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IN BRICS DECLARATION, A PUSH FOR GREATER INDIA ROLE AT UN SECURITY COUNCIL



China and Russia have reiterated their support for India and Brazil to play a greater role in the United Nations, including its Security Council, in the New Delhi Declaration of the BRICS summit.

According to the Declaration, the leaders of BRICS countries reiterated their support for a "comprehensive reform of the UN, including its Security Council". The Declaration pressed for the need to make the UN body "more democratic, representative, effective and efficient, and to increase the representation of developing countries in the Council's membership so that it can adequately respond to prevailing global challenges and support the legitimate aspirations of emerging and developing countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America, including BRICS countries, to play a greater role in international affairs, in particular in the UN, including its Security Council". The UN Security Council has five permanent members – China, France, Russia, the UK and the US. Each permanent member holds veto power over resolutions. This number has remained unchanged since the Council's inception in 1945. "We stress that the UN Security Council reform is to lead to the amplified voice of the Global South. Recalling the 2022 Beijing and 2023 Johannesburg-II Leaders' Declarations, China and Russia, as permanent members of the UN Security Council, reiterate their support to the aspirations of Brazil and India to play a greater role in the UN, including its Security Council," the Declaration stated. Over the past several years, major emerging nations

have called for an expansion of the UN Security Council. India has been at the forefront of this demand. In fact, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday pitched for a greater role for developing countries in global decision-making. He said the Global South should move from being a "rule-taker" to "rule-shaper".

Addressing the opening session of BRICS, the Prime Minister said the current global decision-making architecture looks like a "pyramid" – the powerful at the top are making the decisions, and those at the bottom are the ones affected and have no powers and leverage. Prime Minister Modi said that the "pyramid of privilege" should be transformed into a "platform of partnership".

INDIA DAY FESTIVAL, 2026 CONCLUDED IN MOSCOW



The India Day Festival is organised by the Indian Cultural and National Center "SITA", a non-profit organisation whose mission is to promote Indian culture and heritage among Russians, foreigners and the Indian community in Russia. The organisation has been behind the festival for years, helping turn India Day into one of the largest celebrations of Indian culture in Russia. The 2026 edition, held from August 20 to 23 at Moscow's Gostiny Dvor, marks the festival's 11th year. A key figure behind the festival is Sammy Manoj Kotwani, President of the Indian Cultural and National Center "SITA" and President of the Indian Business Alliance, as well as the founder of India Day. The festival has developed under his leadership into a major platform not only for cultural exchange, but also for bringing together Indian and Russian communities, businesses, young people and representatives of the diplomatic and public spheres.

The scale of the festival is also reflected in the institutional support behind it. India Day 2026 is being held with the support of the Government of Moscow, the Embassy of India in the Russian Federation, the Moscow Department for External Economic and International Relations, the India Business Council, the Roscongress Foundation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and the Moscow Department of Culture. Such support underlines the importance of the festival as more than simply a cultural celebration — it also serves as a platform for strengthening Russian–Indian humanitarian, economic and cultural ties. The 2026 programme further expands this international dimension. Alongside concerts, Indian cuisine, the bazaar, yoga, workshops and cultural activities, the festival includes a BRICS Forum bringing together representatives of business, government and the diplomatic community, with discussions focused on trade, investment, finance, tourism, education and cultural exchange. The programme also features an International Unity Parade, bringing together representatives of India, BRICS and CIS countries, Russian regions and different national communities in a celebration of friendship and cultural diversity.

INDIA AND BALOCHISTAN HAVE CIVILIZATIONAL LINKAGES. PROSPER BALOCH IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE TERRITORIAL PEACE AND STABILITY: ADVOCATE SADIQ RAISANI BALOCH



The Foreign Affairs Committee of Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad organized a seminar on "Balochistan Unrest: Prospects and Challenges" on 24th August 2026 at Pravasi Bhawan, New Delhi. Advocate Sadiq Raisani Baloch, Head of the tribal affairs Department, and Activist of Free Balochistan Movement was the Chief Guest and Dr. Tara Kartha, International Affairs Expert & Foreign Director, National Security Council was the Keynote Speaker of the program. Tracing the Ancient roots of India and its linkages with Balochistan, Shri Shyam Parande, General Secretary, ARSP, welcomed the guests. While emphasizing on the importance of connectivity, he said that our society vary from places to place, but connectivity is essential for the peace and stability.

Advocate Sadiq Raisani Baloch, Head of the tribal affairs, Department, Advocate and Activist of Free Balochistan Movement, made his presentation on the theme – 'Who won the Baloch and who has the right to govern the Baloch?' he gave historic perspective of the Balochistan. He traced the geographical expansion of Balochistan since time immemorial. He also talked about the atrocities committed by the Pakistan Government and Army on the Baloch. He also said that the Baloch are fighting the war of Independence. It is just and desirable for the territorial peace and stability.

Dr. Tara Kartha, International Affairs Expert & Foreign Director, National Security Council showed the importance of Balochistan, the resources and their expansion in the Balochistan and all the controversies and paradoxes associated with it through a PowerPoint presentation. She also talked about the atrocities of the Pakistani Army on the Baloch. She said that India should support the Balochistan with the fullest of its strength. Halfhearted attempt to support and free Balochistan will prove detrimental. Amb. Vinod Kumar, President, ARSP, said that we should aspire for the 'One Baloch'. Baloch is one Qaum and they should have their own land. He congratulated on the Independence Day of Balochistan and said that the aspiration of Baloch must be fulfilled then we should discuss the mineral and resources of the region. While mentioning the temple of 'Hinglaj mata', the 51st Holy Shakti Peeth in Hinduism, he also mentioned the atrocities committed on Hindu minority of the region. This was followed by the open



house discussion, in which the members of ARSP, research scholars and audience, present physical and virtual, took active part. Dr. Raghuvansh Sinha, Convenor, Foreign Affairs Committee, ARSP, said that the unnatural division of Indian Subcontinent has created several problems. He also questioned India of being 'status quoist'. Shri Markandey Rai, Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee, ARSP, talked about the necessity of people to people contact between India and Balochistan. India and Balochitan have civilizational linkages, which is being disturbed by a near failed state i.e. Pakistan, he said. The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Raghuvansh Sinha.

INDIAN COMMUNITY IN SRI LANKA IS AN IMPORTANT BRIDGE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES : DEFENCE MINISTER RAJNATH SINGH



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has described Indian community in Sri Lanka as a bridge between the two countries, saying they play a crucial role in strengthening friendship between the two nations. Mr Singh, who reached Colombo on a three-day visit to Sri Lanka, made the remarks while interacting with members of the Indian diaspora. He said both nations share close cultural and civilisational ties, which have provided a strong foundation for the growth of the bilateral relationship. Referring to the India-European Union FTA as the 'Mother of All Deals', he said the agreement opens access to the massive EU market and reflects India's growing diplomatic and economic capabilities. Mr Singh also met Sri Lankan Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya and exchanged views on issues related to development cooperation, education and the close cultural and civilisational ties between India and Sri Lanka. They underlined that as sister democracies with shared heritage, India and Sri Lanka should continue to work on a shared developmental vision for the peace and prosperity of the region.

FM SITHARAMAN ADDRESSES VIBRANT INDIAN DIASPORA IN US, MEETS TOP CEOS



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman interacted and addressed the vibrant Indian diaspora community in the US at the Consulate General of India's office. FM Sitharaman lauded the diaspora's role as a formidable force that enhances India's soft power, global standing, and bilateral relationships. She emphasised India's potential to serve not only as a major market but also as a global hub for developing, testing and manufacturing autonomous defence systems, leveraging its technology capabilities, skilled workforce and growing innovation ecosystem. She met Mark S. Hoplamazian, President and CEO, Hyatt, in Chicago. The discussions covered Hyatt's continued commitment to India and opportunities to further expand its presence as the country's tourism and hospitality sector enters a new phase of growth, according to a Finance Ministry statement. She highlighted India's improving connectivity and infrastructure, which is opening up new tourism and commercial destinations, with Tier-II and Tier-III cities emerging as important centres of economic activity and travel. FM Sitharaman also suggested exploring opportunities for talent development through the National Institute of Hospitality and GIFT City as a

potential financing and treasury hub for Hyatt's growing India operations. She earlier met Brandon Tseng, Co-founder and President, Shield AI. The discussions focused on Shield AI's engagement with India and opportunities to deepen cooperation in AI-enabled autonomy, unmanned systems and next-generation defence technologies, including R&D, technology development, co-development and co-production. In her meeting with Monish Patolawala, EVP and CFO, ADM, the discussions covered ADM's long-standing commitment to India and significant opportunities to deepen its engagement across agriculture, food, nutrition, technology and sustainable value chains. The finance minister welcomed ADM's investments in India, including its growing farmer partnerships, engagement with FPOs and establishment of its global technology and AI capabilities in Bengaluru. She highlighted opportunities to further strengthen linkages with Indian farmers and expand regenerative and sustainable agriculture, while leveraging India's capabilities in food processing, innovation and emerging technologies.

PIYUSH GOYAL LAUDS INDIAN DIASPORA FOR STRENGTHENING INDIA-JAPAN TIES



Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal lauded the contribution of the Indian diaspora in Japan for strengthening India-Japan ties. Addressing the Indian community in Tokyo, he described the nearly 60,000-strong Indian diaspora in Japan as "Brand Ambassadors of India." Goyal said that the energy, enthusiasm and confidence witnessed during his visit to Japan reflected the growing strength of India-Japan relations. He expressed gratitude to the Indian community for building goodwill through their work and engagement with Japanese society. He noted that more than 200 representatives from Indian industry and business were part of the delegation accompanying him during his visit to Japan. Describing it as the largest business delegation he had led to Japan, he said the strong participation reflected substantial interest on both sides in expanding business-to-business engagement and investment opportunities. Goyal also highlighted the opportunities for Indian professionals in Japan. He said that there is significant demand for skilled workers across sectors, including caregivers, nurses, welders, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, drivers, engineers, artificial intelligence professionals, chartered accountants and seafarers. Goyal highlighted the important contribution of the Indian diaspora to India's economy through remittances. He said that remittances support families, generate economic activity and contribute to savings and investment, thereby making the diaspora an important partner in India's development journey. He also emphasised the Government's commitment to the welfare and safety of Indians abroad.

MOS PABITRA MARGHERITA INTERACTS WITH INDIAN DIASPORA IN LAOS



Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita interacted with the Indian diaspora in Laos and appreciated their contribution to strengthening ties between the two nations. The Minister also interacted with alumni of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC) and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in Vientiane. Earlier in the day, Mr Margherita held an interaction with stakeholders from the tourism and textile sectors of Laos

MOS KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH INTERACTS WITH INDIAN COMMUNITY IN SAUDI ARABIA





Minister of State for External Affairs, Kirti Vardhan Singh interacted with the Indian community in Saudi Arabia during his visit to the country. In a social media post, he informed that the meeting took place at an event organised by the All-India Steering Committee under the patronage of the Embassy. Mr Singh lauded the Indian community's invaluable contribution to strengthening India and Saudi Arabia ties across trade, investment, energy and culture. He also encouraged them to contribute to the realisation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a Viksit Bharat 2047.

INDIAN-AMERICANS' SOCIAL, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS HIGHLIGHTED IN ATLANTA OUTREACH



The contributions of the Indian-American community to America's social, cultural and economic life, along with its role in preserving Indian traditions, were highlighted during a diaspora outreach initiative by India's Consulate General in Atlanta. Consul General Sumit Seth met with representatives of the Sikh American Society of Georgia (SASG) as part of efforts to strengthen engagement with the Sikh community in the state. During the meeting, Seth and SASG representatives exchanged views on issues of mutual interest to the Indian-American community and discussed ways to further strengthen engagement between the Consulate and the Sikh community in Georgia. The Consul General also highlighted the community's valuable contributions to Georgia's social, cultural and economic landscape. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the community's role in strengthening ties between India and the United States through cultural, social and professional engagement. As part of the diaspora outreach, Seth also met with community leaders from Maharaja Agrasen Bhawan Atlanta (MABA). The discussions focused on MABA's work to promote Indian traditions and culture and its initiatives aimed at bringing members of the Indian diaspora together. The organization's activities contribute to preserving Indian cultural traditions while fostering a sense of community among Indian-Americans in the Atlanta area. The outreach meetings reflect the Consulate General's continued engagement with diverse Indian-American organizations and community groups.



SAN JOSE CELEBRATES 'SING GITA, LIVE GITA'



India's Consul General Shri Satish Sivan joined the 75th Amrit Mahotsav of Chinmaya Mission as Guest of Honor at the "Sing Gita, Live Gita" event in San Jose. The event brought members of the Indian American community together to celebrate the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita through music, devotion and collective chanting, according to the Consulate General of India in San Francisco. Thousands of Indian community members gathered at San Jose's PayPal Park on Sep 6 transforming the venue into a vibrant hub of music, culture, and spirituality as Chinmaya Mission hosted "Sing Gita, Live Gita," a monumental celebration of the timeless wisdom of Bhagavad Gita marking the organization's 75th Amrit Mahotsav. The day-long event featured the interactive Gita Mela, which brought all 18 chapters of the ancient text to life through engaging pavilions, thought-provoking conversations, music, and dance. Designed to make timeless philosophical wisdom joyful and accessible to all ages, the mela allowed children to explore hands-on exhibits while parents engaged in quiet reflection, fostering a deeply personal connection to the scriptures. The evening brought the community together in a celebration of the timeless wisdom of the Bhagavad Gita through music and devotion. Consul General also had a warm interaction with Swami Swaroopananda, Global Head of Chinmaya Mission, and Swami Shantananda, Head of Chinmaya Mission West and Chinmaya Mission San Jose, and acknowledged the Mission's longstanding efforts to share the teachings of the Gita and India's rich cultural traditions with communities worldwide.



PRAYER IN SANSKRIT OPENS SPECIAL PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE SESSION



Indian American state Rep. Arvind Venkat delivered a Hindu prayer based on the Vedic principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam at the opening of a special Pennsylvania House session in Philadelphia commemorating the 250th anniversary of the state's Constitution and the founding of the United States. Venkat, a Democrat, said delivering the prayer was a special honour as the first and only member of the Hindu faith to serve in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. The special session on Sept. 9 brought the legislature back to Congress Hall, the historic building that served as the meeting place for the United States Congress from 1790 to 1800. He said the philosophy was particularly appropriate for a gathering in Philadelphia, where the nation was founded. Then he recited the prayer "Om Sarve Bhavantu Sukhnaha, Sarve Santu Niramaya, Sarve Bhadrani Pashyantu, Maa Kasya Dukkha Bhagavate, Om Shanti Shanti Shanti." This is not the first time Venkat has shared his faith with the chamber. He has previously led the House in traditional invocations during regular sessions, including reciting a Shanti Mantra (prayer of peace) from the Upanishads and the Gayatri Mantra from the Rig Veda.

‘NAMASTE’ SCULPTURE UNVEILED IN FRANCE’S BUSSY-SAINT-GEORGES



A new sculpture depicting the traditional Indian gesture of ‘namaste’ was unveiled in Bussy-Saint-Georges in the eastern suburbs of Paris, celebrating the cultural ties between India and France and the town’s diverse community. The sculpture, featuring two folded hands, was unveiled by the local Mayor, Yann Dubosc, the Consular Minister of India, K. G. Praveen Kumar, and, on behalf of His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj, Anandswarupdas Swami and senior swamis of the nearby BAPS Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir. Installed at a roundabout on Avenue du Général-de-Gaulle, the sculpture is intended to welcome people entering the town while representing values of respect, humility, peace and inclusivity associated with the namaste gesture. The sculpture is intended to offer a warm, inclusive welcome to everyone entering the town, while reflecting the cultural diversity and spirit of inclusivity of the local community. The sculpture continues a distinctive tradition of cultural landmarks across Bussy-Saint-Georges, representing the diverse histories, cultures and traditions present across the town. The unveiling came on the eve of the ‘Festival of Culture’, a 13-day celebration in Bussy-Saint-Georges marking the inauguration of BAPS Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir, the first traditionally designed stone-carved Hindu temple in France. Joined hands symbolise both peace and compassion towards others, but they also symbolise the junction of our two cultures, our two traditions, our two civilisations; different in their existence, but complementary in their search for sharing, brotherhood, and the building of a united humanity, Dubosc said. Véronique Lacroix, Head of Public Spaces for Bussy-Saint-Georges, also participated in the ceremony and was warmly appreciated for her efforts in helping set up the roundabout with the sculpture. Also joining from the mayor’s office were Deputy Mayor Marc Nougayrol and Chief of Staff Cédric Tartaud-Gineste. The Indian Consul Minister Kumar said the Namaste sculpture is a testimony to India’s civilizational heritage. It is a testimony to the enduring French ideals of liberty, equality, and fraternity. It is a testimony to the ideals of secularism as practised in France. Above all, it is a testimony to the beautiful manner in which the Indian community has integrated into France, while retaining their own heritage, he said. Anandswarupdas Swami elaborated upon the value of humility as embodied by the folded hands. All these qualities are deeply cherished in Indian culture, and they create a beautiful bond with France’s appreciation for courtesy, consideration for others, dignity, respect, and human fellowship, he added.

GLOBAL UPI CAN SAVE DIASPORA BILLIONS IN REMITTANCE COSTS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged the fintech ecosystem to expand the global reach of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), connect it with local systems in other countries, and help the diaspora save on remittance costs. In his address after the inauguration of the 7th edition of the Global Fintech Fest, Modi said the UPI platform is now live in 11 countries and has also connected with Singapore's local system. Urging the ecosystem not to rest on the laurels of the last decade when UPI became a ubiquitous platform for real-time payments across the country, the Prime Minister said the next aim should be to expand UPI's reach. He said the focus should be on countries that are home to a large diaspora, have high trade volumes with India, or are willing to partner with us while connecting the systems. "This is essential because Indians work in large numbers in foreign countries. They are the largest remitters of money. A part of the remittances goes away as transaction costs; UPI can help in saving on these costs and the money can also reach families faster," he said. Reiterating French President Emmanuel Macron's words, the Prime Minister said UPI is not

only a tech story but also a civilizational one. He said that after the high number of successes on the payments front over the last many years, the next chapter for the Indian fintech industry should be non-payment transactions. The Prime Minister also urged the fintech community to develop top-notch cybersecurity solutions, ethical data protection standards, and underlined the need for a fintech regulatory ecosystem and a fintech consumer protection index, which can help rate every company on transparency.

INDIA'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY SHOWCASED AT STAMFORD WORLDFEST



The Global Organization of People of Indian Origin-Connecticut Chapter (GOPIO-CT) joined the Stamford Public Library for WorldFest: One City, Many Cultures. GOPIO-CT represented India at the festival, which was organized by Yelena Klompus, reference librarian and ELL (English Language Learner) and Citizenship & Cultural Programs manager at the Ferguson Library in Stamford, Connecticut. The program began with a welcome from Library President Alice Knapp. GOPIO-CT presented "Dances of India" as the opening cultural performance in the library auditorium, showcasing the richness and diversity of India's cultural traditions. The festival celebrated the many cultures that make Stamford a vibrant and diverse community, with cultural presentations representing China, Haiti, Mexico, the United States, Bangladesh, Hungary and India. The Indian cultural segment was coordinated by Yashasvi Jhangiani, with GOPIO-CT volunteers and performers coming together to make the presentation a success. GOPIO International Chairman Dr. Thomas Abraham and GOPIO-CT President Mahesh Jhangiani were also present to support and celebrate the event. "GOPIO-CT is proud to partner with the Stamford Public Library in promoting cultural understanding, community harmony and appreciation of Stamford's rich multicultural heritage," said Jhangiani. GOPIO-CT serves as a nonpartisan, secular, civic and community service organization, promoting awareness of Indian culture, customs and contributions of people of Indian origin through community programs, forums, events and youth activities. It seeks to strengthen partnerships and create an ongoing dialogue with local communities.

HISTORIC FIRST GANGA AARTI HELD ON RIVER THAMES IN UK



Thousands gathered on the banks of the River Thames for the first-ever Ganga Aarti, a ceremony of light and thanksgiving, in London. Thousands of people gathered on the banks of the River Thames in London on Sunday for the first-ever Ganga aarti in the city, a ceremony of light and thanksgiving organised as part of the 75th anniversary celebrations of Chinmaya Mission.

Titled 'Ganga Aarti on the Thames: A Ceremony of Light', the event was organised by Chinmaya Mission UK in collaboration with the annual Totally Thames festival. Recreating the ethos of the well-known aarti held on the banks of the Ganga in India, it was conceived as a symbol of the life-giving flow of nature, knowledge and consciousness. The sell-out event is likely to become a regular annual feature.

Swami Swaroopananda, Global Head of Chinmaya Mission, said the idea was to bring people together in a shared spiritual space in the heart of London.

The aarti, a traditional Hindu ceremony of gratitude involving large multi-tiered oil lamps accompanied by prayer, music and chanting, was presented as an expression of reverence for the river and wider gratitude for Mother Nature. The ceremony on the Thames was held entirely on land, with nothing from it placed, poured or released into the river.

Set against the backdrop of the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich, the event featured music and chanting and brought together senior spiritual leaders and representatives from Hindu organisations and communities across the UK. It was planned as a wider celebration for the British Hindu and South Asian community, while also inviting people of all backgrounds to join in gratitude and reverence for nature. Chinmaya Mission UK said, "At its heart, Ganga aarti reminds us not to take the natural world for granted. Gratitude towards nature should be expressed not only through prayer, but through the care and responsibility with which we treat the environment around us."

Chinmaya Mission, founded in 1951, is a global movement rooted in the wisdom of Vedanta and inspired by Swami Chinmayananda. It now has more than 350 locations worldwide and runs spiritual, cultural, academic and service initiatives. In the UK, it offers programmes for children, teenagers, young adults, families and senior citizens. Totally Thames, organised by a trust since 1997, celebrates the River Thames through arts, environmental, heritage and education programmes. Sunday's event brought those strands together in a first-of-its-kind Ganga aarti on the Thames.

RENOWNED INDOLOGIST DR. SHASHIBALA HONOURED BY INDIAN HISTORY AWARENESS AND RESEARCH (IHAR) AND INDIA HOUSE, LONDON



Indian History Awareness and Research (IHAR) and India House were honored to host an inspiring presentation and book release by renowned Indologist Dr. Shashibala, Dean of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, New Delhi. Speaking on the theme "Ancient India & Our Shared Asian Heritage," Dr. Shashibala took the audience on a remarkable journey across Asia, presenting decades of research that traces the enduring influence of Indian civilization beyond its borders. Through compelling historical evidence—including Sanskrit manuscripts, inscriptions, temple architecture, artistic traditions, archaeological discoveries, and cultural practices—she illustrated how Indian knowledge systems, philosophy, language, and spiritual traditions spread across regions such as Mongolia, China, Tibet, Korea, Japan, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, and even parts of Russia, leaving an indelible imprint on world history.

The event also marked the release of Dr. Shashibala's latest work - The Silk Route of Dharma - celebrating her lifelong dedication to documenting India's civilizational contributions to humanity. Beyond history, her message was deeply relevant for today—highlighting the universal values of Dharma, compassion, harmony with nature, knowledge, and peaceful cultural exchange that have connected civilizations for centuries. The engaging presentation sparked thoughtful discussions among attendees and reaffirmed IHAR's and India House Houston's commitment to fostering awareness of India's rich intellectual and cultural heritage while encouraging meaningful dialogue on our shared Asian past and its relevance for the future.

ARSP CHAPTERS ACTIVITIES

SEMINAR ON SHRIMAD BHAGVAT GEETA

Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) – Gurugram Chapter, in collaboration with ISKON, Gurugram, organised a discourse on the topic 'Geeta - Vaishvik Parampara', on July 5, 2026 at the ISKON Temple, Gurugram. The two distinguished speakers on the event were Ambassador Vinod Kumar, President, ARSP - Bharat and Prabhu ji Shri Arjun Nath Das, in charge of the ISKON Temple. Ambassador Rajesh Sachdeva participated as Guest of Honour, along with Shri Subhash Garg, Shri Data Ram Hans and Shri Rajiv Chhabra. The programme started with Rashtra Geet - Vande Mataram and was followed by a Welcome address by Shri Gagan Gaur.

Ambassador Vinod Kumar said that Geeta has been published in more than 80 languages of the world. It is not only religious book, but it conveys message about day-to-day living, respect for elders to live peacefully in this world with relations and friends, and contains a message of welfare for the mankind.

Prabhuji Shri Arjun Nath Das recited a number of shlokas from the Holy Book and explained their deep meaning. He further said that though the Geeta was written about 5200 years ago, yet all its parts are relevant to each of us right from our childhood till old age and that we must be guided by the thoughts shared by Lord Krishna himself.

Ambassador Rajesh Sachdeva also explained the teachings of the Sacred Book - Geeta, urging all to emulate them in life.

Vote of Thanks was presented by Shri T. N. Malhotra, chairman of Chapters committee, ARSP.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DEHRADUN CHAPTER

The Annual General Meeting of ARSP Dehradun Chapter, was held on 02 August 2026 at Dehradun. The event was conducted by Shri Adesh Shukla, Secretary, ARSP Dehradun Chapter, assisted by Smt. Namita Mamgain, Joint Secretary, ARSP Dehradun Chapter.

Shri Avinash Mannan, President, ARSP Gurugram Chapter and his wife Smt. Dolly Mannan attended the meeting as special invitee. In a special message, Shri Shyam (KG.) Parande, Secretary General, ARSP, said that the ARSP Dehradun Chapter excels in its initiatives and is actively achieving the desired objectives.

Shri S. S. Kothiyal, President, ARSP Dehradun Chapter, briefly recounted the activities undertaken by the Chapter during the year gone by and thanked the members for their enthusiastic participation, which he said was the principal strength of the Chapter. Thereafter, the new members who have recently joined the ARSP family were formally welcomed into the ARSP Pariwar. Shri Adesh Shukla, Secretary, ARSP Dehradun Chapter explained to the new members the aims, working and membership obligations of the Parishad, and assured them of the fullest cooperation of the Executive Committee.

The House took up for deliberation the Annual Plan of Activities for the coming year. The action plan for the coming year proposed the following broad heads of activities:

- seminars and talks on subjects of contemporary relevance;
- goodwill visits and interactions with visiting foreign delegations and students;
- day trips in and around Dehradun for members and their families; and
- outstation trips of longer duration.

Shri Chandragupta Vikram, Vice President, said that the valuable suggestions were made by the members, which will be compiled by the Secretary and placed before the Executive Committee for implementation.

The AGM was followed by Parivar Milan samaroh, which was attended by106 participants. Notable among those were - Shri J. P. Mamgain, IRS, former Chief Information Commissioner; Shri Jagdish Babla, environmentalist, awarded with Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Puruskar -2005, by Government of India, the highest Puraskar in Paryavaran; and Dr. K. B. Joshi, a senior cardiologist and member of the American Society of Cardiology, the American Society of Echocardiography, the European Society of Cardiology, the European Society of Cardiology and the Indian Academy of Echocardiography. Dr. Joshi was conferred with "ARSP Pratisthit Nagrik Samman - 2026", and was accompanied by his wife Smt. Bharati Joshi.

VISIT TO AYODHYA NAGARI AND KASHI BY ARSP MEMBERS



A visit was organised to two historic and sacred cities. Ayodhya, a city of immense historic importance and Kashi, the secret city of Lord Shiva, under the leadership of Shri Trilokinath Malhotra Chairman ARSP Chapters Committee from September 5-7, 2026. The delegation visited Hanuman Gadi Mandir, The Ram temple, and participated in Sarayu River Arti Darshan in Ayodhya. Thereafter the delegation proceeded to Kashi, where they were received by Dr Ajit Saigal, Secretary, ARSP Varanasi Chapter and a much-decorated Orthopaedic Surgeon. At his clinic, all the 20 travellers were tested for Vitamin D deficiency, on complimentary basis by Dr Saigal. The delegation visited Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Bhairon temple, Sankat Mochan Temple, The Temple of Knowledge - Banaras Hindu University, Sarnath and Buddha temple.



It was a memorable trip, which fulfilled our dream of having Darshan of two most spiritual and secret cities of Hindus. A big shout out and thank you to Shri Triloki Nath Malhotra ji who organised the trip and took extremely good care of each and every participant. During the trip, our bonding was immense and we all loved being together.

INDIAN-ORIGIN UK NURSE AGIMOL PRADEEP WINS ASTER GUARDIANS GLOBAL NURSING AWARD 2026



Agimol Pradeep, an Indian-origin nurse based in the UK, recently won the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2026. On Saturday, Kerala Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan presented the cash prize of $250,000 to the nurse at an event held in Kochi. It was Pradeep's contribution to greater awareness of organ and stem-cell donation over the years that gained her the recognition. A senior transplant coordinator at King's College Hospital and honorary senior lecturer at the University of Salford, she has emerged as the winner from more than 134,000 registrations from 214 countries and economies, from which 10 finalists were selected. The finalists were selected through a process involving Ernst & Young LLP, a screening jury, and a grand jury. They were assessed on their professional achievements, leadership, innovation, impact, and contribution to nursing. Nations including India, Sweden, Saudi Arabia, China, Colombia, Namibia, Nigeria and Papua New Guinea were represented through the finalists. "I have seen how a shortage of ethnically matched donors can leave patients from minority communities waiting for a life-saving transplant," she said, as per a report by The Week.

पेरिस में स्वामीनारायण मंदिर का उद्घाटन





प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने कहा है कि भारत और फ्रांस के संबंध नई ऊंचाइयों पर पहुंच गए हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि यह रणनीतिक साझेदारी इसलिए भी खास है, क्योंकि ये हमारे पुराने सांस्कृतिक-राजनैतिक संबंधों की मजबूत बुनियाद पर टिकी है। पेरिस में स्वामीनारायण मंदिर के उद्घाटन समारोह को वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंस के माध्यम से संबोधित करते हुए प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने उम्मीद जताई कि पेरिस में बना यह भव्य मंदिर सदियों तक दोनों देशों के बीच सहयोग और अवसरों के प्रतीक के रूप में खड़ा रहेगा। उन्होंने कहा, 'हाल के वर्षों में भारत और फ्रांस के संबंध नई ऊंचाइयों पर पहुंचे हैं। मेरे मित्र राष्ट्रपति (इमैनुएल) मैक्रों के साथ मिलकर दोनों देश विशेष वैश्विक रणनीतिक साझेदारी को आगे बढ़ा रहे हैं।' उन्होंने कहा कि यह मंदिर न केवल फ्रांस की विविधता को समृद्ध करेगा, बल्कि भारत और फ्रांस के बीच सांस्कृतिक संबंधों में भी नई ऊर्जा लाएगा। उन्होंने कहा, 'भाषा प्रेमी यह भी जानते हैं कि संस्कृत को लोकप्रिय बनाने में फ्रांसीसी विद्वानों ने महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई थी। रोमां रोलां के रामकृष्ण परमहंस और स्वामी विवेकानंद पर लिखे गए कार्यों ने हमारे समाजों को और करीब लाने का काम किया।' मोदी ने कहा कि पेरिस से पुडुचेरी स्थित श्री अरविंद आश्रम तक 'द मदर' की आध्यात्मिक यात्रा ने भारत और फ्रांस के असंख्य साधकों को प्रेरित किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि कई दशक पहले श्रील प्रभुपाद स्वामी भी फ्रांस आए थे जिससे इस्कॉन के माध्यम से दोनों देशों के बीच आध्यात्मिक संबंधों का एक नया अध्याय शुरू हुआ। प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा, 'आज योग भी दोनों देशों के लोगों को जोड़ने वाला एक माध्यम बन गया है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस पर एफिल टावर की तस्वीरें फ्रांस में योग की अपार लोकप्रियता को दर्शाती हैं।' वास्तुशिल्पीय समन्वय का विवरण देते हुए प्रधानमंत्री ने बताया कि किस प्रकार प्राचीन भारतीय शिल्प-कौशल को आधुनिक फ्रांसीसी इंजीनियरिंग के साथ सहज रूप से समन्वित कर इस भव्य संरचना का निर्माण किया गया। उन्होंने भारत से भेजे गए पत्थरों पर की गई बारीक और कुशल कारीगरी को भी रेखांकित किया। श्री मोदी ने कहा, “यह मंदिर वास्तव में ‘मेड इन इंडिया’ और ‘बिल्ट इन फ्रांस’ है।”

फ्रैंकफर्ट, जर्मनी में अन्तराष्ट्रीय भारतीय भाषा संगोष्ठी एवं अन्तराष्ट्रीय बहुभाषी कवि सम्मलेन का आयोजन



जर्मनी के फ्रैंकफर्ट शहर में वैश्विक हिन्दी परिवार, वैश्विक हिंदीशाला संस्थान (जर्मनी), वैश्विक भाषा, कला एवं संस्कृति संगठन (GLAC, यूरोप), सेवा इंटरनेशनल(जर्मनी), भारतीय भाषा मंच, वैश्विक हिंदीशाला संस्थान (जर्मनी) के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में अंतरराष्ट्रीय भारतीय भाषा संगोष्ठी एवं भारतीय बहुभाषी कवि सम्मलेन आयोजित किया गया।
दो सत्रों में आयोजित इस कार्यक्रम में श्री भूपेन्द्र सिंह निखुरपा जी Consul (Commerce & Political) Frankfurt Consulate उपस्थित थे।

प्रथम सत्र हिंदी , तमिल, तेलगु, मराठी, मलयालम, कन्नड़, पंजाबी आदि भाषाओं की कविताओं को समर्पित रहा। जिसका संचालन डॉ. शिप्रा शिल्पी सक्सेना ने किया। सर्वप्रथम इस कार्यक्रम के आयोजक, श्री राहुल नारायण ने स्वागत भाषण प्रस्तुत किया। दीप प्रज्ज्वलन के साथ अद्वैत ए. बावडेकर ने सुमधुर स्वर में “असतो माँ सदगमय” मंत्र का पाठ किया। कवि सम्मेलन के विधिवत प्रारम्भ से पूर्व श्री अतुल कोठारी (संरक्षक : भारतीय भाषा मंच) एवं श्री श्याम परांडे (ग्लोबल कॉर्डिनेटर एवं सचिव : सेवा इंटरनेशनल तथा महासचिव, अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद, भारत) और संकल्प फाउंडेशन के अध्यक्ष श्री संतोष तनेजा जी के शुभकामना संदेशों को डिजिटल माध्यम से दिखाया गया। इस अवसर पर कार्यक्रम के अध्यक्ष डॉ. पद्मेश गुप्ता (संरक्षक, वैश्विक हिन्दी परिवार, लन्दन), ने कहा कि भारतीय भाषाएं अपने आप में अत्यंत समृद्ध है जरूरत बस एक जुट होकर एक साथ उनके संवर्धन के लिए कार्य करने की है, जिसका उदाहरण आज का यह सम्मेलन है। प्रथम सत्र के मुख्य अतिथि कपिल कुमार (बेल्जियम) ने कहा कि ऐसे महत्वपूर्ण आयोजन भारतीय भाषाओं को विदेशों में और भी समृद्ध करेंगे, हम भविष्य में भी एक साथ ऐसे आयोजन करते रहेंगे। वाणी प्रकाशन के अध्यक्ष श्री अरुण माहेश्वरी (भारत) ने कहा कि साहित्य एवं शिक्षण के क्षेत्र में प्रवासियों का योगदान महत्वपूर्ण है। वाणी प्रकाशन प्रवासी लेखकों की रचनाओं के प्रकाशन में यथा संभव सहयोग करेगा। श्री रमेश शर्मा (KVM मेंबर एवं सोशल एक्टिविस्ट, जर्मनी) ने कहा कि जर्मनी में भारतीय भाषाओं को समर्पित यह बहुभाषी कवि सम्मेलन एवं शैक्षणिक सत्र निश्चित ही जर्मनी में भारतीय भाषाओं के उन्नयन की दिशा में महत्वपूर्ण कार्य है। श्री राकेश भटनागर (पूर्व अध्यक्ष HCC e.V जर्मनी), ने कहा कि साहित्य के क्षेत्र में एक ही मंच पर विभिन्न भाषाओं को अपने विचार एवं कविताओं को साझा करते देखना सुखद है, ऐसे सार्थक आयोजन भावी पीढ़ी को भारत की भाषाओं, साहित्य एवं संस्कृति से जोड़ने में महती

भूमिका का निर्वाह करेंगे। कार्यक्रम में लन्दन, यूके से डॉ. पद्मेश गुप्त, सुश्री तितिक्षा शाह, भारत से श्री अनिल जोशी, बेल्जियम से श्री कपिल कुमार,नीदरलैंड से श्री विश्वास दुबे, श्री मनीष पांडेय 'मनु', श्री अश्विनी केगांवकर ने जहां अपनी भावपूर्ण प्रस्तुतियों से सभी के मन को मोह लिया, वहीं जर्मनी से सुश्री शेफाली गुप्ता, सुश्री रश्मि त्रिवेदी, सुश्री पाँखुरी भटनागर, सुश्री अंजू राय, डॉ. शिप्रा शिल्पी (हिंदी) ने अपनी रचनाओं के सशक्त पाठ से दर्शकों को मंत्र मुग्ध कर दिया। वही श्री कुलदीप मुल्तानी (पंजाबी), सुश्री शोभा चौहान (कन्नड़), श्री अद्वैत अमोल बाडवेकर एवं सुश्री शिल्पा गडमडे-मुळे(मराठी). श्री निवास रामकृष्णा प्रतापा (तेलगु),श्री सौंदर्यराजू गोविंदराजू, (तमिल), आदि ने अपनी संवेदनशील रचनाओं से दर्शकों की खूब तालियां बटोरी। इस अवसर पर आईसेक्ट पब्लिकेशन द्वारा प्रकाशित डॉ. शिप्रा शिल्पी सक्सेना के संपादन में 'जर्मनी की चयनित रचनाएं' एवं श्री विश्वास दुबे की पुस्तक "दिल से दिल तक" का लोकार्पण किया गया। डॉ. जवाहर कर्णावट (भारत) एवं श्री मनीष पांडेय मनु (नीदरलैंड) ने पुस्तक पर अपने विचार व्यक्त किये। वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार के अध्यक्ष, श्री अनिल जोशी ने बताया कि जर्मनी में आयोजित इस ऐतिहासिक सम्मलेन से वैश्विक स्तर पर हिंदी के प्रचार-प्रसार को एक सुदृढ़ आधार प्राप्त हुआ है । प्रथम सत्र का औपचारिक धन्यवाद ज्ञापन आयोजक समिति की सदस्य सुश्री चित्रा अग्रवाल ने किया।

ब्रिटेन के हिन्दी छात्रों एवं शिक्षकों का स्वागत एवं सम्मान समारोह संपन्न



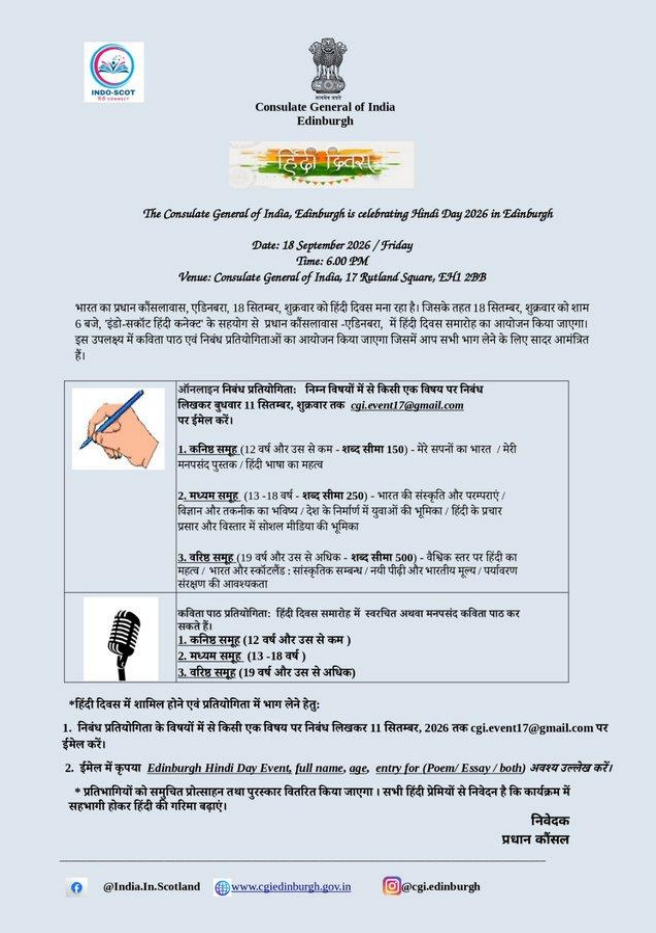
अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद एवं वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में 17 अगस्त 2026 को भारतीय सांस्कृतिक संबंध परिषद (ICCR) में ब्रिटेन में हिंदी अध्ययन कर रहे विद्यार्थियों एवं शिक्षकों के स्वागत एवं सम्मान समारोह का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित सभी अतिथियों, शिक्षकों एवं विद्यार्थियों को ICCR के उप-महानिदेशक, डॉ. राजेश रंजन द्वारा अंगवस्त्रम भेंट कर सम्मानित किया गया। इसके पश्चात् डॉ. नीलम वर्मा ने सभी अतिथियों, शिक्षकों एवं विद्यार्थियों का औपचारिक स्वागत किया। इस अवसर पर डॉ. नीलम वर्मा की पुस्तक 'समयांतर' का लोकार्पण भी किया गया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्री मनोज श्रीवास्तव 'अनाम', संपादक, साहित्य सप्तक, ने किया। कार्यक्रम के प्रारंभ में ICCR के उप-महानिदेशक, डॉ. राजेश रंजन ने कहा कि हिंदी भाषा सभी को जोड़ने का कार्य करती है। उन्होंने हिंदी के विकास में ICCR की भूमिका तथा ICCR की पत्रिका 'गगनांचल' के माध्यम से हिंदी के प्रचार-प्रसार पर प्रकाश डाला। उन्होंने प्रवासी भारतीयों एवं विदेशों में हिंदी सीख रहे विद्यार्थियों को भारत से जुड़े विषयों पर लेखन के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया।

अध्यक्षीय उद्बोधन में श्री सुशील सिंघल, पूर्व राजदूत एवं वरिष्ठ उपाध्यक्ष, अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद, ने यूके हिंदी समिति के योगदान की सराहना की। उन्होंने कहा कि विदेशों में भारतीय भाषाओं और संस्कृति के संरक्षण में प्रवासी भारतीयों की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका रही है। मुख्य वक्ता कवयित्री अलका सिन्हा ने भाषा को व्यक्ति की पहचान और संस्कृति का महत्वपूर्ण आधार बताते हुए कहा कि घर-परिवार में हिंदी एवं मातृभाषा के प्रयोग को बढ़ावा देना चाहिए। उन्होंने भाषा के विस्तार के साथ भारतीय संस्कृति के संरक्षण पर भी बल दिया। श्री नारायण कुमार, मानक निदेशक, अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद, ने भारतीय भाषाओँ एवं भारतीय संस्कृति की विशेषताओं का उल्लेख किया। उन्होंने कहा कि ब्रिटेन में बसे भारतीयों के प्रयासों से हिंदी के विकास को नई दिशा मिली है। प्रो गोपाल अरोड़ा, सचिव, अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद, ने साहित्य एवं भाषा के प्रति विद्यार्थियों और शिक्षकों के प्रयासों की सराहना की। उन्होंने कहा कि भाषा का अपना अर्थशास्त्र और अर्थविज्ञान होता है तथा भाषा आर्थिक और व्यावसायिक अवसरों के द्वार भी खोलता है। उन्होंने विद्यार्थियों को भाषा एवं साहित्य के अध्ययन के साथ सोशल नेटवर्क और कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) जैसे आधुनिक माध्यमों के सदुपयोग का संदेश दिया। डॉ. रमा, प्राचार्य, हंसराज कॉलेज, ने ब्रिटेन से आए विद्यार्थियों को हिंदी के प्रेरणास्रोत बताते हुए कहा कि वे विदेशों में हिंदी के स्रोत और संवाहक हैं। उन्होंने भारत को देवभूमि बताते हुए विद्यार्थियों की भारत यात्रा की सफलता की कामना की और हिंदी के विकास के लिए निरंतर प्रयास करने का संदेश दिया। आभासी पटल के माध्यम से वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार के अध्यक्ष श्री अनिल शर्मा जोशी ने कहा कि भाषा के प्रति रुचि संस्कृति को समझने का माध्यम बनती है। भारत की यात्रा हिंदी और भारतीय संस्कृति को समझने की दिशा में महत्वपूर्ण पड़ाव है। उन्होंने विश्वास व्यक्त किया कि ऐसे प्रयासों से हिंदी को वैश्विक स्तर पर और अधिक मजबूती मिलेगी। श्री ऋषि कुमार शर्मा, अध्यक्ष, वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार, दिल्ली इकाई, ने सभी अतिथियों एवं प्रतिभागियों के प्रति आभार व्यक्त किया। उन्होंने सुरेखा चौंफला के हिंदी के प्रति समर्पण की प्रशंसा करते हुए कहा कि अच्छे कार्यों के लिए निरंतर प्रयास आवश्यक हैं। उन्होंने ब्रिटेन में हिंदी की स्थिति एवं विरासत का उल्लेख करते हुए हिंदी के विकास के लिए "संकल्प बना रहे, विकल्प न रहे" का संदेश दिया। श्री शिव कुमार निगम, सचिव, वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार, दिल्ली इकाई, ने कहा कि भारतीय संस्कृति और हिंदी की विरासत अगली पीढ़ी तक पहुँचनी चाहिए। उन्होंने विद्यार्थियों की भारत यात्रा को उनके अनुभवों और ज्ञान के विस्तार की महत्वपूर्ण कड़ी बताया। डॉ सुमित कुमार मीणा, सहायक आचार्य, हिंदी विभाग, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय, ने सभी अतिथियों एवं विद्यार्थियों का हृदय से स्वागत करते हुए वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् की भावना को मजबूत करने का आह्वान किया। उन्होंने कहा कि हिंदी के माध्यम से भारत से जुड़ाव भारतीय संस्कृति के विस्तार में सहायक होगा। डॉ विवेक शर्मा, सहायक आचार्य, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय, ने जानकी देवी मेमोरियल महाविद्यालय में आगामी 24 अगस्त के कार्यक्रम का उल्लेख करते हुए सभी को आमंत्रित किया तथा हिंदी के विकास के लिए किए जा रहे



प्रयासों के प्रति आभार व्यक्त किया। सुश्री सुरेखा चौंफला (ब्रिटेन), हिन्दी अध्यापिका, ने अपने संस्मरण साझा करते हुए विदेश में हिंदी सीखने और सिखाने के अनुभवों को प्रस्तुत किया। उन्होंने बताया कि वर्ष 1994 से हिंदी सीखने का प्रयास आरंभ हुआ और मंदिरों से हिंदी से जुड़ने की उनकी यात्रा आगे बढ़ी। सुश्री अंजना उप्पल (ब्रिटेन), हिन्दी अध्यापिका, ने सुरेखा जी के साथ अपने अनुभव साझा करते हुए हिंदी शिक्षण और हिंदी के विकास में उनके योगदान की सराहना की। कार्यक्रम के अंत में डॉ. शिवम शर्मा, अनुवाद अधिकारी, जवाहरलाल नेहरु विश्वविद्यालय, ने सभी अतिथियों, शिक्षकों, विद्यार्थियों एवं आयोजकों के प्रति औपचारिक धन्यवाद ज्ञापित किया।

एडिनबर्ग में मनाया जाएगा हिंदी दिवस, पीढ़ियों को जोड़ने के लिए प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन



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भारत का प्रधान कौंसलावास, एडिनबरा, 18 सितम्बर, शुक्रवार को हिंदी दिवस मना रहा है। जिसके तहत 18 सितम्बर, शुक्रवार को शाम 6 बजे, 'इंडो-स्कॉट हिंदी कनेक्ट' के सहयोग से प्रधान कौंसलावास -एडिनबरा, में हिंदी दिवस समारोह का आयोजन किया जाएगा। इस उपलक्ष्य में कविता पाठ एवं निबंध प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया जाएगा जिसमें आप सभी भाग लेने के लिए सादर आमंत्रित हैं।

ऑनलाइन निबंध प्रतियोगिता: निम्न विषयों में से किसी एक विषय पर निबंध लिखकर बुधवार 11 सितम्बर, शुक्रवार तक cgi.event17@gmail.com पर ईमेल करें।

1. कनिष्ठ समूह (12 वर्ष और उस से कम - **शब्द सीमा 150**) - मेरे सपनों का भारत / मेरी मनपसंद पुस्तक / हिंदी भाषा का महत्व

2. मध्यम समूह (13 -18 वर्ष - **शब्द सीमा 250**) - भारत की संस्कृति और परम्पराएं / विज्ञान और तकनीक का भविष्य / देश के निर्माण में युवाओं की भूमिका / हिंदी के प्रचार प्रसार और विस्तार में सोशल मीडिया की भूमिका

3. वरिष्ठ समूह (19 वर्ष और उस से अधिक - **शब्द सीमा 500**) - वैश्विक स्तर पर हिंदी का महत्व / भारत और स्कॉटलैंड : सांस्कृतिक सम्बन्ध / नयी पीढ़ी और भारतीय मूल्य / पर्यावरण संरक्षण की आवश्यकता

कविता पाठ प्रतियोगिता: हिंदी दिवस समारोह में स्वरचित अथवा मनपसंद कविता पाठ कर सकते हैं।
1. कनिष्ठ समूह (12 वर्ष और उस से कम)
2. मध्यम समूह (13 -18 वर्ष)
3. वरिष्ठ समूह (19 वर्ष और उस से अधिक)

*हिंदी दिवस में शामिल होने एवं प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने हेतु:

1. निबंध प्रतियोगिता के विषयों में से किसी एक विषय पर निबंध लिखकर 11 सितम्बर, 2026 तक cgi.event17@gmail.com पर ईमेल करें।
2. ईमेल में कृपया *Edinburgh Hindi Day Event, full name, age, entry for (Poem/ Essay / both) अवश्य उल्लेख करें।*

* प्रतिभागियों को समुचित प्रोत्साहन तथा पुरस्कार वितरित किया जाएगा । सभी हिंदी प्रेमियों से निवेदन है कि कार्यक्रम में सहभागी होकर हिंदी की गरिमा बढ़ाएं।

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स्कॉटलैंड में भारत के महावाणिज्य दूतावास, एडिनबर्ग द्वारा **18 सितंबर 2026 को हिंदी दिवस** मनाया जाएगा। इस आयोजन का उद्देश्य विदेश में हिंदी भाषा के प्रति रुचि बढ़ाने के साथ-साथ भारतीय समुदाय की नई पीढ़ी को अपनी भाषा और सांस्कृतिक विरासत से जोड़ना है। आयोजकों ने हिंदी दिवस समारोह में विभिन्न आयु वर्ग के लोगों की व्यापक भागीदारी सुनिश्चित करने के लिए **ऑनलाइन निबंध लेखन प्रतियोगिता** और **लाइव कविता पाठ प्रतियोगिता** का आयोजन किया है। इन गतिविधियों के माध्यम से स्कॉटलैंड में रहने वाले भारतीय मूल के लोगों, हिंदी प्रेमियों और भाषा सीखने वाले प्रतिभागियों को अपनी रचनात्मक प्रतिभा प्रदर्शित करने का अवसर मिलेगा। हिंदी दिवस भारत में प्रत्येक वर्ष **14 सितंबर** को मनाया जाता है। यह दिन हिंदी को भारत की राजभाषा के रूप में स्वीकार किए जाने की ऐतिहासिक घटना की स्मृति से जुड़ा है। विदेशों में भारतीय मिशनों द्वारा हिंदी दिवस के आयोजन भारतीय भाषाओं और संस्कृति को वैश्विक स्तर पर बढ़ावा देने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं। एडिनबर्ग में प्रस्तावित कार्यक्रम विशेष रूप से महत्वपूर्ण है क्योंकि स्कॉटलैंड में भारतीय समुदाय लंबे समय से भाषा, साहित्य और भारतीय सांस्कृतिक परंपराओं को जीवंत बनाए रखने में सक्रिय रहा है। निबंध और कविता जैसी साहित्यिक गतिविधियां बच्चों और युवाओं सहित विभिन्न पीढ़ियों को हिंदी से जोड़ने का माध्यम बन सकती हैं। महावाणिज्य दूतावास का यह आयोजन विदेश में **हिंदी के प्रचार-प्रसार, भारतीय सांस्कृतिक पहचान के संरक्षण और प्रवासी भारतीय समुदाय के बीच भाषाई जुड़ाव** को मजबूत करने की दिशा में एक पहल के रूप में देखा जा सकता है। समारोह के माध्यम से हिंदी को केवल भारतीय समुदाय की भाषा के रूप में नहीं, बल्कि साहित्य और संस्कृति की वैश्विक भाषा के रूप में प्रस्तुत करने का अवसर भी मिलेगा।

भारतीय मूल के वैज्ञानिक सेतुरामन पंचनाथन को NAE का आर्थर एम. ब्यूचे पुरस्कार



भारतीय मूल के अमेरिकी वैज्ञानिक सेतुरामन पंचनाथन को नेशनल एकेडमी ऑफ इंजीनियरिंग (NAE) के प्रतिष्ठित 2026 आर्थर एम. ब्यूचे पुरस्कार के लिए चुना गया है। वह इस सम्मान के लिए चुने जाने वाले पहले भारतीय-अमेरिकी **हैं**। यह पुरस्कार विज्ञान और इंजीनियरिंग को बढ़ावा देने तथा अमेरिका में अनुसंधान और नवाचार को आगे बढ़ाने में उल्लेखनीय योगदान के लिए दिया जाता है। पंचनाथन वर्तमान में अमेरिका के नेशनल साइंस फाउंडेशन (NSF) का नेतृत्व कर रहे हैं। उनके कार्य में कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI), क्वांटम कंप्यूटिंग और उभरती प्रौद्योगिकियों में अनुसंधान तथा नवाचार को बढ़ावा देना प्रमुख रहा है। विज्ञान के प्रति उनका रुझान बचपन से ही विकसित हुआ। वर्ष 1969 में चेन्नई के अमेरिकन सेंटर में उन्होंने अपोलो-11 मिशन से चंद्रमा से लाई गई चट्टानों को देखा था। इस अनुभव ने उन्हें विज्ञान और इंजीनियरिंग की संभावनाओं के प्रति आकर्षित किया। ब्यूचे पुरस्कार के लिए उनका चयन अमेरिकी विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी क्षेत्र में उनके नेतृत्व और अनुसंधान एवं नवाचार को आगे बढ़ाने में योगदान को मान्यता देता है। यह उपलब्धि भारतीय-अमेरिकी वैज्ञानिक समुदाय के लिए भी एक महत्वपूर्ण सम्मान है।

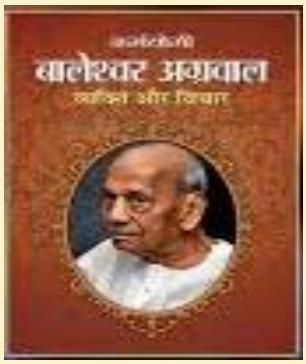
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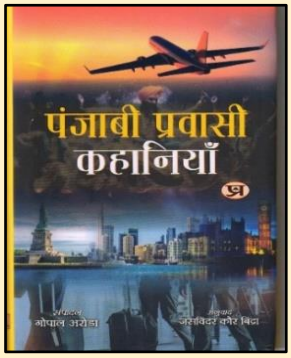
नेपाल में 26 अगस्त को आई भीषण बाढ़ और भूस्खलन के बाद भारत ने राहत एवं बचाव प्रयासों में लगातार सहायता बढ़ाई है। भारत ने अब तक 130 टन से अधिक राहत सामग्री नेपाल भेजी है और 54 विशेषज्ञों को बचाव, राहत तथा फॉरेंसिक कार्यों में सहयोग के लिए तैनात किया है। 9 सितंबर को भारतीय वायुसेना के C-17 विमान से 35 टन राहत सामग्री और विशेष बचाव उपकरण काठमांडू भेजे गए। यह भारत की ओर से भेजी गई आठवीं विशेष उड़ान थी। राहत सामग्री में अस्थायी आश्रय, कंबल, स्वच्छता किट, सोलर लैंप और दवाओं के साथ-साथ कठिन परिस्थितियों में बचाव के लिए विशेष उपकरण शामिल हैं। भारत ने नेपाल में टनल और मलबा बचाव दल भी भेजा है, जो नेपाली सेना के साथ मिलकर प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में काम कर रहा है। इसके अलावा, पीड़ितों की पहचान में सहायता के लिए फॉरेंसिक विशेषज्ञ, डीएनए किट और प्रोफाइलिंग उपकरण उपलब्ध कराए गए हैं। राहत अभियान में पोर्टेबल जनरेटर, लाइटिंग टावर, डी-वॉटरिंग पंप, गैस डिटेक्टर, सांस लेने के उपकरण और मलबे में बचाव के लिए विशेष सामग्री भी शामिल है। आपदा के बाद भारत और नेपाल के बीच सहयोग केवल तत्काल राहत तक सीमित नहीं है। बाढ़ से नेपाल के जलविद्युत ढांचे को हुए नुकसान के बाद भारत ने 13 सितंबर से 31 दिसंबर 2026 तक प्रतिदिन 18 घंटे तक बिजली आपूर्ति की अनुमति दी है, जिससे नेपाल में बिजली की कमी को कम करने में मदद मिलेगी। भारत की यह सहायता संकट की घड़ी में दोनों पड़ोसी देशों के बीच मानवीय सहयोग और आपसी समर्थन का उदाहरण है। राहत सामग्री, विशेषज्ञ सहायता और ऊर्जा सहयोग के माध्यम से भारत नेपाल के तत्काल राहत कार्यों के साथ-साथ उसके धीरे-धीरे सामान्य स्थिति की ओर लौटने के प्रयासों में भी योगदान दे रहा है।

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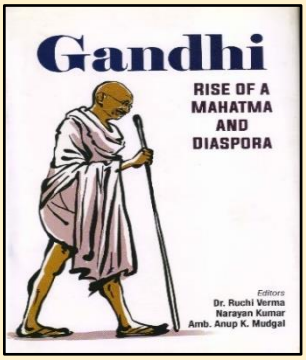
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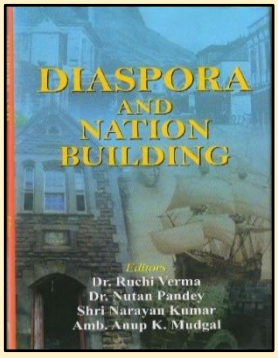
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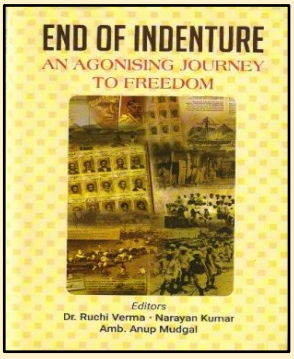
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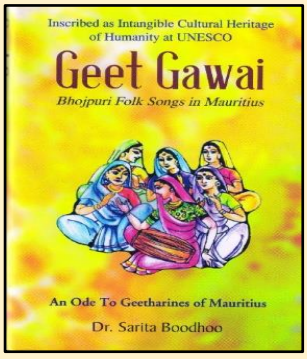
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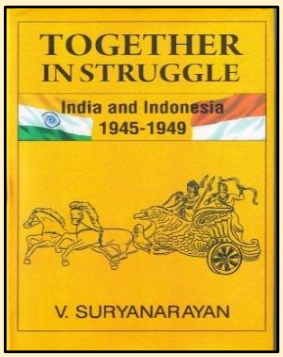
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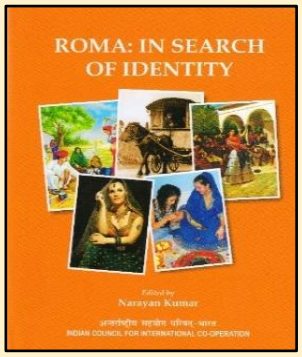
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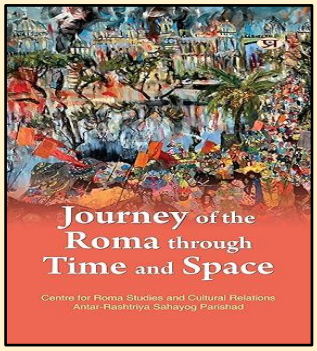
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