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LOOMS OF LEGACY: A TAPESTRY OF TRADITION



National Handloom Day is observed every year on August 7 in India to honour the handloom weavers and the role of the handloom industry in the development of the country. This day commemorates the Swadeshi Movement that was launched on the same date in year 1905, which emphasized the importance of indigenous industries and the rejection of foreign goods.

The day aims to highlight the contribution of handloom weavers in preserving India's rich cultural heritage. It also serves as a reminder of the need to support and promote the handloom sector, which is an important source of livelihood for millions of people, especially in rural and semi-rural areas.

The first National Handloom Day was celebrated in 2015, launched by the Government of India to generate awareness about the significance of the handloom industry. Since then, the day has been marked with various programs, exhibitions, and awareness campaigns organized by the Ministry of Textiles and other governmental and non-governmental organizations across the country.

The Indian handloom industry is one of the largest in the world. It represents a timeless facet of the rich cultural heritage of India and is a symbol of the country's diversity and creativity. Handloom products are known for their quality, uniqueness, and intricate craftsmanship. Some of the popular handloom varieties in India include Banarasi, Chanderi, Kanjeevaram, Pochampally, Ikat, Jamdani, and Bhagalpuri among others.

Handloom weaving is not just an economic activity but a tradition that has been passed down through generations. It reflects regional identities and stories, with each piece of fabric narrating its own journey. Despite the competition from power looms and mechanized industries, the handloom sector continues to survive due to its authenticity and the growing global demand for handmade and sustainable products.

On National Handloom Day, several initiatives are taken to empower weavers and artisans. These include awareness programs, training sessions, financial aid schemes, and marketing support. The government has also taken steps to promote handloom through digital platforms and e-

commerce websites to ensure that artisans can reach a wider audience.

In recent years, designers and influencers have also played a significant role in reviving interest in handloom products. Fashion shows, social media campaigns, and collaborations have helped showcase the versatility and elegance of Indian handlooms.

National Handloom Day is a tribute to the hard work and skill of the weavers who form the backbone of India's textile industry. It reminds us of the importance of preserving our cultural identity and supporting local artisans. As consumers, choosing handloom not only supports sustainable fashion but also contributes to the livelihood of countless families across the country. The celebration of this day is not just a formality but a call to action to embrace and promote the art of handloom in our everyday lives.

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JAGANNATH SHANKARSHETH: THE MAN WHO BUILT A BETTER BOMBAY

In the dusty lanes of 19th-century Bombay, where poverty and ignorance stood tall beside colonial power, a young boy named Jagannath Shankarsheth Murkute was born in 1803 into a wealthy but socially conscious Hindu family. From his childhood, Jagannath exhibited a sharp mind, curious spirit, and a deep compassion for others qualities that would one day help shape the destiny of an emerging city and its people.

Jagannath was not content merely inheriting wealth. As a teenager, he would sit beside his grandfather during trade meetings, but his eyes were often drawn to the condition of children on the streets many without clothes, books, or hope. Education was a luxury reserved for the elite, and especially, girls were denied the right to literacy.

One day, walking back from the bazaar, Jagannath saw a group of children huddled under a tree, trying to read a torn page. That image struck him deeply. “If only knowledge were given as freely as the sun gives its light,” he thought.

Years passed. At the age of 25, with the power of wealth and wisdom, Jagannath founded the Native School of Bombay, one of the first institutions to offer modern English education to Indian students, including those from backward communities. At a time when it was taboo to even educate girls, he boldly supported female education, challenging orthodox Brahmins and colonial indifference alike.

His house became a meeting place for reformers, thinkers, and visionaries. It was here that discussions for social transformation, national pride, and community service took place. While others hesitated, Jagannath Shankarsheth stepped into the public realm, becoming the first Indian nominated to the Bombay Legislative Council in 1861.

Yet, despite political power, his heart remained with the people. When Mumbai was plagued by epidemics, he donated large amounts to build public sanitation systems, clean water sources, and hospitals. In the scorching summer of 1845, when a deadly cholera outbreak hit the city, Jagannath personally arranged for clean drinking water tanks, saving thousands of lives.

He didn't stop there. His dream was a modern, accessible Bombay. He was one of the founders of the Bombay Association, which laid the foundation of political consciousness in India. More importantly, he played a key role in establishing India's first railway line (1853) from Bombay to Thane, understanding that development depended on connectivity.

People began calling him “The Architect of Modern Bombay”, but he remained humble. “A tree that gives shade

doesn't count its leaves,” he once told a British officer praising his philanthropy.

a call to ethical living, compassion, and wisdom.



He was a visionary who saw no difference between caste or religion. When people protested against his support for educating Dalits and women, he replied calmly, “How can one worship God in temples and hate His creation outside?”

His beliefs in universal human dignity, equal opportunity, and service above self were grounded in the ancient Indian dharma that of 'Seva' (selfless service) and 'Lok Kalyan' (welfare of the people). He interpreted Sanatan Dharma not as blind ritual, but as

In one incident, a Brahmin priest refused to enter a temple that Jagannath had funded, saying that the temple was "polluted" because he had donated money to educate untouchables. Jagannath, without anger, replied: “If God resides only where hate does not, then I shall continue building homes for that God.” His calm, ethical resistance earned even his opponents' respect.

Another defining moment came during the debate on Sati abolition. Though Raja Ram Mohan Roy was leading the national front, Jagannath Shankarsheth played a crucial role in Bombay, holding community meetings, talking to elders, and supporting Lord William Bentinck's Regulation XVII (1829). “True dharma does not demand death of the helpless,” he argued. “It demands protection of the vulnerable.”

His philosophy on humanities was rooted in Vedantic humanism a belief that every soul is divine, and the purpose of human life is to awaken that divinity through education, service, and compassion. For him, the humanities were not just subjects but a way of nurturing a just and empathetic society.

By the time of his death in 1869, Jagannath Shankarsheth had created more than just buildings and institutions. He had planted the seeds of modern Indian civil society — one rooted in morality, courage, wisdom, and a sense of duty. From founding the University of Bombay, the School for the Deaf and Dumb, and being part of the Bombay Improvement Trust, to advocating social reforms at personal cost, he became a guiding light for generations.

Jagannath Shankarsheth was affectionately known as "Nana Shankarsheth" a name that still echoes with respect in Mumbai's history. Jagannath Shankarsheth's life reminds us that true leadership lies in service, and that wealth, if not used for collective good, is mere vanity. In an era where the colonial yoke threatened to crush India's spirit, he quietly yet firmly built the foundations of a more just and educated society. For today's youth, his story teaches the value of compassion over convenience, action over apathy, and ethics over ego. In him, we

find a perfect embodiment of India's timeless wisdom that the greatest dharma is to uplift humanity, fearlessly and selflessly. Let his life inspire us to light even a single lamp in the darkness of ignorance and injustice.

FROM CIRCUITS TO SOCIAL CHANGE: HARSH TIWARI'S MISSION FOR RURAL INDIA

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Small actions could lead to big Changes, this maxim has been a major driving force in Mr. Harsh Tiwari's life who is professionally an engineer and also the Director of operations at Bindi International working tirelessly for child education and women empowerment. In an interview with The HULAHUL Times, Mr. Tiwari shared that he was born in an Airforce family and had an upbringing of a typical fauji kid with his major childhood memories of travelling and staying pan India, and studying in various parts of the country.



He mentions that his personality is shaped by the varied experiences he has had living in an Airforce family, and the life lessons given by his father are his major guiding force which naturally extends to his inclination towards social work. He joined the SBI Youth for India Fellowship in 2015 which was the formative stone in his journey of social work.

He is an engineer by profession and have worked in corporate sector for a considerable period of time which he saw as an opportunity and a potential skill to be used for rural development when he joined the fellowship and, witnessed the issues and ground realities of the rural areas that needed urgent attention.

Furthermore, he labels his association with the SBI Fellowship as one the major learning and unlearning experiences of his life as when he would visit night schools in villages, he saw that children on their own were motivated enough to go to school and would bring their siblings along which was in stark contrast to what he saw in cities where children are mostly forced to attend the schools.

Also, he recollects that 2015 was the year when the penetration of digital device was relatively less in India and almost negligible in rural areas but, they saw this as an opportunity to introduce digital devices to the children to break the monotony of conventional learning method noting the mobile nature of rural lifestyle. Another important thing that he noted was that every place has its own context and dynamics and in order to work efficiently it was essential to know the problems of the people well before jumping to any solution.

Since his voluntary association with Bindi International in 2018, Mr. Harsh Tiwari has been currently working as the director of the organisation and bringing impactful changes in the society through various programmes like Solar Sakhi, ENRICHE etcetera and gives due credit to his active team for the success of various initiatives of the organisation.

Further he highlighted that the organisation works on solar electrification, women empowerment, livelihood generation, child education and health care sector. Mr. Harsh Tiwari is inspired by Gandhi Ji's idea of Gram Swaraj and remarks, “why to follow the same development, why not turn the tables around and focus on rural development when majority finds place in rural India”

This is part of their Solar Sakshi initiative whereby they train women from remote villages as solar engineers in solar electrification technology in a 5-month training programme who function as service engineers in their home village. “This initiative has dual benefit - generation of active livelihood and positive psychological shift”, remarked Mr. Tiwari.

Mr. Harsh shared that the training camp is



change after bringing solar power to her remote village. She later received the Adi Sewa Gaurav Samman from President Droupadi Murmu. Her journey reflects the true impact of empowerment and inspires both her community and the team behind the initiative.

Bindi International has so far received many awards but on asking about the recognition that is dearest to Mr. Tiwari, he instantly said “the recognition that is dearest to me is the one received by Thavri Devi for her exceptional work”. He explained that the success or failure of the work they do, rests upon the change that is being created in the lives of these women who are centre of their work.

Bindi International has been consistently working on multidimensional areas but its director of operation further aims to push their limits and work more in southern part of India and collaborate more with the organisations that aim to work for similar causes to realise better results.

Lastly, on asking about a piece of advice he would like to give to the young minds aspiring to work in this field, he underlined on his 'gradual' approach towards life and asked the young minds to not consider social work as a picture-perfect activity as it unwraps multiple hardships on ground and try to understand the real issue and

led by women master trainers who understand the social and cultural dynamics of the participants, making them feel more at ease. Beyond solar electrification training, the program gives women space to explore their own aspirations. So far, over 300 women from 11 states have been trained, electrifying 3,000–5,000 villages.Despite ongoing challenges in convincing families to send women to the camp, Bindi International has made notable progress. Mr. Harsh recalled the story of Thavri Devi from Rajasthan, once hesitant to join, who became a symbol of

then come up with a solution. Moreover, he also highlighted that social work is not necessarily sacrificial in nature. Anyone and everyone having a goal-oriented mindset can come and make a difference as he truly have faith in the saying 'Many drops make an Ocean'.

REVIVING NATURE: RAMANKUTTY'S NATURAL FARMING SUCCESS

On World Nature Conservati on Day, we celebrate Ramankutty, a farmer from Kerala, whose inspiring story shows us the power of working with nature. Six years ago, after an Art of Living course, he switched to natural farming, focusing on rare, healing rice varieties like Rakthashali and Navara.



highly sought after. Even more incredible, people eating his rice have reported improved health, from stronger immunity to reduced pain and sugar levels.

Ramankutty's journey proves that natural farming not only benefits farmers but also heals our planet. By respecting traditional knowledge and partnering with nature, we can combat climate change and secure our future, one farm at a time.

Ramankutty stopped using harsh chemicals and adopted natural methods. What happened next was truly remarkable: his long-dry wells began to fill up again! The secret? Earthworms. Thousands of them per acre dug deep into the soil, making it soft and porous. This allowed rainwater to easily soak into the ground, refilling his wells.

Now, Rama-nkutty's farm thrives with rice, turmeric, coconuts, and vegetables, all nourished by healthy soil and natural fertilizers like Jeevamrutha. His crops are better, and his seeds are

PM-KISAN SCHEME TO RELEASE 20TH INSTALLMENT



The 20th payment of the PM-KISAN scheme is scheduled to be released on August 2, 2025, from Varanasi. Under this scheme, around 9.7 crore eligible farmers will each get Rs 2,000, adding up to a total of Rs 20,500 crore. This money will be sent directly to their bank accounts.

Launched in 2019, the PM-KISAN scheme gives Rs 6,000 every year to eligible farmers in three equal payments. The program has already

helped more than 11 crore farmers, with a total of Rs 3.69 lakh crore disbursed so far. To receive the payment, farmers must ensure they have completed all necessary steps, including e-KYC, linking their Aadhaar card to their bank account, and updating their land records. Even minor mistakes in these details can cause delays. Farmers can check their status and update their information on the official website, pmkisan.gov.in, or by visiting a nearby Common Service Centre (CSC) for assistance. If the money doesn't arrive, they can also contact the helpline numbers or email for support.

DRIVING GROWTH: MONSOON AND YIELDS FUEL INDIA'S SUGAR PRODUCTION INCREASE

India's sugar production is set to increase significantly in the upcoming 2025-26 season, reaching an estimated 34.90 million tonnes. This is a substantial 18% jump from the 26.10 million tonnes produced in the current season, according to the Indian Sugar and Bio-energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA).



This boost in production is attributed to a combination of factors, including a good monsoon, which has led to improved sugarcane yields and an expansion in the area of land under cultivation. As a result of this surplus, India might be able to export 2 million tonnes of sugar next season, doubling the 1 million tonnes allowed this year.

Furthermore, the industry plans to divert more sugar around 5 million tonnes towards ethanol production, up from 3.5 million tonnes currently. Key sugar-producing states like Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Karnataka are expected to lead this surge in output. The industry is also planning to ask the government to approve exports and increase the minimum selling price of sugar to support the sector.

INDIA TO INCREASE NANO FERTILIZER PRODUCTION: 3 NEW PLANTS COMING SOON



India is set to increase its nano fertilizer production by establishing three new plants to meet the growing demand. Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Anupriya Patel, informed the Rajya Sabha on July 29, 2025, about the current status and future plans for nano fertilizer manufacturing in the country.

At present, seven Nano Urea plants have been set up by fertilizer companies across India. These plants together can produce around 27.22 crore bottles of Nano Urea annually, with each bottle containing 500 ml. In addition to this,

three Nano DAP (Diammonium Phosphate) plants are also operational, having a combined annual capacity of 7.64 crore bottles. Since their launch, over 10.68 crore bottles of Nano Urea and 2.75 crore bottles of Nano DAP have been sold across India, including in tribal and remote regions. These eco-friendly fertilizers are gaining popularity among farmers due to their cost-effectiveness and efficiency in improving crop productivity.

To further boost availability, the government has proposed three additional nano fertilizer plants with a projected annual output of 17 crore bottles. This move aims to strengthen India's agricultural sector by promoting modern and sustainable farming practices nationwide.

CABINET APPROVES ₹6,520 CR FOR FOOD PROCESSING & SAFETY BOOST UNDER PMKSY



The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a total budget of ₹6,520 crore for the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) under the 15th Finance Commission cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26). This move aims to strengthen India's food processing sector, improve food safety, and enhance value addition.

Out of this total amount, ₹1,000 crore has been set aside for setting up 50 Multi-Product Food Irradiation Units under the Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (ICCVAI) scheme. These units will help in increasing the shelf life of food products and reducing wastage. Additionally, 100 NABL-accredited Food Testing Laboratories (FTLs) will be developed through the Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure (FSQAI) component to ensure food quality and safety.

Another ₹920 crore will support the implementation of various other components under PMKSY during the current finance cycle. These investments are expected to encourage private sector participation, create more job opportunities, and ensure safe and quality food for consumers across the country.

Overall, this initiative will boost the food processing ecosystem, promote better storage and testing infrastructure, and support farmers by reducing post-harvest losses

PUNJAB TO INTRODUCE DRUG PREVENTION CURRICULUM FOR CLASSES 9 TO 12



The Punjab government has announced a new educational initiative aimed at curbing drug abuse among the youth. Starting this academic year, a 'Drug Prevention Curriculum' will be introduced for students of Classes 9 to 12 across government and private schools in the state.

This curriculum is part of the government's larger effort to tackle the drug menace that has affected various parts of Punjab. It will focus on educating students about the harmful effects of drugs, ways to resist peer pressure, and methods to make healthy lifestyle choices. The initiative is supported by the Department of School Education and the Special Task Force (STF) on drugs.

Experts, psychologists, and educators have contributed to developing the curriculum. It will be delivered through specially designed chapters in subjects like Social Studies, Moral Science, and Physical Education. The aim is to make the subject engaging and easy for students to understand.

Teachers will also undergo training to effectively deliver this content. According to officials, the curriculum will not only raise awareness but also help in early identification and intervention for students at risk.

The government hopes this preventive approach will create a strong foundation for a drug-free society. Additionally, parent-teacher meetings will include discussions on drug awareness to strengthen the support system at home.

By integrating this curriculum into the school system, Punjab is taking a crucial step toward safeguarding the future of its youth from drug addiction.

SANSKRIT DICTIONARY, CAREER APP, FOREIGN VARSITIES LAUNCHED BY EDUCATION MINISTRY



To mark five years of the National Education Policy (NEP), the Ministry of Education launched several key initiatives aimed at modernizing and globalizing India's education system. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan led the event, unveiling projects that reflect the core goals of NEP 2020—flexibility, inclusiveness, and global collaboration.

One of the major highlights was the release of a comprehensive Sanskrit dictionary, designed to preserve and promote India's ancient linguistic heritage. This dictionary is expected to help students and scholars access the rich vocabulary of Sanskrit in a modern, digital format.

Another important launch was the "SWAYAM Plus" career guidance app, which is focused on helping students and job seekers understand career paths and training options. It includes support from industry partners, aiming to bridge the gap between education and employment.

In line with the goal of internationalization, the ministry also announced that several foreign universities would soon set up campuses in India, starting with IITs opening campuses in countries like Tanzania and Abu Dhabi. This move is expected to improve global academic ties and offer Indian students more opportunities for world-class education.

These initiatives together represent a step forward in realizing the vision of NEP—fostering a holistic, multidisciplinary, and globally competitive education system in India. The government emphasized its commitment to ensuring access, equity, and quality in education across all regions and sections of society.

INDIA'S FIRST PRIVATE AI-AUGMENTED MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITY LAUNCHED IN UNNAO

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath formally inaugurated the first private AI-augmented multidisciplinary campus of Chandigarh University in Unnao district on July 26, 2025, marking what he described as “a significant milestone in building a modern India. This institution blends cutting-edge artificial intelligence with a broad range of disciplines, in line with the National Education Policy's vision of fostering innovation, research, and holistic growth.



Adityanath emphasised that the new campus will not only serve as a centre for advanced learning, but also bridge India's ancient knowledge systems with modern technology, thus positioning the state as a key player in the national AI mission and Startup India initiatives. He spoke of the need to transform colleges into hubs of career guidance, life skills and industry-oriented education rather than isolated "islands" disconnected from real-world opportunities.

Unnao's rich heritage its literary icons, freedom movement figures and

AI CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS FREE IN INDIA TO BRIDGE SKILL GAP AND BOOST JOB READINESS



The Indian government is launching free AI certification programs aimed at addressing the growing skill gap in the tech sector and improving employment opportunities. With the rise of artificial intelligence across industries, there's an urgent need to equip youth with relevant digital skills. These free certification programs will be accessible to students, recent graduates, and professionals who want to upskill or transition into AI-related fields.

The initiative, supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), is being rolled out in collaboration with various academic and industry partners. The goal is to

cultural lineage, anchored by the Ganga—was highlighted by the chief minister as the inspiration behind this leap into technology-driven education. He also underscored UP's growing attractiveness to public-private investment in higher education, backed by reforms that have enabled the establishment of new universities and improved infrastructure. Students and youth empowerment through digital and technical education remains a top priority, with the university envisioned as a catalyst for both regional and national transformation.

offer quality education in AI and machine learning without financial barriers. Participants will get hands-on training through modules designed by experts, covering fundamentals to advanced concepts.

This move aligns with India's vision to become a global hub for AI innovation and talent. By offering these certifications for free, the government aims to democratize access to high-demand skills, particularly for students from rural and underprivileged backgrounds. It also complements the Digital India initiative by ensuring a future-ready workforce.

Tech companies have welcomed this step, emphasizing that it will help create a talent pool ready for emerging job roles. The program not only enhances employability but also encourages innovation and entrepreneurship in the AI space. With the fast pace of technological change, such efforts are crucial to ensuring India's youth are not left behind in the global digital economy.

IIM MUMBAI PROPOSES SATELLITE CAMPUS



The Indian Institute of Management Mumbai (IIM Mumbai) has formally submitted a proposal to the Government of Maharashtra to establish a satellite campus in or around Mumbai. This initiative aligns with the state's “Viksit Maharashtra 2047” vision, aiming to transform the city into a global hub for finance, policy, technology, and education.

The proposed campus plans to offer undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes, particularly in economics, accounting and finance, technology and data science, and law and regulation. Consistent with the National Education Policy 2020, the curriculum would emphasise interdisciplinary research, flexible learning pathways, and holistic development.

Strategically located near key financial regulatory institutions such as RBI, SEBI, BSE, and NSE, the campus would offer students unparalleled access to industry and policy environments. IIM Mumbai's director, Prof. Manoj K. Tiwari, highlighted that proximity to these bodies would enrich learning through real-world exposure, fostering leadership in finance and technology.

The proposal also includes a comprehensive financial and infrastructure plan, which has been forwarded to Maharashtra's Department of Higher and Technical Education. The department is now consulting academics, industry experts, policymakers, and the public through the Viksit Maharashtra 2047 process before moving forward.

This satellite campus is envisioned to cultivate a collaborative academic ecosystem, drawing in scholars, entrepreneurs, and regulators. Ultimately, the initiative aims not only to elevate IIM Mumbai's academic profile internationally but also to support India's broader economic transition toward a knowledge-based model centered on digital finance, governance, and innovation.

TATA MOTORS ACQUIRES IVECO IN \$4.5 BILLION DEAL, EXPANDS GLOBAL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE FOOTPRINT

Tata Motors has completed the purchase of Iveco, an Italian company that makes trucks and buses, for \$4. 5 billion. This significant transaction, which took several months to finalize, represents one of the largest cross-border deals by an Indian automotive company and highlights Tata Motors' commitment to growing its influence in the global commercial vehicle market.

The acquisition encompasses all of Iveco's activities, including its factories in Europe and Latin America, its intellectual property, research and development resources, and its full range of products such as the Daily, Eurocargo, and Stralis truck lines.

This strategic move will immediately grant Tata Motors entry into new markets, especially in Europe and South America, where Iveco is well-known and holds a strong market position. Tata Motors intends to merge Iveco's operations with its existing commercial vehicle division while continuing to use the Iveco brand in important international markets.

The company stated that the acquisition supports its strategy to become a leading provider of sustainable and advanced transport solutions. By combining Iveco's expertise in engineering with Tata's manufacturing scale and experience, the deal is expected to create benefits in terms of product development, market growth, and innovation.

Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran highlighted the acquisition as a significant milestone for the company. He explained that the partnership will help Tata Motors offer a broader and more competitive

range of commercial vehicles to international clients. He also mentioned that the acquisition strengthens Tata's position in regions vital for the company's growth over the next ten years.

Previously owned by CNH Industrial, Iveco had been operating on its own but faced challenges due to intense competition and changes in the global transport industry. CNH had been looking for strategic options for Iveco since 2023, and Tata's offer was viewed as financially viable and aligned with Iveco's long-term objectives. The transaction will be funded using a combination of the company's own cash reserves and external loans.

Tata Motors expects the acquisition to begin positively impacting its earnings by the financial year 2026. Integration of the two companies is set to begin right away, with teams working closely to ensure a smooth transition. This move also supports Tata Motors' efforts in adopting alternative fuels.

Iveco has been working on electric and hydrogen-powered commercial vehicles, and Tata plans to leverage this knowledge to enhance its clean mobility offerings. Leaders from both companies are optimistic about their ability to collaborate on innovation in the electric vehicle sector and meet increasing global demand for environmentally friendly transport options.

Through this acquisition, Tata Motors has not only broadened its international reach but also acquired important technological skills and access to a well-established European business network. The deal



reinforces India's role in the global automotive industry and marks the beginning of a new phase in Tata Motors' transformation into a major global force in commercial transportation.

U.S. TARIFF SHOCKWAVE DISRUPTS GLOBAL TRADE LANDSCAPE

The United States has unleashed a new chapter in global trade tensions with the introduction of a sweeping and aggressive tariff strategy, reshaping its economic relations with both allies and adversaries. On July 31, President Trump signed an executive order imposing a multi-tiered tariff regime based on the trade balance each country maintains with the U.S. a decision already triggering economic and diplomatic reverberations worldwide.

According to U.S. officials, the new structure aims to address persistent trade deficits and recalibrate America's economic standing. Countries with trade surpluses now face higher tariffs ranging between 15% and 41%, while those with neutral or favorable balances are subject to a minimum rate of 10%. Though some nations were given time to renegotiate, others faced immediate penalties.

India Caught Off Guard with 25% Blanket Tariff

India, in particular, found itself unexpectedly at the receiving end of a uniform 25% tariff on all exports to the U.S. This decision followed a breakdown in trade negotiations, primarily due to India's refusal to liberalize key domestic sectors such as agriculture, dairy, and pharmaceuticals. Additionally, U.S. dissatisfaction with India's continued energy partnerships with Russia added to the tension.

Indian officials expressed deep concern, warning that the new tariff regime could slow bilateral trade momentum and impact small and medium enterprises already under strain. Despite the setback, India has not ruled out the possibility of future discussions, though it has

emphasized that any new negotiations must respect its regulatory sovereignty and economic priorities.

Canada, EU, and China Face Distinct Challenges

Canada, previously subjected to a 25% duty, was shocked by an abrupt hike to 35%. Ottawa criticized the move as unjust and warned of retaliatory tariffs. Economic analysts have cautioned that these measures could strain North American supply chains, especially in sectors like aluminum, auto parts, and machinery.

Meanwhile, the European Union narrowly avoided harsher penalties through a last-minute agreement that reduced tariffs to 15%, in exchange for pledges to invest in U.S. infrastructure and increase purchases of American natural gas. However, this deal has led to internal EU divisions. France and Spain raised concerns over perceived favoritism and questioned the enforceability of the commitments, many of which appear driven more by corporate interests than binding government policy.

China's negotiations, already fragile, reached a deadlock. With the 90-day tariff pause set to expire on August 12, prospects for a renewed trade truce look grim. Talks in Stockholm ended with no breakthroughs on contentious issues such as forced technology transfers, access to semiconductors, and rare earth mineral trade. Beijing criticized Washington's demands as overreaching, while U.S. negotiators maintained that prior commitments had not been honored.

Domestic Pushback Mounts in the U.S.

On the home front, legal and political resistance is building. Importers have launched a lawsuit challenging the administration's use of emergency economic powers to implement tariffs. Simultaneously, the bipartisan Trade Review Act of 2025 is gaining traction in Congress. The bill seeks to curb presidential authority to enforce long-term tariff policies without legislative oversight.

Trade experts note that while the U.S. aims to strengthen its economic posture, the aggressive nature of the new tariff regime could backfire by alienating partners and destabilizing global supply chains. For India and other major economies, this move is a wake-up call forcing them to reconsider their trade dependencies and strategic alignments in a rapidly evolving global trade order.

The coming months will be crucial as countries weigh their responses. While the U.S. positions itself to extract more favorable terms, it risks ushering in an era of prolonged trade friction, with ripple effects across industries, inflation levels, and geopolitical alliances.



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FAQs ON Learning and Development through Ancient Indian Wisdom

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Q. How to future-proof my career?

Ans. In a world characterized by rapid technological change, shifting job markets, and global uncertainties, the concept of "future-proofing" one's career has become more important than ever. Unlike traditional career planning, which often focuses on climbing a linear corporate ladder, future-proofing demands agility, self-awareness, and a proactive mindset. Interestingly, the timeless teachings found in Sanskrit Subhashitas moral and philosophical aphorisms offer surprisingly relevant insights for this modern challenge. By combining ancient wisdom with contemporary needs, we can uncover a powerful framework to secure our career paths, regardless of industry or age. Let's explore eight essential traits that help future-proof your career:

1) Adaptability: Embrace Change Gracefully. Change is the only constant in the 21st-century job market. Technologies evolve,

industries transform, and roles get redefined. The ability to adapt is no longer optional—it is foundational. "यथा कण्टककेशान्तः पन्थानं नानुपद्यते। तथात्मनः प्रशमं कार्यं सर्वत्रैव प्रयत्नतः॥" "Just as one must navigate a thorny path carefully, one must keep the mind composed and adaptable in all situations." This verse teaches that success lies in adjusting one's steps wisely. Flexibility in mindset, skillset, and behavior is critical to stay relevant amid change. Be open to change—even if uncomfortable. Regularly explore new tools, methods, or cross-functional responsibilities.

2) Lifelong Learning: Always Stay Curious. The half-life of skills is shrinking rapidly. What you learned five years ago may be obsolete today. A future-proof career thrives on continuous learning—both formal and informal. "विद्या ददाति विनयं विनयाद् याति पात्रता। पात्रत्वात् धनमाप्नोति धनात् धर्मं ततः सुखम्॥" "Education bestows humility, from humility comes worthiness, with worthiness comes wealth, and from wealth, righteousness and happiness." True learning is a continuous cycle leading to wisdom, prosperity, and well-being. Keep growing, and the path ahead will unfold positively. Dedicate time each week to reading, taking online courses, or attending workshops in your domain and beyond.

3) Clear Communication: Speak to Be Understood: In a digital and often remote world, the ability to communicate clearly, concisely, and empathetically is indispensable. "सत्यं ब्रूयात् प्रियं ब्रूयात् न ब्रूयात् सत्यमप्रियम्। प्रियं च नानृतं ब्रूयात् एष धर्मः सनातनः॥" "Speak the truth in a pleasant manner; do not speak harsh truths, and do not speak lies even if they are pleasant. This is eternal dharma." Honesty must be paired with empathy. Communication should inform, inspire, and not alienate. Develop written and verbal communication skills, and practice active listening in conversations.

4) Collaboration: Build Together, Grow Together: Success in the modern workplace is often a team sport. Collaboration isn't just about working in groups it's about co-creating value, navigating conflict, and building synergy. "संगच्छध्वं संवदध्वं सं वो मनासि जानताम्। देवा भागं यथा पूर्वं संजानाना उपासते॥" "Walk together, speak together, and let your minds be united. Just as the ancient gods cooperated harmoniously." Rigveda 10.191.2. Harmonious collaboration can lead to divine outcomes far beyond what isolated individuals can achieve. Invest in your relationships at work. Show respect, offer help, and value diverse perspectives.

5) Self-Awareness: Know Thyself: In the rush of professional demands, self-reflection often takes a backseat. But without self-awareness, one can drift aimlessly or burn out without realizing it. "नात्यन्तं सरले भाव्यं गत्वा पश्य वने मृगान्। छिद्यन्ते सरलाः वृक्षाः कुब्जाः तिष्ठन्ति पर्वताः॥" "Do not be overly naive; see how straight trees are cut down, while crooked mountains stand tall." Balance is key. Understand your personality, values, triggers, and ambitions. Don't bend so much that you break. Maintain a journal or seek regular feedback from peers and mentors to better understand yourself.

6) Digital Fluency: Speak the Language of Technology. From AI to automation, tech is transforming every industry. Even if you're not in IT, being digitally fluent gives you a huge edge. "यदा किञ्चिज्जोऽहं गज इव मदाब्धः समभवम्। तदा सर्वज्ञोऽस्मीत्यभवादवलम्बं मम मनः॥" "When I knew a little, I became blinded with pride like an intoxicated elephant. I thought I knew everything." Don't overestimate your knowledge. Stay humble, stay updated. Digital skills are not just for tech people they're for everyone. Learn digital tools in your industry Excel, data analytics, AI basics, or even low-code platforms.

7) Systems Thinking: See the Bigger Picture. Future-ready professionals think in systems. They understand how different parts of a business or society interact and influence one another. "एकस्मिन्नेव दोषेण सर्वं भस्मसात्कृतम्। यथा ग्रामे गतो वह्निः कुलं नाशयते समम्॥" "A single fault can destroy everything just like a fire in one house can burn the entire village." Every action has ripple effects. Systems thinking helps you anticipate outcomes and make smarter decisions. When solving a

problem, ask: What upstream or downstream effects might this have? How does this connect with other teams, departments, or systems?

8) Courageous Actions: Take Smart Risks. Future-proof careers are not built on playing safe. They're shaped by decisions that involve courage whether it's asking for a raise, changing careers, or standing up for ethics. "न शर्म लभते धीरः स्वधर्मे नियतो रतः। त्यजन् परधर्मं भीतः स्वधर्मे न प्रयोजनम्॥" "A courageous person finds no joy abandoning their true path out of fear. There is no purpose in following another's duty." Be brave enough to pursue your calling, even when it's hard. Playing small doesn't serve the world. Practice small acts of courage—speak up in meetings, try new roles, and set bold but achievable goals.

The world may be unpredictable, but timeless wisdom can help us anchor ourselves in purpose, integrity, and resilience. The Sanskrit Subhashitas remind us that no matter how modern our tools become, human values and consciousness remain at the core of success. To future-proof your career, you must go beyond technical knowledge. Cultivate traits that make you valuable, versatile, and visionary. In an era where machines can learn and trends shift overnight, the most powerful thing you can do is evolve consciously. Equip yourself with wisdom both ancient and modern. The Sanskrit Subhashitas are not relics of the past, but mirrors to help you see your way forward with clarity, courage, and compassion. Your future-proof career doesn't lie in predicting the future. It lies in preparing for it wisely, mindfully, and wholeheartedly. Wish you much and more, stay blessed!

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GREENER LIVING STARTS YOUNG: KIDS AS ECO-WARRIORS



In today's rapidly changing world, the need for sustainable living is greater than ever. While governments and corporations take steps toward eco-friendly practices, the true agents of change may be much closer to home: our children. Teaching kids about greener living from an early age is not only possible, it's powerful. Children are naturally curious, eager to learn, and often the most passionate defenders of the planet once they understand its importance.

Introducing children to eco-conscious habits can start with simple, hands-on activities. Recycling paper, turning off unused lights, using cloth bags instead of plastic, and planting trees or herbs in the backyard are all basic steps. These small tasks, when turned into fun daily routines, help children understand that their actions matter. More importantly, they begin to take pride in being responsible for their environment.

Schools can play a pivotal role by incorporating environmental education into the curriculum. Activities like waste segregation challenges, eco clubs, composting projects, and nature walks can instill a deep appreciation for the Earth. Children learn to see nature not just as scenery, but as something to protect and nurture.

Home is equally influential. Parents and guardians who model green behaviors inspire kids to follow. Reading eco-themed storybooks, watching nature

documentaries, or participating in clean-up drives together can strengthen family bonds while teaching critical values.

Beyond just knowledge, turning children into eco-warriors means empowering them with leadership. Encouraging them to speak at school assemblies about the environment, organize green events, or create eco-awareness posters can boost confidence and communication skills. When children feel heard and appreciated, their commitment grows stronger.

What makes kids powerful eco-warriors is their sincerity and persistence. They remind adults to bring reusable bottles, correct littering behavior, and often show surprising creativity in solving local environmental problems. Their innocence fuels authenticity, and their enthusiasm is infectious.

By instilling green values early on, we're not just educating we're shaping responsible future citizens. Greener living truly starts young, and when kids are guided right, they grow into the most enthusiastic, committed caretakers of our planet.

After all, if we wish to secure a better tomorrow, who better to trust than the very ones who will inherit it?

GROWING PATIENCE: LIFE LESSONS FROM THE GARDEN

In a world driven by instant gratification, cultivating patience has become a rare art. Yet, there's one place where patience grows as naturally as the plants themselves: the garden. For children and adults alike, gardening is more than a hobby it's a gentle teacher of life's most important lessons.

The act of planting a seed and watching it grow offers a powerful message: good things take time. From preparing the soil, watering regularly, to waiting days or even weeks for that first sprout, gardening requires consistency and calm. It teaches that growth cannot be rushed, a lesson that applies beautifully to our own lives.

Children involved in gardening quickly learn that results don't come overnight. They begin to understand that each stage planting, nurturing, growing is vital. They celebrate small wins: a new leaf, a blooming flower, or a ripe tomato. These moments bring joy, but also reinforce the value of perseverance.

Gardening also teaches responsibility. Plants need daily care, protection from pests, and attention to weather conditions. Children learn to observe, analyze, and adjust their actions accordingly. In doing so, they become more mindful and accountable.

Moreover, gardening connects kids to nature in a personal way. They begin to notice changes in the

seasons, learn the importance of sunlight and soil, and develop a sense of wonder for natural cycles. This awareness often translates into more empathy not just for the earth, but for others too.

Another key lesson is dealing with failure. Sometimes, despite all efforts, a plant may not survive. This helps children understand setbacks and encourages them to try again, building resilience in the process.

For adults, gardening provides a much-needed break from digital overload and stress. It becomes a form of meditation, reminding us to slow down and appreciate the present moment. It also offers a sense of fulfillment when we see the tangible fruits of our efforts.

In a garden, time feels different. There's no rush only rhythm. And in that rhythm, patience blooms. By spending time in the soil, we grow more than plants we grow character. We learn that just like the garden, life needs nurturing, space, care, and above all, time.

Indeed, some of the best life lessons don't come from books but from the quiet wisdom of the Earth beneath our feet.



Afreen Mazgaonkar & Roshni Kumari

INDIA DRAWN WITH JAPAN, VIETNAM AND CHINESE TAIPEI
IN AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP 2026, GROUP STAGE



With the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 scheduled to take place in Australia from March 1 to 21, 2026, India's women's football team has been drawn in Group C. In addition to India, the four-team group also features Japan, Vietnam, and Chinese Taipei. India will kick off their campaign in the group against Vietnam on March 4, 2026 in Perth at the Perth Rectangular Stadium. After facing Vietnam, India will then compete against Japan on March 7 and then play Chinese Taipei on March 10. In addition to a chance to win the tournament, these matches will also serve as qualifiers for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2026, where the top two teams in each group as well as the best two third-placed teams will advance to the quarter-finals and secure a place in the World Cup. The draw will be a great opportunity for India to make an impact on women's football at the international stage as they are returning to the continental level via qualification after beating Thailand in July 2025. Most importantly, India has a chance to compete against a very strong Japan team and they will find a measure of success depending on the level of competition they face in this group stage.

INDIA'S EMERGING TABLE TENNIS STARS SHINE AT WTT
YOUTH CONTENDER VADODARA 2025 WITH 2 GOLDS, 1
SILVER & 4 BRONZES

India's emerging table tennis stars put in a strong performance at the WTT Youth Contender Vadodara 2025 winning 2 golds, 1 silver and 4 bronzes in various age categories. Ankur Bhattacharjee took the U-19 boys' singles title, beating Abhinandh Pradhivadhi 3-0, and was unbeaten throughout the tournament. In the final of the U-19 girls' singles, Syndrela Das came back from 1-2 down to beat Ananya Chande to take the Gold in an exhilarating final. The performance of the tournament was produced by Divyanshi Bhowmick who had the most medals, with gold in U-15 girls' singles, gold in U-17 girls' singles and silver in U-15 mixed doubles. Sahil Rawat was also impressive as the U-15 boys' champion without dropping a game, Ishaan Goyal won the U-11 boys' final and Divija Paul won the U-11 girls' singles. The tournament has over 30 nations represented and was played at the Sama Indoor Sports Complex in Vadodara with great support from the Indian table tennis community. India's medal haul shows the growing depth and dominance of its growing presence in youth table tennis.



INDIA BAGS 21 MEDALS AT BRITISH & IRISH PARA
BADMINTON INTERNATIONAL 2025

India's Para Badminton players delivered a tremendous medal haul at the British & Irish Para Badminton International 2025 in Cardiff, Wales, from July 22-26, securing an impressive 21 medals, including 3 gold, 5 silver and 13 bronze medals. Gold medals were secured by Nithya Sre, who won the women's singles SH6 at the finals defeating Giulana Poveda from Peru in three exciting sets; Thulasimathi Murugesan, who defeated compatriot Manisha Ramadass in an all Indian SU5 final; and in the men's doubles by Jagdish Dilli and Naveen Sivakumar in SL3-SL4. Silver medals were secured by Sukant Kadam (SL4), Manisha Ramadass (SU5) and Umesh Vikram Kumar (SL3), in doubles Umesh Vikram Kumar and Surya Kant Yadav (SL3-SL4) and of course Sanjana Kumari in women's doubles SL3. Amongst the 13 bronze medals, Krishna Nagar was standout in the singles SH6 and mixed doubles with Nithya Sre, as well as Naveen Sivakumar, Manoj Sarkar and Neeraj. A possible gold medal was lost in the men's singles SL3 due to Paralympic champion Nitesh Kumar's visa issues where Umesh Vikram Kumar secured silver in men's singles SL3 and Manoj Sarkar joined him on the podium with a bronze. In short what an achievement!



DIVYA DESHMUKH MAKES HISTORY AS GRANDMASTER
AND INSPIRES A NATION

19-year-old chess prodigy Divya Deshmukh, has made history becoming India's newest chess Grandmaster, and joining a select group of Indian chess players who have accomplished this prestigious title, whereupon members of our nation can be proud. Her dedication and love for chess from a young age has led her to this amazing achievement, she has consistently demonstrated amazing vision and strategy along with intense focus on the board. Divya's accomplishment is being celebrated across India, and acknowledged by fans, fellow players, and leaders. The industrialist Anand Mahindra, also commended, drew attention to the factor of her mother, and how with successes like this whether by a player, artist, or whatever, there are a lot of factors regarding their lives that we will not see and consider as a part of their hard work flight. One of the most important factors in any success story, are the sacrifices and constant encouragement of parents. Divya had spent the better part of ten years traveling the world, competing in national and international tournaments, working her way upwards in a particular sport. This benchmark is not just a triumph for Divya, but an inspiration to feminine youth across India that even with dedication and hard work, you can share the limelight on the world stage as girls arrive and begin to break barriers. As India grows its reputation in the chess world Divya's journey is another golden chapter in our developing legacy.



INDIA SHINES AT WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES 2025 WITH
HISTORIC ARCHERY GOLDS AND MULTIPLE MEDALS



India's archery squad made history in the mixed compound team event at the World University Games 2025 in Rhine-Ruhr , Germany to win their first gold medal. Parneet Kaur and Kushal Dalal staged an incredible comeback by defeating South Korea 157-154 after falling behind mid-way through the match, where perfect tens were hit by both athletes in the 2nd half to get the match victory. They were supplemented with a strong performance by securing medals in the team events: Parneet, along with Avneet Kaur and Madhura Dhamangaonkar, earned bronze in the women's compound team after defeating Great Britain 232-224. Meanwhile, Kushal Dalal, Sahil Rajesh Jadhav, and Hritik Sharma finished just shy of gold for the men's compound team, finishing one point behind Turkey for silver. Sahil Rajesh Jadhav again provided a milestone for India by winning an individual gold medal, in the men's compound event. He defeated Great Britain's Ajay Scott in a nail-biting final where he only dropped 1 point in the match that saw him move ahead 149-148. He also left with a silver medal from the men's team event. Overall, India's archery crew won five medals, including two golds, one silver, and two bronzes.

SUKHMANPREET SINGH WINS GOLD MEDAL IN
WEIGHTLIFTING AND RETURNS HONOR TO INDIA

Sukhmanpreet Singh successfully won his country a Gold Medal in a weightlifting recognized national championship. Competing solo, Sukhmanpreet coupled with phenomenal strength, application, and perseverance made a mark and returned honor to their country. In a perfect balance of skill and mental strength, Sukhmanpreet's balance in ownership left him first in all standings. His superb performance was not lost on his coaches or the spectators in attendance, as the Sukhmanpreet started the competition exceptionally and maintained his lead in lifting until the competition was over, often leaving his competitors behind. The championship attracted several of the best-lifting athletes in the country, and for most it was quite the competition, but Sukhmanpreet took advantage of his composure and maintained strength during disciplined preparation prior to the competition. His win is being seen as exciting for many up-and-coming weightlifters and young athletes, across the country, who are looking to Olympic-style strength sports as a pathway to success. This victory gives Sukhmanpreet another achievement and acknowledges the hard work and persistence of the previous years of training. Sukhmanpreet's victory not only emphasizes his personal journey of hard work, but it also exemplifies the strength of Indian weightlifting at the national and global level. The hard work of Sukhmanpreet has made his family, coaches and the country proud.

COMMERCE MINISTRY REJECTS “UNILATERALLY FRAMED OBLIGATION” MADE BY U.S.



The Commerce Ministry refused to accept the “unilaterally framed obligation” imposed by the U.S. government regarding digital taxes. India had imposed a 6% tax on foreign digital companies like Google and Facebook for digital advertisements from tech companies earning revenue in India. This tax is known as the Equalisation Levy. The U.S. raised concerns about India being a high-tariff nation and it's targeting American companies. In response, India states that the tax was meant to make big tech companies pay fair taxes, as they were earning from Indian consumers. However, for maintaining good trade and international relations, India decided to remove this tax system from April 1, 2025. After this action, a new conflict arose when the U.S. demanded a signed written agreement promising that the digital ad tax would never be reintroduced in the future. The Indian Commerce Ministry termed it a unilaterally framed obligation and refused to sign it, as it would make India dependent and take away its right to make future laws. The ministry said that agreeing to such a unilateral obligation could be risky for future trade deal negotiations and for making future trade-related laws.

SHAH RUKH KHAN WINS FIRST NATIONAL FILM AWARD FOR 'JAWAN', A LANDMARK IN HIS THREE-DECADE CAREER

At the National Film Awards on August 1, 2025, Shah Rukh Khan received the Best Actor award for “Jawan”, Vikrant Massey for “12th Fail”, and Rani Mukerji for “Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway”. It is special for Shah Rukh Khan because, despite being one of the most loved and celebrated actors in Indian cinema, he had never won a National Award in all his years of acting. Now he finally received a National Award in his career spanning more than three decades. He already has 14 Filmfare Awards, the Padma Shri, and a French honour. Now, fans are showing immense love as he gets his first National Award as well. Fans across all social media platforms expressed immense love and joy, saying that Shah Rukh Khan deserved this long ago, as he has delivered many notable performances in films like Swades, Chak De! India, and My Name Is Khan, which were worthy of a National Film Award. They also congratulated Vikrant Massey, recognizing his win as a breakthrough moment for a self-made actor and Rani Mukerji for incredible work.



REFORMS IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HEALTH SCHEME TO ADDRESS AND SOLVE KEY ISSUES OF CENTRAL EMPLOYEES

A query was raised in Parliament regarding issues with the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) facilities provided to central employees. The primary focus of the query was on avoiding any delays by CGHS wellness centres in providing healthcare and medicines to beneficiaries, especially senior citizens. CGHS is a health care organization within the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It offers medical care for all serving and retired central government employees. The Centre has introduced several reforms in the CGHS scheme to pave the way for improved medical care and health care facilities to lakhs of central government employees and pensioners. The reforms prioritize timely availability of medicines and medical care to CGHS beneficiaries and aim to make the services more accessible. The government informed that a new application developed by C-DAC has been implemented to monitor the demand, purchase, and supply of medicines in CGHS and wellness centres. CGHS wellness centres orders to compile the monthly demand for medicines and send it to the designated Administrative Zones. Telecommunication services for phone consultations at home have also been expanded to provide greater comfort to senior citizens and employees.



LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENT FOR HAU SCIENTISTS FOR DISCOVERING CROWN ROT DISEASE IN STRAWBERRIES

The scientists and researchers of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCSHAU), Hisar, identified a major strawberry disease caused by the pathogen “Colletotrichum nymphaeae”. This is the first-ever report of this pathogen, which causes a Crown rot disease in strawberries and causes a major threat to fruit yield. Professor B.R. Kamboj, the Vice-Chancellor of the university, said that the university's scientists are working very actively and diligently to develop effective management strategies for ensuring long-term sustainability in fruit production. The research was accepted for publication in Physiological and Molecular Plant Pathology, a globally recognized journal published by Elsevier with an NAAS rating of 8.8. The Global Journal acknowledged this study as the first formal documentation of “Colacotrichum nymphaeae” as a Crown rot disease pathogen in strawberries, first identified in India. This created a meaningful contribution of India to global plant pathology research. The foundation of the strawberry cluster in Hisar was laid in 1996 by HAU scientists. Since then, the region has seen steady growth in production despite ongoing biological changes. HAU Research Director Rajbir Garg said that Hisar has become one of the largest strawberry-producing clusters in North India, with cultivation carried out on around 700 acres of land.



UPSIDA INITIATES WORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN INDUSTRIAL ZONES



The Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority is currently and actively working on environmental protection in industrial zones, and the main focus of UPSIDA is a green and industry-friendly Uttar Pradesh. UPSIDA is primarily prioritizing its focus on the treatment of wastewater from domestic uses and industrial uses through plants such as Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs), and Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs). UPSIDA is on mission to treat wastewater and reuse the treated water for various purposes like cooling, flushing, gardening, and cleaning. They upgraded the wastewater plants with advanced technology for better efficiency and outcomes. The Surajpur Wastewater Treatment Plant in Gautam Budh Nagar led to technological advancement and was upgraded with SBR (Sequencing Batch Reactor) technology, with a capacity of 6 MLD and minimum liquid discharge, at a cost of ₹899 lakhs. The project is targeted to be completed by July 2026. The EPIP Kasma Wastewater Treatment Plant was also upgraded with SBR technology at a cost of ₹678.59 lakhs. UPSIDA is also prioritizing and encouraging the solarization of industrial areas. Solar panels must be installed on industrial rooftops, which will help industries meet their energy requirements and fulfill the demand through renewable resources, according of officials.

MICROSOFT'S NEGOTIATION FOR CONTINUED ACCESS TO OPENAI TECHNOLOGIES – BLOOMBERG REPORT

Microsoft is continuing conversations about a deal to use advanced OpenAI technology in the future. The companies are in negotiations and discussing new norms and conditions that would allow Microsoft to use the latest advanced models of OpenAI technology. The provision in OpenAI's current contract with Microsoft will prevent the software giant from accessing some rights to the startup's advanced technology when it achieves artificial general intelligence. The deal will shape Microsoft's usage of OpenAI for their purposes and define the limit up to which Microsoft can use OpenAI for their systems and improve user experience. Negotiations have been taking place regularly in meetings, and an agreement may be reached in the upcoming weeks, according to the Bloomberg News Report. Microsoft has already invested around ₹1 lakh crore in OpenAI and is now seeking a larger share in OpenAI as part of the new deal. OpenAI is also facing a lawsuit from Elon Musk, who co-founded the company in 2015 with Sam Altman. Elon Musk filed the case against OpenAI because he believed it would help and serve people, but now it has turned into a corporate-focused entity, serving primarily corporate interests and violating its founding principles.



UPPSC RECRUITMENT
NOTIFICATION – ASSISTANT
TEACHER TGT 2025



Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission (UPPSC) invites online applications for 7,385 permanent Assistant Teacher (TGT) posts under Advt. No. A-5/E-1/2025. This recruitment is open for male and female candidates for various teaching subjects in Government Inter Colleges across Uttar Pradesh.

Post Name: Assistant Teacher (TGT)
Total Vacancies: 7,385
Male Branch: 4,860
Female Branch: 2,525
Job Type: Permanent Government Job
Location: Uttar Pradesh
Pay Scale: Level-07 (Starting approx ₹44,900/month)
Last Date to Apply: 28 August 2025

Eligibility Criteria:

- Age: 21–40 years (as on 01/07/2025)
- Age relaxation as per UP Government rules (SC/ ST/ OBC/ PwD/ Ex-Servicemen)
- Education: Graduation in the concerned subject & B.Ed. or equivalent recognized teaching qualification.
- Language: Knowledge of Hindi (reading/ writing/ speaking) desirable.

Vacancy Breakdown:

- **Male Branch** – 4,860 Posts: Hindi: 568, English: 540, Math: 556, Science: 764, Social Science: 561, Biology: 185, Art: 383, Sanskrit: 90, Music: 52, Urdu: 102, Home Science: 206, Commerce: 35, Physical Education: 203, Agriculture: 14 & Computer: 601
- **Female Branch** – 2,525 Posts: Hindi: 119, English: 113, Math: 537, Science: 573, Social Science: 140, Biology: 29, Art: 195, Sanskrit: 92, Music: 13, Urdu: 18, Home Science: 163, Commerce: 23, Physical Education: 55 & Computer: 455

Selection Process:

1. Preliminary Examination
2. Main (Written) Examination
3. Final Merit List based on Main Exam Marks

Application Fees:

- ₹125 – UR / EWS / OBC, ₹65 – SC / ST / Ex-Servicemen & ₹25 – PwD
- Payment Mode: Online (Net Banking / Debit / Credit Card / UPI)

Important Dates:

- Start Date: 28 July 2025
- Last Date to Apply: 28 August 2025
- Last Date for Fee Payment/ Correction: 4 September 2025

For more details, candidates can refer to the official notification.

INDIAN BANK APPRENTICE RECRUITMENT 2025



Indian Bank, a leading Public Sector Bank headquartered in Chennai, invites online applications from fresh graduates for the engagement of 1,500 Apprentices under the Apprentices Act, 1961 for the financial year 2025-

26. Candidates must first register on the NATS 2.0 Portal and then apply through the Indian Bank Apprentice Online Application Portal.

Post Name: Apprentice

- Total Vacancies: 1,500
- Location: Across India (State-wise distribution)
- Stipend: ₹12,000 – ₹15,000 per month
- Metro/Urban: ₹15,000
- Rural/Semi-Urban: ₹12,000

Last Date to Apply: 07 August 2025 (11:59 PM)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Age: 20–28 years (as on 01/07/2025)
- Age relaxation as per Government norms
- Education: Graduate degree in any discipline (degree completed on or after 01/04/2021)

Selection Process:

1. Online Test – Objective type (multiple choice questions)
2. Local Language Proficiency Test – Candidates must be proficient in the local language of the State/UT they are applying for.

For more details, candidates can refer to the official notification.

IBPS CRP CSA - XV 2025 EXAMINATION NOTIFICATION

The Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) has released the short indicative notification for CRP CSA XV 2025 in the Employment News Paper dated 2nd August 2025. This common recruitment process is for the recruitment of Customer Service Associates (CSA) in participating banks for vacancies in the 2026-27 financial year. The recruitment aims to fill more than 10,000 vacancies.

Key Highlights:

- Post Name: Customer Service Associate (CSA)
- Total Vacancies: 10,277+
- Job Location: Across India
- Salary: ₹24,050 – ₹64,480 + allowances
- Apply Online: IBPS CSA Application Link
- Last Date to Apply: 21 August 2025

Eligibility Criteria:

- Age: 20–28 years (as on 01/08/2025)
- Relaxations: SC/ST – 5 yrs | OBC – 3 yrs | PwBD – 10 yrs
- Education: Graduate in any discipline from a recognized university (as on 21/08/2025)
- Language: Proficiency in the local language of the applied State/UT (to be tested via LLPT)

Selection Process:

1. Online Preliminary Examination
2. Online Main Examination
3. Local Language Proficiency Test (LLPT)

Note: There is no interview. Final selection is based



on Mains exam score.

Exam Pattern:

Preliminary Exam:

- 100 Marks | 60 Minutes (20 minutes per section)

Main Exam:

- 200 Marks | 160 Minutes

Application Fees:

- ₹175 – SC/ST/PwBD/ESM/DESM

- ₹850 – All others
- Payment Mode: Online (Debit/Credit/UPI/Net Banking)

Start Date for Online Registration: 01 August 2025
Last Date to Apply: 21 August 2025

For more details, candidates can refer to the official notification.



1. Which Indian city hosted the G20 summit in 2023?
2. What is the name of India's first satellite?
3. What is the name of the Indian space agency?
4. What is the currency of India?
5. What is the name of the Indian ocean?
6. Which Indian city is known as the "Silicon Valley of India"?
7. Which is the national river of India?
8. When did India get independence?
9. Who is the current Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh?
10. What is the name of the artificial sweetener made from table sugar?



1. I am a global event, often associated with climate change, and I'm currently impacting food security in many regions. What am I?
2. I am a country experiencing rapid economic growth, often driven by technology and innovation. My name is often associated with a popular search engine. What am I?
3. I am a social media platform known for its short-form videos and challenges. I've become a global phenomenon, influencing trends and culture. What am I?
4. I am a conflict that has been ongoing for several years, involving a major global power and a smaller nation. The impact of this conflict is felt worldwide. What am I?
5. I am a global health crisis that emerged in 2020, causing widespread disruption and impacting economies. What am I?

5. COVID-19
4. The Russia-Ukraine War
3. TikTok
2. China
1. El Niño (or La Niña, depending on the specific context and current conditions)
- (II) RIDDLES
1. New Delhi
2. Aryabhata
3. ISRO
4. Indian Rupee
5. Indian Ocean
6. Bengaluru
7. Ganga
8. 1947
9. Yogi Adityanath
10. Sucralose

(I) QUIZ TIME

ANSWERS



GUILT-FREE CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM

This Week, We're Scooping Guilt-Free Chocolate Ice Cream – A Creamy Indulgence Without the Regret

This dreamy chocolate ice cream is rich, smooth, and entirely guilt-free. Made with frozen bananas and cocoa, it's a clean-eating twist on a classic favorite. No refined sugar, no cream just pure, frosty delight that satisfies your sweet cravings while keeping it healthy. Perfect for post-workout cool-downs, kids' treats, or cozy movie nights!

- Ingredients:**
- Frozen Base: Ripe bananas (3, sliced and frozen), Almond milk (2 tbsp or as needed)
 - Flavor Boost: Unsweetened cocoa powder (2 tbsp), Vanilla extract (½ tsp), Honey or maple syrup (1 tbsp, optional), Salt (a pinch)
 - Optional Toppings: Dark chocolate shavings, Chopped nuts, Peanut butter drizzle, Cocoa nibs

Steps:

- 1. Freeze the Bananas:** Peel and slice ripe bananas. Freeze in an airtight container for at least 3 hours or overnight.
- 2. Blend Until Creamy:** In a high-speed blender or food processor, add frozen bananas, cocoa powder, vanilla, honey/maple syrup, and a pinch of salt.
- 3. Adjust Texture:** Add almond milk slowly, just enough to help blend into a smooth, creamy texture.
- 4. Serve Soft or Freeze More:** Enjoy immediately as soft-serve, or transfer to a container and freeze for 1–2 hours for a firmer, scoopable texture.
- 5. Top & Enjoy:** Garnish with your favorite toppings and serve chilled for a refreshing and wholesome dessert.

This chocolatey treat is comfort food redefined made with love, blended with goodness, and best served with a smile under summer skies or cozy night lights.



Introducing Our New Column

ARTWORK OF THE WEEK

We invite all young artists to showcase their talent in our weekly e-newspaper, The HULAHUL Times. Submit your hand-drawn artwork to be featured!

CRITERIA	SUBMISSION DETAILS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age Limit: Up to 24 years• Artwork Size: A4• Format: Hand-drawn only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email your artwork to: thehulahultimes@gmail.com• Subject Line: ARTWORK• Include: Your Name, Age, School/College Name, and Phone Number
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