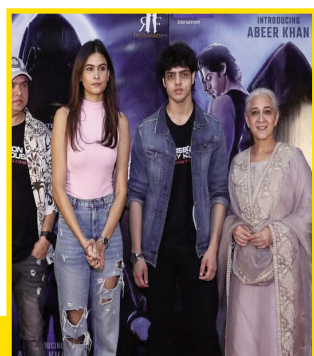


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Vice-President Highlights PanchPran as Pillars of National Transformation at NCC Republic Day Camp 2025

In a stirring address at the inauguration of the NCC Republic Day Camp – 2025, Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Thakkar, emphasized the significance of PanchPran—five key resolves—as the foundation of India's national transformation. Speaking to the NCC cadets at the Cariappa Parade Ground in Delhi Cantt, Shri Thakkar outlined these pillars as integral to fostering an invincible spirit of nationalism and driving India's growth

towards 2047. The PanchPran, according to the Vice-President, includes Social Harmony, Family Enlightenment, Environmental Consciousness, Swadeshi (Self-reliance), and Civic Duties. He described Social Harmony as crucial in transforming India's diversity into national unity, starting from the family level, where patriotic values are instilled. He also stressed the importance of protecting the environment while advancing self-reliance



through Swadeshi, and highlighted that civic duties are essential for every citizen's progress. Shri Thakkar also urged the cadets to stay vigilant against anti-national forces, underscoring that India's democratic values must be safeguarded at all costs. He called for an unwavering dedication to the motherland, stressing that nationalism must override all other interests—personal or organizational. This, he said, is crucial for India's continued growth and

prosperity. Reflecting on India's achievements, Shri Thakkar noted that the nation's rise is globally recognized, citing advancements in infrastructure, technology, and economic growth. He commended the NCC for instilling discipline, nationalism, and a nation-first approach among its members, qualities that are crucial for India's transformation. As the nation moves towards becoming the world's third-largest economy by 2047, Shri Thakkar called on the

youth to be the architects of India's future. He highlighted the increased opportunities for young minds, with India now positioned as a global favorite for investment. The Vice-President concluded by emphasizing the country's transformation towards merit-based systems and the role of governance in nurturing growth and potential. The event was attended by Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh, Director General of NCC, and other dignitaries.

PM's Vision for 2047: Unity is Key

- Gopendra Nath Bhatt

New Delhi: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla underscored the importance of collective contributions from all sections of society in achieving Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a developed India by 2047. Speaking as the chief guest at the Akhil Bharatiya Aggarwal Organisation's Agra Alankaran Samman Samaroh at the Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, on Sunday, Birla stressed that empowered communities must lead the way in this mission.

Held under the pious presence of Mahamandaleshwar Geeta Manishi Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj, the event celebrated the Aggarwal community's historical role in India's development. Birla lauded the community for drawing inspiration from Maharaja Agrasen and consistently contributing to the nation's progress.

Distinguished individuals, including NNS, Meri Delhi Group, and Vyapar Kesari CMD & Editor-in-Chief Rajesh Gupta, were honored during the ceremony. Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj presented scarves to the awardees, while Birla handed over mementos.

During the opening session, Akhil Bharatiya Aggarwal Organisation National Chairman Pradeep Mittal, President Dr. Sushil Gupta, General Secretary Girish Mittal, and Rajesh Bharuka outlined the organization's initiatives. They announced that during the national executive meeting on Saturday, an 11-point agenda for the community was approved. Additionally, the group resolved to hold a special event on International Women's Day on March 8.

Om Birla reiterated that building a developed India requires united efforts, particularly from capable communities like the Aggarwal society, which has always demonstrated its dedication to the nation's growth.

Doctor Sakka's Unique Artworks on Makar Sankranti

Udaipur: on the occasion of Makar Sankranti, the renowned goldsmith and world record holder Dr. Iqbal Sakka has accomplished a remarkable feat. Makar Sankranti is celebrated differently across various regions of India, with activities like kite flying, playing gillidanda, and playing satoliya.

Dr. Sakka has showcased the traditional games of various Indian states inside a zero-watt bulb. These miniature displays, crafted with silver, gold, and paper, feature flying kites, spinning tops, gillidanda, satoliya, balls, and players. These intricate artworks, viewed through a microscope, represent the diverse games of every region and convey a beautiful message of unity. The creations inside the bulb demonstrate the unity of the country, sending a heartfelt message to the citizens, highlighting India's diversity and togetherness.

Radhika Anant Ambani Visits Shri Nathji Temple

Udaipur: Radhika Ambani, daughter-in-law of renowned industrialist Mukesh Ambani and wife of Anant Ambani, visited the revered Shri Nathji Haveli in Nathdwara with her parents and family members. This marked her first visit to the temple after her marriage.

Radhika Ambani, accompanied by her father Sudhir Merchant and mother, participated in the darshan of Shri Nathji's Shringar and Rajbhog. Following the darshan, Shri Vishal Bawa extended a warm welcome to Radhika and her family by presenting them with traditional Rajai and Uparna and offering prasad. Shri Vishal Bawa also blessed the family and engaged in a discussion with Radhika Ambani about the temple's traditions, including Shri Nathji's ragas, bhog, and seva within the Pushtimarg philosophy.

During the interaction, Radhika Ambani expressed her desire to visit Shri Nathji Temple again with her entire family in the near future.

Key temple officials, including Shri Sudhakar Upadhyay, Chief Administrator Bharat Bhushan Vyas, Tilakayati Shri's Chief Advisor Anjan Shah, Assistant Officer Anil Sanadhya, Secretary Leeladhar Purohit, PRO and Media Head Girish Vyas, Umang Mehta, Govardhan Sanadhya, Harsh Sanadhya, and Kailash Paliwal, were present on the occasion.

The Toughest Time for Unbiased Journalism: Vipin Gupta

Udaipur: Today marks one of the most challenging periods for unbiased journalism. Although no state of emergency has been declared, journalism is under immense pressure, demanding extraordinary courage to confront. These thoughts were expressed by Vipin Gupta, Founder-Editor of the Delhi-based newspaper National Express, during a discussion on the book Sach Ka Saamna, written by Mahaveer Samta Sandesh's Chief Editor, Himmat Seth. Gupta, the chief guest of the event, described Seth as a guiding light of journalism who inspires many.

On this occasion, Gupta

presented his book, Gandhi Darshan Aur Vichar, to Seth and honored him with a shawl and a garland of hand-spun cotton. Presiding over the program, Dr. Sudha Choudhary, Professor of Philosophy at Mohanlal Sukhadia University, remarked that Himmat Seth practices what he preaches—a rare trait in the current era. Special guest Anil Jain, a journalist from News Click, Indore, stated that public-interest journalism is a daunting task, yet Seth has been dedicatedly pursuing it for 35 years. Jain described Sach Ka Saamna as a true reference book for journalism. Dr. Sarwat Khan, an Urdu author and President of

Samta Samvad Manch, highlighted the book's wide-ranging themes, while Professor Hemendra Chandalia, Editor of Mahaveer Samta Sandesh, welcomed the attendees and explained that the book compiles editorials published between 2008 and 2018.

State Secretary of AIPWA, Prof. Farhat Bano, discussed the book's various aspects and praised Seth's commitment to public issues. CPI(ML) State Secretary Shankar Lal Choudhary spoke about Seth's fearless journalism, which began during India's era of liberalization, privatization, and globalization, emphasizing his active participation in move-



ments and advocacy for public causes.

The event witnessed Seth being honored with a shawl and garland by dignitaries such as Prof. Pramila Singhvi, Shantilal Bhandari, Prof. Farhat Bano, Prof. Hemendra Chandalia, and his family members.

In his concluding remarks, Seth expressed gratitude to everyone present. The gathering was attended by CPM District Secretary Rajesh Singhvi, Janata Dal's Ramchandra Salvi, Prof. L.R. Patel, Dr. Meenakshi Jain, Dr. Chandradev Ola, senior jour-

nalist Jaspal Singh Makkar, Rajesh Verma, MCP(I)'s Ramchandra Sharma, Leeladevi Sharma, CPI's Mahesh Sharma, Mazdoor Ekta Kendra's D.S. Paliwal, advocate Ramesh Nandwana, journalist Govind Od, and several other prominent citizens.

Renowned Spiritual Leader from Barabanki Visits Udaipur

Udaipur: Renowned spiritual leader and scholar of Ramcharitmanas, Sant Shri Bhagwandas Maharaj, who is well-known for his unwavering commitment to selfless service, arrived in Udaipur on Monday. For over 44 years, his Ashram in Barabanki has been a hub of free medical services for the underprivileged. During his visit, Maharaj met with Dr. J.K. Chhapparwal, a senior physician and coordinator of the upcoming medical camp, and lauded the efforts of the entire medical team involved in this noble mission.

Dr. Chhapparwal shared details of the medical initiatives undertaken at the Ashram, where surgeries such as cataract, hernia, hydrocele, piles, cysts, and uterine ailments have been performed free of cost for decades. He emphasized that this legacy of service will continue with the support of expert doctors and dedicated volunteers.

Preparations for the Upcoming Camp



The preparations for the next medical camp have been finalized. A team of doctors and paramedics will depart from Udaipur on January 21 at 8:30 AM, traveling by bus from the B.N. College premises. Additional groups will follow via train in two phases. The camp will feature a temporary operation theater equipped with six OT tables, where approximately 3,000 surgeries will be performed. Prior to the operations, patients will undergo thorough medical examinations and pre-operative tests to ensure their eligibility for the procedures.

Legacy of Selfless Service -

Since its inception, the Ashram's medical initiative has gained widespread recognition for providing free healthcare to thousands of patients each year. The camp not only addresses critical medical issues but also fosters a spirit of compassion and humanity among the volunteers and medical professionals involved.

Sant Bhagwandas Maharaj praised the organizational efforts and urged the team to continue their work with the same dedication and enthusiasm. "Service to humanity is service to God," he remarked, emphasizing the spiritual significance of their collective efforts.

Dr. Chhapparwal also expressed his gratitude towards the medical team, local volunteers, and organizations that have extended their support in organizing the camp. He highlighted that the medical camp is one of the largest of its kind in the region, providing much-needed relief to underprivileged patients who otherwise lack access to quality healthcare.

The event concluded with a renewed commitment to the mission of selfless service, inspiring the team to strive for excellence in the upcoming camp.

Udaipur's Young Talent Shines at All India National Dance & Music Competition

Udaipur: On January 5, 2025, the All India National Dance & Music Competition & Festival "Jhankar" held in Jaipur, Rajasthan, saw Udaipur's 5-year-old prodigy, Diara Juneja, steal the spotlight. Diara, a student of the renowned dance academy, displayed exceptional talent and skill by balancing on chairs and performing a mesmerizing puppet dance.

Her outstanding performance earned her the first position in her category, leaving a lasting impression on the audience and judges alike.

In addition to Diara's remarkable achievement, other young artists from the academy also made their mark at the event. Ishi Jain, Jenisha Mehta, Aradhya Lodhi, Bhooma Soni, Nivi Jain, and Divija Agarwal participated in a range of categories, including Kathak, Semi-Classical, and Bharatanatyam. Their dedication and hard work were rewarded with first and second-place finishes in their respective categories, showcasing the diverse talent nurtured by the academy.

The success of these young performers is a testament to the dedication and expertise of their mentor, Guru Renu Goree.

Under her guidance, these children have not only mastered the art forms but have also developed the confidence to compete on a national stage. Guru Goree's commitment to nurturing the next generation of classical dancers and musicians is evident in the success of her students.

The event, organized by Shagufta Khan, brought together talented dancers and musicians from across India, providing a platform for them to showcase their skills. The students' achievements at this prestigious competition reflect the growing recognition of Udaipur as a hub for classical dance and music.

This success is a proud moment for Udaipur, highlighting the region's rich cultural heritage and the potential of its young artists. The academy's students continue to excel, and with their hard work and dedication, they are sure to make even greater strides in the future.

Oh Soil

The fragrance of the soil, somehow, is more tender
To me than the fancy fragrance of the flower.
The strength and sensitivity of life
Are held within the soil.
It's a patience of a different sort
To all that nurtures it,
And absorbs it at its end.
Oh Soil, My Life.
The Act of Forgiveness
One of the most sacred pillars of love
Leads us towards inner peace,
A serenity that flows deeper than we realize.
For when we love,
We must understand
The quiet yet powerful lesson
Of how to forgive.
Love itself, though rich and tender,
Is not without its moments of sorrow.
There is a certain sadness that lingers,
Yet paradoxically, it is in that very sadness
That love's roots grow deeper.
Through the cracks in our hearts,
The love becomes stronger,
More resilient than ever before.
No matter what life throws,
We must laugh with all our hearts,
Laugh as if the world is lighter,
As if the burdens are but fleeting shadows.
Dance in the rain,

For the rain cleanses and renews,
It washes away the weight of yesterday,
And leaves room for hope to bloom.
Cherish each moment,
For time is fleeting,
And in the blink of an eye,
The present will be but a memory.

Ignore the pain that tries to hold you back,
Let it fade into the past,
Where it belongs,
And let the beauty of the now guide you.
Live fully, laugh deeply, love without hesitation,
And when mistakes arise, forgive and forget.
Life is too short to carry the weight of regrets,
Too precious to be spent in anger or sorrow.
After all,
Forgiveness is the gateway,
The only true path to
Lasting happiness.

- Pooja Bhandari