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### INS TRIKAND PARTICIPATED IN THE 58TH MAURITIUS NATIONAL DAY PARADE



The Republic of Mauritius celebrated its 58th National day on 12th March, 2026. This day coincides with 'Dandi March' led by Mahatma Gandhi in 1930. INS Triakand concluded her port call at Port Louis, Mauritius on 13 Mar 2026. The ship participated in the **58th Mauritius National Day Parade on 12 Mar 2026 with a marching contingent, naval band and integral helicopter for the fly-past, at Champ de Mars, Port Louis.** This is in keeping with the tradition of Indian warships and aircraft participating in Mauritius National Day celebrations.

During the port call, **Captain Sachin Kulkarni, Commanding Officer of the ship, called on Mr Rampersad Soorojebally, PMSM, Commissioner of Police, and H. E Mr Anurag Srivastava, the High Commissioner of India to Mauritius. The ship also hosted a cultural evening onboard, with Dr Mahend Gungapersad, Minister of Education and Human Resources of Mauritius, as the Chief Guest.** The event was attended by senior ministers and officials from the Government of Mauritius. The ship also progressed several professional interactions, cultural engagements, sports fixtures and community outreach activities to further strengthen the robust bonds between the two nations. Training capsules were also conducted onboard for Mauritius National CoastGuard personnel on practical aspects of harbour and sea watchkeeping, including firefighting and damage control. **The ship was open to visitors on 12 March 2026 and hosted over 500 visitors.** On departure from Port Louis, INS Triakand undertook a **Passage Exercise (PASSEX)** and joint **Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) surveillance with CGS Valiant**, and thereafter proceeded for the next phase of her planned operational deployment. The port call reaffirms the longstanding maritime partnership and strengthening bilateral ties between the two countries, aligned with India's vision of **MAHASAGAR - Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions**, and reaffirms the strong bilateral ties between India and Mauritius.

## PM MODI MEETS INDIAN-ORIGIN JEWS IN ISRAEL, PRAISES THEIR DEEP CULTURAL ROOTS WITH INDIA



During his official visit to Israel in February 2026, **Narendra Modi** met and interacted with members of the Indian-origin Jewish community in Jerusalem, highlighting their strong cultural and historical ties with India. The interaction took place near the conclusion of his two-day state visit to Israel and formed an important part of his outreach to the Indian diaspora in the country. Speaking about the community, Modi described their enduring connection with India as a “living bridge” between the two nations. He praised their remarkable contributions to Israeli society in fields such as education, healthcare, culture, and national service. According to estimates by the Indian Embassy in Tel Aviv, around **85,000 Jews of Indian origin** currently live in Israel, forming a vibrant and influential community. The Indian-Jewish population in Israel largely traces its roots to communities such as the Bene Israel from Maharashtra, the Cochini Jews from Kerala, and the Baghdadi Jews who once lived in Kolkata and Mumbai. Major waves of migration from India to Israel took place during the 1950s and 1960s, although migration from northeastern groups such as the **Bnei Menashe** has continued in recent years. During the interaction, several community members expressed admiration for Modi’s leadership and said his visit strengthened their emotional connection with India. Modi also witnessed a special performance of the patriotic song “*I Love My India*” presented by a group of differently-abled artists, symbolising the shared cultural bonds between Indians and Israelis. The visit itself marked an important milestone in the evolving relationship between **India** and **Israel**, with discussions covering strategic cooperation, trade, and technology partnerships. Analysts note that Modi’s interaction with the Indian-Jewish community reflected the broader diplomatic goal of strengthening people-to-people ties while deepening bilateral relations between the two nations.

## DR. SHASHI BALA HONOURED WITH HERITAGE LUMINARY AWARD



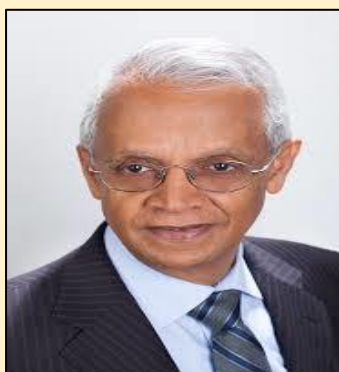
Mohanji International Foundation with a presence in fifty countries awarded **Prof. (Dr.) Shashibala**, Dean-Centre for Indology, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Delhi Kendra Heritage Luminary Award on Women’s Day acknowledging Der. Shashi Bala outstanding work on Indology at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in the presence of seven Maharanis from formerly royal families and other personalities.

## YOGI ADITYANATH INTERACTS WITH INDIAN DIASPORA CHILDREN IN JAPAN'S YAMANASHI



During his official visit to Japan in February 2026, **Yogi Adityanath** warmly interacted with children and families from the Indian diaspora in **Yamanashi**, highlighting the strong cultural bond between Indians living abroad and their homeland. The meeting took place while the Chief Minister was travelling to Yamanashi as part of his multi-country tour aimed at promoting investment and strengthening international partnerships for Uttar Pradesh. The Chief Minister appreciated their efforts to preserve Indian cultural values abroad and encouraged them to remain proud of their heritage. The visit to Japan was part of Adityanath's broader diplomatic and economic outreach. Before arriving in Japan, he had also visited Singapore, where he sought to attract international investment to Uttar Pradesh and promote the state as a growing economic hub. Officials accompanying him said the outreach to the Indian diaspora was an important component of the tour, aimed at strengthening people-to-people ties and encouraging overseas Indians to participate in India's development journey. Adityanath's interaction with the Indian community in Japan reflects India's growing global engagement with its diaspora. With thousands of Indians living and working in Japan, such engagements help reinforce cultural connections while also promoting stronger economic and diplomatic relations between the two countries.

## INDIAN-ORIGIN CLIMATE SCIENTIST VEERABHADRAN RAMANATHAN AWARDED VETLESEN PRIZE



Renowned Indian-origin climate scientist **Veerabhadran Ramanathan** has been awarded the prestigious **Vetlesen Prize**, widely regarded as the "Nobel Prize for Geosciences," in recognition of his pioneering contributions to climate science. The 81-year-old scientist, originally from **Madurai**, has spent decades studying the impact of greenhouse gases and air pollutants on global climate systems. Ramanathan currently serves as a distinguished professor at the **University of California San Diego** and is known for groundbreaking research that transformed the scientific understanding of global warming. In the 1970s, he demonstrated that gases such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) could significantly contribute to global warming, a discovery that later influenced international climate policies. Over the years, Ramanathan has also highlighted the role of short-lived climate pollutants, including black carbon and methane, in accelerating climate change. His research has helped shape strategies aimed at rapidly reducing global warming by targeting these pollutants alongside carbon dioxide emissions. Beyond academia, Ramanathan has worked closely with international organisations, policymakers, and environmental initiatives to translate scientific findings into actionable climate solutions. He was also instrumental in founding the **Climate and Clean Air Coalition**, which focuses on reducing harmful emissions worldwide. The Vetlesen Prize honours scientists whose work has deepened humanity's understanding of Earth's processes. Ramanathan's selection highlights the global significance of his research and its impact on climate science and environmental policy. His achievement is widely celebrated within the global scientific community and among the Indian diaspora, reflecting the profound influence of Indian-origin researchers in addressing some of the world's most pressing environmental challenges.

## INDIAN CONSULATE IN SYDNEY ANNOUNCES OPEN HOUSE TO ENGAGE DIASPORA



The **Consulate General of India in Sydney** has announced an **Open House initiative** aimed at strengthening engagement with the Indian diaspora in Australia. The interactive session was scheduled to take place on **5 March 2026** at the Consulate premises in Sydney. The event provides members of the Indian community an opportunity to directly interact with officials from the Consulate. During the session, participants can raise concerns related to consular services, seek assistance on community matters, and receive guidance on various administrative issues. The initiative is designed to enhance communication between the Consulate and the diaspora while ensuring that community needs are addressed more effectively. Officials noted that the Open House format allows Indian nationals and people of Indian origin living in **Sydney** and nearby regions to share feedback and discuss

challenges they may face regarding documentation, visas, passports and other consular services. Such interactions help improve transparency and responsiveness in diplomatic services. The initiative also reflects the broader efforts of **India** to maintain close connections with its overseas communities. With a rapidly growing Indian diaspora in **Australia**, diplomatic missions are increasingly organising outreach programmes to strengthen people-to-people ties and encourage community participation in cultural and civic initiatives. Community members were encouraged to register in advance to participate in the session. The Consulate emphasised that such forums play a crucial role in building trust, improving service delivery, and ensuring that the voices of overseas Indians are heard and addressed effectively.

## AUSTRALIAN PM ANTHONY ALBANESE EXTENDS HOLI GREETINGS, PRAISES INDIAN COMMUNITY



Australian Prime Minister **Anthony Albanese** extended warm greetings on the occasion of **Holi**, acknowledging the vibrant contribution of the Indian and South Asian community to Australia's multicultural society. In a message shared on social media, Albanese described Holi as a festival that reflects timeless values such as friendship, forgiveness and the triumph of good over evil. He noted that the celebration provides an opportunity for communities to come together, strengthen social bonds and celebrate shared traditions. The Prime Minister said it was "truly wonderful" to see how enthusiastically Holi has been embraced in

modern Australia. According to him, the festival's joyful spirit of colour, renewal and new beginnings has become a highlight of the country's cultural calendar, celebrated by Australians from diverse backgrounds. Albanese also highlighted the growing presence of the Indian community in Australia. Data from the 2021 census indicates that nearly **976,000 people of Indian origin** live in the country, making them one of the largest and fastest-growing migrant communities. The Indian diaspora plays an important role in Australia's economic, cultural and educational landscape. A large number of Indian professionals, entrepreneurs and students contribute to sectors such as technology, healthcare, research and education. Reports also indicate that more than **120,000 Indian students** are currently studying in Australia, forming one of the biggest international student groups. By recognising the significance of Holi and the contributions of the Indian community, Albanese's message reflects Australia's commitment to multicultural harmony and the strengthening people-to-people ties between **Australia** and **India**.

## INDIAN-ORIGIN PLAYERS SET TO ADD GLOBAL FLAVOUR TO T20 WORLD CUP

Indian-origin players across visiting teams in T20 WC	
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>11</b>
Dilpreet Bajwa (c), Ajayveer Hundal, Ansh Patel, Harsh Thaker, Jaskarandeep Buttar, Kanwarpal Tathgur, Navneet Dhalwal, Ravinderpal Singh, Shivam Sharma, Shreyas Movva, Yuvraj Samra.	
<b>USA</b>	<b>9</b>
Monank Patel (c), Jessy Singh, Milind Kumar, Nosthush Kenjige, Saiteja Mukkamala, Sanjay Krishnamurthi, Harmeet Singh, Saurabh Netravalkar, Shubham Ranjane.	
<b>OMAN</b>	<b>7</b>
Jatinder Singh (c), Vinayak Shukla, Karan Sonavale, Jay Dodedra, Ashish Dodedara, Wasim Ali, Jiten Ramanandi.	
<b>UAE</b>	<b>7</b>
Alishan Sharafu, Aryansh Sharma, Dhiruv Parashar, Harshit Kaushik, Mayank Kumar, Simranjeet Singh, Sohailb Khan.	
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	<b>2</b>
Ish Sodhi, Rachin Ravindra	
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>	<b>1</b>
Keshav Maharaj	
<b>WEST INDIES</b>	<b>1</b>
Gudakesh Motie	
<b>ITALY</b>	<b>1</b>
Jaspreet Singh	
<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	<b>1</b>
Aryan Dutt	

The ICC Men's T20 World Cup is set to showcase the growing influence of the Indian diaspora in international cricket, with around **40 players of Indian origin representing different national teams** in the tournament. Their presence highlights how cricketing talent from Indian roots has spread across the world, shaping teams far beyond India's borders. These players will appear in the colours of nearly **20 participating teams**, reflecting the global movement of cricket talent. Many of them grew up dreaming of representing India but eventually found opportunities with other nations due to the intense

competition for a place in India's national team. Countries such as **Canada** and the **United States** have particularly strong representation. Canada reportedly has **around 11 Indian-origin players**, while the United States has **nine**, demonstrating the deep connection between the Indian diaspora and the sport. Teams like **Oman** and the **United Arab Emirates** also include several players with Indian roots, further illustrating the widespread influence of Indian cricket culture. Many of these cricketers migrated with their families at a young age and developed their careers in countries where cricket is still growing. Their participation not only strengthens emerging cricket nations but also adds diversity and competitive depth to the global tournament. Experts note that the phenomenon reflects both the **global reach of the Indian diaspora** and the strong grassroots appeal of cricket among overseas Indian communities. For several players, the T20 World Cup represents the fulfilment of a lifelong dream—to compete at the highest international level—even if it is under a different national flag. As the tournament unfolds, these Indian-origin athletes are expected to bring unique stories, multicultural backgrounds, and exciting talent to one of cricket's biggest global stages.

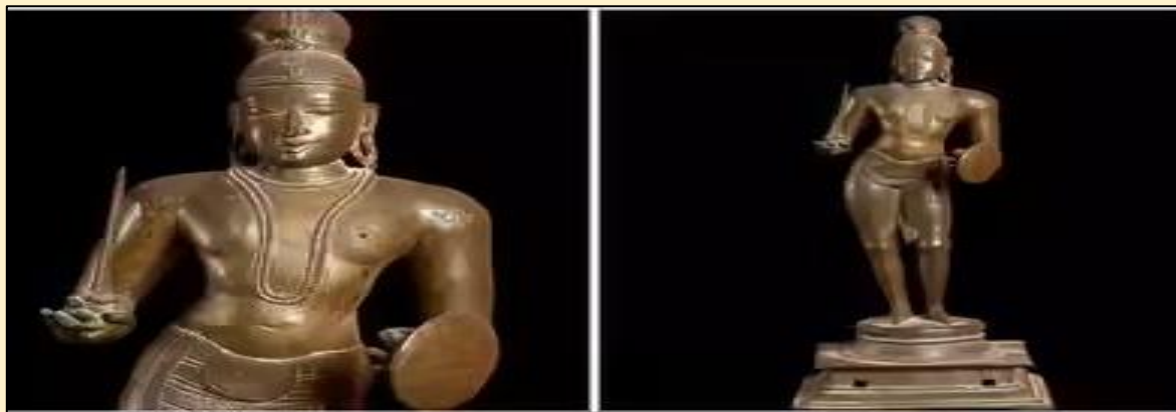
### THREE INDIAN-ORIGIN TRAILBLAZERS NAMED IN TIME'S 2026 WOMEN OF THE YEAR LIST



Three women of Indian origin, **Reshma Kewalramani**, **Reshma Saujani**, and **Safeena Husain**, have been recognised in **Time** magazine's prestigious **"Women of the Year 2026"** list. The annual list celebrates global leaders who are creating significant social, scientific and economic change. The honourees represent diverse fields ranging from biotechnology and technology education to grassroots social reform. Their inclusion reflects the growing global impact of Indian-origin women working to address complex global challenges. **Reshma**

**Kewalramani**, president and CEO of **Vertex Pharmaceuticals**, has been recognised for her groundbreaking leadership in biotechnology. She became the first woman to head a major U.S. biotech firm and has played a crucial role in advancing innovative treatments for serious diseases. **Reshma Saujani**, founder of **Girls Who Code**, has been honoured for her work in closing the gender gap in technology. Through her organisation, she has helped thousands of girls learn computer science skills and pursue careers in the technology sector, encouraging greater female representation in STEM fields. Meanwhile, **Safeena Husain**, founder of **Educate Girls**, has gained recognition for her efforts to improve girls' education in rural India. Her initiative focuses on enrolling out-of-school girls and strengthening educational opportunities in underserved communities. TIME's Women of the Year list highlights individuals who are reshaping systems and creating long-term impact across societies. The recognition of these three women underscores the growing influence of the Indian diaspora and India-based leaders in driving innovation, social progress, and global change.

#### **OXFORD MUSEUM TO RETURN 500-YEAR-OLD BRONZE STATUE TO TAMIL NADU TEMPLE**



A 16th-century bronze statue of the Hindu saint **Tirumankai Alvar**, originally taken from a temple in Tamil Nadu, is set to return to India after spending decades in the United Kingdom. The sculpture had been part of the collection of the **Ashmolean Museum at the University of Oxford**, where it had been displayed since 1967. The statue, about **57.5 cm tall**, depicts the revered Vaishnavite saint-poet Tirumankai Alvar, one of the twelve Alvar saints of South India. It originally belonged to the **Sri Soundararaja Perumal Temple in Thadikombu, Tamil Nadu**, where it had been used in temple worship before being removed and later entering the international art market. The Ashmolean Museum purchased the sculpture in **1967 through a Sotheby's auction** from a private collector, Dr. J. R. Belmont. However, questions about its provenance emerged years later when researchers found photographic evidence showing the idol in the Tamil Nadu temple in the 1950s. This discovery indicated that the statue had likely been removed without proper authorization. Following investigations and discussions with Indian authorities, the museum agreed to return the artifact. A formal handover ceremony was held at the **High Commission of India in London**, marking the statue's repatriation to its original home. The return of the sculpture is part of a broader global effort to **repatriate cultural artifacts removed from their countries of origin**. In recent years, India has intensified efforts to recover stolen or illegally exported antiquities from museums and private collections around the world. Once back in India, the bronze statue is expected to be restored to the temple in Tamil Nadu, allowing the sacred object to once again become part of living religious traditions rather than remaining solely a museum exhibit.

## INDIAN-ORIGIN FILMMAKER GEETA GANDBHIR'S HISTORIC DOUBLE OSCAR BID ENDS WITHOUT WIN



Indian-origin filmmaker **Geeta Gandbhir** made global headlines at the **98th Academy Awards** with a rare double nomination, marking a significant milestone for representation in international cinema. However, despite strong expectations, she did not secure a win in either category. Gandbhir was nominated for **The Perfect Neighbor** in the Best Documentary Feature category and **The Devil Is Busy** in Best Documentary Short Film. This achievement made her the first woman to receive nominations in both documentary categories in the

same year, an accomplishment widely regarded as historic. Both films reflect Gandbhir's commitment to socially relevant storytelling. *The Perfect Neighbor* examines racial tensions and a fatal shooting incident in the United States through investigative narrative techniques, while *The Devil Is Busy*, co-directed with Christalyn Hampton, offers an intimate look at the challenges surrounding reproductive healthcare in a deeply polarised environment. Although the awards ultimately went to other contenders, Gandbhir's dual nomination has been celebrated as a breakthrough moment for Indian-origin filmmakers in Hollywood. Her work continues to highlight underrepresented voices and complex social realities, reinforcing the growing global influence of diverse storytellers. With multiple Emmy Awards already to her name, Gandbhir's Oscar journey further cements her reputation as a leading figure in documentary filmmaking. While the night did not end with a trophy, it underscored a larger achievement—her emergence as a powerful voice shaping contemporary global narratives.

## INDIA-CANADA ACADEMIC TIES STRENGTHEN AS 13 UNIVERSITY PACTS SIGNED; MCGILL UNIVERSITY TO LAUNCH AI CENTRE IN INDIA

India and Canada strengthen education ties with 13 new agreements, including joint research and AI centres, enhancing academic collaboration.



Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney announced a new talent partnership in India, which includes new agreements for Research, Hybrid Campus and Artificial Centres of Excellence. In a post on

X, PM Carney said, “Canadian universities are launching new talent partnerships in India - 13 new agreements for research, hybrid campuses, and AI centres of excellence. This will provide invaluable experience for students and strengthen our world-class universities on both sides of the Pacific.” The partnerships aim to give students international academic exposure and strengthen cooperation between institutions of both countries. Meanwhile, McGill University is establishing a new Centre of Excellence in AI Education and Research in India an important step in expanding the University's global presence.

### **GUYANESE MINISTER ADDRESSED IN FLUENT HINDI IN PARLIAMENT**

A debate in Guyana's Parliament took an unexpected turn when Member of Parliament Vikash



Ramkisoorn responded in fluent Hindi after an opposition lawmaker questioned his knowledge of the language. The exchange began when an opposition member claimed that Ramkisoorn did not understand Hindi. Seeking permission from the Speaker, Ramkisoorn said he would respond in Hindi to address the remark directly. Addressing the House, he named the opposition member and issued an open challenge. Ramkisoorn said he was ready to debate on any subject, at any place, chosen by his opponent. He added that the debate could be held on any television channel and would be conducted entirely in Hindi, without reading from notes or papers. ‘Vishey woh tay karein, main jawab dunga bina Kagaz dekhey’ (They decide the topic, I will respond without using a paper), he said. He stressed that he would speak freely and confidently in the language, countering claims that he lacked proficiency. His remarks were delivered calmly but firmly, drawing attention from lawmakers present in the chamber. Ramkisoorn's statement quickly gained attention outside Parliament as well, particularly among members of the Indian-origin community in Guyana and abroad. India and Guyana share cooperation in energy, health, capacity-building, and cultural exchange, with New Delhi increasingly engaging Caribbean nations as part of its Global South outreach. Against this backdrop, Ramkisoorn's Hindi speech struck a chord in India, symbolizing how language and heritage continue to bridge oceans. What began as a parliamentary face-off has now turned into a viral affirmation of shared history, one that resonated far beyond the walls of Guyana's National Assembly.

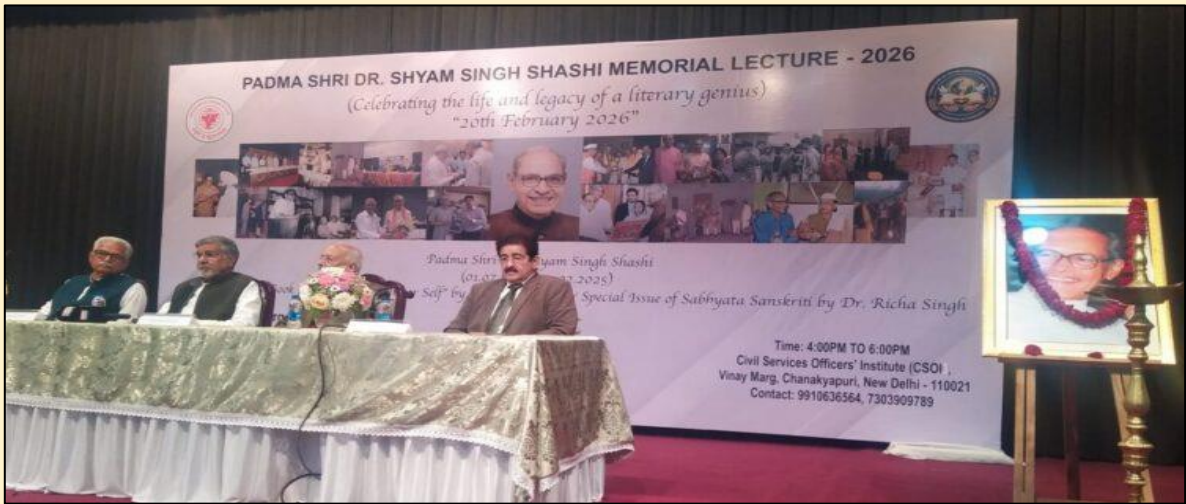
## मॉरीशस के पूर्व राष्ट्रपति पृथ्वीराज सिंह रूपन ने 105 वर्षीय लोकगायक जंग बहादुर सिंह को 'सन ऑफ सीवान' से सम्मानित किया



सीवान जिले के प्रसिद्ध लोकगायक जंग बहादुर सिंह को उनकी असाधारण सांस्कृतिक सेवाओं के लिए हाल ही में “सन ऑफ सीवान” सम्मान से सम्मानित किया गया। 105 वर्ष की आयु में मिला यह सम्मान न केवल उनके लंबे और समर्पित जीवन का सम्मान है, बल्कि भोजपुरी लोकसंगीत की समृद्ध परंपरा के प्रति समाज की कृतज्ञता का भी प्रतीक है। यह सम्मान समारोह सीवान जिले के ऐतिहासिक स्थल जीरादेई स्थित राजेंद्र उद्यान में आयोजित किया गया। कार्यक्रम का आयोजन देश के प्रथम राष्ट्रपति डॉ. राजेंद्र प्रसाद की पुण्यतिथि के अवसर पर किया गया था। इस मौके पर समारोह के मुख्य अतिथि पृथ्वीराज सिंह रूपन (मॉरीशस के पूर्व राष्ट्रपति) ने जंग बहादुर सिंह को मंच पर सम्मानित किया। कार्यक्रम के दौरान राजेंद्र उद्यान में 108 फीट ऊँचा तिरंगा झंडा भी फहराया गया, जिससे पूरे वातावरण में देशभक्ति और गर्व की भावना दिखाई दी। जंग बहादुर

सिंह भोजपुरी लोकसंगीत की दुनिया में एक प्रतिष्ठित नाम रहे हैं। उन्होंने अपने गीतों के माध्यम से समाज में सांस्कृतिक जागरूकता और देशभक्ति की भावना को मजबूत किया। बताया जाता है कि स्वतंत्रता आंदोलन के दौर में भी उनके गीत लोगों में उत्साह और प्रेरणा भरते थे। दशकों तक उन्होंने गाँव-गाँव जाकर लोकगीतों की परंपरा को जीवित रखा। आज भी उनका योगदान नई पीढ़ी के कलाकारों के लिए प्रेरणा का स्रोत है। सीवान के लिए यह गौरव की बात है कि उसकी धरती से जुड़े ऐसे लोकगायक को राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर सम्मान मिला, जिसने अपनी कला के माध्यम से क्षेत्रीय संस्कृति को नई पहचान दिलाई।

**डॉ. श्याम सिंह शशि स्मृति व्याख्यानमाला : दुनिया को करुणा के भूमंडलीकरण की आवश्यकता है : कैलाश सत्यार्थी**



दुनिया को करुणा के भूमंडलीकरण की आवश्यकता है जो भारत से पैदा हो सकती है। आज भूमंडलीकरण सिर्फ बाज़ार का नहीं हुआ है बल्कि तमाम बुराइयों का भी हो गया है। संपन्नता बुरी बात नहीं है लेकिन सिर्फ भौतिक संपन्नता सही नहीं है। ये विचार नोबेल शांति पुरस्कार विजेता कैलाश सत्यार्थी ने डॉ. श्याम सिंह शशि स्मृति व्याख्यानमाला - 2026 में मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में आज यहां व्यक्त किये। उन्होंने कहा कि दुनिया में पारंपरिक परिभाषाओं की वजह से युद्ध हो रहा है। आज दुनिया जितनी अमीर है, उतनी पहले कभी नहीं थी। इन सब के बावजूद दुनिया आज जल रही है। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता करते हुए डॉ. श्याम परादे ने साहित्यकार स्व. श्याम सिंह शशि

के कृतित्व और व्यक्तित्व की प्रशंसा की। इस अवसर पर भारत सरकार के पूर्व रक्षा सचिव एवं राज्य सभा के पूर्व महासचिव डॉ. योगेन्द्र नारायण ने कहा कि ज्ञान का व्यापक महत्व है। यही कारण है कि भारत सरकार इस समय दिल्ली में आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस का वैश्विक सम्मेलन आयोजित कर रही है। उन्होंने 2047 में भारत को विकसित राष्ट्र बनाने के प्रयासों का उल्लेख करते हुए पूछा कि विकसित भारत किस रूप में हो, यह तय करना आवश्यक है। उन्होंने स्पष्ट किया कि विकास यदि भारत की चारित्रिक विशेषताओं के साथ हो तो फिर वह सही है। कार्यक्रम को संबोधित करते हुए एएफटी के संस्थापक एवं कुलाधिपति डॉ. संदीप मारवाह ने डॉ. श्याम सिंह शशि को अपने पिता तुल्य बताते हुए उनके द्वारा सृजित चार सौ से अधिक पुस्तकों को उनकी अविस्मरणीय उपलब्धि बताया। उन्होंने कहा कि डॉ. श्याम सिंह शशि करुणा की जीवंत मूर्ति थे और जो भी उनसे एक बार मिल लेता था, वे सदा के लिए उसके दिल में बस जाते थे। डॉ. मारवाह ने कहा कि आज के युग में दो ही चीजें महत्वपूर्ण हैं और ये हैं आपकी भावना और विचारधारा। इसी से आपके व्यक्तित्व का निर्माण होता है। प्रथम व्याख्यानमाला में अनेक साहित्यकारों, बुद्धिजीवियों और परिजनों ने भाग लिया। इनमें सुमेधा सत्यार्थी, सुप्रसिद्ध साहित्यकार स्व. जगदीश चतुर्वेदी की सुपुत्री कवयित्री अनुभूति चतुर्वेदी, आकाशवाणी के पूर्व सहायक निदेशक डॉ. आलोक कुमार सिंह, डॉ. ऋचा सिंह, नारायण कुमार तथा दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के कानूनी सलाहकार डॉ. सतीश चन्द्र गुप्ता प्रमुख हैं। कार्यक्रम का संचालन संस्कृति ने किया। इस अवसर पर बहुमुखी प्रतिभा के धनी साहित्यकार डॉ. श्याम सिंह शशि पर केंद्रित पत्रिका 'सभ्यता संस्कृति' का लोकार्पण किया गया।

### काका साहेब कालेलेकर सम्मान का हुआ ऐलान

#### श्रीलंका की प्रो. निलंति राजपक्षे सहित मीतू दिनेश, तेजस और श्वेता होंगी सम्मानित

इस बार काका साहेब कालेलेकर सम्मान 2025 से श्रीलंका की प्रो. निलंति राजपक्षे को सम्मानित करने की घोषणा की गई है। प्रो. निलंति राजपक्षे श्रीलंका के श्री जयवर्धनपुर विश्वविद्यालय में हिंदी की प्रोफेसर और भाषा, सांस्कृतिक अध्ययन और पर्यटन कला विभाग की अध्यक्ष हैं। इन्होंने वाराणसी स्थित महात्मा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हिंदी विश्वविद्यालय से पीएचडी हासिल की है। इनका चयन भारत से बाहर हिंदी में निरंतर लेखन, अनुवाद और इसके प्रचार प्रसार के लिए किया गया है।

गांधी हिंदुस्तानी साहित्य सभा एवं जयप्रकाश संस्कृति द्वारा संचालित संगोष्ठी द्वारा प्रतिवर्ष दिए जाने वाले काका कालेलेकर राष्ट्रभाषा प्रोत्साहन सम्मान-2025 की घोषणा मुख्यतः राष्ट्र के अलावा गांधीग्राम के तेजस एवं पत्रकारिता, गाजियाबाद की श्वेता अग्रवाल को महिला सशक्तिकरण एवं समाज सेवा, और नोएडा की मीतू दिनेश को अनुवाद एवं साहित्य तथा नई दिल्ली के दिनेश कुमार को कला (शास्त्रीय संगीत) के क्षेत्र में उल्लेखनीय कार्यों के लिए सम्मानित किया जाएगा। इन सभी को यह सम्मान 14 मार्च 2026 को दिल्ली में गांधी हिंदुस्तानी साहित्य सभा के सभागार में आयोजित कार्यक्रम में प्रदान किया जाएगा, जिसमें डॉ. राजीव श्रीवास्तव की अध्यक्षता में होने वाले सम्मान समारोह में प्रदान किया जाएगा। इस मौके पर मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में वरिष्ठ साहित्यकार डॉ. केशव भाई देसाई, वरिष्ठ समाजसेवी शंकर कुमार सराफ और वरिष्ठ हिंदी लेखक नारायण कुमार होंगे। संचालन वरिष्ठ पत्रकार प्रसन्न त्रिवेदी करेंगे। विष्णु भूषण प्रशिक्षण के मार्गदर्शक अनिल कुमार प्रभाकर के मुताबिक गुजरात के तेजस पिछले दो दशकों से भी अधिक समय से मुंबई और गुजरात में पत्रकारिता के क्षेत्र में सक्रिय हैं। इन्होंने गुजरात विद्यापीठ में पत्रकारिता का अध्ययन किया है। पिछले सात साल से बीबीसी गुजराती सेवा के साथ रिपोर्टर के रूप में काम कर रहे हैं। तेजस को प्रतिष्ठित रामनाथ गोयनका पुरस्कार दो बार मिल चुका है। जेंडर सेंसिटिविटी के लिए दिया जाने वाला लाडली मीडिया अवॉर्ड भी तीन बार मिल चुका है। संगीत कला के लिए चुने गए दिनेश कुमार ने संगीत की प्रारंभिक शिक्षा अपने दादा पंडित श्री मुन्ना दास जी एवं पंडित विनय चंद्र मुद्गल जी से ग्रहण की। इसके बाद बनारस घराने के महान कलाकार पंडित राजन-साजन मिश्र जी के वरिष्ठ शिष्य पंडित कुंवरलाल शर्मा जी से शिक्षा ग्रहण की। वर्तमान में पंडित देवेन्द्र पांडे जी (बनारस) पंडित राकेश सिंह नेगी जी से संगीत की शिक्षा ग्रहण कर रहे हैं और समय-समय पर देश के विभिन्न जगहों पर अपनी प्रस्तुति भी दे रहे हैं। इसके लिए अनेक पुरस्कारों से भी पुरस्कृत हो चुके हैं। अनुवाद और लेखन के लिए सम्मानित होने वाली मीतू दिनेश नोएडा की मीतू मायूर बघवार पिछले दो दशकों से हिंदी के प्रचार प्रसार में जुटी हैं। हिंदी के प्रचार के लिए एक यूट्यूब चैनल का संचालन करती हैं, जिसके लाखों फॉलोअर्स हैं। इन्होंने रवींद्रनाथ ठाकुर और महात्मा गांधी की किताबों के साथ अनेक कविताओं का अनुवाद किया है। इनकी रचनाएं देश भर की विभिन्न पत्र-पत्रिकाओं में प्रकाशित होती रहती हैं। महिला सशक्तिकरण के लिए सम्मानित होने वाली गाजियाबाद की श्वेता अग्रवाल पिछले दो दशकों से समाज के वंचित और कमजोर वर्ग खासकर महिलाओं के बीच जागरूकता, स्वरोजगार और अधिकारों के लिए परियोजना प्रबंधन और प्रशिक्षण के साथ पर्यावरण संरक्षण के लिए निरंतर काम कर रही हैं।

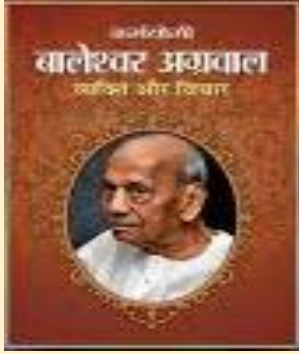
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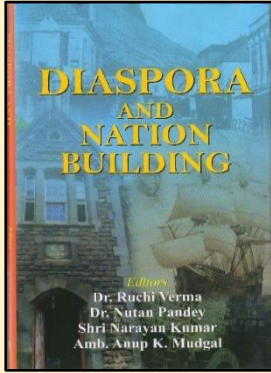
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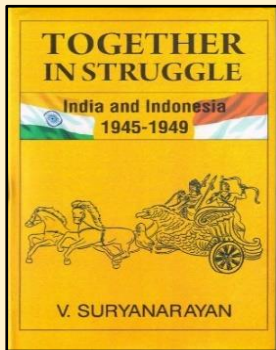
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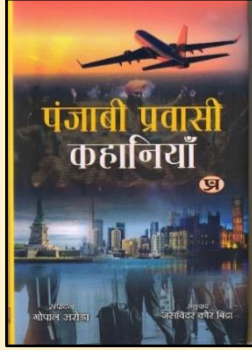
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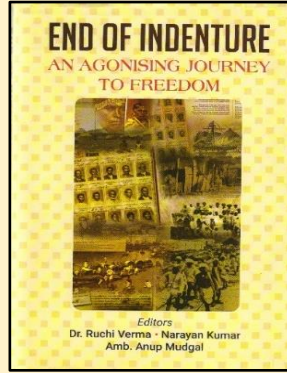
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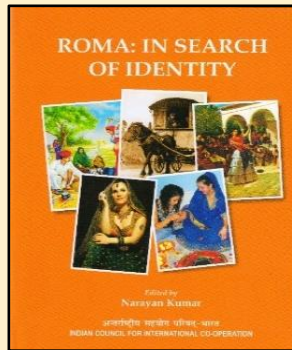
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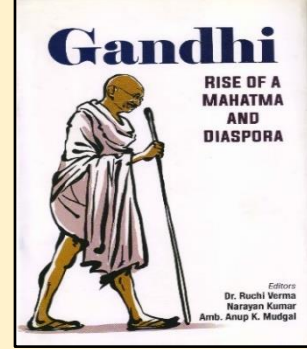
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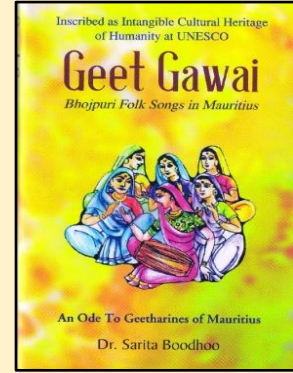
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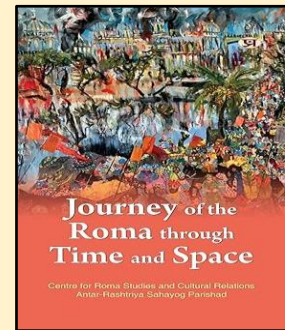
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