



Delhi CM Rekha Gupta speaks during a felicitation programme organised to mark International Women's Day at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium PTI

## Mahila Samridhi Yojana gets green signal in Delhi

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

Rekha Gupta-led BJP government in Delhi on Saturday approved the 'Mahila Samridhi Yojana' a welfare scheme aimed at providing monthly financial assistance of ₹2,500 each to poor women, with a Budget allocation of ₹5,100 Crore. Opposition Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) slammed the delay in fulfilling the promise made in the run up to the Assembly elections last month. Announced on International Women's Day, the decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by the Chief Minister Rekha Gupta. The scheme will be overseen by a committee of three ministers led by Gupta. It is estimated that 20-25 Lakh women will benefit from the scheme. The formal announcement was made by BJP National President JP Nadda at an event organised by the BJP Mahila

Morcha at Jawaharlal Nehru stadium to mark the Women's Day after the Delhi Cabinet meeting at Delhi Secretariat. The Delhi government, in a statement following the announcement, said a committee of three ministers Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma, Kapil Mishra and Ashish Sood has been formed for implementation of the scheme. The committee will also decide the criteria and other things of the scheme. The scheme will leverage advanced technology to ensure transparency, efficiency, and seamless disbursement of financial benefits. Aadhaar-based e-KYC will be used. The application process is linked to the Aadhaar numbers of the applicants. Eligible applications are required to provide details such as name, location, address and bank account linked with the Aadhaar card, along with

information about family members. "This initiative is a step towards fulfilling our promise to the women of Delhi. By providing direct financial assistance, we are ensuring economic security, greater independence and empowerment for women across the city. This scheme is not just a financial benefit but a commitment to building a stronger, more self-reliant community of women in Delhi," it added. The eligible beneficiaries should be the residents of Delhi and should be between the ages of 18-60, with a family income less than ₹3 Lakh per annum and are non-tax payers. The scheme cannot be availed by government employees or any individual already getting financial help from other schemes run by the government like widow pension, old age pension or any similar assistance.

## India agreed to cut tariffs 'way down': Donald Trump



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting with US President Donald Trump at the White House in Washington PTI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New York/Washington

US President Donald Trump said that India has agreed to cut its tariffs "way down" as he reiterated his claim that the country charges America massive tariffs that make it difficult to sell products there. "Our country, from an economic standpoint and financial standpoint and a trade standpoint, has been absolutely ripped off by almost every country in the world," Trump said in remarks from the Oval Office on Friday. "Canada, Mexico and then you just go right down the line. India charges us massive tariffs, massive, you can't even sell anything into India. It's almost, it's almost restrictive. It is restrictive. We do very little business inside," he said. "They've agreed, by the way, they want to cut their tariffs way down now because somebody's finally exposing them for what they've done. And the same thing with China, same thing with a lot of other countries, and the EU has been a terrible abuser of this

country," Trump added. Trump's comments came following Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal's visit to the US for trade talks with his counterpart Howard Lutnick. This was the third time this week that Trump has criticised the high tariffs charged by India. On Thursday, Trump said India is a very high-tariff nation and reiterated that reciprocal tariffs on countries that impose levies on American goods will kick in on April 2. In his address to the joint session of Congress on Tuesday, the first of his second term in the White House, Trump criticised the high tariffs charged by India and other countries and termed them as "very unfair". Addressing lawmakers from the US Capitol, Trump announced that reciprocal tariffs will kick in next month. In the past, Trump has called India a "tariff king" and a "big abuser". Last month, during a joint press conference with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the White House, Trump said that India has "been very strong on tariffs".

## Death penalty for forced conversion in Madhya Pradesh

GIRISH SHARMA ■ Bhopal

In a move that has intensified political debates and ideological clashes, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has vowed to introduce the death penalty for those found guilty of forced religious conversions. The announcement, made on International Women's Day, underscores the BJP's escalating campaign against what it terms 'love jihad', a controversial narrative alleging a conspiracy to convert Hindu women under the pretense of marriage. "Our government is committed to protecting our daughters from forced conversions. Such individuals have no right to live in society. Through the Religious Freedom Act, we are working towards introducing the death penalty for those guilty of such crimes," Yadav declared, making it clear that his administration intends to take stringent action against religious conversions deemed coerced. The Congress, has strongly criticised the move, with party MLA Arif Masood accusing the BJP of exploiting religious sentiments and selectively targeting minority communities. "Is the government trying to alter the very essence of the Indian Constitution? If forced conversion is a concern, the law should apply equally to all religions. However, BJP's pattern of targeting a particular community is evident. There are multiple cases of missing girls from various religious backgrounds in Bhopal alone, yet the focus remains singularly on Muslims," Masood argued. Legal experts and civil rights activists have also raised concerns over the proportionality of the proposed punishment. While the existing Madhya Pradesh Religious Freedom Act, enacted in 2021, already imposes strict penalties including up to 10 years imprisonment and an ₹50,000 fine the proposed amendment could set a precedent for capital punishment in cases of religious conversion, a move that has little legal precedent in democratic societies.

## Women empowerment is soul of India: PM Modi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Ahmedabad

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said his government has given topmost priority to women's safety and framed stricter laws and rules to prevent crimes against them, besides making a provision for capital punishment to those indulging in heinous crimes like rape. The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which replaced the colonial-era criminal law (Indian Penal Code), has strengthened the legal provisions related to women's safety and made filing of complaints easier and delivery of justice faster, he said. Addressing a huge gathering at Vansi Borsi village in Navsari district of Gujarat on International Women's Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India is walking on the path of women-led development for rapid progress of the country. A security cover comprising only women police personnel was deployed at the event to mark International Women's Day.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the launch of development works in Navsari, Gujarat PTI

framed within 60 days and verdicts delivered within 45 days, he added. The new laws allow for e-FIRs to be filed from anywhere, making it easier for the police to take immediate action. Under the provision of zero FIR, any woman can file

an FIR at any police station if she faces atrocities, the Prime Minister said. The police can now record the statements of rape victims through audio-visual medium, which has been legally recognised, he added.

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**I Vijay Kumar s/o Sh.** Kartar Chand & Shashi Bala w/o Sh. Vijay Kumar r/o Village Gumthala Rao, Tehsil Radaur, Distt Yamunanagar state that my son Sidharth Sharma, his wife Lata & our Grandson Parth is out of our control. So, we disown all of them from our all moveable or immoveable property. If anybody deals with them will be responsible himself.

**We Shiv Ram S/o Late Sh.** Sher Singh & Sudesh Rani W/o Shiv Ram R/o House No 42-P, Babyl Road, Near Guga mari, Dalipgarh, Babyl Tehsil Ambala Cantt Distt inform that our Daughter Vishakha Saini is out of our control. So we disown her from our moveable/immoveable properties. We and our family members will not be responsible for any kind of transaction or legal or illegal work done by her.

**I Meera Devi W/o Munna Prasad R/o H.No. 51-A, Daria, Chandigarh,** declared that my son Deepak and his wife Anisha Gupta both are out of my control, so I disown them from my moveable/ immoveable properties, anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

**I Munna Prasad S/o** Sudarshan Prasad R/o H.No. 51-A, Daria, Chandigarh, declared that my son Deepak and his wife Anisha Gupta both are out of my control, so I disown them from my moveable/ immoveable properties, anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

**मैं लाल कौर पत्नी शैल सिंह निवासी** वाई नंबर 2, रतिया, तहसील रतिया जिला फतेहाबाद हल्कन ब्यान करती हूँ कि मेरा छोटा लड़का जसमन सिंह व उसकी पत्नी जसमन रानी मेरे व मेरे परिवार के कहने-सुनने से बाहर है। मैं उन्हें अपनी चल, अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल करती हूँ। उनसे लेन-देन करने वाला स्वयं जिम्मेवार हूँ। मेरी व मेरे परिवार की कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**I, Gurmeet Singh S/o** Dharam Singh R/o #7701 St.No. 4 Backside ATI College Gill Road (Ludhiana) declare that on my Passport my address is mentioned as #St.No.4 Backside ATI College, Gill Road Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab. That now my address is #7701, St.No. 4 New Guru Angad Dev Colony Backside ATI College, Gill Road Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab.

**I, Moulasab Shiledar S/o** Fakru Sab residing at Qtr No. 125/5, Solanki Line, Jalandhar Cantt-144005, declared that (Saniya M Shiledar) is my real daughter, in school class 7th at Army public School, Jalandhar Cantt her mother name is written as Sainaj MS and father name is written as MOULASAB F.S. which is incorrect, whereas my correct is Moulasab Shiledar and her mother correct name is Sainaj Moulasab Shiledar

**I Army no. 19000166M** Rank Hav. Rajdeep Singh son of major singh resident of Chotian district Bathinda, that in my army records the date of birth of my wife Kuldeep Kaur is recorded as 09-08-1987, which is wrong, her correct date of birth is 18-08-1987, please correct my wife's date of birth 18-08-1987 in my army records. E-stamp No.IN-PB14412374329337X dated 08-03-2025.

### CHANGE OF NAME

It is For General Information That I, Chirag Arora S/O Rajesh Arora R/O Nehru Road, Near Tiyan School, Dist-Bhiwani, Haryana-127021 Declare That The Name Of Mine And My Father And My Mother Have Been Wrongly Written As Chirag And Rajesh Arora Anju In My CBSE Class 10th & 12th Educational Documents. The Actual Name Of Mine And My Father And My Mother Are Chirag Arora And Rajesh Arora Respective Which May Be Amended Accordingly. It is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

**I, Ajayta Singh W/o** Harminder Singh Sidhu R/o House No. 474, Phase-4, Mohali, SAS Nagar, Punjab 160059 have changed my name to Ajayta Singh Sidhu.

**I, Harminder Singh S/o** Narinder Singh R/o House No. 474, Phase-4, Mohali, SAS Nagar, Punjab 160059 have changed my name to Harminder Singh Sidhu.

**I Jasleen Bajwa W/O** Udayvir Singh Shergill House no 9, Village - Moranwali, Tehsil - Malerkotla, District - Malerkotla, have changed my name from Jasleen Bajwa To Jasleen Shergill.

**I, Gurlin Kaur W/O** Chandep Singh Sawhney R/o 277 L, Model Town, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Gurlin Kaur to Gurleen Kaur Sawhney.

I hitherto known as Sheetal Pundir W/O Divvijay Singh R/O Preet Nagar, Barara, Tehsil Barara, Distt. Ambala -133201, Haryana, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sheetal Singh.

**I, Naresh Kumar Garg S/o** Vinod Kumar Garg R/o H No 21, Sector 25, Part 2, Panipat (Haryana) have changed my name from Naresh urf Naresh Garg to Naresh Kumar Garg for future purposes.

**I, Sant Sadhna Puri D/o** Nirbhay Puri R/o 207, Krishna Nagar, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Rajni Bala to Sant Sadhna Puri.

**I, Sashi Garg W/O** Naresh Kumar Garg R/o H.N 21, Sector 25, Part 2, Panipat (Haryana) have changed my name from Sashi urf Shashi to Sashi Garg for future purposes.

**I, Soniya Ghai W/O** Pankaj R/o 56, Ward no. 22, Ashok Nagar, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Soniya Ghai to Soniya.

**I, Vashisht Puri D/o** Swami Anant Parkasha R/o 207, Krishna Nagar, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Rachna Rani to Vashisht Puri.

**I, Sadhana Dhiraj W/O** Rohit Kohari R/o House No.687, Sector 11, Panchkula, Haryana, have changed my name to Sadhana Rohit Kohari.

**I, Narender Bahadur S/o** Padam Bahadur # 437-A Ph-2, Industrial Area, Chandigarh have changed my name to Narendra Kunwar.

**I, Keshav Chhillana S/o** Ashvani Kumar # 588, Street No-4, Nanak Nagari, Abohar, Firozpur have changed my name to Keshav Chhillana.

**I, Ashvani Chhillana S/o** Murari Lal # 588, Street No-4, Nanak Nagari, Abohar, Firozpur have changed my name to Ashvani Kumar.

**I, Parveen Kumar S/o** Paras Ram R/o House no X/1008, Street 2A, Chand Sarai, Jundla Gate, Karnal declare that I have changed my name from Parveen Kumar to Parveen Kumar Saini for all future purpose.

**I, Lissy Pathrose D/o** M.T. Pathrose R/o Little Flower Convent School, Sector 14, Panchkula Haryana have changed my name from Sister Josna to Lissy Pathrose.

**I, Mary A Joseph D/o** Joseph Apeearambal R/o Little Flower Convent School, Sector 14, Panchkula Haryana have changed my name from Mary A Joseph Sr Vandana to Mary A Joseph.

**I, Jagjit Singh S/o** Satnam Singh Dang, R/o # 2020, Sector 23-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Jagjit Singh to Jagjit Singh Dang.

**I, Manoj Kumar Garg s/o** Sh. Raj Kumar Garg r/o # 1484, Modern Colony, Yamunanagar state that Manoj Kumar Garg & Manoj Kumar both are one & same person.

**I, Lal Dev s/o Sh.** Kisun Mehato r/o Village Koharaut, PO Lehaji, Distt Siwan (Bihar) have changed my name from Lal Dev Prasad to Lal Dev. My DOB is 01.01.1967.

**I, Chatter Singh S/o** Rattan Singh R/o Village-Panewa, Tehsil-Kasauli, Distt.Solan (HP) have changed my son name from Neraja to Neraj Panwar.

**I, Sanjna D/o Ram** Kishore Mehra W/o Rajiv Sethi R/o 96, White Enclave (30 Feet), Majitha Road, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Sanjna to Monika Sethi.

**I, Kamaljit Kaur w/o No.** JC-326629F Sub Maj. (H/LT) Mukhtiar Singh R/o Village Gognoli, PO Sahri, Distt. Hoshiarpur 146111 Punjab have changed my name from Kamaljit Kaur to Kamaljit Kaur Toor and my date of birth from 15-07-1962 to 06-10-1962. Concerned note.

**I, Saroj Bala W/o Sh. Sat** Pal Saini, R/o H.No. 536, Sector-05, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Saroj Bala to Saroj Bala Saini.

**I, Geetanji Sahni W/o** Shri Sunil Dhawan R/o H.No. 5559, 1st Floor, D-1 Block, Anshal Sushant City, Panipat Haryana declare that Geetanji Sahni and Geetanji Dhawan is the one and same person. In future I should be known above both names.

**I, Kuldeep Garg S/o Shri** Chaman Lal R/o House No 1358-Sector-10 Ambala City have changed my name from Kudeep Garg to Kuldeep Kumar.

**I, Sonu Kumar S/o Sh.** Najra Ali R/o Mangal Garhi, Barsat Tehsil Gharanda, Distt. Karnal, Declare that in my passport no. T3527574 my name wrongly written as Sonu kumar but my correct name is Sonu Ali concerned please note I have changed my name from Sonu Kumar to Sonu Ali for all future purpose.

**I, Reena Rani alias** Reena W/o Jai Kumar R/o Village-Toda, Panchkula (Haryana) Declare that My husband Surname is Kumar, But I want to add my surname as Rani in my documents.

**I, Anuradha W/o Ravi** Parkash Kansal R/o 747, Sector 17, Huda, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Anuradha to Anuradha Kansal.

**I, Minarva Bhanja W/o** Rank SUB Rajib Kumar Bhanja R/o Aruha, Kanika Pada, jajapur, Odisha-755011 declare that in my husband's Army service documents, my name wrongly recorded as Minarva Samal. My correct name is Minarva Bhanja Vide affidavit No. IN-PB74327019187X Dated 07.03.2025 Before Notary Public, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

**I, Shubham S/o Sumer** Singh R/o Aggarwal Colony Fatehabad Post Office Fatehabad Tehsil and Distric Fatehabad 125050 have changed my name from Shubham to Shubham Sai.

**I, Punam Chhetri D/o Sh** Kubir Chhetri & W/o sh. Prateek Sharma Presently R/o House no #271, Sector 47-A, Chandigarh & Permanent R/o Village Lohara Line, Hatipota, Jayanti Tea garden, Post Hathipotha Distt Jalpaiguri West Bengal have changed my name from Punam Chhetri to Punam Sharma Chhetri after marriage.

**I, Ajay S/o Sh. Satbir** Singh R/o Pana Mudada, Village Murthal, Sonipat have changed my son's name from Yug to Lucky for all future purposes.

**I, Murari Lal S/O Thakar** Dass Bansal R/O H.No. 232, Street Number 5, Aggarsain Colony, Sirdsa-125055 (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Murari Lal To Murari Lal Bansal.

**I, Amarjit Kaur W/O** Swarn Singh R/O 3241, Gali No.1, Azad Nagar, Putilghar, Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Amarjit As Given Name And Kaur As Surname All Concerned Note.

I, hitherto known as Heena W/o Vikram Singh R/o Shyam Colony, Jhansa Road, Kurukshetra, Haryana 136118, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Inna.

**I, Jitender Sangwan S/o** Omprakash, PO, Mandola (74), PO Dhadi Mandola, Distt. Charkhi Dabri 127306, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Jitender to Jitender Sangwan for all future purposes.

**I, Kamla W/o Surender** R/O VPO Sanga Distt. Bhiwani declare that I have changed my name from Kamla to Kamlesh Beniwal for all future purposes.

**I, Raj Rani W/O Rajender** Kumar Pahwa R/o H. No. 2744, 1st Floor, Sector 14 Part II, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Raj Rani to Raj Rani Pahwa for future purpose.

**I, Harman S/O Joga Ram** R/O VTC-Mauli, Phagwara, Kapurthala, Punjab-146632 have changed my name to Harman Chhober.

**I, Army No 4285005W** Name Suresh Lakra R/o Ranto Birker, PO- Birker, PS- Brahmanitarang, District-Sundergarh, State- Odisha, Pin-770037 my Aadhar Card No 5807-6569-9326 declare that in my army service record my wife Sabita Lakra DOB wrongly recorded as 26-06-1993 which is incorrect but her correct and actual DOB is 20-06-1993. My wife Sabita Lakra Aadhar No. 8322-5950-6338, PAN No-AACPX4086D and Board Certificate No is N-054502. Vide affidavit no 74AA118024 Dated 20-02-2025

**I, No 2497368K Narinder** Singh S/o Raghubir Singh R/O VPO Bamial Distt Pathankot , Punjab- 145027 serving in Indian Army (Unit 27 Punjab) C/o 56 APO declare that in my Army Service record, name and DOB of my father wrongly recorded as Raghubir Singh and 01.07.1952. His correct name and DOB are Raghuvir Singh and 01.01.1946. Concerned note.

**I, Sarwan Singh S/o** Jarnail Singh R/O Village Ghuman Kalan Distt Gurdapur have changed my minor daughter's name from Jasmeen Kaur to Jasmeen Kaur. Concerned note.

**I, Hardeep Kour Majotra** W/o Didar Singh R/O New Friends Colony, Near Shiv Nath Mandir Behind MDK School Pathankot, Tehsil & District Pathankot Have Changed My Name From Hardeep Kour Majotra To Hardeep Kaur, Kindly Note.

**I, Sundari Mother of** No.14929518H Hav Jagen Mochari R/O Baramachari, PO Dhanbil Baksa Assam-781343 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO have changed my name from Sundari to Sundari Mochahary Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB14352648258793X Dt.08.03.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar.

**I, No. 14426861 X, Ex-Nk** Harjit Singh Dhalwal R/o - Village -Kamiana, PO Kamiana, Teh - Faridkot, Distt - Faridkot, Declare that Name of my Son is wrongly given in my army records as Hompreet Singh but his correct name is Hompreet Singh Dhalwal, My Son adhar card No. 307606523241

**I, No. 14426861 X, Ex-Nk** Harjit Singh Dhalwal R/o - Village -Kamiana, PO Kamiana, Teh - Faridkot, Distt - Faridkot, Declare that Name of my Daughter is wrongly given in my Army records as Dupinder Kaur but her correct name is Dupinder Kaur Dhalwal, My Daughter adhar card No. 629010901863

**I, Komalam legally** mother of No.15733845X Rank L/NK Name Kishore V Unit 10CSR C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Vadakkekara, Mundur-I, Nambullippura, Palakkad, State-Kerala-678592 declare that I have changed my name from Komalam to Komalam K vide affidavit dated 08.03.2025

**I, Vijayan legally** father of No.15733845X Rank L/NK Name Kishore V Unit 10CSR C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Vadakkekara, Mundur-I, Nambullippura, Palakkad, State-Kerala-678592 declare that I have changed my name from Vijayan to Vijayan V vide affidavit dated 08.03.2025

**I, Manoj Kumar S/o Tela** Ram R/o H.No. 1062/1, Ward No. 10, Laxmi Nagar, Bhiwani have changed my name from Manoj to Manoj Kumar for all future purposes.

**I, Aman Kumar S/o** Kuldeep Kumar R/o VPO Paniar Teh Dinanagar, Gurdaspur, declared that in my 10th certificate my father's name mentioned as Kuldeep Kumar, whereas his actual name is Kuldeep Kumar.

**I, Rakesh Kumar** Khanna S/o Sh. Mukand Lal @ Mukand Lal Khanna R/O House No. GF 64, 2nd Floor, CHD City, Sector-46, Karnal, inform that Rakesh Kumar, Rakesh Khanna and Rakesh Kumar Khanna, all three names belong to the same person, i.e. me. -All concerned please note.

**I, Ashok Kumar S/o** Gurdita Mal R/o H.No. 16, Near Guja Peer, New Gobind Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab-144004 declare that in my passport my father's name is written as Guranditta Mal, whereas my father's correct name is Gurdita Mal. All concerned please note.

**I, Jasmine Kaur W/o** Sahib Sareen R/O H.No. 150, Street No.5, Teg Colony, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Jasmine Kaur Kohli to Jasmine Kaur.

**I Ritu Bala W/o Rajiv** Kumar R/o 3822, Gali Kashmirian, Jandiala Guru Distt Amritsar have changed my name from Ritu Bala to Lovely

It is notified for the information that I Col Varun Singh Malhan S/O Sukhbir Singh residing at House no 45, Khetarpal Enclave, Old Amritsar Cantt, Amritsar, Punjab 143001 lost the original migration certificate of Degree of B. Sc Hons. Computer science from Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi Centre NDA khadakwasala pune Academy No 27208 with enrollment number NDA/104/151 in the yr May 2003.

**I Gurdev Singh S/O** Sardar Singh R/O #911, Singh Villa, Sector-91 Sohana, Mohali Have Changed My Name To Gurdev Singh Sethi

**I, Omprakash alias** Omprakash Jindal S/o Giani Ram R/o Village Cheeka Tehsil Guhla District Kaitahl declares that both are one and same person that is me. Both names are mine.

**I, Kavita Sukhija W/o** Navneet Kumar R/O House No. 162, Ward No. 17, Guru Nanak Colony Pehowa, District Kurukshetra, have changed My name Kavita Sukhija to Kavita Nandwani.

**I, Sadha Singh s/o** Jagir Singh R/o 4458, Butta colony Nissing Karnal have changed my name Sada Singh.

**I, Neelam D/o Rajkumar** Declare that in my adhar card no (745788794510) my name and Address is wrongly entered as zoya khan C/o Amir 85/5 chah khazan Khan ka kuwa Rampur city Rampur Uttar Pradesh whereas my correct name is Neelam and correct address is R/o village Runan Ghoron tehsil and district solan HP. Concern please note.

**I, Sukhvir Kaur W/O** Gurmeet Singh R/O VPO. Daudhar Shakti District Moga Punjab 142053 Have Changed My Name To Sukhveer Kaur.

**I, Gurmeet Singh** Plumber S/O Dalip Singh R/O VPO. Daudhar Shakti District Moga Punjab 142053 Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Singh.

**I, Jasbir Kaur Alias** Jaspreet Kaur W/O Gurpreet Singh R/O Talwandi Bhai District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Jasbir Kaur.

**I, Parul Jindal W/O** Mahesh Goyal R/O H.No.191 St.No.2 Old Dushera Ground Moga Punjab 142001 Have Changed My Name To Parul Goyal After Marriage.

**I, Prabhjot Kaur Bopari** W/O Palwinder Singh Takhar R/O Talwandi Mallian Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Prabhjot Kaur.

**I, Nonmaitthem** Monithembi Debi Mother of Nongmaitthem Priyananda Singh resident of Village-Nachou, Post- Bishnupur, Tehsil- Bishnupur District-Bishnupur, State- Manipur, Pin-795126, have changed my name from Nonmaitthem Monithembi Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB14401998178236X dated 08 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Nonmaitthem** Ramananda Singh Father of Nongmaitthem Priyananda Singh resident of Village-Nachou, Post- Bishnupur, Tehsil- Bishnupur District-Bishnupur, State- Manipur, Pin-795126, have changed my name from Nonmaitthem Ramananda Singh to Nongmaitthem Ramananda Singh Vide affidavit No.IN-PB14402085778792X dated 08 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Paramjeet Singh S/o** Ram Singh R/O VPO Narot Mehra Tehsil and Distt. Pathankot declare that in my daughter Aadhaar Card & birth certificate, Bank Copy, Pan Card documents her name written as Kavyanjali. My daughter studies in Kendriya Vidyalay No.2, Pathankot in her School documents record her name written as Kavyanjali that is wrong. In my daughter's school records her name should be changed from Kavyanjali to Kavyanjali.

**I, Gade Kalpana Balasah** Mother of No.14673878A NK Gade Sharad Balasah resident of Village- Karde, Post- Karde, Tehsil- Shirur, District- Pune, State- Maharashtra, Pin-412210, have changed my name from Gade Kalpana Balasah to Kalpana Balu Gade Vide affidavit No.IN-PB144024408765563X dated 08 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Sohana wife of Rampal** resident of House No. 215, Saini Mohalla, Near Old Shiv Mandir, Ismailabad, District Kurukshetra, hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sohana to Sona Devi.

**I, Army No. 14929989W,** Rank: Hav Name: Sajanal Bhusharay, Unit: 6 Mech C/o 56 APO, Resident of Nale Ke Pass Amjhira Itarsi, Hoshangabad Madhya Pradesh, Pin' 461111, have changed my daughter's name from Kumari Tanushri to Tanushri Bhusharay.

**I, Gurprej Singh S/O** Srd Inder Singh R/O Vill Aftabgarh Distt Jind I Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Gurprej To Gurprej Singh.

**I, Kavita Sukhija W/o** Navneet Kumar R/O House No. 162, Ward No. 17, Guru Nanak Colony Pehowa, District Kurukshetra, have changed My name Kavita Sukhija to Kavita Nandwani.

**I, Sadha Singh s/o** Jagir Singh R/o 4458, Butta colony Nissing Karnal have changed my name Sada Singh.

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**I, Shilan Devi Widow of** No.3956569 Late L/NK Bhattan Singh resident of Village- Chamiani, Post-Chamiani, Tehsil- Bangana, District- Una, State- Himachal Pradesh, Pin-174308, have changed my Daughter name from Soma Devi to Summa Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB14291399974152X dated 08 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Gayatri Devi Evuri** spouse of No.15788376A RHM (TIR) Rama Krishna Evuri resident of Village-Cherukupalli, Post-Cherukupalli, Tehsil-Repalli, District-Guntur, State-Andhra Pradesh, Pin-522309, have changed my name from Gayatri Devi Evuri to Gayathri Devi Evuri Vide affidavit No.IN-PB11440166867100X dated 08 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, No.482048K Hav** Dawinder Singh resident of VPO- Sur Singh, Tehsil- Patti, District- Tarn Taran, State- Punjab, Pin-143302, have changed my Son name from Nishchejeet Singh to Nishchayjeet Singh Vide affidavit No.IN-PB1147002734597X dated 27 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, No.15790497A Hav** (Gunner) Raj Kumar Mondal resident of Village- Bajkul, Post- Kismat Bajkul, Tehsil-Contai, District- Purba Medinipur, State- West Bengal, Pin-721655, have changed my Mother name from Pravati Mondal to Prabhati Mondal Vide affidavit No.IN-PB89428779809486W dated 17 Dec 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Angira Yadav spouse** of Amarnath Yadav resident of Village- Pokharbhinda Urf Chakdah, Post- Pipaich, Tehsil- Sadar, District- Gorakhpur, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin-273152, have changed my name from Angira Yadav to Angira Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB14282344701660X dated 08 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Sukhvinder Kaur Is** Mother Of Army No-18007414k Rank- Hav Name- Gurjant Singh Presently Posted At Unit: 70 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Permanent Address: Dullat (76) Dullat, Fatehabad, Haryana-125111 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sukhvinder Kaur To Sukhvinder Kaur. Vide Affidavit No.48aa 901488, Dated:08/03/2025

**I, Mrs. Kavita, Wife Of** Rohtash, R/O 63 Phusgarh Part-2, Karnal, State That I Have Changed My Name From Mrs. Kavita To Kavita. In Future, I Should Be Known As Kavita.

**I, Mr. Rohtash S/O** Mangu Ram R/O 63 Phusgarh Part-2, Karnal State That I Have Changed My Name From Mr. Rohtash To Rohtash. In Future I Should Be Known As Rohtash.

**I, Desh Raj Sharma S/O** Tuhi Ram R/O House No. 1b New Vikas Nagar Kaika Shimla Road Zirakpur Baltana, Tehsil Derabassi Distt. Sas Nagar (Mohali) Punjab Have Changed My Name To Desh Raj

**I, Parwati Sharma W/O** Desh Raj R/O House No. 1b New Vikas Nagar Kalka Shimla Road Back Side Of Shagu Hotel Zirakpur Baltana, Tehsil Dera Bassi Distt. Sas Nagar (Mohali) Punjab Have Changed My To Parwati.

**DISTRICT LEVEL MICRO SMALL ENTERPRISES FACILITATION COUNCIL NOTICE** (U/O 5 rule 20 CPC)In the court of Sakshi Sawhney (DLMSEFC cum Deputy Commissioner Amritsar) M/S GHAI MAL AND SONS, O/S Ram Bag Gade, Amritsar, VS M/S BHANDARI ELECTRICALS main Bazar, Mandi Dabwali HARYANA Pin 125104.

Online Application No and Date-UDYAM-PB-01-0001527/M/00001 dated 13/06/2024 Application has been filed u/s section 18 MSME Act 2006 in DLMSEFC by M/s GHAI MAL AND SONS, PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: M/s bhandari electricals, Address :Main Bazar, Mandi Dabwali Haryana.

In the above title case, the defendants/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s) respondent (s) should appear in person or through counsel on 27/03/2025 at 12.00 P.M. This is last opportunity to appear before the council otherwise the case will be expire.

Dated this day of 27/02/2025. Member Secretary cum General Manager,(DLMSEFC) District Industries Centre, Focal Point Amritsar

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Haryana CM lists state govt's initiatives for Women empowerment

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini while addressing a state level Mahila Samman Samaroh organized on the occasion of International Women's Day in Panchkula on Saturday said that women play the most crucial role in the progress of any society.

Extending his greetings on International Women's Day, Saini announced several key initiatives for women's welfare, these include an increase in the leave granted to the women employees on special days. He announced that regular women government employees in Haryana will now receive 25 annual leaves instead of 20.

Saini also announced that women in Haryana will be provided interest-free loans of up to Rs.1 lakh to establish dairy units, adding that under the Mahila Kirshi Viridhi Yojana, the government is committed to providing interest-free loans to women

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from farming families for activities such as livestock rearing, beekeeping, poultry farming, dairy farming, and other agricultural enterprises. Saini virtually inaugurated 44 new Anganwadi centers across the state and laid the foundation stone for Bal Bhavan in Charkhi Dadrri. He also launched three key portals to enhance governance and welfare services, namely the Domestic Violence Complaint Registration and Monitoring portal to streamline reporting and tracking of domestic violence cases, the MIS Portal for Aapki Beti-Hamari Beti to improve the scheme's implementation, and the Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) Demand and Supply portal to ensure efficient monitoring of nutritional supplement distribution.

He said that the State has seen unprecedented improvement in gender ratio, recalling that when the state government took charge, the gender ratio and female foeticide was quite alarming. Saini said that Haryana was seen as a state where daughters were being killed. However, after the launch of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Panipat, the state's gender ratio, which was 871 in 2014, has now risen to 916. Today, Haryana is not known for female foeticide but as a state that empowers its daughters, he said.

The Chief Minister said that Haryana's daughters are not only winning medals in sports but are also joining the armed forces and defending the nation. He pointed out that the state presently has 64,500 self-help groups, and

women self-help groups are now eligible for stamp duty exemptions on loans up to Rs. 5 lakh. Additionally, 33 percent of ration depots have been allocated to women, with 252 depots assigned in the last four months, he said.

Saini said that alongside improving women's health, the government is also committed to ensuring their safety. To assist women in distress, the Women's Helpline 1091 has been established. Additionally, to address crimes against women, 31 women's police stations have been set up, bringing the total number of such stations in the state to 33. Significant steps have also been taken to promote daughters' education and over the past 10 years, 72 new government colleges have been opened across the state, with 29 of them dedicated to girls, he said.

Punjab CM Mann slams SGPC's removal of Jathedars as 'act of vengeance'

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday condemned the removal of two Jathedars (heads) of the Akal Takht and Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib, saying it seems an act of 'bad-lakhori' (vengeance).

The Akal Takht in Amritsar and Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib in Anandpur Sahib in Rupnagar district are two of the five seats of temporal authority of Sikhism.

Mann's reaction came a day after the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), the organisation responsible for the management of the gurdwaras, removed Giani Raghbir Singh from the post of Akal Takht Jathedar and Giani Sultan Singh as Jathedar of Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib.

The SGPC appointed Sikh scholar Giani Kuldeep Singh Gadga as the new Jathedar of Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib. He would also serve as the acting Jathedar of the Akal Takht, until an appointment is made.

Responding to a question on the SGPC's move, Mann said, "Look, this is a religious matter. What should have happened is that politics learned from religion. But what is happening is that politics is teaching religion." Speaking on the sidelines of an event to flag off a batch of school principals for training in Singapore, Mann also stressed that the general elections of the SGPC should be held.

Referring to Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leaders including Sukhbir Singh Badal, Mann said, "You accepted all your mistakes and even undertook 'tankhah' (religious punishment). Now you say we will remove the Jathedars. It seems like an act of badlakhori."

The Akal Takht, the highest temporal seat of Sikhs, on December 2 last year had pronounced religious punishment for SAD leaders including Badal, for the "mistakes" committed

by the political party and its government in Punjab from 2007 to 2017. Giani Raghbir Singh, Giani Sultan Singh and Giani Harpreet Singh were part of the five Singh Sahibans (Sikh clergy) who had pronounced the edict. Giani Harpreet Singh was removed from the services as Jathedar of Takht Sri Damdama

Sahib on February 10. The SGPC on Friday removed Giani Raghbir Singh as Akal Takht Jathedar and said in the face of growing challenges, his leadership was deemed 'inadequate in guiding the Panth' (Sikh community) and his 'inconsistent approach weakened the

'Panthic' unity." Giani Harpreet Singh had on Friday condemned the removal of the other two Jathedars, saying it is a "black day" for the Sikh community. Several political leaders had also criticised the move, saying some leaders have "openly challenged" the Akal Takht for "political interests."

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2 centres to be set up for students to share business ideas: Punjab CM

PNS ■ AMRITSAR,

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday said his government will set up two "brainstorming centres" in Amritsar and Mohali for students to share their business ideas on the lines of the "Speakers Platform" in Munich, Germany.

Addressing a gathering here, Mann said the state government has already introduced the "Business Blasters" initiative at the school level for idea-sharing and that a total amount of Rs 11 crore has been disbursed to students. The motive is to provide platforms for brainstorming to students so that new business ideas prop up, he said.

On the same lines, the state government is going to set up "brainstorming centres" for new business ideas in Amritsar and SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Mann said. Extending his best wishes to women on International Women's Day, Mann quoted a Gurbani verse and said the Sikh gurus always held women in high esteem. He expressed concern over female foeticide, which is still prevalent in the society.

Replying to a student's query about introducing technology in the state, the chief minister said his government is already integrating artificial intelligence (AI) across various sectors. He said the state government has introduced AI in policing, agriculture, finance and other fields to ensure efficiency and transparency. Encouraging students to embrace the digital era, Mann said this is the era of digitalisation and Punjab is moving forward with a vision to become a leader in technological innovations.

He said the main focus of his government is on providing employment-oriented education and developing skills that align with the demands of the modern world. Mann underlined the importance of skill development, adding that education should not be confined just to degrees, rather it should be about acquiring skills that make one employable and capable of contributing to the society.

Mann said his government has made concerted efforts for

empowering women and said the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has 11 women MLAs and added that eight women officers have been appointed as deputy commissioners and three as senior superintendents of police. He further said a woman officer has been appointed as the commissioner of police in Punjab and 19 women have been appointed as additional deputy commissioners. Seven have been appointed as secretaries in various departments, he said.

Punjab Police arrests 130 drug smugglers after raiding over 500 location

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Police on Saturday conducted raids at 516 locations and arrested 130 drug smugglers as part of an ongoing anti-drugs drive across the state. With more arrests, the number of total drug smugglers arrested during the drive has reached 1,050 in just eight days, the police said.

They have also recovered 3.04 kg heroin, 9.3 kg opium, 6,673 intoxicant tablets or injections and Rs 5.39 lakh cash from the possession of arrested smugglers. The operation was conducted on the directions of Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav simultaneously in all districts of the state.

Special DGP Arpit Shukla said over 250 police teams, comprising over 1,700 police personnel conducted raids across the state and checked as many as 602 suspicious persons during the day-long operation. He said such operations will be continued till the scourge of drugs is eradicated from Punjab.

Meanwhile, the police also conducted checking at as many as 672 pharmaceutical shops in six districts -- Bathinda, Mansa, Barnala, Patiala Sangrur and SAS Nagar -- to ensure that they are not selling intoxicant tablets or any other habit-forming drugs, and are adhering to the prescribed norms and regulations regarding the sale of medicines.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had earlier set a deadline of three months to make the state drug-free. As part of the state government's renewed push against the drug problem, action was being taken against drug peddlers and in some places, their properties were also demolished. The Punjab government also formed a cabinet sub-committee to monitor action against the drug menace.

JAIL SUPERINTENDENT AMONG FIVE JAIL OFFICIALS OF HOSHIARPUR JAIL BOOKED ON CHARGES OF DRUG TRAFFICKING

The Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) of the Punjab Police has registered a first information report (FIR) against five jail officials including the Jail Superintendent and two inmates of the Hoshiarpur Central Jail on charges of drug trafficking and criminal conspiracy.

The development came following the report received from Inspector General of Police (IGP) Prisons revealing connivance of certain jail officers with inmates in facilitating the drug smuggler lodged inside Hoshiarpur Central Jail for carrying out drug trafficking.

In a statement, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) ANTF Nilabh Kishore said that the FIR has been registered following an inquiry into an organised drug smuggling operation within the prison. The inquiry indicated that the inmates were involved in drug smuggling, which was facilitated by the corrupt actions of jail officials, who are accused of using their positions to allow the flow of illegal narcotics, severely undermining the security and integrity of the correctional facility, he added.

TWO MORE ILLEGAL HOUSES OF DRUG SMUGGLERS RAZED IN FAZILKA AND SAS NAGAR

Continuing its action against the drug mafia amidst the ongoing anti-drugs campaign 'Yudh Nashian Virudh', Punjab Police with the help of local administration on Saturday, demolished buildings of the

illegally constructed houses of two drug peddlers in Fazilka and SAS Nagar districts.

In Fazilka, a bulldozer was used to raze the house of a drug smuggler identified as Bohar Singh in Seed Farm village. On this occasion, SSP Varinder Singh Brar said the accused Bohar Singh, whose house was demolished, has been facing 21 criminal cases under the NDPS act. Brar further warned that anyone who amasses wealth through drug trafficking will either have their property seized or demolished.

Similarly, in SAS Nagar, the District Police, in collaboration with Municipal Council Kharar, have demolished unauthorised structures built on encroached Panchayat Land (Now part of Kharar MC) in Jandpur village of the district, by the family of drug traffickers. The structures were illegally occupied by drug traffickers, having multiple FIRs under various sections including three under NDPS and one under Excise act.

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CM SAINI INAUGURATES THE 37TH BASANT UTSAV FESTIVAL

Panchkula: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday inaugurated the 37th Basant Utsav Festival at Town Park, Sector 5, Panchkula. The two-day event is being organized by the Panchkula Metropolitan Development Authority. He highlighted that India is a unique country where various seasons converge, each holding its own significance. In our tradition, every season is celebrated with a festival. In this context, the celebration of the 37th Basant Utsav today, marking the arrival of spring, serves as a vibrant reflection of our rich cultural heritage.

HIMACHAL CM LAYS FOUNDATION STONES OF KEY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN KANGRA

Shimla: Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Saturday laid the foundation stones of several key development projects worth Rs 30.9 crore in the Shahpur assembly segment of Kangra district. The projects include the construction of a link road from Laleta to Banu Mahadev for Rs 11 crore, a link road from NH-154 to Dhanotu via Bad Basti for Rs 4.41 crore, and the upgradation of Bhanala to Rulerh Road with an investment of Rs 19.86 crore. Additionally, the Rirkmar to Kutharna Road will be upgraded at a cost of Rs 5.47 crore, and a pavilion block will be constructed at the stadium in Rait (Chambi) for Rs 1.16 crore. He also performed puja of Maharana Pratap Bhawan being constructed by Rajput Sabha. Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister said that the state government is committed to improving road connectivity, boosting local development, and enhancing sports infrastructure. He said that strengthening the rural road network remains a priority to ensure better accessibility for residents. Sukhu further stated that these initiatives are part of the government's vision to enhance infrastructure, promote economic growth, and improve the overall quality of life for the people of Himachal Pradesh.

BAJWA ASKS AAP GOVT TO FULFIL RS 1 000 WOMEN ALLOWANCE PROMISE

Chandigarh: Punjab Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa on Saturday reminded the AAP government of its 'unfulfilled' promise of Rs 1,000 grant to each woman of the state and asked it to release the money on International Women's Day. Before the 2022 Assembly polls, the Aam Aadmi Party had promised to give Rs 1,000 per woman per month if voted to power. Bajwa, the Leader of Opposition in the Punjab Assembly, said women are the backbone of society and slammed the government for not yet making good on its promise. "Before the 2022 assembly elections, @AamAadmiParty had promised to give a monthly allowance of Rs 1,000 to women in Punjab, but unfortunately, it has not fulfilled this promise even after three years of its government. I demand from the @AAPunjab government that on the occasion of International Women's Day today, they fulfil this promise and release the due arrears of three years to the women of Punjab," Bajwa said in a post on X in Punjabi.

# Enhance female workforce for economic growth: Murmu

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday underscored the need for increased participation of women in the workforce as the country moves towards becoming the world's third-largest economy.

Speaking on the occasion of International Women's Day at a national consultation organised by the Women and Child Development Ministry, Murmu emphasised that providing equal opportunities in education and employment is crucial for achieving this goal.

"As India progresses towards becoming the world's third-largest economy, the participation of women in the workforce must increase at the same pace," she said.

She stressed that a "self-reliant, independent and empowered woman" is key to building a 'Viksit Bharat'.

"The vision of a Viksit Bharat is our collective aspiration and we must work together to achieve it," she said, urging everyone to support women at every step towards self-reliance and success. Highlighting the contributions of Indian women, Murmu said, "Our daughters are making immense contributions in realising the dream of a Viksit Bharat."

It is imperative that society provides them with an even better environment to progress. She called for creating a society where every girl and boy feels safe and is free to make independent life choices without fear. "We must build an ideal society where no child, be it a son or daughter, hesitates to travel alone or live independently at any time," she said, adding that a culture of respect for women will foster a progressive social environment and enhance national confidence.

On the challenges women face in balancing work and family, Murmu questioned the perception that women may be less committed to their jobs due to childcare responsibilities.

"Is not society responsible for the well-being of the children who will shape our



Droupadi Murmu speaks during inaugural session of 'Nari Shakti Se Viksit Bharat' in New Delhi. PTI

future?" she asked. She emphasised that a mother's effort in raising responsible citizens should be recognised and respected rather than seen as a limitation.

"A mother, through her dedication, can shape her children into ideal citizens," she said. President Murmu marked 50 years of International Women's Day celebrations, acknowledging the remarkable progress of women in this period.

"There is no doubt that women have made unprecedented strides over the last five decades. My own journey from a modest background in Odisha to Rashtrapati Bhavan is a testament to the opportunities for equality and social justice available to women in India," she said. She expressed confidence that examples of successful women would continue to multiply. She commended the government's continued efforts toward women's empowerment, highlighting initiatives like the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam', which provides reservation for women in Parliament and state assemblies.

"This is a historic step towards women's political empowerment," she said. The President also spoke about economic empowerment schemes such as self-help groups and the 'Lakshmi Didi' programme that aim to enhance financial independence among women.

"The Namo Drone Didi scheme is another example of how women are being equipped with technical skills and financial stability," she said. Murmu called for a collective shift in mindset, emphasising that women and men are equal partners in progress. "In our tradition, both Shiva and Shakti hold equal importance one cannot exist without the other. If one wheel of a chariot does not function properly, how will the chariot move forward?" she said. She urged society to recognise and support women's potential. "Whenever we have honoured the talent of women, they have never disappointed us," the President said.

and there has been a substantial increase in the number MBBS and MD seats, along with a rise in the training of paramedic and nursing staff.

Nadda said the Union government will add 75,000 seats in the medical sector, with 30,000 seats already created last year. The health minister noted that HTA India resource centres are spread over 19 states and these serve as an important mechanism for priority setting and have helped immensely in achieving various health goals, such as for tuberculosis (TB) detection, optimising healthcare costs and incorporating evidence-based data in national health programmes.

On the occasion, Nadda released several key resources, including the Open Real-Time PCR Kit for Diagnosis of Pulmonary Tuberculosis (Quantiplus MTB FAST Detection Kit developed by Huwel Lifesciences), the HTA Technologies Compendium, the HTA Costing Database as well as the Patent Mitra initiative.

"With the launch of these flagship initiatives, our country is taking a significant leap towards supporting our innovators. This platform is designed to provide crucial support to scientists, researchers

# Nadda emphasises on comprehensive healthcare

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Health Minister JP Nadda on Saturday said the Centre is focused on providing healthcare that is preventive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative. Inaugurating the third "International Symposium on Health Technology Assessment (ISHTA 2025)" at Bharat Mandapam here, Nadda emphasised the vision and commitment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in strengthening India's healthcare system and ensuring accessible and affordable healthcare for all.

He highlighted the critical role of Health Technology Assessment (HTA) in advancing evidence-based policymaking to build an efficient, equitable and high-quality health system, aligned with the goals of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Nadda highlighted that the "government is focused on providing healthcare, which is preventive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative". He informed that the Centre has laid an emphasis on primary, secondary as well as tertiary healthcare. He noted that 22 state-of-the-art AIIMS have been established till now

and institutions, ensuring that their ground-breaking works are protected through patents and made available to the public through seamless technology transfer," he said. Nadda also highlighted that the "Medical Education Patent Mitra" initiative of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) aligns with the Med Tech Mitra initiative, a testament of the ICMR's commitment to advancing medical innovation.

He concluded his address by saying that HTA helps in reinforcing the Centre's commitment to providing inclusive, affordable, equitable and accessible healthcare for all. "HTA will play an important role in the realisation of Viksit Bharat by 2047, as envisaged by our prime minister," he said. The event was organised by the Department of Health Research (DHR), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) India Country Office and the Centre for Global Development (CGD).

This year, the theme of the symposium was "Bridging Evidence to Policy: Health Technology Assessment for Affordable Healthcare".

# Congress urges Centre to address Trump's tariff claims in Parliament

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Congress on Saturday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take Parliament into confidence on United States (US) President Donald Trump's claims that India has agreed to cut its tariffs.

The Opposition party's general secretary, communications, Jairam Ramesh asked whether the interests of Indian farmers and manufacturers are being compromised. "Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal is in Washington DC to talk trade with the Americans. Meanwhile, President Trump says this," he said in a

social media post.

US President Donald Trump said India has agreed to cut its tariffs "way down" as he reiterated his claim that the country charges America massive tariffs that make it difficult to sell products there. "What has the Modi Government agreed to? Are the interests of Indian farmers and of Indian manufacturing being compromised? The PM must take Parliament into confidence when it resumes on March 10," Ramesh said. Both houses of Parliament will meet on Monday as the second part of the budget session resumes. In the video shared by Ramesh, Trump is heard saying, "Our country, from an econom-

ic standpoint and a financial standpoint and a trade standpoint, has been absolutely ripped off by almost every country in the world Canada, Mexico, and then you just go right down the line."

"India charges us massive tariffs. You can't even sell anything in India. It is restrictive. We do very little business inside. They've agreed. By the way, they want to cut their tariffs way down now because somebody is finally exposing them for what they've done," Trump goes on to say in the clip.

Trump has been threatening several countries with reciprocal trade tariffs ever since he assumed charge as US President.

# Army Chief highlights 'high degree of collusivity' with China and Pakistan

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

In a veiled reference to China and Pakistan, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Saturday said there is a "high degree of collusivity," which must be accepted. "What it means, as far as I am concerned, the two-front threat is a reality," he said regarding proximity between China and Pakistan.

During the session, he fielded a broad range of questions about the army's preparedness for the future, lessons from ongoing conflicts, the situation in Bangladesh, and at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and the Line of Control. "Now, the second thing that you have brought out is collaboration or the relationship between our western neighbour and Bangladesh."

"As far as I am concerned, since I have said that the epicentre of terrorism is in a particular country, they have a relationship with any of my neighbouring country, I should be looking worried, because as far as I am concerned, the terrorism route can be used from that country also, which is my major concern as of today," General Dwivedi said, when asked about reports suggesting growing proximity between Pakistan and Bangladesh.

The General said it was "too early" to take a call on the role of Bangladesh, where a change in government may bring about a change in the relationship between it and India.

"Because as far as I am concerned, I am very clear, the present military to military relationship is very strong. And, we exchanging note on regular basis, to avoid any kind of a misgiving," he added.

He was also asked how the Indian Army looked at the Pakistan-China equation. "What we have to understand is that. We have to be very clear that there is a high degree of collusivity, which we must accept."

In terms of the virtual field, it's nearly 100 per cent, in terms of physical, I would say most of the equipment there is of Chinese origin," the Army Chief said.

"So, this is the situation as of today, as far as collusivity is concerned."

What it means, as far as I am concerned, the two-front threat is a reality for me," he said. In January 2021, the then Army Chief General MM Naravane too said that when it comes to Pakistan and China, "the threat of collusivity cannot be wished away."

General Dwivedi also spoke about the situation along the LAC in eastern Ladakh since the Special Representative-level (SR-level) meeting in December 2024, following an agreement that was finalised between the two countries last year.

I think assassins' mace has lived through its life.

It may not be more relevant today. And, if you see, as far as the terrain of the Himalayas is concerned, the terrain plays a very favourable role as far as India is concerned.

"The second issue is, you may have

superiority in anything, but what is important is at the point of application, are you able to amass that kind of resource application, strength and the impact which is required," he said. "I think that way, Indian Army is adequately poised to take care of that," he said.

The Army Chief, however, called for "coexistence, cooperation and coordination" to opine it was not good for the countries to engage in a war.

"Is the war in interest of both the countries? The answer is no. So, what we are looking at is, how can we harmonise. The situation as of today, and manage it till the diplomatic situation come out," he said.

The last Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) and SRs meeting took place in December.

After that, the foreign secretary again went to China to witness a "lot of positive signalling" from both sides.

The next Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) meeting should be taking place soon, he said.

On a query on the Depsang and Demchok areas, the General said the second and third rounds of patrolling have taken place, and both sides are cooperating with each other.

"We inform each other, there is no issue at all. Grazing, which was required to be carried out, has been opened up. Whenever there is some kind of a difference, they immediately contact each other resolve the issue and get over it," he added.

On the current situation along the Line of Control (LOC), the Army Chief said that since 2018, terrorist-related incidents were down by 83 per cent, as has recruitment been.

The fallout of Amarnath yatra is increased to five Lakh, he said.

He said that 60 per cent of terrorists neutralised by Indian armed forces last year were of Pakistan origin.

Of the remaining in the valley and south of Pir Panjal, about 80 per cent are Pakistani terrorists, he added.

"So, there is no let up as far as western adversary is concerned," the Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi said.

All the same, the general batted for "friendly relations" with the neighbour and peace in that country, as well as its transformation from the "epicentre" of terrorism to a stable nation.

He added, "I keep saying, we are always prepared. We will be assertive, but we'll be only aggressive in case we are forced to." On the role of women in the army, the General said, "Yesterday, only I have given the sanction for the Territorial Army to induct women."

And we want this number to increase. Changes that you will see will be gradual."

On the Agnipath scheme, the Army Chief Upendra Dwivedi said, "Let me assure the countrymen that this scheme is proving to be a great success. Creme de la creme coming to us."

# PM's social media features extraordinary women

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Marking International Women's Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's social media handles were taken over by a group of extraordinary women who have excelled in diverse fields, from chess to science to rural entrepreneurship and financial empowerment to accessibility and inclusive development.

Each of them shared their journeys, highlighting the power of India's 'Nari Shakti' and the strides being made towards a more inclusive and empowered nation.

Chess grandmaster R Vaishali, farmer-entrepreneur Anita Devi, nuclear scientist Elina Mishra, space scientist Shilpi Soni, accessibility advocate Anjee Agarwal, and rural entrepreneur Ajaita Shah took over Prime Minister Modi's social media accounts on International Women's Day.

Vaishali, who has been playing chess since the age of six and is the sibling of grandmaster Pragnanandhaa, encouraged young girls to follow their dreams. "Playing chess has been a learning, thrilling, and rewarding journey for me. But there is more. I want to give a message to all the women out there, especially the young girls Follow your dreams, no matter the hurdles. Your passion will power your success," she wrote from Modi's account on X. She also emphasised family support, acknowledging her parents and brother for their encouragement.

Bihar's Anita Devi, a farmer-entrepreneur, shared her journey of self-reliance and rural empowerment. She narrated how her venture, Madhopur Farmers Producer Company Limited, has created livelihood opportunities for hundreds of women in her village. "The women working with me are not just earning a living but also gaining confidence and self-respect. Economic independence strengthens women's social status," she posted. With the recent announcement of a Makhana Board, she is now exploring opportunities in makhana (fox nut) production to expand rural entrepreneurship.

Scientists Elina Mishra and Shilpi Soni highlighted the importance of women's participation in science, urging more women to pursue careers in nuclear and space technology. "India is the most vibrant place for science, and thus, we call upon more women to pursue it," they wrote. Mishra, a nuclear scientist, has worked on projects involving proton accelerator technology and medical applications for remote healthcare.

Soni, a space scientist with ISRO for 24 years, has contributed to over 35 communication and navigation missions, including India's indigenous space technology advancements. Anjee Agarwal, an advocate for universal accessibility, called for a stronger push towards a more inclusive India under the 'Sugamya Bharat' initiative. "Let's ensure that every woman, every individual, can navigate their life with dignity and independence," she posted.

With over three decades of experience, Agarwal has led accessibility audits and policy advocacy efforts to improve infra-

structure for persons with disabilities. Ajaita Shah, founder and CEO of Frontier Markets, delivered a message on financial empowerment and rural entrepreneurship for women.

"A financially empowered woman is a confident decision-maker, independent thinker, architect of her own future, and a maker of modern India!" she said. She emphasised technology's role in women's financial inclusion and skilling, highlighting the 'Meri Saheli' app as a tool supporting rural women entrepreneurs.

After their messages, PM Modi reflected on their inspiring journeys. "Since morning, you've all seen inspiring posts by extraordinary women sharing their own journeys and inspiring other women. These women belong to different parts of India and have excelled in different areas, but there's one underlying theme the prowess of India's Nari Shakti."

Their determination and success remind us of the boundless potential



Prime Minister Narendra Modi. PTI

women hold. "Today and every day, we celebrate their contributions in shaping a Viksit Bharat," he said in a post on X. PM Modi, in his Women's Day message, paid tribute to 'Nari Shakti' and reaffirmed his government's commitment to women empowerment through various schemes and programmes. "We bow to our Nari Shakti on #WomensDay! Our government has always worked to empower women, reflecting in our schemes and programmes."

Today, as promised, my social media properties will be taken over by women who are making a mark in diverse fields!" he posted on X before handing over his social media account for the day. This is not the first time the prime minister has taken such an initiative.

In 2020, on Women's Day, he handed his social media accounts to seven women achievers, giving them a global platform to inspire others.

# Planned disruption not appropriate for democratic values: Lok Sabha Speaker

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Jaipur

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Saturday that consensus and dissent are the strengths of democracy, but planned disruption in Assemblies and Parliament are not appropriate for democratic values. Birla reiterated that Legislative institutions must become centers of discussion and dialogue to ensure accountability to the public. He was addressing public representatives and other dignitaries at the launch of the 'Constitution Club of Rajasthan'.

The event was also attended by Chief Minister of Rajasthan Bhajanlal Sharma, Speaker of Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha Vasudev Devnani, Union Minister of State for Agriculture, Bhagirath Choudhary, MPs, MLAs and other dignitaries. Lok Sabha Speaker remarked that the Constitution Club is not just a building, but a platform to guide democratic discourse, thoughtfulness, and policy-making. He added democracy is not confined to elections but advances through continuous dialogue and consensus.

Birla hoped that the club will elevate policy-making and good governance to new heights. He mentioned that the concept of the Constitution Club in Delhi was conceived in 1947 during the drafting of



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Rajasthan CM Bhajanlal Sharma at the launch of Constitution Club of Rajasthan in Jaipur. PIONEER PHOTO

the Constitution where the need for a platform for informal discussions and policy dialogues was felt. Birla noted that the Constitution club in Rajasthan will also become a key center for democratic dialogue and debate, providing legislators with an opportunity to openly discuss ideas, policies and governance.

Observing that the Constitution of India is not just a compilation of laws,

but a guide for the entire world, Birla said that over the past 75 years, many transformative changes have occurred under its guidance.

Saying that meaningful dialogue and healthy debates must take place in Parliament and Assemblies, Birla underlined that personal allegations and deliberate disruptions are against the core spirit of democracy.

# World's first commercial space satellite launched

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

The world's first commercial space surveillance satellite, capable of tracking objects as small as five centimetres orbiting the Earth, was commissioned on Saturday as it captured images over South America, the Bengaluru-based start-up Digantara said. Digantara had launched the space surveillance satellite Space Camera for Object Tracking (SCOT) on January 14 aboard SpaceX's Transporter-12 rocket. The satellite started operations on Saturday. "Space just ran out of hiding spots," the start-up said in a post on X.

In a statement, the company said the SCOT satellite achieved first light on Saturday and its inaugural image while passing over South America a breathtaking view of Earth's limb, with the city of Buenos Aires glowing against the planet's curvature.

"SCOT's first image is more than a technical milestone, it's a symbol of our team's resilience and unwavering commitment to safeguarding Earth's orbits for generations to come," said Digantara CEO Anirudh Sharma.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that I am Sunder Kumar, Parmod Singh, Situ Urfe Shivani Children of Late Sh. Ram Avtar Singh and Uma Devi W/o Late Sh. Ram Avtar Singh is the legal heir of the Kothi No. 114, Krishna Enclave (Gupta Colony) 134, 102 Kalka House bearing PID No. 3WVVK4DM0 measuring 0-2-0 (Two Biswas) situated at Mauja Bina Hadbast No. 153 Tehsil Kalka Khata No 64/183, Kharsa No 23 Tadadi 32-12 Ka 2/652. Sh. Ram Avtar Singh died on 02.02.2013. The Society hereby invites claims or objections from the heir or other claimant or objector to the sale of the said property of the society within a period of 30 days from the publication of this notice, with the copies of relevant proofs to support the claim/objection.

Notice
It is informed to all that Manish Gupta S/o Yogesh Chand, Anish Kumar S/o Yogesh Chand R/o Village Israna, is a permanent R/O Tehsil Israna, District Panipat, who is owner and possessor of a land measuring 76 sq. yard, situated in Israna, District Panipat, Sale Deed No. 1757 dated 31-01-2025 S.R. Israna, before me, Subhash Chander S/o Ram Singh was owner and possessor of the above property Sale Deed No. 17 dated 13-09-1983 S.R. Israna, but the above Sale Deed No. 17 has been lost somewhere and in this regard, I have issued a DOR No. 1323401520200 Information has been lodged at Police Station Israna. Now Manish Gupta and Anish Kumar want loan on the above property from SMFG Indica Credit CO LTD, Panipat. If any person or heir or institution or financial institution has any objection regarding the sale deed of the above property then they should register their objection within 7 days of the publication of this notice at the following address and Surrender Singh Advocate, Chamber No. 9-10, Ground Floor, Advocate Chamber Complex, District Court, Panipat.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Ram Niwas S/o Ram Kishan R/O Gali No. 03, Arjun Nagar, Kaitthal, Distt. Kaitthal (Haryana) declares that I have lost Original Sale Deed of my house bearing Property ID 3LDRDCDE2, Sale Deed No. 6822 Dated 29.01.2013 at Cheeka Road, Kaitthal on Dated 10.01.2025. I lodged a DRR No. 132280082500514 in Police Station Civil Line Kaitthal. Any person having any claim, right, by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, mortgage, charge, attachment or otherwise shall bring the same to the notice of the undersigned within 10 days, failing which no claim will be considered & entertained.
Ram Mehar, Mob. No. 9053350620

PUBLIC NOTICE
FORM NO. UR.C.2
Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI [Pursuant to section 37(4)(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the Companies (Amendment) Regulations, 2014]
I, Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, IIT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code- 122050, in which the Registrar has issued a Public Notice No. 132280082500514 in Police Station Civil Line Kaitthal. Any person having any claim, right, by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, mortgage, charge, attachment or otherwise shall bring the same to the notice of the undersigned within 10 days, failing which no claim will be considered & entertained.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed to general public at large that Ashok Kumar Singh, resident of village Khairi Kala, Distt. Fatehabad has availed secured loan on her residential house, area measuring 632.328 sq. meters, A/P/Property/UID No.04989107 situated in Village Khairi Kala Tehsil and Distt. Fatehabad having Property ID No. 132280082500514 (Indial) Ltd. for Rs. 15,51,628/- vide proposal number SIR-PRO-000306 from its branch office at Dabwali Road, Sina. That the said Ashok Kumar is the owner of above land and the said Ashok Kumar has availed secured loan registered at Sr. No. 1873 dated 26.08.2021 in the office of Sub Registrar Bhakra Kala. If any body having any right/objection/claim or claiming any prior rights or interest in any manner in above mentioned property as per transfer deed, then may approach the undersigned and submit objection within 7 days from the date of this public notice. After expiry of this period, no claim shall be entertained and such claim shall be treated as false/fictitious and without any basis and shall have no value in the eyes of law.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public is hereby notified that Mrs. Kamlesh Devi, W/o. Mr. Kamlesh Singh R/o. Mohali and Mrs. Rajinder Kaur W/o. Shikhar Singh R/o. Kharar Mohali is the present owner/possessor of property situated at raktka balogh shikhar mohali, Distt. Mohali, having Property ID No. 132280082500514 (Indial) Ltd. for Rs. 15,51,628/- vide proposal number SIR-PRO-000306 from its branch office at Dabwali Road, Sina. That the said Ashok Kumar is the owner of above land and the said Ashok Kumar has availed secured loan registered at Sr. No. 1873 dated 26.08.2021 in the office of Sub Registrar Bhakra Kala. If any body having any right/objection/claim or claiming any prior rights or interest in any manner in above mentioned property as per transfer deed, then may approach the undersigned and submit objection within 7 days from the date of this public notice. After expiry of this period, no claim shall be entertained and such claim shall be treated as false/fictitious and without any basis and shall have no value in the eyes of law.

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Table with columns: Name of the NPA Account / Branch, Description of the Immovable Properties, Date of the Demand Notice, Date of the Possession, Amount Outstanding. Includes entries for M/s Nagpal Electronics, M/s P M Handloom Industries, and others.

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Whereas, the Undersigned being the "Authorised Officer" of Punjab & Sind Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of the Security Interest Act 2002 in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notices on the date mentioned against account calling upon the respective borrowers / guarantors to repay the amount as mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of notice / date of receipt of the said notice.

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This is to inform and seek objections, if any from General Public that our Client Santosh Kumar W/o Sunder Lal owner of the Property house measuring 60 Sq.yards, situated in Mohalla Kala, Jampalpura, within M.L. limit Sonapat, the following Original documents are lost:-
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Date: 09.03.2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Punjab (Aranya - Trust)

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Date:- 09-03-2025
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DRAW TIME: 06:00 PM ONWARDS
RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 10 MERCURY SATURDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY

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Muslim nations reject Trump's call to empty Gaza Strip

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Deir Al-Balah Foreign ministers from Muslim nations on Saturday rejected calls by US President Donald Trump to empty the Gaza Strip of its Palestinian population and backed a plan for an administrative committee of Palestinians to govern the territory to allow reconstruction to go ahead.



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Without specifically mentioning Trump, the ministers said they rejected "plans aimed at displacing the Palestinian people individually or collectively ... as ethnic cleansing, a grave violation of international law and a crime against humanity".

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THE MINISTERS at the OIC gathering supported an Egyptian-backed proposal that meant to bring the release of the remaining hostages and a lasting truce and full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza.

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# Ravi Shastri picks India as favourites against New Zealand

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Dubai

Former India head coach Ravi Shastri has picked India as the favourites in Sunday's Champions Trophy summit clash against New Zealand but pointed out that the advantage will be minuscule, given that the Black Caps are a formidable side.

India, who have played all their matches here, stormed into the final with an all-win record, and defeated Australia in the semifinal.

New Zealand, who finished second behind India in Group A after losing their league match, secured their spot in the final with a one-sided win over South Africa in the second semifinal in Lahore.

"If there is one team that can beat India, it's New Zealand," Shastri said in 'The ICC Review'. "So India start as favourites but only just," he said referring to the final, which will be a rematch of the 2000 Champions Trophy title clash, where New Zealand triumphed by four wickets in Nairobi.

The 62-year-old, who has seen both teams evolve over the years, picked four players from the New Zealand squad who could make a difference in the high-stakes final.

He singled out Rachin Ravindra, calling him "immensely talented", Kane Williamson for his "stability and calmness like a saint", and captain Mitchell Santner, whom he described as an "intelligent" leader who can influence the game alongside Glenn Phillips, who could be the X-factor for the team.

Shastri also highlighted Virat Kohli's current form as a potential game-changer, while also acknowledging Williamson's ability to seize crucial moments.

"Now (on) current form, Kohli. When these guys get hot and you let them get their first 10 runs, then they're trouble. Whether it's Williamson, whether it's Kohli," Shastri said.

"So from New Zealand, I would say Williamson. To an extent, Ravindra, he is a fabulous young player."

"But these guys when they smell the coffee and you let them, in a final, get to that 10-15, then they are doubly



dangerous," Shastri said.

Ravindra, at just 25, has already accumulated five centuries in ICC 50-over tournaments — the youngest to achieve the feat.

"I just like the way he moves in the crease," Shastri said. "There's an element of fluency, which is fabulous to see. He's either forward, he's back, he'll cut, he'll sweep it, play the quicks

well and he's got a very good temperament. "You don't get hundreds in big tournaments like this just like that. You've got to have something up your sleeve, and I think he's immensely talented."

Apart from his batting prowess, former skipper Williamson's leadership and calm demeanour make him a vital asset for New Zealand in the final.

The veteran has been in red-hot form with scores of 81 against India and 102 in the semifinal versus South Africa.

"He's very stable and there's an element of calmness, a no-nonsense element about him the way he goes about his job," Shastri said.

"He's like a saint, a sage, just sitting, meditating. Lot of people look at the big shots, I look at the way he moves in the crease. There is an element of fluency.

"Joe Root when he's batting at his best. He's forward, back. Kohli (as well). When people move in the crease, the footwork is sound.

"It's a joy to watch. And then with their experience, their talent, the volume of runs they've got, doesn't matter what format they play," added Shastri.

Shastri also made special mention of Santner, who has impressed in his first ICC event as New Zealand captain.

"He's an intelligent man. And I think this captaincy suits him," Shastri said. "It just adds that edge to him as a batter, as a bowler, as a cricketer."

"So I think it's a smart move by New Zealand opting for that and just the way he goes about his job, like I said, he's a good reader of the game, is an intelligent bloke and should be there for some time for New Zealand."

Shastri also didn't hold back his admiration for Phillips' ability to turn a match around single-handedly as he also picked him as one of the Player-of-the-Match contenders alongside India's Axar Patel and Ravindra Jadeja.

"Player of the Match, I would go for an all-rounder," he said in The ICC Review. "I'll say Axar Patel or Ravindra Jadeja from India."

"From New Zealand, I think that Glenn Phillips has something up. He might just show flashes of brilliance in the field. He might come and smash a cameo of 40, 50 and probably surprise you by taking a wicket or two."

# IOC president sees 'new world order' ahead of LA Olympics

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Lausanne

Thomas Bach says he feels a rare calm in his final weeks as IOC president even as a "new world order" gains speed ahead of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

Bach led the International Olympic Committee through two locked-down Games in a global pandemic and several affected by Russian doping and military aggression, among other crises.

His successor will be elected March 20 and inherit an IOC financially secure with future Olympic hosts that today look stable and reliable.

Still, the biggest event for the next IOC president — the LA Summer Games — could yet challenge Bach's faith in the Olympics' power to unite the world in peaceful competition and mutual acceptance.

"We have a new world order in the making, and this making... will not happen without rumbling," Bach said this week, without criticising US President Donald Trump.

Signature Bach policies have been gender parity and inclusive acceptance of all 206 national teams, plus refugee athletes. Political neutrality is an ideal Bach clings to even as Trump has warned of denying visas to athletes based on the government's gender interpretations.

"I am also convinced that President Trump and his administration will fully support the Olympic Games," Bach told The Associated Press in a rare interview at IOC headquarters.

"He likes sport, so there I don't see a risk," The American people, Bach added, "appreciate and love that the Games are about sport but they are about more than sport. They will want to welcome the athletes from all over the world."

The IOC has defended female boxers Imane Khelif and Lin Yu-ting — the Paris Olympic gold medalists. Both had been disqualified from the 2023 world championships run by the Russian-



backed International Boxing Association, which said they failed eligibility tests.

"These two women boxers have been born as women, they have been raised as women, they have competed as women and nobody ever claimed even that they are transgender," Bach said in AP's interview. "What happened there was a Russian-led misinformation campaign which then distorted the truth, the facts and now we have this unfortunate situation that these two athletes are considered to be transgender. But They. Are. Not."

Before the Paris Olympics, Bach warned of "deeply disturbing" trends, including "narrow self-interests trumping the rule of law."

"What I see is very heated discussion in the United States," Bach told the AP. "But this is for the citizens of the United States to have. Our values are very clear and on those values the Olympic Games are based."

## Pandemic and Russian doping

Bach's presidency since 2013 saw two Games

impacted by Covid-19; one shadowed by Korean political tensions; several affected by Russian doping and military aggression; and one almost implode with a chaotic local organising team in Rio de Janeiro that pulled the IOC into vote-buying allegations.

"I'm experiencing the first period during my presidency where I do not have an existential problem of the Olympic Games or the Olympic Movement on my desk," Bach said. The 71-year-old German lawyer and 1976 Olympic gold medalist in fencing leaves office in June. "I am fit and very happy in great health."

## Future commercial deals

A key decision early in Bach's presidency was extending NBC's broadcast rights in the US. Through 2032. Renewing or finding a new partner is a big decision for the next president. Bach suggested a free-to-air network is important.

"You can say of streaming. They are paying such a lot of money, let's go for streaming." But what does it mean for our values?" Bach said.

"The Olympic Games has to be accessible to everybody and not only the ones that can afford it. This balance you have to find."

## Diplomatic skills

Bach and predecessor Jacques Rogge were Olympic athletes who rose to represent the IOC with various heads of state.

"That is one of the privileges as IOC president is that you get everybody on the phone," Bach said. "I haven't experienced any situation where somebody would have said, I am not interested to talk." The late Henry Kissinger "gave very valuable advice" in real-world diplomacy.

## Spy target?

Bach's potential as a future Olympic leader was clear from 1981 when he and Sebastian Coe, a candidate to succeed him, helped represent athletes at a key IOC meeting in Baden-Baden, West Germany. He later worked for Horst Dassler and Adidas who reportedly were monitored for the Stasi, East Germany's secret police.

Asked if there was a Stasi file on him, Bach said, "Not that I knew. I cannot imagine."

Bach had warm relations with Russian President Vladimir Putin during the 2014 Sochi Winter Games. Bach and the Olympics have been targets of Russian misinformation, cyber attacks and deep fake videos during the past decade of sanctioning the state-backed doping scandal and fallout from the invasion of Ukraine.

## Cleaning up voting

Bach's legacy includes changing how hosts are picked. No more blockbuster contests vulnerable to vote-buying.

"The atmosphere was just not clean, not sober. It put the whole credibility of the IOC in doubt." There were no allegations of wrongdoing in how the French Alps, Brisbane and Salt Lake City were selected as hosts of the Olympics from 2030-2034.

# Javed Akhtar ask Shami to not pay attention to criticism

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Dubai

Days after cricketer Mohammed Shami was criticised for not observing roza (fast) in the month of Ramzaan during the ICC Champions Trophy (CT) semi-final match against Australia, veteran lyricist Javed Akhtar voiced his support for the bowler asking him to pay no attention to "reactionary bigoted idiots".

Shami, who is part of the Indian squad for the ongoing ICC Champions Trophy tour, was spotted consuming an energy drink as the match was underway in Dubai on Tuesday.

After the visual of the lead pacer went viral on social media, the national president of the All India Muslim Jamaat, Maulana Shahabuddin Razvi Bareilvi, said Shami had committed a sin by not fasting during the Islamic holy month of Ramzaan. Akhtar, known for openly voicing his opinions, advised the cricketer to ignore all the negativity and praised his



performance in the game.

Shami saheb, do not give a damn to those reactionary bigoted idiots who have any problem with your drinking water in a burning afternoon at a cricket field in Dubai.

"It is none of their business. You are one of the great Indian team that is making us all proud. My best wishes to you and our whole team," he wrote in an X post on Friday.

India emerged victorious in Tuesday's match, becoming the first team to qualify for Sunday's final. The Men in Blue will fight it out with New Zealand to claim the Champions Trophy for the third time (2002 and 2013).

# I'm open to all formats, but classical chess brings excitement: Gukesh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Unfazed by the evolving chess landscape, reigning world champion D Gukesh is open to compete in all formats but asserted that while freestyle chess brings excitement, the classical chess, with its rich history, will always hold the greatest significance.

With two distinct sets of chess enthusiasts emerging — one supporting freestyle and the other the showing loyalty to classical — concerns have been raised about a potential split in the sport. Gukesh, who beat Ding Liren to become world champion last year, sees no reason for division.

"I do not think much about it. Freestyle is exciting, and I'm happy to play it. But it's too early to say where it's going. We have had just two serious tournaments in freestyle so far," he said at the 'India Today Conclave 2025'.

"I wish freestyle becomes big, but I don't see it taking over standard chess. The history and legacy of classical chess give it more value. The World Championship cycle still holds the biggest importance for now."

"Freestyle is a great addition to classical, rapid, and blitz. But yeah, we just have to see how it works. I'm open to all," said Gukesh who has confirmed his participation for the Paris leg of Freestyle Chess Grand Slam Tour slated from April 7-14. World No 1 Magnus Carlsen, Gukesh are among the top 12 GMs who have confirmed participation for the Paris leg boasting a prize purse of \$750,000.

German rising star Vincent Keymer won the first Grand Slam in Weissenhaus.

## Parents do not have to think about money anymore

Gukesh's rise to the top was anything but easy. Just a few years ago, his family relied on the generosity of friends to support his international tournament expenses.

"I remember my parents' friends sponsoring me to play tournaments abroad. It was quite difficult at that time, and we had a lot of help from very, very nice and selfless people. Now, the last year was financially very good for us," he recalled.

The change in circumstances has brought relief not just to him, but more so to his family, he added.



## SBI Organized walkathon On The Occasion Of International Women's Day

Chandigarh: On the occasion of International Women's Day, State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Chandigarh organized a walkathon for its women employees on 08.03.2025. The walkathon was flagged off by Deputy General Manager and CDO, Shri Kajal Kumar Bhowmick. State Bank of India as an organization is taking multiple steps for the welfare of its female employees. On 07.03.2025 a health camp was organized for women, cervical cancer vaccination was done for eligible women, sessions were held by doctors for the physical and mental health of women. At SBI, we are working towards the upliftment of the women and their wellbeing. On occasion of International Women's Day circle has dedicated "Maitreyi" room for its women employees.



## Union Bank of India's CSR Initiative on International Women's Day

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Union Bank of India's Regional Office, Karnal, undertook a remarkable initiative on March 7, 2025, as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity to contribute to social service and upliftment. As part of this initiative, the bank installed a water cooler at ApnaAashiyana Ashram, located at Jundla Gate, Ramesh Nagar, Karnal, ensuring access to clean and cool drinking water for the elderly residents. Furthermore, the bank provided industrial sewing machines to young girls and women residing at MDD BalBhavan Orphanage, Phusgarh, to help them become self-reliant and financially empowered.



## SJVN celebrates International Women's Day 2025 with Pride and Purpose

Shimla: On the occasion of International Women's Day 2025, SJVN, a Navratna CPSE organised a magnificent event in Shimla. The celebration was aligned with this year's theme, "Accelerate Action", emphasizing the importance of taking swift and decisive steps to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment. Around 200 women, including employees and members of SJVN Ladies Club, participated in the event. Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Director (Personnel), SJVN graced the International Women's Day celebration and shared his insights on the company's ongoing initiatives to foster a more inclusive and diverse workplace. Sh. Sharma stated that "Empowering women within our organization is not just a policy but a fundamental value that drives our collective success". He further highlighted the importance of actionable steps towards gender parity, aligning with global call to accelerate action.



## Annual Sports Day Meet was organized in Air Force School.

Divyam got second position in Annual Sports Meet Ambala Cantt Air Force School. During this, children of pre-primary wing participated in various sports competitions. In these competitions, children performed very well and showed their talent. There was a lot of excitement on the field during the sports competition. On one hand, the players kept on getting applause, while the ever-changing game kept the excitement among everyone. Many types of fun competitions were also organized for the teachers of the school. Divyam Answal, a resident of Ambala city Mohindra Nagar, got second place in the Tortoise Race and won applause.



## Sri Chaitanya Students Shine Bright, Bringing Glory to the Nation in National Olympiads

In a remarkable display of academic prowess, Sri Chaitanya Chandigarh continues its legacy of excellence by achieving outstanding results in the Indian National Olympiads. The institute proudly celebrates 13 selections for the next stages of these prestigious competitions, demonstrating their mastery in subjects viz. Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Astronomy. With these results, Sri Chaitanya Chandigarh has the highest number of selections in the North West region, underscoring its status as a premier coaching institution.

# HER Name Belongs on the Label

PHOTOS: PANKAJ KUMAR



On Women's Day, we celebrate the fearless women in fashion, breaking barriers, redefining style, and empowering generations with every stitch, says SAKSHI PRIYA

## PAYAL JAIN: RESILIENT VISION

**Have you ever felt the need to fight for your space in a male-dominated industry?**

Fashion offers freedom, yet top brands are still led by men. As in finance or banking, women must work harder to prove their worth. Early on, I knew I needed a strong voice and identity. Inclusivity, sustainability, and craft revival have been my focus, especially supporting women artisans. Success and failure have shaped me, and I wouldn't change a thing.

**If you designed an outfit symbolising women's journey in fashion, what would it look like?**

My work would tell a story of purpose, strength, faith, and transformation. It would celebrate craftsmanship, bridging tradition and the struggles women face in a man's world. My retrospective Soul of a Woman interprets a woman's facets—her struggles, emotions, and triumphs. I see myself as an artist creating textile sculptures, not just outfits. I've worked with natural textiles, handcrafted by women artisans, repurposed into new forms—just like a woman standing tall through every setback.

**Has the industry evolved for women, or does the glass ceiling remain?**

The industry has evolved. There are more women in leadership, shaping trends and brands. But the glass ceiling still exists. While more women take charge, greater inclusivity is needed for diverse voices. True progress requires an inclusive, unbiased work culture where women have not just a seat but an equal voice in shaping the future.

**What has been your most defining career moment?**

Curating Soul of a Woman, a retrospective of my three-decade journey, was a powerful moment. Seeing my work come together, telling stories of craft



and sustainability, was humbling. It's no longer just about my label—it's about connecting craftsmanship, sustainability, and design. That's when I truly felt I had made a difference.

**What's one piece of advice you would give to young women entering this industry?**

To young women entering the design world, I would strongly advise to have a voice that is unique to you

and your design language, to stay true to your aesthetic and vision, never underestimating the power of hard work, commitment, faith and resilience. Stay grounded in your values, keep pushing boundaries, and above all, never lose sight of the joy and art in fashion, and the very reason you chose this as a career path!



Fashion is often seen as a world of glamour, but behind the shimmering fabrics and runway lights lies a space built stitch by stitch, fight by fight. Unlike industries where power is openly contested, fashion subtly shapes narratives, dictating not just style but identity.

Speaking to Payal Jain, Dolly J, and Rina Dhaka, it's clear that success is about talent and persistence. They stepped into a field where men historically controlled the business, yet instead of pushing against a system, they built their own. They transformed fashion into a canvas for empowerment, where clothes become statements of strength, identity, and evolution. Their stories remind us that fashion is resilience threaded into every design, a reflection of those who refused to be stitched into the background.

## DOLLY J: REDEFINING CONFIDENCE

**Did you ever feel the need to prove yourself, and how did you navigate that space?**

Fashion is not about gender—it's about vision, craftsmanship, and the ability to create something timeless. I never saw it as proving myself in a male-dominated space; I saw it as making my mark in an industry that values creativity above all. My focus has always been on refining my craft, pushing boundaries, and delivering designs that speak for themselves.

**As a woman, was there a moment in your career when you faced resistance or doubt just because of your gender? How did you turn that into motivation?**

Fashion is one of the most expressive industries, where talent dictates success, not gender. Challenges exist for everyone, but I've never allowed any label to limit my potential. Instead of focusing on resistance, I've always channelled my energy into my work—because at the end of the day, design excellence speaks louder than any bias.

**How do you ensure that your designs give women a voice in an industry where men have traditionally set the rules?**

My designs are created for those who value artistry, craftsmanship, and self-expression. It's never been about following rules set by anyone—it's about redefining them. Every piece I create is meant to empower the wearer, making them feel like the truest, most confident version of themselves.

**What changes do you hope to see for women in fashion in the next decade?**

Fashion is evolving into a space



where creativity is the only measure of success. The future should not just be about "equal representation" for women but about ensuring that talent—regardless of gender—is recognised and nurtured. I hope to see an industry where the focus is solely on innovation, originality, and craftsmanship.

**If you could share one piece of advice with young women looking to make their mark in a male-dominated industry, what would it be?**

Don't look at industries as "male-dominated", look at them as spaces where pioneers, dreamers, and innovators thrive. If you have the passion, the skill, and the vision, nothing can stand in your way. Focus on mastering your craft, staying true to your creativity, and letting your work do the talking.

## RINA DHAKA: FEARLESS VISION

**What was the biggest challenge you faced as a woman in fashion, and how did you overcome it?**

When I started in fashion, there were few reference points to learn from. Initial resources were mostly archival—vintage textiles, antique jewellery, cinema costumes. Early on, I relied on old PCs and historical clothing to understand design. Eventually, I discovered Indian museums as a valuable resource for learning and inspiration. But what truly shaped me was working closely with artisans, understanding their craft, their techniques. As my understanding grew, creating became easier.

**Do you feel fashion today empowers women more than before, or do societal expectations still shape how women dress?**

After seeing the Oscars and the Vanity Fair party, I understand that boldness is real now. When I began working, I was called 'Dare-Bare Dhaka.' Looking back, what I once considered bold is now wearable fashion. But empowerment, in my view, is not about revealing choices—it's about acceptance. True empowerment is allowing women to dress as they choose, free from judgment.

**How has your creative vision evolved from your first collection to now?**

My early years were shaped by studying historical fashion, museum archives, and cinema cos-



times. But over time, direct interactions with artisans gave me a deeper, more hands-on understanding of craftsmanship. Today, my work blends those influences, tradition, heritage, and modernity.

**If you had to describe the journey of women in fashion through one design element, what would it be and why?**

If I had to find a common thread, it might be shoes; the way women walk forward, step by step. Footwear symbolises progress, movement, and the journey women have taken to claim their space in the industry.



## ABHINETRI'S AS BOLLYWOOD DIVAS: Ruling THE SILVER SCREEN

After tough times in Bollywood, acceptance of films without male superstars shows growing appreciation for female talent, writes ABHI SINGHAL

I have been a binge-watcher for many years now. I love watching web series, movies, short films, and anything and everything with a story. To be honest, the genres excite me like nothing else. I am a cinema lover. Watching films evolve all these years is the most beautiful change of acceptance I have seen. With this change, I talk about the entry of female-led films on the silver screen being the hit. Also, with that, the stories of movies have become female-centric, breaking taboos and barriers that play a huge part in shaping society.

From films having just male protagonists to films only led by female actors, it has been a journey of hardships and flops for the actors. I will begin giving the spotlight to *Fashion* and *Queen* as some of the films that showed female protagonists and were taken forward by the audience on the performance.

Apart from that, women have also faced criticism and backlash on the roles they play. An example of the same is *Deepika Padukone*. Be it Padmavat, due to the



culture of her role, *Rani Padmavati*, or be it *Fighter*, where she was criticised for her costume in the film, it has always been hard for women. There have been web series bashed by the audience like *Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar* for the showcasing of women as tawaifs and at the red light areas.

But over time, scenarios have changed many misconceptions, and the audience has started to accept films with women protagonists and even films that don't have a male superstar.



## THE SHIFT: FROM PERIPHERAL TO PROTAGONIST

**FASHION (2008):** Priyanka Chopra's portrayal of Meghna Mathur, a small-town girl going through the cutthroat world of modeling.

**QUEEN (2013):** Kangana Ranaut's Rani was a revelation. Rani's journey from a heartbroken bride to an independent woman struck a chord with viewers, proving that a female-led film could be a massive commercial success.

**NH10 (2015):** Anushka Sharma's production and performance in NH10 offered a raw and gritty portrayal of a woman fighting for survival.

**NEERJA (2016):** Sonam Kapoor's acting as Neerja Bhanot, a flight attendant who sacrificed her life to save passengers. This film highlighted the courage and heroism of an ordinary woman, proving that female-led stories could be powerful and impactful.

**MARDAANI (2014) AND MARDAANI 2 (2019):** Rani Mukerji playing a fierce and determined police officer, Shivani Shivaji Roy, challenged traditional notions of femininity.

**HICHKI (2018):** Rani Mukerji again, this time as Naina Mathur, a teacher

with Tourette syndrome. This movie displayed that women can be strong role models.

**VEERE DI WEDDING (2018):** The film, starring Kareena Kapoor Khan, Sonam Kapoor Ahuja, Swara Bhasker, and Shikha Talsania, celebrated female friendship and challenged societal expectations of women.

**GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI (2022):** Alia Bhatt's powerful performance as Gangubai, a brothel madam who fought for the rights of sex workers, was a testament to the changing landscape of Indian cinema.

**DARLINGS (2022):** Alia Bhatt and Shefali Shah's film explored domestic violence with a dark comedic twist, keeping all the responsibility to themselves.

**MRS. CHATTERJEE VS NORWAY (2023):** Rani Mukerji, starring, brought to light the struggles of an immigrant mother without a male actor in any sort of lead.

**CREW (2024):** This very recent film starring Tabu, Kareena Kapoor, and Kriti Sanon is a comedy about flight attendants, showing that women can carry a comedy film.

The journey of female-centric films in Indian cinema is ongoing. While challenges remain, the progress made is undeniable. The increasing number of impactful stories reflect a changing society.





# The Power of HER Plates

Celebrating the women in food, shaping flavours, traditions, and the future of cooking with passion, says TEAM AGENDA

## CHEF MANSI'S CULINARY JOURNEY



Hailing from Lucknow, the cultural heart of Awadh, **Mansi Kapoor** grew up surrounded by a rich culinary heritage where diverse communities contributed unique flavours and traditions. Coming from the UP Khatri community, traditionally strict vegetarians who exclude even onions and garlic, she was raised with a deep respect for food. However, the influence of close friends and a shared love for cooking led her family to embrace a more diverse range of culinary experiences, broadening their appreciation for flavours beyond their own traditions. Her passion for food is deeply rooted in her family's love for hospitality. She learned to cook alongside the women in her household, who instilled in her the belief that cooking is not just about following recipes but about pouring one's heart into every dish. Whether preparing a simple dal or an elaborate zaffrani biryani, she believes that good food requires patience, care and attention to detail. As a home chef, Mansi remains committed to personally preparing every dish she serves, following

traditional recipes without compromise. She strongly believes in the philosophy of "sahaj pake so meetha hoye", meaning slow-cooked food is the most flavourful, embracing a methodical and mindful approach to cooking. By using fresh, seasonal and local ingredients, she ensures that every meal she prepares is not just nourishing but also a sensory delight. Her culinary talents have been widely recognised at food festivals and her Awadhi tables, hosted at her home, have received high praise from renowned connoisseurs. Mansi's dedication to preserving and celebrating authentic flavours makes her a true ambassador of Awadhi cuisine.

### ZAFRANI PHIRNI

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 litre full-cream milk
- 60g basmati rice
- 150g granulated sugar
- A pinch of saffron
- ½ tsp cardamom powder
- 1 tsp kewra water (optional)
- 10 almonds, blanched and finely chopped
- 10 pistachios, sliced
- Rose petals for garnish (optional)

#### METHOD:

- Wash and soak the rice for about 30 minutes. Drain and grind it into a semi-coarse paste.
- Soak the saffron in 2 to 3 tsp of warm water.
- Heat the milk in a saucepan or karahi, then add the cardamom powder, slivered almonds and saffron.
- Bring the milk to a boil, then

- lower the flame. Gradually add the rice paste while stirring continuously to prevent lumps.
- Cook until the rice is fully cooked and the mixture thickens.
- Add sugar and stir until it dissolves completely.
- Mix in the kewra water for a fragrant touch.
- Pour the phirni into pre-soaked earthenware bowls (sakoras) or

- glass serving dishes.
- Garnish with sliced pistachios and rose petals.
- Refrigerate for at least an hour before serving chilled. A slow-cooked delicacy infused with saffron and cardamom, Mansi's Zaffrani Phirni is a perfect celebration of traditional Awadhi flavours, offering a rich, creamy and aromatic treat.

## RANGO KE GUBAARE : A PALETTE OF TRADITION

BY TEAM AGENDA

Recipes by Chef Ashu Chugh, Executive Chef, Jaypee Greens Golf Resort, Greater Noida  
Servings: 4

#### INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup rava, 1 ½ tbsp whole wheat flour, 1 tbsp gram flour
  - Salt, pepper, red chilli powder, fennel powder, baking soda
  - 1 tsp oil, water as needed, oil for frying
  - 50g fried makhana, 100g moong sprouts, 100g boiled potatoes
  - 20 mini bhalle (optional), chopped onions, tomatoes, green chillies, green apple
  - 200g yoghurt, 4 tsp blueberry compote, 4 tsp green & tamarind chutneys
  - Black salt, cumin powder, chaat masala, red chilli powder
  - 8-10 papdi, sev, 4 tsp pomegranate arils, coriander
- #### INSTRUCTIONS
- **Make Dough:** Mix flours, spices, oil and water into a firm dough. Rest 30 mins.
  - **Fry Kachori:** Roll into discs, fry until crisp and golden.
  - **Assemble:** Break the top, fill with sprouts, potatoes, bhalle, onions, apple.
  - **Top & Serve:** Add yoghurt, chutneys, spices, crushed papdi, sev, pomegranate and coriander. Serve immediately. A crunchy, tangy Holi special delight!



## A CLASSIC HOLI TREAT BURSTING WITH FLAVOUR

BY TEAM AGENDA

Recipes by Chef Amardeep Singh Bhatia, Executive Chef, Jaypee Siddharth

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 kg refined flour, 1 kg khoya
- 50g each cashew nuts, pista, almonds
- 5g green cardamom, 20g fennel seeds
- 100g coconut powder, ghee as required
- Sugar syrup as required

#### METHOD

- Mix flour, ghee, and water to form dough. Knead and rest for 10-15 minutes.
- Cook khoya, sugar, dry fruits, coconut, and cardamom until thick.
- Prepare a sugar syrup by boiling 2 cups of sugar with 5 cups of water.
- Roll out small dough balls into thin circles.
- Fill with the khoya mixture, fold, and seal edges.
- Fry in ghee until golden brown.
- Drain excess oil and serve warm or at room temperature.



## CHEF NISA YIMTHONG'S CULINARY JOURNEY

Chef **Nisa Yimthong** boasts an impressive professional history that spans continents and has left an indelible mark on esteemed establishments worldwide. Her odyssey began as a junior sous chef at Bangkok's revered Blue Elephant Thai Restaurant, where she honed her craft. She ascended through prestigious roles, including Chef de Partie at the Dusit Thani Hotel and Junior Sous Chef at the Bolan Thai Restaurant in Bangkok.

Chef Nisa's journey took her to international opportunities, where she showcased her culinary prowess at esteemed establishments such as the Sukhothai Hotel in Bangkok and the Leela Palace in Chennai. Her expertise truly blossomed during her first stint at Shangri-La Eros New Delhi, where she wowed diners with her exceptional skills in the realm of Thai cuisine at Tamra. This journey led to her assuming the esteemed role of Chef de Cuisine Thai at Intercontinental Century City Chengdu in China, solidifying her reputation as a true maestro of gastronomy.

Adding depth to her culinary mastery is Chef Nisa's educational foundation; she holds a bachelor's degree in hotel management from Suan Dusit Rajabhat University in Thailand. Her expertise extends beyond traditional culinary offerings, encompassing the intricate art of fruit and vegetable carving, creative food presentation, and innovative menu development. Her unwavering commitment to cleanliness and hygiene underlies her steadfast pursuit of culinary excellence.

### Colorful Swirl Mathri

- 200 gms Maida
- 75 ml Refine oil
- 2gm Ajwain
- 2gm Red food colour
- 2gm Green food colour
- 2 gm Baking soda
- 2 gm Salt



#### METHOD:

- In a bowl mix the flour, salt, carrom seeds and salt and mix it properly
- Add the oil to the flour mix and incorporate it nicely add the red and green food coloring each to two portions and knead it to a tight and smooth dough without ant granules
- Divide the dough into 3 equal portions and add the red and green food coloring each to two portions and knead it properly so that the colour gets incorporated in each dough.
- To give equal colour roll out separately all 3 doughs into thin sheets and place it on top of each other according to the colours you want in your swirl and roll it out like cigar.
- Roll carefully into a cigar shaped roll brushing a little water at the end so that it sticks properly.
- Finally cut the roll into thin slices
- Meanwhile heat the refine oil for frying in a wok, fry the dough slices 5-6 together in a medium sized wok for 5-6 minutes in medium low flame till they are cooked properly.



## EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF HOLI SWEETNESS

BY TEAM AGENDA

Holi is a festival of colours, but it's also a festival of flavours. It's the time when kitchens fill with the aroma of saffron, cardamom and slow-cooked khoya, as families come together to prepare festive treats. The first bite of a perfectly crisp Rango ke Gubaare, breaking into a rich, nutty filling or the cool, spiced embrace of Thandai Rasmalai, soaked in saffron-infused milk, these are the tastes that make Holi special. Each sweet carries a story of tradition, celebration and the simple joy of sharing, making Holi as much about food as it is about colours.



By Chef Vaibhav Bhargava - Consultant Chef, Food Stylist and Entrepreneur

### Chenna Rasmalai Thandai

- A delightful fusion of saffron-infused chenna, served in chilled thandai.
- Preparation Time: 20 minutes
- Cooking Time: 2 hours
- Total Time: 2 hours 20 minutes
- Course: Dessert
- Cuisine: Indian
- Servings: 4

#### Thandai Recipe

- #### INGREDIENTS:
- Milk - 250ml
  - Water - 1500ml
  - Sugar - 375g
  - Fennel seeds (saunf) - 7g

- Cardamom powder - 3g
- Almonds - 15g
- Pistachios - 15g
- Skinned watermelon seeds - 15g
- Poppy seeds - 7g
- Rose water - 3g
- Whole peppercorns - 3g
- Dried or fresh rose petals - 50g

#### METHOD:

- Soak the almonds, pistachios, and watermelon seeds for 3-4 hours, then drain and grind them into a fine paste.
- Lightly roast the cardamom, fennel seeds, and peppercorns, then grind them into a fine powder.
- In a pan, bring the milk to a boil. Add saffron and sugar, then let it cool to room temperature before refrigerating.
- Once chilled, mix in the ground nuts

- and spice powder.
- Add rose petals and rose water for a fragrant finish. Your Thandai is now ready.
- Rasmalai Recipe

#### INGREDIENTS:

- Milk - 1000ml
- Refined flour - 5g
- Granulated sugar - 500g
- White vinegar (for curdling milk) - 60ml
- Water - 1500ml

#### METHOD:

- Dilute the vinegar with 2-3 cups of water.
- Bring the milk to a boil and slowly add the diluted vinegar. Stir until the milk curdles and forms soft chenna.
- Add 2-3 cups of water and ice cubes to

- cool it down, then strain to remove any vinegar traces.
- Drain excess water by placing the chenna in a muslin cloth and hanging it for 2-3 hours.
- Knead the chenna until smooth, then mix with refined flour to form a soft dough.
- Shape the dough into small dumplings.
- Prepare a sugar syrup by boiling 2 cups of sugar with 5 cups of water.
- Add the dumplings to the boiling syrup and cook for 5-10 minutes. Your Rasmalai is ready.
- Assembly - Thandai Rasmalai
- Squeeze the excess syrup from the Rasmalai.
- Submerge them in the chilled Thandai.
- Garnish with nuts and serve elegantly.

# AGENDA

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair"  
— Shirley Chisholm



SHE is a daughter, a mother, a wife, and a leader. From sacrifices at home to commanding spaces once deemed unimaginable, women have done it all. Every woman's life is a symbol of already fought societal norms, unbreakable strength, unshattractive confidence and living grace. SHE is a force, a beacon and change, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**

कोई सीता, कोई राधा  
कोई झांसी की रानी  
हर रूप में नारी ने  
दुनिया है संभाली।।



## WAAH WOMANIYA!

Me being a woman have always heard and read that for HER the sky is the limit, but SHE, in every role and everytime knows that the limit doesn't stop at the sky.

### The Durga Incarnates

Despite being nature's greatest marvel, women have long been denied the respect and autonomy they deserve. Forced to navigate paths imposed by others, many Indian women have dared to challenge these norms, rewriting the rules and forging their destinies. They dare, they challenge societal norms. Here are a few of them who have excelled and made their mark despite all odds in different fields that were a taboo.

#### KIRAN BEDI: THE FIRST WOMAN IPS OFFICER

As India's first female IPS officer, she broke barriers in a male-dominated force, transforming challenges into opportunities. Her journey from towing the Prime Minister's car for illegal parking to reforming Tihar Jail, demonstrates how determination and the right support can overturn deep-seated biases. Raised in an environment where education and independence were encouraged, she never let societal expectations define her aspirations. "Any girl child who is loved by her parents and given the vision and resources to realise her potential is ready to take on the world. As I was," says Kiran Bedi.

But entering a profession dominated by men was not without its challenges. The biases and prejudices were apparent. "The prevailing biases and prejudices inspired me to question them. And prove them wrong. Which I did. It gave me a sense of achievement" she added.

#### NIDHI SALGAME: THE OFF-ROADER MAKING HER PATH

Nidhi Salgame, founder of Wander Beyond Boundaries, exemplifies excellence in a field where skill matters more than gender. An accomplished off-roader and explorer, Nidhi has overcome stereotypes and judgment by letting her actions speak for themselves. Nidhi says, "You just have to prove yourself again and again. I faced judgment, and immense stereotyping. I had to prove myself twice over, just for people to acknowledge my skills. That's not a burden any man would carry, yet it was placed on me. But in the end, actions speak louder than words." She further added that the outdoors does not judge you by gender. The machine doesn't treat you differently. It is a leveller. And that's what makes it so liberating. Her journey has never been about fitting into stereotypes or shattering them, it has been about mastering what she does and doing it exceptionally well.

In off-roading extreme overland expeditions, capability is the measure of success.

#### POOJA SHARMA: AN ACTIVIST WHO DEFIED TRADITIONS

A social activist who turned personal tragedy into a mission of dignity. After witnessing her brother's untimely death, she vowed to honour those forgotten by society. Defying long-held traditions that barred women from performing last rites, Pooja armed herself with knowledge from ancient scriptures and has since bestowed dignity on over 5,000 unclaimed bodies. In a society where women are excluded from cremation grounds, Pooja stood as a lone warrior.

When she attempted to perform the last rites, temple priests blocked her path. "I started reading the Vedas, our scriptures, the Shiv Puran, the Garud Puran. Nowhere it is written that women cannot perform last rites" said Pooja.

Armed with knowledge, she fought against centuries-old beliefs and proved that religion did not forbid women from giving dignity to the departed. Together, these women embody a spirit that transcends societal constraints. They remind us that while rules may exist, they do not define the power of a woman, the true force of creation, resilience, and change.

#### BIDISHA MUKHERJEE: BREAKING BARRIERS IN GOVERNANCE AND TOURISM

Entering the IAS amid a traditionally male realm, she now leads initiatives at the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board that empower women and promote sustainable tourism. Her work proves that when women lead, they not only participate but they redefine the landscape. Under her leadership, initiatives like women-run hotels, such as Amatas, have not only created economic independence for women but also reshaped the tourism landscape in Madhya Pradesh.

"The desire to create meaningful change led me from teaching to public administration. While the gender imbalance in governance was a challenge, I saw it as a chance to redefine norms." said Bidisha. Her initiatives have set new benchmarks, proving that when women are given platform, they don't just participate they lead.

— BY DIVYA BHATIA

Now you don't have to picture such women, you can also see them behind the wheels of the massive DTC buses, their presence a powerful symbol that defies the notion that such roles are for men.



Kiran Bedi



Bidisha Mukherjee



Nidhi Salgame



Pooja Sharma



Kalpana Chawla



Sarla Thakral



Sania Mirza



Bachendri Pal



Sushmita Sen

### WOMEN WHO SCRIPTED HISTORY

Kalpana Chawla's journey to space was an example to her extraordinary intellect and courage. She became an icon, inspiring countless young women to pursue careers in STEM fields. Her dedication to exploration and scientific advancement left an indelible mark on the world. During the wonders that she did, her life was tragically cut short but her legacy continues to propel humanity's quest for knowledge.

Sarla Thakral, in 1936, became India's first female pilot. At 21, she flew a Gypsy Moth, defying societal norms. Her courage shattered barriers, inspiring generations. Her achievement symbolised female empowerment, proving women's capabilities in traditionally male-dominated fields. Her legacy is one of resilience and pioneering spirit.

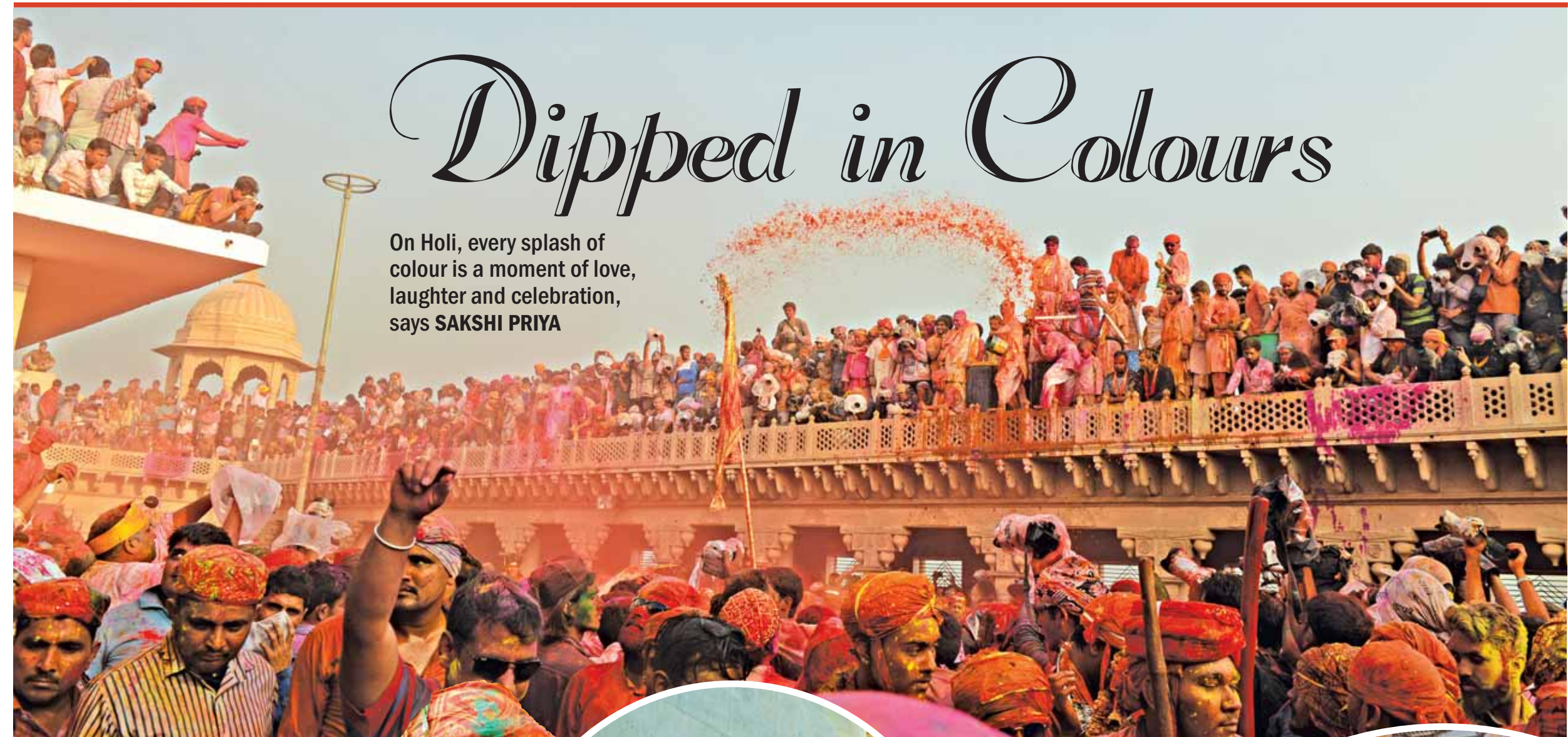
Sania Mirza's victory in the 2005 WTA Hyderabad Open doubles title was a watershed moment for Indian tennis. She shattered glass ceilings, proving that Indian women could excel in international sports. Her powerful serves and unwavering spirit inspired a generation of aspiring athletes. Mirza's success not only elevated Indian tennis but also empowered women to pursue their dreams.

Bachendri Pal's ascent of Everest in 1984 etched her name into history. With unflinching determination, she conquered the world's highest peak, inspiring generations of Indian women. Her courage shattered barriers, proving that no summit is too high to reach. Pal's achievement is a testimony to the strength and resilience of women and a beacon of hope.

Sushmita Sen's victory at Miss Universe 1994 transcended beauty pageants. She became a symbol of grace and intelligence, showcasing the modern Indian woman to the world. Her poise and eloquence captivated audiences, shattering stereotypes and empowering young girls to dream big. Sen's triumph was a moment of national pride, highlighting India's evolving identity on the global stage.

# Dipped in Colours

On Holi, every splash of colour is a moment of love, laughter and celebration, says SAKSHI PRIYA



**R**ang barse bheege chunar wali, rang barse..." a song that instantly reminds everyone of Holi, bringing back memories of laughter, colours and streets filled with celebration.

This timeless Bollywood song has become the soundtrack of the festival, capturing its playfulness and joy. Whether it is Amitabh Bachchan's deep baritone or Ranbir Kapoor's youthful energy, cinema has long celebrated.

As Holi approaches, the streets fill with music, laughter and a riot of colours begins. Holi as a time of revelry. People come together, smearing each other with colours, dancing and setting aside their worries for a day. "Bura na maano, Holi hai!" becomes the anthem, inviting everyone to join in the fun.

Beyond the festivities, Holi holds deep cultural and religious significance. It symbolises the victory of good over evil, with the *Holika Dahan* on the eve of Holi marking this victory. The festival also signifies the arrival of spring, a time of renewal and joy. While Holi is celebrated across India in different ways, the traditions of *Braj*, especially in Mathura, Vrindavan, Barsana and Nandgaon, are among the most vibrant and unique.

## HOLI IN VRINDAVAN

A short distance from Barsana and Nandgaon, Vrindavan is home to one of the most visually stunning Holi celebrations. Here, Holi is an expression of devotion.

At the Banke Bihari Temple, the celebrations begin days in advance, with priests and devotees showering each other with gulaal and flower petals. Unlike the lively Lathmar Holi, the atmosphere here is more devotional. The temple doors open and the deity of Krishna is brought closer to the devotees, as if participating in the celebrations. Pilgrims sing bhajans, dance in joy and immerse themselves in a Holi that is deeply spiritual.

I also spoke to Ananya Patel, who experienced Holi in Vrindavan for the first time. "It was about colours, it felt like

a blessing," she said. "The temple was packed, but there was this beautiful sense of harmony. When the petals started falling from above, it was almost surreal. Everyone around me had their hands raised, singing, completely lost in the moment. It was Holi, but in the purest, most peaceful form." As locals and visitors immerse themselves in a tradition that has been carried forward for generations. One of the most mesmerising aspects of Vrindavan's Holi is the Phoolon Ki Holi, the Holi of flowers, where instead of coloured powders; fragrant flower petals fill the air. The sight of thousands of petals raining down in the temple premises is breathtaking, a serene contrast to the more boisterous celebrations outside.

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## Lathmar Holi

Holi in Barsana and Nandgaon, two villages in Uttar Pradesh, is unlike anywhere else. Here, the festival takes on a unique and playful form known as Lathmar Holi, where women chase men with sticks while the men protect themselves with shields. It is a spectacle that draws thousands of visitors each year, blending tradition with festivity in a way that is both energetic and deeply rooted in local culture.

Curious about what it feels like to experience Lathmar Holi firsthand, I spoke to Aneesh Sharma, a traveller who recently visited Barsana during the festival. "The moment we entered the village, it felt like stepping into a different world," he recalled. "Women stood ready with sticks in hand, their faces filled with excitement. The men from Nandgaon, laughing and teasing, willingly walked into this playful battle. It wasn't aggression, it was pure joy."

He described the sounds of dhols filling the air as colours flew in every direction. "At one point, I just stood there watching. The energy was surreal. One of the men near me held up his shield, pretending to be terrified of the women approaching him, and everyone burst into laughter. It's a Holi unlike anything I had ever seen before."

**THE SIGHT OF THOUSANDS OF PETALS RAINING DOWN IN THE TEMPLE PREMISES IS BREATHTAKING, A SERENE CONTRAST TO THE MORE BOISTEROUS CELEBRATIONS**

A week before the main Holi celebrations, men from Nandgaon visit Barsana. As they enter the village, they are welcomed with colours, teasing and, most famously, stick. The women of Barsana, dressed in traditional attire, await them with lathis (sticks) in hand, ready to chase them away in a playful mock battle. The men, armed with shields, try to dodge the blows, but many willingly surrender, laughing and embracing the spirit of the festival.

The next day, the women of Barsana visit Nandgaon, continuing the celebration on the men's home ground. The entire event is accompanied by traditional folk songs and the beating of dhols, with chants of "Shri Radhe!" and "Jai Kanha!" filling the air.

While it may seem intense to an outsider, Lathmar Holi is all in good fun, a symbolic exchange rather than a true battle. It represents the spirited playfulness that defines Holi in this region, where joy, music and community come together in a festival unlike any other.



## A FESTIVAL THAT BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER

Holi is a festival of colours, it is a festival of unity. Whether it is the playful combat of Lathmar Holi, the devotional celebration in Vrindavan or the modern citywide festivities, Holi breaks down barriers. For one day, differences fade away and people come together in laughter and celebration.

In a world often divided by differences, Holi serves as a reminder

of shared joy and togetherness. The act of applying colour on someone is a playful gesture; it is an acceptance, a moment of unity. Strangers become friends, old grievances are set aside and for those few hours, life is lived in its most carefree and joyous form.

So, as Holi nears, whether you celebrate with lathis in Barsana, bhajans

in Vrindavan or Bollywood beats in your own city let the spirit of the festival take over. Dance freely, laugh without restraint and embrace the colours of Holi with open arms.

**Bura na maano, Holi hai!**



**ARIES** March 21-April 19

Everything is flowing smoothly in your life right now, with long-held aspirations coming to fruition. There's a sense of peace and harmony that surrounds you, making it a perfect time for celebration. However, you seem to be holding back your emotions, perhaps due to past hurts, which might prevent you from experiencing deeper connections. As the week progresses, consider this an opportune moment to foster closer relationships with your family and embrace the abundance of blessings that life offers. This could lead you toward the peace and happiness you seek. If there are any familial tensions, now is the time to actively work towards reconciliation. By the week's end, anticipate receiving something you've hoped for. Consider engaging in charitable activities or visiting spiritual places, which reflects your kind and generous nature.

**Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Plum  
Lucky day Thursday**



**LEO** July 23-Aug 22

Significant transformations are on the horizon, shifting the dynamics from favorable to less favorable conditions and vice versa. During this period, you might face concerns over diminishing finances or business, prompting doubts about past decisions. However, your inclination toward optimism will encourage you to await the outcomes patiently. Shifts in your career, residence, or family structure are likely, signaling a period of upheaval. Embracing these shifts can propel you toward a mindset characterized by greater personal liberation. You are keen on forging new connections or achieving success in entrepreneurial ventures. Your choices and actions will play a crucial role in shaping these endeavors. Your vibrant and dynamic personality shines through in both professional and social circles, marked by your reliability, innovation, and vivacity.

**Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Tan  
Lucky day Wednesday**



**SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21

This week finds you embracing strength and gaining control over your emotions, positioning you to seize various opportunities. Balancing influence and emotional resilience is key, as self-mastery leads to broader influence over your surroundings. Your disciplined approach helps you navigate life's challenges effectively, making you a dependable source of guidance for your family and peers. Your advice is valued by all, reflecting your ability to maintain a clear perspective without allowing emotions to cloud your decisions. As the week progresses, expect a burst of inspiration to ignite a new creative venture. This fresh insight might come unexpectedly, guiding you towards innovative ideas. Additionally, the week may culminate with uplifting news or a joyful event, adding a celebratory note to your achievements.

**Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour White  
Lucky day Saturday**



**TAURUS** April 20-May 20

The week begins with the challenge of managing various demands, fostering teamwork, and ensuring progress while maintaining balance. Trust in your abilities and rise to the occasion. Recall times when you successfully navigated through competing priorities—balancing personal, professional, and financial responsibilities while maintaining wellness. You understand the rhythm of action and patience. By midweek, stay vigilant against misleading ambitions. Pay attention to potential hazards in your environment, such as accidents or safety concerns at home or work. Address these risks promptly. As the week closes, a sense of fulfillment emerges. Your financial endeavors or business investments are likely to yield significant rewards, leaving you satisfied with the outcomes.

**Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Saffron  
Lucky day Saturday**



**VIRGO** Aug 23-Sep 22

You are on the brink of achieving long-term financial stability and prosperity. The outlook for your economic growth looks promising, with potential gains through unexpected sources, including gifts or inheritances. Commitment in relationships may deepen, symbolized through meaningful gestures that signify long-term bonds. It's crucial now to maintain a practical approach; success will come from diligent effort rather than idle daydreaming. To enhance focus and productivity, consider incorporating practices like meditation into your routine, allowing you to view challenges with fresh perspectives. As the week concludes, you will find yourself in a leadership position, demonstrating authority and providing guidance. Your experience will be invaluable to others as you inspire and instill confidence, embodying a figure of respect and loyalty.

**Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Teal  
Lucky day Thursday**



**CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19

Significant transformations are on the horizon for you. You may find yourself on the winning side of a legal dispute or decision. This period marks a fresh beginning where previous obligations are resolved, allowing you to move forward unburdened. It's time to leave behind old challenges and embrace new opportunities, setting the stage for a clean slate. The conflicts that once tested your resolve are now behind you, paving the way for a phase of accomplishment. There's potential for your dedication and effort to be acknowledged and celebrated. Take this as a confirmation that you're on the correct path. Move forward with optimism and assurance, as the achievements you've worked towards are within reach and your contributions are likely to be acknowledged widely.

**Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Brown  
Lucky day Tuesday**



**GEMINI** May 21-June 20

This week, you may find yourself filled with ambitious desires ranging from achieving financial stability, enjoying a harmonious home life, to seeing your family thrive. The urge to realize these goals swiftly could lead you to momentarily overlook other important duties. It's crucial to strike a balance in your endeavors to turn your aspirations into reality. Taking a pragmatic approach and focusing on practical steps rather than getting lost in daydreams will serve you well. As the week progresses, expect opportunities that could enhance your financial standing, such as making valuable connections, discovering new projects, or stumbling upon potential job offers. By the week's end, you might experience a sense of self-sacrifice, prioritizing the needs and ambitions of others above your own.

**Lucky number 19 | Lucky colour Scarlet  
Lucky day Sunday**



**LIBRA** Sep 23-Oct 22

This week holds the promise of many positive developments in your life. You are in a robust state, both in terms of health and financial stability. At work, you've reached a level of expertise where you're applying your accumulated knowledge effectively in practical scenarios. Your superiors have taken note of your skills and are entrusting you with significant projects that will further hone your abilities. Your determination is at its peak, empowering you to tackle challenging tasks successfully. It's also a favorable period for strengthening bonds with friends, as your confidence and decisiveness remove any room for doubt. Additionally, your dedication and resilience are setting a powerful example for your children, inspiring them to admire and emulate your qualities. You're poised to be an influential figure for both your peers and family this week.

**Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Peach  
Lucky day Monday**



**AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18

You possess a natural charisma and an ability to persuade others with your eloquent communication. Your insight and self-assurance are tools you effectively utilize for constructive purposes. This is the moment to translate your aspirations into tangible goals, and thoughts into definitive actions. If setbacks have recently occurred, you now have the opportunity to transform these experiences into triumphs. Unexpected opportunities for new beginnings might arise, such as the development of a new friendship, welcoming a child, or finding deeper joy and fulfillment in an existing relationship. Your kind and empathetic nature often seeks harmony. Though occasionally you might find yourself feeling variable due to your deep connection with the emotional and spiritual realms, your perceptive abilities allow you to understand the core of any matter clearly.

**Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Sky Blue  
Lucky day Wednesday**



**CANCER** June 21-July 22

This week, you may find yourself increasingly drawn to deepening personal connections, whether that's cultivating a new relationship or strengthening an existing one. Trusting your intuition is crucial now, as it guides you to align more closely with your true self. The theme of unconditional love is prominent, suggesting significant moments such as forming new bonds, engagements, or celebrating unions might be particularly meaningful during this period. Engaging in activities that challenge you physically or mentally could also be appealing, allowing you to test and surpass your previous limits. However, you might also encounter some disagreements or competitive scenarios that could disrupt your peace. It's important to seek common ground and foster a sense of balance in interactions, striving for mutual understanding and compromise to mitigate any extremes.

**Lucky number 12 | Lucky colour Silver  
Lucky day Monday**



**SCORPIO** Oct 23-Nov 21

This week finds you feeling fulfilled and content, both emotionally and financially. You naturally excel in roles that involve offering support and healing, always ready to lend a sympathetic ear or a helping hand. Your innate purity and appealing essence draw people to you effortlessly. You possess a remarkable ability to understand the motivations and behaviors of those around you. Plans may materialize to pass on your accumulated wealth, which could include tangible assets or invaluable wisdom that impacts lives more profoundly than mere financial wealth. As the week concludes, you'll find joy in the deepening of personal connections, witnessing the blossoming and stabilization of significant relationships, celebrating the joyous union of kindred spirits.

**Lucky number 18 | Lucky colour Mint  
Lucky day Friday**



**PISCES** Feb 19-March 20

This week, those of you who are adept at strategic planning may find yourselves navigating opportunities for financial gain. These could arise from diligent efforts or unexpected sources like inheritances. Remember, this period isn't about emotional rewards but managing material assets wisely. Without careful handling, there's a risk of either squandering resources or becoming overly cautious to the point of hoarding, which could lead to frustration and disappointment. It's crucial to harness your innate ability to transform and manifest your desires. Strive to find a balance between potential and actual creation. Additionally, this is an excellent time to focus inward, utilizing your abilities to enrich and transform your personal growth and self-realization.

**Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Dark Pink  
Lucky day Friday**

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THOUGHTFUL INSIGHTS



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## Can SpiriTech Redefine Meditation to the Next Gen?

The journey toward spiritual awakening is quietly evolving. Traditional practices like meditation, once rooted in serene retreats and ancient texts, are now finding a new home in the digital age. Modern technology has enabled centuries-old traditions to be reimagined for a generation often weighed down by disconnection and overwhelm.

Smartphones, often seen as drivers of distraction, are being redefined as tools for self-discovery. From guided meditations to mindfulness reminders, technology is making it easier to pause and find moments of calm in our hectic lives. Yet, this intersection of the digital and meditative invites reflection: can technology truly deepen our connection to meditation, or does it risk reducing it to surface-level routines?

Meditation, for instance, has emerged as the foundation of tech-driven spirituality, with tools like AI-powered 'gurus' and wearable biofeedback devices that transform the practice into a measurable and personalized experience.

At its heart, meditation is a timeless practice of reconnecting with ourselves and the Divine within us. It's about stripping away the filters that color our perception of reality, much like removing tinted glasses to see the world as it truly is. In an age where noise and distraction often dominate, meditation offers much-needed clarity.

It helps us refocus on what truly matters, allowing the mind to settle and rediscover

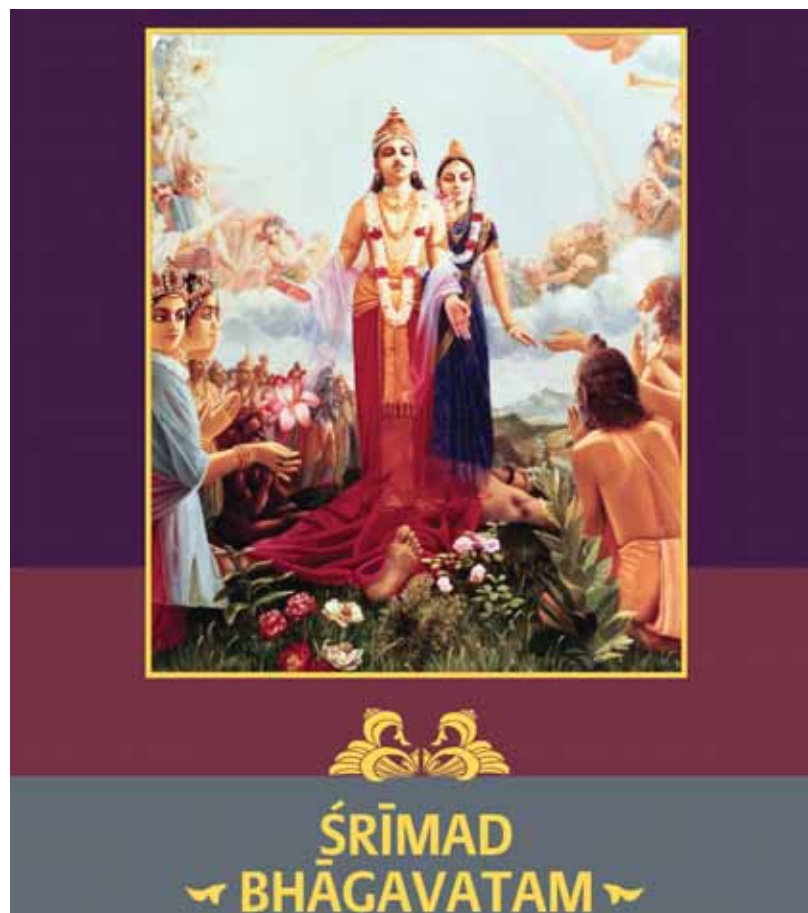
its innate peace. Technology often serves as a natural entry point to this process for younger generations, especially those immersed in the digital landscape.

Apps and guided meditations allow people to begin exploring practices that might otherwise feel intimidating. But the journey doesn't end there. When understood, meditation invites us to go beyond momentary calm and explore the essence of who we are.

This deeper potential is echoed in the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita, where Arjuna compares controlling the mind to controlling the wind, an effort that requires incredible strength, patience, and grace. To navigate this challenge, Vedic scriptures recommend mantra meditation, especially chanting the Hare Krishna Maha Mantra, as a powerful method to calm our restless minds and connect with the Divine, transcending the temporary worries of life.

Another compelling example is Dhruva Maharaj, a young prince who, after facing rejection from his stepmother and fueled by ambition for power, initially sought a greater kingdom.

However, guided by his mother, he turned to Lord Narayana within his heart and practiced deep meditation. With his sincere devotion and focus, Dhruva met the Divine, and his worldly desires faded away. What once seemed important (power and revenge) lost its value and felt trivial, like broken pieces of glass. Instead, he discov-



ered the priceless diamond of divine grace and enlightenment - a clear understanding of true fulfillment found in service and devotion.

Dhruva's journey shows that meditation can lead to significant personal transformation, which can heal our pain, shift our priorities, and help us find fulfillment that surpasses any material goals. The blending of tradition with today's technology that allows us to achieve this, or 'SpiriTech' as we can call it, is not about replacing ancient wisdom with gadgets.

Instead, it's about creating a partnership. Technology offers access and immediacy, while traditions bring depth and meaning. Together, they offer a new pathway that feels relevant yet remains deeply rooted in timeless truths. While technology cannot replicate the profound depth of traditional practices, it can act as a guide. SpiriTech provides an opportunity to pause and reconnect in a world of distractions.

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