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#### Modi Urges 'Pehle Matdan, Phir Jalpan' **Bihar Election 2025 Phase 1**

first phase of the Bihar candidates Assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged citizens, particularly first-time voters, to exercise November 14. their franchise with full enthusiasm.

In an X post, PM Modi wrote, "Today marks the where 3.75 crore voters will first phase of the festival of decide the fate of 1,314 democracy in Bihar. My appeal to all voters in this phase is to vote with complete enthusiasm. Special al candidate Tejashwi congratulations to all young voters casting their vote for the first time. Remember- of the BJP. Polling began at first voting, then refreshments! (pehle matadan, pm across 18 districts, with phir jalpan)."

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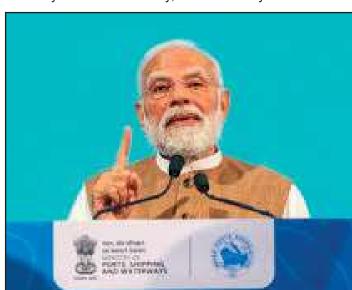
(Gns). ing. Polling began at 7 am and the Mahagathbandhan. while As voting begins in the across 18 districts, with key The NDA includes the Mahagathbandhan. including Tejashwi Yadav and Samrat Choudhary, and vote counting is scheduled for

Voting is underway across 121 Assembly constituencies in the first phase, candidates, including prominent leaders like the INDIA bloc's chief ministeri-Yadav and Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary 7 am and will continue till 5 central forces deployed at Prime Minister Narendra sensitive polling stations to Modi encouraged citizens, ensure free and fair elec-

The Bihar Assembly the first phase of Bihar elections see a direct con-Assembly elections, where test between the National

Bharatiya Janata Party, the Rashtriya Janata Dal,

The NDA includes the Mahagathbandhan, led by



Janshakti Party (Ram Morcha (Secular), and Rashtriya Lok Morcha, Sahani's Vikasheel Insaan

Janata Dal (United), Lok comprises the Congress Party, CPI-ML led by Vilas), Hindustani Awam Deepankar Bhattacharya, CPI. CPM. and Mukesh orty (VIP). polling for the remaining place on November 11, with November 14. The second phase of 122 constituencies will take vote counting scheduled for

### Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel will flag off the 'Janjatiya Gaurav Yatra' from Ambaji on Friday

Celebration of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Marks the 150th Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda

**State Government to Organise** Janjatiya Gaurav Yatra Across Gujarat with the Message of **Public Awareness and Tribal Pride Covering 14 Tribal Districts** 

Yatra will proceed on the routes from Ambaji to Ekta Nagar and Umargam to Ekta Nagar from November 7 to 13 **Service-Oriented Programs Including Health Check-up** 

Camps, Seva Setu, and **Collective Sanitation Drives to Be Organized with Public Participation Along the Rathyatra Route** 

**Assembly Speaker Shri Shankar Chaudhary and State Ministers to Join Chief Minister** at the Inauguration of the

Yatra in Ambaji Gandhinagar, November 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel will flag off the "Janjatiya Gaurav Yatra" Adhyashaktidham from Ambaji on November 7.

The 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, revered as a deity by tribal communities, is being celebrated this year under the inspiration of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. With the objective of ensuring that the present generation understands the historical contribution of tribal communities in the freedom struggle under the leadership of Birsa Munda and draws inspiration for nation-building, this year is being observed as the "Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh" under the leadership of the Prime Minister.

Under the guidance of Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, the 'Janjatiya Gaurav Yatra'

Utsav' in Gujarat will be be shared with the public. marking the 150th birth inaugurated from Ambaji. In addition, service-orient- anniversary of Bhagwan On this occasion, Speaker ed activities such as

organised as part of the ious Central and State al-level celebration of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Government schemes will Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, Birsa Munda, will be held at



Legislative Assembly Shri Shankar Chaudhary, along with community cleanliness Ministers of State Shri P. C. Baranda, Shri Kamlesh Patel, Shri Pravin Mali, and Shri Swaroopji Thakor, ticipation. Various prowill remain present.

This Yatra will be held from two locations, Ambaji in the tribal area of North Gujarat and Umargam on the Maharashtra border in South Gujarat, from November 7 to 13. During this period, the Yatra will spread the message of public awareness and tribal pride to the masses in various districts of the state, including 14 tribal districts.

During the Yatra, people in the villages along tions, cultural performances, exhibitions depicting the life and contributions of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, ence of Prime Minister Shri building of Atmanirbhar

health check-up camps, Seva Setu programs, and drives will be organised in the villages along the Yatra route with public pargrams will also be held to help children, youth, and society at large become familiar with the life and teachings of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

Furthermore, painting and elocution competitions, plays, Bhavai performances, lectures, and film screenings on the life and contribution of Bhagwan Birsa Munda towards nation-building will be organized by various government departments.Apart from the 14 tribal districts, through this Rathyatra, the route will warmly wel- different programs cele- which realises the mantra come the Janjatiya Gaurav brating the Janjatiya of 'Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi' Rath (Tribal Pride Chariot). Gaurav Varsh will also be given by the Prime Minister, At the overnight halt loca- held across 20 non-tribal districts from November 13 to 15.

In the inspiring presand information about var- Narendra Modi, the nation- Bharat and Viksit Bharat.

Dediapada in the divine presence of Devmogra Mataji on November 15.

The state government has resolved that every tribal brother from the remotest and farthest villages will remain at the forefront of development to achieve the goal of Viksit Gujarat for Viksit Bharat. Chief Minister expressed confidence that the Tribal Pride Rath Yatra will play a vital role in integrating tribal communities into the mainstream of development and nationbuilding.

The Chief Minister has also called for making the celebration of Janiativa Gaurav Varsh grand and for embodying the slogan 'Aapno Desh, Aapnu Raaj' given by Bhagwan Birsa Munda through the

### India eyes boost to Africa ties with President's **Angola, Botswana visit starting November 8**

Affairs on announced that President Droupadi Murmu will be travelling to the African nations of Angola and visit will focus on cooper-Botswana starting this weekend.

Randhir Jaiswal said that the visit will take place from November 8 to 13. "This briefing is about the upcoming visit of the visit by the head of state President of India to Angola and Botswana. The visit will India's engagement with take place from November 8-13...

President's visit to the two people The Ministry of External African nations, the first by Dalela said. Thursday an Indian Head of State, is part of efforts to increase India's engagement with

countries in Africa. The ation in areas such as ekend.
At a press conference, my.

The President will be paying a state visit to

Angola and Botswana

from November 8-13

This will be the first state

to Angola and Botswana. Africa has been growing across all key pillars, from Dalela, political to trade and econo-

"There

have been



numerous high-level political engagements, at the level of the heads of state, Secretary (ER), in the min- my, to development part- heads of government, PMs, interact with the Indian istry, told reporters that the nerships, and people-to- EAMs. These engage- community," Dalela said.

across sectors," he added. The President will travel to Angola first, starting on November 8; her visit there

connections," ments have allowed us to

will conclude on November 11. President Murmu is travelling to Angola on the invitation of the President of the African country, who had also visited India. "She will be participating in the 50th anniversary cel-

deepen our cooperation

across the African region

ebration of Angolan freedom. India had supported the Angolan freedom struggle. She will be having bilateral talks, address the Angolan Parliament, and

### FM says India needs lot of big, world-class banks; urges them to expand credit availability understand the associated

Thursday mentioned that India needs a lot of big and that world-class banks, and the Goods work has commenced in Services Tax this regard. She urged the banking sector to support cuts will spur growth by expanding credit demand and availability.

Speaking at an event organised by the State cut-driven Bank of India (SBI), the demand Finance Minister said the unleash virtugovernment has taken ous countless path-breaking ment cycle, speed up reform measures to improve ease of doing busihave encouraged invest-

campaign has caught the

internet's attention. A video

featuring opposition leader

Rahul Gandhi and a young boy has gone viral. The child posed a question that

many have pondered:

"When are you getting mar-

ried?" Although the video lacked audio, the boy

shared that Gandhi

responded he would marry "once he's done with his

Gandhi often faces

job.'

"Banks must deepen and have been pulled out of growth," she said, adding said.

the and (GST) rate investment. "GST rate

invest-

growth," she stated. ness since 2014. She also mentioned that the futures and options trading". stressed that policy consis- government has saved

Union Finance Minister widen credit flow to produc- multi-dimensional poverty Nirmala Sitharaman on tive sectors to promote in the last decade," she



Further, Sitharaman also said the government is The Finance Minister "not here to shut the door on

"The government is here tency and transparency over Rs 4 trillion through to remove the roadblocks direct benefit transfers and work on them. It is the (DBT). "250 million people investors' responsibility to

The minister said discussions are underway between the Finance Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on ways to build world-class

risks," she added.

banks.

The Finance Minister also said efforts to finalise trade agreements with the US and the EU are in "full force." She also stressed that

India's economic philosophy of atmanirbharta (selfreliance) does not mean shutting doors. Instead, it means being strong enough to meet domestic needs while staying deeply connected with global trade and supply chains.

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questions about his marriage plans. During a Diwali visit to Ghantewala sweet shop in Old Delhi, he was went viral by stating he asked again. Sushant Jain, would marry after finishing the shop owner, humorous- his job; additionally, the ly expressed his wish for Gandhi to marry soon and hoped to cater for the wedding sweets.

A charming moment tion campaign, a video of reported a 60.13% voter from the Bihar election Rahul Gandhi answering a turnout by 5 pm in the first boy's marriage question phase of assembly elec-

During the Bihar elec- Commission of India said, 'Rahul ji, please get



Rahul Gandhi's Marriage Plans Spark Public Curiosity

public's curiosity of his marriage plans was highlighted by a Ghantewala sweet shop owner. The Election

tions in Bihar. Rahul Gandhi's Marriage Plans

"All of India is talking about him being the most eligible bachelor," Jain remarked. He added, "I

married soon -- we're waiting, so that we can get the order for your wedding sweets too.i" This playful exchange highlights public curiosity about Gandhi's personal life. Meanwhile, Bihar saw a

voter turnout of 60.13% by 5 pm during the first phase of assembly elections. This data was provided by the Election Commission of India (ECI), reflecting active participation in the democratic process.

The interaction between Gandhi and the boy adds a light-hearted touch to the political scene. It also underscores how personal questions often intersect with public figures' lives. Such moments provide a glimpse into their personalities beyond politics.











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### **Editorial**

### Contradiction

India's rise on the global economic stage is often celebrated as an emblem of national resurgence. Yet, a quiet contradiction shadows that progress ~ the persistently weak strength of the Indian passport. Even as India stands as the world's fifth-largest economy, its passport continues to hover low in global mobility rankings, offering visa-free access to fewer than 60 countries. For millions of Indians aspiring to study, trade, or simply travel abroad, this paradox translates into tangible obstacles in terms of longer queues, higher costs, and fewer opportunities. The weakness of India's passport is not an isolated administrative shortcoming.

It mirrors a deeper gap between economic heft and diplomatic reach. Over the past decade, India's passport has slipped or stagnated in global indices, even as the number of visa-free destinations has increased slightly. The reason lies in relative performance ~ other nations, often much smaller and less affluent, have moved faster to forge reciprocal travel agreements. The pace at which they have expanded global access far outstrips India's incremental gains. This widening gap highlights a missing dimension in India's global engagement ~ mobility diplomacy. For citizens of countries like Singapore South Korea, or the United Arab Emirates, seamless travel is a product of deliberate policy, continuous negotiation, and mutual trust. In contrast, India's outreach on travel and migration remains cautious, constrained by security concerns and bureaucratic inertia. The result is that India's citizens pay the price for a cautious state.

For a nation that speaks often of global leadership, its citizens still face the daily constraints of limited international mobility. Reputation also plays a decisive role. A country's passport strength depends not only on its economy or military but on how it is perceived, its political stability, the conduct of its travellers, and the reliability of its identification systems. India's record of overstaying visas and recurring fraud cases has not gone unnoticed. Such perceptions feed into restrictive policies abroad, eroding the goodwill required for easier access Technological reforms like the rollout of biometric epassports may help improve credibility, but they cannot substitute for diplomacy. The problem is structural, not

For India to translate its global ambitions into real mobility, it must pursue comprehensive travel agreements that reflect trust, reciprocity, and modern migration realities. This involves consistent foreign policy effort building confidence through bilateral treaties, reducing irregular migration, and improving transparency in passport issuance. A strong passport is not just a travel convenience; it is a symbol of a nation's standing in the world. India's limited travel freedom thus underscores a paradox, an economy with global aspirations constrained by narrow diplomatic corridors. The challenge before India is to align its economic power with a mobility framework that reflects its true stature. Only when the ordinary Indian can move across borders with dignity and ease will the country's rise feel complete.

### (Agency)

On Kartika Purnima, when the full moon spills itself over the Mahanadi and its sister rivers, Odisha becomes a single long, luminous sigh. The night is at once festival and elegy: lamps drift like small stars, miniature boats glide like secret letters, and the water takes the moon's light and keeps it as memorv. Here the celestial, the domestic, and the maritime fold into one another – the moon a silent witness, the into private longing. river a courier, the boat a In both places the river human hope set afloat. The

Moonlight picks out the ribs of a boat; the river receives it. For a people once masterful in inter-continental coastal trade, these images are historical as well as symbolic. The Sadhabas – merchant mariners of ancient Kalinga sailed from these deltas to Java, Sumatra, and Bali. Today, villagers and city folk alike float tiny vessels of banana stem, cork, or paper, each loaded with lamps, rice, betel leaves, and prayers. The gesture is both commemoration and enactment: a remembering of voyages and an offering for safe return. This triad moon, river, boat - functions like a poem.

ritual is elemental and pre-

The moon illuminates longing; the river carries it; the boat makes of longing a movement. The objects are modest, but the meanings are vast. Bali Jatra is when Sadhabas set sail on Kartika Purnima on the Mahanadi's banks in Cuttack. It is more than a fair; it is a living archive where commerce and memory meet. Stalls and performances pulse with life while ritual send-offs hold a hush of solemnity;

refrains, children learn the careful choreography of letting go, and families peris an act of passage, a seasonal invitation to cross from presence to absence and back again. Across Odisha's waterways -

form a communal elegy for those who sail away. The scene finds a distant cousin in Europe's maritime pageants - most famously Venice's Regata Storica and its "Farewell to the Fleet." There, too, canals become theatre: crowds line the water to witness processions led by the Bucintoro, a ceremonial boat that turns civic pomp

or canal is a stage where departure is at once spectacle and intimate sorrow, a ritual that transforms personal loss into shared meaning. Kartika is a month of restraint; the culmination is a feast that tastes of both austerity and production. After Habisha, a period of simple, sattvic food, kitchens fill with the aroma of kakara pitha, arisa pitha, muan, and manda pitha - sweets that are edible memory. These offerings are practical and symbolic at once: provisions for a voyage imagined and for a soul crossing thresholds. They are gifts to the river, to the departed, and to the community that keeps the story alive. In every home, hands craft these vessels with quiet devotion.

A mother's blessing, a child's wonder, a lover's ache - all sealed into the hull. As they float, voices rise in haunting cadence, with a chant as old as the tide, evoking the sacred months and the journey from monsoon to migration, from hearth to horizon. Rivers are thresholds in Odia cosmology: not mere channels but spaces where worlds touch. On Kartika Purnima the river is both elders intone the old path and witness – an axis

Where the Moon sails the river where the living commune is full of song. with the absent. Bathing, boat-floating, song – each

Boita Bandana and the ballads of Tapoi weave domestic sorrow and seafaring grandeur into the same refrain. Tapoi's lament – of mostly brothers, of departure and waiting –



Mahanadi, Rushikulya, Subarnarekha this liminality takes different tones: the Baitarani's weight of sacred transition, the Rushikulya's promise of return, the Subarnarekha's gleam of fortune and melancholy. Yet the core impulse is the same: to harness water and moonlight as allies in the human labour of farewell. The ritual voice of Kartika Purnima

makes personal grief a public pattern. Poets and bards, from classical to folk, have rendered this viraha separation – into images that linger: the ocean as abyss, the boat as exile, the moon as the patient lover that links both shore and sailor. These songs ke ep alive a centuries-long relationship with the sea, a relationship that once sus-

and kinship across the Bay of Bengal. From the early centuries BCE through the medieval era, Kalinga commanded thriving maritime trade and power. Ports such as Tamralipti and Manikpatna connected rice, ivory, textiles, and ritual to distant markets. The Sadhabas' voyages were economic acts wrapped in ritual: consulting tides and moons, receiving family blessings, and setting off under a sky that promised both trade and uncertainty.

Bali Jatra, non-luddite, commemorates that history without fossilizing it. The fair keeps the memory dynamic - commerce turned into craft stalls, navigation into narrative, loss into a communal language of resilience. Kartika Purnima is a practice in holding ambivalence. It permits gratitude and grief to coexist: the same lamp that lights a prayer for safe passage also glows in the shadow of possible loss. The festival trains the eye to see departure as a form of fidelity - an act in which love is demonstrated by release, by capable hands that set the vessel away trusting the tides, the moon, or fate. The ritual imagines

process. Concerns over

Commission, the Supreme

Court and top political lead-

erships have travelled only

few accountability provi-

sions regarding promises in

party manifestos. But the

subject remains entangled

The EC has proposed

a short distance.

freebies

but as a carrier of letters. Boats, modest and transient, become metaphors: the human habit of making hope material and putting it into circulation. Today Bali Jatra is a confluence of commerce, culture, and memory. Boat races and stalls rub shoulders with quieter rites.

Young people, many far removed from seafaring livelihoods, participate with a knowledge shaped as much by heritage as by imagination. The festival thus becomes a mechanism of cultural transmission: it keeps the Sadhaba story alive while allowing new meaning to accumulate. On Kartika Purnima, Odisha offers a simple philosophical lesson: to love is to let go. The moon records the gesture; the river carries it; the boat becomes the language of faith. Lamps drown in the dark and yet the light remembered on the water endures. In the annual choreography of float and flame, the community shapes a response to absence - ritual, song, and sweet food transforming private longing into a shared poetics of return. Let the boats drift. Let the tained commerce, culture, the sea not as final erasure moon mark our waiting.

## As Bihar heads to the polls...

(Agency)

Electors in Bihar will carry their own dreams and those of candidates and political parties as they walk to booths in 121 assembly constituencies on Thursday morning. Election managers have meanwhile shifted gear from a threemonth grueling phase of Special Intensive Revision

than landing up in a singlemisadventure. election-time phase Elections in India, unlike raised by the Election many in the West, are still evolving and therefore require protection of the forces. Model Code violations in these elections have been within the toler-



(SIR) of electoral rolls to the hardcore routine of the conduct of polls - logistics, law and order, rebooting of their surgical methods and

The Election Commission (EC) has been pointing to the four challenges it fights in delivery of a free and fair election: muscle, money, misinformation and MCC violation. For securing the poll process, 8.5 lakh civil and police personnel have been mobilized and include 350 EC observers, besides the existing ground force of Booth Level 91.000 Officers (BLOs), 243 electoral registration officers and their supervisors. Citizen complaints and 824 Flying squads on ground have ensured seizure of illicit inducements of more than Rs 100 crore so far. Neighbouring states and enforcement agencies are on high alert. The second and final phase of the poll is on 11 November. EC has taken a middle position between some demands for a single day poll and the three phases that it fol-

of course enforcement of

the vexing model code of

conduct (MCC).

lowed in 2020. There is a case for limiting poll phases, so that disruption to regular governance and public life is the least. For the EC, primary factors in such phasing include security concerns and related logistics. In the third most populous state of India, prone to social conflicts, and with elections being passion raisers, a two-phase poll signifies

Recent elections have in the debate of welfare vs freebie, and the rights of political parties for dialogue election announcement in Bihar was preceded by a plethora of cash transfers and major political contenders are completely uninhibited in holding up bigger and fancier carrots a large electorate, any amount of voter facilitation is never enough. The numgone over 90,700, compared to 77,400 in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, reducing the burden on each booth to a maximum of 1,200 electors.

While the EC has been reluctant to accept Aadhaar as a clinching document for inclusion in the electoral roll, it is the first among valid do c uments for identification at the polling station. Accessibility support for over seven lakh people with disabilities and over four lakh above 85 years old, including the facility of home voting, suggest higher empathy. Bihar has an unenviable reputation for poor turnouts. Despite significant improvements following the EC's one and counting of postal ballots, half decade long campaign of voter engagement, turnout fell short of 60 per cent in recent polls.

> 2025 could mark a turnaround occasioned by sig-

targeted measures Focused work on urban and youth apathy has yielded moderate results. The SIR churning would have created additional stimulation for the 7.42 crore electors in Bihar to take the walk to the polling booth in 2025. Not to be missed, 14 lakh young voters have entered Bihar's



electoral roll this year on attaining the age of eighteen. In fact, every fourth elector in Bihar is below 29 with electors. Net result, it years of age, and they has been a free for all. The could decide the direction of the results, provided they actively participate. Increased number of women, both in the electoral roll and voting in the last decade, has triggered by the day. Voters do not targeted welfare and cash transfers to women. dislike either. In the face of This has brought diviber of polling stations has Maharashtra,

dends to political parties in recent elections Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal and earlier in Bihar itself. While candidate selection by political parties certainly reflects the caste mosaic in Bihar and voting is expected to considerably follow caste lines, women and youth could very well cut across the other divides, if they choose. In 2020, Bihar led the way in holding a general election in the face of a rampaging pandemic. The state is poised this time to offer a template of an election post SIR. For voters, as they walk to the polling booths, the popular pledge to vote 'without being influenced by considerations of religion, race, caste, community, language or any inducement' remains the best call. While political combatants could make a ruthless push towards the magic mark of 122 seats in a new Bihar assembly, ECI will be expected to deliver, as always, a spotless election, adding to the golden heritage of Indian election

#### India's new obsession gym trainers or beauty clin- low in protein, the risk of with injectable weight-loss ics, sometimes bought muscle loss is particularly drugs is a story of science online with barely a consul- acute. Instead of building outpacing restraint. Once tation. The idea that one metabolic resilience, we and modern ideals of fitreserved for diabetics, can jab away excess are cultivating a cycle of ness. To medicalise this these so-called "miracle jabs" are now being pursued by young professionals, influencers, and even wedding planners as short-



SCIENCE OUTPACING RESTRAIN: INJECTABLE WEIGHT-LOSS DRUGS

THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE ANTI-OBESITY DRUG

MARKET HAS BEEN ASTONISHING. IN JUST FIVE YEARS

sometimes prescribed by high in carbohydrates and

The transformation of weight without changing anything else has taken firm root in the urban imagination.

But weight is not the enemy; indiscipline is. These drugs, when used unsupervised, do not merely shed fat; they also strip are calling it India's "magic away muscle, disrupt pill moment." Yet, behind digestion, and create dependence. Users often find that once they stop, the designed for chronic meta- weight creeps back faster bolic conditions, are now than before. In a nation being used casually ~ where the average diet is

belief that technology can has become optional.

There is also a wider

chemical quick fixes. True wellness is a long game, rooted in balance, patience, and consistency, not in the transient thrill of pharmaceutical transformation. India's growing appetite for medical shortcuts reflects a larger social impatience ~ a outwit biology, that convenience can replace commitment, and that effort itself

ethical dimension. India's

uneasy - between traditional ideals of prosperity tension without reflection risks turning health into yet another commodity. Obesity is a chronic disease, yes, but when the same treatment is used for cosmetic slimming, the distinction between therapy and indulgence collapses. As the market opens up to cheaper generics, accessibility will improve but so will the temptation to misuse. Without tighter regulation, counterfeit drugs and unqualified practitioners could flood the system,

image has always been

relationship

posing grave risks. The responsibility, however, does not lie with doctors alone. It lies with consumers who must recognise that medicine cannot replace discipline, and that wellness is earned, not injected. The real cure for India's weight crisis will not come from a syringe but from a shift in attitude, from outsourcing health to reclaiming it. No miracle jab can substitute that.

# Vartaman ho ya bhavishya, ye kahani har yug ke liye udaharan hogi.'

The wait ends as Kurukshetra returns with its instalment, now streaming only on Netflix

cuts to a slimmer self. The

drugs work, at least in the

short run, by mimicking

hormones that curb

appetite and slow digestion.

But what they also reveal is

how quickly a medical

advance can morph into a

lifestyle fad in a country still

struggling to define where

health ends and vanity

the anti-obesity drug mar-

ket has been astonishing.

In just five years, it has bal-

looned from a niche seg-

ment to a multi-crore rupee

industry. Patents are expir-

ing, generics are lining up

for release, and investors

the euphoria lies a troubling

pattern. These injections,

begins.

dharmayuddh The reaches its fateful conclusion as the war that began with questions of righteousness culminates in an unforgettable reckoning where alliances shatter, destinies are fulfilled, and dharma stands tested.

"Dharm ke iss yuddh



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seen advisories and warnings from the Election Commission getting stricter in the wake of ugly violations of the model code by all sides. The onus is on political parties and campaigners, many of them election veterans; but the temptation of swaying the psyche of voters through exaggeration, insinuation and personal slurs abide. Conduct of polls may benefit from advancements of Artificial Intelligence (AI) someday, but currently Election Management Bodies (EMBs) worldwide are battling Al-engineered election vitiation of processes. The EC has cautioned parties against misuse of AI tools for distorting information and

propagating deep fakes. It has directed prominent labelling of Al-generated/synthetic content used for social media campaigning. The strategy appears to be working by and large. Poll officials are engaged in intense monitoring of the digital platforms; for myth busting and taking down of fakes by regulators. The EC on its own has gone ahead to redress old grievances and preempted potential ones relating to periodic declaration of turnout on counting day and final voting figures being made available to political parties at polling stations. Appetite for transparency, however, keeps growing and poll managers

nificant deletion of ghost electors during the SIR may unavoidably respond every time. Transparency is

process. The EC has taken up a scientific exercise of identifying low turnout conmanagement. measured progress, rather the soul of the election stituencies and applying

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### WR OFFICER COMPLETES THE PRESTIGIOUS **IRONMAN MALAYSIA 2025 TRIATHLON**

On 1st November 2025, line and steep hilly roads of every participant. Shri Sachin Sharma. General Secretary to Manager, Western Railway, successfully completed the globally renowned Ironman Malaysia Triathlon held at Langkawi Island, Malaysia. international

endurance race is considered one of the toughest sporting challenges in the world and consists of 3.8 km open sea swimming, followed by 180 km of cycling and concluding with a 42.2 km full marathon, amounting to a total distance of 226 km.

According to a press release issued by Chief cutting across dense tropi-Public Relations Officer Western Railway - Shri course is known to be one Langkawi's warm and humid tropical climate made the event extremely nearly 1600 meters and demanding. The race com- multiple tough climbs. The menced at the scenic Pantai Kok Beach, where began from participants swam in crystal after the swim, the athletes Beach. While the run transitioned to a 180 km course was relatively flat,



Shri Sachin Sharma, Secretary to General Manager, Western Railway is seen during the Ironman Malaysia 2025 Triathlon at Langkawi Island.

Abhishek, of the most challenging with an elevation gain of final running segment Mahsuri International cycling route passing the heat and humidity testthrough the picturesque ed the endurance and IRONMAN

Shri Vineet further statcal forests. This biking ed that Shri Sharma displayed exemplary determination, discipline and menamong Ironman events, tal strength throughout the race. As he approached the finishing stretch amid loud cheers, the event announcproudly declared, "SACHIN, YOU ARE AN Exhibition IRONMAN!" marking his clear sea waters with mod- Centre and concluded at official completion of the erate tides. Immediately the beautiful Chenang triathlon. After finishing, he was awarded the coveted Finisher's Medal, Finisher's Tower Coin and the official

symbolising his achieve-

completed the Comrades that Africa, one of the world's its tribal communities. most challenging ultra-distance road races. He has desert conditions, as well as the Silk Route Ultra Race in Ladakh, held at high-altitude Himalayan terrain. His continuous pursuit of endurance excellence and disciplined fitness regime have been a source of motivation and

the railway fraternity. Shri Sachin Sharma is a Railway, reflecting the commitment of its officers towards fitness, endurance and holistic well-being.

# "Abua Sarkar" is actually "Thugua Sarkar," says Babulal Marandi

(Agency)

BJP state president and Shri Sharma is an avid Leader of Opposition endurance athlete and has Babulal Marandi launched participated in nearly 60 to a sharp attack on the 70 national and internation- Hemant Soren government al marathons over the in Ghatsila on Thursday, years. He has successfully calling it a "Thugua Sarkar" has betrayed Ultra Marathon in South Jharkhand, its youth, and

Marandi said the government, which calls itself also taken part in the "Abua Sarkar," has actually Border Race also called as pushed Jharkhand back-Hell Race in Jaisalmer, ward by 25 years instead of known for its extreme moving it forward. "This government is anti-tribal, anti-development and antipeople. For six years, it has deceived the people in the name of welfare," he said.

Citing the recent case of five tribal children in Chaibasa Sadar Hospital being transfused with HIVinspiration for many within infected blood, Marandi alleged that the state's This remarkable feat by health system has collapsed. "People are being matter of pride for Western handed death in the name

merely suspended a few refusal to implement the are being issued to expand officials to cover up its negligence while the Chief Minister remained silent and the Health Minister corruption and extortion blamed the opposition.

PESA Act was an attempt to suppress tribal rights.

According to Marandi,



government of protecting levels. "Development work land mafias and infiltrators who are encroaching on doctors and people are fed tribal land. "From murders to land loot and from rising crimes against women to the failure of welfare the Hemant Soren governschemes, this government ment was changing the has failed on every front," state's demography by of treatment," he said, he said. He also claimed encouraging illegal infiltra-

Marandi accused the the block and police station has stopped, hospitals lack up with bribery and law-

lessness," he said. He further alleged that adding that the government that the government's tion. "Fake birth certificates said.

the vote bank. In Ghatsila's reserved areas, Muslim population growth has been 29.4 percent in five years compared to 3 percent among others. This cannot be natural," he claimed.

He cited the example of panchayat, Hendaljori where funds under the Maiyan Yojana were reportedly given to 174 Muslim women even though there is no Muslim family in that area. "The government is ration giving Aadhaar cards and welfare benefits to outsiders. This is an attack on Jharkhand's

identity," he said. Urging voters to punish the ruling coalition, Marandi appealed for support to BJP candidate Babu Lal Soren. "Only the BJP and NDA can free Jharkhand from corruption, mafias and infiltrators. The people must now strike back through their votes," he

# Cong claims over 5 crore signatures in Vote Chor campaign

Thursday announced a major milestone in its 'Vote Chor Gaddi Chod' campaign, stating it has collected over 5 crore signatures from citizens nationwide.

Describing the public response as a "powerful testimony to the anger, apprehension, and deep concern among ordinary citizens about the naked murder of democracy," Party General Secretary K C Venugopal, in a statement, reiterated his party's accusations of the Quit the

ruling BJP of "large-scale" launched on September 15, presented the ECI with five electoral fraud" and "elec- as a mass public outreach toral roll manipulation" in and door-to-door signature



collusion with the Election drive against alleged manip-Commission of India.

The campaign, which translates to "Vote Thief, Congress party, through this Chair,"

ulative practices. Venugopal said the citizens' movement, has explicit and democratic demands aimed at restoring faith and transparency in the electoral system.

"Publish a machine-readable voter list with photographs for public scrutiny. Release all deletion and addition lists with photographs before every election. Establish a grievance redressal mechanism for wrongful deletions. Announce a clear cut-off date for voter list changes, avoiding last-minute manipulations.

With Afghanistan Set To Resume In Turkey

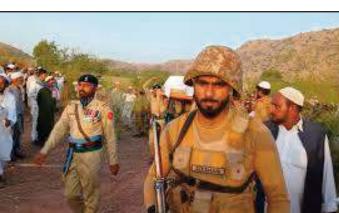
Ahead of next round of peace talks between Islamabad and Taliban in Turkey today, Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has issued a strong warning to Afghanistan that failure to reach a breakthrough would force Islamabad into direct military confrontation with the

Speaking to Geo TV ahead of the third round of talks, Asif stated, "If the negotiations fail, the situation will deteriorate further. We have our options. Considering how we are being targeted, we may respond in the same man-

Taliban.

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif

tion if peace talks with the activity. The talks aim to



**Pakistan Warns of Military Action As Peace Talks** 

the Pakistani delegation, lowing deadly border clashled by ISI chief Lt. Gen. es and address Pakistan's Asim Malik, prepares for concerns discussions with Afghan Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan officials in Istanbul to (TTP) operating from

Taliban in Turkey fail, as stabilize the ceasefire folabout

warned Afghanistan of address border tensions Afghan territory, while potential military confronta- and cross-border militant Pakistan has accused the Taliban government of aligning with India.

A Taliban security personnel stands guard along a road near the Ghulam Khan zero-point border crossing between Afghanistan and Pakistan in Gurbuz district in the southeast of Khost province on October 20, 2025. Photo credit: AFP

The Pakistani delegation, led by Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief Lt. Gen. Asim Malik, is expectmeet Afghanistan's interim intelligence head Abdul Haq Wasiq in Istanbul. The renewed dialogue, facilitated by Türkiye and supported by regional allies.









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Pradesh

Even after achieving

116% rise in revenue col-

lection from April to

October 2025 in compari-

son to same period in the

last fiscal, the Uttar

Department lagged behind

Minister Nitin Agarwal on

Thursday warned the offi-

cials that target of Rs

63,000 crores this financial

should be achieved at any

clear during a review meet-

ing of the department that

the monthly revenue target

must be achieved 100%. To

achieve this, he directed

The minister made it

Excise

# Delhi Court Asks Patanjali: "How Can You Call Other Chyawanprash Brands 'Dhokha'?"

by yoga guru Ramdev, faced scrutiny from the Delhi High Court over its advertisement claims. The court questioned how Patanjali could label all other chyawanprash brands as 'dhokha' (fraud) while promoting its own as superior. Justice Tejas Karia noted that while

fraudulent. Dabur India has sought an interim injunction against Patanjali's adver-Sandeep Sethi, represent- regarding its chyawanprash prash containing ing Dabur, argued that calling all other chyawanprash brands 'dhokha' is dis-

Patanjali can assert its

product is the best, it can-

not accuse others of being

Pataniali Ayurved, led by a self-proclaimed yoga paragement,



guru, as people associate them with truthfulness.

The Delhi High Court examined Patanjali Ayurved's advertisement product, questioning its labeling of other brands as fraudulent; Dabur India

Dabur's assertion that Patanjali violated labeling rules.

including

Dabur also accused Patanjali of making false tisement. Senior Advocate claims, led by Ramdev, claims about its chyawan-Ayurvedic herbs and saffron." A 2014 government advisory had deemed this paraging. He emphasized sought an injunction. The claim misleading. Dabur that such statements are court considered claims of contends that using "spe-

more serious when made false advertising and dis- cial" as a prefix for a classical ayurvedic medicine violates Rule 157(1-B) of the Drugs Rules, which prohibits deceptive labelling.

> Sethi highlighted that Dabur's chyawanprash is prepared according to statutory requirements. He argued that if a product in meeting the target fixed complies with these stan- for this 2025-26 finacial dards, it should not be year. Hence, UP Excise labelled as 'dhokha'. He further mentioned Dabur's long-standing reputation and significant market share, noting the advertisement had garnered 9 crore views in just five days.

Patanjali's Defence Senior Advocate Rajiv representing Patanjali, defended the advertisement as puffery and hyperbole, which he claimed is permissible

#### officials that strict action will be taken against districts that have not met the excise revenue target set for October and are consistently performing poorly.

cost.

In the meeting, Agarwal

action for failure to meet revenue targets from April 2025 to October directed the officials to con- dents occur under any cir-2025, the collection was Rs. duct a survey for potential cumstances. Strict action 30,657.54 crore (94.33 per- new liquor shops in

**UP** excise minister warns officials of



cent). During the same period last year, the state received Rs. 26,330.87 crore in excise revenue. cent) more than last year.

He said that every posapproximately Rs. 63,000 informed that against the crore by the Excise their enforcement efforts, target of Rs. 32,500 crore Department in 2025-26. He ensuring no untoward inci-

unserved border areas of the state and a proposal be submitted within 15 days.

The excise minister Thus, this year, the rev- expressed satisfaction that enue achieved is Rs. no untoward incident 4326.67 crore (116.43 per- involving loss of life has occurred in the state so far during the current governsible effort should be made ment's tenure. "Regional to achieve the target of officers were instructed to be even more vigilant in

was directed against the manufacture, transportation, and sale of illicit liquor, ensuring that liquor from other states is not sold in the state. Efforts were directed to be made to completely ban the manufacture and sale of illicit liquor," he said.

"Departmental officers/inspectors/ field staff were instructed to organize periodic workshops and maintain updated knowledge of innovations and laws and regulations to improve the quality of enforcement and inspection work. While ensuring effective enforcement against liquor mafias and illegal gangs, special action and coordinated operations were directed to prevent any mafia or their groups from flourishing in the state, and to eradicate such gangs completely," the minister instructed.

# **Chief Electoral Officer reviewed with** all District Election Officers

Strict action will be taken if commission's instructions are violated

Mathura. Chief Electoral Officer of Uttar Pradesh Navdeep Rinwa today held a virtual meeting with all the District Election Officers regarding the special intensive revision taking place in the state, reviewed the progress and gave necessary guidelines.

He gave information about the guidelines, programs and its process given by the Election Commission of India regarding SIR. He said that during SIR there should not be any complaint of irregularities from anywhere. The process of adding or removing names from the voter list should be completely transparent. No ineligible person should be included in the voter list. Complete caution should be taken to ensure that the

names of all eligible citizens verification work.



Addressing the virtual meeting, UP. Chief Electoral Officer Navdeep Rinwa

found that all the District Election Officers had held meetings with the political parties and informed them about the process of SIR and the instructions of the Commission. Besides, all political parties have also been requested to appoint Booth Label Agents (BLAs), who will assist BLOs in the

In the review, it was by the Chief Electoral Officer to complete the work of mapping from the voter list within the next three days. For the convenience of the voters, the Election Commission of India has provided the facility of "Book a Call with BLO", under which any voter can submit a request to talk to his BLO under the Book a

Call facility through the portal. Which the BLO has to contact the applicant and dispose of within the next 48 hours. To call the district contact center of any district, you will have to dial 1950 along with the STD code of that district. Instructions were given to all the district election officers to give it proper public-

District Election Officers were also directed to share the day-to-day progress during the special intensive review with the media and also disseminate it through their social media handles.

In today's meeting, the Chief Electoral Officer expressed his displeasure over the absence of the District Election Officer, Shamli without notice, and instructions were given to explanation. his seek Besides

# Workshop on cyber security organized in BSA Engineering College, Mathura

A one-day cyber security workshop was successfully organized for the MCA and BCA students by the Department of Computer Applications at BSA College of Engineering and Technology, Mathura. The students participated enthusiastically in itln the workshop, Vikram Jha, an expert from EC Council Noida Pvt. Ltd., guided the students by teaching them different techniques on cyber security and also explained how the students can get placement in the company through these techniques. It was also emphasized that in today's time, they should have different skills apart from the regular curriculum which can make them stand apart



B.S.A. College of Engineering and Technology, Mathura from other competitors ment in different fields and

while getting a job. Rajesh Singh told that by learning this technology, Program students can get employ-

in view of the cyber attacks During the workshop, nowadays, the demand for Head of the Department, Dr. people capable of stopping them is increasing a lot.

Rajendra Singh and Rajni

"Har Ghar Swadeshi

Coordinator

Department were present in the workshop. College Chairman Umashankar Advocate Agarwal, Vice Chairman Nitin Mittal, Engineer Director Prof. Dr. Shyam Sundar Agarwal and Registrar Bhagwan Singh praised the workshop and said that nowadays cyber security is very important,

through this we can easily

stop any cyber crime hap-

pening in the worldAnd our

institute is also working to

make this technology avail-

able to the students so that

this information will prove

helpful to the students in

getting a good job in future

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- Housing Assistance Scheme About ₹77.78 crore disbursed to 44,933 beneficiaries under the Manay Garima Scheme
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