



Poll Predictions: Will BJP Outperform TMC In Bengal If Elections Are Held Today? MOTN Survey Is Out

(Gns). Will the BJP outperform the TMC in West Bengal if the elections are held today? The latest India Today-CVoter Mood of the Nation (MOTN) survey offers a revealing snapshot of India's political pulse as 2026 unfolds.

Conducted across eight weeks with over 1.25 lakh respondents nationwide, the survey suggests that while the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) continues to dominate the national stage, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) remains the decisive force in West Bengal.

The India Today-CVoter Mood of the Nation survey indicates that if elections were held today, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) would win 28 Lok Sabha seats in West Bengal, while

the BJP would secure 14 seats, and nationally, the NDA is projected to win 352 seats. The survey also reveals a decline for the Congress-led INDIA bloc, estimating their seat count at 182, reflecting shifting political trends since the 2024 elections.

In West Bengal, the survey projects the TMC winning 28 of the state's 42 Lok Sabha seats if elections were held today. This is only a slight dip from the 29 seats it secured in 2024, when Mamata Banerjee's party bettered its 2019 performance. The BJP, meanwhile, is expected to notch up 14 seats, a modest improvement from its 2024 tally of 12.

The numbers highlight Bengal's increasingly bipolar contest, with the Congress and Left pushed

further into irrelevance. CVoter's founder-director Yashwant Deshmukh noted that the state's politics is becoming more sharply polarised, with voters consolidating behind either the Trinamool or the BJP.

Interestingly, the August 2025 edition of the MOTN survey had predicted 31 seats for the TMC and only 11 for the BJP. The latest figures therefore reflect a slight recovery for the saffron party, though not enough to challenge Trinamool's supremacy.

National Picture: NDA's Grip Remains Firm

At the national level, the survey underscores the NDA's continued strength. If elections were held today, the alliance is projected to win 352 seats, comfortably above the majority mark and broadly consistent with

its 2024 performance. While this falls short of the ambitious "400 paar" slogan raised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the last general election campaign, the numbers suggest that voter trust in the NDA remains intact. The alliance's recent victories in Delhi and Bihar in 2025, followed by deci-

sive wins in the BMC and Maharashtra municipal polls in early 2026, reinforce its electoral momentum.

Can Bangladeshis Settle In India? What PM Modi Promised Bengal In Malda Amid Targeted Killings, Watch INDIA Bloc: Losing Steam

The Congress-led INDIA bloc, which surprised many by winning 234 seats in 2024, appears to be struggling to maintain its position. The MOTN survey projects the bloc at 182 seats, a steep decline from the 208 seats predicted in

August 2025. This downward trend signals challenges in sustaining unity and voter confidence across diverse states.

Shifting Trends Over Time

The survey also highlights how voter sentiment has fluctuated over the past two years. In February 2024, projections had placed the TMC at 22 seats and the BJP at 19 seats in Bengal, suggesting a neck-and-neck fight. By August 2024, the pendulum swung decisively towards the TMC, with 32 seats predicted for Mamata's party and only eight for the BJP.

The current survey shows the BJP clawing back some ground, but the Trinamool remains firmly ahead.

As India heads into another politically charged year, the MOTN survey paints a picture of continuity with subtle shifts. Nationally, the NDA's dominance looks secure, while in Bengal, Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool continues to hold its ground against a gradually advancing BJP. For the Congress-led INDIA bloc, however, the challenge is stark: reversing a slide that threatens to erode its hard-won gains from 2024.

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Union Budget 2026: Public Hopes For Action On Healthcare Costs and Insurance Premiums in Budget

(Gns). With health insurance premiums climbing and hospital bills rising sharply, Indian households are increasingly looking to the Union Budget for relief from mounting healthcare expenses. Medical inflation is growing faster than overall inflation, squeezing disposable incomes and forcing many families to rethink health insurance cover and long-term financial plans.

The pressure is most visible among salaried and middle-class families who rely heavily on private hospitals. Many are downgrading policies, postponing treatments, or dipping into savings to manage medical emergencies. As Budget discussions gather pace,

taxpayers are expecting targeted measures to contain healthcare costs and slow the rise in insurance premiums.

A key expectation from the Union Budget is action to control medical inflation, which is estimated at 12-15% annually. Treatment costs for serious illnesses have surged over the past five years, with expenses for cancer care, transplants and chronic conditions rising far faster than incomes. As a result, many policyholders find their existing sum insured no longer sufficient.

Families want the government to use the Budget to ease this burden through regulatory and tax measures that make healthcare more affordable and insurance more viable over the long term.

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Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

'Can BJP rebuild broken homes, restore dignity of people': Akhilesh on court's clean chit to SP leader in rape case

(Gns). Expressing concern over the demolition drive carried out by the UP government, Samajwadi Party National President Akhilesh Yadav asked if the BJP has a bulldozer that can rebuild broken homes and restore the dignity of the people.

In a scathing attack on the BJP government in the state, he said, "Those in power can get the cases against themselves dropped. How will they escape the cases being registered against them in God's court for the sins they have committed? How can anyone sleep after

committing so much injustice and sin."

The comments of SP president came in the wake of the clean chit given to SP leader Moid Khan by the court in a case of gang

rape. The government bulldozed his properties after "A one-sided, biased approach is a crime in itself. Under the BJP rule, the bulldozer has become a symbol of negative and destructive thinking. The way the BJP's politics is perpetrating injustice, its defeat is now imminent. BJP's injustice will lose. The BJP and their associates should remember this. Truth is greater than any conspiracy," he said.

Akhilesh Yadav said injustice and atrocities are at their peak under the BJP government. The BJP practices politics of hatred and no one is getting justice.

The incident was reported. In a statement here on Friday, he said injustice has become the hallmark of the BJP government.



Samajwadi Party National President Akhilesh Yadav speaking at a podium.

'Threat to Identity and Security': Amit Shah Raises Alarm Over Infiltration in Assam

(Gns). Home Minister Amit Shah claimed that Assam's population profile shifted under 20 years of Congress rule, and warned that seven districts are now "dominated by 64 lakh infiltrators." Shah told voters that only the BJP can stop infiltration and urged them to return the party to power in the coming Assembly polls.

Speaking at a rally in Dhemaji, near the Arunachal Pradesh border, Shah argued that the BJP is the only party that can reverse alleged demographic changes in the state. Shah said that the Narendra Modi government and the Assam BJP government are working together on multiple measures to address what Shah described as infiltration.

Home Minister Amit Shah stated that seven Assam districts now have 64 lakh infiltrators due to 20 years of Congress rule, urging voters to support the BJP in the upcoming Assembly elections to stop

infiltration; he also highlighted the government's efforts and the role of the Mising community.

Shah listed seven districts which, according to Shah, have seen large-scale settlement by infiltrators. "Our seven districts - Dhubri, Barpeta, Darrang, Morigaon, Nagaon and Goalpara - have become dominated by infiltrators. Within twenty years of Congress rule, these seven districts, which previously had no infiltrator population, now have a population of 64 lakh. If we want to stop the infiltrators, what do we have to do?" he said.

Shah also asked people not to confront infiltrators directly, and instead to back the BJP at the ballot box. "I am not saying that the people should take up arms and go to the border

to stop the infiltrators. Himanta Biswa Sarma's government will do this work. Don't worry. But if you want to stop the infiltrators, then in the upcoming elections, once again, give your support to the BJP. Elect a BJP government here," he said.

Detailing steps taken by the BJP administration, Shah said two consecutive BJP governments in Assam had cleared large chunks of land from what Shah called encroachment by infiltrators. According to Shah, around 1.26 lakh acres were freed, and these actions formed part of a wider strategy by the

Narendra Modi government to respond to demographic concerns.

Shah drew attention to the role of the Mising community in Upper Assam, describing the group as central to preventing illegal settlement in that region. Praising their lifestyle, Shah said their everyday work acted like a shield against infiltration. "It is the responsibility of the Mising community to stop infiltration. You don't need to pick up guns. Because of your hardworking culture, infiltrators have not been able to come to this side," Shah said.

Arguing that several tribal groups struggled to protect their cultural identity during the Congress era, Shah contrasted that period with current policy. Shah said the BJP-led government intends to address concerns of the Mising community and mentioned that the Centre has appointed an interlocutor to speak with community representatives and handle their issues.



Home Minister Amit Shah speaking at a podium.

CM Rekha Gupta inaugurates DMRC's new electric receiving sub-station at Park Street

(Gns). Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Friday inaugurated a new state-of-the-art Electric Receiving Sub-Station (RSS) at Park Street, which will ensure uninterrupted power supply to key metro corridors and support upcoming infrastructure in the national capital.

The Chief Minister was briefed in detail about the

benefits of this new facility constructed by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) in the heart of the city.

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On Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary, Jairam Ramesh recalls Nehru, Patel's letters criticising RSS, Hindu Mahasabha

(Gns). On Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Friday recalled two letters written in 1948 to BJP ideologue Syama Prasad Mookerjee by India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru and first home minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel where they strongly criticised and raised questions over the activities of the Hindu Mahasabha and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) - the ideological fountainhead of the BJP and its precursor Jana Sangh.

According to Ramesh, Nehru wrote to Mookerjee just two days before

Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated, while Patel wrote a separate letter a few months later, on July 18, 1948. "Two days before Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated, Jawaharlal Nehru had written to Syama Prasad Mookerjee. A few months later, on July 18, 1948, Sardar Patel had also written to him. Both are damning indictments of the self-declared custodians of nationalism," he said in a post on X.

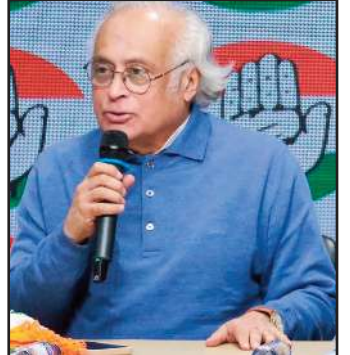
"Both are damning indictments of the self-declared custodians of nationalism. And to think that there is a Lok Sabha MP wedded to that ideology and who was blessed by the PM himself, who said that he could not

choose between Gandhi and Godse. His mindset is revealing. Here is also a link to Nehru's address on All India Radio on the night of Jan 30, 1948," he wrote sharing a link.

In his letter to Mookerjee, Nehru wrote that the Hindu Mahasabha had held meetings in defi-

ance of ban orders in Pune, Ahmednagar, and Delhi. "Speeches were delivered that Mahatma Gandhi was an impediment and the sooner he died the better it would be for the country. The RSS has behaved in an even worse way and we have collected a mass of information about its very objectionable activities," Nehru stated.

Ramesh also shared a screenshot of Patel's letter to Mookerjee, in which Patel criticised the activities of the RSS and the Hindu Mahasabha. Mahatma Gandhi, the most prominent leader of India's freedom movement, was assassinated by Nathuram Godse on this day in 1948.



Congress leader Jairam Ramesh speaking at a podium.



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Editorial

Known Danger

Once again, a virus has arrived not with drama, but with quiet unease ~ a few infections, a hospital ward under watch, anxious contact tracing, and foreign airports tightening their gates. The Nipah cases reported in West Bengal may be limited in number, but their implications are far larger than the statistics suggest. Nipah is not a new threat to India. It has surfaced before in this state and repeatedly in Kerala, leaving behind a reputation for severity that far exceeds its scale.

With a mortality rate that can reach alarming levels and no approved treatment or vaccine, the virus occupies a unique space in public health ~ rare, but unforgiving. That is why even a small outbreak commands international attention. The reaction across parts of Asia has been swift. Health screenings at airports in Thailand and Kathmandu, and at the Indo-Nepal border, are not expressions of alarmism; they are acknowledgements of vulnerability. In a region knitted together by constant movement of people, trade, and labour, disease no longer respects geography. What begins in one district can, under the wrong conditions, test systems far beyond it.

For West Bengal, the moment carries great weight. The infections emerging from a healthcare setting underline an uncomfortable truth: hospitals are often the first and most dangerous front line during outbreaks. When protection protocols falter, those tasked with saving lives become the most exposed. This is not a failure of individual care, but of preparedness ~ a gap that resurfaces each time a rare pathogen appears. The larger challenge lies beyond emergency containment. Nipah is a zoonotic disease, rooted in the uneasy overlap between human activity and natural ecosystems. Expanding urban edges, disrupted wildlife habitats, and informal food chains create repeated opportunities for spillover. These conditions are not episodic; they are structural. Yet public health responses often remain temporary, activated only when infections appear. There is also a lesson in how fear travels faster than facts.

While no cases have been reported outside India, the memory of past pandemics lingers deeply across societies. Public anxiety, if unmanaged, can escalate into stigma, misinformation, and economic disruption. Transparent communication ~ timely, factual, and calm ~ becomes as essential as medical intervention itself. For India, and especially for states with recurring exposure to emerging diseases, this episode should prompt reflection rather than reassurance. Surveillance systems cannot be strengthened only after detection. Training, laboratory capacity, wildlife monitoring, and hospital infection control must function continuously, not reactively. Preparedness is invisible when it works ~ but devastating when absent. The Nipah scare is therefore not just a medical event. It is a reminder of how fragile normalcy remains in an interconnected world. The question is not whether such outbreaks will recur, but whether each one will find the system better prepared than the last. If the current cluster is contained swiftly, it should not be treated as closure, but as warning. Because the true danger of Nipah is not its rarity, but the complacency it exposes when it returns.

NEARLY TWO DECADES OF STALLED NEGOTIATIONS, INDIA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION HAVE FINALLY CROSSED THE THRESHOLD OF A COMPREHENSIVE TRADE AGREEMENT

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi joins hands with President of the European Council António Luís Santos da Costa and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen during a meeting at Hyderabad House, in New Delhi on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. (Photo: IANS/PMO)

After nearly two decades of stalled negotiations, India and the European Union have finally crossed the threshold of a comprehensive trade agreement. The breakthrough did not come suddenly. It arrived because the world around the negotiating table changed faster than the negotiations themselves. The agreement marks a significant moment in India's external economic strategy. Its scale is considerable, linking two of the world's largest markets and reshaping trade flows across manufacturing, services, and investment.

Yet the deeper meaning of the deal lies less in tariff lines and more in timing. Global trade is no longer governed purely by efficiency or comparative advantage. It is increasingly shaped by politics, pressure, and unpredictability. Tariffs have re-emerged as tools of leverage. Supply chains are being redesigned not only for cost, but for trust. In such an environment, economic diversification becomes a strategic necessity rather than a policy preference. For India, the agreement offers exactly that. Access to European markets pro-



vides a counterweight to rising trade uncertainty elsewhere. It reduces overdependence on any single destination and restores competitiveness in several export sectors that have faced mounting external headwinds in recent years. At the same time, the deal reflects a notable shift in India's negotiating posture. New Delhi has traditionally approached free trade agreements with caution, shaped by domestic political sensitivities and concerns over industrial disruption. That caution has not disappeared, but it has evolved. The willingness to commit to phased liberalisation, while protecting sensitive sectors, signals a more confident economy prepared to engage without surrendering policy space. For Europe, the logic is equally strategic. As the continent reassesses long-standing

2,666 Villages of the State to Get Their Own Gram Panchayat Ghar

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Chairs ₹663 Crore Statewide E-Foundation Ceremony for Gram Panchayat Ghar-cum-Talati Awas from a Single Location. State Government's significant decision to realise Prime Minister's vision of 'Saturation Approach' by ensuring all Gram Panchayats in Gujarat have their own Panchayat Ghar.

Chief Minister launches the state-wide 'Mukhyamantri Gramothan Yojana' from Bhadrans in Anand.

Panchayat Minister Shri Rushikesh Patel, Food and Civil Supplies Minister Shri Ramanlal Solanki and Minister of State for Panchayat Shri Sanjaysinh Mahida grace the event.

114 Taluka Headquarters Without Municipalities to Receive Urban-Equivalent Facilities in First Phase of Mukhyamantri Gramothan Yojana.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel * Target to expand the scope of the 'Mukhyamantri Gramothan Yojana' in the coming period to all Gram Panchayats of the state with a population of more than 10,000.

* Through this scheme, the vision of "inclusive and balanced development" between rural and urban areas will be realised through the mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas.

* Mahatma Gandhiji's philosophy of Gram Swaraj has today become a source of inspiration for the resolve of nation building.

Gandhinagar, 30 January 2026: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, while simultaneously performing the e-foundation laying for dedicated Gram Panchayat Ghar-cum-Talati Awas for 2,666 Gram Panchayats of the state from a single location, said that Gujarat is committed to leading village infrastructure development in line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's

vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

In this context, he said that to realise the saturation approach of achieving 100 percent targets given by the Prime Minister in Gujarat, the State

phase of this yojana, 114 villages which are taluka headquarters but do not have municipalities will be covered, and will be provided with urban-equivalent modern facilities such as road infrastructure,

Referring to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who has accelerated the politics of development, the Chief Minister stated that both the scale and speed of development

improve soil health and to resolve to provide a healthy future for the coming generations.

On the occasion of Martyrs' Day (Shaheed Diwas) on 30 January and the death anniversary of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhiji, the Chief Minister paid heartfelt tributes to the revered Gandhiji and respectfully remembered the martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation. He said that Gandhiji had shown the path to making villages independent and self-reliant by giving the message of Gram Swaraj. His philosophy continues to be a source of inspiration for nation building even today.

On this occasion, Panchayat and Rural Housing Minister Shri Rushikesh Patel stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, construction work of 2,666 Gram

Panchayat buildings across the state at a cost of Rs. 663 crore has been undertaken, which will provide a new direction to the development of Gujarat's villages. Further, he congratulated Bhadrans Sarpanch Shri Uday Patel for the holistic development of the village and requested the Sarpanchs of villages from various districts present to take inspiration from Bhadrans village. He stated that to ensure that Sarpanchs and Talati-cum-Mantri across the state can sit at one place and work effectively for village development, Chief Minister has expressed the resolve to construct more than 10,000 modern Gram Secretariats, thereby truly

realising Mahatma Gandhi's saying, "India's soul resides in its villages".

Welcoming the dignitaries present on the occasion, Minister Shri Ramanbhai Solanki said that today is a proud day for rural development in Gujarat. With the e-foundation laying of 2,666 new Gram Panchayats and the launch of the 'Mukhyamantri Gramothan Yojana' in 114 villages, the Government's resolve to deliver facilities to the every citizen is being realised. He expressed happiness over the selection of a people-centric and well-administered village like Bhadrans for the event. He further praised the development model of Bhadrans village, stating that through public cooperation and efficient administration, the village has shown a new path for the state. Especially by introducing a metered system for water, the village has set an excellent example of efficient resource utilisation.

The event was attended by district in-charge Shri Sanjaysinh Mahida, Minister of State for Finance Shri Kamlesh Patel, Member of Parliament Shri Pitesh Patel, District Panchayat President Shri Hasmukh Patel, district leader Sanjay Patel, MLAs Shri Vipul Patel and Shri Yogesh Patel, Principal Secretary of the Panchayat Department Shri Dhananjay Dwivedi, Development Commissioner Hitesh Koya, Collector Shri Praveen Chaudhary, District Development Officer Ms. Devahuti, District Superintendent of Police Shri Gaurav Jasani, Resident Additional Collector Shri R.S. Desai, along with a large number of Sarpanchs from villages of various districts.



Government has taken an ambitious decision to provide all Gram Panchayats of the state with their own Panchayat Ghar-cum-Talati Awas in the coming days.

The Chief Minister expressed confidence on the occasion that with the construction of Gram Panchayat buildings-cum-Talati residences in these 2,666 villages at a total cost of Rs. 663 crore, rural citizens will be able to easily access government services at the local level.

He also performed the statewide launch of the 'Mukhyamantri Gramothan Yojana' in the presence of Panchayat Minister Shri Rushikesh Patel, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies Shri Ramanlal Solanki, Minister of State for Panchayats and Rural Development Shri Sanjaysinh Mahida, and other dignitaries.

He said that in the first access translates into real opportunity. Managing adjustment costs will be as important as celebrating headline numbers. What this

water supply, sanitation, solar street lights, e-Gram services, community halls, and more.

He added that with the objective of reducing the burden on cities and ensuring that villages receive facilities similar to cities, the State Government aims to cover Gram Panchayats with a population of more than 10,000 under the 'Mukhyamantri Gramothan Yojana' in the coming period. As a result, the gap between rural and urban development will reduce, and the mantra given by the Prime Minister of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas will be realised through inclusive and balanced development.

have increased. To balance the growing pressure of urbanisation in cities, special planning is being undertaken by placing rural development at the centre. Such a focused programme for the upliftment of Gram Panchayats is being implemented in the state for the first time.

Chief Minister said that special efforts are being undertaken for rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge under the "Catch the Rain" campaign for water conservation. A special grant of Rs. 50 lakh has been allocated to each MLA so that recharge systems can be created at the local level. He appealed to everyone to adopt cow-based natural farming to

Remember Gandhi for the relevance of his thoughts

(Gns). Nearly eight decades have passed since the death of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, yet the resonance of his life remains undimmed. As we observe Martyrdom Day on January 30, we remember the Father of the Nation not as a static figure of the past, but as a living conscience. He taught us that true liberation is never won through political maneuvering alone. It is a moral victory, forged in the crucible of character and truth. This day of January 30 must also go beyond mere ritual.

It requires a renewed commitment to his core philosophy, which is that any movement for liberty is hollow if it is not anchored in a moral foundation. For Gandhi, the political was always a reflection of the spiritual. And we are again and again challenged to re-engage with his most profound insight. Gandhi often remarked that whatever impact his life's work had on Indians was rooted in the conviction that patriotism and ethics are inseparable. He believed that a nation's freedom cannot be achieved through brute force alone. It must be won through a radical internal transformation which, in a broader sense, is an awakening of conscience as much as a mobilization of masses.

This, he felt, was the deeper contribution of his leadership. "I claim of non-violence that it is infinitely greater than and superior to brute force," he said, adding that, "the soul force which is non-violence is infinitely subtler and stronger than the material force of physical violence." Before Gandhi rose to national prominence, the idea of patriotism in India was (often) constrained to elites ~ lawyers, journalists, and urban reformers who articulated grievances in courts

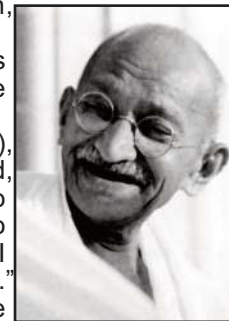
and newspapers. Grassroots support existed, but it was sporadic and reactive. Gandhi's genius was to make patriotism inclusive, active, and moral ~ a lived reality for peasants, workers, women, and students alike.

In his famous appeal during the Champaran Satyagraha (1917), Gandhi announced, "I am prepared to die, but there is no cause for which I am prepared to kill." In these words we find the core paradox of his method: courage without violence, sacrifice without retaliation, resistance without hatred. This was not a tactical compromise. It was a strategic affirmation of the moral dignity of the individual. As the historian and editor of the 'Modern Review', Ramananda Chatterjee observed, Gandhi "transformed nationalism from a political sentiment into a moral force". He did not shy away from the word patriotism ~ rather, he expanded its meaning.

For Gandhi, true patriotism demanded a willingness to stand not only against oppression, but against the inner tyranny of ego, greed, and hatred. "A nation's greatness is measured," he asserted, "by how it treats its weakest members." Here was a nationalism that did not sleepwalk into rage, but reflected deeply on the ethical quality of its ends.

Central to Gandhi's philosophy was ahimsa (non-violence) ~ not as a passive avoidance of harm, but as an active, dynamic force shaped by the ancient wisdom of Vedanta. From the Upanishads he drew the fundamental insight that Atman (the essential Self) is one in all beings. If the divine spark is present in every person, then to harm

another is to harm the Self. "Non-violence," Gandhi taught, "is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind." It was a force that did not capitulate to fear, but triumphed over it. Thomas Weber aptly captured this dimension when he wrote that Gandhi's non-violence was "not the expression of weakness, but the embodiment of ethical power."



In the mass movements of Non-Cooperation (1920-22), Civil Disobedience (1930-34), and the Quit India Movement (1942), millions were motivated not by threats of violence, but by a shared conviction in the moral inevitability of justice. When Gandhi spoke of his work multiplying patriotism "tenfold,"

he was drawing attention to a qualitative shift in the national psyche. Patriotism under colonial rule could easily have degenerated into resentment, or even aggressive nationalism. Instead, Gandhi's leadership cultivated a patriotism grounded in self-respect, mutual respect, and universal compassion. Consider the Salt March of 1930. Seventy-eight days and nearly 240 miles of walking from Sabarmati to Dandi, crossing one after another district and village.

What began as a protest against a tax on salt became an embodied declaration of collective self-worth. Thousands, inspired by Gandhi's example, made salt from seawater in defiance of colonial law. They did so not with swords in their hands, but with a sense of moral clarity that resonated across villages, towns, and hamlets. It was a pure voluntary movement, where Gandhi invoked the

spirit of oneness in calling upon 'world sympathy in the battle of right against might'. The historian Ramachandra Guha remarks that Gandhi's movements "brought millions of Indians out of private sorrow into public action." They became stakeholders in the freedom struggle not merely as subjects of a political demand, but as co-creators of a moral destiny. Patriotism was no longer an abstract slogan. It was a shared ethical resolve to assert human dignity, truth, and justice. One of the most enduring misinterpretations of Gandhi's philosophy is the idea that non-violence is synonymous with passivity or weakness. In his own words, Gandhi dispelled this notion that "Non-violence and truth are inseparable and presuppose courage ~ courage that goes to the root of one's being." The American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., deeply influenced by Gandhi, aptly summarized this paradox of strength through non-violence: "Non-violence is not sterile passivity, but a powerful moral force which makes for social transformation." King's own struggle in the United States would later prove the universality of Gandhi's vision: that ethical force has the capacity to awaken hearts and transform societies. As we commemorate Gandhi's martyrdom, the question before us is not merely historical gratitude, but contemporary relevance.

What does Gandhi's fusion of non-violence with Vedantic strength mean in a world still riven by conflict, polarization, and injustice? One answer is found in Gandhi's own definition of truth that "Truth is God, but God is not a thing apart from everyday life; He is realized in relationships with others."

WESTERN RAILWAY AGM SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR TO LOOK AFTER THE DUTIES OF GENERAL MANAGER DULY ASSUMING THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL POWERS OF GM Shri Pradeep Kumar

Mumbai, Shri Pradeep Kumar, Additional General Manager, Western Railway, has assumed the Administrative and Financial powers of General Manager, Western Railway as delegated by the Railway Board, with effect from 29th January, 2026.

Shri Pradeep Kumar is a senior officer of the Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineering (IRSME), 1989 batch, with an illustrious career spanning over three decades in

Indian Railways. He has since served with distinction across various Zonal Railways including Western Railway, South Eastern Railway (SER), East Coast Railway (ECoR) and South East Central Railway (SECR), holding several key and responsible positions.

Shri Pradeep Kumar's wide-ranging experience includes important assignments such as Production Engineer at Carriage

Workshop, Ajmer; Divisional Mechanical Engineer (Carriage & Wagon), Kota; Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Vadodara; Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer (Planning), WR; Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer (Workshop), WR; and Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer (Production) at Carriage Repair Workshop, Mumbai. He has also worked as Sr. EDPM and Deputy Chief

Mechanical Engineer (Repair) at Wagon Repair Shop, Kota.

Shri Kumar has held strategic leadership positions including Chief Rolling Stock Engineer, South Eastern Railway, Kolkata; Senior Professor at Indian Railway Institute of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering (IRIMEE), Jamalpur; Divisional Railway Manager, Sambalpur Division of East Coast Railway and Principal Chief Safety Officer, South East Central Railway.



WESTERN RAILWAY COMMISSIONS KAVACH 4.0 ON VIRAR-SURAT-VADODARA SECTION

Mumbai, Train No. 20907 Dadar-Bhuj Sayajinagri Express becomes the first KAVACH equipped train to be run from Mumbai

Major Leap in Train Safety as Indigenous Protection System Goes Live for Passenger Services

Reinforcing its unwavering commitment to passenger safety and operational excellence, Western Railway has commissioned KAVACH Version 4.0, the

indigenously developed train protection system, for passenger services over the 344 km Virar-Surat-Vadodara section. On 30th January, 2026 a historic milestone was achieved with Train No. 20907, Dadar-Bhuj Sayajinagri Express, becoming the first KAVACH equipped train to run from Mumbai. This marks a significant step in the deployment of advanced safety technology over the Western Railway network.

According to a press release issued by the Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, the KAVACH technology has been commissioned over 344 km of the Virar-Surat-Vadodara section. Over



(Left) Shri Pradeep Kumar, General Manager (Looking After) of Western Railway, along with senior officials of Western Railway at the commissioning of KAVACH version 4.0. at Dadar (WR) railway station. (Right) KAVACH device installed in the locomotive of Train No. 20907, Dadar-Bhuj Sayajinagri Express. Illrd Illustrative diagram of the working of the indigenously developed KAVACH system, highlighting the seamless integration of onboard, trackside and station-level components for automated train protection.

this corridor, KAVACH has been implemented covering 49 stations, supported by 57 radio communication towers, and about 700 km of optical fibre cable. KAVACH acts as an additional layer of safety to minimize risks arising from human error by preventing signal passing at danger, over-speeding and collisions, while also enhancing operational safety during adverse weather and low-visibility conditions through features such as auto-whistling at level crossings and in-cab signal aspect repetition. Western Railway had earlier commissioned the KAVACH system on the Vadodara-Ahmedabad section in December 2025.

With the commissioning of the Virar-Vadodara section, a total of 435 route kilometres on Western Railway has been commissioned with KAVACH as on date.

Shri Vineet further stated that KAVACH technology, developed indigenously by Indian Railways, is a technologically advanced and cost-effective safety solution, symbolising Atmanirbhar Bharat in railway safety systems.

In addition to the sections already commissioned, KAVACH works is progressing rapidly on several other sections of Western Railway covering 2667 route kilometres, at an approximate cost of ₹1435 crore. Apart from

this, further works on 2476 route kilometres have been proposed for sanction, highlighting the scale and momentum of the programme. With phased execution underway, Western Railway is steadily moving towards extending KAVACH across its entire Broad Gauge network, reaffirming its long-term commitment to comprehensive rail safety enhancement.

With sustained progress in deploying advanced safety systems across its network, Western Railway continues to move decisively towards building a safer, more reliable and future-ready railway system for the nation.

"I Am Not Going Anywhere": Shashi Tharoor Reaffirms Loyalty to Congress Ahead of Kerala Polls

(Gns). Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor has firmly put to rest speculation about his future in the party, making it clear that he has no intention of leaving the Congress and will play a leading role in the upcoming Kerala Assembly elections.

The Thiruvananthapuram MP spoke a day after holding a lengthy meeting with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi in Parliament. Addressing reporters, Tharoor stressed that his focus is now squarely on strengthening the United Democratic Front (UDF) and helping the alliance return to power in Kerala. Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor confirmed

he will remain in the party and play a leading role in the upcoming Kerala Assembly elections, following a meeting with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi, focusing on strengthening the United Democratic Front (UDF). Tharoor addressed concerns about his position and internal party discipline, emphasizing his commitment to the Congress's inclusive and secular values and aligning with the party's official stance. "I am in the Congress and I am not going anywhere," Tharoor said bluntly when asked about exit rumours. He added that he would be "at the forefront" of the Congress campaign in the state and would

actively work for the UDF's victory in the Assembly polls.

Tharoor also sought to clarify his position on inter-

Praising Rahul Gandhi, Tharoor described him as a leader with a clear ideological position, particularly in opposing communal politics. He said his own public interventions have consistently aligned with inclusive and secular values, which remain central to the Congress's vision.

At the same time, Tharoor questioned why his commitment to the party is repeatedly scrutinised "Why is this question asked only to me?" he said, insisting that his long association with the Congress should speak for itself.

The clarification comes amid reports of unease within the Kerala Congress unit. Tharoor had earlier expressed discomfort over being sidelined at certain party events and had skipped a key strategy



Who Was PT Usha's Husband? V Srinivasan Passes Away at 63, PM Modi Expressed His Condolences

(Gns). V Srinivasan, the husband of athlete and Rajya Sabha MP PT Usha, passed away on Friday, January 30, at the age of 67, leading to condolences from political and sporting communities; Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to PT Usha. The former central government employee was a source of support for PT Usha's career and family.

He was 67 years old. His sudden death has led to an outpouring of condolences from political leaders and members of the sporting community.

Sudden Collapse at Home According to family sources, Srinivasan collapsed unexpectedly at



their residence late at night. He was immediately rushed to a nearby private hospital, but doctors were unable to revive him despite prompt medical attention. His death was declared shortly after arrival.

Srinivasan was a native of Ponnani and had been living with his family in Kerala. The sudden nature of his passing has left fam-

ily members and well-wishers in deep shock. Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally called PT Usha to express his condolences. Officials said the Prime Minister spoke to her at length and offered words of comfort during this difficult time.

A former central govern-

ment employee, Srinivasan was widely known as a strong pillar of support in PT Usha's life. He stood by her through her celebrated athletics career, her leadership role as President of the Indian Olympic Association, and her entry into politics as a Rajya Sabha member.

Friends and colleagues often described him as her motivator and anchor, who quietly supported her achievements behind the scenes. The couple is survived by their son, Ujjwal. PT Usha, fondly known as the "Queen of Indian Track and Field," continues to receive messages of support and sympathy from across the country as she mourns the loss of her life partner.

BJP prepares for 2027 UP Assembly elections: 2nd Phase of survey to assess MLAs' performance

(Gns). The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has intensified its preparations for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections.

The party is soon going to launch the second phase of a survey to assess the ground-level performance of its MLAs and potential candidates, as well as the public discontent stemming from the Manikarnika Ghat incident in Prayagraj, Shankaracharya issue in Prayagraj, and the UGC bill.

According to sources, this new survey will begin in the second or third week of February. Significantly, the second phase of the survey will be conducted through a different, independent agency, while the report of the first phase is already with the party leadership. The reports from both agencies will be compared to draw conclusions, ensuring there is no scope left for any bias. The BJP has adopted this 'double survey model' for this very purpose.

Under this survey, the BJP will assess all 403 assembly constituencies in

the state. The seats of its alliance partners will also be included in the survey. Special attention will be

places and from various sections of society. According to party sources, the survey will

is in a strong position for the 2027 elections. According to sources, more than 400 survey agents will be working for the assembly elections. The survey agents include political science students from Delhi University, and students from IIM Lucknow and IIT Kanpur.

A senior state official of the BJP said that conducting the survey through professionals helps in understanding the nuances of issues related to candidates, constituencies, social dynamics, internal dissent, and other matters. The official said, "The second phase of the survey will also include various other issues. It will assess the potential damage caused by the controversy surrounding the alleged vandalism at Manikarnika Ghat, Shankaracharya Avimuktshwaranand's protest against the government in Prayagraj, and the discontent among the general public against the central and state governments due to the recent UGC controversy."

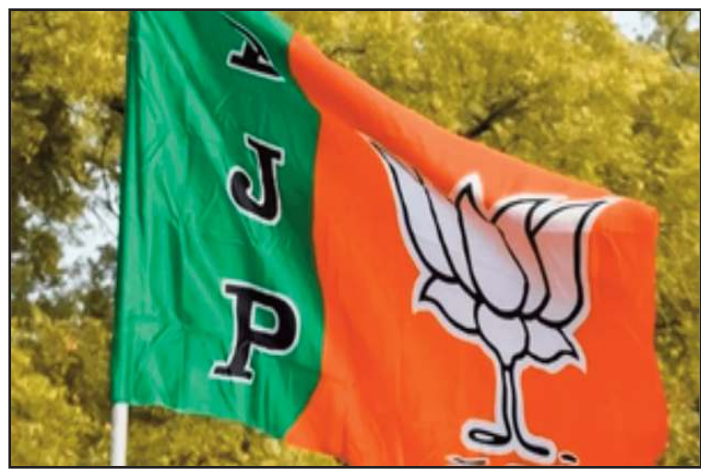
The BJP leadership is keen to understand the ground realities through this survey and make necessary changes in a timely manner to ensure the party

conduct a detailed assessment of the image, public relations, working style, and popularity of the MLAs and potential candidates. The party is preparing to further refine its organisational and electoral strategy by taking feedback from key segments such as youth, women, traders, doctors, and teachers.

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right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution.

The directions apply to all schools, whether government-run or privately controlled, and are linked to the effective implementation of the Centre's Menstrual Hygiene Policy for School-going Girls.



paid to the assembly constituencies where the RLD, Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP), Apna Dal (S), and Nishad Party have influence, sources within the party confirmed. During the survey, feedback will be collected not only from MLAs but also from lower-level officials in the districts. In addition, conversations will be held with Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) workers, and opinions will be gathered from the general public in public

Supreme Court Orders Free Sanitary Pads, Toilets And Spare Uniforms For Schoolgirls Across India

(Gns). The Supreme Court mandated that all states and Union Territories provide free biodegradable sanitary pads to schoolgirls, recognizing menstrual hygiene as a fundamental right under Article 21, and directed all schools to

ensure separate toilets, water, and spare uniforms for girls in classes 6 to 12. Switch To Shorts

In a ruling delivered on Friday, the top court ordered all states and Union Territories to ensure that biodegradable sanitary pads are provided free of



cost to schoolgirls, recognising menstrual hygiene as an essential part of the

Manoj Tiwari blends folk music, memories at Banaras Literature Festival

(Gns). When Bhojpuri singer, actor, and Member of Parliament Manoj Tiwari took to the stage at the Sur Pravah on Friday, during the fourth edition of the Banaras Literature Festival, the entire atmosphere was imbued with the fragrance of Bhojpuri soil.

Folk melodies, memories, and engaging conversation—the three elements blended seamlessly, leaving the audience swaying and humming along.

Manoj Tiwari began his performance with a devotional song dedicated to Lord Shiva. Following this, "Ae Raja Ji..." and the popular "Rinkiya Ke Papa..."

He said, "No matter

filled the auditorium with applause and smiles.



Between songs, he engaged in heartfelt conversations with the audience, addressing

He said, "No matter

which village or region you come from, maintain your

he humorously remarked, "My English has improved now," which elicited laughter from the audience. While explaining the purpose behind the song "Rinkiya Ke Papa," he also shed light on the social role of folk songs.

Recounting an anecdote from his trip to Suriname, he emotionally sang the song—"Tor Mor Lava Milaye Sakhi..."—giving voice to the memories and roots of the Bhojpuri diaspora.

This session at BLF-4 was not merely a musical performance, but a strong bridge connecting Bhojpuri identity, folk culture, and the new generation.

India, EU to jointly shape next-generation telecom through Bharat 6G Alliance and EU's 6G-IA: Scindia

(Gns). Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia on Thursday said that India and the European Union (EU) have agreed to work closely to shape the future of next-generation telecom technologies through a collaboration between the Bharat 6G Alliance and the 6G Smart Networks and Services Industry Association (6G-IA).

In a post on social media platform X, the minister said, "India and the EU now join hands to herald the next generation of telecom. In a major boost to global connectivity, India and the European Union join forces through the

Bharat 6G Alliance and 6G SNS IA to shape the future of 6G."

He said the collaboration will focus on advancing cutting-edge research in

6G technologies while ensuring that next-generation telecom networks are secure, trusted, and resilient.

The initiative aims to

support the creation of a future-ready and resilient global digital ecosystem that will benefit citizens, industry, and the wider international community.

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A government that cannot protect cows has no right to call itself Hindu: Shankaracharya targets Yogi

(Gns). Shankaracharya Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati of Jyotishpeeth on Friday issued a stern warning to the Uttar Pradesh government and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath over cow protection. He said the government had been given 40 days to reconsider its policies on cow protection. If the cow is not accorded the status of 'State Mother' and a complete ban is not imposed on the export of cattle within this period, he warned, the consequences would be serious. Speaking to the media here, the Shankaracharya said, "A government that cannot protect cows has no right to call itself Hindu—especially a Yogi who claims to be the Mahant of

the sacred seat of Guru Gorakhnath." Addressing Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, speeches or saffron robes; its real test lies in service to the cow and the protection of Dharma."



he said, "You asked us for our certificate, and we readily gave it, because truth is not afraid of proof. Now it is time for you to provide proof of your 'Hindu' identity. Sanatani society now demands evidence of your being a Hindu. Being a Hindu is not limited to

The Shankaracharya laid down two clear conditions: the cow should be given official status as 'State Mother', as the Maharashtra government has done for indigenous cows and as Nepal has accorded the cow the status of a national animal; and a government order should be issued imposing a complete ban on the export of cattle. He warned, "If these demands are not met within 40 days, a congregation of saints from across the country will be held on the sacred land of Lucknow on March 10 and 11. At that gathering, the government will be declared 'fake Hindu' and 'pseudo-Hindu'. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will also be declared 'Kalmesi'."

Truck rams into car in MP, 4 killed

(Gns). In a fatal road accident suspected to have been caused by low visibility due to dense fog, a truck rammed into a car from behind, killing all four occupants in the Maharajpura area of Gwalior district in Madhya Pradesh on Friday morning. According to the police, the car occupants were residents of Bhind and were going towards Gwalior. The fatal mishap

occurred on the Gwalior-Bhind highway near a roadside eatery at around 8 am. The car (MP-07-ZF-5193) was being driven by Saurabh Sharma (23), a resident of Mehgaon, who was going to Gwalior to appear in an exam. The other occupants included Jyoti Yadav, Bhure Prajapati, and another person. The truck, coming at a



high speed from behind, rammed into the car near the eatery. All four car occupants were killed on the spot, and

the vehicle was badly mangled. On receiving information, the police reached the spot. A crane had to be called in to retrieve the bodies from the car. The truck driver fled the spot after the mishap. The police sent the bodies for postmortem and informed the families of the deceased. Police said efforts were on to identify and nab the truck driver.

A group of 45 civil servants from Cambodia held talks with chiefs and gram panchayat members

Mathura. A group of 45 civil servants from Cambodia visited Gram Panchayat Block Development Officer Govardhan along with Bhupendra Singh Visht Associates Professor and CCG for the purpose of training on the subject of Public Policy and Governance. During the visit, along with obtaining information about the three-tier Panchayati Raj system, talks were held with the head Gram Panchayat and members of the Gram Panchayat. The tour team was told by District Panchayat Raj Officer Dhananjay Jaiswal that in the Gram Panchayat, the first unit of development in the state, the government schemes are implemented and operated by the elected public representative Pradhan, Member Gram

Panchayat and government Officer Secretary Gram Panchayat. In every Gram Panchayat, there is a system of Panchayat Commission for the development of the Gram Panchayat, according to the population and area of the Gram Panchayats obtained

in proportion. Ms. Neha Rawat, Block Development Officer informed the tour group about the MNREGA scheme for empowerment and employment of women by self-help groups. Secretary Gram Panchayat Yatendra Sharma gave the

tour group a Tulsi garland produced by the group as a gift. A member of the tour group was asked how the group markets its products. Block Development Officer told that sales are done through local market and e-commerce platform, Amazon etc. Students of Archery Sports Academy and Digital Library run in Gram Panchayat were talked to. Students of Archery Sports Academy are participating in competitions at national and international level. Dream Studio of Gram Panchayat was also inspected. The District Panchayat Raj Officer gave photographs of Gram Panchayat's YouTube channel and studios to the tour group as souvenirs. Arun Kumar Updhyay, Project Director UPDRDA was also present along with the tour team.



Members of a group of civil servants talking.

ARTO conducted awareness rally at toll plaza, inspected pollution testing centers

(Gns). Mathura On the 30th day of Road Safety Month, under the leadership of Rajesh Rajput Senior Assistant Divisional Transport Officer, Naresh Chaudhary Divisional Inspector Technical, a thorough inspection of the Pollution Control Centers (PUC Centers) operated in different areas of the district was conducted. In which they examined the pollution testing process and the accuracy of the machines. RI Naresh Chaudhary checked the calibration status of the machines being used at the testing centers to ensure

that the measurement of smoke emitted from vehicles is accurate. The



During inspection, Divisional Inspector Technical Naresh Chaudhary and others

records of licenses, validity certificates and test reports of pollution testing centers were closely scrutinized by him, along with inspection, vehicle owners were motivated to get timely pollution tests done and follow road safety rules. Rajesh Rajput, Senior Assistant Divisional

Transport Officer, said, "Road safety is not just limited to helmets or seat belts, ing or ignores the standards, its license will be cancelled. In this sequence, a car rally and awareness campaign related to road safety was organized at Mont Toll Plaza of Yamuna Expressway, in which Mr. Ashish Sharma Area Officer (Traffic), Mr. Rajesh Rajput Senior Assistant Divisional Transport Officer (Enforcement First-Team), Mr. Satendra Kumar Singh Assistant Divisional Transport Officer (Enforcement Second Team) and officers and employees of toll plaza were present. Local citizens, youth and voluntary organizations participated enthusiastically in this car rally.

UGC row: Government committed to 'justice for all', says BJP

(Gns). The BJP on Friday refrained from making any comment on the University Grants Commission's con- zontroversial caste equity rules asserting that it will not allow injustice to be done to anyone. "The government is committed to ensuring justice for all," BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi told media persons on a question regarding the regulation.

Asked for the BJP's view on the issue, Trivedi

es, calling the framework "prima facie vague" that can

appropriate to comment on it. However, one thing is very clear, it is the party's view that we will not allow injustice to be done to anyone," he said, adding: "Our government is committed to ensuring justice for all."



have "very sweeping consequences" and may end up dividing the society with a "dangerous impact".

the Supreme Court on Thursday stayed the recent UGC equity regulations on preventing caste-based discrimination on campus-

"This Is Why Democracy Is Still Alive" : 165th Edition of Literary Meet 'Srijan' Held at UP Press Club

Lucknow. The 165th edition of the traditional literary meet 'Srijan', jointly organized by the UP Press Club and Uttar Pradesh Sahitya Sabha, was successfully held today in a dignified atmosphere. Organized on the occasion of Republic Day, the poetry session featured creative works centered on the themes of the nation, democracy, equality, and constitutional values.



by Pooja Srivastava. Founder of Srijan, Sarvesh Asthana, while addressing the gathering, stated that "the true meaning of democracy lies in equality, not in building walls. It is the responsibility of writers and intellectuals to establish the realm of equality through literature." During the poetry recitations, Dr. Rudramani presented his poem, stating—"I have come to sing the glory of Devbhoomi Bharat. And to revive the ideals that have faded with time." Poet Yogi Yogesh received special appreciation for his lines—"The sweet mantra of national interest lives in every heart,"

MP Governor pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his death anniversary

(Gns). Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel on Friday paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his death anniversary, offering salutations at the portrait of the Father of the Nation.

Justice Lokayukta Satendra Kumar Singh also paid floral tribute to Gandhi.

On the Martyrs' Day, Mangubhai Patel, along with other officers and employees of Lok Bhavan, offered floral tributes at the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi and paid heartfelt homage to martyrs by observing silence.

Madhya Pradesh



Expert speaker at Sanskriti University explained the efficient use of natural resources

Mathura. A fruitful guest lecture program was organized by Sanskriti School of Agriculture on the topic "Efficient Utilization of Natural Resources through Crop Diversification in Changing Climate". The key speaker of the program was Dr. Sain Das, former director of Directorate of Maize Research (ICAR), Ludhiana. San Das stressed the urgent need for efficient use of natural resources through crop diversification as a key strategy to meet the challenges posed by climate change.

important role in reducing risks, conserving soil and water, improving farm



Dr. Sain Das, former Director, Directorate of Maize Research (ICAR), Ludhiana, addressing the students on the topic "Efficient Utilization of Natural Resources through Crop Diversification in Changing Climate" in the Auditorium of Sanskriti University. Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. sitting on the stage MB Chetty, Dr. Kanchan Singh, Dean of Sanskriti School of Agriculture.

income and enhancing resilience to climate stress. He further emphasized that diversification towards climate-resilient crops, including maize, millet, pulses and beans, not only

improves nutrition security, but also contributes to soil health through better nutrition in different agro-climatic zones. At the conclusion of his address, DrSan Das commented that crop diversification is not just a choice, but a necessity to ensure sustainable agriculture, food security and livelihood resilience in the era of climate change. The program was inaugurated by Dr. Dean, School of Agriculture Kanchan Singh, who highlighted the distinguished speaker's extensive experience in research and development. Vice Chancellor, Dr. M.B. Chetty honored the speaker and appreciated his efforts to inspire the next generation of agriculture professionals. Pro-V.C., DrRaghuram Bhatt shared his extensive experience in agriculture with the participants. The lecture was concluded by Vice-Chancellor Dr. M.B. Chetty, who expressed his gratitude to the speakers, organizers and attendees for making the event a success

Flipkart's 'Crafted by Bharat' Sale to Put the Spotlight on Women-led Enterprises and Artisans This Republic Day

Lucknow, 30 Jan 2026: Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, today announced the eleventh edition of its flagship Samarth sale event, 'Crafted by Bharat' 2026, to be held on January 26, 2026, celebrating India's 77th Republic Day. The sale will see the creation of a dedicated Crafted by Bharat storefront on Flipkart's app and web, showcasing 200+ traditional art forms such as Warli, Patachitra, Madhubani, Pichwai and terracotta, besides toys handcrafted from soft ivory wood alongside wooden crafts, hand- looms and regional paintings, by 2,300+ artisans, weavers and small entrepreneurs, each rooted in

India's local culture and heritage. Anchored in Flipkart Samarth, a flagship program, launched in 2019 with the vision of uplifting the underserved communities, this edition of

along with local businesses from across the country, positively impacting over 1.9 million livelihoods. With the addition of over 300



Crafted by Bharat Sale places a special spotlight on women-led enterprises from Tier-2 and Tier-3 regions, including Kannauj, Bhuj, Bhadohi, Hathras, Hisar, Madurai, Chitrakoot, Ramanagara, Ghazipur, Ujjain, Churu and Ratangarh, while celebrating the rich legacy of Indian craftsmanship. The event will see active participation from government and private brands,

new sellers this year, the sale is expected to offer customers richer and genuine handcrafted products from artisans in all corners of India across categories such as furniture, furnishings, home décor, kitchenware, apparel and lifestyle products. Aligned with Flipkart's broader strategy to empower MSMEs and artisans to take advantage of e-commerce in building long-term digital business-

es, the Republic Day edition of Crafted by Bharat will provide sellers with a pan-India customer base with optimised pricing support, platform-led promotions and dedicated assistance. Aprajeeta, CraftcartIndia (Seller on Flipkart platform) said, "In an online world flooded with mass-produced replicas, the 'Samarth' tag tells our customers that they are supporting a genuine homegrown business and purchasing authentic handmade decor. Being a first generation entrepreneur and having bootstrapped Craftcart, we didn't have fancy budgets like an established corporate retailer.