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# THE AHMEDABAD ASCENSION: INDIA'S TRIPLE CROWN AND THE DAWN OF A NEW DYNASTY

The sun had long set over the Sabarmati River, but the Narendra Modi Stadium remained a glowing crucible of blue light, noise, and raw emotion. On March 8, 2026, 86,824 voices didn't just sing; they roared a testament to a sporting miracle. India had done what no nation in the history of the T20 World Cup had ever achieved: they successfully defended their title to claim a historic third crown, dismantling New Zealand by 96 runs.

**The Blueprint of Brilliance**

When Mitchell Santner won the toss and elected to bowl, he leaned on the traditional wisdom of chasing under lights. But traditional wisdom has no place in the "New India" era. What followed was a 120-ball blitzkrieg that shattered the psychological barrier of what is possible in a final.

Sanju Samson, a man who wasn't even in the starting XI at the tournament's start, provided the definitive answer to every critic. His 89 off 46 balls was a masterpiece. It wasn't just the eight sixes; it was the way he orchestrated the innings, breaking the all-time record for the highest individual score in a T20 World Cup final.

Beside him, Abhishek Sharma (52 off 21) set the tone with the fastest half-century of the tournament (18 balls), and Ishan Kishan (54 off 25) ensured the middle overs were a relentless parade of boundaries. By the time Shivam Dube hammered 24 runs off the final over to propel India to a mammoth 255/5, the Black Caps were staring at the highest total ever posted in a World Cup final.

**The Wall of Blue**

Defending 255 is a luxury, but India's bowlers treated it like a fragile secret. Jasprit Bumrah, the local hero, delivered a surgical strike that effectively decapitated the Kiwi chase. His four-wicket burst (4/15) ensured the match was over before the floodlights had even reached full intensity.

Axar Patel was equally devastating, picking up 3/27 to rip through the top order, while Varun Chakravarthy silenced the middle overs. Despite a gallant 52 from Tim Seifert, the Kiwis were bundled out for 159, sparking a celebration that will be remembered for generations.

**The Honor Roll: Winners & Legends**

The presentation ceremony was a sea of blue as India's stars swept the major honors of the night.

- Player of the Match (Final): Jasprit Bumrah The "Boom Boom" effect was undeniable. In a high-scoring tournament, his economy and four-wicket haul in the final made him the undisputed MVP of the championship match.
- Player of the Tournament: Sanju Samson From the bench to the history books, Samson's turnaround was the story of 2026. Finishing with 321 runs and three consecutive 50+ scores in the knockouts, he was crowned the tournament's best player.
- Most Wickets in the Tournament: Jasprit Bumrah & Varun Chakravarthy (14 wickets each).
- Highest Score in a Final: Sanju Samson (89), surpassing Marlon Samuels (85*).

**A Legacy Beyond the Trophy**

T his victory signifies more than just a cup. It is the successful "Redemption Arc" of Sanju Samson and the fearless leadership of Suryakumar Yadav, who now joins Dhoni and Rohit in the pantheon of World Cup-winning captains.

As the players embarked on their victory lap, the narrative was clear: the world of T20 cricket has a permanent capital. India is the first team to win three titles, the first to win back-to-back, and the first to lift the trophy on home soil. The Ahmedabad heartbreak of 2023 has finally been healed by the Ahmedabad glory of 2026.

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## NOT JUST TODAY, CELEBRATE HER STRENGTH EVERY DAY!

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on 8 March, women's fight for equality and rights along with the women's rights movement. International Women's Day gives focus to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women.Spurred by the universal female suffragemovement, International Women's Day originated from labor movements in Europe and North America during the early 20th century.

The idea of celebrating this day began in the early 20th century when women started raising their voices for equal rights. At the time, many women were not given the same opportunities as men. They fought for fair wages, better working conditions, and the right to vote. In 1910, a German activist named Clara Zetkin proposed the idea of celebrating a special day dedicated to women. Her idea was accepted, and soon International Women's Day started being celebrated in many countries. The first International Women's Day was celebrated in 1911 across Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland, following a decision made at the International Socialist Woman Conference in 1910.

Later, the United Nations officially recognized International Women's Day in 1975. Since then, the day has become a global celebration that highlights both the achievements of women and the importance of gender equality.

It became widely recognized as a unifying color during early women's movements and remains a powerful symbol of progress today. As International Women's Day gained global recognition, purple became the official color of the movement, used in campaigns, events, and celebrations to advocate for gender equality. International Women's Day 2026 theme is 'Give To Gain' When we give, we gain. Together, let's help forge gender equality through abundant giving.

Women have contributed greatly to society in every field.For example , Kalpana Chawla became an brilliant inspiration for many people with her journey to space. In the world of business and biotechnology, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw has shown how determination and hard work can lead to great success.

International Women's Day is also a reminder that there is still work to be done. In many parts of the world, women continue to face challenges such as discrimination, lack of education, and unequal opportunities. This day encourages everyone to work together to build a society where women are respected, valued, and given equal chances to succeed.

International Women's Day is on 8th March. The day is a global event that aims to showcase the achievements of women, to help inspire others, and to campaign for a gender equal world.

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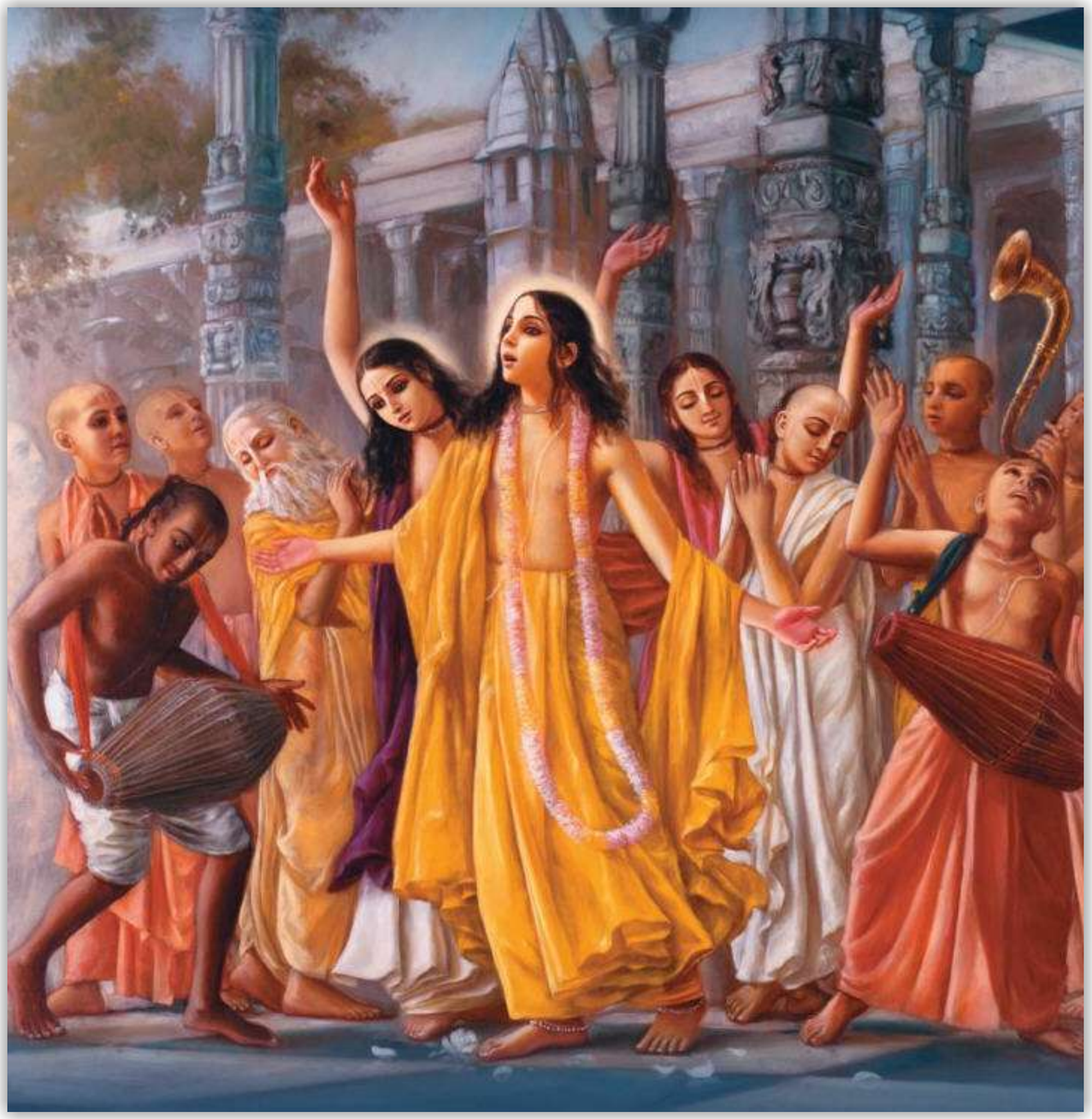
# A STORY OF GRACE IN THE LIFE OF SHRI CHAITANYA MAHAPRABHU

In the sacred town of Navadvipa in Bengal, during the fifteenth century, a spiritual awakening began that would change the hearts of countless people. At the centre of this movement was Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, a saint whose life was devoted to spreading the message of divine love through the chanting of God's name. Known affectionately as Gauranga because of his golden complexion, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu taught that the simplest and most powerful path to God was sincere devotion. He encouraged people to chant the holy names "Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare; Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare", and to live with humility, compassion, and faith.

Mahaprabhu's message was revolutionary for his time because it was open to everyone. It did not matter whether a person was rich or poor, learned or illiterate, saintly or sinful. He believed that the divine name had the power to purify every heart. Yet among all the stories associated with his life, one of the most powerful is the transformation of two notorious brothers: Jagai and Madhai.



### Two Brothers Lost in Darkness

Jagai and Madhai were once born into a respectable Brahmin family, but their lives had taken a tragic turn. They had fallen into addiction and violence, becoming infamous throughout Navadvipa for their drunkenness and cruelty. People avoided their streets after sunset because the brothers often harassed and insulted anyone who crossed their path. Their reputation was so bad that even hardened men feared encountering them. Yet in the eyes of Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, no soul was beyond redemption. He believed that divine grace could reach even the most troubled heart. One day, Mahaprabhu's close companion Nityananda Prabhu, who shared his mission of spreading devotion, proposed an idea. He said that if the holy name truly had the power to transform lives, then it must be offered even to those whom society had rejected. With that conviction, he decided to approach Jagai and Madhai.

### A Courageous Encounter

When Nityananda Prabhu first met the brothers, they were intoxicated and hostile. Instead of reacting with anger, he gently spoke to them about the joy of chanting the divine name. His words were simple and compassionate. He told them that no matter how far they had strayed, they could still change their lives by remembering God. The brothers mocked him. To them, the idea of devotion seemed ridiculous. In their drunken rage, Madhai even threw a clay pot that struck Nityananda on the head, causing blood to flow. The incident shocked the onlookers who had gathered. When news reached Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, he rushed to the scene. Seeing his beloved companion injured, he felt deep anguish. Yet what happened next revealed the extraordinary compassion that defined his spiritual mission. Instead of calling for punishment, Nityananda pleaded for forgiveness on behalf of the brothers. He said that if they could just chant the divine name once with sincerity, their lives could still change.

### The Moment of Awakening

Jagai, who had witnessed the injury and the saint's forgiving response, suddenly felt a stirring of remorse. For the first time, he realized the depth of his wrongdoing. The compassion shown by Nityananda and Mahaprabhu touched his conscience in a way that fear never had. He stepped forward and admitted his mistake. His voice trembled with regret. Madhai, seeing the transformation in his brother and the unwavering kindness of the saints, also felt his heart soften. Mahaprabhu looked at them not with anger but with hope. He assured them that sincere repentance could wash away even the darkest past. The only condition was that they must abandon violence and dedicate their lives to righteous living. The brothers fell at his feet, overwhelmed by humility. That moment marked the turning point of their lives.

### From Fear to Faith

True to their promise, Jagai and Madhai completely changed their ways. They gave up drinking and cruelty, and began to participate in the chanting of God's name with sincerity. The same streets that once trembled in fear of them now witnessed their transformation into gentle devotees. People who had once despised them now saw the living proof of divine mercy. Their story spread across Bengal, inspiring many to believe that no life is beyond redemption. Jagai and Madhai did not merely change their habits; they devoted themselves to serving others. They helped the poor, assisted pilgrims, and joined the devotional gatherings led by Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Their repentance was not expressed only in words but through consistent actions. Through this transformation, the message of Mahaprabhu became clearer than ever: the power of devotion is not meant only for saints but for everyone.

### The Spirit of Compassion

The story of Jagai and Madhai is not simply about two individuals who changed their lives. It represents a deeper principle in Indian spiritual thought—the belief that every human being carries a spark of divinity within. Sometimes that spark is hidden beneath ignorance or suffering, but it can be awakened through compassion and faith. Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu demonstrated that transformation is possible when kindness replaces condemnation. Instead of rejecting those who had fallen, he extended grace and guidance. This lesson remains relevant even today. In a world quick to judge and punish, the example of Mahaprabhu encourages patience and empathy.

### Moral and Conclusion

The story of Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and the transformation of Jagai and Madhai teaches that no human being is permanently lost. Compassion has the power to awaken conscience, and sincere repentance can reshape even the most troubled life. Mahaprabhu's message reminds us that devotion is not limited to rituals but is expressed through humility, forgiveness, and service to others. When we respond to wrongdoing with wisdom and compassion rather than hatred, we open the door to true transformation. The lives of Jagai and Madhai stand as a timeless example that the grace of the divine can change even the darkest hearts, and that faith, when combined with kindness, can turn fear into devotion and despair into hope.

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# FROM IIT & IIM TO SOCIAL SERVICE: THE EXTRAORDINARY STORY OF VINAYAK LOHANI

In a world where success is often measured by wealth and power, some individuals choose a different path ,one defined by compassion, courage, and service. One such inspiring personality is Vinayak Lohani, a social entrepreneur who dedicated his life to uplifting underprivileged children in India.

Vinayak Lohani was born in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh and did his schooling there. His family roots are from Almora district of Kumaon region in Uttarakhand. He went to IIT Kharagpur to do his B.Tech and thereafter worked for Infosys for a year. In 2001, he joined IIM Calcutta to do his MBA. inspired by spiritual and humanistic ideals of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda, he resolved to devote his entire life for serving 'Divine in Man' as taught by Swami Vivekananda.

Instead of choosing a high-paying job, Vinayak Lohani decided to dedicate himself to social service.

At IIM Calcutta, Vinayak opted out of the placement process. After completing the MBA course, with just 3 children in a small rented building and almost no financial resources, he started Parivaar for children from impoverished and destitute backgrounds in late 2003. At the end of 2004, Parivaar purchased its own land and developed its first campus: Parivaar Ashram. In 2011, Parivaar expanded to having separate campuses for boys and girls. As of December 2023 , there are more than 1900 resident children (girls and boys) at Parivaar, making it the largest and high-quality residential program for children from impoverished strata in West Bengal.

Parivaar is not just an NGO it is a family for children who have nowhere else to go. The organization provides residential care, education, food, clothing, and emotional support to thousands of orphaned and extremely poor children. For many of these children, Parivaar becomes the first place where they experience stability, safety, and love.

Shri Lohani is the recipient of numerous awards and honours. He has been awarded the National Award for Child Welfare 2011 presented by the Hon. President of India at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. He is also the recipient of Sanskriti Award 2011, country's premier award for young achievers in 2011 from the Former

President of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. Shri Lohani was awarded 'Sri Sathya Sai Award' by the Vice President of India, Dr Venkaiya Naidu, in 2018. Shri Lohani was awarded the 'Distinguished Alumnus Award' form both IIM Calcutta and IIT Kharagpur, in 2011 and 2014.

His extraordinary work has earned him recognition both nationally and internationally. In 2015, he received the CNN-IBN Real Heroes Award, which honors individuals who bring positive change to society.

Publications Vinayak Lohani is the author of three books 'Bhupendranath Datta Patriot, Scholar and Revolutionary', 'Almora's Couple Extraordinary Boshi Sen and Gertrude Emerson', and 'The Three Torch-bearers of the Holy Trio'. He has published several articles and essays in publications like the Economic and Political Weekly, The Times of India, The Wire, Swarajyamag, LiveHistoryIndia, Outlook etc. He also writes fiction in genres of short stories and plays and his English fiction has been published in the Sahitya Akademi Journal. Many of his writings can be read at vinayaklohani.in

Over the years, Parivaar has expanded its reach to different parts of India, impacting thousands of lives. The scale of the organization is remarkable, yet Lohani continues to work with humility and dedication. He often emphasizes that true social change comes from consistent effort and genuine compassion.

It is high time India learned to identify its true heroes and role models and offered a helping hand to these faceless Vinayak Lohanis, so that they can pursue their goals with more success. The authorities concerned should also learn from Lohani about their foremost duties and priorities and at first take up the cause of India's vulnerable children, instead of remaining immersed in playing to the gallery of statues film festivals, bullet trains, temple, or religion.

In a society often divided by inequality, Vinayak Lohani proves that compassion, when combined with determination, has the power to change the world one child at a time.

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## EDITORIAL NOTE

*Commerce Connect is a student-friendly column that turns money, markets, and management into everyday lessons. From canteen economics to digital wallets, it bridges classroom theory with real-world trends, making commerce not just a subject, but a life skill.*

# BREAKING NEW GROUND: WOMEN SHAPING INDIA'S NEW ECONOMY

Across India, women are steadily building strong careers in fintech, analytics, digital business, and entrepreneurship fields once seen as highly specialised and male-dominated. A few years ago, women leading in artificial intelligence, digital finance, or data-driven enterprises still appeared exceptional; today, it is becoming a visible part of India's economic landscape. Across sectors, women are moving beyond conventional career paths and establishing strong identities in spaces shaped by technology, finance, and innovation. This transformation is no longer confined to metros or large corporate centres alone, as women across India enter emerging sectors with confidence, capability, and ambition. The message is clear: India's future workforce is increasingly being shaped by women choosing skills over stereotypes.

### Women at the Frontline of Digital Finance

India's digital finance ecosystem has opened powerful new opportunities for women. As banking, payments, and financial services become technology-driven, women are entering roles that demand analytical ability and digital fluency.

Women now contribute in:

- Fraud monitoring
- Digital lending
- Financial analytics
- Compliance systems
- Customer risk assessment

At PhonePe and Paytm, women professionals increasingly work in product strategy, digital operations, and data-led finance roles where decisions depend on real-time analytics rather than traditional branch banking. This reflects how finance careers are becoming more skill-based and technology-oriented.

### Women Founders in India's Startup Revolution

India's startup ecosystem has seen a visible rise in women founders, especially through the support of Startup India. Women entrepreneurs are building ventures in education, health, retail, finance, and sustainability. Falguni Nayar built Nykaa into one of India's most successful digital retail businesses, proving that women-led entrepreneurship can scale nationally and internationally. Similarly, many first-generation women founders are creating smaller but fast-growing ventures in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities through digital platforms. Startup India has made entrepreneurship more accessible by improving visibility, funding support, and registration pathways.

### Digital Commerce Creating New Women Entrepreneurs

One of the most powerful changes in India's commerce story is visible through Meesho, where thousands of women have entered digital selling without owning formal retail stores.

Women now use such platforms to sell:

- Sarees and garments
- Home décor
- Jewellery
- Beauty products
- Handmade goods

A homemaker in a small town can now source products digitally, market them through social media, and earn independently without major investment. Many women sellers on Meesho have converted side income into full-time business activity. This shows how digital commerce is democratising entrepreneurship.

### Analytics: A Fast-Growing Space for Women

Analytics has emerged as one of the most accessible high-growth sectors because it rewards precision, interpretation, and business understanding.

Women increasingly work in:

- Consumer analytics
- Financial dashboard
- Sales forecasting
- Business intelligence

At analytics firms and consulting companies, women professionals analyse customer trends and support pricing decisions using data dashboards rather than traditional reporting systems. The field offers strong growth because it values skill over hierarchy.

### Women in Leadership Across Digital Industries

India is also witnessing stronger women leadership in financial and analytics organisations. Debjani Ghosh has consistently represented women's leadership in digital transformation and technology-driven business environments.

Women leaders today influence:

- Strategic digital decisions
- Financial innovation
- Data-led management
- Business transformation

This visibility inspires younger professionals to enter emerging sectors with ambition.

### Why This Matters for Today's Students

For students, especially young women in commerce and finance, career possibilities are now wider than earlier generations experienced. A degree alone is no longer enough. Strong combinations now matter:

- Commerce + analytics
- Finance + digital tools
- Accounting + AI systems
- Business + entrepreneurship

The strongest opportunities lie where technical learning meets practical application.

### Career Tips for Young Women Entering New-Age Sectors

- Learn one strong digital tool beyond your degree
- Build confidence in numbers and data interpretation
- Take internships in fintech, analytics, or startups
- Follow women leaders in emerging sectors
- Participate in presentations, projects, and competitions
- Treat communication as a career skill
- Visibility and skill must grow together.

### For Professionals: Reinvention Through Upskilling

Women professionals returning after career breaks or seeking growth can enter new-age sectors through targeted upskilling.

Short certifications in:

- Financial analytics
- ESG reporting
- Digital finance
- AI-enabled tools

can create strong second-career opportunities.

### The Takeaway

Women are no longer entering only traditional professions—they are helping define India's newest industries and reshaping both workplace culture and the meaning of professional success. Because in today's economy, the most powerful growth stories are increasingly being written by women who combine knowledge, digital skill, enterprise, and the confidence to create new possibilities.

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# Echoes of Expression



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## EDITORIAL NOTE

*The study of language and literature is not just an academic pursuit, but a journey into the world of imagination, critical thinking, and cultural exchange. This page celebrates creativity, knowledge, and expression by bridging the classics with contemporary voices.*

## LITERARY CONCEPT: ROMANTICISM

Romanticism was a literary and artistic movement that emerged in the late eighteenth century in Europe. It emphasized emotion, imagination, nature, and individual freedom, often reacting against the strict rationalism of the Enlightenment.

Romantic writers valued personal experience, creativity, and the beauty of nature. Poetry became a powerful medium to express deep feelings and philosophical reflections.

- Major Romantic Writers
- William Wordsworth
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge
- John Keats
- Percy Bysshe Shelley

Romantic literature continues to influence modern poetry and fiction through its emphasis on imagination and emotional expression.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- International Mother Language Day is observed on 21 February every year. The day was proclaimed by UNESCO in 1999 to promote linguistic and cultural diversity across the world. It commemorates the 1952 language movement in Dhaka, where students sacrificed their lives to protect the right to use their mother tongue.
- World Book and Copyright Day is celebrated on 23 April to encourage reading, publishing, and the protection of intellectual property rights. The date marks the death anniversaries of famous literary figures such as William Shakespeare and Miguel de Cervantes, making it a symbolic day to celebrate books and literature worldwide.
- Hindi Diwas is celebrated in India on 14 September every year. On this day in 1949, Hindi written in the Devanagari script was adopted as one of the official languages of India by the Constituent Assembly.
- India is home to over 19,500 languages and dialects, according to the Census of India. This remarkable linguistic diversity makes India one of the most multilingual countries in the world.
- The Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters, was established in 1954 to promote literature in Indian languages. It recognizes outstanding literary works through the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Awards.

## GRAMMAR TIP

**8 Ways to Use "Since"**

1.Since (From a point in the past until now)
I have lived here since 2020.

2. Since (Cause / Because)
We stayed home since it was raining.

3. Since (Time reference)
She has been working here since morning.

4.Since (Starting point of an action)
He has been studying since 6 PM.

5. Since (With Present Perfect Tense)
They have known each other since childhood.

6.Since (Referring to a past event)
I haven't seen him since the party.

7.Since (Period after something happened)
Things have changed a lot since last year.

8. Since (Meaning "because" in formal sentences)
Since you are here, let's begin the meeting.

## WRITER OF THE WEEK

**Gabriel García Márquez (1927–2014)**

Gabriel García Márquez was a Colombian novelist, journalist, and Nobel Prize winner who is widely regarded as one of the greatest writers of the twentieth century. He is famous for popularizing the literary style known as magical realism, where extraordinary or magical events appear in otherwise realistic settings. His works portray Latin American culture, history, politics, and human emotions with deep imagination and symbolism. Márquez received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1982 for his novels and short stories that blend the real with the magical.

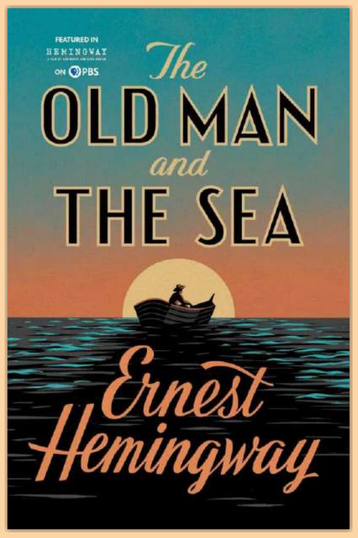
**Famous Works**

- One Hundred Years of Solitude
- Love in the Time of Cholera
- Chronicle of a Death Foretold

His writing demonstrates how storytelling can preserve memory, culture, and collective identity.

## BOOK REVIEW

**The Old Man and the Sea**
**by Ernest Hemingway**




This short novel tells the story of Santiago, an aging Cuban fisherman who struggles with a giant marlin in the Gulf Stream. The work explores themes of perseverance, dignity, courage, and the relationship between humans and nature.

The novel is celebrated for its simple yet powerful language and won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1953.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

*"A word after a word after a word is power."*

**—Margaret Atwood**

## CREATIVE WRITING

### Hope is the Thing with Feathers

Hope is the thing with feathers

That perches in the soul,

And sings the tune without the words,

And never stops at all,

And sweetest in the gale is heard;

And sore must be the storm

That could abash the little Bird

That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chilliest land,

And on the strangest Sea;

Yet, never, in Extremity,

It asked a crumb of me.

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Poetry by
**Emily Dickinson**

The poem presents hope as a small bird living inside the human soul. Even in difficult circumstances, hope continues to inspire and comfort human beings without asking anything in return.

## WORD OF THE WEEK

**Resilience (noun)**

**Meaning:** The ability to recover quickly from difficulties or hardships.
**Example:** The resilience of the characters in The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway teaches us the value of perseverance.

## IDIOM HIGHLIGHT

**A blessing in disguise**

**Meaning:** Something that seems bad or unlucky at first but later turns out to be beneficial.
**Example:** Failing the first draft of her research paper turned out to be a blessing in disguise, because it helped the student improve her work significantly.

Ravi Singh & Kailashkumar Gaunder

## MAHARASHTRA BUDGET 2026 ANNOUNCES RS. 2 LAKH CROP LOAN WAIVER FOR FARMERS

The Maharashtra government has introduced a major relief measure for farmers in the State Budget 2026 by announcing a crop loan waiver of up to ₹2 lakh. The scheme, named the Punyashlok Ahilyabai Holkar Shetkari Karjmafi Yojana, aims to reduce the financial burden on farmers struggling with agricultural debts and unstable farm incomes. The announcement was made by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis while presenting the state budget in the legislative assembly.

Under this initiative, crop loans taken by farmers up to September 2025 will be eligible for waiver. The scheme is expected to benefit a large number of farmers across the state, particularly those who have been unable to repay loans due to crop losses, fluctuating market prices, and adverse weather conditions. The government estimates that nearly 50 lakh farmers could gain from the program, making it one of the largest relief measures for the agricultural sector in recent years.

In addition to supporting farmers who are in debt, the government has also announced an incentive of ₹50,000 for those who have been regularly repaying their crop loans on time. This step aims to encourage financial discipline while ensuring that honest borrowers are rewarded for their commitment.

Overall, the loan waiver is expected to provide immediate financial relief and help farmers become eligible for fresh credit in upcoming agricultural seasons. By easing debt pressure, the government hopes to strengthen rural livelihoods and promote stability in Maharashtra's agricultural economy.

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## SYNGENTA AIMS TO CONNECT 100 MILLION HECTARES TO CROPWISE DIGITAL FARMING PLATFORM

The global agriculture technology company Syngenta is accelerating the digital transformation of farming through its Cropwise digital platform. The company has set an ambitious goal to bring 100 million hectares of farmland under the Cropwise platform by 2030, helping farmers adopt modern, data-driven agricultural practices.

Cropwise is a digital farm management system that uses advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, satellite imagery, remote sensing, and data analytics to help farmers monitor crops and make informed decisions. By analysing field data, soil conditions, and weather patterns, the platform provides farmers with recommendations on crop protection, irrigation, and input usage. This enables farmers to improve productivity while also reducing waste and environmental impact.

Currently, the Cropwise ecosystem already supports millions of hectares of farmland across several countries. The platform integrates multiple digital tools that assist farmers throughout the crop cycle—from planning and planting to monitoring and harvesting. With the use of predictive analytics, farmers can detect pest or disease outbreaks early and take preventive action.

Syngenta believes that digital agriculture will play a crucial role in addressing global food security challenges. As the world's population grows and climate pressures increase, smart farming technologies like Cropwise can help farmers produce more food sustainably while improving farm profitability and resilience.

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## IIT HYDERABAD OPENS SURE 2026 RESEARCH INTERNSHIP WITH 250 SEATS

Rising geopolitical tensions in the **Middle East — particularly around Iran and the Strait of Hormuz — are compelling Indian rice exporters to reassess how they manage overseas trade risk. In response, the Indian Rice Exporters Federation (IREF) has issued a strategic advisory urging members to avoid entering fresh CIF (Cost, Insurance and Freight) contracts for shipments destined for Iran and parts of the Gulf region and to favour FOB (Free on Board) sales wherever feasible. This change aims to shift freight, insurance and other transit-related risks to overseas buyers, shielding exporters from sharp cost spikes and uncertainties linked to freight and insurance premium volatility.

The advisory follows worsening security concerns amid ongoing conflict dynamics involving Iran, which have raised fears of restricted maritime movement through the Strait of Hormuz — a choke point critical to global trade flows. Disruptions there could push bunker fuel costs higher, constrain vessel availability and lead to sudden freight surges, all of which would erode exporter margins if retained under CIF terms.

India's rice export market, especially basmati, is particularly exposed because nearly half of shipments go to the Middle East and Africa, with countries such as Saudi Arabia, UAE, Iraq and Iran among top buyers. A protracted disruption could lead to delayed payments, logistical bottlenecks and increased operational costs, prompting exporters to take a more cautious contractual approach.

Beyond contract structure, industry bodies are closely monitoring cargo in transit and conditions at key hubs like Bandar Abbas, where some consignments have already faced delays due to heightened regional risks. While the situation continues to evolve, the advisory highlights how global geopolitics can directly impact agricultural trade and supply chains, underscoring the need for proactive risk management strategies in export planning.

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## NEO GREEN VENTURES: A RISING NAME IN SUSTAINABLE AGRIBUSINESS

In a significant child-safety initiative, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has announced that the state will move to restrict social media access for children below 16 years of age. The proposal, unveiled during the state Budget presentation, aims to address growing concerns over excessive screen exposure, online risks, and the psychological impact of digital platforms on young users.

The government said the move is intended to protect children from cyberbullying, harmful content, digital addiction, and privacy threats while encouraging healthier learning and social habits. Officials are now examining legal and technological mechanisms for implementation, including age verification systems and platform-level safeguards. The announcement comes amid increasing concern among parents, educators, and child psychologists over rising social media dependence among school-age children. Experts have linked prolonged digital engagement to reduced concentration, anxiety, disturbed sleep patterns, and declining interpersonal interaction. The proposed restriction is expected to trigger consultations with schools, parents, digital platforms, and legal experts to frame a workable regulatory model. Authorities have acknowledged that implementation will require careful balancing of child protection, parental oversight, and digital rights.

Karnataka's proposal reflects a broader global trend where governments are reconsidering unrestricted social media access for minors. If implemented effectively, the measure could position the state as a policy leader in child-centric digital regulation while reinforcing responsible technology use among young learners.

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## HARYANA FARMERS GAIN ACCESS TO ONE-STOP AGRICULTURE RESOURCE HUB

In a significant step toward strengthening agricultural support services, Haryana has introduced a one-stop agriculture resource hub designed to assist farmers with modern knowledge, training, and access to new opportunities in the sector. The initiative aims to bring together multiple agricultural services under one platform so that farmers can easily obtain guidance, technical support, and information about advanced farming practices.

The hub focuses on improving farmers' skills through structured training programmes. Participants undergo one month of classroom-based learning, where experts provide insights into modern agricultural techniques, crop management, and sustainable farming practices. This is followed by two months of field exposure, enabling farmers to gain practical experience and apply the knowledge they have learned in real farming conditions.

Another key objective of the initiative is to encourage rural entrepreneurship. Farmers who complete the programme receive support in finding employment opportunities or starting their own agri-related ventures. By promoting innovation and skill development, the hub is expected to create new livelihood avenues in rural areas.

The programme also builds on earlier collaborations with research institutions to conduct demonstrations and training, particularly in regions affected by issues such as soil salinity. Through integrated support and knowledge sharing, the one-stop hub aims to modernize agriculture in Haryana and help farmers improve productivity, income, and long-term sustainability.

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## MP LAUNCHES 'SARASWATI ABHIYAAN' TO BRING DROPOUT GIRLS BACK TO SCHOOL

Madhya Pradesh has launched Saraswati Abhiyaan, a focused education campaign aimed at bringing dropout girls back into the learning system under the broader Beti Bachao Beti Padhao framework. The initiative seeks to reconnect adolescent girls who discontinued schooling and help them complete formal education through flexible academic pathways.

The campaign will identify girls who left school before completing Classes 8, 10, or 12 and link them to learning opportunities through the state open school system. Officials said the programme will begin in March and involve district-level outreach, counselling, and community mobilisation to ensure girls return to education without social or financial barriers.Special attention will be given to girls affected by early marriage, domestic responsibilities, economic hardship, or limited access to nearby schools. Local administrations, teachers, women's groups, and community volunteers will work together to motivate families and facilitate re-enrolment. The state government believes education is central to long-term social empowerment, economic independence, and gender equity. By enabling girls to complete school education, Saraswati Abhiyaan also aims to improve their future access to higher education, vocational training, and employment opportunities.

Officials described the campaign as both an educational and social intervention, designed to ensure that interrupted learning does not permanently limit a girl's future. Through targeted outreach and flexible learning support, Madhya Pradesh hopes to strengthen female educational participation and reduce dropout rates across vulnerable communities.

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## YUVA SANGAM PHASE VI OPENS FOR COLLEGE YOUTH ACROSS INDIA

The Ministry of Education has opened online registration for Yuva Sangam Phase VI, inviting young people across the country to participate in a national youth exchange programme under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. Designed to strengthen national integration through lived cultural exposure, the initiative enables participants to experience the diversity of India beyond classrooms.

Open to youth aged 18 to 30 years, the programme welcomes students from higher education institutions, volunteers from the National Service Scheme, members of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, and young professionals from different sectors. Selected participants will travel to paired states or Union Territories for five to seven days, excluding travel time.

During the exchange, participants will visit educational institutions, heritage sites, and local communities while engaging with regional traditions, language, food, lifestyles, and development practices. The programme is designed to promote dialogue, cultural understanding, and grassroots learning through direct interaction.

The response to previous editions has been strong, with more than 46,000 registrations in Phase V and over 6,000 participants and coordinators involved since the programme began in 2022. For Phase VI, 22 higher education institutions have been selected as nodal centres to coordinate visits.

Aligned with the National Education Policy 2020, Yuva Sangam reflects a whole-of-government approach, combining education, culture, and youth engagement to nurture informed, connected, and nationally aware young citizens.

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## IIT HYDERABAD OPENS SURE 2026 RESEARCH INTERNSHIP WITH 250 SEATS

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad has invited applications for SURE 2026 (Summer Undergraduate Research Exposure), a summer internship programme designed to provide undergraduate and postgraduate students with hands-on research experience under faculty mentorship. The application window is open until March 10, 2026.

The institute has announced 250 internship seats, including 100 reserved for women, reflecting a strong push toward wider research participation. Selected students can choose internship durations of one month, one-and-a-half months, or two months, with fellowships of ₹7,500, ₹10,000, and ₹15,000 respectively. The programme is expected to begin tentatively on May 15, while results are likely to be announced by April 15.

Eligibility is open to students from institutions other than IIT Hyderabad, including first-year M.Sc. and M.A. students, second- and third-year B.Tech./B.Des. students, and third- or fourth-year integrated B.Tech.-M.Tech. students. Applicants must rank within the top 20 percent of their discipline, certified by their institution.

Selection will involve preliminary screening followed by an online interview conducted by departments or faculty mentors. Academic consistency, work beyond the curriculum, performance in competitive examinations, and interview quality will guide final selection.

The internship offers students an opportunity to engage in full-time research, strengthen academic profiles, and gain early exposure to advanced laboratory and innovation environments.

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## 'MINI SIKKIM' CM SHRI SCHOOL BLENDS MERIT, MINDFULNESS AND MODERN LEARNING

A model CM SHRI school in Sikkim is emerging as a distinctive example of future-ready schooling by combining academic merit, mountain discipline, and holistic development. Often described as "Mini Sikkim," the institution reflects the state's effort to align school education with the vision of the National Education Policy 2020 while preserving local values and student well-being.

Admissions are merit-based, ensuring that academically motivated students from diverse backgrounds gain access to advanced learning opportunities. The school integrates modern tools such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, STEM-based teaching, and digital classrooms to strengthen conceptual understanding and innovation skills.

A defining feature of the school is its emphasis on morning yoga and mindfulness sessions, which are treated as essential parts of the daily routine. Educators believe this helps students build focus, emotional balance, and discipline before academic sessions begin.

The campus also offers vocational exposure through skill-based courses, a strong library culture, and links with technical education pathways such as ITI-oriented learning. These additions aim to prepare students not only for higher education but also for practical careers.

Officials say the school represents a new educational model where technology, wellness, and values coexist. By combining modern pedagogy with a calm, nature-linked environment, Sikkim's CM SHRI initiative seeks to nurture confident, capable, and socially aware future leaders.

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# ENERGY SECURITY FIRST: INDIA STANDS FIRM ON OIL STRATEGY AMID GLOBAL TURBULENCE

Amid escalating geopolitical tensions and rising volatility in global energy markets, India has reaffirmed a clear principle guiding its energy policy: national interest and energy security come before political pressure or international narratives. As global oil flows face disruption due to ongoing conflicts in the Middle East and instability along critical maritime routes, the country has emphasised that it will continue to procure crude oil from any source that offers reliability and competitive pricing.

Recent developments have drawn attention to India's continued import of Russian crude oil, even after a temporary waiver granted by the United States allowed shipments already in transit to reach Indian refineries. However, New Delhi's response has been unequivocal the country's energy purchases are not dependent on approvals from any external power. Instead, procurement decisions are guided by economic prudence and the need to maintain stable fuel supplies for a rapidly growing economy.

Over the past few years, India has steadily expanded its network of oil suppliers. What was once a sourcing pool of around two dozen countries has now grown to nearly forty, ensuring that the country is not overly dependent on any single region. This diversification strategy has proven particularly valuable at a time when the Strait of Hormuz and other key shipping corridors have become flashpoints of geopolitical tension.

India's energy resilience is further strengthened by robust reserves and refining capabilities. With more than 250 million barrels of crude oil and petroleum products available across strategic reserves and supply chains, the country currently holds a buffer equivalent to nearly two months of consumption. In addition, its refining capacity exceeds domestic demand, enabling the country not only to meet internal needs but also to export refined petroleum products to international markets.

Global oil prices have surged sharply in recent weeks, driven by heightened conflict in the Gulf region and uncertainty surrounding energy supply routes. Crude prices jumped significantly within days, reflecting the nervous mood of global markets. For energy-importing economies, such spikes pose serious challenges, potentially affecting inflation, industrial costs and overall economic stability.

Against this backdrop, India's strategy appears increasingly pragmatic. Rather than aligning exclusively with one geopolitical bloc, the country has adopted a balanced approach that prioritises affordability and supply security. This flexibility has allowed India to navigate complex global dynamics while safeguarding domestic energy requirements. The continued purchase of Russian crude has also been influenced by economic considerations. Since the onset of the Russia–Ukraine conflict, discounted Russian oil has helped Indian refiners manage costs and maintain stable fuel prices. Over time, Russia has emerged as a major supplier, accounting for a significant share of India's crude imports.

At the same time, policymakers are actively exploring additional sources of energy supply to further strengthen resilience. Countries rich in natural gas and alternative fuels are being considered as potential partners to diversify the energy mix and reduce exposure to geopolitical risks.

India's approach reflects a broader philosophy in its economic diplomacy strategic autonomy combined with practical decision-making. In a world where energy markets are increasingly shaped by political conflicts and shifting alliances, the country's insistence on independent procurement underscores its determination to protect national interests.

Ultimately, the message from New Delhi is straightforward: energy security cannot be compromised. In an era where oil remains the lifeblood of industry, transport and development, ensuring stable and affordable supplies remains a top priority for one of the world's fastest-growing economies.

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# WEST ASIA CONFLICT SENDS SHOCKWAVES THROUGH INDIA'S KITCHENS AND FARM EXPORTS

The ongoing conflict in West Asia is beginning to ripple across India's economy, affecting both farmers and ordinary households. As tensions in the region disrupt shipping routes and push global energy prices higher, India is facing twin pressures uncertainty in agricultural exports and rising costs of cooking fuel used by millions of families.

One of the biggest concerns is the risk to India's agricultural exports to West Asia. In 2025 alone, India exported nearly $11.8 billion worth of agricultural and food products to the Gulf region, making it one of the country's most important export markets. These exports account for more than one-fifth of India's total agri exports, highlighting the region's significance for Indian farmers and food processors.

The Gulf countries have traditionally been a natural destination for Indian produce due to their geographical proximity and the presence of a large Indian diaspora. Staples such as rice, bananas, onions, spices, tea, coffee, dairy products, meat, and processed foods are regularly shipped from Indian ports to markets across the region. However, the escalating conflict has begun to disrupt shipping routes and raise marine insurance costs, creating logistical uncertainty for exporters.

Among all products, rice faces the greatest risk, as the Gulf accounts for a large share of India's global rice exports. Several agricultural states that produce surplus grains and horticulture products depend heavily on these overseas markets. If disruptions continue, farmers, exporters, transporters and food processors across these regions could face economic pressure.

At the same time, the impact of the West Asian crisis is also being felt in Indian households through rising fuel costs. The price of domestic LPG cylinders, the primary cooking fuel for millions of homes — has increased by ₹60 per cylinder, pushing the cost of a 14.2-kg domestic cylinder to around ₹913 in Delhi, up from ₹853 earlier. Similar increases have been reported across other major cities such as Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai.

The rise has been linked to the surge in global energy prices triggered by geopolitical tensions in the Gulf region. Commercial LPG cylinders used by restaurants, hotels and small businesses have witnessed an even sharper rise. The price of a 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder has increased by ₹114.5, taking its price to around ₹1,883 in Delhi. This hike adds to earlier increases this year and may translate into higher costs for food services and small businesses.

Despite the increase, authorities maintain that cooking gas prices in India remain relatively lower compared to several neighbouring countries. Subsidy support for vulnerable households continues under welfare schemes, where beneficiaries receive financial assistance for a limited number of cylinders each year.

To ensure stable supply amid rising tensions near key maritime routes such as the Strait of Hormuz, the government has also instructed domestic oil refiners to maximise LPG production. Additional LPG generated by refiners is being prioritised for household consumption, and companies have been asked not to divert key raw materials such as propane and butane for petrochemical manufacturing.

The situation illustrates how global geopolitical events can directly influence everyday life in India. A conflict thousands of kilometres away is now affecting both the income of farmers exporting food and the expenses of households cooking daily meals.

While India continues to explore alternative energy and trade routes to strengthen resilience, the current crisis highlights the importance of diversified supply chains and stable international trade corridors. For millions of Indians from farmers in rural fields to families in city kitchens — stability in global markets remains closely tied to their economic well-being.

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### Q. Can Skills Alone Protect Your Organization Without Ethics?

**Ans.** In the modern corporate world, technical skills, expertise, and operational efficiency are often regarded as the foundation of organizational success. A team with high competence can produce exceptional results, innovate, and drive growth. However, skill alone cannot safeguard an organization in the absence of ethics. Ethics forms the invisible framework that guides the application of skills toward constructive ends. Without ethical grounding, even the most talented employees can inadvertently or deliberately cause harm, undermine trust, and compromise long-term sustainability. Ancient Indian wisdom offers profound insights into this interplay between capability and character, cautioning that skill without virtue is an incomplete shield.

The Subhashitam "वृथा बुद्धिर्विनाऽभ्यासं वृथा अभ्यासो विनाऽधिना; यो हि संयोजयेदेतदभयं स विजानती" emphasizes that knowledge without practice and practice without understanding is futile. In organizational terms, technical skills represent knowledge, but their efficacy is determined by ethical application. For instance, a software engineer may possess the expertise to manipulate data, optimize systems, or implement high-risk financial models. Yet, without ethics, these capabilities can be misused—leading to data breaches, fraudulent reporting, or operational harm. Competence without ethical grounding transforms potential assets into risks. Skills can perform tasks efficiently, but they cannot ensure that those tasks serve the broader interests of stakeholders, society, or organizational integrity.

Ethics functions as a compass for decision-making. Indian wisdom teaches that human systems endure only when guided by dharma, or righteous conduct. In the absence of ethical guidance, employees may prioritize personal gain, short-term results, or convenience over the organization's long-term welfare. A technically skilled team can produce immediate outcomes, yet without ethical anchors, those outcomes may be unsustainable, unjust, or damaging. Organizations guided solely by technical prowess risk becoming fragile, vulnerable to scandal, and subject to reputational collapse.

Historical examples abound. Consider financial institutions where technically competent teams engineered complex products but neglected ethical considerations. The 2008 global financial crisis illustrates how skillful execution, when divorced from responsibility and moral foresight, can produce catastrophic results. Indian wisdom anticipates this through the Subhashitam "फलमूलाश्रिता नित्यं नापि मूलफला वनाः; संगमूलाश्रिता नित्यं नापि मोक्षफला नराः", which teaches that attachment to results without adhering to foundational principles leads to failure. Skills, like fruits of a tree, are transient unless rooted in ethical values; without these roots, growth becomes unsustainable, and the organization is vulnerable.

Ethics also protects relational trust within and outside the organization. A team that values only skill may optimize processes or increase output but may simultaneously exploit colleagues, ignore stakeholders, or violate laws. The Subhashitam "कृतज्ञता एव साधूनां भूषणं हि परं स्मृतम्; अकृतज्ञः पुरुषः पापी लोकद्विष एव च" highlights that gratitude, acknowledgment, and virtue preserve harmony, whereas ingratitude and misconduct invite disharmony. Trust, once broken, is exceedingly difficult to restore, regardless of technical competence. Skills can produce short-term efficiency, but ethics sustains long-term collaboration, loyalty, and goodwill—intangibles that technical ability alone cannot guarantee.

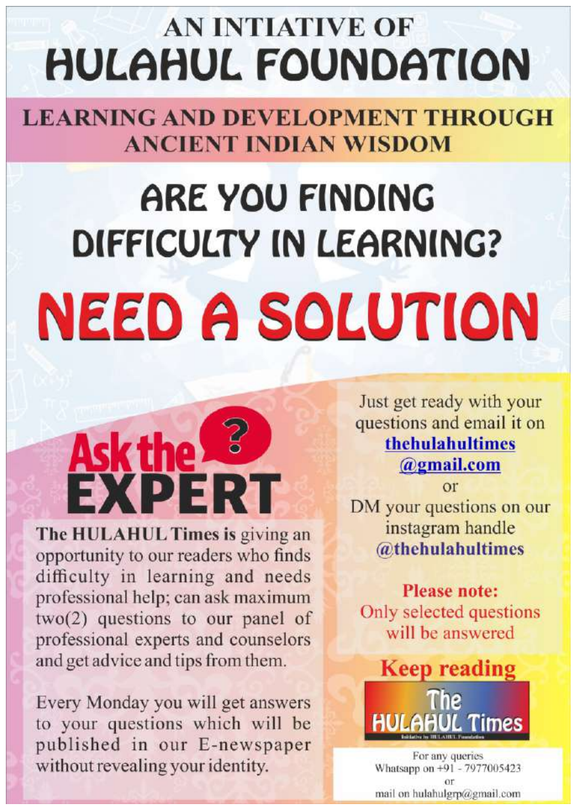
Furthermore, ethics ensures that decisions are aligned with the organization's vision, mission, and societal responsibilities. The Subhashitam "अन्येभ्यः परं कर्तव्यम्, स्वार्थं परित्यजेत् शीलवान्" teaches that virtue requires prioritizing duty over self-interest. Employees may possess extraordinary technical skills but lack awareness of ethical implications. For instance, a marketing team might design persuasive campaigns that exploit vulnerable populations or exaggerate claims. While skillful, these actions breach moral responsibility and can result in regulatory sanctions, loss of reputation, and diminished public trust. Ethical grounding ensures that skills are applied constructively, producing value without compromising integrity.

Leadership plays a pivotal role in integrating skills with ethics. subhashitam consistently stress the inseparability of knowledge and virtue. "शीलवान् पुरुषः सर्वत्र विजयी भवति, आसक्तिमुक्तः सदा सुखी" asserts that virtue combined with wisdom ensures enduring success and happiness. Organizational leaders must not assume that skills alone suffice; they must foster an environment where ethical decision-making is expected, modeled, and rewarded. Leaders who prioritize ethics alongside competence cultivate a culture in which employees use skills responsibly, anticipate consequences, and navigate dilemmas conscientiously. Without this integration, technical skill can devolve into arrogance, negligence, or opportunism.

Ethics also provides resilience during crises. Skills enable problem-solving, but ethical grounding determines how solutions are conceived, communicated, and executed. During challenging situations, employees may face choices that test integrity—allocation of scarce resources, adherence to safety standards, or reporting of internal errors. Ancient Indian wisdom, underscores that true strength lies in patience, moral courage, and the ability to act rightly under pressure. Skilled employees who lack this fortitude may make expedient decisions that damage the organization; those guided by ethics balance competence with conscientious action, ensuring sustainable outcomes.

Ethics also mitigates the risk of regulatory, social, and legal repercussions. Technical skills can craft systems, strategies, or operations that are efficient but may violate laws or ethical standards. Ethical awareness shapes how skill is applied, preventing misuse that could result in legal or social entanglements. Without this grounding, technical brilliance can become a double-edged sword—capable of delivering both success and catastrophe. Finally, skills without ethics fail to inspire trust among employees, clients, or the public. The Subhashitam "सत्यमेव जयते नानृतं" emphasizes that truth ultimately prevails. Organizations that prioritize ethics alongside skill foster credibility, loyalty, and long-term sustainability. Technical competence produces efficiency, but ethical application ensures legitimacy, stability, and societal respect. Organizations that cultivate both skill and ethics become not only productive but resilient, respected, and morally sustainable.

In conclusion, skills alone cannot protect an organization. Technical expertise enables execution, innovation, and operational efficiency, but without ethical grounding, these skills can cause harm, compromise trust, and undermine long-term sustainability. Ancient Indian wisdom, expressed through subhashitam such as "वृथा बुद्धिर्विनाऽभ्यासं वृथा अभ्यासो विनाऽधिना," "धर्मेण हि मानवाः संज्ञन्ते, अन्यथा तु विनश्यन्ति," and "शीलवान् पुरुषः सर्वत्र विजयी भवति, आसक्तिमुक्तः सदा सुखी," emphasizes that knowledge and capability must be guided by virtue and moral courage. Ethical awareness directs skillful action toward constructive, sustainable, and socially responsible ends. Organizations that cultivate both technical competence and ethical integrity develop resilience, credibility, and long-term success. Skills may produce immediate results, but ethics ensures that those results are just, enduring, and aligned with the greater good. In essence, ethics is not an optional complement to skills—it is the foundation that ensures that skill serves, rather than subverts, the organization's purpose.

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# THE FREEDOM TO FAIL: A CRUCIAL LESSON FOR YOUNG MINDS

In today's fast-paced and highly competitive world, young people are constantly surrounded by expectations. From academic achievements to career success, society often measures youth by their ability to perform perfectly and succeed quickly. While ambition and dedication are important, the growing fear of failure among young individuals has become a serious concern. In reality, failure is not a weakness; it is an essential part of learning and growth.

Young minds are naturally curious and creative. They explore new ideas, question existing systems, and attempt to innovate. However, when failure is treated as something shameful or unacceptable, it discourages experimentation. Students and young professionals may begin to avoid risks, choosing safer paths instead of exploring new possibilities. Over time, this fear of failure can limit creativity and hinder personal development.

Failure plays a vital role in shaping resilience. When young individuals encounter setbacks, they learn valuable lessons about patience, perseverance, and adaptability. These experiences help them develop the emotional strength required to face challenges later in life. Without encountering failure early on, individuals may struggle to cope with difficulties when they eventually arise.

Another important aspect of failure is the opportunity it provides for self-reflection. Mistakes allow young people to analyze what went wrong and understand how they can improve. This process encourages critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Instead of viewing failure as the end of the journey, it should be recognized as an important step toward improvement and success.

Unfortunately, modern education and social environments often emphasize results more than learning. Grades, rankings, and achievements frequently become the primary indicators of success. While these metrics can motivate students, they can also create immense pressure. Young individuals may feel that a single mistake defines their abilities or determines their future. Such thinking can lead to stress, anxiety, and a loss of confidence.

Parents, educators, and mentors play a crucial role in changing this mindset. Encouraging young people to view failure as a learning experience can create a healthier environment for growth. Instead of criticizing mistakes, it is more productive to discuss what can be learned from them. When young individuals feel supported during difficult moments, they become more confident in trying again.

Many of the world's most successful innovators, leaders, and entrepreneurs experienced multiple failures before achieving their goals. Their journeys demonstrate that setbacks often provide the knowledge and determination necessary for future success. By allowing young people the freedom to fail, society gives them the opportunity to discover their true potential.

Ultimately, growth is rarely a straight path. It is filled with experiments, mistakes, and lessons learned along the way. Young minds need the freedom to explore without the constant fear of judgment. When failure is accepted as a natural part of the learning process, it becomes a powerful teacher rather than a discouraging obstacle.

The real success of youth lies not in avoiding failure, but in learning how to rise stronger after every fall.

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# WHEN THE SPOTLIGHT FALLS ON ONE: THE COST TO THE TEAM

In organizations, institutions and programs that are successful, is the backbone of achieve teamwork. Teamwork combines the various ideas, skills and perspectives of team members, thus turning goals into reality. As a result, at times the spotlight falls on one individual but the contributions of others go unrecognized. While it is important to recognize talent, concentrating on a single great person is dangerous for the team as well.

When one person is consistently praised as the primary driver of success, it may unintentionally diminish the value of collective effort. Team members who contribute equally, or sometimes even more, may feel that their dedication goes unnoticed. Over time, this lack of recognition can reduce motivation and weaken the sense of belonging within the team. What was once a group working toward a shared goal may slowly transform into individuals working in isolation.

Another consequence of placing the spotlight on one individual is the creation of imbalance within the team structure. Teams function best when each member feels responsible and empowered to contribute. However, when one person becomes the central figure, others may start withdrawing from active participation. They might feel that their ideas or efforts will not receive the same attention or appreciation. This can gradually reduce creativity and limit the team's overall potential.

Leadership plays a critical role in maintaining balance between individual recognition and collective appreciation. Effective leaders understand that while individuals may possess exceptional talent, sustainable success depends on collaboration. Leaders who consistently highlight only one person risk creating an environment where teamwork is replaced by silent competition or disengagement. A wise leader ensures that recognition is shared and that every member feels valued for their role in the team's progress.

Over-reliance on one individual also creates a structural vulnerability. If the team becomes dependent on a single person's performance or decision-making, it may struggle to function effectively in that person's absence. True strength lies in building a system where responsibilities are distributed, knowledge is shared, and everyone is capable of contributing meaningfully. A balanced team is more resilient and adaptable in the face of challenges.At the same time, appreciating individual excellence should not be discouraged. Recognition can inspire individuals to perform better and push their limits. However, it must be done in a way that uplifts the entire team rather than isolating one member above the rest. Celebrating achievements collectively reinforces unity and reminds everyone that success is rarely the result of a single effort.

Ultimately, the essence of teamwork lies in shared purpose and mutual respect. When the spotlight falls only on one person, it may temporarily highlight brilliance, but it can also cast long shadows over the rest of the team. Sustainable success emerges when every member feels acknowledged, supported, and encouraged to contribute.

In the end, the true victory of any team is not when one individual shines alone, but when the entire group shines together.

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## INDIAN BRANDS BENEFIT FROM MANUFACTURING PUSH AND E-COMMERCE BOOM

The combination of expanding domestic manufacturing capabilities and fast-growing digital commerce operations has created strong business momentum for Indian companies. The implementation of local production projects together with government assistance programs has driven companies to increase their manufacturing output while reducing their dependence on foreign imports according to local industry executives. The transformation has enabled homegrown brands to develop superior supply networks which they use to their business advantage. The rapid growth of e-commerce platforms provides entrepreneurs and new companies with better access to market entry points. Digital marketplaces enable brands to connect with customers throughout the nation which eliminates the requirement for brands to establish large physical store networks. Many direct-to-consumer (D2C) brands across fashion, beauty, electronics and lifestyle industries have used this development to achieve rapid market growth. The emergence of new consumers from small towns and cities creates a strong market demand for products that drives business growth. The combination of increasing smartphone usage, improved internet connectivity, and better logistical infrastructure has made it possible for millions of individuals to go online. The new consumers will shape the upcoming development of India's rapidly expanding consumer market because their spending habits and life goals continue to increase.

## NAGPUR BROTHERS AJINKYA AND VIKRAM GANDHE WIN MASTERCHEF INDIA 2026

Ajinkya Gandhe and Vikram Gandhe from Nagpur received the MasterChef India 2026 title after they completed a challenging season which included several cooking competitions. The judges and viewers recognized the brothers' abilities through their creative cooking performances which they presented during the whole contest. Their family relationship together with their individual cooking methods led to their victory which served as an important accomplishment for the show. The two chefs created a special menu for the grand finale which combined traditional Indian cooking with contemporary culinary techniques. Ajinkya dedicated his efforts to creating bold savoury recipes while Vikram demonstrated his dessert creation skills through his plating techniques. The finalists achieved success through their combined efforts which produced excellent results. The Gandhe brothers' journey on the show included multiple impressive performances which resulted in them achieving victory in important challenges while judges praised their creative work and their ability to show their ideas. The brothers' victory brought pride to their hometown of Nagpur while it inspired many aspiring chefs across India. The brothers plan to grow their culinary business after they win the trophy together with prize money because they want to keep developing new Indian dishes.

## AIRTEL AND GOOGLE TEAM UP TO MAKE RCS MESSAGING SAFER IN INDIA

India is about to start implementing new waste management regulations which will enhance waste disposal practices in urban areas that experience increasing garbage output from both population growth and heightened consumer demand. The new framework requires bulk waste generators which include housing complexes and institutions and hotels and commercial establishments to take responsibility for their waste operations through proper waste segregation and advanced processing methods to minimize their landfill waste output. The environmental experts emphasize that the success of these regulations depends on the municipal authorities to implement them. The urban local bodies of many cities still find it difficult to manage their waste because they lack proper waste separation methods and collection systems and recycling facilities. Previous waste management policies established waste management improvements but authorities failed to enforce them because their resources were insufficient and their monitoring capabilities were weak and their organizational coordination was inadequate. The main issue presents itself through the distance which exists between governmental policy goals and the actual capabilities of municipal operations in particular in smaller urban areas. The new regulations need sufficient financing and qualified personnel and community involvement to succeed because experts believe that their stronger accountability system will face the same challenges which previous regulations encountered.

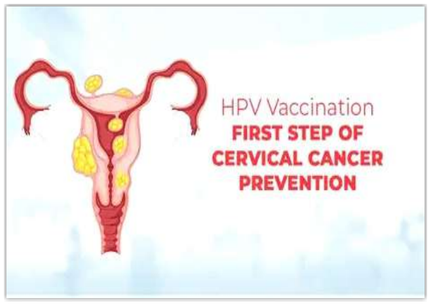
## IS CLAUDE GAINING AN EDGE AFTER CHATGPT'S STRATEGIC SHIFT IN THE US GOVERNMENT DEAL?

The buzz about ChatGPT ditching "Rocket" right after OpenAI's big deal with the US government has got the entire tech world talking. Everyone's trying to figure out what this move really means and who's coming out at top.Reports say that OpenAI's teaming up with the government to make AI tech more secure and cutting-edge. But when ChatGPT uninstalled a tool like Rocket, a lot of folks started thinking the company's switching up its game plan. Competition in the AI space is already brutal, and every player wants to stay ahead. Claude AI's name is popping up a ton too. Some experts reckon when one company tweaks its tools or partnerships, rivals get a short-term edge. But tech isn't that straightforward because today's risky call could look like genius tomorrow. The real kicker is AI development isn't just big private companies anymore. Governments are jumping in big time to handle security, transparency, and regulations. Now it's all about watching how OpenAI's play pans out long-term. The question is whether Claude pulls ahead in this race, or will ChatGPT bounce back stronger? Either way, the AI world's getting even more exciting.

## RISING SPACE DEBRIS THREAT: ISRO STRENGTHENS MONITORING AMID ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION CONCERNS

Experts warn that space debris currently orbiting Earth creates pollution problems for the planet's upper atmospheric layers. Scientists have discovered that space debris which includes satellite and rocket debris together with other space objects creates pollution when these objects re-enter the atmosphere and burn through their intense heat. Research scientists indicate that the atmospheric region above Earth will experience material accumulation from these particles which include aluminum and other spacecraft building materials and this accumulation will result in atmospheric chemical changes throughout time. The issue has gained attention as the number of satellites launched into orbit has increased rapidly in recent years. The deployment of large satellite constellations which provide communication and internet services has resulted in a substantial increase of operational equipment into orbital space. Scientists currently investigate the environmental consequences that result from satellite re-entry because most of these satellites will burn up during their return to Earth. The Indian Space Research Organisation has expanded its space debris surveillance program by using new tracking technology to tackle existing challenges. The researchers emphasize that space debris management requires ongoing monitoring and international partnerships to enhance understanding of its environmental impact.

## INDIA'S FREE HPV VACCINATION DRIVE MARKS MAJOR STEP AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER




The Indian government established a free vaccination program against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) which serves as an important development in the fight against cervical cancer, a disease that ranks among the most common cancers in the country. The programme aims to provide the HPV vaccine free of cost to girls aged around 14 years at government health facilities across all states and union territories. Health experts predict that the program will succeed in reducing future instances of cervical cancer which currently leads to thousands of deaths across India every year. Cervical cancer develops in people who face continuous exposure to specific high-risk HPV strains. The vaccine protects against the most dangerous types of the virus which cause approximately 70 percent of all cervical cancer cases. Studies demonstrate that adolescents who receive vaccinations during their teenage years achieve significant declines in their future disease development risk. The nationwide drive is being implemented through government hospitals and primary health centers and community health facilities which use trained medical teams to provide secure vaccine administration and patient monitoring services. The officials describe the campaign as a critical moment for women's preventive healthcare because it unites vaccination efforts with public education initiatives and screening programs and long-term plans to eradicate cervical cancer from India.

Afreen Mazgaonkar & Mosina

## INDIAN YOUTH BOXING TEAM TO COMPETE AT WORLD BOXING FUTURES CUP 2026

The Indian youth boxing team will participate in the World Boxing Futures Cup 2026 which takes place in Bangkok Thailand which started from March 8 and will go on until March 15. The Indian contingent includes a 10-member squad featuring both male and female athletes who will compete across several Youth Olympic weight categories. The women's team consists of Gunjan (48kg), Chandrika Bhoreshi Pujari (51kg), Joyshree Devi Chirom (54kg), Radhamani Longjam (57kg), and Prachi (60kg). The men's squad includes Ambekar Meetei Lairenlakpam at 50kilograms Udham Singh Raghav at 55kilograms Sahil Duhan at 60kilograms Aman Siwach at 65kilograms and Priyansh Sehrawat at 70kilograms. The Futures Cup serves as a main developmental event for international boxing because it gives young boxers essential experience while they compete against their most formidable age group rivals. The pathway to the Youth Olympic Games starts with this tournament as an essential step. The Indian youth boxing team will try to continue their success from the Asian Youth Games where they won seven medals through their outstanding performance. The team intends to achieve international recognition through their rigorous training and exceptional talent which will help India expand its presence in worldwide boxing competitions..

## AUSTRIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM ARRIVES IN HYDERABAD FOR FIH WORLD CUP 2026 QUALIFIERS

The Austrian women's hockey team had arrived in Hyderabad to participate in the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2026 Qualifiers which started from March 8 and will go on until March 14. Eight nations are participating in the tournament to compete for three World Cup qualification spots which will be available for the upcoming World Cup that takes place in Belgium and the Netherlands later this year. Austria, led by captain Johanna Czech, has been placed in Pool A alongside England, Italy, and Korea. The team will strive for successful results in group matches which will enable them to reach knockout stages while they pursue their goal of competing in the global showpiece tournament. The Austrian side has a notable history in the competition which includes their participation in three of the first four editions of the Women's Hockey World Cup. The team has not qualified for the tournament since 1981 which makes this year's qualifiers a crucial chance to reclaim their position on the world stage after more than forty years. Captain Johanna Czech expressed excitement about playing in India for the first time. According to her statement the team is ready to train in Hyderabad while they plan to perform at their highest level to achieve their long-awaited World Cup qualification.

## GUKESH SLIPS TO WORLD NO. 20 AFTER ANOTHER LOSS AT PRAGUE CHESS FESTIVAL

The live FIDE rankings showed Indian chess prodigy D Gukesh had dropped to World No. 20 after his defeat in the Masters section at the Prague International Chess Festival. The young world champion faced a challenging contest against fellow Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram, who capitalised on a late-game mistake to secure victory. The loss marked another difficult moment for the 19-year-old who has struggled to maintain momentum in the highly competitive tournament. Gukesh left the playing hall right after the game ended because he was frustrated about his difficult match against top-level opponents. The defeat also pushed him toward the lower end of the tournament standings. Aravindh's victory strengthened his own campaign in the event as he continued to perform strongly against elite competition. The Prague festival has brought together several of the world's best players making every round highly competitive. Gukesh has established himself as one of the brightest young talents in international chess despite his disappointing result while analysts predict his experiences will help him grow into a top-level player.

## LAKSHYA SEN SHOCKS DEFENDING CHAMPION SHI YUQI AT ALL ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Indian badminton player Lakshya Sen achieved an unexpected victory when he defeated world number one Shin Yuqi during their first round match at the All England Open Badminton Championships which took place in Birmingham. The match turned into a gripping three-game battle, with Sen eventually prevailing 23-21, 19-21, 21-17 after an intense contest that lasted more than an hour. Sen displayed remarkable composure and determination throughout the match, matching the Chinese ace in speed, stamina and tactical play. The Indian shuttler edged the first game in a closely fought finish before Shi fought back to level the match by taking the second game. The final match saw Sen concentrate on his performance while he used his rally success during critical points to achieve one of his most important victories. Sen achieved his first victory over Shi Yuqi at a BWF World Tour event which he used to launch his tournament campaign at one of badminton's most important competitions. The upset result also opened up the men's singles draw, as the defending champion and top seed was eliminated early from the competition. Sen's performance showed him to be one of India's top badminton players while he advanced through the tournament to increase expectations about his chances to win.

## ITAJINDERPAL SINGH TOOR WINS SHOT PUT GOLD WITH 20.51M THROW

Tajinderpal Singh Toor began his athletic season successfully by winning gold at the Indian Open Throws Competition which took place in Patiala. The two-time Asian Games champion produced a best throw of 20.51 metres to secure the top spot in the men's shot put event. The 31-year-old athlete performed at the National Institute of Sports campus with remarkable consistency throughout the competition. Toor achieved three throws that exceeded 20 meters which demonstrated his athletic strength for the upcoming important season in Indian athletics. His other significant attempts reached distances of 20.07 meters and 20.02 meters. Karanveer Singh from Punjab secured second place with a 19.36 meter throw while Sanyam from Haryana won bronze with an 18.28 meter attempt. The throwing competition began on the first day of a two-day meet which included multiple throwing events for senior and junior athletes. Following the event Toor expressed satisfaction with his performance because he believed his results showed progress from his training. The strong start is expected to boost his confidence as he prepares for upcoming international competitions and aims to maintain his dominance in the shot put event.

## ARSHDEEP KAUR WINS 25M PISTOL T3 FINAL AT NATIONAL SHOOTING TRIALS

Punjab shooter Arshdeep Kaur delivered an impressive performance to win the women's 25m pistol T3 final at the National Selection Trials (Group A) held at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi. Arshdeep won the championship after defeating experienced shooter Divya T.S. in a closely contested final with a score of 37 to 36. Arshdeep's victory was particularly remarkable as she had qualified for the final in eighth position, the last spot among the finalists. She entered the final as the lowest-ranked qualifier yet maintained her composure while shooting throughout the critical moments of the competition to win the gold medal. Rahi Sarnobat, the former Asian Games champion, finished third with 33 hits after losing a shoot-off to Divya T.S., who took the silver medal. Rhythm Sangwan secured fourth place, followed by Niveditha V. Nair, national champion Manu Bhaker, Anjali Choudhary, and Chinki Yadav in the remaining positions. The National Selection Trials determine the athletic performance of Indian shooters because they decide which athletes will compete in international matches. Arshdeep's victory demonstrates the wide range of talent present in Indian women's pistol shooting while establishing her eligibility for upcoming national team selection.

Dr. Smita Ravikumar Kuntay & Ajab Tinwala

## IDBI BANK JAM RECRUITMENT 2026-27

IDBI Bank has announced the Junior Assistant Manager (JAM) Recruitment 2026–27 for Grade 'O' posts. This is a great opportunity for graduates who want to start a career in the banking sector with one of India's leading banks.

**Organization: IDBI Bank**
- Post Offered: Junior Assistant Manager (JAM) – Grade 'O'
- Total Vacancies: 1100 Posts
- Job Location: Anywhere in India

**Eligibility Criteria**
- Age Limit:
- 20 – 25 Years
- (Age relaxation applicable as per Government rules.)
- Educational Qualification: Bachelor's Degree from a recognized university

**Selection Process**
- Candidates will be selected through:
- Online Test (OT)
- Document Verification (DV)
- Personal Interview (PI)
- Pre-Recruitment Medical Test (PRMT)

**Important Dates**
- Opening Date for Online Registration:
- 08 March 2026
- Last Date for Online Application & Fee Payment:
- 19 March 2026
- Date of Online Examination / Interview:
- To be notified later

**Application Fee**
- SC / ST / PwBD Candidates: ₹250 (Intimation Charges only)
- General / OBC / EWS Candidates: ₹1050 (Application Fee + Intimation Charges)
- Mode of Payment: Online (Debit Card / Credit Card / Net Banking etc.)

**How to Apply**
- Candidates must apply online through the **IDBI Bank official website.
- Visit the application portal and register using valid details.
- Login and fill the online application form carefully with personal and educational details.
- Upload scanned copies of Photograph, Signature, Left Thumb Impression and Hand-written Declaration in the prescribed format.
- Pay the application fee online (if applicable) and submit the application.
- Take a printout of the system-generated application form and fee receipt for future reference.

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

## IDBI BANK ASSISTANT MANAGER RECRUITMENT 2026-27 – APPLY ONLINE FOR 200 POSTS

IDBI Bank has announced the Assistant Manager Recruitment 2026–27 for Grade 'A' posts. This is a good opportunity for graduates who want to build a career in the banking sector with a reputed national bank.

**Organization: IDBI Bank**
- Post Offered:
- Assistant Manager (Grade 'A')
- Total Vacancies: 200 Posts
- Job Location: Anywhere in India

**Eligibility Criteria**
- Age Limit:
- As per official advertisement.
- (Age relaxation applicable as per Government rules.)
- Educational Qualification: Bachelor's Degree from a recognized university

**Selection Process**
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## GOA GSSC GROUP C RECRUITMENT 2026 – 722 VACANCIES

The Goa Staff Selection Commission (GSSC) invites online applications for 722 Group C posts across various departments in Goa. Candidates with qualifications ranging from SSC, HSSC, ITI, to Graduation are eligible depending on the post. The online application process will be open from 20 February 2026 to 13 March 2026 through the CBES Goa portal.

**Organization: Goa Staff Selection Commission (GSSC)**
- Post Name: Various Group C Posts
- Total Vacancies: 722 Posts
- Job Location: Goa

**Eligibility Criteria:**
- Minimum Qualification: SSC / HSSC / ITI / Graduation (depending on the post)
- Age Limit: 25 – 45 Years (Post-wise)

**Application Fee:**
- ₹50 – ₹400 (Category & Pay Level wise)

Level 1 to 3
- UR / EWS: ₹200
- OBC: ₹100
- SC / ST / PwD: ₹50

Level 4 and above
- UR / EWS: ₹400
- OBC: ₹200
- SC / ST / PwD: ₹100

**Important Dates**
- Detailed Notification & Online Registration Starts: 20 February 2026
- Last Date for Online Application: 13 March 2026
- Date of Examination / PET: To be notified later

**Selection Process**
- Candidates will be selected through the following stages:
- Written Examination (Objective / Descriptive as applicable)
- Physical Efficiency Test (PET) / Physical Measurement / Skill Test (for Police, Forest, Driver posts)
- Document Verification
- Medical Examination

**How to Apply**
- Eligible and interested candidates can apply online through the CBES Goa Portal.
- Application Steps:
- Visit the official portal: https://cbes.goa.gov.in/landing
- Register / Login using a valid email ID and mobile number.
- Fill the online application form carefully with personal, educational and category details.
- Upload scanned Photograph, Signature and required certificates in the prescribed format and pay the application fee online.
- Submit the application form and take a printout

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

Deepika Singh

## QUIZ TIME

1. Which stadium will host the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 Final?
2. Which Indian space mission studies the Sun from the L1 point?
3. Which mission by the Government of India focuses on developing sports and supporting athletes across the country?
4. Which organization publishes the World Economic Outlook Report?
5. Climate change could threaten the global sports economy by how much by 2030?
6. Which international football tournament will expand to 48 teams starting from the 2026 edition?
7. Which industry linked to sports exports was highlighted for growth in the Union Budget 2026?
8. Which country launched the Aditya-L1 solar mission?
9. In which Indian city will the ICC T20 World Cup 2026 Final take place?

## RIDDLES

1. I give life, care with love, and guide every step. Who am I?
2. I may wear a crown or run a nation, history remembers me with admiration. Who am I?
3. I fight for rights and equality for all women. What movement am I?
4. I am celebrated worldwide on March 8 every year. What am I?
5. I nurture, teach, and inspire young minds every day. Who am I?
6. I am strength, courage, and grace in many cultures. What divine form am I?
7. I break barriers and achieve great success in sports, science, and leadership. What am I called?
8. I stand for equality between men and women. What concept am I?

## ANSWERS

**I) QUIZ TIME**

1. Ahmedabad
2. Aditya
3. Khelo India
4. IMF
5. $500 Billion
6. FIFA
7. Sports Goods
8. India
9. Ahmedabad

**II) RIDDLES**

1. Mother
2. Queen
3. Feminism
4. Women Day
5. Teacher
6. Goddess
7. Woman
8. Equality

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# THE ULTIMATE CHILLI GARLIC TOFU POCKET

This Week, We're Relishing Indo-Asian Chilli Garlic Tofu Pocket Snack!

Chilli Garlic Tofu Pocket is a delicious Indo-Asian style snack that combines crispy tofu with bold chilli-garlic flavors. The tofu is tossed in a spicy sauce with crunchy vegetables and then stuffed inside a soft pocket bread or dough. It makes a perfect appetizer, evening snack, or lunchbox recipe. The balance of spicy, garlicky sauce with soft bread and crunchy vegetables makes every bite flavorful and satisfying.

**Ingredients:**

200 g firm tofu (cut into small cubes), 1 tablespoon cornflour, 2 tablespoons oil, 4–5 garlic cloves (finely chopped), 1 teaspoon grated ginger, 1 green chilli (finely chopped), ½ cup cabbage (finely shredded), ½ cup carrot (julienned), 1 small capsicum (thinly sliced), 1 tablespoon soy sauce, 1 tablespoon chilli sauce, 1 teaspoon tomato ketchup, salt to taste, ½ teaspoon black pepper, 6 bread slices or pita pockets, 1 tablespoon butter or oil for toasting.

**Preparation**

1. **Coat Tofu:** Toss tofu cubes with cornflour.
2. **Fry:** Shallow fry tofu in oil until golden and crisp.
3. **Sauté:** Cook garlic, ginger, and chilli in the same pan for a few seconds.
4. **Add Veggies:** Stir-fry cabbage, carrot, and capsicum for 2–3 minutes.
5. **Mix Sauce:** Add soy sauce, chilli sauce, ketchup, salt, and pepper. Toss in fried tofu.
6. **Toast Pocket:** Lightly toast bread or pita with butter or oil.
7. **Fill:** Stuff the chilli garlic tofu mixture into the pockets.

**Serving Tip:**

Serve hot with schezwan chutney, spicy mayo, or tomato ketchup. You can also add lettuce or sliced onions inside the pocket for extra crunch and flavor.