt cotton era Gujarat was at the forefront of developing Bt hybrid varieties and obtaining their official approval nationwide. Thanks to the state government's concerted efforts, the first two public-sector Bt hybrids—Gujarat Cotton Hybrid-6 (Sankar-6) BG-II and Gujarat Cotton Hybrid-8 (Sankar-8) BG-II—received approval from the Government of India in 2012. Later, in 2015, two additional BT hybrids—Gujarat Cotton Hybrid-10 (Sankar- 10)BG-II and Gujarat Cotton Hybrid-12(Sankar- 12) BG-II—were developed, providing farmers in Gujarat with four Bt cotton varieties for cultivation.

Mrs. Moonlight 2025 held in the capital, Lucknow



Lucknow: Mrs. Moonlight 2025 was a grand event that showcased a wonderful blend of grace, confidence, and women's empowerment. The event was jointly organized by Mrs. Deepika Singh Bhadoria and Priyanshi Pandey.

The event took place at Sheraz Hangout Cafe, opposite Ambedkar Park, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow. Inspiring women from various walks of life showcased their talent, grace, and personality. The chief guest was Shruti Singh, Principal, Loyola International School.

The event began with a hymn to the Goddess by Soumya Verma and her

team, followed by other dance performances. The highlight of the evening was the Mrs. Moonlight 2025 crown, which was won by Meenu Ahuja, showcasing her beauty, dignity, and inner strength. The winner was presented with the coveted crown and a diamond ring. The first and second runners-up were Shivangi Rajput and Neelam Singh, respectively.

Over 20 special titles, such as Miss Best Catwalk and Miss Beautiful Hair, were also awarded at the event. Participants and guests also had the opportunity to win exciting prizes by participating in fun games.

The panel of judges

included Ms. Supriya Singh Baghel, Ms. Priyanka Dixit, Ms. Shivangi Bajpai, and Ms. Rakhi Ahuja. Alliance Clubs International was the NGO partner for the event. Sunita Bhatnagar, Treasurer of Alliance Clubs District 102, was also present.

On this occasion, organizers Mrs. Deepika Singh Bhadoria and Ms. Priyanshi Pandey expressed their gratitude to all participants and guests. They said that the purpose of Mrs. Moonlight 2025 is to honor women who inspire others by balancing strength and compassion.

The evening, filled with music, celebration, and emotions, concluded with

heartfelt thanks to all the participants and participants.

Priyanka Singh was crowned Mrs. Beautiful Eyes, while Sanyogita Singh was crowned Mrs. Beautiful Mehndi. Aarti Kochhar was crowned Mrs. Confident.

The title of Mrs. Elegant was jointly awarded to Ruffi Irshad and Zeenat Maryam.

Patricia was awarded the title of Mrs. Beautiful Hair.

The special feature of the event was that along with Pooja, Meeta, Neelam, and Shivangi, Shahinda, Ruffi, Zeenat, and Patricia also participated, thus making the event a beautiful example of unity in diversity.

Mission Shakti 5.0: Women being taught the nuances of driving under "Driving My Dreams," a step toward self-reliance

-Training campaign focused on self-reliance and safety
-Awareness also provided on road safety and self-defense

Ayodhya, October 6. Taking another step towards women's empowerment in Ayodhya, as directed by the Uttar Pradesh government, 100 women were trained in Mission Shakti 5.0: "Driving My Dreams," a part of the "Nari Shakti Mission Abhiyan" in Ayodhya. In this special training program held on Monday at the Driving Training and Testing Institute, Udaya Chauraha, Ayodhya, Divisional Transport Officer (Administration) Ritu Singh provided women with basic



information on four-wheeler driving and explained that today's women are walking shoulder to shoulder with men in every field. Divisional Transport Officer (Administration) Ritu Singh stated that the program's purpose was to boost women's confidence and familiarize them with the basic principles of road safety and driving. She

taught them how to start a vehicle, how to properly insert the key, how to use side mirrors, and how to maintain the correct balance between the brake, accelerator, and clutch.

On this occasion, she stated that women no longer need to depend on anyone. They can become their own drivers and shape their own dreams. The

women who participated in the training enthusiastically expressed their support, stating that such a campaign not only provided them with knowledge about driving but also boosted their self-confidence. An "Awareness Campaign" was also conducted during the program, highlighting road safety, traffic rules, and self-defense measures.

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Supreme Court Questions Non-Disclosure of NSA Detention to Sonam Wangchuk's Wife

The Supreme Court has raised concerns over why Gitanjali J Wangmo, wife of climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, was not informed of the reasons behind her husband's detention under the National Security Act (NSA). The detention follows recent violent incidents in Ladakh, and the court has scheduled a hearing on October 14. Notices have been issued to the Centre, Jammu & Kashmir, and Rajasthan in response to Wangmo's habeas corpus plea.

The Supreme Court is examining the detention of climate activist Sonam Wangchuk under the National Security Act (NSA), questioning why his wife, Gitanjali J Wangmo, was not informed of the reasons; a hearing is scheduled for October 14, with notices issued to relevant authorities. Senior counsel Kapil Sibal represents Wangmo, challenging the detention, while Solicitor General Tushar Mehta provided counter arguments regarding communication and access to Wangchuk.

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Contested Grounds of Detention
Wangmo's petition, filed brother after detention. Sibal maintained that the family had no documenta-



under Article 32, challenges the detention as unlawful under Article 22, arguing that neither she nor Wangchuk received a formal explanation for his arrest. Senior counsel Kapil Sibal, representing Wangmo, stressed that without a copy of the detention notice, the family cannot legally contest the detention.

The Solicitor General of India, Tushar Mehta, countered that Wangchuk had been informed of the reasons and had met his

tion and could communicate with Wangchuk only via intercom.

Denied Access
Sibal requested that Wangmo be allowed to visit her husband. Mehta stated that 12 individuals had been permitted to meet Wangchuk and asserted that no one had been barred. He cautioned against media narratives suggesting Wangchuk was deprived of medicine or family access, calling such claims attempts to create "false hype."

Supreme Court Observations

The bench noted that while the law mandates serving the grounds of detention to the detainee, there should be no objection to providing a copy to the spouse. However, no orders were issued at this stage. The court instructed authorities to ensure Wangchuk receives necessary medicine and medical care, as he had been detained without belongings and had been fasting.

When asked about her attempts to meet her husband, Wangmo stated she visited Jodhpur last week but was denied access. The bench cautioned both sides against making emotional arguments.

Legal Proceedings and Next Steps

The Supreme Court also questioned why Wangmo had not approached a High Court first. Sibal replied that the detention order came from the Centre, leaving no clear High Court to petition. The bench refrained from further comments and asked the parties to wait for the October 14 hearing.

Gujarat Completes 24 Glorious Years of Development under the Visionary Leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

Gandhinagar, 06 October 2025: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi became the 14th Chief Minister of Gujarat on 7 October 2001. Since then, Gujarat has been on an incredible development journey, completing 24 years on 7 October 2025. To celebrate this remarkable journey and the state's tradition of good governance, Vikas Saptah will be observed across Gujarat from 7 to 15 October, Spokesperson Minister Shri Rushikesh Patel said at a press conference. The minister shared that the celebration will focus on 13 key topics, involving 10 state departments, with each day dedicated to a different theme. The events have been designed to include everyone; youth, women, and farmers, so that all sections of society can learn about and benefit from Gujarat's development initiatives. He added that this year, during Vikas Saptah, a series of programs will be held across the state, including the Bharat Vikas Pratigya at

the Legislative Assembly premises in the presence of the Chief Minister, Ministers, and senior officials. At the same time, the Bharat Vikas Pratigya will also be taken in Collectorate offices, other government offices, schools, and colleges across all 34 districts. To ensure wider participation, people will also be able to take the pledge online through the My.Gov portal. The celebration will be formally inaugurated by Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel through this program.

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Youth Empowerment Program

The minister stated that Vikas Saptah will feature a variety of programs across the state, including an exhibition of flagship schemes at Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad, an online quiz competition, essay competitions in schools and colleges, a lecture series,

Padyatras (walks) at important locations, and daily Namotsav cultural programs. A special podcast with cricketers Hardik Pandya and Tilak Verma will also be organised. A brainstorming session on youth participation will be held at Maharaja Sayajirao University, Vadodara, bringing together over 1,000 students to reflect



on and strengthen the resolve for Viksit Bharat@2047. Similar programs will also take place at 50 other locations across the state during the week.

Aatmanirbhar Bharat (Self-reliant India)

On October 7, members of cooperative institutions will send over 1 crore postcards to express their gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the benefits extended to the cooperative sector and the GST reforms. The Cooperative Department has prepared these postcards to highlight the socio-economic bene-

fits and positive changes brought to all sections of society through the Prime Minister's developmental initiatives. Since September 22, postcards have been written on themes such as Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Garv Se Kaho Swadeshi Hai, Ayushman Bharat, financial inclusion and DBT, the Solar Rooftop Scheme, and GST amendments.

Every year, the Post Department prints 1.50 crore postcards. In Gujarat alone, over one crore postcards have been written by the Cooperative Sector and the Education Department in a short span, marking an unprecedented achievement. A postcard exhibition has been organised on October 7 at the Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad, open to citizens. Students from various colleges have also expressed their gratitude through postcards, coordinated by the Higher and Technical Education Department, celebrating the Prime Minister's Swadeshi Abhiyan, Operation Sindoor.

CDO meeting of district level implementation and coordination committee

Mathura. A meeting of the District Level Implementation and Coordination Committee was organized in connection with the Gram Panchayat Development Scheme 2026-27 under the chairmanship of Chief Development Officer Manish MeenaInspector, District Earth and Power Officer, D.K.O. (A.G.) Be present. And all the Block Development Officer and all Assistant Development Officer (Pt) were associated with the meeting through virtual medium. In the meeting, all were directed by the Chairman that a meeting related to the



Chief Development Officer Manish Meena presiding

development scheme should be organized in the Gram Panchayat within the stipulated time, first of all all Block Development Officer should organize a meeting of all the associate departments under his chairman-

ship and allDirection the departments to attend the meetings organized in relation to the development scheme to be prepared in the village Pachayat and submit your suggestions and proposals.

The District Panchayat Raj Officer was informed that three major meetings are to be held in the meeting to be held in the Gram Panchayat, Women Sabha, Ward Sabha. Mahila Sabha and Bal Sabha should be organized compulsorily before organizing Gram Sabha, in which the presence of the associate departments of Health, Education, Women and Child Development, Women Welfare and District Probation Officer etc. will be compulsory. The details of the meeting to be held will be uploaded through the Assembly Essence App.

Preparations for Karva Chauth intensified: Kumbhakara remains soil

Earthen kar Mathura. With Karva Chauth festival approaching, preparations have intensified in the surrounding rural areas including Mathura. While women are busy shopping for this holy festival, the local Kumbhakar community has increased the construction work of traditional soils. Traditionally, on Karva Chauth, Suhaginas fill the water in the clay and offer the moon to the moon and wish her husband a long

life. This religious tradition is an important part of this festival. Keeping this tradition in mind, Govardhan's Kumbhakara is engaged in making karve these days and night. Local Kumbhakars said that they have already prepared enough stock of karvas, so that there is no shortage of any kind when demand increases. The price of each tax in the market has



been fixed at Rs 20, which is economical for consumers. Harpal Kumbhakar, an artisan associated with Kumbhakar Samaj, said, "Every year the demand for

Karvaas increases as soon as Karva Chauth comes close to Karva Chauth. This time we have started construction in time." Harpal Kumbhakara further said that there is a special demand for clay carve in rural areas even today, because it is associated with the tradition and cultural sentiments of the festival. Due to Karva Chauth, the local Haat markets have also started increasing, and traders are expecting good business

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