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Dreams of prosperity through Co-operation fulfilled Smiles shine on the faces of livestock farmers



PM Modi Meets Canada FM Anita Anand, Highlights G7 Talks With Mark Carney

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently met with Canada's Foreign Minister Anita Anand in New Delhi. This meeting marks Anand's first visit to India since she took office in May. Modi expressed that her visit would invigorate the partnership between India and Canada, according to a government statement.

Anand shared on social media that the meeting aimed to enhance the bilateral relationship. She highlighted ongoing efforts in law enforcement, security dialogue, and economic expansion between the two nations. "I met with Prime Minister @narendramodi this morning in New Delhi.

Building on the momentum of Prime Minister Modi's recent meeting in New Delhi, Prime Minister



@MarkJCarney's meeting with PM Modi this summer at the G7 Summit, Canada and India are elevating the relationship between our countries, while maintaining our law enforcement and security dialogue and expanding our economic relationship," she posted.

Minister Narendra Modi and Canada's Foreign Minister Anita Anand discussed enhancing bilateral relations, focusing on cooperation in trade, energy, technology, and agriculture, as well as strengthening economic ties and addressing international economic

risks. Switch To Shorts Strengthening Bilateral Ties

During their discussion, Modi recalled his productive meeting with Canadian counterpart Mark Carney at the G7 Summit in June. He emphasized the importance of increased cooperation in trade, energy, technology, agriculture, and people-to-people connections between India and Canada.

Anand arrived in New Delhi on Sunday as part of her three-nation tour that includes stops in China and Singapore. Earlier that day, she met with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

Karnataka CM's Son Yathindra Siddaramaiah Sparks Row After Comparing RSS to Taliban, BJP Hits Back

(Gns). Yathindra Siddaramaiah, son of Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, has stirred controversy by comparing the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to the Taliban. Drawing parallels between the BJP's ideological parent and the Afghan Islamist group, Yathindra claimed the RSS seeks to impose a rigid version of Hinduism similar to how the Taliban enforces its interpretation of Islam. "They have a similar mindset... they believe only one view should exist in one religion," he said, accusing the RSS of curtail freedoms, especially those of women. The remarks came even as Taliban Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi arrived in India on an official visit.

Yathindra Siddaramaiah, son of Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah, compared the RSS to the Taliban, sparking controversy; he urged regulation of the RSS, and Karnataka IT Minister Priyank Kharge requested the CM to ban RSS functions in public institutions, while CM Siddaramaiah asked the Chief Secretary to examine the issue and BJP leader BY Vijayendra criticized the Congress's actions.

The RSS has not yet officially responded to Yathindra Siddaramaiah's Taliban remark. However, BJP Karnataka chief BY

Vijayendra slammed the Congress, asserting that "the ideology of nationalism and social reform will triumph over anti-national elements." Yathindra urged the state government to regulate and register the RSS, claiming the group operates with "thousands of crores in funds" without legal oversight. He insisted, "If they are operating without registration, it is wrong."

Echoing his views, Karnataka IT Minister Priyank Kharge and Congress leader BK Hariprasad also demanded legal restrictions on RSS activities. Hariprasad called the RSS the "Indian

Taliban" and alleged that the organisation conducts shakhas-training sessions in government schools without permission. Kharge urged the Chief Minister to ban RSS functions in public institutions, stating that such actions go against India's unity and secular Constitution. "Our Constitution gives us the authority to curb divisive forces," he said.

Reacting to these calls, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah confirmed he has asked the Chief Secretary to examine the issue, citing Tamil Nadu's example of denying permissions for RSS events on law-and-order grounds. The BJP hit back sharply, accusing the Congress of reviving "divisive politics."

BJP Launches Fresh Attack on Mamata Banerjee Over Controversial Durgapur Gangrape Remarks

(Gns). The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has intensified its criticism of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee following her controversial remarks regarding the Durgapur gangrape case. Banerjee had suggested that "a girl should not go out at night," comments widely perceived as victim-blaming. In response, BJP leaders accused her of being insensitive and shirking responsibility for women's safety in the state. BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia called Banerjee "a blot on womanhood," saying her statement insulted women and deflected attention from the failure of law enforcement. Union Minister Sukanta

Majumdar questioned whether the Chief Minister expected women to "wear burqas and stay indoors," highlighting the tone-deaf nature of her remarks.

Following Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's comments regarding the Durgapur gangrape case, the BJP, including leaders like Gaurav Bhatia and Priyanka Tibrewal, criticized her for victim-blaming and insensitivity; the National Commission for Women also condemned the remarks while the TMC accused the BJP of politicizing the incident.

At the state level, BJP West Bengal Secretary Priyanka Tibrewal described the statement as "shocking and insensitive,"

accusing Banerjee of shaming victims instead of focusing on the perpetrators. She added, "The Chief



Minister's comments only divert attention from the real issue - ensuring justice for the survivor."

BJP MP Shankar Lalwani also weighed in, condemning the attack on the student and pointing to what he called West Bengal's deteriorating law and order. "Incidents like

this are shameful and not isolated. The state government has repeatedly failed to maintain safety for its citizens," he said.

In her defense, Mamata Banerjee claimed that the media had misrepresented her words, insisting she was merely answering a question and that her statements were being twisted for political purposes.

The National Commission for Women (NCW) also criticised the Chief Minister's remarks. NCW member Archana Majumdar called the statement "absurd" and emphasised that women across India are breaking barriers and achieving milestones, and restricting their movement is unacceptable.

New criminal laws will enable judiciary to deliver justice within 3 yrs of FIR registration: Shah

(Gns). Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday assured that justice would be delivered to litigants within 3 years from 2027 given the strict implementation of the three newly-promulgated criminal laws.

Addressing a meeting at Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre (JECC) here after inaugurating the exhibition on the theme of the three new laws, he lauded these legislations as the most significant reform of the 21st century. He said the incumbent NDA government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken a number of steps for reforms in the justice delivery system. "The new laws have set

all stages of legal trials and prosecution in the strict time-line, according to which the FIR registration formalities have to be completed under information to the complainant by 2 weeks. The charge sheet has to be filed by 60 days in normal cases and by 90 days in serious and otherwise complicated crimes. The hearing process from the beginning up to the



FIRs and the charge sheets were set while legislating the laws in July 2024, these were ridiculed as impractical, however, by the lapse of a year, as of now, the given deadlines have been achieved in more than 50 percent of the cases regis-

tered by the police. I hope that by another one year, these deadlines will be kept in more than 90 per cent of criminal cases," he added.

The new laws also have provisions for the reforms in the process of the court trials, now onwards from the accused to all other involved parties and officials, including the police, prosecuting officers, lawyers and doctors would not require to appear personally before the court, all processes could be performed online through video conferencing.

This would not only save the time and other resources, but also avert risks - hazards related to the movement of the criminals from jail to the court, he elaborated.

UP's talented youth to lead the vision of 'Viksit Bharat': CM Yogi

(Gns). Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday said that Uttar Pradesh, home to a vast pool of talented youth, will play a leading role in building a 'Viksit Bharat' through its contributions in sports, culture, and innovation.

He added that the path to a developed India passes through Uttar Pradesh, where the 'Viksit Uttar Pradesh' campaign has received overwhelming public support.

At a ceremony here, the Chief Minister honoured the winners of the National Youth Festival 2025 and

Youth Parliament 2025 by presenting certificates and tablets. He also launched MLA and MP Sports Competitions, inaugurated Youth Promotion Centres, and distributed sports kits to 16,000 Yuvak Mangal Dals and Mahila Mangal Dals. The state's best regional youth welfare officers were also felicitated.

Calling the sports kit distribution before Diwali a special gift to the youth, CM Yogi said over 1.05 lakh Mangal Dals are active in

the state, with more than 80,000 already equipped with sports kits. Sports competitions, he announced, will now be held from the vil-



lage level up to Assembly and Parliamentary constituencies, fostering a culture of healthy competition and fitness.

Encouraging youth to

promote local culture alongside sports, the Chief Minister urged them to revive folk singing, storytelling, drama, and Ramlila performances. He said such traditions embody the history and spirit of Indian society and must be preserved by the younger generation.

Highlighting the ongoing Mission Shakti (Phase V) campaign, CM Yogi said it aims to ensure women's safety, respect, and self-reliance by spreading awareness about welfare schemes and empowering Mahila Mangal Dals to take the mission to every Gram Panchayat.

Delhi Court Charges Lalu Prasad, Rabri Devi, and Tejashwi Yadav in IRCTC Hotel Scam Ahead of Bihar Polls



(Agency)

In a development likely to reverberate across Bihar's political landscape, a Delhi court has framed charges against Lalu Prasad Yadav, Rabri Devi, and Tejashwi Yadav in the IRCTC hotel scam, accusing them of conspiracy, cheating, and financial misconduct. The case stems from alleged irregularities during Lalu Yadav's tenure as Railway Minister, with proceedings unfolding just weeks before the state assembly elections.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) alleges that Lalu Yadav influenced tender procedures for two IRCTC hotels - BNR Ranchi and BNR Puri - awarding contracts to Sujata Hotel,

owned by Vijay and Vinay Kochar. In exchange, the former Railway Minister is

accused of acquiring three acres of prime Patna land through a benami company,

which were later transferred to Rabri Devi and Tejashwi Yadav.

WESTERN RAILWAY TO RUN FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAIN BETWEEN SABARMATI — BEGUSARAI

TRAIN NO.	ORIGINATING STATION & DESTINATION	DATES OF SERVICE	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
09431	SABARMATI - BEGUSARAI (Unreserved Special)	14.10.2025 to 27.10.2025	12:05 hrs (Daily)	08:00 hrs (Third Day)
09432	BEGUSARAI - SABARMATI (Unreserved Special)	16.10.2025 to 29.10.2025	12:00 hrs (Daily)	05:00 hrs (Third Day)

Halts: Mahesana, Palanpur, Abu Road, Falna, Marwar Jn., Beawar, Ajmer, Kishangarh, Jaipur, Dausa, Bandikui, Bharatpur, Idgah Agra, Tundla, Etawah, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Mirzapur, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur, Hajipur and Barauni stations in both directions.

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Editorial

Pressure yields results

In a world grown cynical about ceasefires, the Gaza peace deal announced this week stands out as a moment few believed possible. What makes it remarkable is not just the outcome ~ the end of one of the most destructive conflicts in decades ~ but the improbable path that led to it. President Donald Trump, a leader long dismissed as impulsive and anti-diplomatic, has emerged as the unlikely broker of calm where seasoned statesmen failed.

The breakthrough rests as much on his personal style as on the shifting ground realities in the region. It took audacity to move the process forward when all else seemed lost ~ and a certain disregard for the conventions that often paralyze formal diplomacy. At the core of Mr Trump's success lies leverage: his close bond with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his long-standing business and political relationships across the Gulf, and his ability to apply pressure on both sides without fear of domestic backlash. Former President Joe Biden's "bear hug" strategy had sought the same balance, but it lacked the shock factor and the threat that President Trump wielded with ease. The Doha airstrike in September, which almost derailed talks, became the inflection point.

Mr Trump's ultimatum to Mr Netanyahu, to halt the war or lose Washington's cover, reversed a year-long Israeli offensive logic. It was a warning few American Presidents have dared to issue. At the same time, his rapport with Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE secured Arab endorsement for a peace formula that even included a cautious reference to eventual Palestinian statehood. What has emerged, in effect, is a new style of crisis diplomacy ~ one that fuses threat and persuasion, bypassing protocol in favour of fast, transactional bargaining aimed purely at results.

The Arab response this time is also different. Fatigue, economic pressure, and the visible collapse of Gaza's infrastructure have pushed regional actors to privilege reconstruction over rhetoric for the first time in years. The deal may be fragile, but it resets the diplomacy of West Asia in important ways. Europe's reassertion, especially France's coordination with Saudi Arabia, forced Washington to adapt to a multipolar peace architecture. Mr Trump, in turn, has shown a rare willingness to share credit, folding parts of the French-Saudi initiative into his 20-point Gaza plan.

It also reveals a paradox: the very qualities that once made Mr Trump appear unfit for diplomacy ~ his impulsiveness, transactional instinct and disdain for nuance ~ may have enabled him to cut through the moral hesitations that defined earlier US efforts. The true test, however, lies ahead. Implementing Hamas disarmament, rebuilding Gaza and defining the contours of Palestinian governance will demand patience, something Mr Trump's diplomacy often lacks. The ceasefire is less a conclusion than a fragile beginning. Yet, for a region long accustomed to perpetual conflict, even a flawed peace offers a glimmer of possibility.

VidyaGyan Announces 100% Online Application Process for Admissions 2026-27

LAUCKNOW, 13 October 2025: VidyaGyan, the leadership academy that empowers talented children from rural India through world-class education, has announced the opening of admissions for its 2026-27 Academic Session. The preliminary entrance examination will be held on November 30, 2025 across multiple centres in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand for which registrations are open till October 25, 2025.

This year marks a major digital milestone for VidyaGyan, with the entire admission process now 100% online, making it simpler, faster, and more. Parents can now apply directly through the VidyaGyan Admissions Portal at www.vidyagyan.in using a smartphone or computer with internet access. This shift eliminates the need for physical forms or travel, ensuring convenience and safety.

Dr. A.P.J. Science exhibition and seminar should be organized in madrassas on Abdul Kalam Jayanti - *Danish Azad Ansari

Lucknow, 13 October 2025

Bharat Ratna, former President Dr. A.P.J. On the occasion of Abdul Kalam ji's birth anniversary 15 October 2025, science exhibitions and seminars will be organized in all the madrassas of Uttar Pradesh.

Minister of State for Minority Welfare Shri Danish Azad Ansari told through a letter to the Principal Secretary that the purpose of celebrating this program on a large scale is to increase interest in science and technology among the students and to inspire



them with the scientific

offer step-by-step assistance with online registration and queries.

Bishwajit Banerjee, Director, VidyaGyan Schools, said: "Rural India is full of children with exceptional talent and determination. What they often lack is not ability, but opportunity. VidyaGyan was created to change that.

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On this day, to familiarise farmers with modern agricultural practices, technologies, and innovative approaches, the Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Department will organise the "Rabi Krushi Mahotsav-2025" on 14th and 15th October. Dedicated to the agriculture sector and the farmers of Gujarat, the state-wide launch of the Mahotsav will be inaugurated by Chief

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Vikas Saptah: 14th October ~ Krushi Vikas Diwas

Vikas Saptah: Rabi Krushi Mahotsav ~ 2025 to be held across Gujarat on 14-15 October

Agriculture Minister Shri Raghavji Patel:-

Ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and other dignitaries will inaugurate district- and taluka-level programs to be held at 261 locations across the state.

During the Mahotsav, financial assistance amounting to ₹500 crore will be distributed to more than 5 lakh beneficiaries under various schemes of the Agriculture Department.

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While providing details about Rabi Krushi Mahotsav-2025, Agriculture Minister Shri Raghavji Patel stated that, on 14-15 October, the Mahotsav will be organised at 261 district- and taluka-level locations across Gujarat as part of Vikas Saptah. Ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislative Assembly, various dignitaries, and senior government officials will be present at these programs to inaugurate the events. Approximately 3 lakh farmers from across the state are expected to participate in this two-day Rabi Krushi Mahotsav.

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income not exceeding ₹3 lakh, are eligible to apply. Applicants must also meet the age criteria - girls aged 12 years or below and boys aged 11 years or below.

The Uttar Pradesh State Education Department supports VidyaGyan in identifying eligible students from across districts.

Over the years, VidyaGyan alumni have gone on to study at Stanford University, Cornell University, and the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and are contributing to organizations such as Amazon, Teach For India, and the Indian Army - a testament to the academy's mission of building future leaders from rural India.

Families are encouraged to visit www.vidyagyan.in and complete their 100% online applications before October 25, 2025.

great achievements made by Abdul Kalam in the field of science and technology.

The Minister of State has also directed that local public representatives should be invited to the program and arrangements should be made to honor the students who have performed excellently in the science exhibition.

He said that the life of Dr. Kalam is a source of inspiration for every student. His approach towards science, technology and humanity is a guide towards nation building.

Mahotsav, progressive farmers and livestock owners across the state will be specially recognised by the government. Moreover, under various schemes of the Agriculture, Horticulture, and Animal Husbandry departments, assistance sanction letters and orders worth approximately ₹500 crore will be distributed to over 5 lakh farmer beneficiaries. Furthermore, state agricultural scientists and experts will provide farmers with technical guidance on crops sown during the Rabi season in their respective areas, along with advice on organic farming and the latest technologies in horticultural crops. Progressive farmers and representatives of Farmer-Producer Organisations (FPOs) will

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October 13, 2025: In recognition of his lifelong contributions toward education and global peace, Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, Founder-President of MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU), was honored with the "Governor's Award of Excellence" by Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose, Governor of West Bengal.

Speaking at the 7th Convocation Ceremony of MIT-WPU in Pune, Dr. Bose remarked, "Every great achievement begins with a vision that must be translated into action. Vision without action is meaningless, and action without vision can be counterproductive."

Emphasizing the power of education, he described it as "emancipation, empowerment, and enrichment," urging students to pursue lifelong learning and use knowledge as a means for social transformation.

At the 7th Convocation Ceremony of MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU), degrees were conferred upon 6,837 students from Diploma, Undergraduate, and Postgraduate programs across diverse disciplines. A total of 114 Gold, 103 Silver, and 103 Bronze Medals were presented to outstanding students, while

also deliver talks on various topics.

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37 scholars received Ph.D. degrees for their research excellence. Ms. Shwetha Rajshree Iyer and Ms. Vedangee Gunesh Patkar were honored with the Founder President's Medal and Executive President's Medal, respectively, for their exemplary academic achievements.

Praising Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, Founder-President of MIT-WPU, Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose, Governor of West Bengal, described him as a visionary leader who turned ideas into reality through dedication and purposeful action. Referring to the World Peace Dome, Dr. Bose remarked, "This magnificent dome stands as a symbol of how vision, when blended with action, can create something truly transformative. Dr. Karad's life and work embody the spirit of education, peace, and human values that

inspire generations."

Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, Founder President, MIT World Peace University said, "This convocation is not just an academic milestone but a reaffirmation of our mission of peace and harmony. In a world marked by chaos and uncertainty, true education must unite science, spirituality, and philosophy to nurture enlightened minds and compassionate hearts. It is through this union that we can build a world rooted in understanding, introspection, and lasting peace."

Special Guest of Honour, Prof. Dr. Ram Charan, was highly delighted to see the number of students at the convocation and said, "Today marks Day Zero — the true beginning of your journey. Your classrooms and professors have guided you so far; now the world is your

university. Expand your mind every day, discover your true calling, keep learning, build

relationships, earn trust, and master the fundamentals. Success and fulfillment belong to those who cultivate their mind, character, and skills — the rest is up to you."

Mr. Rahul V. Karad, Executive President, MIT-WPU, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all attendees, dignitaries, and parents for their continued support, during this occasion and said, "I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the graduates, gold medalists, and award winners of MIT-WPU. Today is a celebration of your dedication, hard work, and achievement. We sincerely thank the Hon'ble Governor, our Chancellor, faculty, and parents for their guidance and encouragement. This institution, under the visionary guidance of Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, has not only equipped students with knowledge but has nurtured values, critical thinking, and a problem-solving mindset. As you step forward, carry these lessons with you and use your education to contribute meaningfully to society, promote peace, and help build a better world."

Western railway to run eight pairs of unreserved festival special trains to various destinations

Mumbai, 13th October, 2025

For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season of Diwali and Chhath Puja, Western Railway will run eight pairs of Unreserved Festival Special Trains on Special fare between Bandra Terminus – Barauni, Valsad – Barauni, Udhna – Bhagalpur, Udhna – Samastipur, Pratap Nagar – Katihar, Pratapnagar – Jaynagar, Sabarmati – Gorakhpur and Sabarmati – Begusarai stations.

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

1. Train No.09079/09080 Bandra Terminus – Barauni Unreserved Special Train [26 Trips]

Train No. 09079 Bandra Terminus – Barauni Unreserved Special will depart from Bandra Terminus Daily at 20:30 hrs and will reach Barauni at 12:15 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 15th October to 27th October, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09080 Barauni – Bandra Terminus Unreserved Special will depart from Barauni Daily at 15:05 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 11:00 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 17th October to 29th October 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt Borivali, Boisar, Vapi, Valsad, Bhestan, Chalthan, Nandurbar, Amalner, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur, Hajipur and Shahpur Patoree stations in both directions.

This train comprises of General Second Class Coaches.

2. Train No. 09089/09090 Valsad – Barauni Unreserved Special [28 Trips]

Train No. 09089 Valsad – Barauni Unreserved Special will depart from Valsad Daily at 12:50 hrs and will reach Barauni at 06:05 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 14th October to 27th October, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09090 Barauni – Valsad Unreserved Special will depart from Barauni Daily at 11:00 hrs and will reach Valsad at 04:30 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 16th October to 29th October, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Navsari, Udhna, Sayan, Bharuch, Vadodara, Godhra, Dahod, Ratlam, Ujjain, Maksi, Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Bina, Saugor, Damoh, Katni Murwara, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Mirzapur, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur and Samastipur stations in both directions.

This train comprises of General Second Class Coaches.

3. Train No.09081/09082 Udhna – Bhagalpur Unreserved Special Train [28 Trips]

Train No. 09081 Udhna – Bhagalpur Unreserved Special will depart from Udhna Daily at 11:15 hrs and will reach Bhagalpur at 20:00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 14th October to 27th October, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09082 Bhagalpur – Udhna Unreserved Special will depart from Bhagalpur Daily at 22:50 hrs and will arrive Udhna at 09:00 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 15th October to 28th October 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Chalthan, Vyara, Nandurbar, Dondaicha, Amalner, Bhusaval,

Khandwa, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur and Samastipur stations in both directions.

This train comprises of General Second Class Coaches.

4. Train No. 09091/09092 Udhna – Samastipur Unreserved Special [28 Trips]

Train No. 09091 Udhna – Samastipur Unreserved Special will depart from Udhna Daily at 22:00 hrs and will reach Samastipur at 11:35 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 14th October to 27th October, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09092 Samastipur – Udhna Unreserved Special will depart from Samastipur Daily at 14:30 hrs and will reach Udhna at 04:33 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 16th October to 29th October 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Sayan, Bharuch, Vadodara, Godhra, Dahod, Ratlam, Ujjain, Maksi, Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Bina, Saugor, Damoh, Katni Murwara, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Hajipur and Muzaffarpur stations in both directions.

Train no. 09092 will have an additional halt at Surat station.

This train comprises of General Second Class Coaches.

5. Train No. 09123/09124 Pratap Nagar – Katihar (Weekly) Unreserved Special [04 Trips]

Train No. 09123 Pratap Nagar – Katihar Weekly Unreserved Special will depart from Pratap Nagar, on Wednesday, 15th & 22nd October, 2025, at 16:30 hrs and will reach Katihar at 07:15 hrs, on Friday. Similarly, Train No. 09124

Katihar – Pratap Nagar Weekly Unreserved Special will depart from Katihar, on Friday, 17th & 24th October, 2025, at 11:15 hrs and will reach Pratap Nagar at 02:30 hrs, on Sunday.

Enroute this train will halt at Vadodara, Chhayapuri, Godhra, Dahod, Ratlam, Nagda, Ujjain, Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Bina, Katni Murwara, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Mirzapur, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur, Hajipur, Barauni and Khagaria stations in both directions.

This train comprises of General Second Class Coaches.

6. Train No. 09151/09152 Pratapnagar – Jaynagar Unreserved Special (Weekly) [04 trips]

Train No. 09151 Pratapnagar – Jaynagar special will depart from Pratapnagar on Sunday 19th & 26th October 2025 at 16:35 hrs and reach Jaynagar at 10:00 hrs, on Tuesday. Similarly, Train No. 09152 Jaynagar – Pratapnagar special will depart from Jaynagar on Tuesday, 21st & 28th October, 2025 at 14:00 hrs and reach Pratapnagar at 05:30 hrs, on Thursday.

Enroute this train will halt at Vadodara, Chhayapuri, Godhra, Dahod, Ratlam, Nagda, Ujjain, Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Bina, Katni Murwara, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Mirzapur, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Darbhanga and Madhubani station in both directions.

This train comprises of General Second Class Coaches.

7. Train No. 09429/09430 Sabarmati – Gorakhpur Unreserved Special (Tri-Weekly) [12 trips]

Over 2,200 Business Meetings and Rs 500+ Crore Export Inquiries Generated at International Buyer-Seller Meet Organised by FIEO and Government of Gujarat

FIO PRESS RELEASE		INTERNATIONAL BUYERS SELLERS MEET REPORT October 9-10, 2025, Mehsana, Gujarat	
Gandhinagar, 13 October 2025: The International Buyer-Seller Meet was organised by the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) with the support of the Government of Gujarat under the World Bank RAMP Project, in associa- tion with the MSME Department, Government of Gujarat, and INDEXTb. The event was held on October 9-10, 2025, as part of the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (North Gujarat Region) at Ganpat University, Mehsana.	Total Countries	17	
	Major Countries	USA, Germany, Russia, UAE, Vietnam, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, Bhutan, Oman, Bahrain, Nepal, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Botswana.	
The two-day event witnessed an overwhelming	Number of Foreign Buyers	40	
	Domestic Gujarat based Sellers	850+	
	Total Meetings Organised	2200+	
	MoU Signed in two days	350+	
		Business Inquiry Generated for Exports Rs 500+ crore	

Shri ashwini vaishnaw graces the rpf raising day parade at valsad and felicitates award-winning rpf personnel for exemplary service

Mumbai, Hon'ble Minister highlights major transformation in Indian Railways; announces enhanced technological upgradation and training initiatives for RPF

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology, graced the Raising Day Parade of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) as the Chief Guest at the RPF Zonal Training Centre, Valsad, on 13th October, 2025. During the event, the Union Minister felicitated 41 RPF personnel who were awarded the prestigious Presidents Medals for Meritorious Service, Jeevan Raksha Medals etc. for their courageous efforts in saving passengers' lives. These awards reflect the exemplary service of the RPF in safeguarding the nation's railway network and are set to inspire other members of the force to continue their dedicated efforts with renewed vigour.

The Union Minister also took the ceremonial salute during the RPF parade,

marking a significant display of discipline and commitment. The Minister appreciated the high standard of discipline, precision, and dedication displayed by the personnel during the parade.

In his address, Shri Vaishnaw extended warm greetings to the RPF personnel on their Foundation Day and commended their unwavering dedication and commitment in ensuring the safety and security of passengers and railway property. The Minister appreciated the RPF's remarkable service during the recent Mahakumbh, ensuring the security and safe & smooth travel of millions of devotees. The Union Minister highlighted that Indian Railways is undergoing a historic transformation under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. In the past 11 years, nearly 35,000 km of new railway tracks have been laid, and 99% of the railway network (around 60,000 km) has been electrified. At pres-

sengers. 1300 stations have been taken for redevelopment under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, with 110 stations already inaugurated and work on the remaining is being done at a fast pace.

He further stated that to cater to the festive season demand, a record number of over 12,000 special trains are being operated for Diwali and Chhath, ensuring convenient travel for all passengers.

Shri Vaishnaw emphasized that the KAVACH system is being rapidly deployed on major routes such as Delhi-Howrah and Delhi-Mumbai and is at an

advanced stage. KAVACH has been installed on 1200 locomotives. He also stated that about 7000 coaches are being manufactured every year, while 3500 general coaches have been added for the convenience of people.

He further said that Modern Technology is being used at a massive scale in the Railway Protection Force and necessary training is also being imparted in this direction.

Shri Dhaval Patel, Member of Parliament Valsad; Shri Bharatbhai Patel, MLA, Valsad; Shri Jitubhai Chaudhari, MLA Kaprada; Shri Ramanlal Patkar, MLA, Umargam; Smt Sonali Mishra, Director General RPF; Shri Vivek Kumar Gupta, General Manager, Western Railway; Shri Ajoy Sadany, IG Cum Principal Chief Security Commissioner, Western Railway; Shri Pankaj Singh, Divisional Railway Manager Mumbai Central Division and other Senior Officers from Headquarters and Division of Western Railway were present at the event.





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Shri Raghavjibhai Patel

Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry,
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Programme:

A two-day Rabi Krushi Mahotsav 2025 will be organized at the state, district, and taluka levels.

Day 1:

- Crop Seminar- Expert guidance and insights by leading agricultural scientists
- Interactive sessions with progressive farmers
- Agricultural exhibition with advanced technology
- Animal Health Camps- Comprehensive livestock healthcare services at the taluka level
- Honouring Best Farmers and Animal Husbandry Experts (Best ATMA Farmer/Agricultural Research Award)
- Distribution of scheme-based assistance to over 5,00,000 farmers

Day 2:

- Exhibition on Natural Farming (organized by the ATMA Project)
- Visit of Natural Farming Model Farm

Date: October 1-14, 2025

Statewide organisation of diverse agriculture-based activities

Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Co-operation Department, Government of Gujarat

Live Telecast:  CMOGuj  CMOGuj  CMOGujarat  CMOGujarat

Date: 14 October 2025 | Time: 9:45 AM | Venue: Near Ram Darbar Mandir, Chhabanpur, Godhra-Lunawada Road, Godhra

Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) Organizes “Manthan-2025” to Strengthen Research and Administrative Planning

(Gns). The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, is organizing a two-day planning and review meeting, “CCRAS–Manthan–2025”, from 13th to 14th October 2025 at the Regional Ayurveda Research Institute (RARI), Lucknow. Manthan–2025 focuses on comprehensive performance review, strategic planning, and alignment of research activities for the financial year 2026–27. The meeting brings together Heads of all CCRAS Institutes, along with Programme and Nodal Officers from the CCRAS Headquarters, to deliberate on key research and administrative areas. Delivering the inaugural address, Prof. (Vd.) Rabinarayan Acharya, Director General, CCRAS, emphasized the importance of strengthening inter-institutional collaborations and integrating multidisciplinary approaches to accelerate scientific progress in Ayurveda. He urged researchers to focus on translational research that bridges traditional Ayurvedic wisdom with modern scientific validation to enhance the credibility and global reach of Ayurveda. Discussions during Manthan–2025 will encompass diverse domains including Clinical Research, Drug Development, Public Health, Medicinal Plant Research, Literary and Fundamental Research, Extramural Research (EMR), Human Resource Development, Finance, Administration, IT, Publications, and Quality Assurance. The deliberations aim to strengthen coordination, streamline processes, and ensure effective planning to advance the Council's research mandate. Since its inception, CCRAS has been at the forefront of advancing evidence-based research and development in Ayurveda. With a network of 30 peripheral institutes across the country, the Council continues to generate scientific evidence, ensure the safety of Ayurvedic practices, standardize drugs, and translate research outcomes into practical health solutions for public benefit. As part of its structured review and planning mechanism, CCRAS has institutionalized annual meetings to assess progress and set strategic directions. Earlier this year, Avalokana–2025 was held in Jaipur, where senior officers from the Ministry of Ayush provided valuable inputs for enhancing research and administrative efficiency. The inaugural session of CCRAS–Manthan–2025 was graced by Dr. Ajit Kumar Shasany, Director, CSIR-NBRI; Sh. Deepak Kocchar, Deputy Director (Administration), CCRAS; and Dr. Narayanam Srikanth, Deputy Director General, CCRAS.



Discussion on women empowerment held in Sanskriti University

Mathura. Under Mission Shakti Phase 5.0, a special program on the theme “Empowerment of women through self-reliance and government schemes” was organized at Sanskriti University. The program started with the lighting of the lamp. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. M.B. Chetty stressed the importance of women's participation in the progress of the nation. The Chief Guest, District Employment Officer, Ms. Sugandha Jain addressed the gathering with a succinct lecture. She informed the students about various government schemes and welfare programs designed for women empowerment, security and self-reliance. He said that sensitivity and concern is expressed on social, economic, political and legal issues related to women empowerment. In the process of empowerment, the society is made aware of the traditional patriarchal viewpoint, which has always considered the status of women as inferior. At the global level, feminist movements and international organizations like UNDP have played an important role in achieving the political rights of women for social equality, freedom and justice. Women empowerment is the process of empowering women by creating self-confidence at all levels, whether material or spiritual, physical or mental. Their session also included awareness on prevention of sexual harassment at workplace and several incentive-based programs to support women's development and entrepreneurship. The program was concluded by CEO DrMeenakshi Sharma, who appreciated the initiative and encouraged the girl students to actively participate in programs that strengthen women's self-reliance and leadership in the society. The program inspired the participants to explore government schemes and opportunities for personal and professional development. The coordinator of the program was Dr. Reena Rani of Sanskriti School of Engineering and IT Department



In the program organized under Mission Shakti Phase 5.0 at Sanskriti University, Chief Guest, District Employment Officer Ms. Sugandha Jain was honored by Dr. Mrs. Meenakshi Sharma, CEO of Sanskriti University, with a memento.

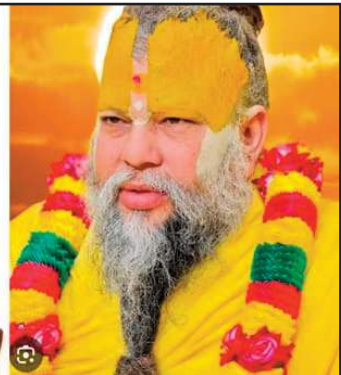
PM GatiShakti Marks Four Years with Launch of Transformative Initiatives by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal

(Gns). On the occasion of celebrations marking four years of PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP), the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, today launched a series of transformative initiatives by the Logistics Division, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIT). These initiatives aim to drive socio-economic development by strengthening infrastructure planning, enhancing last-mile connectivity, and ensuring adequate infrastructure to support holistic growth. Shri Goyal highlighted that the Government had developed and launched the PM GatiShakti District Master Plans (PMGS-DMP) for 28 Aspirational Districts in October 2024. The plans facilitate geospatial-based planning for critical social and economic infrastructure such as schools, health centres, anganwadis, roads, and water pipelines using the PM GatiShakti platform. To enable effective planning, five sector-specific tools were developed for schools, health centres, anganwadis, roads, and water pipelines. Comprehensive capacity-building training for district teams was conducted at BISAG-N, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, in December 2024, followed by regular regional workshops and online sessions for officers across districts and States. Districts have already begun developing practical use cases for area development, including road widening projects such as the Damoh–Jabalpur road from two to four lanes, solar park site selection in Damoh, administrative boundary planning, drinking water provision under the Jal Jeevan Mission, electrification of unelectrified villages, road connectivity for unconnected habitations, and watershed management planning in Baran district. Building on these successes, the PM GatiShakti District Master Plan is now being progressively rolled out across all 112 Aspirational Districts, enabling data-driven, integrated planning for social and economic infrastructure development nationwide. Shri Goyal also launched a series of transformative initiatives under the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, aimed at enhancing infrastructure planning, data-driven decision-making, and cross-sectoral collaboration. The launches include the Knowledge Management System (KMS), Decentralized Data Uploading and Management System (DUMS), PMGS NMP Dashboard as part of the Comprehensive Multi-Sector Reporting System, and PM GatiShakti Compendium Volume-3. Shri Goyal noted that over the past four years, numerous Ministries and States have undertaken innovative measures, developed digital tools, and created use cases demonstrating how geospatial planning can be leveraged to improve infrastructure development and decision-making. The Knowledge Management System serves as a centralized repository of digital tools, use cases, SOPs, compendiums, and training resources, promoting replicability, scalability, and cross-learning across Ministries, Departments, and States/UTs. At the core of the KMS is the integrated NMP Dashboard, which provides real-time insights into onboarded data layers, registered users, planned projects.



Dr Sheikh appealed to people of all religions to pray for the health of Sant Premanand Maharaj

Mathura. National President of Vanchit Samaj Insaaf Party, Mr. Dr. Shaikh said that Saint Premanand Maharaj of Mathura Vrindavan has been unwell for the past few days. Dr. Shaikh said that VIP Party appeals to the people of all religions to wish and pray to God for his health. Dr. Shaikh said that I am from the Muslim community/also appeal to Allah Almighty to pray for the speedy recovery of Sant Premanand Maharaj.Dr Shaikh said that today not only in India but in the whole world Sant Premanand Maharaj.People of all religions like him. In today's God and the true definition of religion through patriotism, brotherhood, spiritual forgivenessThrough which people get self-knowledge, Dr Shaikh said that such saints benefit all religions. On the other hand, Shaikh said that his party strongly condemns the throwing of shoes at CJI Gawai in the name of Sanatan Dharma and also demands that strict action should be taken against such advocates. Dr. Shaikh said that he will try to take time to meet Sant Premanand Maharaj. If I get time to meet him, I will definitely go to see Sant Premanand Maharaj hate filled environment, Saint Premanand Maharaj always helps people in understanding the nature of guidance, moral education and love and also promotes qualities like patriotism, humility and



Union Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, to undertake a one-day visit to Ludhiana (Punjab)

Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan to interact with farmers and visit leading agricultural institutions in Ludhiana Union Minister to inaugurate the administrative building at the ICAR-Indian Institute of Maize Research During his visit on October 14, Shri Chouhan to interact with rural residents and members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) Union Minister to hand over approval letters for reconstruction of houses for flood-affected residents Posted On: 13 OCT 2025 6:36PM by PIB Delhi Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan will be on a one-day visit to Ludhiana (Punjab) on October 14, 2025. During his trip, he will participate in a series of programmes, visit prominent agricultural institutions, and hold direct interactions with farmers and members of women Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Shri Chouhan will also hand over approval letters on the spot for the reconstruction of houses for flood-affected residents in Punjab, sanctioned under central assistance. As per the schedule, the Union Minister will depart from Delhi in the morning and reach Ludhiana via Chandigarh. His engagements will begin with the inauguration of the newly constructed Administrative Building at the Indian Institute of Maize Research (IIMR) under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). In the same campus, he will also interact with beneficiaries of key rural development schemes and members of women SHGs, discussing their experiences and feedback. Following this, Shri Chouhan will address a press conference, where he will share details of major initiatives of the Central Government in the fields of agriculture and rural development, along with specific plans for Punjab. In the afternoon, Shri Chouhan will hold a 'Chaupal' discussion with farmers at Noorpur Bet village in Ludhiana. The event will feature live demonstrations of agricultural machinery, including a combine harvester fitted with Super Straw Management System (SSMS) for paddy harvesting, and a Happy Smart Seeder machine for wheat sowing. Subsequently, the Union Minister will visit the 'Samanyu Honey' beekeeping centre in Doraha, where he will interact with local farmers, review innovative models of beekeeping, and discuss new opportunities in the sector. He will also review the progress of related schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare that are aimed at promoting allied agricultural activities.



Government Launches Employees' Enrolment Campaign 2025 to Expand Social Security Coverage of Employees

(Gns). The Ministry of Labour and Employment has announced the 'Employees' Enrolment Campaign, 2025' (EEC 2025), a significant initiative to bring a large number of workers under the ambit of organized social security through EPFO. The scheme shall be operational from November 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026. This scheme is a continued effort of the Ministry, after successful similar enrolment campaign conducted in the year 2017 for enrolment of left-out eligible employees from 2009 to 2016. This campaign is intended to encourage employers, both already registered and those newly coming under the purview of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, to voluntarily declare and enroll eligible employees. Employers can enroll all existing employees, who joined the establishment between July 1, 2017, and October 31, 2025, and who are alive and employed on the date of the declaration, but were not enrolled in the EPF scheme earlier due to any reason, whatsoever. In a major relief, the employee's share of provident fund contribution for the past period (from July 1, 2017, to October 31, 2025) shall stand waived, provided it was not deducted from the employee's wages. The employer is only required to pay their own share for such period. Employers availing this scheme shall be liable to pay a nominal Penal Damage of Rs. 100 only as a lump sum, a significant reduction from the standard penalties for non-compliance. All establishments are eligible to participate in the proposed Scheme irrespective of the fact whether any establishment is facing inquiries under section 7A of the Act or under paragraph 26B of the Scheme or under paragraph 8 of the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995. No suomoto compliance action shall be initiated by the EPFO against the employers who avail the benefits of EEC, in respect of such employees who have already left the establishment as on the date of declaration. All the employers who get registered under the EEC, 2025 or declare additional employees under the EEC, 2025 shall be eligible to avail the benefits of Pradhan Mantri-Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana, subject to certain terms and conditions under that scheme. The Employer are required to make the declaration through an online facility provided by EPFO, where employer shall indicate the details of the employees enrolled and link it to the Electronic Challan-cum-Return (Temporary Return Reference Number) through which, payment of contributions has been made and pay lump-sum Penal Damages of one hundred rupees. The government expects this campaign to boost enrolment under the social security cover for employees, and shall also be crucial for employers to regularize their past records with minimal financial/legal burden and shall facilitate ease of doing business.



DoPPW to conduct Nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign 4.0 from 1st to 30th November, 2025

(Gns). Posted On: 13 OCT 2025 6:08PM by PIB Delhi The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) will be conducting the 4th Nationwide Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign from 1st to 30th November, 2025, covering 2000 districts and sub-divisional headquarters across India. The campaign will be organized in collaboration with 19 Pension Disbursing Banks, India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), Pensioners' Welfare Associations (PWAs), CGDA, DoT, Railways, UIDAI and MeitY, with the aim of ensuring outreach to every pensioner in the remotest corners of the country. During the DLC Campaign 3.0 (2024), a record 1.62 crore DLCs were generated, including more than 50 lakh DLCs through Authentication Technology, across 1,900 camps held in 800+ districts and cities. These achievements were made possible through the active participation of banks, IPPB, Central Ministries/Departments, and PWAs. This year also, India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) will conduct DLC Camps in all districts through its vast network of 1.8 lakh Postmen and Gramin Dak Sewaks (GDS), offering doorstep DLC services to all categories of pensioners irrespective of their bank. Pensioners can obtain more information on this facility from ippbonline.com. IPPB staff are equipped with mobile devices enabling both fingerprint and face-based DLC generation. 19 Pension Disbursing Banks will hold camps at multiple locations across 300 cities, including visits to the homes.

Strain in alliance: Congress abstains as NC candidates file papers for 4 RS seats in J&K

(Gns). Amid fresh strains in the National Conference-Congress alliance, the Congress leadership on Monday displayed displeasure over the ruling NC's decision not to offer them a 'safe seat' for the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections by abstaining as four NC candidates filed their nomination papers in Srinagar. The Congress party on Sunday announced not to contest the upcoming Rajya Sabha election after its alliance partner, the National Conference (NC), refused it a 'safe seat'. Polling will be held on October 24 for the four vacant seats of the Rajya Sabha. Confirming that the Congress was missing from the paper filing by NC candidates on all the four seats, Pradesh Congress chief Tariq Hameed Karra said this was bound to happen as we have decided not to field our candidate for the Rajya Sabha elections. Replying to questions, Karra said it was premature to say that the Congress with a strength of 6 MLAs will abstain from polling during the Rajya Sabha elections. "Any decision on the issue will be taken by the Congress high-command whom we will appraise of the sequence of events." He said the NC leadership had earlier assured the Congress leadership that a 'safe seat' will be left for the Congress to contest but later they have resorted to breach of trust. This indicates that the NC was considering whether to continue to be a partner of the India Bloc or not. Meanwhile, the NC announced the candidature of the party's spokesman Imran Nabi Dar for the fourth seat on which the Congress refused to field its candidate. Other three NC candidates, Choudhary Muhammad Ramzan, Shammii Oberoi and Sajad Kichloo also submitted their papers at the Legislative Assembly complex in Srinagar today. BJP's J&K president Sat Sharma, Ali Mohammad Mir, and Rakesh Mahajan also filed their nominations before the Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Manoj Kumar Pandita, who is the returning officer for the polls. The BJP candidates were accompanied by Union Minister of State in PMO Dr Jitendra Singh and Rajya Sabha member Ghulam Ali Khatana, among others. Talking to reporters, senior BJP leader and Leader of Opposition in J&K Assembly Sunil Sharma said his party has fielded candidates for three of the four Rajya Sabha seats and all efforts would be made to win all three of them. This will be the first time that the Union Territory will hold Rajya Sabha elections since its transition from a state in 2019. In the 90-member Assembly, the NC and the Congress have 48 members (NC 42 and Congress 6). With the support of five Independents and the CPI(M), the NC-Congress alliance has 53 members, the BJP has 28, the PDP 3, and the AIP, PC and AAP one each. The current strength of the Assembly is 88 due to the death of a BJP MLA and the vacating of one of the two seats, Budgam, from where Chief Minister Omar Abdullah was elected. Given the numbers game, the NC is safe on three of the four Rajya Sabha seats. The fourth seat that the NC had offered to the Congress gives the BJP an advantage.

