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## DRAUPADI MURMUR

### IS THE PREFERENCE OF MOST OF THE SHIV SENA LOK SABHA MPS

#### 12 of Sena's 19 MPs urge Uddhav to back NDA's Murmu for Prez

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The ongoing rebellion in the Shiv Sena party may come to the fore more openly in the coming Presidential elections. After the MLAs, some Shiv Sena MPs are seen leaving the party line. Whereas Sanjay Raut stood alone in Shiv Sena MPs meeting, most MPs supported Draupadi Murmur. Presidential election and the NDA alliance of BJP has made Draupadi Murmu a candidate. On the other hand, the opposition has brought Yashwant

Sinha on the floor. BJP and Shiv Sena's relationship might not be the same as it was before. Most of the Shiv Sena Lok Sabha MPs want to support BJP's choice but Sanjay Raut wants to give party support to Yashwant Sinha.

Twelve out of the Shiv Sena's 19 Lok Sabha MPs were present for a meeting called by party president Uddhav Thackeray on Monday to discuss Sena's stand for the July 18 presidential poll and urged him to support BJP-led NDA candidate Droupadi Murmu, pushing a demand first articulated by Sena's south-central Mumbai MP Rahul Shewale last week. Sena MP from north-west

Mumbai Gajanan Kirtikar claimed all MPs except two who have joined chief minister Eknath Shinde's camp —Bhavana Gawli and the CM's son Shrikant Shinde— were present at the meeting held at Matoshree and are with Uddhav Thackeray.

It is learned that the MPs hinted to ex-CM Thackeray that once Sena formally backs Murmu, some doors may reopen for a patch-up with the Shinde camp and BJP.



### Droupadi Murmu would be the next president of India

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Dr. Vaidehi

BJP picked Droupadi Murmu, a tribal leader from Odisha, against Yashwant Sinha, who was also BJP leader once; he was finance minister under Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He also served as the Minister of External Affairs from July 2002 until May 2004. Before he left the party, he was a senior leader of BJP. Opposition picked Sinha because they assumed most of the BJP supporters would not mind voting for him. Fielding Murmu was a decision taken at the BJP's parliamentary board meeting.

The poll is slated for July 18. Draupadi Murmu is a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party. She previously served as the ninth Governor

of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021. Coming from the state of Odisha, Murmu is the first Governor of Jharkhand to complete the five-year term, and the second person (the first person from Scheduled Tribe Presidential nominated candidate was Purno Sangma), belonging to a scheduled tribe, to be nominated as a candidate to the post of President of India.

Murmu was a schoolteacher before entering into state politics. She worked as an assistant professor at the Shri Aurobindo Integral Education and Research Institute, Rairangpur and as a Junior Assistant at the irrigation department of the Government of Odisha.

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Murmu joined the Bharatiya Janata Party in 1997 and was elected as the councillor of the Rairangpur Nagar Panchayat. Murmu became the Chairperson of Rairangpur Nagar Panchayat in 2000. She also served as the national vice-president of Bharatiya Janata Party Scheduled Tribes Morcha.

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BJD leader Navin Patnaik has welcomed Murmu's candidature indicating support for her. At the same time, Murmu's candidature would also put Jharkhand chief minister and JMM leader Hemant Soren in a fix. Soren's party is known for its tribal politics and it would be difficult for him to oppose a tribal woman, especially one who has been the governor of his state. Interestingly, the UPA presidential candidate, Yashwant Sinha, is also from Jharkhand. The BJP can also hope to get



support from smaller parties like Bharatiya Tribal Party, which has MLAs in Gujarat and Rajasthan, said the people.

As Governor in 2017, Murmu had refused to give assent to a bill approved by the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly seeking amendments to the Chhotanagpur Tenancy Act, 1908, and the Santhal Pargana Tenancy Act, 1949. The bill sought to give rights to tribals to commercially use their land, while ensuring that the ownership of land does not change. Murmu remained firm on her decision as governor and sought an explanation from the Raghubar Das-led Bharatiya Janata Party- government about the changes it would bring for the well-being of tribals. All National Democratic Alliance partners pledged their support. Opposition parties like Biju Janata Dal, YSR Congress Party, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, Janata Dal (Secular), the Bahujan Samaj Party, Telugu Desam Party and Shiromani Akali Dal pledged their support to Murmu. Shiv Sena got divided for voting Murmu, while most of the political parties supported her. Sinha has all left party votes for him, but that won't be enough.

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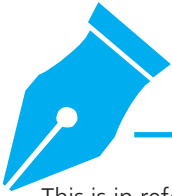
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# Voices



## Letter's to the Editor

### We are okay with Corruption

This is in reference to the editorial "We are okay with Corruption", dated 29.06.22. Yes, we are okay with corruption from the post-independence era till today, when we heard that the money at swish bank stored can be an alternative of a five year amount of direct tax collected from the taxpayers. Zeep, Dress, war plane, gun corruption till date is the category, deal, policy of this second highest democratic nation status in corruption. The highest corrupt country in the world is China who got independence after our two years, we can see how much they are developed in technology for which they are the permanent member of UNO, still India could not occupy the permanent membership, still our country poverty level have not developed due to uprise in corruption, our farmers cannot eat food sufficiently, whistle blowers have to sacrifice their life who raise their voice against corruption, journalists who are considered as the warrior for the fourth pillar of democracy have to offer their life for the cause of corruption.

- Rathin Kumar Chanda

### The city skywalks at hazardous for commuters

After the footpaths in Mumbai, it seems like skywalks are another wasted investment, as both are not being used for the purpose for which they are constructed. As your report points out, the skywalks are in bad shape, with broken tiles, poor lighting, etc. And, beggars, the homeless, vendors using the skywalks as shelters. Where does that leave the commuters? The authorities need to rethink their plans and ensure proper maintenance of the city's infrastructure.

- Melville X. D'Souza

### Jackfruit and Immunity

Jackfruit, the largest tree fruit in the world has a love-hate kind of a relationship with people. It is not a comfortable fruit as to have it one has to oil their palms with mustard oil if they do not want to get their palms sticky with jackfruit juices. Apart from all the cons, Jackfruit is beneficial to people suffering from constipation, high blood pressure, diabetes, skin problems etc. It is also rich in antioxidants and may help prevent deadly diseases like cancer. Many people do not like to have jackfruit as eating jackfruit is a cumbersome process as I have mentioned above. Jackfruit pancakes can be a solution to this cumbersome process of having jackfruit and also is a wonderful breakfast option. We can mix mashed jackfruit with rice flour or oats to make delicious pancakes with this seasonal fruit. In a time when immunity is tested everyday, Jackfruit can be our shield.

- Noopur Baruah

### It's Time For Metaverse

Banks are already at our fingertips via smart phones. Even tough present digital banking services are functionally mutualists and inclusive, it's usually seen as emotionally detached to customers. As banking world is moving swiftly in adopting advanced technologies. Our national banks should also go in line with advancements rapidly. Now it's time for metaverse (highly interactive three-dimensional virtual world) which is the next leap in technology which promises to bring a human touch to the digital experience of virtual interactions. Government banks are getting slowly into metaverse (for example Union Bank of India did on last week). With the assistance of metaverse customers can access the bank without actually going to the bank. Also they can get into digital avatar, enter the bank lounge and access the available banking services along with information on social security services, loans and other banking products without any hassle using laptops or desktops from their homes. Therefore all banks across the nation should get into metaverse as soon as possible to come out of lacunae which are present in current digital banking.

- Vijaykumar H.K

# GJU 60th Anniversary Gujarat Gaurav Awards - 2022



**G**ujarat Gaurav Award ceremony was organized recently by Gujarat Journalists Union on the occasion of Shasti Puri Samaroh of GJU. Gujarat Journalists Union (GJU), the largest and the oldest body of journalists in Gujarat, Journalists will continue to struggle to protect interests. The industry has never needed an active and strong union as much as it does now. Gujarat Journalists Union is the voice for journalists and journalism. The Gujarat Journalists Union President B. R Prajapati has created a platform for Journalist of Gujarat and is continuously encouraging the growth of journalism by acknowledging the contribution of good and convincing reporting. There is no doubt that Journalists are distinguished citizens who provide justice to the society. So journalists are instrumental in dignity and recognition. GJU serves humanity by encouraging young people to consider journalism as a career, developing managers in the media industry, and promoting fair and accurate news coverage. The Gujarat Gaurav Awards were for several categories for the outstanding work done by the journalists for the promotion of journalism.

Gujarat Gaurav Awards were to be presented by the Chief Guest Hon Gujarat Governor Shri Acharya Devvrat but he could not make it due to unavoidable circumstances. The award ceremony was then graced by Shree Panchgani Akhada Mahamandaleshwar Shri Shri 1008 Param Pujya Kankeshwari Mataji. She

felicitated the well-known and legendary Journalist with Gujarat Gaurav Award 2022. Among the felicitated Journalist were Padma Shri Kumalpal Desai, Padma Shri Chandrakant Mehta, Padma Shri Vishnu Pandya, Padma Shri Devendra Patel, Padma Shri Javerlal Mehta, Ajay Umat, B. R. Prajapati, Vinay Pandya, Dr. Nikhil Shah and Vijay Mehta.

The legendary photographer Padma Zaverilal Mehta is popular for documenting the life and times of 13 Chief Ministers of Gujarat state, and his lenses have captured incidents such as the 2001 earthquake and the 1998 Kutch cyclone. In 2018. He was honored with the Padma Shri award by the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind.

Pulitzer-award winning Reuters lensman Amit Dave and senior Journalist now retired from The Economic Times Ahmedabad edition R. R Goswamy were also felicitated.

Kankeshwari Mataji acclaimed the role of journalists in nation-building and exhorted them to be fearless and impartial. Journalists should ensure that their news writing is unbiased and presents the basic facts for their audience to determine their own set of judgements.

Padma Shri Devendra Patel a Journalist & Author does not have any idols or role model in Journalism but he was impressed by Mahatma Gandhi and his journalistic efforts and language. He encouraged the awardees not to be carried away by the awards bestowed upon them but to strive hard to earn the

readers' credibility.

Ajay Umat – the editor of NavGujarat Samay and Ahmedabad Mirror is a well-known and senior journalist from Gujarat who has built a formidable reputation for himself in 30 years of exemplary service in the field of journalism. He by way of giving data said that there are only 20 of the world's top most papers that are survived the assault of social media by sprouting themselves while maintaining the credibility.

Noted Journalist, Writer & Cartoonist Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit was also felicitated for his commendable contribution in Print Media. He is holding a record of more than 10,000 published Letters to the editor and more than 4,000 published articles in around 350 newspapers & magazine. He is a Limca Book of Record Holder for 4 times in 8 Categories.

Gujarat Journalist Union President B R Prajapati said, Gujarat Gaurav Awards aims to honour the veteran journalists for their fearless and commendable writings that enhanced the journalism in Gujarat. They are the guiding light to aspiring young journalists.

One thing is clear that press media is still a powerful communication tool when journalists use such a profession properly and judiciously, the society becomes healthy. Although the life of media workers is very dangerous and difficult, the reputation of journalists is that they manage it and win the hearts of the readers.



- Vinod C Dixit

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**City**

**Mumbai heavy rains amid orange alert issued by IMD**



**H**heavy rains along with strong winds lashed Mumbai and its suburbs on Tuesday morning amid an 'orange' alert issued by the India Meteorological Department, civic officials said.

There was no report of any major water-logging anywhere in the city so far, they said.

The local train services on the Central Railway and Western Railway corridors were running normally, a civic official said.

Bus services of the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) were not diverted anywhere as of now, he said.

After light showers for a couple of days, heavy rains made a comeback to the metropolis on Monday night. The city and suburbs witnessed incessant showers since Tuesday morning.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted moderate to heavy rain in the city and suburbs with a possibility of a very heavy downpour at isolated places and occasional gusty winds reaching 40-50 kmph over the next 24 hours.

On Monday, the IMD issued an 'orange' alert for Mumbai, predicting heavy to very heavy rainfall in the city for the next three days.

The island city (south Mumbai) received 42.42 mm of rainfall in the 24-hour period till 8 am on Tuesday as against 12.04 mm the day before.

The eastern and western suburbs recorded 63.90 mm and 52.43 mm showers, respectively, compared to 22.12 mm and 12.76 mm the previous day, a civic official said.

The MeT department issues four colour-coded predictions based on the prevailing weather systems. The green colour indicates no warning, yellow is to keep a watch, orange is to stay alert, while red means a warning and that action needs to be taken.

- PTI

**"We are not narrow-minded," says Thackeray on supporting Murmu**

**S**hiv Sena will support NDA's presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu, party president Uddhav Thackeray said on Tuesday.

Thackeray said "Sena is announcing support to Murmu without any pressure. Nobody pressured me in the meeting of Sena MPs, he added.

"Tribal leaders of my party told me that this was the first time that a tribal woman is getting the chance to become the President, he said.

Actually, going by the present political atmosphere, I should not have backed her. But we are not narrow-minded, he said.

- PTI

**Thane : 52 year old man found dead in Mumbra**

**A** 52-year-old man was found murdered in an apartment in Mumbra area of Maharashtra's Thane district, police said on Tuesday.

The victim, Abdul Haque Zakir Ali Sayyed, was found dead in his apartment in Kausa area of Mumbra on Monday morning, inspector Babasaheb Nikam of Mumbra police station said.

An offence under section 302 (murder) and other relevant

provisions of the IPC has been registered against the unidentified accused, he said. Some unidentified persons slit the victim's wrists and throat and placed the bloodstained knife in his hand to make it appear like a suicide, the official said.

The victim's son informed the police about the death, following which the body was sent for post-mortem and a probe is underway, he added.

**Maha cabinet expansion likely after Presidential polls hints Sena's Shinde faction**

**T**he much-awaited expansion of the Maharashtra cabinet led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde may take place after the July 18 presidential polls, the Shinde-led camp of Shiv Sena MLAs has indicated.

Currently, CM Shinde and his deputy Devendra Fadnavis of the BJP are the only members of the cabinet. They had taken oath on June 30.

"There is no difficulty in cabinet expansion," the Shinde faction's spokesperson, Deepak Kesarkar, told reporters here on Monday.

He was responding to a question on whether the cabinet expansion was being delayed due to the ongoing legal battle between the Shinde



camp and the Sena faction led by former chief minister Uddhav Thackeray.

Kesarkar said there is an important meeting on July 13 in New Delhi related to the election of the next President and a representative from their group will be attending it.

On July 14, BJP-led NDA's presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu will visit Mumbai to seek support.

Preparations for the

presidential polls will take place on July 16 and 17 before voting on July 18. Electors for the top constitutional post consist of Members of Parliament and MLAs.

"The MLAs will be busy in the presidential polls...so who will have the time to prepare for taking the oath? They are not in a hurry," Kesarkar said.

Shinde and Fadnavis last week visited New Delhi and met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP president J P Nadda.

Deliberations on cabinet expansion in Maharashtra were believed to have taken place with the BJP's top brass during the visit.

- PTI

**"This decision will cost govt an additional burden of Rs 1000 cr", says Imtiaz Jaleel on Aurangabad name change**

**A**ll India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) MP Imtiaz Jaleel on Monday alleged that the name change plan of Maharashtra's Aurangabad district to Sambhaji Nagar was only intended to change the documents of the government department and will put a burden of Rs 1,000 crore.

"Changing the name of Aurangabad will put a burden of around Rs 1,000 crores on the government. This is only to change the documents of the government department. Common people have to go through a burden of several thousand crores," Jaleel, a Lok Sabha MP from Aurangabad said during a press meet.

The decision to change the

name of Aurangabad to Sambhaji Nagar and another district Osmanabad to Dharashiv was approved by the state cabinet on June 29, a day before the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government fell following the rebellion of Eknath Shinde who later take over as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

However, condemning the former CM Uddhav Thackeray's government's decision to change the name, Samajwadi Party Maharashtra president and MLA Abu Asim Azmi had said that "Be it BJP or MVA - that is walking on crutches - they want to sideline Muslims." Azmi, on the day of big-decision, reminded the big names of the western state (Sharad Pawar and Sonia

Gandhi) of his party's support and said that the ruling party sidelined the minorities.

"I would like to tell Sharad Pawar and Sonia Gandhi that the government is existing with our support. If Government takes such a step, where will we go?. I would like to tell Sharad Pawar, Ajit Pawar, Ashok Chavan, and Balasaheb Thorat, what do we do? It's that Muslims are being sidelined. I condemn," he had said. Eknath Shinde's 10-day rebellion against Shiv Sena brought down the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government. The political crisis in Maharashtra ended with Shinde taking over as Chief Minister and BJP's Devendra Fadnavis as deputy chief minister.

- ANI

**A portion of a house collapsed in Thane no casualties were found**

**I**n Maharashtra's city at Rabodi area in Thane on Tuesday a portion of the house has been collapsed in which no one was injured or any casualties were reported as per the officials who reported the incident.

In a report quoted to PTI by Avinash Sawant who is the Chief of the regional disaster management cell (RDMC) of the

Thane Municipal Corporation said "The incident took place at the Rehmat Nagar locality of Rabodi in the afternoon".

"Local fireman and a team of the RDMC rushed to the spot and provided assistance after a portion of the single-story structure collapsed" as mentioned to PTI. He also stated, "Occupants of the house were

evacuated and shifted to a safer accommodation".

In Thane, the city has received 99.77 mm of rain in 24 hours which ended at 8:30 in the morning and the total rainfall was 987.94 mm. The region received 1271.96 mm at the same in the last season as per the officials mentioned in the PTI report.

- PTI

# Nation

## Amarnath Yatra resumes on Baltal route



The Amarnath Yatra resumed on the Baltal route in Ganderbal district on Tuesday after a four-day suspension following flash floods that claimed 15 lives and left several injured, officials said.

They said a fresh batch of the pilgrims left the Baltal base camp early morning for the

caveshrine.

Flash floods near the shrine on July 8 left at least 15 people dead and over 30 missing, forcing the temporary suspension of the pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage had resumed on Monday via the Pahalgam route.

- ANI

## FIR registered against social activist in MP



Social activist Medha Patkar has been booked for allegedly misusing the donation funds, informed the police on Monday.

"An FIR has been registered against activist Medha Patkar in Barwani district for allegedly misusing the money collected in the name of education of tribal children. FIR was filed under section 420 IPC in the Barwani district," said Superintendent of Police (Barwani), Deepak Kumar Shukla. The FIR has been registered against Patkar and 11 others in Madhya Pradesh.

A complainant named Pritam Raj Badole has registered the First Information Report (FIR) with the Barwani police alleging that she misled people by impersonating herself as a social worker who works to provide primary-level education to the tribal children of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, while also providing hostels for schools students.

During the preliminary investigation, the police discovered that the Narmada Navnirman Abhiyan trust had collected Rs 13 crores in the last 14 years, whose source and expenditure are unknown. As per the complaint, cash worth more than Rs 1.5 crore, whose audit for withdrawal and expenditure remained unclear, has been recovered during the probe.

- ANI

## RBI establishes a system for rupee-based international trade payments

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday announced a mechanism to settle payments for international trade in rupees, which will help boost India's global trade, especially the country's exports.

"In order to promote the growth of global trade with emphasis on exports from India and to support the increasing interest of the global trading community in INR, it has been decided to put in place an additional arrangement for invoicing, payment, and settlement of exports/imports in INR," the RBI said in a letter addressed to 'All Category-I Authorised Dealer Banks.

"Before putting in place this mechanism, AD banks shall require prior approval from the Foreign Exchange Department of Reserve Bank of India, Central Office at Mumbai," it said.

The new mechanism

addresses the issues related to invoicing, exchange rate as well as settlement.

Under the new guidelines, all exports and imports under this arrangement may be denominated and invoiced in Rupee (INR).

The exchange rate between the currencies of the two trading partner countries may be market-determined. The settlement of trade transactions under this arrangement shall take place in INR in accordance with the procedure laid down by the RBI.

In terms of Regulation 7(1) of Foreign Exchange Management (Deposit) Regulations, 2016, Authorised Dealer (AD) banks in India have been permitted to open Rupee Vostro Accounts. Accordingly, for settlement of trade transactions with any country, AD bank in India may open Special Rupee Vostro Accounts of correspondent

bank/s of the partner trading country.

In order to allow settlement of international trade transactions through this arrangement, it has been decided that "Indian importers undertaking imports through this mechanism shall make payment in INR which shall be credited into the Special Vostro account of the correspondent bank of the partner country, against the invoices for the supply of goods or services from the overseas seller /supplier," the RBI said.

"Indian exporters, undertaking exports of goods and services through this mechanism, shall be paid the export proceeds in INR from the balances in the designated Special Vostro account of the correspondent bank of the partner country," the RBI added.

-ANI

## I now realize the 'conspiracy' behind state security sabotaging: CM Yogi at Convocation Parade ceremony

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said that he has realized a big conspiracy was made to sabotage the state's security.

"Conspiracies were made to eliminate the Provisional Armed Constabulary (PAC) force of UP, after which 54 companies were terminated. While watching the parade today, I realized what a big conspiracy to sabotage the security of UP was made... with an attempt to deprive the youth of this service," CM Adityanath said while addressing a public meet during the 'Convocation Parade Ceremony-2022' of PAC Recruit Reserves at Reserve Police Line. Congratulating the PAC recruited constables on

their successful training, the UP CM added, "We all know how a huge number of police and PAC posts were pending for recruitment when the new government was formed in 2017.

In the past five years, we have succeeded in recruiting and training more than one lakh 62 thousand police constables." Terming the "shut down" of at least 54 companies as a "conspiracy" to hamper the security in Uttar Pradesh, CM Adityanath said that he has realised the conspiracy to refrain the youth of the city from serving the state and the country only after he witnessed the parade today.

- ANI

## Cycling expedition from Siachen War Memorial commences



A cycling expedition from Siachen War Memorial in Ladakh was flagged off on Tuesday to pay homage to the martyrs of Kargil War. According to the Indian Army officials, the said expedition will be culminated at Kargil War Memorial on July 23 and Sura-Soi Engineer Regiment was also taking part in it.

"A cycling expedition from Siachen War Memorial to Kargil War Memorial was flagged off today to pay homage to the martyrs of Kargil War. Sura-Soi Engineer Regiment is taking part in the expedition which will culminate on July 23 July at Kargil War Memorial," said the Indian Army officials.

Earlier on July 2, a 20-member team of Indian Army and Indian Air Force led by the women officers from Delhi to Drass valley in the Kargil district of Ladakh was set off on a cycling expedition to commemorate India's 75 years of Independence.

- ANI

## Congress leaders meet to discuss 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'

The Congress party on Tuesday called for a meeting of all the General Secretary in charge and State in charge along with Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) presidents to discuss the party's Bharat Jodo Yatra and other upcoming organizational programmes. The scheduled

meeting will take place at the All India Congress Committee headquarters in the national capital on July 14. The Bharat Jodo Yatra which will begin on October 2, is intended at connecting Kanyakumari in Southern India to Kashmir in Northern India.

"The first meeting of the

Central Planning Group for Bharat Jodo Yatra took place today. The Kanyakumari to Kashmir yatra will start on October 2 and planning for it began in right earnest. Rahul Gandhi also attended the meeting," INC Member of Rajya Sabha Digvijay Singh had said in a tweet after the June 5

'Bharat Jodo Yatra' meeting. Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi announced this mass campaign to counter polarisation politics with the slogan "Bharat Jodo" on May 16-- the last day of the Congress-led Chintan Shivir in Rajasthan's Udaipur.

-ANI

# Significance

# Importance of Gurupurnima

**G**urupurnima is celebrated every year to express gratitude unto the Guru Principle. The ArchGuru, Sage Vyas (founder of the Guru-disciple lineage), is worshipped on this day. This festival is the greatest festival in the life of a seeker. The Guru Principle is a thousand times more active on this day than on any other throughout the year. Under the pretext of this celebration, the festival provides an unmatched opportunity to progress spiritually through service and sacrifice unto the Truth. That is why seekers and Disciple participate in this mission for the truth with all their body, wealth and mind. This year Ashadh Pournima i.e. Gurupurnima (Vyas Puja) will be celebrated on 13th July. In this article by Sanatan Sanstha, we will see the importance and method of celebrating Gurupurnima.



## 1. Tithi -

Ashadh Pournima (Full moon day in the month of Ashadh)

## 2. Objective of Gurupurnima -

To express gratitude unto the Guru.

## 3. Importance of Gurupurnima

A. On the day of Gurupurnima, the Guru Principle (Principle of God) is thousand times more active than on other days. Therefore, the benefit of performing seva (service unto the God-Principle) and tyag (sacrifice of wealth, body, mind, intellect and ego), that is, offering unto

the Absolute Truth on the occasion of Gurupurnima, is a thousand times more beneficial than on other days. Gurupurnima is a unique opportunity for acquiring God's grace.

B. The 'Guru-disciple tradition' is an age old Hindu tradition full of chaitanya. However, with the passage of time, under the influence of raja-tama predominant culture, this great tradition has been neglected. On Gurupurnima, the Guru is worshipped and the society can be taught about the greatness of this Guru-disciple tradition. In other words, this is a golden opportunity to preserve the Guru-disciple tradition.



## 4. Method of celebrating Gurupurnima

'On this day, disciples of every Guru perform their padya-puja (ritualistic worship of Sri Guru's Holy feet) and give them Gurudakshina (an offering made to the Guru to express gratitude). It is customary to perform Vyas-puja (ritualistic worship of Sage Vyas) on this day. In the Guru lineage, Sage Vyas is considered to be the greatest of all Gurus. Bharatiyas believe that all knowledge has originated from Sage Vyas. Kumbhakonam and Shringeri (Sringeri) are famous seats of Shankaracharya's lineage in South Bharat where Vyas-puja is celebrated with great splendour. Devotees believe that the great Sage Vyas reincarnated as Shankaracharya. Hence, ascetics worship Shankaracharya instead of worshipping Sage Vyas.

## Rituals of Guru-puja during Gurupurnima

After completion of daily ablutions such as bathing, one makes a resolve – 'I worship Sage Vyas in order to establish the Guru lineage.'

A washed cloth is spread on the floor and twelve lines are drawn (from east to west and north to south) on it, using gandh. That itself is the Vyaspeeth (seat of Vyas).

Then Brahma, Paratparshakti (Supreme Energy), Vyas, Shukdev, Goudpad, Govindswami and Shankaracharya are invoked onto this seat and their shodashopchar-puja (worship with sixteen substances) is performed.

It is also customary to worship Dikshaguru (one who has imparted initiation) and one's parents on this day.

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# GURU

## had supreme position in the society

**Guru Govind Dou Khade, Kake Lagoo Paay;  
Balihari Guru Aap Ne, Govind Diyo Batay.  
Yah Tan Vish Ki Bel Ri, Guru Amrit Ki Khan;  
Shish Diyo Jo Guru Mile, To Bhi Sasta Jaan.  
Sab Dharati Kagaj Karu, Lekhani Sab Vanray;  
Saat Samudra Masi Karu, Guru Gun Likha Na Jaay.**

This Doha (verse) of Sadguru Kabir describes greatness of a Guru, who is necessary in the life of a human being and the important pillars of society. They are friends, philosophers and guides who teach, philosophise and enrich students. From academic knowledge to moral ethical or social, the Gurus are treasure trove. A Guru's contribution to the world is priceless and irreplaceable. Gurus are known to form the minds of the youth; they bestow good qualities on their students and make them responsible citizens. It is a profession and mission taught by saint.

The Vedic Mantra "Gurur Brahma Gurur Vishnu, Gurur Devo Maheshvarah; Guruah Sakshat Param Brahma, Tasmai Guruve Namah" explains that Guru himself is the Tridev i.e., Brahma-Vishnu-Mahesh and is verily the supreme Power or Absolute truth. It signifies the unchallenged position of Guru, who helps us in solving all troubles that we encounter in the path of learning & wisdom in our life.

Guru is composed of two Sanskrit words "Gu", meaning darkness and "Ru", meaning light. Thus Guru means the one who brings from darkness to light. The word Guru itself resembles the message "Asto Maa Sadgamay, Tamsa Maa Jyotirgamay, Mrityor Maa Amritgamay" (i.e., lead us from ignorance to truth, from darkness to light and from death to deathlessness). A guru is one, who has immense knowledge, wisdom and command over a subject and makes use of it to guide his disciples. Guru are the building block of society, who help to become a person better human being. Actually, the word "Guru" is untranslatable and 'Teacher', 'Master', 'tutor' or other equivalents give only a partial meaning. Parents as well as all those persons, who are responsible for the career building of the disciples, are their "Guru".

In Indian culture and civilization, the concept of Guru is found in the earliest Vedic texts. The Guru and Gurukul were the established tradition in ancient

Bharatvarsha. Guru had highest position in King's Rajdarbar and society. Archeological and epigraphical evidence certify the existence of numerous Gurukuls, where Shishyas were equipped not only with bookish knowledge but also had an all-round development. Philosophy, grammar, farming, animal husbandry, farming, weapon training, music, painting and other essential life skills in human life were part of the study.

The Guru-Shishya Parampara were also part & parcel in other sects like Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism, which originated from Sanatan Dharma. Sikh is the transformed form of Sanskrit word Shishya and Shikhism is completely based on Guru tradition. Thus, Guru tradition-based learning were the backbone of enriched Indian society and India was the hub of knowledge and culture. Nalanda Vishwavidyalaya, Vikramshila Vishwavidyalaya, Udantpuri Vishwavidyalaya, Takshshila Vishwavidyalaya, Kashi Vidyapith etc. are some such evidences, where learners from all over the world illuminated their mind and body.

Undoubtedly, Guru is the one who shapes the nation inside his/her classroom. After cessation of Guru-Shishya Parampara (system) and adoption of Macaulay education system, the goal and meaning of education has completely transformed. The teacher/tutor's duty has narrowed down to just teach the students certain subjects in classroom and now they have nothing to do with their all-round development. Gradually the teachers lost their dignity in the society.

After governmentisation of schools, the teacher no longer remains a Guru, but became a salaried employee. The government used them in various jobs, other than teaching. They are the soft targets for engagement in various non-teaching works like elections, human census, animal census, pulse polio works, ration card verification & many more. The entry of politics and unionism among teachers has also badly hampered the education system. Several factions of teachers' organization have evolved only to establish leadership, which time & again organise strikes for their demands. The ultimate sufferers are the learners, for whom the schools have been established and teachers have been appointed.

The two-fold system of education i.e., Government and Private, has bifurcated the education scenario in two distinct identities. Policy makers, themselves do not accept the government schools and send their wards to private schools. Even teachers, working in

government school, have no faith on their own school and they prefer to admit their wards in private schools. Generally, government schools are now meant for poor and downtrodden classes, who have no better option. Even after 75 years of independence, the education system has not been transformed as job-oriented and the graduates find themselves empty handed after passing out. The mindset of teachers has totally been transformed. Due to downgrading from "Guru" to "teacher", the country's foundation is at stake.

It is heartbreaking that the major section of present-day teachers is apathetic towards the high-valued job of learner's career building through teaching. Education has become a profitable business, and teachers have become its marketing managers. Although the enriched growth of science and education has made us capable to reach on moon and mars, but unfortunately the human values have been lost.

The need of the hour is to relook prevailing education system in India. We must shift our strategy from present education system, which are producing graduates having only bookish knowledge, to Gurukul system, where all-round development of the dispel was the main objective. By adopting the Guru Parampara, the country will once again become a Vishwa Guru.



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# Entertainment

## Netizens roast Ranveer Singh for kissing Bear Grylls

**R**anveer Singh's appearance in Netflix's 'Ranveer vs Wild with Bear Grylls' has been received very well by the audience. He went on quite an adventure with Bear Grylls on the show. Ranveer is a powerhouse of energy - whether it's during film promotions or appearances in shows like 'Koffee With Karan'. Known to be over-enthusiastic and



affectionate, Ranveer has become a subject of memes on Twitterverse. Without giving any spoilers, let's skip to the part of the show that has sparked a meme fest on Twitter! A video from the show has now gone viral. It shows Ranveer repeatedly kissing Bear Grylls on the cheeks. People shared the video and even did hilarious virtual commentary on Twitter.

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## Woman spent \$600K to be Kim Kardashian, now paying \$120K to 'detransition'



**V**ersace Model Jennifer Pamplona, after spending nearly \$600K on procedures to transform herself into a Kim Kardashian lookalike, has now paid \$120K to "detransition" back to her former appearance. According to New York Post, the 29-year-old model had about 40 cosmetic operations over a 12-year period in an effort to imitate the celebrity, but she eventually realized that her pleasure was only at the surface level. "People would call me a Kardashian and it started to get annoying," she told Caters. "I had worked and studied and was a businesswoman. I had done all these things and had all these achievements in my personal life, but I was only being recognized because I looked like a Kardashian."

Pamplona, on the other hand, reported problems following the "detransition" procedure, claiming that an illness caused her to "bleed from her cheeks" for three days. "I thought I was dying," she explained. "I was thinking to myself, 'What the hell have I done with my life?'" "Thankfully, the brunette is currently making progress toward recovery, but because she still has significant swelling and bruises, the procedure's final effects are not yet clear." But, the Brazilian said she already knows the painful procedure was worth it. "The best feeling is knowing I'm not in a fight with myself anymore," Pamplona said. "I am now who I wanted to be and I really now understand the meaning of life."

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## Arjun Kapoor shoots for cameo in Naagin, jokes with Tejasswi Prakash; deets inside



**A**rjun Kapoor is busy promoting his upcoming film 'Ek Villain Returns'. As a part of promotions, Arjun is all set to appear in the upcoming episode of 'Naagin 6' which currently airs on Colors TV. Arjun was on the sets of the show along with the producer of the film Ekta Kapoor who also happens to be the producer of 'Naagin 6'. After shooting with the star cast, Arjun was asked how he liked meeting everyone,

especially Tejasswi Prakash. Arjun responded by saying "I was excited to come and experience this crossover of 'Ek Villain' and 'Naagin' as both the film and show have romance, thrill, and exciting twists and turns in common. And that's why I asked Ekta to make this happen and in fact, she also wanted me to do something in this regard. I did the same while promoting 'Half Girlfriend' too."

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## Busisiwe Lurayi, Netflix's 'How To Ruin Christmas' dies 'suddenly'



**A**ctress Busisiwe Lurayi, who starred in the Netflix series 'How to Ruin Christmas,' died suddenly this weekend, according to a statement from her Johannesburg-based agency Eye Media Artists. However, no reason was given. As per Deadline, the statement read that Lurayi "passed away suddenly and was pronounced dead at her residence on Sunday 10.7.2022 by medical personnel. The reason for her death is still unknown as we await the results of the autopsy report."

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## Reports of Samantha Ruth Prabhu's Bollywood debut prove to be false?

**A**fter ruling the South film industry Samantha Ruth Prabhu seems to be pursuing a career in Bollywood. However, it looks like her marketing team in Mumbai planning her publicity is on an overdrive. They are planting stories about her "rapid progress" and "unique positioning" in Bollywood. By planting speculative stories on Samantha's cinema-signing spree in Mumbai, her team is putting the Telugu-Tamil actress into an embarrassing situation.

Some time ago, the internet was abuzz with stories that Samantha is "in advanced talks" with director Aditya Dhar for The Immortal Ashwatthma opposite Vicky Kaushal. There is no truth to this. Dhar's project remains

on hold, but the leading lady for the project is also likely to be wife Yami Gautam.

Another news report said that producer Dinesh Vijan is "considering" Samantha for a film opposite Ayushmann Khurrana. On further probing, it was found that there is no such project at the moment. Despite these rumours, Samantha "may" come together with Akshay Kumar in a film directed by Karan Johar. So the two actors may be coming together - but only for an episode of the popular chat show Koffee With Karan.

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