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PM Modi Greets Karnataka, MP, Kerala, Haryana, Chhattisgarh On Their Formation Day

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday greeted the people of Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Haryana and Chhattisgarh on their formation day. The Prime Minister will be in Chhattisgarh on Saturday to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the state's formation.

"This state, dedicated to nature and culture, is today engaged in setting ever-new benchmarks of progress. Many areas here, once affected by Naxalism, are now competing in development," Modi said, greeting the brothers and sisters of Chhattisgarh. "I am confident that with the dedication and enterprise of the hardworking and skilled people here, our

state will play a pivotal role in realizing the vision of a developed India," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the people of Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Haryana, and Chhattisgarh on their formation days, mentioning the states' achievements and cultural significance, with Chhattisgarh marking its 25th anniversary. He highlighted the states' roles in India's progress, noting that Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Kerala were formed on this day in 1956, Punjab and Haryana in 1966, and Chhattisgarh in 2000.

The prime minister greeted the spirit of excellence and industrious nature of the people of



Karnataka on Kannada Rajyotsava. "Today, when we mark Kannada

Rajyotsava, we celebrate the spirit of excellence and industrious nature that the

people of Karnataka are synonymous with," he said. "We also celebrate the outstanding culture of Karnataka, reflected in its literature, art, music and more. The state embodies the spirit of progress rooted in wisdom. I pray that people of the state are happy and healthy," he said.

The prime minister said Kerala is a state whose people have been excelling in diverse sectors globally and have distinguished themselves for their creativity as well as innovation. "The state's scenic land-

scapes and centuries-old heritage reflect India's vibrant cultural grandeur. May the people of Kerala always be blessed with good health and success," Modi said, extending greetings on Kerala Piravi. The PM also extended heartfelt greetings to all family members in Madhya Pradesh, the state that cherishes its glorious history and cultural heritage.

"Nestled in the heart of the country, our state is today infusing a new pace of progress in every sector by prioritizing the aspira-

tions of every individual," he said, greeting the people of Madhya Pradesh on its foundation day. "I am confident that the talented and hardworking people of this land will play an invaluable role in the fulfillment of the resolve for a developed India," Modi said. The prime minister also extended his heartfelt congratulations to all the residents of the state on the occasion of Haryana Day.

"This historic land has been an example for the entire country due to the tireless hard work of our

farmer brothers and sisters, the unparalleled valor of our soldiers, and the remarkable performance of our youth," he said. "On this special occasion of the state, which is progressing rapidly on the path of development, I wish happiness and a bright future for everyone," the prime minister said. Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala and Lakshadweep came into being on this day in 1956. Punjab and Haryana were formed in 1966, while Chhattisgarh was carved

Raksha Mantri meets ASEAN Defence Ministers during Informal Meeting in Kuala Lumpur

ASEAN hails India's role as a responsible superpower in the Indo-Pacific

(Gns). Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh met with the Defence Ministers of ASEAN during the second India-ASEAN Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on October 31, 2025. During the meeting, the Ministers appreciated India's key role in peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region and sought to deepen defence cooperation with New Delhi at the regional level.

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In his address, Raksha Mantri highlighted that the second India-ASEAN Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting represents a strategic opportunity to advance the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of India with ASEAN, particularly the defence and security components of the ASEAN-India Plan of Action for 2026-2030. He announced two forward-looking initiatives namely ASEAN-India Initiative on Women in UN

Peacekeeping Operations and ASEAN-India Defence Think-Tank Interaction.

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The Malaysian Defence Minister, as ADMM chair, welcomed Shri Rajnath Singh and described India as a superpower. He stated that ASEAN, as a community, will benefit by deepening its engagement with India in the realm of cyber and digital defence as well as defence industry & innovation. He complimented India's ability to set up a self-reliant defence industry and technological research ecosystem which can benefit the ASEAN

member states.

The Defence Minister of the Philippines praised India's respect for international law & multilateralism being a superpower. By

ments, the Cambodian Defence Minister complimented the rise of India, and expressed gratitude for its contributions in training in UN Peacekeeping Operations, HMA and Military Medicine.

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Reiterating the sentiments expressed by the Defence Ministers of the Philippines and Cambodia, the Defence Minister of Singapore emphasised that ASEAN has faith in India's capacity and capability in playing a key role in ensuring peace and security in the region. He also proposed more joint activities, more policy dialogues, more joint exercises and interactions between India and ASEAN at the level of younger generation, as these interactions will lay the groundwork for future collaboration.

The Defence Minister of Thailand agreed that the ASEAN community will benefit from India's defence industry and technology ecosystem and called for 'Regional self-reliance' in production.

Centre Imposing Hindi, Disregarding Kannada and Regional Languages: CM Siddaramaiah

(Gns). Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday accused the Centre of neglecting Kannada and imposing Hindi. He also called upon people of the state to oppose those who are 'anti-Kannada'.

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah accused the Centre of neglecting Kannada and imposing Hindi while stating that the state provides significant revenue but receives inadequate returns, also citing injustice towards the Kannada language and culture.

"The federal government is meting out step-motherly treatment to

Kannataka," Siddaramaiah said during his address on the occasion of the state foundation day (Rajyotsava Day) here in the state capital. He charged that the state provides Rs 4.5 lakh crore revenue to the Centre, but it is denied its rightful share and is given a paltry amount in return.

Stating that injustice is being done to Kannada language, the chief minister said, "There are continuous attempts to impose Hindi. Grants are given for the development of Hindi and Sanskrit while other languages of the country are

being neglected."

He also said that Karnataka is denied funds for the development of the



state. "Injustice is being done to the classical language Kannada by denying adequate funds for its growth. We have to oppose all those who are anti-Kannada," Siddaramaiah

said.

Underlining the need to take Kannada language and its culture to new heights, the chief minister said the neglect inflicted upon the Kannada language in education has caused many problems.

"Children of the developed nations think, learn and dream in their mother tongue but here the situation is against it. English and Hindi are weakening the talent of our children," Siddaramaiah said.

"Hence, there is a need to bring laws to introduce the mother tongue as the medium of instruction. I emphasise that the Centre should pay heed in this direction," he added.

MVA, MNS protest in Mumbai against EC's silence on voters' list irregularities

(Gns). All opposition parties comprising the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) and the Raj Thackeray-led

Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) defied the police, which did not permit the protest rally against manipulated voters' lists, by marching on Saturday from Fashion Street to the headquarters of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) near Chhatrapati Shivaji railway terminus.

All senior political leaders, including Balasaheb Thorat of the Congress, NCP founder Sharad Pawar, Jayant Patil of the Peasants & Workers' Party, CPI leader Prakash Reddy

and CPM leaders marched amidst heavy police presence all along the route of the rally, as they shouted slogans against voters' list irregularities, vote theft, multiple entries and wrongful deletions from voters' lists.

Congress leaders like Naseem Khan, Satej Patil, and Bhaji Jagtap, NCP founder Sharad Pawar's daughter, and Lok Sabha MP Supriya Sule also marched along with thousands of party workers as opposition leaders

accused the Election Commission of India of turning a blind eye to and shouted slogans that local civic body polls in Maharashtra must be held



only after irregularities are rectified.

MNS founder Raj Thackeray, who travelled by local train from Dadar to Churchgate, was the first

politician to speak from a temporary podium constructed near the BMC headquarters.

"Today's march is a march to show strength and unity. It is a march to ensure that our voice reaches Delhi. I thank everyone for turning up in such large numbers. Everyone is saying that there are duplicate and fake voters. BJP people also say the same thing. Shiv Sena people say the same thing. Even Ajit Pawar's people say there are duplicate voters. So why the rush to hold elections? Clean up the voter lists first. Currently, everything is being done in secret.



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

Editorial

Pricey Pursuit

The recent wave of deportations of Indian illegal migrants from the United States has once again exposed a disturbing reality ~ that desperation, ambition, and deception now travel hand in hand in India's migration story. The return of dozens of young men from Haryana, each burdened with debt and humiliation, is not merely a tale of personal failure but a mirror to a social crisis long in the making. The so-called "donkey route," which snakes across continents through jungles, deserts, and oceans, has become the modern equivalent of indentured passage. Only this time, the chains are financial, not iron.

The young men who embark on these journeys are not victims of circumstance alone. They are willing participants in a transaction that trades legality and dignity for the illusion of quick success. When that illusion shatters, as it inevitably does, the blame is laid at the feet of traffickers, governments, or fate, everyone but themselves. The economics of illegal migration has become a rural industry. Agents operate openly in small towns, promising entry into America or Europe for a fee higher than what most farms are worth. Families mortgage land and liquidate inheritances, believing that one son's success abroad will secure everyone's future. What they refuse to acknowledge is that the same money, if invested at home, could have built businesses, educated children, or modernised farms. Instead, it vanishes into a chain of middlemen and cartels who profit from misplaced dreams.

Each deportation flight is not just a return home but a return to reality, a reminder that ambition, when stripped of legality, becomes nothing more than an expensive form of self-delusion. The message from America is clear ~ the era of indulgence toward undocumented entrants is over. Deportation is no longer an empty threat; it is a bureaucratic certainty. Yet, the Indian side continues to react as though these outcomes are exceptional, not predictable. The absence of formal complaints against trafficking agents in Haryana, despite repeated deportations, reveals the complicity of silence that sustains the racket. It is easier for families to pretend their sons were unlucky than to admit they were reckless.

At a deeper level, this is not about migration policy or foreign relations. It is about a cultural fixation with the West as a shortcut to dignity. Until that obsession fades, the "donkey route" will remain a temptation, no matter how many returnees warn of ruin. The real deterrent will come only when Indian society stops romanticising illegal success stories and begins to value lawful, local achievement. The tragedy is not that these men were caught, it is that they believed the gamble was worth taking. In their pursuit of a foreign dream, they traded self-respect for risk, and stability for speculation. The reckoning now lies not with the governments that deported them, but with the communities that keep sending more in their place.

(Gns). India's youth are often hailed as the nation's greatest asset ~ brimming with energy, ambition, and promise. But behind this hopeful narrative lies a stark truth: only a fraction are meaningfully contributing to national progress. The rest remain emotionally adrift, professionally underutilized, and socially undisciplined. Our much-celebrated demographic dividend risks becoming a demographic liability unless we confront this reality with urgency and resolve. The symptoms are most visible in urban India, but rural regions are not untouched ~ thanks to the instant reach of electronic media and digital platforms. Aggression, impatience, and civic indiscipline have become routine.

Reckless driving ~ on expressways, city roads, and even on the wrong lane ~ along with foul language, queue-jumping, and public confrontations reflect a deeper malaise. Helmets are ignored, traffic rules flouted, and civility eroded. It is not uncommon to hear abusive language in public spaces, revealing a disturbing collapse of basic politeness and respect. This behavioural drift is not confined to the uneducated or economically marginalized. It has seeped into the psyche of even the well-off and well-schooled. The rise of nuclear families, helicopter parenting, and instant digital stratification has shaped a generation emotionally unprepared for adversity. Shielded from discomfort and fast-tracked to rewards, many adolescents now lack the resilience to face failure, rejection, or uncertainty.

When pressure mounts,

escape often feels easier than endurance ~ manifesting in aggression, addiction, or apathy. Emotional volatility, sleeplessness, and even suicidal ideation are no longer rare ~ they are warning signs of a deeper disconnect. Based on NCRB data for 2022, 41 per cent of all suicides in India were committed by people under the age of 30 ~ a staggering 70,000 young lives lost in a single year. Substance abuse among adolescents is rising alarmingly. In December 2022, the Centre informed the Supreme Court that more than 1.5 crore children aged 10-17 were addicted to substances ~ alcohol, cannabis, and opioids being the most common. Simultaneously, the digital space, especially platforms like YouTube, has become a breeding ground for vulgarity, perversion, and foul language. Despite community guidelines, algorithmic incentives and cultural shifts allow such content to thrive, shaping impressionable minds in troubling ways.

Even basic courtesies, like greeting elders, now require parental prompting, a disturbing shift in cultural values. A common driving courtesy, such as dipping headlights to avoid glare, has disappeared. Instead, LED lights are kept on full beam, blinding oncoming drivers. Pressure horns, illegal and prohibited, are used with impunity. Double-decker buses blaze through traffic with flashing lights, intimidating sensible drivers, especially women. The rule of law appears absent, and the long arm of enforcement rarely reaches these offenders.

Tomorrow is today

Educational institutions are struggling to manage and inculcate civic values. While data on expulsions for indiscipline is scarce, anecdotal evidence suggests a growing inability to enforce behavioural norms. Schools, stripped of



authority, are unable to instil discipline. Parents, often indulgent or absent, fail to set boundaries. Psychiatric analysis has replaced moral guidance, and emotional entitlement has replaced resilience. Meanwhile, India's employment crisis deepens. Despite a growing working-age population, the employment rate has stagnated. According to estimates from Santosh Mehrotra and Jajati Parida's forthcoming book "India Out of Work", only about 330 million of the 610 million work-force were engaged in non-farm sector jobs in 2023-2024. Nearly 280 million remain tied to agriculture, much of it unpaid family labour. Another 28 million educated youth are actively seeking jobs, while 100 million ~ mostly women ~ have exited the job market, discouraged by limited opportunities or systemic barriers.

The rest are still in education, but many will emerge unemployable due to a mismatch between academic training and industry needs. The structural reversals in manufacturing and the breakdown of the Lewisian transition, which envisioned surplus rural labour moving into

higher-productivity industrial jobs, have compounded the crisis. In India's context, this transition has faltered. Instead of absorbing rural workers into formal manufacturing, we have seen stagnation in industrial job creation and a rise in infor-

mal, low-wage urban employment. Many youth, especially in towns and city outskirts, remain stuck in agriculture or drift into unregulated sectors like gig work, street vending, or idle urban roaming ~ none of which offer long-term stability, skill development, or dignity. Despite campaigns like "Make in India," manufacturing's share in employment and GDP has declined.

To match China's productivity levels, India must urgently address the behavioural drift among youth. Roaming aimlessly, wasting time, and resisting discipline are not just personal failings, they are national setbacks. It is well-nigh impossible to expect youth with such a mindset to perform professionally in any activity, office, or industry. Their work culture too reflects the same casual, arrogant, and shortcut-driven attitude ~ with negligible care for quality, accountability, or performance. We rarely speak of the 80 crore citizens dependent on free ration, the growing unemployment, the downward trend in exports, the slide of the rupee, or the lack of affordable healthcare and education. Instead, we celebrate

"India Shining" and "Viksit Bharat" while ignoring the realities of overcrowded cities, unaffordable schooling, and a very large number of youth population remaining unfit to meet the challenges of a competitive world.

India's leaders must lead by example. Austerity, punctuality, and integrity must be lived ~ not just preached. When public figures glamorize aggression or indulge in theatrical bravado and unsocial language, they normalize incivility. Loudness is mistaken for leadership, and restraint for weakness. Youth mirror what they see. If leaders model discipline and dignity, young citizens will follow with purpose. Before asking them to build the nation, we must show them how ~ through character, not charisma; through listening, not lecturing; and by proving that respect is earned through conduct, not status. India's youth are not inherently flawed. They are simply adrift in a system that has failed to guide them. The solution is not punishment, but reform.

Not nostalgia, but renewal. We must reconnect our urban youth to their roots, their communities, and their conscience. We must offer them not just jobs, but meaning. Not just education, but values. Not just freedom, but responsibility. But reform must come with resolve. It must be executed with fairness, but also firmness. Democratic freedom cannot be a shield for indiscipline, nor can every wrong be excused in the name of youthful exuberance. Accountability must walk hand in hand with empathy. Recent glaring examples are the gruesome killing and injuries caused by rash driving under the influence of alcohol in Prayagraj, followed by a similar case in Delhi.

It is time the leadership, bureaucracy, and police shun the "all is well" pos-

ture, stop publicity slogans, face reality, and take conscious, stern action to instil discipline, civic responsibility, and respect for law across all layers of society. This must begin with visible, consistent enforcement, not selective crackdowns or token gestures. The message must be clear: indiscipline is not freedom, and public spaces are not arenas for reckless self-expression. We must move beyond slogans and symbolism. Real transformation demands institutional reform, leadership by example, and a national ethos of accountability. The youth must be guided, not indulged. They must be trained, not merely taught. They must be inspired, not distracted.

And above all, they must be reminded that nation-building is not a spectator sport, it is a disciplined, collective pursuit. India stands at a historic juncture. The demographic dividend that began around 2013 will begin to taper by 2046. That leaves us with just two decades to harness this energy, channel it into productivity, and elevate our national standing. Disciplining a massive youth population requires stern action, committed leadership, and extensive common training based on a uniform syllabus and language. Further delay in addressing these critical areas will squander golden opportunities to enrich the nation and elevate the quality of life for all citizens.

Let us not wait for another tragedy, another missed chance, or another hollow celebration. Let us begin the hard work of disciplining the nation, dignifying our youth, and directing our future, before the crossroads become a dead end. As Martin Luther King, Jr. aptly said, "We are now faced with the fact, my friends, that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now."

Rainless lessons

(Gns). Delhi's failed experiment with artificial rain is more than just a technical disappointment ~ it is a sobering reflection of the city's long-standing dependence on gimmicky short-term fixes for a crisis that demands structural change. The attempt to induce rainfall through cloud seeding, using silver iodide and sodium chloride to trigger condensation, offered a fleeting hope of washing away the toxic haze that has once again smothered the capital. But when the skies refused to open, the futility of expecting scientific interventions to replace environmental governance became painfully clear.

The failure, as scientists explained, was caused by insufficient moisture in the clouds. In meteorological terms, that makes perfect sense. Yet, in policy terms, it signals something deeper. Delhi's fight against air pollution has repeatedly faltered not because of the absence of technology, but because of the absence of resolve. Over the years, the city

has deployed smog guns, temporary bans, graded response systems, and now, cloud seeding. Each measure, though well-intentioned, has been



reactive rather than preventive, producing results that barely scratch the surface of a systemic malaise. The experiment also reflects a growing psychological fatigue.

Each winter, Delhi's citizens brace for the smog, expecting emergency measures rather than enduring solutions to protect their right to breathe. Air pollution in Delhi is not an isolated meteorological anomaly; it is the cumulative consequence of political compromise, economic expedience, and civic indifference. Vehicular

emissions, crop residue burning in neighbouring states, industrial output, and unregulated construction together form a lethal cocktail that cannot be

neutralised by firing chemicals into the sky. Even if the cloud seeding experiment had succeeded, the relief would have lasted mere hours or days before the next wave of pollutants rolled in. The global record of cloud seeding itself remains uncertain. Some countries claim success in creating rain before major events or to ease drought conditions, while others have faced questions about ecological side-effects and the ethics of tampering with natural weather systems.

What binds these expe-

riences is one simple truth ~ cloud seeding works best when nature cooperates, not when it is coerced. For Delhi, the real challenge lies not above the clouds but below them. The city's air crisis is an urban governance problem that demands political will, inter-state coordination, and public accountability. Transitioning to cleaner fuels, enforcing vehicle emission norms, investing in mass transport, and tackling agricultural burning with sustainable alternatives are not glamorous solutions, but they are the only ones that work. The symbolism of this rainless experiment should not be lost on policymakers. It mirrors a city gasping for breath, looking skyward for salvation while ignoring the mess on the ground. Artificial rain cannot cleanse what collective negligence continues to produce. Until Delhi learns to clean its air through discipline, regulation, and shared responsibility, clouds ~ like its conscience ~ will remain too dry to respond.

Deepika Singh credits COLORS' 'Mangal Lakshmi' as her career turning point after winning the Dadasaheb Phalke Award

The world of Indian television has another reason to celebrate. Deepika Singh, who has been winning hearts as the resilient and compassionate Mangal in COLORS' 'Mangal Lakshmi', has been honoured with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award, a milestone that marks not just professional recognition but a personal triumph for the actor. At the heart of this moment lies the emotional reaction of her father. "The most special part of receiving the Dadasaheb Phalke Award was my father's reaction," Deepika shares. "He has always blessed me, but this time, there was a different pride in his voice, and that moment will stay with me forever."

Deepika's journey, like Mangal's, has been one of strength, love, faith, and fighting through the storms life doesn't warn you about. She reflects, "I am grateful for my journey,

the love of my fans, the encouragement, and even the difficult phases. There was a time I believed my acting career might end. Those challenges were painful, but they gave my performances depth and taught me resilience. For that, I am thankful."

She shares, "This award holds a different meaning now because I am a mother. Balancing work and motherhood is never easy. There was a phase when I didn't want to leave my son at all, and it was Rohit who reminded me of my identity and my craft. My husband's belief brought Mangal Lakshmi to me. When Mangal Lakshmi



came to me, I was unsure how I would manage everything, but my husband encouraged me to take the step. As we near 600 episodes, I know this milestone isn't mine alone. My family held everything together so I could give my

best. My gratitude extends to the COLORS team, my director, co-actors, writers, and the entire crew. This award belongs to all of us."

Deepika also expressed heartfelt appreciation to producer Suzzana Ghai, noting, "I am thankful to Suzzana ma'am for not stereotyping me based on my past work and for believing I could do something different." What continues to drive her is not fame, but honesty in craft. She adds, "What drives me is the hunger to perform truthfully and the fear of not doing justice to a scene. Even if the situation is imaginary, the emotion must be real. I give every scene my truth, with excitement and surrender. And I thank the audience for accepting that truth in my performance as Mangal."

Watch 'Mangal Lakshmi' every day at 9:00 pm only on COLORS.

India beckons the world

(Gns). Standing at the threshold of global scientific renaissance, technology-enriched India today is no longer a follower, but beckons others to follow her. Over the past decade, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has witnessed an unprecedented surge in science, technology, and innovation. From digital empowerment to space exploration, the contours of a self-reliant, technology-driven India ~ an Atmanirbhar Bharat ~ are becoming unmistakably clear.

From the triumphs of Digital India and Startup India to the success of Swachh Bharat and One Health, the nation has demonstrated that large-scale transformation can be driven through science, technology, and innovation. The UPI revolution has redefined digital payments globally. India's bioeconomy has seen exponential growth from growing sixteen-fold from \$10 billion in 2014 to an impressive \$165.7 billion in 2024 leading the way in biofuels, bioplastics, and green chemicals. The Chandrayaan and Gaganyaan missions have

cemented India's place among spacefaring nations, while the 5G rollout and digital diplomacy have brought connectivity and empowerment to the last mile. India is now emerging as a global leader in AI for all, ensuring that intelligence and innovation reach every sector, from agriculture to healthcare to governance.

With over 100 unicorns and a thriving ecosystem of youth-led startups, the country's scientific and entrepreneurial spirit is unmatched. The rise of green hydrogen, quantum science and technology,

semiconductor manufacturing and precision agriculture, shows that India is not merely catching up with the world, it is helping to define the future. This is the story of Atmanirbhar Bharat in motion ~ a self-reliant, forward-looking India steering confidently toward Viksit Bharat 2047, the centenary of its independence. Against this backdrop of progress, the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) ~ to be held from November 3-5, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi ~ marks a bold new step.

Kansa Vadh Mela: Mathura, November 1-Several thousand Chaturvedi community people from Dubai, UAE, Bahreen, Mumbai, and Mathura witnessed Kansa Vadh (Killing) today, an official of Sri Mathur Chaturvedi Parishad said

Kansa Vadh Mela: Mathura, November 1-Several thousand Chaturvedi community people from Dubai, UAE, Bahreen, Mumbai, and Mathura witnessed Kansa Vadh (Killing) today, an official of Sri Mathur Chaturvedi Parishad said.

The mela started from Hanuman Gali (Street) of the city in the form of a large procession with every member of the community, wearing traditional attire and carrying a decorated Lathi (baton), General Secretary, Sri Mathur

Chaturvedi Parishad Rakesh Tiwari, advocate said. They were accompanying Lord Krishna and were carrying a 19-meter-high effigy of Kansa.

The procession also showcases 15 tableaux, including 3 moving sculptures, he added.

The chariot for Lord Krishna and Balram was given an improvised shape of an artificial elephant. On a signal from Lord Krishna and Balram, the Chaturvedi community people beat the effigy of Kansa with Lathi (baton), sparing his

head, shouting "Chaiju Laye Khat ke paye Mar Mar Lathan Jhur kar aye," Rakesh Chaturvedi said.

They took the Head of Kansa to Sabji Mandi of Kanskhar area, where it was again beaten by the Chaturvedi community people with batons. The area is therefore called Kanskhar, Chief Patron, Sri Mathur Chaturvedi Parishad Mahesh Pathak said.

The entire Procession, in the form of Shoba Yatra, is heading towards Vishram Ghat for Arti of

Krishna Balam and Yaumna ji, Mahesh Pathak added.

The community will perform Parikrama of Mathura, Garud Govind and Vrindavan (18 Kos or 54 Kms) from midnight on auspicious day of Dev Uthani Ekadashi to overcome evil of killing Kansa. The circumambulation was first performed by Krishna and Balram, Mahesh Pathak said.

The Parikrama is also joined by people of Mathura and Vrindavan.

VIGILANCE AWARENESS PROGRAMME ORGANISED AT MUMBAI CENTRAL

Mumbai, As part of the Vigilance Awareness Week - 2025 celebration, a series of activities were organized at Mumbai Central Railway Station to promote integrity and transparency in public services.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, a Nukkad Natak was performed at the station premises to spread awareness about safeguarding against corruption and bribery, emphasizing the importance of honesty and ethical conduct among citizens and Railways employees. Senior Deputy General Manager, Shri Kuldeep Kumar Jain, Divisional Railway Manager, Mumbai Central, Shri Pankaj Singh along with Senior Railway Officers, Employees and passengers were present at the event. A Walkathon was also organized to symbolize the collective resolve towards building a corruption-free organization. Thereafter, Shri Kuldeep Kumar Jain, held an interactive discussion with Officers, focusing on vigilance practices, prevention measures and promoting transparency in work culture.

The event concluded with the administration and staff taking the Ekta Diwas Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to unity, integrity and the nation's progress.

MoSPI signs MoU with IICA to develop a Comprehensive SDG Alignment Framework integrating National, State, ESG, and CSR indicators towards the vision of Viksit Bharat

The initiative aims to strengthen evidence-based policymaking and encourage sustainable corporate participation (Gns).

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on 31st October 2025 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. It envisions developing a Comprehensive SDG Alignment Framework, integrating National, State, ESG and CSR indicators to achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat.

At IICA, the collaboration has been envisaged under the dynamic leadership of Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General & CEO, IICA, who has been instrumental in steering IICA's strategic initiatives in the areas of ESG, CSR, and Responsible Business Conduct, and integrates the same with India's national development agenda. The signing ceremony was graced with the presence of Sh. Kishor Baburao Surwade, Additional Director General, Capacity development Division, MoSPI; Dr. Garima Dadhich, Associate Professor & Head, School of Business Environment IICA; Ms. Ruchika Gupta, Deputy Director General, Social Statistics Division, MoSPI; Sh. Shivnath Singh Jadawat, Director, Training Unit, Capacity Development Division, MoSPI; Dr. Ziaul Haque, Director, Social Statistics Division, MoSPI, and other members from MoSPI and IICA.

The National Indicator Framework (NIF), which serves as the cornerstone for monitoring India's progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), will form the foundation for this collaborative effort. Building upon the NIF, the initiative will develop a framework that aligns state-level indicators with national priorities while integrating ESG and CSR dimensions. This harmonized approach will bridge national, state, and corporate sustainability frameworks, ensuring that CSR and ESG initiatives of businesses are effectively aligned with State and Union Territory SDG objectives. Together, the NIF-SIF alignment will strengthen evidence-based policymaking, foster sustainable corporate participation, and advance the government's vision of Viksit Bharat through coherent and inclusive SDG monitoring and implementation.



Simplify science communication by adopting a storytelling approach, says Minister Dr Jitendra Singh

(Gns).

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology; Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh today chaired a brainstorming session on "Effective Government Communication" with Secretaries and senior officials of the Ministries and Departments under his charge.

The meeting, held here today, focused on improving public communication strategies and adopting innovative ways to make government messages more relatable, transparent, and impactful.

Participating in the session were Rachna Shah, Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT); V. Srinivas, Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) and Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW); Dr. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, who emphasized that even the most complex scientific achievements could be better appreciated aligned and reinforce the broader goals of the government. He noted that effective communication is not just about information dissemination but about building trust, creating awareness, and inspiring participation among citizens.

Dr. Jitendra Singh has on several occasions underscored the need for communication that is authentic, inclusive, and connected to people's lives. He has maintained that the government's efforts, particularly in science, technology, and administrative reforms, must reach citizens in a language they understand and a format they relate to.

The session also featured detailed presentations from senior officials across the government communication ecosystem, each offering insights drawn from their respective domains. Principal Director General Dharendra Ojha spoke about the growing importance of clear, credible, and timely communication in a rapidly evolving media environment.

by the public when explained in simple, relatable narratives. The Minister directed all scientific institutions and laboratories under his ministries to identify and share at least two success stories that can be effectively communicated to the public, showcasing how their work directly benefits society.

Highlighting the need for consistency in outreach, Dr. Jitendra Singh called upon the departments to adopt a "whole-of-government" approach to communication, ensuring that messages across ministries are consistent in outreach, Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasized the importance of simplifying science communication by adopting a storytelling approach. He said



Survey of India's National Geo Platform - Spatially Enabling Digital India

(Gns).

In a major initiative to strengthen India's National Geospatial Ecosystem and implement the vision of the National Geospatial Policy, 2022, Survey of India (SoI), Government of India, has entered into an agreement with C.E. Info Systems Pvt. Ltd. for the development of a state-of-the-art National Geo-Spatial Platform. The platform will serve as a unified digital infrastructure for aggregating, harmonizing and disseminating authentic and accurate foundational geospatial data & services to support governance, research, industry, and citizen-centric applications across the country. This initiative marks a major milestone in India's efforts to build an integrated and collaborative ecosystem for geospatial data dissemination.

The National Geo-Platform will serve as a Administrative Boundaries, Geodetic Reference Frame, and Geographical Names. It will facilitate seamless access to accurate and Ministries/Departments, academia, and industry and fostering innovation and sustainable development. Key components of the platform include a Geospatial Data integration & dissemination System, Integrated Geospatial Application Interface (IGAI), and a Spatial Data Registry (SDR) for metadata management.

This collaboration underscores the Survey of India's continuing leadership as the nodal agency for foundational geospatial data and reinforces the Government's commitment to promote a data-driven, spatially enabled economy which would contribute to India's progress and prosperity.

robust and scalable system for standardizing, sharing, and managing foundational geospatial datasets — including Ortho-Rectified Imagery, Digital Elevation Models (DEM), authoritative spatial data through web services, APIs, and mobile applications, promoting data interoperability and collaboration among Central Government



A major milestone for Haj pilgrims: A new Haj house coming up in Navi Mumbai

Initiatives taken by the Ministry of Minority Affairs to strengthen Haj infrastructure and enhance facilities for minority communities (Gns).

Mumbai will soon see a new Haj House coming up at Kharghar, Navi Mumbai. The project marks a major step forward in the ongoing efforts of the Ministry of Minority Affairs to modernise Haj infrastructure and provide improved facilities for pilgrims.

Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, conducted a site visit to the proposed location of the new Haj House at Kharghar, accompanied by the officials from the Haj Committee of India (HCoI) and the Central Public Works Department (CPWD).

During the visit, Secretary reviewed the layout and design plan for the upcoming facility and discussed the implementation timeline and technical aspects of the project with the concerned officials. The visit also included discussions on connectivity, logistics and amenities to ensure that the new Haj House effectively caters to the needs of Haj pilgrims.

Prior to this, Secretary chaired a review meeting in Mumbai with officials from the HCoI, CPWD and Government of Maharashtra. The discussions focused on the ongoing preparations for Haj 2026, including the structural audit and improvement of the existing Haj House in Mumbai. Emphasis was placed on ensuring smooth coordination among stakeholders to provide a safe and seamless pilgrimage experience.

The meeting also included a review of some minority welfare schemes - Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) and Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS). Secretary also emphasized the importance of timely implementation, optimal resource utilization and measurable outcomes benefiting minority communities.



National Conference on Handlooms & Handicrafts 2025 concludes at Bhubaneswar, Odisha

"The National Conference on Handlooms & Handicrafts 2025 concluded today in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, reaffirming the Government's commitment to reimagining India's handmade sector as a vital pillar of Viksit Bharat 2047. Organised by the Offices of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) and Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, the two-day conference brought together senior officials from States and Union Territories, policymakers, and sector experts to chart a unified vision for the growth of India's handloom and handicraft industries.

Deliberations centred around two key objectives: assessing the current landscape of the handmade economy and shaping the framework of a forthcoming national scheme aimed at deeper State participation, integrated governance, and sustainable sectoral development.

Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, chaired the second day of the conference today, in the presence of Smt. Anu Garg, Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner (Odisha), and Smt. Poonam Guha Tapas Kumar, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts), Government of Odisha.

In her address, Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary (Textiles), emphasised the need to balance the traditional craftsmanship with modern tools to enhance productivity and reduce drudgery. The Secretary urged institutions such as the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) and the Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT) to take a proactive role in forecasting design and colour trends ahead of market cycles. Highlighting the importance of inter-State coordination, she



US Implements Stringent Visa and Citizenship Rules Affecting Thousands of Indians

(Gns).

Washington, D.C. - The United States has rolled out sweeping changes to its immigration framework that are expected to significantly affect Indian nationals - particularly skilled professionals and their families. The reforms include the abrupt end of automatic extensions for Employment Authorisation Documents (EADs), a steep hike in H-1B visa fees, and a tougher civics test for Green Card holders applying for citizenship.

The United States has implemented significant immigration reforms impacting Indian nationals, including ending automatic Employment Authorisation Document extensions, increasing H-1B visa fees to \$100,000, and introducing a more difficult civics test for Green Card holders, alongside enhanced border surveillance rules.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has discontinued automatic extensions for certain categories of EADs without prior notice. The decision impacts thousands, including spouses of H-1B visa holders and F-1 students on Optional Practical Training (OPT).

Previously, these individuals could continue working while their EAD renewal applications were under review. Now, each renewal will require full re-vetting, likely resulting in months-long employment disruptions.

H-1B Visa Fee Soars to USD 100,000

In a move that shocked employers and foreign workers alike, the US government on September 19 announced a dramatic rise in H-1B visa fees. The new annual fee - USD 100,000 (approximately ₹88 lakh) - came into effect on September 21.

The cost must be borne entirely by sponsoring employers, not applicants. As a result, several major companies, including Walmart, have reportedly paused recruitment of foreign candidates requiring H-1B sponsorship due to the surge in costs.

Tougher Path to Citizenship

Adding to the hurdles, a revised civics test for naturalisation applicants took effect on October 20. Green Card holders now face 20 questions drawn from a pool of 128 and must correctly answer at least 12 to pass.

Applicants have only two chances to succeed - failure in both attempts leads to denial of citizenship. This increased difficulty level is seen as part of a broader effort to tighten the naturalisation process.

New Border Surveillance Rules

The administration has also expanded border surveillance, mandating that all non-US citizens - including lawful permanent residents - be photographed when entering and exiting the country.



Diljit Dosanjh Breaks Silence with Cryptic Post After Threats Over Touching Amitabh Bachchan's Feet

(Gns).

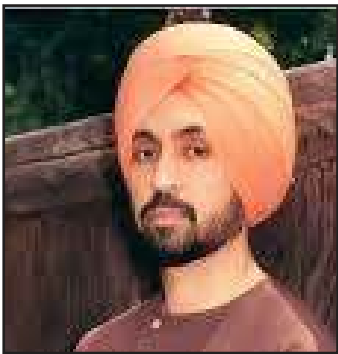
Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh has finally addressed - albeit indirectly - the controversy surrounding him after a Khalistani terror group threatened him for touching Amitabh Bachchan's feet during his recent appearance on Kaun Banega Crorepati 17 (KBC 17).

While the singer-actor has not made a direct statement about the threats, his latest Instagram Story appears to be a subtle yet powerful response.

Diljit Dosanjh responded indirectly to threats from a Khalistani group after touching Amitabh Bachchan's feet on Kaun Banega Crorepati 17, stating that his appearance was to raise funds for Punjab flood relief, not for himself from the KBC 17 episode, Diljit wrote in Punjabi:

"Na mai kisey film di promotion lai geya c, na kisey ganey di promotion lai. Punjab floods lai geya c... ke national level te gal hove, te loki donate kar sakan."

(Translation: "I didn't go there to promote any film or song. I went for the Punjab flood cause, so that it could be discussed nationally and people could contribute.")





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- To consider and approve the proposal Amalgamation of The Amod Nagric Co-operative Bank Ltd, Amod, Dist. Bharuch, Gujarat, into our bank as recommended by the Board of Directors of the bank and pass the necessary resolution to approve the Revised Scheme of Amalgamation and DDR Report (with clarifications) and to give necessary authorities to the Board of Directors / Chairman / CEO / General Manager.
- Any Other matter with the permission of the Chairman.

Note: 1. If Quorum is not present at the time appointed in the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned and will be held on the same date and same place at 03:30 pm as per the provision of Byelaws of the Bank / MSCS Rules.

2. Any Shareholders asking further information may contact undersigned on or before 3 days of the meeting. As per provisions of the MSCS Act, all members should attend the meeting.

Date: 02-11-2025
Place: Ahmedabad

By the order of the Board of Directors
Manoj A. Gor, l/c CEO

Axed AIADMK dissident leader Sengottaiyan slams EPS as a betrayer

(Gns). Debunking AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami as a betrayer, axed dissident leader KA Sengottaiyan on Saturday said he would challenge in the court his expulsion, which was agonising for him.

“I feel very sad and in tears, for I had been with the party for 53 years since 1972, when the party was launched by MG Ramachandran (MGR). I couldn't even sleep. Even a show cause notice was not served to seek an explanation from me and hence the expulsion was against the party constitution. In the party, I am a senior to even EPS himself. He is functioning like an autocrat,” the nine-time legislator told reporters at Gobichettipalayam, reacting to his expulsion.

“EPS is only a temporary general secretary of the party. Opportunity came to me twice, but in the interest of the party I had declined on both the occasions. When Sasikala asked me, I recommended EPS and canvassed support for him in the aftermath of Jayalalithaa's demise. If there is a Nobel Prize for betrayal, he should be given that,” he fumed.

On Friday, a day after Sengottaiyan dared the party leadership to remove him from the party, EPS, after consulting party seniors, expelled him from the primary membership of the AIADMK. Earlier, after the Gobichettipalayam legislative issued an ultimatum to EPS to initiate the process for the home coming of the expelled leaders, TTV Dhinakaran, O Panneerselvam (OPS) and VK Sasikala, he was stripped of the AIADMK Organisation Secretary and Erode District Secretary. Scores of his loyalists were also axed from party posts. While Sasikala has been lying low but for occasional rants about party unity, TTV, heading the Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) and OPS, leading the AIADMK Workers Retrieval Committee, have been left with no other options but to leave the NDA after their hopes of a return to the AIADMK with the help of the BJP national leadership proved futile once EPS came back to the saffron fold for the 2026 assembly election. Both TTV and OPS were partners of the NDA in the 2024 LS poll. They have been vocal in demanding removal of EPS as Chief Minister candidate of the NDA and Sengottaiyan demanding their homecoming and playing into their hands was not palatable to EPS.



Assembly committees are a symbol of the strength of the legislature in the direction of public service - Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana

Lucknow. Today in the committee room of Uttar Pradesh Assembly, Assembly Speaker Honorable Shri Satish Mahana inaugurated the meetings of various committees of the Assembly. On this occasion, meetings of the Estimates Committee, Committee on Women and Child Development, Assurance Committee, Delegated Legislation Committee and Parliamentary Monitoring Committee were organized.

On this occasion, Chairman Shri Satish Mahana said that it is the good fortune of all of us that the public has given us the opportunity to serve. Every member, whether of the party or the opposition, is answerable to the public. It is our responsibility to protect the rights that have been given to us. The importance of officers cannot be denied, but accountability lies with the public representatives only. He said that whichever party one belongs to, everyone's goal should be the same - public service and protection of public trust. He further said that committees are an integral part of the legislature, which ensures accountability of the executive. These committees symbolize the power of the legislature and their role is very important in the smooth functioning of democracy. He said that assembly committees function like mini assemblies and play an important role in maintaining the credibility of the government. He said that we are all bound by the Constitution, it is the Chairman of the Estimates Committee, Mr. Mukesh Chaudhary said that one can learn a lot from the Chairman. His contribution to the assembly is incomparable. He has given respect to everyone and enhanced the dignity of the House. Don't know how many presidents came, but Assurance Committee, Mr. Rajpal Balyan said that with the guidance of the Chairman, the committee is able to conduct its work efficiently.

Chairman of the Delegated Legislative Committee, Shri Rajeev Singh Babbu Bhaiya said that he has always been



Student Anahita Sharma selected for research internship at Slovak Technical University, Bratislava

Mathura. Anahita Sharma, a promising student of Braj, who is doing B.Tech from Banasthali Vidyapeeth, Jaipur, has been selected for research internship in the Slovak Technical University located in Slovakia's capital Bratislava in the fourth year of B.Tech, where she will be studying advanced technology like Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Cyber MatrixWill research on topics. Anahita Sharma is the daughter of Mathura-based journalist Anil Sharma. Expressing pride in this achievement, Anil Sharma said that Anahita has always studied hard and diligently. It was not easy to leave Mathura and reach Slovakia but her strong will made it possible. We as parents are feeling proud, GodWe wish her a bright future. All the senior fellow journalists of Mathura district wished Anahita all the best for this success and bright future



Durgesh, a student expressing his views on the occasion of Unity Day organized in the auditorium of Sanskriti University

Mathura. Students celebrated Unity Day by remembering Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary in the auditorium located in G Block of Sanskriti University. On this occasion, Sanskriti Student Council organized a speech competition in which student Durgesh stood first, student Rani Yadav stood second and student Paras Gupta stood third.

The program was inaugurated by CAPS Director DrRajneesh Tyagi lit the lamp in front of the portrait of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. All the teachers present in the auditorium offered flowers on the portrait of Sardar Patel. The speech competition started with the address of student Rishabh Das. Student Rishabh said that once upon a time our country was burning in the fire of partition. The country was divided into pieces. At such a time, Sardar Patel biggest strength. Student Paras Gupta said that unity is national strength. The contribution of youth in this is very important.

that our country is the only country in which people of many languages and religions live together. At the end of the program, Dr. Neelam praised the ideas of the students and all the officials and members of the students' committee for conducting the program efficiently. Anand Tiwari and Dr. Neelam of Placement Cell announced the winning candidates of the speech competition in the jury panel. The winning contestants were honored with certificates. The program was conducted by Student Council Vice President Anamika Beniwal. Student Council President Yash Srivastava, Chhavi Sharma, Ashish, Pranjal Gupta, Gauranshi Gupta, Keshav etc. played a special role in the successful organization of the program



Students of Sanskriti University celebrated Unity Day

District Magistrate and Senior Superintendent of Police listened to the problems of common people

Our priority is that the benefits of the schemes should reach all the eligible beneficiaries: District Magistrate Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar listened carefully to the problems of the common people in Tehsil Mant on the occasion of Total Solution Day/Tehsil Day. The District Magistrate directed the concerned officers for prompt and quality disposal of the received applications as per the rules. The District Magistrate instructed all the departmental officers to provide detailed information about the departmental schemes to the general public/complainants coming on Tehsil Day. The District Magistrate said that it is our priority that the schemes run by the government reach the eligible beneficiaries.

The District Magistrate gave strict instructions to the officers to inspect the complaints received on the Samadhan Divas on the spot and to take the region- Deputy Magistrate Mant Ritu Sirohi has informed that 70 complaints were received in Tehsil Mant, out of which District Magistrate Govardhan Prajakta Tripathi has informed that 40 complaints were received in Tehsil Govardhan, out of which 05 complaints have been disposed of quickly. Deputy District Magistrate Chhata Vaibhav Gupta has informed that 62 complaints were received in Tehsil Chhata, out of which 03 complaints were resolved on the spot. Deputy District Magistrate Sadar/Joint Magistrate Abhinav J Jain has informed that 51 complaints were received in Tehsil Sadar, out of which 03 complaints have been disposed of promptly. Deputy District Magistrate Mahavan Kanchan Gupta has informed that 28 complaints were received in Tehsil Mahavan, out of which 04 complaints were resolved on the spot



DM-SSP listening to people's problems and giving instructions to subordinates for quick solution

SON SHOT 555 BEEDI OWNER, THEN SHOT HIMSELF, FATHER AND SON DIED

Mathura. In a dispute between father and son, a 555 beedi trader in Gaura Nagar in Vrindavan on Friday night, after shooting his father with a licensed pistol, the son also shot himself dead. The father had stopped his son from drinking alcohol. There was chaos in the business family after the incident. On receiving information about the sensational incident, a large number of businessmen reached the victim's house. The police is investigating the matter

Sureshchandra Agarwal (73), resident of Gaura Nagar, Vrindavan, has a business in Kolkata in the name of Dinesh Beedi 555. Due to beedi factory etc. being in Kolkata, elder son Dinesh lives in Kolkata, while two other sons Naresh and Mahesh stay in Vrindavan and handle the business. Naresh (52) has an office near the house, from where he used to look after the work. This family is famous by the name of Dinesh Beedi Wale in entire

dispute broke out between father and son over some issue. Within no time the dispute escalated so much that son Naresh Aggarwal pointed a licensed pistol at his father and opened fire. The father died after being shot. After the death of his father, son Naresh also shot himself. Hearing the sound of two bullets, all the people of the house gathered. Everyone was surprised when they saw the inside scene. Suresh and Naresh were immediately taken to the hospital, where they were declared dead at Ramakrishna Mission Hospital in Vrindavan. SP City Rajiv Kumar, who reached the spot, said that there was a family dispute between the father and son over some issue, after which the son Naresh first shot his father Suresh and then shot himself. Information is being sought from the family and the police is investigating the matter. Further legal action is being taken.



Police arrived after the incident



Odisha: National Conference charts roadmap for revitalising India's handloom and handicrafts sectors

(Gns). The two-day National Conference on Handlooms and Handicrafts, which concluded here on Saturday, turned out to be an absorbing consultative event to serve as an effective platform for knowledge-sharing, exchange of best practices, and formulation of new schemes to strengthen the handloom and handicrafts sector across India.

The conference witnessed active participation from representatives of all states and Union Territories. Speaking on the occasion, Neelam Shammi Rao, Secretary, Union Ministry of Textiles, appreciated the collaborative spirit of all participants and called for a coordinated approach among states and central agencies to ensure holistic development of the sector. She also emphasised the importance of technology adoption, cluster-based growth, and market diversification for the sustainable livelihoods of artisans to reduce time, energy, and effort while ensuring better quality of finished products," she said. "We must minimise the gap between artisans and the government. Cluster-based development, increased designer engagement, online marketing, and aggressive promotion are essential for the sector's resurgence," she further added.

Delivering the valedictory address, Anu Garg, State's Development Commissioner, underscored the need to blend traditional craftsmanship with modern innovation.

Garg highlighted that handloom and handicrafts are not just the economic backbone of rural India but also the living identity of the nation's cultural and spiritual heritage.

Calling for dignity and welfare of artisans, she stressed infrastructure development, strengthening of the raw material supply chain, construction of new godowns, and creation of intermediary institutions for training, preservation, and market support.

Garg further emphasised that the next generation should be brought into the fold through modern design, improved patterns, and exposure to emerging markets. She also called for an annual exhibition calendar.



Mayawati holds "Pichhda Varg Samaj Bhaichaara Sangathan" meeting

(Gns). With an eye on the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati has intensified her outreach to consolidate the party's traditional Dalit base along with Muslim and Other Backward Class (OBC) voters.

After recently holding key meetings to strengthen the Muslim Bhaichaara Committee, the BSP supremo on Saturday chaired a crucial review meeting of the "Pichhda Varg Samaj Bhaichaara Sangathan" (Backward Class Brotherhood Organisation) in Lucknow.

The meeting aimed at expanding the BSP's grassroots network among OBCs and reviewing the progress of earlier directives issued to district units.

Mayawati personally reviewed reports from all districts regarding the on-ground work to connect OBC communities with the BSP and emphasised the need to carry out voter enrolment drives in line with the Election Commission's ongoing Special Summary Revision (SIR) exercise.

Reiterating the party's commitment to social justice and political empowerment, Mayawati described the BSP as an Ambedkarite party dedicated to the uplift of Dalits, Adivasis, backward classes, minorities, and all marginalized sections of society. She urged workers to ensure that every eligible voter's name is included in the electoral rolls, calling the right to vote a "master key to power and dignity."

Mayawati also addressed confusion regarding BAMCEF (All India Backward and Minority Communities Employees Federation), clarifying that the original, unregistered BAMCEF—founded by BSP's mentor Kanshi Ram—remains a social organization connected to the BSP family, meant to spread social awareness among educated employees.