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Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Gujarat



Inauguration of



NORTH GUJARAT
(MEHSANA)

by

Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Gujarat

In the august presence of

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw

Hon'ble Union Minister, Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & IT, India

On Thursday, 9th October 2025 at 09:45 hrs. at Ganpat University, Mehsana, Gujarat

Strengths of North Gujarat

Industries

- Contributes 5% to Gujarat's manufacturing output
- Presence of Dedicated Freight Corridor and DMIC (Mehsana, Patan, Banaskantha) and MBSIR (Mehsana)

Handicraft

- Patan is famous for Patola sarees, Suf Embroidery (GI Tag-Banaskantha)

Agro & Food Processing

- 90% share in isabgol processing in India
- Highest (78%) potato production in Gujarat (Banaskantha, Sabarkantha & Aravalli)
- Presence of Asia's largest co-operative dairy, Banas Dairy, along with Sabar Dairy and Dudhsagar Dairy
- Asia's largest spice market at Unjha, Mehsana

Tourism

- Presence of Spiritual, Heritage, Border Tourism

Focus Sectors



Agro, Dairy & Food Processing



Green Energy Ecosystem



Skill Development



Auto & Auto Components



Engineering



Tourism & Culture



Startups



MSMEs

Key Features of the Conference

- Inaugural Ceremony
- Sector-specific Seminars
- Country Seminar
- Panel Discussions
- CEO Round Table Conference
- Workshops & Quiz
- B2B/ B2G Meetings
- Excursion Visits
- Industrial Tours
- Regional Awards (MSMEs/Artisans)
- Regional MSME Conclave
- Trade Show/ Exhibition
- Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet
- Udyami Mela
- State Seminars
- Vendor Development Programme
- Cultural Programme
- Valedictory Session

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Editorial

Illusion of Return

The recent tightening of American immigration rules, culminating in a dramatic hike in H-1B visa fees, has triggered a wave of speculation in India's policy and business circles: could this finally be the moment when, after decades, outward migration begins to reverse? After years of losing some of its brightest minds to the West, there is hope that geopolitical and regulatory shifts abroad might prompt thousands of skilled Indians to return home. But hope is not a plan.

Turning this moment into a meaningful reverse brain drain will require far more than rhetoric ~ it will demand strategic statecraft and systemic reform. To be sure, the mood among sections of the Indian diaspora is shifting. A small but visible number of high-earning professionals are already moving back, some leaving behind million-dollar jobs to build new ventures in Bengaluru and other urban hubs. Interest among top university graduates in returning to India has risen sharply, and even senior executives are reassessing their long-term prospects in an increasingly uncertain American environment. Simultaneously, the rapid growth of Global Capability Centres ~ offshore operations of multinational firms ~ has created attractive professional opportunities that simply didn't exist two decades ago.

These factors together suggest the early stirrings of a larger trend. However, history shows that large-scale reverse migration doesn't happen spontaneously. In the years following Independence, India's leaders personally persuaded top scientists and professionals to return and build national institutions in strategic sectors such as space and atomic energy. This was a deliberate, top-down effort anchored in national vision. Today, by contrast, the government's appeals to overseas Indians remain largely generic. There is little evidence of targeted recruitment, meaningful incentives, or serious attempts to address the frictions that have historically driven talent abroad. Meanwhile, the global talent race is intensifying.

Other countries are not merely standing by while the US raises barriers ~ they are stepping forward to welcome skilled migrants. Nations like Germany and China are aggressively marketing themselves as stable, predictable destinations with clear citizenship pathways. For many high-earning professionals, the choice is no longer between America and India; it is between India and a world of attractive alternatives. Equally significant are India's own push factors. Poor physical infrastructure, urban congestion, bureaucratic complexity, unpredictable regulation, and a weak R&D ecosystem remain formidable deterrents. These are not abstract problems.

They shape daily life, business decisions, and long-term career choices. It is telling that over half a million Indians have renounced citizenship since 2020, and the country remains among the world's top sources of millionaire outflows. For India, the opportunity is real but fleeting. If policymakers genuinely want to convert external disruptions into a reverse brain drain, they must act with the clarity and urgency of a nation competing for talent ~ not merely waiting for it to return. That means offering targeted incentives, streamlining regulations, upgrading infrastructure, and building the kinds of research and innovation ecosystems that once pushed Indians away. Without such structural change, this moment will remain a mirage: promising from afar, but dissolving upon closer inspection.

PNB Credit Card Customers to Unlock Big Festive Savings Across Travel, Shopping & Lifestyle

~ Exclusive discounts across travel, hotels, e-commerce, food delivery, and more ~

08 October 2025: Punjab National Bank (PNB), India's leading public sector bank, has announced a wide range of exclusive credit card offers for October–December 2025. Covering categories like travel, hotels, e-commerce, lifestyle, and food delivery, these offers are aimed at providing maximum value to customers during the festive season.

Deepak Kumar, GM, Credit Card Division, PNB, said: "We are delighted to present these festive offers that bring meaningful savings across categories most relevant to our customers. Be it festive shopping, travel bookings, or

daily essentials, PNB Credit Cardholders can look forward to a seamless and rewarding spending experience."

Key Offers Snapshot



(Festive Season: Oct–Dec 2025)

Category	Offer
Mobiles & Electronics (Dell, Samsung, Sony, Realme, Croma, etc.)	Flat 10% to 27.5% Instant Discount (up to ₹25,000)
Domestic Flights	Flat 12–15% Instant

Discount (up to ₹1,800)	International Flights
Flat 10% Instant	Discount (up to ₹7,500)
Domestic Hotels	Flat 15–20% Instant

Discount (up to ₹1,250) + bonus savings	Grocery & Daily Essentials
Flat 7% Instant Discount (up to ₹200)	Food Delivery (Zomato) Flat 10% off (up to ₹100)
Utility & Bill Payments (Paytm)	Flat 10% Instant Discount (up to ₹150)

These offers are available across leading platforms including Goibibo, EaseMyTrip, MakeMyTrip, Cleartrip, Flipkart, Myntra, Zomato, Paytm, FirstCry, Croma, Reliance Digital, Vijay Sales and more.

The festive offers are valid till December 2025, and customers can seamlessly avail benefits while transacting with their PNB Credit Cards.

Learning from the mess that Gurugram now is In just three decades

(Gns).

In just three decades, the once-unremarkable Gurugram, dotted with agricultural lands and primitive infrastructure, has transformed into a corporate hub. The Millennium City represents India's most ambitious urban experiment, blending government planning expertise and facilitation with private dynamism and innovation. As India races towards its Viksit Bharat goals, and as the development trajectory is catalysing urban transformations in multiple satellite and Tier 2 cities, it is imperative to take a closer look at Gurugram, a clear example of economic agglomeration principles in action, whose success story may be India's most cautionary urban tale.

The initial trajectory of Gurugram exemplified the textbook definition of agglomeration economics. Gradually, the city witnessed improved productivity through strategic investments, innovation, a favourable regulatory environment, and connectivity with Delhi and major urban centres. In the NCR region, Gurugram showed the



highest increase in urban infrastructure development. The built-up area, out of the total area of Gurugram, mushroomed from barely one-tenth (i.e., 50.6 sq. km) of the total area in 1990 to nearly half (i.e., 45.1 per cent, or 210.4 sq. km) in 2018, revealing the scale of transformation. The city reported success in most metrics, achieving India's second-highest per capita income at Rs 9.05 lakh, only trailing behind Telangana's Rangareddy at Rs 9.46 lakh. The city of Gurugram

also records one of the highest car ownership rates in India, of 323 vehicles per 1,000 residents. It attracts over 350 Fortune 500 companies alongside luxury residential developments and corporate offices that rival international infrastructure developments. But this trajectory has eventually reached an inflexion point. The very factors that enabled Gurugram's success, such as proximity to the national capital, the accelerated creation of urban spaces, and the massive influx of a working population, are now turning into constraining factors to liability and operational efficiency.

Second day of Vikas Saptah celebrations: 24 Years of Public Trust, Service, and Dedication under the Leadership of Shri Narendra Modi

Gandhinagar, 08 October 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel stated that our vast youth population, the demographic dividend, is our greatest asset. He further noted that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is determined to convert this asset into a driving force for the nation's long-term prosperity.

Chief Minister was addressing the Youth Employment and Skill Empowerment Ceremony held in Gandhinagar on the second day of Vikas Saptah, celebrated statewide from October 7 to 15. The event was broadcast live to ITIs in all 33 districts of the state.

On this occasion, appointment letters were distributed to 57,502 youths who secured employment in the private sector through 658 recruitment fairs held across the state. The Chief Minister presented the letters in Gandhinagar, while the Ministers presented them at ceremonies held in the respective districts.

As part of an initiative to curb the dropout rate among ITI trainees, the Labour and Skill Development Department of the State Government distributed provisional offer letters to more than 25,000 youths.

Furthermore, MoUs with over 100 industry partners

Industry Minister Shri Balvantsinh Rajput, and

Shri Bhupendra Patel, Labour, Employment and



were exchanged in the presence of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, Labour, Employment and

other dignitaries, to ensure the availability of manpower suited to industry needs. Chief Minister Shri

Bhupendra Patel said these employment opportunities for youth not only make them economically independent but also mark an important step towards Atmanirbharta.

He said that the Prime Minister has charted a new path for skill development for the youth, who, with their skill, will, and zeal, can achieve the impossible. Over the past 24 years, by providing vast opportunities to the youth of Gujarat, they have been transformed from job seekers into job creators. CM further added that the slogan "Har Haath Ko Kaam" is being realised under the visionary leadership of the

Prime Minister.

CM also emphasised the role of Kaushalya – The Skill University, established by the state government to further the industry-ITI linkage model envisioned by the Prime Minister. Through its specialised skill development programs, the university ensures that incoming industries have access to suitably skilled human resources.

In this context, he mentioned that more than 12,000 youths have completed various courses at the university, which provide abundant employment opportunities in sectors such as green and ...

October 9, Nutrition Day: Implementation of Various Schemes To Address Nutrition Gaps in Gujarat, during Shri Narendra Modi's 24 Years of Public Service

Gandhinagar, 08 October 2025: The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat on October 7, 2001, marking 24 years of public service this year. To commemorate his journey, Vikas Saptah is being celebrated across the state from October 7 to October 15, with October 9 observed as Nutrition Day. Over these 24 years, numerous schemes have been implemented to improve nutrition levels in Gujarat. During his tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Narendra Modi made dedicated efforts to ensure that pregnant and lactating mothers, along with their children, received adequate nutrition and food. Today, the positive impact of Gujarat's nutrition initiatives, under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, is visible, reflecting the Prime Minister's mantra of 'Sahi Poshan, Desh Roshan'.

These initiatives have significantly addressed challenges such as underweight, stunting (low height), and physical weakness among children. Over the last seven years, the proportion of underweight children has decreased from 39.7% in 2019 to 17.2% in 2025, stunting has reduced from 39% to 30.9%, and physical weakness has dropped from 25% to 6.7%, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Gujarat government under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). It is noteworthy that more than 45 lakh women across the state are now benefiting from various nutrition-related schemes.

Every Mother, Every Child Nourished: 'Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana' Aims to Reach 5 Lakh Beneficiaries

Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana plays a crucial role in improving the nutrition and health of mothers and children across Gujarat. Under this scheme, women and their children receive nutritious food from conception until the child is two years old. Each month, nutrition kits

with 1 litre of groundnut oil, 1 kg of toor dal, and 2 kg of chickpeas are distributed to women through 53,065 Anganwadi centres across Gujarat. This initiative has not only improved the health of mothers and children but also supported their overall development. The scheme aims to reach around 5 lakh women and children annually, reflecting

the state government's commitment to ensuring proper nutrition and health during the crucial early years of motherhood and childhood.

Over 28 Lakh Beneficiaries Get the Benefit of Take-Home Ration and Hot Cooked Meals

The Take-Home Ration Program has been imple-

mented in Gujarat since 2017 to improve the nutrition and health of mothers and children. Three major dairy cooperatives and the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation distribute the rations to all Anganwadi centres in Gujarat. Under this program, pregnant and lactating mothers receive four packets of 1 kg ration every

month, while children aged six months to three years receive seven packets of 'Bal Shakti Ahar', and severely malnourished children receive ten packets. In addition, hot cooked meals are provided daily to children aged 3 to 6 years in Anganwadi centres to boost nutrition and support early development. So far, over 16.5 lakh mothers.

Home Credit India Expands Portfolio with Launch of Two-Wheeler Loans

08 October, 2025: Home Credit India, a leading consumer finance company dedicated to empowering individuals financially, announced its foray into the two-wheeler loans segment today. Around this festive season, this launch aims to provide individuals and families with easier access to affordable mobility solutions through a seamless digital process and attractive EMI schemes.

As part of the launch, Home Credit India is introducing special offers such as Zero Foreclosure Charges and EMI Holiday options. These benefits are designed to provide customers with enhanced flexibility and financial ease this festive season.

Talking about the entry into new business segment, Vivek Singh, CEO, Home

Credit India, said, "At Home Credit India, we are deeply committed to fostering financial inclusion by offering straightforward, trust-

cultivates trust and supports our customers' aspirations and makes their #ZindagiHit."

The two-wheeler loan



worthy, easy to understand transparent, and customer-centric financial solutions. The introduction of two-wheeler loans is an extension of this commitment, allowing us to significantly enhance accessibility and affordability for our customers' daily mobility needs. Our digital-first approach, combined with adaptable EMI plans and clear processes, guarantees a seamless experience that

facilities will commence with a strategic roll out in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai, with plans for rapid expansion to other regions nationwide in the coming months. This new offering expands Home Credit India's financial services portfolio, widens its target audience and reinforces its dedication to empowering individuals through innovative and affordable credit solutions.

Rakhi Sawant declares "Mujhe pati mil gaya hai!" on COLORS' 'Dhamaal with Pati Patni Aur Panga'

Love is in the air and so is chaos on COLORS' 'Dhamaal with Pati Patni Aur Panga'! After weeks of Abhishek Kumar turning his "search for the perfect patni" into the show's biggest running gag, Cupid finally aims his arrow... straight at none other than Rakhi Sawant! Yes, the undisputed queen of entertainment enters the show in full love mode, while poor Abhishek switches instantly to run mode. The twist unfolds during the grand wedding celebration of Avika Gor and Milind Chandwani on the show. Amid the shaadi shenanigans, the universe decides to unite two souls who've both lived their love lives in the public eye. One is the ever-flirtatious Abhishek, the other is Rakhi, the ultimate entertainment firecracker. What happens next is unfiltered fun.

The moment Rakhi's eyes land on Abhishek, she screams, "Mujhe pati mil gaya hai!" and in true Rakhi fashion, she means business. But the usually confident Abhishek, known for his charm and one-liners, suddenly loses all his swagger. He hilariously backtracks, insisting he was "just kidding" about finding love. Rakhi, however, doesn't miss a beat - she goes full filmy and says "Qubool hai" not once, not twice, but thrice, sending



Abhishek sprinting for safety! And if that wasn't enough, Rakhi takes over the dance floor in a possessive, over-the-top performance that Abhishek desperately tries to dodge. Munawar Faruqui, never one to miss an opportunity for mischief, eggs Abhishek on to recite a shayri for his "beloved Rakhi." Abhishek replies, "Doctor ne mana kiya hai!" Will Abhishek surrender to Rakhi's moves?


Nivea Body Milk Presents 'Dhamaal with Pati Patni Aur Panga - Jodiyon Ka Reality Check' Co-Powered by Sugar Free Green, Cadbury Dairy Milk, Pour Home Air Fresheners, Envy Perfumes, L'Oréal Paris Hyaluron Pure, and Amazon Great Indian Festival. Special Partners Colgate and HDFC Life, airing every Saturday and Sunday at 9:00PM, only on COLORS.

The dynamics of soft power

In the age of disruptive transformation and unpredictable communication streams, policy makers, analysts and stakeholders are in search of panacea that positions a nation uninterruptedly and seamlessly in the global ecosystem. Storytelling and perception have become extremely complex for this reason. Soft power through its equations, ingredients and

partnerships is being viewed as the vibrant path to reinforce positivity in storytelling and being part of the global narrative process.

The term soft power, coined by Harvard professor Joseph Nye in the 1980s, originally referred to a country's ability to shape



the preferences of others through appeal and attraction, rather than coercion or force. While Nye focused largely on American cultural exports and value systems, India's approach to soft power has been more layered, rooted in its civilizational depth, democratic ethos, and an inclusive, pluralistic vision of global engagement. Soft power pillars include a range of themes, ideas and tools under various segments that influences the global ecosystem:

- Culture: Popular culture, traditions and cultural exchanges.
- Political Values and Governance: Democracy, freedom, justice, human rights and transparency.



Air power to be a dominant factor in future technology-driven conflicts: CDS

(Gns). Lauding the Indian Air Force for repeatedly demonstrating how air power can shape strategic outcomes, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan on Wednesday said that the IAF reaffirmed its ability to strike deep inside enemy territory with precision during Operation Sindoor.

Extending greetings on the occasion of the 93rd anniversary of the Indian Air Force (IAF), the CDS commended the IAF's intricate network of sensors and radars for effectively tracking and engaging enemy aircraft, aerial weapons, and drones. He added that the Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM) and Counter-Unmanned Aerial

Systems (CUAS) units of the IAF, supported by Indian Army Air Defence units, functioned seamlessly under the Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS), producing outstanding results during Operation Sindoor.

He further commended the IAF's continuous efforts towards modernisation through the induction of indigenous platforms, the adoption of advanced weapon systems, and the evolution of doctrines to operate across the full aerospace continuum.

Highlighting the evolving nature of warfare,

General Anil Chauhan stated, "The character of war is



undergoing a profound change, with future conflicts expected to be technology-driven, rapid, and contested across multiple domains. Under these conditions, air power shall be the dominant factor in modern combat." The CDS also

praised the IAF for its distinguished legacy of courage, professionalism, and service to the nation, both in combat and humanitarian missions.

The CDS also underscored the IAF's vital role as a dependable first responder during humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) missions. "The IAF has consistently displayed its reach and responsiveness by rescuing civilians caught in conflict zones and delivering critical aid during natural disasters," he stated. He added that, over the decades, the IAF has stood as a symbol of valour, safeguarding the nation's skies and coming to the aid of citizens during natural calamities.

FICCI, IICT, Netflix India join forces to boost AVGC-XR talent

(Gns). The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) and the Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT) have joined hands with Netflix India in a landmark partnership aimed at nurturing India's AVGC-XR (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics & Extended Reality) talent. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in the presence of Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, at the 25th edition of FICCI Frames.

Jaju stated that India's media and entertainment sector stands on the cusp of a global breakthrough powered by imagination,

technology, and youthful energy. Calling upon indus-

try to innovate fearlessly and tell stories that uplift,



try to innovate fearlessly and tell stories that uplift, investors to believe in the promise of Indian creativity, and artists to continue shaping the nation's cultural narrative with courage and conscience, the secretary urged the sector to

creative future. The collaboration will leverage IICT's academic and research capabilities, FICCI's extensive industry network, and Netflix's creative expertise to build the next generation of creative technology professionals in

India, a statement from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said.

As part of this initiative, IICT will develop industry-driven curricula, while students will benefit from workshops, masterclasses, and guest lectures by leading professionals. The partnership will also provide scholarships to select students through the Netflix Fund for Creative Equity, supporting underrepresented talent in the media and entertainment sector. Additionally, Netflix will participate in IICT's national councils, R&D Council, Academic Council, and Industry Development Council, offering strategic guidance to strengthen India's AVGC-XR ecosystem.

Congress alleges multi-crore scam in Manipur's Jal Jeevan Mission, seeks court-monitored probe

(Gns). The Congress party Wednesday alleged a multi-crore scam in Manipur's Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), a flagship program aimed at providing tap water connections to rural households, and sought a court-monitored probe into it.

Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters here, party MP from Manipur Angomcha Bimol Akoijam alleged that the scheme has been marred by "systemic issue of data manipulation and fund misappropriation" in the state.

Akoijam revealed that despite the Jal Shakti Ministry's claims of providing tap water to about 80 percent of rural households in Manipur, his visits to several villages exposed stark discrepancies between official claims and ground reality.

not a single household reported having a functional tap water supply, starkly contradicting the official

has been provided to people, while in reality, the pipe-laying has only just begun," Akoijam pointed



claims," he said.

The Congress leader further alleged that even the pipes had not been laid in many areas, and it was only after he raised the matter that the administration started laying out the pipes. "This belies the government's own claims—on the one hand, it asserts that the work has been completed and tap water

out.

He stated that numerous complaints from different districts highlighted similar irregularities, suggesting possible large-scale misuse of public funds, lack of accountability, and failure in monitoring mechanisms by implementing agencies.

"It is unfortunate that the state has been looted at a

time when it was going through a tragic phase, with violence taking place everywhere," he added.

To get to the bottom of the alleged scam, Akoijam has filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the Manipur High Court, seeking a court-monitored investigation into the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission in the state. The PIL also seeks a comprehensive audit of funds sanctioned and utilized under the scheme, district-wise, and verification of household tap water connection claims made by Jal Shakti Ministry.

The Congress leader emphasized the need for recognition of access to safe drinking water as part of the fundamental Right to Life under Article 21 of the Constitution, with a minimum guarantee of two hours of daily tap water supply per household across the state.

Empowered women shaping a prosperous India



CUJ launches two-day book exhibition to boost research and academic culture

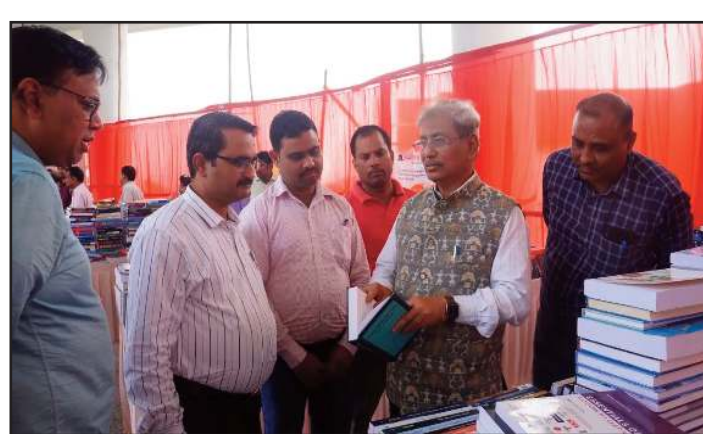
(Gns). The Vivekananda Central Library at the Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ) inaugurated a two-day book exhibition aimed at fostering a vibrant academic and research culture among students, faculty, and researchers. The exhibition will continue till October 9, 2025.

The event was formally inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kshiti Bhusan Das, who emphasized the enduring importance of books in an age dominated by social media. "Books provide a vast repository of knowledge and empower students and researchers to move in the right direction," he said. "Reading good books in one's field can give a substantial boost to research and innovation in the country."

Prof. Das appreciated the dedication of the univer-

sity library team, whose meticulous planning and coordination made the exhi-

interest, which will then be procured by the university," Dr. Pandey said. He added



dition possible. He also highlighted that the event reflected CUJ's commitment to nurturing a dynamic learning environment.

The exhibition, organized under the leadership of Dr. Sujit Kumar Pandey, University Librarian, provided an opportunity for attendees to select books for the university library. "Students, researchers, and professors can choose books of their

that the initiative aimed to encourage a strong academic reading culture and promote access to modern learning resources.

Dr. Shambhu Raj Upadhyay, Deputy Librarian, noted that the exhibition also aligned with the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020, supporting holistic and research-oriented education. Over 100 publishers,

including global names such as Elsevier, Oxford University Press, SAGE, Pearson, and Routledge, participated. Twenty stalls were set up, showcasing books across multiple subjects, making it a one-stop platform for academics to explore the latest scholarly resources.

The exhibition drew attention from professors, non-teaching staff, and students, who appreciated the rare opportunity to access world-class publications under one roof. Prof. Kunj Bihari Panda, NAAC Cell Chairman, along with Prof. Bhagwan Singh, Prof. A. K. Padhy, Dr. Soumen Dey, and Dr. Nagpawan Chintalapati, were also present at the event.

As students and researchers engaged with the diverse collection, the exhibition stood as a testament to CUJ's commitment to fostering knowledge, research.

From past to present: Air Force Day parade honours IAF's distinguished history

(Gns). The 93rd Air Force Day celebrations featured a spectacular aerial showcase by the Heritage Flight, captivating attendees with a tribute to the Indian Air Force's illustrious history. The dynamic display, held at Air Force Station Hindan, Ghaziabad, combined historic aircraft, including the 'Tiger Moth' and 'HT-2', followed by a solo performance by the vintage 'Harvard' aircraft, celebrating the IAF's legacy and its ongoing service to the nation.

The traditional flypast and aerial display will continue as part of the celebrations in Guwahati on November 9.

The proceedings commenced with the marching-in of the President's

Colours, symbolising pride, unity, strength, and esprit de corps. On arrival, the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, was presented with an aerial salute by three Mi-17 1V helicopters in 'Dhwaj' formation, trooping the National flag, IAF flag, and Op Sindoor flag.

The ceremonial parade was commanded by Gp Capt Chetan Pradeep Deshpande. While the Air Force Band's patriotic tunes set the tone for the march past, matched by the Air Warriors' precise and energetic footsteps, the Air Warrior Drill Team captivated the audience with their sharp and synchronised movements. The

CAS also felicitated Air Warriors with a total of 97 medals across categories and six Unit Citations.



Addressing the parade, the Chief of the Air Staff highlighted the Indian Air Force's extraordinary journey from a humble beginning to becoming the "Fourth largest Air Force in the World", capable of shaping military outcomes with precision and speed. He brought out that the Indian Air Force's performance in Operation Sindoor

is a testament to its prowess, with bold and precise attacks restoring the rightful place of offensive air action in the national consciousness.

The venue showcased an Innovation Arena where the ideas and solutions, conceived by Air Warriors across various units of the IAF, were on display. Alongside the Innovation Arena, a special display narrating the story of the year gone by.

The Static display featured state-of-the-art aircraft and equipment such as C-17 Globemaster, Su-30 MKI, Apache, MiG-29, MiG-21 Bison, Rafale, ALH MK-III, Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft, C-130 J Super Hercules, Akash Missile System, and Rohini radar.

NDA seat-sharing end in stalemate as Chirag Paswan, Manjhi upset BJP's calculations

(Gns). Political parties in Bihar continued to hold a series of meetings on Wednesday to discuss seat-sharing arrangements. However, both the major alliances, the NDA and the INDIA bloc, failed to reach any consensus.

The BJP held a marathon meeting at its state headquarters, chaired by the party's Bihar election in-charge Dharmendra Pradhan and co-in-charge Vinod Tawde. The key leaders, who were present at the meeting, were Bihar BJP President Dilip Jaiswal, Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Choudhary, and Vijay Sinha.

Speaking to the media, Jaiswal said the meeting focused on the constituencies where the BJP had lost

in the 2020 Assembly elections. A panel will be formed to review the factors that worked against BJP candidates. The party has already completed a review of constituencies it had won in 2020.

Sources indicate that the BJP also finalised a list of 110 probable candidates during the meeting. The list will be sent to the Central Parliamentary Committee, which will take the final decision.

The meeting also reportedly discussed the demands of alliance partners, although leaders refrained from disclosing any outcome.

The issue of seat sharing within the NDA grew

more complex on Wednesday as LJP (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan and HAM(S) president Jitan Ram Manjhi stuck to their respective demands over the number and choice of seats. Paswan's insistence on a few key constituencies has further complicated the matter.

Chirag Paswan is believed to have demanded the seats where his party stands a strong chance of winning. These include five specific constituencies Govindganj, Lalganj, Vaishali, Matihani, and Sikandra, all currently held by NDA partners.

Govindganj and Lalganj are represented by BJP MLAs, Vaishali by a JD (U) MLA, and Sikandra by a

HAM(S) MLA.

Paswan has also staked claim to the Matihani seat, which was won by LJP (R) candidate Raj Kumar Singh in 2020. However, Singh later joined JD(U), creating further confusion.

The core issue is that while the BJP is willing to part with two of its seats for Chirag Paswan, JD(U) and HAM(S) are unwilling to give up their sitting constituencies.

Meanwhile, Jitan Ram Manjhi announced that if the BJP fails to meet his demand for 15 seats, his party will not contest the upcoming elections in Bihar. He emphasised that contesting elections isn't solely about gaining power, but about giving his party a lasting political identity.

Congress failed to punish Pakistan after 26/11 under foreign pressure: PM Modi

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi slammed the Congress-led UPA government on Wednesday for failing to punish Pakistan after the 26/11 attacks in 2008 due to “foreign pressure”.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) at Ulwe in the Raigad district of Maharashtra, Modi said, “The Congress should tell people why it stopped the army from attacking Pakistan after the 2008 Mumbai terror attack. A senior Congress leader, who was the then Union home minister, recently said in an interview that after 26/11, our armed

forces were ready to strike, and the country wanted that. If he is to be believed,



the attack didn't happen because of pressure from one country. The Congress government stopped the armed forces from striking Pakistan.”

“The Congress must

explain who succumbed under pressure from a foreign country and played

city but also one of the most vibrant cities in India. This is the reason terrorists attacked Mumbai in 2008. But the then Congress government gave a message of weakness.”

PM Modi's statement came a few days after then Union home minister P Chidambaram stated about the 26/11 attack in a podcast, “The whole world descended on Delhi to tell us, ‘Don't start a war (against Pakistan)’. Two or three days after I took over, the then United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice came to meet me and then prime minister (Dr Manmohan Singh) to say, ‘Please don't react’.

FM Nirmala Sitharaman and CM Yogi unveil statues of three saints from South

(Gns). A wonderful confluence of cultures of North and South India was witnessed on the holy land of Ayodhya on Wednesday when Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath grandly unveiled the statues of three great South Indian musical saints, Tyagaraja Swamikal, Purandara Dasa, and Arunachala Kavi, at Brihaspati Kund.

The atmosphere of Brihaspati Kund located in Tedhi Bazaar was filled with the sacred spirit of devotion and music when the Union minister and the chief minister began the unveiling ceremony with prayers as per South Indian tradition. Sitharaman's parents were also present on the occasion, making the moment even more emotional.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath welcomed the Union finance minister in traditional Ayodhya style

presenting her with a bouquet of flowers. He said that Brihaspati Kund is not just a historical site, but a symbol of cultural harmony,



where the faith of North India and the devotion of South India meet.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said Ayodhya is not only a center of faith but also a symbol of India's cultural soul. Paying tribute to the contributions of the three saints, she said Tyagaraja Swamikal, Purandara Dasa, and Arunachala Kavi established Indian classical

music and the devotional tradition on the world stage. Their poetry and works bound society together in a thread of love, devotion,

and unity.

Sitharaman expressed her delight at the grandeur and serenity of Brihaspati Kund. She said that the cultural ties between Ayodhya and Karnataka are centuries old. Today, through the unveiling of the statues of these saints, India's north-south traditions are united.

On this occasion, CM Yogi Adityanath said

Ayodhya, the city of Shri Ram, is now becoming a hub not only for spiritual but also for cultural renaissance. He said that Nirmala Sitharaman's visit is a powerful symbol of India's cultural unity and harmony.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, State Finance Minister Suresh Khanna, and Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh took a break and sat on the beautiful stone benches installed in the Brihaspati Kund complex. Gazing at the tranquil lake, pleasant atmosphere, and well-maintained campus, the three public representatives momentarily reveled in the beauty and cultural grandeur of Ayodhya.

Praising the artistic design of the benches and the beautification of the campus, the chief minister said that Brihaspati Kund has now become an ideal confluence of devotion and beauty.

Amit Shah Endorses Indian Technology By Switching To Zoho Mail For Official Communications, Shares His ID

(Gns). In a noteworthy endorsement of Indian technology, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced that he has moved his official email communications to Zoho Mail, the email service developed by homegrown tech company Zoho Corporation.

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Shah shared his new email address — — and requested citizens and officials to update their contact information accordingly.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has switched his official email to Zoho Mail, a service by the Indian tech firm Zoho Corporation, founded in 1996 by Sridhar Vembu and Tony Thomas

in Chennai. Zoho serves nearly 130 million users worldwide with tools like Zoho Mail, and is expanding into messaging with 'Arattai'.

The move is being seen as a symbolic boost for India's domestic tech sector, aligning with the government's broader Digital India vision and emphasis on indigenous solutions.

Founded in 1996 by Sridhar Vembu and Tony Thomas, Zoho Corporation is headquartered in Chennai and has grown into one of India's most successful technology firms. With a workforce of

over 18,000 employees worldwide and serving nearly 130 million users, Zoho offers a suite of software tools ranging from CRM and productivity platforms to secure communication services.

Zoho Mail, the service now adopted by Amit Shah, is known for its ad-free, privacy-focused

approach, often marketed as a secure alternative to offerings from global giants like Google and Microsoft.

In 2023, the company celebrated 15 years of Zoho Mail, marking its evolution from a startup product to a globally respected

enterprise solution.

Expanding Beyond Email: The Arattai Push Zoho has also been expanding into the communication space with 'Arattai', its India-made messaging app that aims to challenge WhatsApp's dominance in the country.

Co-founder Sridhar Vembu recently revealed that Zoho plans to add end-to-end encryption for chat messages, enhancing user privacy.

Through Arattai and other services like Zoho Workspace and Zoho CRM, the company continues to position itself as a viable, secure alternative to global tech platforms, emphasizing data privacy and Indian innovation.

Piyush Goyal meets UK Trade Secretary to chart roadmap to double trade by 2030

(Gns). The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, and the UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade, Peter Kyle, held a bilateral meeting in Mumbai to chart a renewed course for the India-UK trade and investment partnership, the Ministry of Commerce said in a statement on Wednesday.

The ministers reaffirmed their shared ambition to double bilateral trade by 2030, leveraging the complementarities between the two economies in areas such as advanced manufacturing, digital trade, clean energy, and services.

The meeting marked a significant step towards operationalising the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), with both Ministers agreeing to reposition the Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) to

oversee its implementation and delivery.

Both sides underlined their commitment to ensuring swift, coordinated, and

supply chain integration.

Both the ministers also exchanged views on the global trade and economic outlook, acknowledging the



results-oriented implementation of the Agreement, aimed at realising its full potential for businesses and consumers in both countries.

Emphasising the transformative scope of CETA, they discussed ways to maximise its benefits through regulatory cooperation, addressing non-tariff barriers, and promoting

importance of building resilient and diversified supply chains amid ongoing global uncertainties.

At the meeting, Piyush Goyal highlighted India's emergence as a key growth engine of the global economy, while Secretary Kyle underscored that UK's deal is the best ever secured with India, putting British businesses first in line to

access its vast market and drive growth, jobs, and prosperity at home.

Ahead of the ministerial meeting, a highly productive Commerce Secretary and Director General-level meeting was held to set the tone, laying a strong foundation for a full day of engaging and forward-looking discussions.

The India-UK CEO Forum was also held bringing together business leaders from both countries to discuss new opportunities for trade, investment, and innovation.

The Forum was co-chaired by prominent industry representatives from India and the United Kingdom, serving as a key platform to deepen bilateral economic cooperation and strengthen partnerships across sectors.

The discussions reaffirmed the shared commitment of India and the UK to advancing a modern, mutually beneficial.

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Guest of Honour

Shri Pralhad Joshi
Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New and Renewable Energy, India

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