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## OUR INSPIRATIONS



From the Desk of



**Dr. Deepak Jain**

Director-General, Federation of Indian Industry

India's commitment to renewable energy is faced with the dual imperatives of meeting growing energy demand and combating climate change, the nation is increasingly turning to renewable energy as a cornerstone of its development strategy. Against the backdrop of a dynamic and evolving energy landscape, the Indian scenario on renewable energy presents both challenges and opportunities, poised to reshape the country's energy future.

These initiatives aim to significantly increase the share of renewables in the country's energy mix, with a particular focus on solar and wind power. Through aggressive capacity additions, policy incentives, and supportive regulatory frameworks, India has emerged as a global leader in renewable energy deployment. In the face of escalating climate change concerns and the urgent need to reduce carbon emissions, the global community finds itself at a critical juncture. The pervasive use of fossil fuels has propelled the planet towards an environmental crisis, necessitating a swift transition to renewable energy sources. As we confront the carbon challenge, the adoption of renewable energy stands out as a beacon of hope, offering a pathway towards sustainability and a greener future.

## सिरमौर-सोलन

दिल्ली, रविवार 25 जनवरी, 2019  
www.fiiindia.org

### हिमाचल से पंजाब व जम्मू को पलायन कर रहे हैं

एफआईआई का दावा- पंजाब सरकार 7 रुपये में बिजली खरीदकर उद्यमियों को दे रही है

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## बजट में लघु उद्योगों की हुई अनदेखी : उद्यमी

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### Federation of Indian Industries and Small Industries Association address various concerns on industrial exodus

SHANTI GAURIA  
INDIA: The Federation of Indian Industries and Small Industries Association have made significant resolutions regarding the exodus of industries from Himachal Pradesh. Industries are continuously migrating towards Jammu and Punjab, citing the unavailability of industrial facilities provided to entrepreneurs in Himachal Pradesh as a major cause. Additionally, there is considerable discontent among the state's industrial exporting industry firms. Officials of the Federation of Indian Industries and Small Industries Association from Himachal Pradesh discussed their findings during a joint press conference held at the Sheraton Hotel in Delhi. They expressed the



Minister, Industries and Commerce, Himachal Pradesh has pointed the finger towards a crisis. The industrial conditions of Himachal Pradesh are being compared to the industrial conditions of Punjab. The construction of the border bridge has not been completed yet, which was supposed to be finished in December. If these issues are not addressed soon, the state could face significant losses. The leaders of FII and Small Industries Association, Chairman, Tishoo, Vice President, Tishoo, Treasurer, Mittal, and Public Relations Officer, Prasad, said that they had hoped that the government's budget would address the concerns of the state's industrial sector, but it did not.

### जिला निर्यात हब के लिए करें 5,000 करोड़ का आवंटन

लुग्गर श्री बार बजट पैराफन कई रिटायर्ड अपने नाम करनी संसद्गण

70 दिन के लिए बंद रहने के बाद भी लुग्गर श्री बार बजट पैराफन कई रिटायर्ड अपने नाम करनी संसद्गण



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### EXPENSIVE PLUMMET

Following the RBI's decision, PwN Financials might witness a sharp decline, leading to a sharp drop in its share price. The share price of PwN Financials has fallen from ₹1,855.8 to ₹6,027.7.




Share Price of PwN Financials (₹)

| Year | Share Price (₹) |
|------|-----------------|
| 2015 | 1,855.8         |
| 2016 | 1,855.8         |
| 2017 | 1,855.8         |
| 2018 | 1,855.8         |
| 2019 | 6,027.7         |

### BYJU'S CRASH COURSE

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| Category                 | Revenue    | Losses      |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|
| BYJU'S FINANCIALS (FY22) | ₹5,298 cr. | ₹17,678 cr. |
| BYJU'S EDUCATION (FY22)  | ₹8,370 cr. | ₹17,678 cr. |

Courtesy India Today



# MISSION JALDHARA



## मिशन जलधारा - बुझाओ धरती की प्यास

### What is Mission Jaldhara?

Mission Jaldhara is a joint society initiative – to revive groundwater table level.

#### We call it a "Mission"

- Because it is our fight against the drastically falling groundwater levels.
- Because our entire focus is to revive the groundwater table and the overall water ecosystem which is necessary for a healthy life.
- Because we are determined to provide safe and healthy drinkable water to every household in India.

With this vision in mind, we are pleased to introduce "Mission Jaldhara" with you.

### Why Mission Jaldhara?

According to reports, the over exploited areas were concentrated in Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab and Haryana. To quantify the facts, there has been an 82% decline in the ground water table in Distt. Gurugram between 2018 – 2020 and it has further declined by over 90 percent in 2022.

The groundwater table in these parts of the country is rapidly going into the dark zone. This level is dangerously low and requires immediate action.

### How do we plan to achieve a sustainable water ecosystem?

Our dream is big. Our vision is to make India a drought free, hydro-ecologically balanced and environmentally sustainable Nation.

And we have just begun..

Our campaign is starting in Gurugram and will spread across states in India.

### What do you get?

- Safe and cleaner water for generations to come!
- Mission Jaldhara shall also award the Title of "Bhargava Arjun" in various categories to the stakeholders who make the maximum visible and most impactful contribution to the revival of ground water levels.

### What do we need from you?

#### We want you to join the movement.



##### Become a Donor

Your donation will help us keep going it will boost the ground work that we do – maintaining rainwater harvesting wells – which directly seeps into the groundwater table.



##### Register as a Motivator

Sign up with us and motivate corporates/ teams to join the movement. Corporates can adopt wells under their company's CSR initiatives and we would maintain the wells on their behalf.



##### Register as a Volunteer

Register on the website and help create more awareness. Tell your friends and family about this movement and spread the word.

### Why are we looking for your contribution?



Simply because, Mission Jaldhara was and will always be a joint community project. Our vision is to have as many people join the movement. Clean and safe water is a basic right for everyone and thus, it is important to create awareness about it. We dream this dream for every Indian citizen and hence, we need you.

### Track your donation



As a Donor, Motivator or a Volunteer, you will be credited for our monthly free newsletter subscription. You will be able to keep a track of the progress being made on ground. The location of every well shall be provided through Google maps and will be easily accessed by donors and interested parties. We believe in complete transparency and utter commitment towards our work.



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Our panel of experts have designed the following plan of action for achieving this dream:

- Revival of dry & dysfunctional rainwater harvesting wells across District Gurugram. Different stakeholders constructed these wells in the pre-covid era to jumpstart rainwater harvesting initiative. The project however was put on halt due to corona crisis due to which most of the wells became dysfunctional. With our intervention, these wells shall be revived to their optimum functional levels, and will be maintained by our team of contractors.
- Revival of rural water ecosystem bodies in and around District Gurugram. The falling groundwater level affects the agricultural economy and day-to-day life of people residing in these villages.
- Judicious use of water resources. This is possible through mass awareness of the current situation arising through India and how every individual can contribute through lifestyle changes.

### Why is it close to us ?

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children."

We want to leave a clean, sustainable environment for our future generations. The world is moving towards cleaner, greener fuels. There is marked awareness about leaving smaller carbon footprint. And all of this becomes possible, when there is clean and safe water for one and all. Unless we take action today, we are headed towards a colossal crisis. And our next generations may have to pay the price for it.

It is time for us to join hands and come together to revive Jaldhara. Remember, the time is now! "Jal hai to Jeevan hai"



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### About Us

Federation of Indian Industry (FII) is a professional Industry Association. Its objective is to nurture further and give impetus to India's Economic, Business and Industrial outreach.

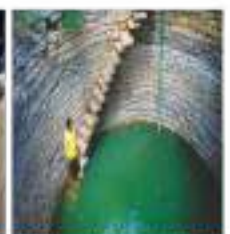
We have FII Chapters in 42 Nations of the world and 22 Indian states with 5000 members mainly Industrialists, Professionals, Key-Opinion Leaders, Philanthropists.

We are helping towards the making of Atma Nirbhar Bharat and working towards creating business opportunities and bolstering India's industrial and business outreach globally.

### FII CSR Initiatives:

- Rural Healthcare Dispensary Establishment during Corona Crisis
- Free Eye Surgeries for 300+ People in Rural Areas
- Skill Development for Women in Rural Areas
- Skill Development for Youth in Rural Area (Computer Training Centre)
- Free COVID Vaccination camps (35000+ vaccinations)

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**RIL plans to spend Rs 5,000 crore on Compressed Biogas Plants (CBG)**



<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/energy/oil-gas/ril-plans-to-spend-rs-5000-crore-on-compressed-biogas-plants/articleshow/107991061.cms>



**Mahindra Holidays to invest up to Rs 4,500 cr for doubling room capacity to 10,000**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/services/hotels/-restaurants/mahindra-holidays-to-invest-up-to-rs-4500-cr-for-doubling-room-capacity-to-10000/articleshow/107990465.cms>

**GAIL, ONGC, and Shell join hands to explore opportunities for importing ethane**



<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/energy/oil-gas/gail-ongc-and-shell-join-hands-to-explore-opportunities-for-importing-ethane/articleshow/108304121.cms>

**IIT Guwahati researchers develop cost-effective motion sensor for healthcare applications**



<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/services/education/iit-guwahati-researchers-develop-cost-effective-motion-sensor-for-healthcare-applications/articleshow/108013744.cms>



**Cabinet clears 3 semiconductor plants with investment of Rs 1.26 trillion**

[https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/cabinet-clears-3-semiconductor-plants-with-investment-of-rs-1-26-trillion-124022901102\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/cabinet-clears-3-semiconductor-plants-with-investment-of-rs-1-26-trillion-124022901102_1.html)

**Highly committed to defence business; see \$300-billion opportunities over next 10 years: Adani Defence Management**



<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/expert-view/highly-committed-to-defence-business-see-300-billion-opportunity-over-next-10-years-adani-defence-management/articleshow/108029656.cms>



**NTPC Green Energy, MAHAGENCO to set up JV for renewable energy parks in Maharashtra**



<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/renewables/ntpc-green-energy-mahagenco-to-set-up-jv-for-renewable-energy-parks-in-maharashtra/articleshow/108082192.cms>



**Govt, industry gear up for India Energy Week in Goa; to showcase business opportunities**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/energy/power/govt-industry-gear-up-for-india-energy-week-in-go-a-to-showcase-business-opportunities/articleshow/107240272.cms>

**Intel sees AI opportunity for standalone programmable chip unit**



<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/technology/intel-sees-ai-opportunity-for-standalone-programmable-chip-unit/articleshow/108116413.cms>

**SBI Energy Opportunities Fund NFO collects over Rs 6,700 crore**



<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/mf/mf-news/sbi-energy-opportunities-fund-nfo-collects-over-rs-6700-crore/articleshow/108013701.cms>



**IHCL to boost workforce with the addition of 2,000-2,500 employees in FY25**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/ihcl-to-boost-workforce-with-the-addition-of-2000-2500-employees-in-fy25/article67899670.ece>

**India's FTA partners should keep in mind huge market being offered to them: Goyal**



<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/indias-fta-partners-should-keep-in-mind-huge-market-being-offered-to-them-goyal/articleshow/107889398.cms>

## Political

**G**ujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel on 9 March 2024 launched two schemes to provide financial assistance to student from Classes 9 to 12, for which the government has allocated Rs 1,650 crore in the state budget.



Under its “Namo Lakshmi Yogana”, the government will provide Rs 50,000 to girls studying in Classes 9 to 12 over four yeras, while Rs 25,000 will be given to both girls and boys who have opted for the science stream in Classes 11 and 12 under the “Namo Saraswati Vigyan Sadhana Yojana”, a release stated.



**R**aipur, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said the country's growth cannot be imagined without the development of farmers and villages, and asserted that the Modi government was standing

shoulder to shoulder with the cultivators. Addressing a mega farmers' rally at Government Science College ground in Chhattisgarh's capital Raipur, he also targeted the previous Congress dispensation in the state, accusing it of indulging in corruption and derailing its development.

**U**nion Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal, has said that the UNNATI scheme announced by the Union cabinet is a gamechanger initiative by PM Narendra



Modi, which is going to boost development of newer industries in the Northeast. Sonowal stated, “The UNNATI 2024 is a gamechanger initiative by PM Narendra Modi ji which going to boost development of newer industries in the Northeast. The vision of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji for the region as the Powerhouse of India's economic growth is being realised with this massive initiative for economic growth and huge prospect for employment generation in the region.

## International News

**I**ndia and the four-nation European Free Trade Association (EFTA) on Sunday signed a free trade deal to integrate and strengthen supply



chains, attract investments and generate new business opportunities. The EFTA comprises Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. While EFTA will lift duties on Indian rice exports except those used for animal consumption, India will remove duties on Swiss chocolates and watches over seven years.



**P**ri me Minister Narendra Modi today announced a major reduction in the prices of domestic gas cylinders. Announcing his government's

decision on International Women's Day, PM Modi said the prices of domestic gas cylinders will be slashed by ₹100. He said the decision will significantly ease the financial burden on millions of households.

**D**ay after President's visit to Mauritius, a high-level delegation part of Mauritius International Financial Centre (IFC), led by the Minister of



Financial Services and Good Governance, Soomilduth Bholah, is set to undertake India Business Mission from March 14 to March 23. This extensive India tour, spanning key cities such as New Delhi, Chennai, Hyderabad, and Mumbai, aims to enhance the appeal of the Mauritian private sector and underscore the unwavering commitment of the Mauritian government to fostering a conducive environment for foreign investors.

The central banks of India and Nepal on Thursday signed terms of reference for integration of fast payment systems of both the countries: Unified Payments Interface (UPI) of India and National Payments Interface (NPI) of Nepal. The integration is aimed at facilitating cross-border remittances between India and Nepal by enabling users of the two systems to make instant, low-cost fund transfers.



L & T Finance Holdings Ltd. has signed a pact with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for \$125 million to fund mostly farmers and women entrepreneurs in rural and semi urban India. This is the second such fund raise by the company in the past four months. At least 40% of the funds will be allocated to women borrowers while the rest will be disbursed to farmers, MSMEs, and two-wheeler loans. Last November, L&T Finance sourced \$125 million from Asia Development Bank for a similar lending programme.



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Days after launching private investment projects worth Rs 10 trillion, the Uttar Pradesh government has asked banks to boost the credit-deposit (CD) ratio to 65 per cent in the next financial year. The CD ratio currently stands at 59 per cent, lower than the national ratio of 80 per cent. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has said his government would not only support banks in the mission, but also invest in capacity building of the loan beneficiaries.



Pharma industry bodies said the Centre could have considered providing low-interest loans to help small players comply with the good manufacturing practices (GMP) norms. They also said the launch of the revamped Pharmaceuticals Technical Upgradation Assistance (PTUAS) by the Department of Pharmaceuticals is a step in the right direction.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to his British counterpart Rishi Sunak on Tuesday as they welcomed the progress made in the ongoing discussion between the two countries for an early conclusion of a free trade agreement (FTA). During their telephonic conversation, they reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the bilateral comprehensive strategic partnership, a statement said.



India's production-linked incentives (PLI) for companies to set up semiconductor units is encouraging for American companies, a US official said. The investment Micron Technology, a semiconductor major headquartered in Idaho, will make in Sanand, Gujarat, demonstrates the rising interest of American companies in the country, said India-born Arun Venkataraman, US Assistant Secretary for Commerce, in Mumbai.



## Agriculture

## Startup

The government on Wednesday announced a Rs 24,420-crore subsidy on



phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilisers for the upcoming kharif season and said the farmers will continue to get key oil nutrient DAP at Rs 1,350 per quintal. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal of the Department of Fertilizers for fixing the Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for the Kharif Season 2024-25 from April 1 to September 30 on P&K fertilisers.



Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda on Tuesday said in Parliament that 23.38 lakh farmers have been enrolled under the farmers' pension

scheme PMKMY so far. Launched in September 2019, the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PMKMY) is meant for old age protection and social security of Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs). It's a voluntary and contributory pension scheme for the entry age group of 18 to 40 years with a provision of Rs 3000 monthly pension on attaining the age of 60 years.

The government on Friday said almost 5,000 out of 8,000 registered Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) have been onboarded on the Open Network for Digital Commerce



(ONDC) portal for selling the produce online to consumers across the country. Around 8,000 FPOs have been registered against the government's target of 10,000 under a central scheme launched in 2020 with a budgetary provision of Rs 6,865 crore. FPOs facilitate farmers with access to improved technology, credit, better input and more markets to incentivise them to produce better quality commodities.



India Accelerator has partnered with the enterprise incubation centre (EIC) of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow, to introduce a two-day Early Stage Venture Capital--Angel Investing Certification Programme. The residential

programme at IIM Lucknow EIC (Noida) campus, to be held on April 6 and 7, will aim to expand the pool of angel investors by sharing knowledge on the startup investing landscape and opportunities for wealth creation with high-net-worth individuals (HNIs).

Fintech-focused software startup Pefios has secured \$80 million from Teachers' Venture Growth (TVG), the late-stage venture and growth investment arm of Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, the company said on Wednesday. The funding round has catapulted Bengaluru-based Pefios to a billion dollars in valuation, making it the second company to achieve the unicorn status this year, after Bhavish Aggarwal's artificial intelligence startup Krutrim.



India's national space program has notched up some impressive accomplishments, such as the first landing near the south pole of the moon last year, and

Prime Minister Narendra Modi this week announced the names of four Indian astronauts for the country's first crewed mission in 2025. But the private sector hasn't had the same level of success, with Indian startups trailing their counterparts in China.

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee and Micron join hands in a significant step towards promoting India's semiconductor sector self-reliance and enhancing the overall electronics ecosystem. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by Professor K.K. Pant, Director of IIT Roorkee, and Mr. Anand Ramamoorthy, Managing Director at Micron India, marked the beginning of a partnership aimed at fostering innovation and nurturing a highly skilled workforce.



In a significant move to bolster industrial growth and employment opportunities in the northeastern states, the government has approved the Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme, 2024, with a budget of Rs 10,037 crore. The scheme, aimed at developing industries and generating employment in the North East Region, seeks to create productive economic activity in manufacturing and services.

Organisations are placing a lot of emphasis on improving the skillsets of employees as the nature of work is changing. Companies are taking care to embed a culture of learning so that the process is continuous. According to LinkedIn's recent Workplace Learning Report, 94% of companies that took part in the survey said it plans to enhance employees' skills in 2024.



Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani (BITS Pilani) has won the Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institute (Sathi)

project from the Department of Science and Technology (DST). This comes with a grant of Rs 60 crore over the next four years for setting up advanced research facilities at the institute along with its cluster partners, the institute said in a statement on Thursday.

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to begin its next lunar mission, Chandrayaan-4, aiming to bring back



moon rocks and soil (regolith) to Earth. This mission will involve the use of two separate rockets – the heavy-lifter LVM-3 and ISRO's reliable workhorse PSLV – to carry distinct payloads for the same lunar mission. "The aim of the mission is to collect samples from the lunar surface and return the samples safely to Earth for scientific studies," according to a recent presentation by Isro chairman S Somanath at National Space Science Symposium.



The Cabinet approves India AI mission with an outlay of Rs 10,372 crore for five years, Union Minister

Piyush Goyal said on Thursday. The approved corpus will be used to create a large computing infrastructure. The minister, briefing reporters after the Cabinet meeting, said supercomputing capacity, comprising over 10,000 GPU, will be made available to various stakeholders for creating an AI ecosystem.

There has been a significant increase in queries, bookings, and sales of electric vehicles in the country, particularly in the two- and three-wheeler segments, even as EV manufacturers are in a bind over the likely end to subsidies under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME-II) scheme after March 31.



Evfin, the 100 per cent ev-focused lending platform of Greaves Finance Ltd, has entered into a co-lending partnership with Muthoot Capital Services Ltd (MCSL) to expand electric two-wheeler financing across India. The co-lending arrangement is aimed at increasing the availability of electric two-wheeler financing solutions across India.



German automobile manufacturer Volkswagen will launch a fully imported all-electric sport utility vehicle ID.4 in India later this year to test consumer readiness in the local market, said company executives. Electrification is one of the company's priorities which will play out in the country in three stages, Volkswagen Passenger Cars India brand director Ashish Gupta told ET.



Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) has signed its first-ever Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) agreement with the Indian Institute of

Technology (IIT) Delhi to collaborate on applied research. The cooperation includes collaborative projects, training, and research consultancy, IIT Delhi said in a statement. Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) is a global leader in defence and commercial aerospace, providing its customers with systems for air, ground, sea, space, and cyberspace applications.

Gameskraft Technologies Pvt Ltd., one of India's leading skill-based online gaming companies,



today announced its plan to continue with its CSR initiatives geared towards skill-building and education. Gameskraft has roped in leading firms Deloitte India and Khaitan & Co. to advise in the space of education. The company has secured land in Gurugram and plans for the development of an educational facility through its social arm, Gameskraft Foundation.



Charity and philanthropy have been integral to Indian philosophy and tradition since time immemorial. Apart from individuals and

religious institutions, the business community has long been recognised for its contributions to social and economic development since the 19th century. The JN Tata Endowment Scheme, established in 1892, marked the first known Indian corporate donation in the field of education and continues to drive the philanthropic activities of the Tata Group.

**F**inance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the government is creating an environment that will allow the country's intellectual property rights (IPRs) ecosystem to flourish. At the same time, the need to protect the IPRs of innovators has to be balanced with the imperative of using them for the benefit of all, she said, listing the steps taken by the government to bolster research and development (R&D).



**S**tate-owned renewable sector non-banking finance company IREDA and Punjab National Bank have inked a pact to co-finance green energy projects across the country. "Indian

Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) and Punjab National Bank (PNB) have joined hands through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at advancing renewable energy initiatives across the nation," a statement said. According to the statement, the agreement, signed at IREDA's office in New Delhi today, paves the way for joint efforts in co-lending and loan syndication for a

**I**nformation Technology major HCL Group has invested Rs 166 crore to acquire a minority stake in education software



company Educational Initiatives (Ei). This is a part of the secondary stake sale, where HCL Group has acquired a portion of the stake held by Mumbai-based private equity firm Gaja Capital in Ei. "We're thrilled to invest in Ei... The organisation offers a distinctive blend of scalable technology, impactful social initiatives, and sustainable growth," Shikhar Malhotra, director, HCL Group, said in a statement on 05 March 2024.



**I**ndia - France Bilateral Dialogue on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation was held on 4 March 2024 in New Delhi. The two sides discussed developments in the

field of disarmament and non-proliferation relating to the nuclear, chemical, biological domains, as well as outer space security, conventional weapons including AI in the military domain and Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems, and multilateral export control regimes.

**P**rim e Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Mauritius, H.E. Mr Pravind Jugnauth jointly inaugurated the new Airstrip and St. James Jetty along with six



community development projects at the Agalega Island in Mauritius via video conferencing today. The inauguration of these projects is a testimony to the robust and decades-old development partnership between India and Mauritius and will fulfil the demand for better connectivity between mainland Mauritius and Agalega, strengthen maritime security and foster socio-economic development. The inauguration of these projects is significant as it follows the recent launch of UPI and RuPay Card services in Mauritius by the two leaders on 12 February 2024.



**O**fficial Visit of H.E. Mr. Parnpree Bahiddha-Nukara, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand to India (February 25-28, 2024) At the invitation of the External Affairs

Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, H.E. Mr. Parnpree Bahiddha-Nukara, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, is paying an official visit to India during 25-28 February 2024. This is Mr. Parnpree Bahiddha-Nukara's first official visit to India after assuming office of the Deputy PM and Foreign Minister. On 27 February, External Affairs Minister co-chaired the 10th Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) with Thai Deputy PM and Foreign Minister and hosted a lunch in his honour.

**N**aresh Kumar (YOA:2006), presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.



He is expected to take up the assignment shortly. Amidst a recent development, the Ministry of External Affairs appointed Mr. Naresh Kumar, a 2006 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, as the new Ambassador of India to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. Mr Kumar is presently serving as the Joint Secretary in the MEA, and has served as the Consulate General of India in Toronto, Canada.



**S**hri Shambhu S Kumaran appointed as the next Ambassador of

India to the Republic of Austria Shambhu S Kumaran (IFS:1995), presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of the Philippines, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Austria. He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

**S**hri T. Armstrong Changsan appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Cuba. Shri T. Armstrong Changsan (IFS: 1997), presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Cuba. He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.



**N**LC India Limited on Sunday signed an MOU with the Government of Rajasthan for the formation of a Joint Venture to set up a 125 MW

Lignite Based Power Plant and 1000 MW Solar Power Plant. The MoU between NLC India Limited and Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd (RVUNL) entails a staggering investment of more than Rs 7,000 crores, according to an official statement. Among the notable projects, the MoU outlines the establishment of a 125 MW Lignite Pit-head Thermal Power Plant in Bikaner district and a massive 1,000 MW Solar Power Plant, further reinforcing NLCIL's commitment to renewable energy initiatives.

**G**reen Hydrogen-tech from Gujarat to help light up Oman airport An indigenous electrolyser manufactured in Gujarat by Greenzo



Energy Pvt Ltd will produce 400 units of electricity per hour to help light up the Oman airport, using green hydrogen. "In a ₹130-crore deal, we will be sending the 1-MW Alkaline electrolyser to Oman. As part of a pilot project, it will produce green hydrogen which will be integrated with fuel cells to light up the airport.



**I**n a significant move, National Institute of Technology Calicut has inked a Memorandum of Understanding

with Ananth Technologies Pvt Limited, a leader in space technologies to establish a Satellite Research Centre of Ananth at NIT Calicut. The partnership will boost the spirits of students and faculty members interested in space-related research and project topics. NITC will provide space and other infrastructure resources for setting up the Satellite Centre.



## Defence

In possibly the largest equity raise by an Indian startup in the defence and aerospace sector, cutting-edge drone manufacturer Newspace Research & Technologies (NRT) has secured \$52 million in a bridge round. The company has raised a bridge round of \$33 million of equity from marquee investors and secured debt facilities of \$19 million from SBI's startup hub and SIDBI, people aware of development told ET.



**B**illionaire Gautam Adani's conglomerate started two defense facilities in northern India this week at an

investment of 30 billion rupees (\$362 million), bolstering the country's campaign to become self-reliant and promote local manufacturing. Built by Adani Defence & Aerospace, a closely held firm in the Adani Group, at Kanpur in the Uttar Pradesh state across 500 acres, these factories will produce small, medium and large caliber ammunition for the armed forces, paramilitary forces and police, according to Karan Adani, founder's son who's overseeing the fledgling defense business.

India joined a select club of countries on Monday, with Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi announcing the first successful flight test of an Agni-V ballistic missile carrying multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicles (MIRVs). The PM congratulated scientists at the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) for the flight test, named Mission Divyastra, which was carried out from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.



## Energy And Power



**R**enewable energy solutions provider Rays Power Infra on Monday said it has secured three solar projects totalling 520MWp capacity from two big central public sector firms and one from a

global developer. The combined order value for these projects underlines the company's commitment to advancing sustainable energy solutions, a company statement said. According to the statement, Rays Power Infra Ltd announces the acquisition of three orders in its solar EPC (Engineering Procurement Construction) business totalling 520 MWp, two from a renowned CPSU (Central Public Sector Undertaking) and another from a global renewable energy developer.

In certain parts of India, the construction of large NPPs is not economically justified, while in others, it is impossible due to territorial features and the lack of power grids.



In such cases, what Rosatom, the State Atomic Energy Corporation, offers for SMR NPPs may turn out to be the only right solution, according to Dr Dmitrii Samokhin, Head of the Nuclear Physics and Engineering department, Obninsk Institute for Nuclear Power Engineering of the National Research Nuclear University.



**T**he government is working on a draft scheme for firm and dispatchable round-the-clock renewable energy using green hydrogen as storage,

people familiar with the development said. The plan under the National Green Hydrogen Mission may offer financial assistance in the form of contract for difference (CFD) or viability gap funding, they said. An initial 100 MW capacity pilot project could be considered under the scheme, they said.

## PM Modi inaugurates India's first underwater metro in Kolkata on 6th March 2024



**P** rime Minister Narendra Modi on 6 March 2024 inaugurated India's first underwater metro services, an engineering marvel in itself.

The Howrah Maidan-Esplanade section, a groundbreaking addition to the metropolitan transportation network, is acclaimed as India's first metro tunnel beneath a significant river.

This underwater marvel, situated beneath the Hooghly River that divides Kolkata and Howrah, boasts the country's deepest metro station, the Howrah Metro station.

The completion of a trial journey in April 2023 marked a significant milestone for the Kolkata Metro, navigating a tunnel 32 meters below the water level.

## PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for 112 National Highway projects spread across the country worth about 1 lakh crore on Monday, 11 March 2024



**P**M Modi along with Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inspected the model of the Dwarka Expressway. Meanwhile, the Prime Minister also interacted with the construction workers at the Dwarka Expressway in Gurugram.

This will help improve traffic flow and ease congestion between Delhi and Gurugram on NH-48. The 19-km-long Haryana section of the 8-lane Dwarka Expressway has been built at a cost of around ₹ 4,100 crore and includes two packages of 10.2 km long Delhi-Haryana Border to Basai Rail-over-Bridge (ROB) and 8.7 km long Basai ROB to Kherki Daula. It will also provide direct connectivity to the IGI Airport in Delhi and the Gurugram Bypass.

## PM Modi inaugurated the newly constructed Sudarshan Setu, linking Okha and Bet-Dwarka, Gandhinagar, 25 February 2024



**P**M Modi inaugurated Sudarshan Setu, the nation's longest cable bridge linking Okha and Bet Dwarka, constructed with an estimated cost of ₹978.93 crore. Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel joined Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on this significant occasion. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled the plaque and opened the Sudarshan Setu to the public.

The bridge has emerged as a significant landmark in Devbhoomi Dwarka district, embodying the vision of Viksit Bharat and Viksit Gujarat.

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- The bridge spans a length of 2320 meters, with a cable-stayed portion of 900 meters.
- On the main span of the bridge, four peacock wings measuring 20 x 12 meters are carved on both pylons.
- The Okha side approach bridge measures 370 meters in length, while the Bat Dwarka side approach bridge is 650 meters long.
- Two pylons support the main span, each towering to a height of 130 meters.
- This bridge is designed as a four-lane structure, with a width of 27.20 meters and 2.50-meter-wide footpaths on both sides
- Stone carvings along the footpaths depict verses from the Bhagavad Gita and scenes from the life of Lord Shri Krishna.
- Solar panels installed on the footpaths generate 1 MW of electricity, used for lighting on the bridge.
- Viewing galleries are strategically placed in 12 locations, along the bridge for tourists
- Decorative lighting illuminates the bridge at night, enhancing its aesthetic appeal.

## PM Narendra Modi in Dwarka



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25 Feb 2024 went underwater, in the deep sea, enjoyed scuba diving off the Arabian Sea coast at the Panchkui beach in Gujarat and offered prayers at the site where the ancient city of Dwarka was believed to have submerged post Lord Krishna's demise. It is believed that the ancient city was linked closely with Lord Krishna and was a hub of grandeur and prosperity. Modi also paid homage to Dwarka, a city that continues to captivate imaginations with its rich cultural and spiritual legacy, the officials. Underwater, Modi said, he also offered peacock feathers as tribute.

## Meet 4 astronauts selected for Isro's Gaganyaan mission on 27 Feb 2024



**Selected 4 years ago for Gaganyaan, India's first human spaceflight mission, they have extensive experience working as IAF test pilots.**

**MEET THE 4 ASTRONAUT-DESIGNATES SELECTED FOR ISRO'S GAGANYAAN MISSION**

**P** rime Minister Narendra Modi made a significant announcement on Tuesday as he revealed the Gaganyaan Mission astronauts to the world. Pm Modi became the first Prime Minister to visit the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in four decades, where he met the four astronaut-designates of India's Gaganyaan Mission.

The four astronauts are Group Captain Prashanth Nair, Group Captain Angad Prathap, Group Captain Ajit Krishnan, and Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla. These individuals, who were short-listed four years ago, hail from the Indian Air Force (IAF) and are test pilots from the Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment (ASTE) in Bengaluru.

Group Captain Prashanth Nair, Group Captain Angad Prathap, Group Captain Ajit Krishnan, and Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla have been chosen to be a part of India's maiden human space flight mission. They are currently undergoing rigorous training in preparation for the Gaganyaan Mission, which marks India's first human space flight program.

## Embracing Unity: Dr. Deepak Jain-DG-FII's Monumental Visit to the Statue of Unity



**D**r. Deepak Jain, DG-FII recently visited Statue of Unity. His visit to the Statue of Unity highlights its role as a symbol of national pride and unity, showcasing India's rich history and diverse culture. The world's tallest (182 meters) statue dedicated to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel represents unity and resilience in the face of challenges, emphasizing its significance in fostering a sense of national identity and cohesion. Beyond its impressive height and architectural grandeur, it is also a symbol of sustainable practices, promoting a clean and green environment within its 5km periphery. The Statue of Unity also epitomizes world-class management, infrastructure and a captivating ambience, seamlessly blending grandeur with international standards. Dr. Jain's visit not only honors the legacy of Sardar Patel but also highlights the contemporary relevance of unity in a nation that thrives on its diversity.



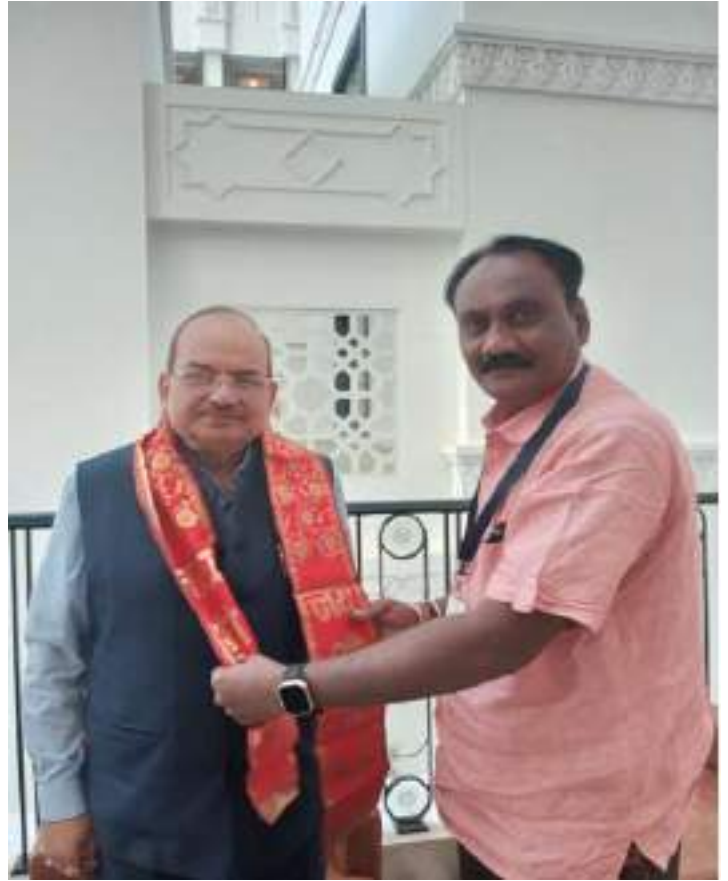
## Reflecting the timeless Legacy of Sabarmati Ashram



**D**G-FII Dr. Deepak Jain's recent visit to Sabarmati Ashram underscores its global significance as a symbol of India's independence struggle and Gandhian principles. The ashram, nestled by the Sabarmati River, serves as a pilgrimage site, offering insight into Gandhi's life and India's freedom struggle.

Contributing to the visitors' book felt significant, acknowledging Gandhi's enduring teachings and their impact globally. In a tech-driven era, the ashram remains a sanctuary for simplicity and non-violence, amplified by Dr. Jain as a source of motivation for leaders worldwide.

## Strengthening Gujarat's Unit: DG-FII Visit Marks Collaborative Progress



**D**r. Deepak Jain, Director General of the Federation of Indian Industries (DG-FII), recently visited Gujarat to engage with the FII Gujarat team. During the visit, the FII Gujarat team headed by Sh. Mihir Sikari and Sh. Vikram Jain extended a warm welcome to Dr. Jain, emphasizing the importance of strategic collaboration in enhancing the state's economic landscape. The collaborative meeting aimed at exploring avenues to develop and strengthen the Gujarat unit, fostering economic growth and prosperity. Discussions centered on identifying key areas for development, optimizing resources, and leveraging innovative solutions to attract foreign investments.

## Unveiling the Majesty of Mangi Tungi: A Transformative Visit by Dr. Deepak Jain DG-FII



**D**r. Deepak Jain, DG-FII, sheds light on Mangi Tungi a prominent twin-peaked mountain in Maharashtra, India. Revered by Jains, it hosts the revered shrines of Adinath and Bahubali. Standing at a towering height, these magnificent twin peaks symbolize Jainism's rich heritage and serve as a testament to human devotion and architectural prowess. Both the peaks have caves with ancient Jain Carvings. Alongside the peak, world's tallest Bhagwan Rishabhdev's statue has been carved from single stone of the hill and is 108 feet (33 m) tall – 121 feet (37 m) including pedestal. Dr. Jain advocates for environmental conservation, emphasizing responsible stewardship to protect the lush landscapes and diverse flora surrounding Mangi Tungi. His visit sparks a crucial dialogue on balancing cultural preservation and environmental sustainability, urging collaboration for the safeguarding of these natural treasures.



**D**r. Dravya Jain (Advisor, FII) along with her husband Major Kartik had the pleasure of meeting Sh. Rajendra Khimesra (Chairman, FII Thailand Chapter) and family. Sh. Rajendra Khimesra hosted them at his residence while she was on a personal visit to Thailand.

## युग- प्रवर्तक सन्त शिरोमणि: आचार्यश्री विद्यासागर जी मुनिराज



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संत शिरोमणि आचार्यश्री विद्यासागरजी मुनिराज सर्वोच्च संयम साधना और अध्यात्म जगत के मसीहा माने जाते थे। उनका बाह्य व्यक्तित्व उतना ही मनोरम था, जितना अन्तरंग। दस अक्टूबर १९४६ शरद पूर्णिमा को कर्नाटक के सदलगा गाँव में जन्मे आप अपने माता-पिता की द्वितीय संतान होकर भी अद्वितीय थे। २२ वर्ष की उम्र में ३१ जून १९६८ में आपने आचार्यश्री ज्ञानसागर जी मुनिराज से अजमेर में मुनि दीक्षा ग्रहण की और आपके इन्हीं गुरुवर्य ने आपको अपना आचार्य पद १७ नवम्बर १९७२ को प्रदान किया।

अहिंसा, सत्य आदि अट्टाईस मूलगुणों का निरतिचार पालन करने वाले मुनिराज पूज्य आचार्यश्री इन्द्रियजयी, नदी की तरह प्रवहमान, पक्षियों की तरह स्वच्छन्द, अनियत विहारी, चट्टान की तरह अविचल रहते थे। कविता की तरह रम्य, उदात्त और सुकोमल व्यक्तित्व के धनी, भौतिक कोलाहलों से दूर, सदा संयम साधना में लीन रहने वाले तपस्वी थे।

आचार्यश्री के तपस्वी संयमी जीवन, सिद्धांतों और वाणियों से हम सभी को निरंतर सुख शांति की सुगन्ध सुवासित होती रही। निरतिचार श्रमणचर्या में आप अपने प्रति वज्र से भी कठोर, परन्तु दूसरों के प्रति नवनीत से भी मृदु बनकर, शीत-ताप एवं वर्षा जैसी सभी ऋतुओं के गहन झंजावतों में भी आप संयम-साधना में अथक प्रवर्तमान रहते थे; इसीलिए श्रम और अनुशासन, विनय और संयम, तप और त्याग की अग्नि में तप्त आपकी साधना अनुपम थी।

नमस्कार महामंत्र में आचार्य परमेष्ठी को 'णमो आयरियाणं' कहकर उनकी महनीयता और महत्ता प्रकाशित की गई, जो कि अप्रतिम गौरव का सूचक है। श्रमण संघ के संगठन, संवर्द्धन, अभिरक्षण, अनुशासन एवं उसके सर्वांगीण विकास का सामूहिक एवं प्रमुख दायित्व आचार्य का होता है। क्योंकि आचार्य दीपक के समान होते हैं।

आपका जीवन ध्रुव तारे की तरह प्रकाशमान, अप्रतिम और आदर्शमय रहा। संयम साधना और तपस्वी जीवन में वे वज्र से भी कठोर थे, किन्तु उनके मुक्त हास्य और सौम्य मुख मुद्रा से उनके सहज जीवन में पुष्पों की कोमलता झलकती थी। जहाँ एक ओर उनकी संयम साधना, तत्त्वदर्शन एवं साहित्य सपर्या में आचार्य कुन्दकुन्द सम प्रतिविम्बित होते थे; वहीं

दूसरी ओर उनकी वाणी में आचार्य समन्तभद्र स्वामी जैसी निर्भीकता, निःशंकता, निश्चलता, परिलक्षित होती थी। सार्वभौमिक चिंतन के इस निरर्थक महान् व्यक्तित्व ने जहाँ एक ओर आत्म साधना की ऊंचाइयों के स्वर्ण शिखरों को छुआ, वही सारस्वत साहित्य-साधना के महासागर में अवगाहन कर 'मूक-माटी' जैसे उत्कृष्ट महाकाव्य, अनेक संस्कृत-शतक, सूत्रोपदेश, समयोपदेश, परमोपदेश नाम से प्राचीन आचार्य प्रणीत शास्त्रों पर विशाल टीकाएँ जैसे अनेक ग्रन्थरत्न भी प्रदान किये हैं। समाधि के एक- दो वर्ष पूर्व आपने धीवरोदय नामक उत्कृष्ट संस्कृत चम्पूकाव्य का सृजन कर 21 वीं सदी के संस्कृत साहित्य के विकास में महनीय योगदान किया है। यह मेरा सौभाग्य रहा कि समाधि के कुछ दिन पूर्व एक फरवरी २०२४ को आपसे कुछ महत्त्वपूर्ण विषयों के साथ ही इस चम्पूकाव्य के संबंध में भी चर्चा करने का सौभाग्य प्राप्त हुआ।

जीवन-मूल्यों को प्रतिष्ठित करने वाले स्वभाव से सरल और सब जीवों के प्रति मित्रवत व्यवहार के संपोषक पूज्य आचार्यश्री के व्यक्तित्व में विश्व-बन्धुत्व की सौंधी-सुगन्ध विद्यमान है।

इसीलिए किसी कवि ने उचित ही कहा है –

“संयम सौरभ साधना, जिनको करै प्रणाम;  
त्याग तपस्या लीन यति विद्यासागर नाम।”

आस्था और विश्वास तथा अहिंसा, अनेकान्तवाद, सर्वोदय, राष्ट्रीयता की भावना को बल देने वाले निरर्थक आचार्यश्री ऐसे शिखर पुरुष थे, जिनकी ओज और माधुर्यपूर्ण वाणी में ऋजुता, व्यक्तित्व में समता, जीवन में संयम साधना की त्रिवेणी थी।

आपके साधनामय, तेजस्वी जीवन को शब्दों की परिधि में बांधना संभव नहीं है। हां, उसमें अवगाहन करने की कोमल अनुभूतियों अवश्य शब्दातीत हैं। उनका चिंतन फलक देश, काल, जाति, संप्रदाय, सबसे दूर, प्राणिमात्र को समाहितकर, नैतिक जीवन की प्रेरणा देता है। उनका प्रखर तेजोमय व्यक्तित्व करुणा, समता और अनेकान्त का एक जीवंत दस्तावेज था। यहाँ हम आचार्यश्री की एक घटना का उल्लेख करना आवश्यक समझते हैं - सन् १९८० को श्रुतपंचमी ज्येष्ठ शुक्ला पञ्चमी के दिन सागर (म. प्र.)के मोराजी भवनमें आचार्यश्री के ससंध सानिध्य में शौरसेनी प्राकृत भाषा के उत्कृष्ट आगमशास्त्र षट्खंडागम की वाचना पूर्ण हुई। इसमें देश के अनेक सुविख्यात विद्वान् भी उपस्थित थे।

समापन समारोह के आयोजकों ने आचार्यश्री की अनुपम संयम साधना और ज्ञान की अतिशयता देख उन्हें चारित्र्य चक्रवर्ती की उपाधि से विभूषित करने की योजना बनाई और आचार्यश्री के समक्ष ही इस योजना की माइक से घोषणा भी कर दी और यह भी कह दिया कि उनकी निरतिचार संयम साधना इस उपाधि का सम्यक् बोध कराती है। इतना सुनते ही उपस्थित विशाल समुदाय ने जयघोष किया और उनकी चरण रज लेने जनता उमड़ पड़ी। यह घोषणा सुनते ही आचार्य श्री ने माइक से कहा कि आप सभी शांति से यथास्थान बैठ जाइए। सभी के बैठते ही निस्तब्धता छा गई। आचार्य श्री ने गंभीर स्वर में कहा कि हम आप लोगों को बहुत समझदार समझते थे किंतु आपकी इस घोषणा से आपके विवेक का परिचय नहीं मिलता। मेरा अभिप्राय जाने बिना, मेरी बिना सहमति के पद देने से अभी तक जो प्रभावना हुई है, वह अब अप्रभावना में परिवर्तित हो जाएगी। रागी, वीतरागी को पद से अलंकृत करे, इससे क्या वीतरागी की साधना को कोई संबल मिलने वाला नहीं है। भविष्य में ऐसी भूल ना हो, इसका आप लोग विशेष ध्यान रखें। उपाधियां साधु को शोभा नहीं देती, उनके लिए तो वह परिग्रह सूचक हैं। समाज ने आचार्य श्री से क्षमा-याचना की और अपने शब्द वापस ले लिए।

वस्तुतः जगत के उपकारी संत के रूप में वे अब भी संत शिरोमणि हैं, अनेक उपाधियाँ उनके आगे बौनी हो जाती हैं। क्योंकि वे मानते हैं कि ये उपाधियाँ 'व्याधियां' हैं। अपने गुरु द्वारा प्रदत्त उपाधियों के साथ न्याय करते हुए वे अपने आचार्य पद को इतना प्रतिष्ठित किये हुए थे कि किसी के मुख से संबोधन में यदि 'आचार्यश्री' शब्द निकले तो मन-मस्तिष्क में स्वभावतः आचार्यश्री विद्यासागरजी की छवि ही ध्यान में आ जाती थी। श्रेष्ठतम परंपराओं और सिद्धांतों को अपने जीवन में साक्षात् करने वाले जैन धर्म के महान् आचार्य पूज्य श्री विद्यासागर जी महा मुनिराज की समाधि 18 फरवरी 2024 को डोंगरगढ़- (छत्तीसगढ़) में पूर्ण हुई। आपने युवा अवस्था में ही दिगंबरी दीक्षा ली थी और तब से जीवन पर्यंत निरंतर दीर्घ तपस्वी के रूप में संयम साधनापूर्वक आध्यात्मिक विकास करते हुए लोक कल्याण की भावना से अनुप्राणित होकर आपने अपने जीवन में विविध लोकोपकारी कार्यों हेतु समाज को सदैव प्रेरणा, प्रोत्साहन और आशीर्वाद प्रदान किया। संपूर्ण भारतवर्ष में उन्होंने अनेक स्थानों पर गौशालाएं, कन्याओं को संस्कार युक्त अच्छी शिक्षा हेतु अनेक क्षेत्रों में प्रतिभास्थली शिक्षा संस्थानों की स्थापना, हथकरघा केंद्र, शुद्ध आयुर्वेद के विकास के लिए पूर्णायु तथा भिन्न-भिन्न प्रकार की लोकमंगलकारी योजनाओं का शुभारंभ कराया। अनेक कारागारों में बंदी के रूप में वहाँ

रह रहे हजारों लोगों को हथकरघा केंद्रों के माध्यम से जीवकोपार्जन के साथ साथ उनके जीवन में आमूलचूल हृदय परिवर्तन करके अपराध मुक्त जीवन जीने का अभूतपूर्व कार्य आपके आशीर्वाद से चल रहा है।

उनकी यही अभिलाषा थी कि यह देश अपनी उदात्त शिक्षाओं और जीवनादर्शों को लेकर पुनः खड़ा हो और वर्तमान समय में विश्व को नई दिशा प्रदान करे। उनका संपूर्ण जीवन इन आदर्शों के प्रति पूरी तरह समर्पित था। अंतिम श्वास तक उन्होंने अपने कठोर साधनाव्रतों का निर्वाह किया।

करुणा, समता, अनेकान्त का जीवंत दस्तावेज: पूज्य आचार्यश्री के उपदेश, हमेशा जीवन-समस्याओं की गहनतम गुत्थियों के मर्म का संस्पर्श और समाधान तो प्रस्तुत करते ही हैं साथ ही जीवन को उसकी समग्रता में जानने और समझने की कला से परिचित कराते हैं।

हम गौरव के साथ कह सकते हैं कि -

इस युग का सौभाग्य रहा, कि इस युग में गुरुवर जन्मे।  
अपना यह सौभाग्य रहा, गुरुवर के युग में हम जन्मे।



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# A Triveni of wisdom, compassion & service

(A tribute to Acharya Vidyasagar ji maharaj)

By Sh. Narendra Modi

**A**charya Vidhyasagar Maharaj attained Samadhi and left us all saddened. His life is a spiritually rich epoch graced with profound wisdom, boundless compassion and an unwavering commitment to uplift humanity. I have had the honour of receiving his blessings on numerous occasions. Thus, I feel a deep sense of loss, akin to losing a guiding light that has illuminated the path for countless souls, including myself. His warmth, affection and blessings were not just gestures of goodwill but profound transmissions of spiritual energy, empowering and inspiring all those fortunate enough to have come in contact with him.

Pujya Acharya Ji will always be remembered as a Triveni of wisdom, compassion and service. He was a true Tapasvi, whose life epitomised the ideals of Bhagwan Mahavir. His life exemplified the core principles of Jainism, embodying its ideal through his own actions and teachings. His care towards all living beings mirrored Jainism's profound respect for life. He lived a life of truthfulness, reflecting Jainism's emphasis on honesty in thought, word, and deed. He also led a very simple lifestyle. It is due to stalwarts like him that the world continues to be inspired by Jainism and the life of Bhagwan Mahavir. He stood tall among the Jain community but his impact and influence were not limited to only one community. People across faiths, regions and cultures came to him and he worked tirelessly towards spiritual awakening, particularly among the youth.

Education was an area very close to his heart. His journey from Vidhyadhar (his childhood name) to Vidhyasagar was one of deep commitment to acquiring and imparting knowledge. It was his firm belief that education is the cornerstone of a just and enlightened society. He championed the cause of knowledge as a means to empower individuals, enabling them to lead lives of purpose and contribution. His teachings emphasised the importance of self-study and self-awareness as the pathways to true wisdom, urging his followers to engage in lifelong learning and spiritual growth. At the same time, Acharya Vidhyasagar Maharaj wanted our youngsters to get an education

that is also rooted in our cultural ethos.



**“I would especially urge the coming generations to study extensively about Acharya Vidhya sagar Maharaj's commitment to nation building. He would always urge people to rise above any partisan considerations and instead focus on national interest.**

He often said that it was because we drifted away from the learnings of the past that we were not able to find solutions to key challenges like water scarcity. He also believed that a holistic education is one that focuses on skilling and innovating. He took immense pride in India's linguistic diversity and encouraged youngsters to learn Indian languages. Pujya Acharya Ji himself wrote extensively in Sanskrit, Prakrit and Hindi. The heights he reached as a saint, and how grounded he was on the Earth, is seen clearly in his iconic work Mookmati. Through his works, he gave a voice to the downtrodden. In the domain of healthcare too, Pujya Acharya Ji's contributions were transformative. He was associated with several efforts, especially in underserved areas. His approach to healthcare was holistic, integrating physical wellbeing with spiritual wellness, thereby addressing the needs of the person as a whole. I would especially urge the coming generations to study extensively about Acharya Vidhyasagar Maharaj's commitment to nation building. He would always urge people to rise above any partisan considerations and instead focus on national interest. He was one of the strongest votaries of voting because he saw it as an expression of participation in democratic processes. He advocated healthy as well as clean politics, even saying that policymaking has to be about people's welfare, not self-interest (lokneeti is about loksangrah not

lobhsangrah). He believed that a strong nation is built on the foundation of its citizens' commitment to their duties towards themselves, their families, society, and the country. He encouraged individuals to cultivate virtues such as honesty, integrity and self-reliance, which he saw as essential for the creation of a just, compassionate, and thriving society. This emphasis on duties is of great importance as we work towards building a Viksit Bharat. In an era where environmental degradation is rampant world over, Pujya Acharya Ji called for a way of life which would minimise the harm being inflicted on nature. Likewise, he saw a paramount role for agriculture in our economy, also stressing on making agriculture modern as well as sustainable. His work towards reforming jail inmates was also noteworthy.

The beauty of our land is that for thousands of years, our soil has produced greats who have shown light to others and made our society better. Pujya Acharya Ji stands as a towering figure in this illustrious lineage of saints and social reformers. Whatever he did, he did not just for the present but also for the future. In November last year, I had the opportunity to visit the Chandragiri Jain Mandir in Dongargarh in Chhattisgarh. Little did I know that this visit would be my last meeting with Pujya Acharya Ji. Those moments were very special. He spoke to me for a long time, blessing me for my efforts in serving the nation. He expressed joy on the direction our nation is taking and the respect India is getting on the world stage. He was filled with enthusiasm while talking about the work he was doing. Then and always, his gentle gaze and serene smile were enough to instil a sense of peace and purpose. His blessings felt like a soothing balm on the soul, a reminder of the divine presence within and around us. Acharya Vidhyasagar Maharaj's void is deeply felt by all who knew him and were touched by his teachings and his life. However, he lives on in the hearts and minds of those he inspired. In honouring his memory, we commit to embodying the values he espoused. In this way, we not only pay tribute to a great soul but also take forward his mission for our country and people.

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# India that is Bharat: The way ahead after 2024 General Elections



Modi as PM 2014



Modi as PM 2019



Modi as PM 2024-Expected



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As India stands at the cusp of a new era following the 2024 general elections, it is crucial to reflect on the journey traversed, the achievements garnered, and the challenges that lie ahead. The transition from pre-2014 India to the present has been marked by transformative changes, yet there remains an unfinished agenda waiting to be addressed. Furthermore, India's role in the global arena takes center stage, demanding strategic foresight and proactive engagement.

## India Before 2014: -

The era preceding 2014 was characterized by sluggish economic growth, rampant

corruption, and policy paralysis. Development was uneven, leaving vast swathes of the population marginalized and impoverished. Political inertia often stymied reform efforts, impeding the nation's growth trajectory. India struggled to realize its potential as a global powerhouse, hampered by bureaucratic red tape and outdated policies. The country yearned for change, longing for leadership capable of catalyzing progress and fostering inclusive development.

## Achievements between 2014–24: -

The period between 2014 and 2024 witnessed significant strides across various domains. The government's focus on economic reforms, infrastructure development, and social welfare schemes propelled India onto a trajectory of growth and development.

Initiatives such as Make in India, Digital



## Mission Chandrayaan



India, and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan underscored a commitment to innovation, connectivity, and public health.

Moreover, landmark reforms such as, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) aimed to streamline processes and enhance ease of doing business. The introduction of a new education policy reflects a forward-looking approach, focusing on holistic development, skill enhancement, and innovation to meet the evolving needs of the 21st-century workforce.

Along with this, India made significant strides in renewable energy adoption, emerging as a global leader in the fight against climate change. The successful execution of missions like Chandrayaan, and Mangalyaan underscored India's prowess in space exploration, further enhancing its stature on the global stage.

Apart from this achieved significant milestones, including the construction of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, fulfilling a longstanding aspiration of millions of Indians. Additionally, the government's decision to abolish Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir has led to the integration of the region with the rest of the country, fostering development and unity.

India's achievements during this period are noteworthy across various fronts. Nation witnessed



### Ram Mandir 2024



### G20 Summit 2023

unprecedented infrastructure development, with ambitious projects such as the Sagarmala Program and Bharatmala Pariyojana bolstering connectivity and trade networks. The launch of initiatives like Ayushman Bharat revolutionized healthcare delivery, extending quality medical services to millions previously underserved.

#### **The unfinished agenda:**

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However, amidst these achievements lies the unfinished agenda awaiting the attention of the new government post-2024. Challenges such as unemployment, agrarian distress, rural-urban divides and income inequality and socio-economic disparities continue to persist, demanding sustained efforts and innovative solutions. Strengthening institutional frameworks, enhancing educational infrastructure, and fostering research and development are imperative to sustain India's growth momentum and ensure inclusive progress. Additionally, environmental degradation and climate change demand urgent attention, necessitating a holistic approach towards conservation and renewable energy adoption.

As the present Indian government navigates its tenure, it confronts a plethora of unfinished agendas

critical to the nation's progress and unity. It includes integrating Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (POK), rectifying distortions in the Constitution, implementing a Uniform Civil Code (UCC), and establishing a uniform education system. These efforts are essential for national progress and unity. Achieving these goals requires political will, strategic vision, and engagement with stakeholders. It is crucial to recognize the interconnectedness of these agendas and hold elected representatives accountable for progress.

### India's role in Global perspective after 2024 General Elections: -

Looking ahead, India's role in the global arena post-2024 assumes heightened significance and the global community observes keenly as the nation navigates its evolving international role. As a burgeoning economic powerhouse and a vibrant democracy, India possesses immense potential to shape regional and international dynamics. As the world grapples with complex geopolitical dynamics and evolving economic paradigms, India stands poised to emerge as a beacon of stability and growth. Leveraging its demographic dividend and burgeoning tech prowess, India can position itself as a hub for innovation and a key driver of global economic resurgence.

Geopolitically, India's strategic location and military capabilities underscore its importance in regional stability. Climate leadership and soft power projection further enhance its influence.



### Road Infra

However, challenges such as socioeconomic disparities and geopolitical complexities loom, demanding visionary leadership and inclusive policies for India's continued ascent on the global stage. Overall, with strategic vision and collective efforts, India has the potential to emerge as a prominent global leader, contributing to international progress and prosperity.

### Developed India by 2047: -

By 2047, India is going to transform into a beacon of development, boasting a thriving knowledge-based economy driven by innovation and entrepreneurship. Prioritizing education, the nation has equipped its youth with the skills needed for success, while infrastructure development has connected every corner of the country with state-of-the-art transportation and sustainable smart cities. Social inclusivity and equality are paramount, with policies reducing disparities, and environmental sustainability is a guiding principle, making India a global leader in renewable energy adoption and conservation efforts. As India celebrates its centennial year of independence, the vision of a developed nation has become a tangible reality, fueled by the collective efforts of its people and a commitment to inclusive growth, innovation, and sustainability

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# The Power of Personal Branding for MSMEs



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In the realm of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), where competition is fierce and resources are limited, the significance of personal branding often takes a back seat amidst the myriad challenges of running a business. However, in today's interconnected world, personal branding is not just reserved for individuals; it's a potent tool that MSMEs can leverage to thrive and stand out in the marketplace.

At the heart of every MSME lies the story of its founder or founders – their passion, vision, and unique journey. Personal branding for MSMEs begins with harnessing this narrative and weaving it into the fabric of the business. By sharing the story behind the brand, entrepreneurs can forge authentic connections with their audience, humanizing their business and making it relatable on a personal level.

In an era dominated by impersonal transactions, consumers crave authenticity and connection. Personal branding humanizes the brand, fostering trust and loyalty among customers. When people know the faces and stories behind the products or services they consume, they are more likely to develop a sense of loyalty and advocate for the brand.

Moreover, personal branding allows MSMEs to carve out a distinct identity in a saturated market. With countless businesses vying for attention, differentiation is key. By infusing their brand with the personality, values, and unique selling

proposition of its founders, MSMEs can stand out amidst the noise and attract their ideal audience.

Furthermore, personal branding amplifies credibility and trustworthiness. In a landscape where skepticism and skepticism abound, establishing oneself as an authority figure or expert in the industry can be a game-changer. By consistently sharing knowledge, insights, and experiences, entrepreneurs can position themselves as thought leaders, earning the trust and respect of their audience.

In addition, personal branding opens doors to valuable opportunities for MSMEs. Whether it's forging partnerships, securing collaborations, or attracting investment, a strong personal brand enhances visibility and credibility, making it easier to connect with potential stakeholders.

In conclusion, personal branding is not just a luxury but a necessity for MSMEs striving for success in today's competitive landscape. It's about harnessing the power of storytelling, building trust and credibility, and standing out amidst the crowd. By infusing their brand with authenticity, personality, and expertise, MSMEs can forge meaningful connections with their audience, drive growth, and unlock new opportunities for expansion. In a world where authenticity reigns supreme, those who master the art of personal branding will emerge as the true champions of the MSME sector. The Best example for personal branding i always take and even mentioned in my previous article is Mr Amitabh Bachchan. Many of you can understand my feelings as we all have grown up with Amitabh Bachchan Films and sh Harivansh Rai Bachchan Poetry which were full of life experiences. I will share more in my upcoming articles.

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# Interim Budget 2024-2025: Perceptions of a Needonomist



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The Interim Budget 2024-2025 of the size of Rs 47, 65,768 crore presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman stands as a crucial step towards charting the course for Viksit Bharat towards 2047. Referred to as a Vote-on-Account, this budget serves as a precursor to the regular union budget scheduled for July 2024, aligning with the election year with hope and optimism. The encouragement to wealth creators is appreciable but we must emphasize the importance of ethical and altruistic practices, in line with Gita-based Needonomics principles. The focus should be on quality indicators that benefit the masses rather than specific classes.

The budget proposals were necessary for the vision of Viksit Bharat towards 2047 but not sufficient for employment opportunities. For creating more employment opportunities, we must note that the employment multiplier is highest in tourism which stands strengthened by encouraging states to avail long-term interest-free loans provisioned in the budget. Pointing out the goal of all-round and inclusive development of the Indian economy in the spirit of 'Reform, Perform, Transform', the FM presented the Interim Budget 2024 is not the last budget with hope till July.

The government should be praised that even

before the Lok Sabha elections, populist schemes and new announcements have been avoided in this budget and the changes that have taken place in the economy in the last 10 years have been talked about, although the size of the economy has changed a lot in the last 10 years. It has increased but in this big economy, there is no talk of distributive justice in the budget.

It is a pleasant feeling that now the expenditure on infrastructure development has increased by 10% from last year's Rs 10 lakh crore to Rs 11.11 lakh crore, which will boost production and new employment generation by increasing effective demand. In this sequence, building three big economic railway corridors, connecting 40,000 bogies to Vande Bharat, and developing tourist centres for tourism in the states, today will increase the pace of the economy by promoting capital creation, but how and when - the questions were not answered.

Building 2 crore new houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Lakhpati Didi Yojana, and Cervical Cancer Vaccine Scheme for girls aged 9 to 14 years, strengthens the claim of self-reliant India and gender equality, but it hinders the target of fiscal deficit and budget deficit. The promotion of electronic vehicles and the establishment of new cement industries are steps to encourage energy conservation and a higher growth rate in the country. Still, the lack of mention of funding for these is disappointing when there is no time limit for them and elections

are around the corner. Are these just announcements or is the government fully confident of forming the government again and will continue these in the full budget?

One disappointing aspect of this interim budget is that it includes unemployed students, farmers, middle class and householders who have not directly received anything. No change in the tax slab for the salaried class. Employment for the unemployed. lack of new industrialization, when the new education policy for students comes out as a product, there is a question about its acceptability in the market and the government's needs. The absence of mention of Samman Nidhi, crop insurance scheme and research shows that this is an interim budget and not a full budget. Not providing relief from inflation also indicates the same thing.

Being a Needonomist, my concern is about the fiscal deficit which has not yet achieved the target of 4.5% under the FRBM Act it should be below 3%. Also, the equation and picture of where the money comes from and where it goes is not very encouraging. Even today, an expenditure of 20 per cent on interest payments on one rupee is non-productive. No effort was made to reduce it. At the same time, a maximum of 28 per cent of the receipts in one rupee are from loans and other liabilities, which is increasing the economic burden on the economy. The narrative underscores the economic challenges faced by the public, including unemployment, inflation, tax-GDP ratio, and excise duty on petrol and diesel. We must acknowledge the significance of maintaining a

positive unemployment rate, ideally between 3-5%, and the need to address the alarming 7% unemployment rate in India.

The ambitious economic goal of achieving a \$5 trillion economy by 2027 and securing the top spot globally in GDP by 2047 is discussed, with a call to harness the demographic dividend. We must acknowledge the government's efforts to address inflation through fiscal policy measures, emphasizing the need for careful economic management given India's public debt-to-GDP ratio exceeding 80% and concerns of it surpassing 100%. We must convert the minority of taxpayers (2.2 per cent under 21 million adult people) into the majority in India as in France 78.3 per cent, the UK 59.7 per cent and the USA 50 per cent as a performance indicator of Viksit Bharat. We must tax agricultural income (nontaxable presently) as per their capacity to pay tax.

We must understand the importance of needo-consumption as the driver of economic growth and focus on the quality of growth over the quantity of GDP. We have to give priority to job creation, reducing inequalities, addressing declining FLPR, and encouraging economic empowerment and freedom for the masses. We have to strengthen the seven priorities outlined in 2023-24 as the guiding principles of the 'Saptarishi' leading through the transformative period of Amrit Kaal for needo-insurance towards needo-happiness in Viksit Bharat. This calls for understanding MSP as minimum needs; support needs and protect needs within needonomics.

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# Understanding the Risks: A Closer Look at Retail Investing in India's Growing Stock Market



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**W**ith its massive population and bustling economy, India is an engine of growth. As a result, the Indian stock markets have experienced a remarkable journey of growth, reflecting the country's economic resilience and development. It has witnessed remarkable growth in recent years, marked by soaring trade volumes and market capitalization. On January 22, 2024, its stock market capitalization topped that of Hong Kong for the first time. According to Bloomberg data, the value of shares listed on Indian markets has hit \$4.33 trillion, compared to \$4.29 trillion in Hong Kong. Factors such as Economic reforms, technological advancements, and Government policies promoting ease of doing business contributed to the increasing participation from domestic investors significantly. However, along with the growth of the stock market, there has also been an increase in speculative trading. Speculation refers to the act of buying and selling stocks based on short-term price movements rather than the underlying

fundamentals of the company. This type of trading can be highly risky and often leads to losses for retail investors.

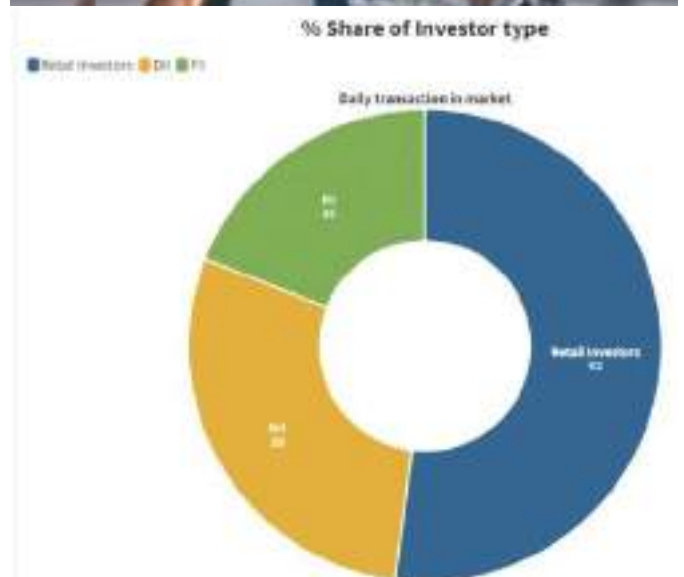
In 2023, Indian investors traded 85 billion options contracts, more than anywhere else in the world. In stock markets Option contracts are often shares of a particular company. These are financial instruments that provide the holder with the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell an underlying asset at a predetermined price within a specified time frame. Options are often used by investors to hedge their existing stock positions. For example, By purchasing put options, investors can protect their portfolios from potential declines in stock prices. However, retail investors are using these contracts for pure speculation. SEBI says 90% of active retail traders lose money trading options and other derivative contracts. In the year ended March 2022, the latest for which figures are available, investors lost \$5.4 billion.

One of the main reasons why retail investors are losing money with speculation in the stock market is the lack of knowledge and understanding of the market dynamics. Many retail investors are attracted to the stock market by the promise of quick and high returns. However, they often do not have a thorough

understanding of the companies they invest in or the factors that influence stock prices. As a result, they tend to make investment decisions based on rumors, tips, or short-term market trends, leading to poor investment choices and losses. Another factor contributing to retail investors losing money with speculation is the impact of market manipulation. Manipulation occurs when individuals or groups artificially inflate or deflate stock prices to profit from the resulting price movements. Retail investors, who may not be aware of such manipulations, become victims of these schemes, resulting in financial losses.

Furthermore, the volatility of the stock market adds to the risk faced by retail investors engaged in speculative trading. The market is influenced by various factors, including economic indicators, geopolitical events, and investor sentiment. The inherent unpredictability of these factors makes it difficult for retail investors to time their trades accurately, often leading to losses. To protect retail investors from losing money with speculation, it is crucial to create awareness and educate them about the potential risks and pitfalls of speculative trading. Financial literacy programs and investor education initiatives can equip retail investors with the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed investment decisions. Additionally, regulatory bodies need to continue to monitor and enforce strict regulations to prevent market manipulation and ensure a fair and transparent trading environment.

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# Managing Teenage Relations- Building Bridges Between Parents and Adolescents



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**A**s a cognitive behavioral counselor, I've often witnessed the complexities of teenage relationships with their parents. Adolescence is a time of rapid change, where individuals navigate the transition from childhood to adulthood, often accompanied by conflicts and challenges in their interactions with parents. However, amidst the turmoil, some parents have successfully cultivated healthy relationships with their teenagers, fostering trust, communication, and mutual respect.

## Understanding Teenage Conflict with Parents:

Conflict between teenagers and their parents is not uncommon. It often arises from the clash between independence-seeking adolescents and the authority and guidance provided by parents. From curfew battles to disagreements over chores and academic pressures, these conflicts can strain the parent-teenager relationship if not managed effectively.

### Creative Ways to Spend Quality Time Together



## Building Healthy Parent-Teenager Relationships:

On the other hand, some parents have built strong and nurturing relationships with their teenagers. These parents prioritize open communication, active listening, and understanding, creating an environment where teenagers feel heard, valued, and supported. Such relationships are characterized by mutual respect, trust, and the freedom to express thoughts and emotions without fear of judgment.

## Early Signs of a Declining Parent-Teenager Relationship:

Identifying early signs of a declining relationship is crucial for intervention. For teenagers, these signs may include withdrawal, rebellious behavior, or a lack of communication with parents. Conversely, parents may notice changes in their teenager's demeanor, such as mood swings, defiance, or a sudden disinterest in family activities. These signs signal underlying issues that need to be addressed promptly to prevent further deterioration of the relationship.

## Improving the Parent-Teenager Bond:

As a cognitive behavioral counselor, I often recommend strategies for both parents and teenagers to improve their relationship and avoid conflicts:



### Open Communication:

Encourage both parents and teenagers to engage in honest and open communication. Create a safe space where both parties feel comfortable expressing their thoughts, feelings, and concerns without fear of judgment or criticism.

### Active Listening:

Teach parents and teenagers the importance of active listening. Encourage them to listen attentively to each other's perspectives, validate their feelings, and seek to understand before responding.

### Setting Boundaries:

Help establish clear and reasonable boundaries for both parents and teenagers. Boundaries provide structure and guidelines for behavior, reducing conflicts and misunderstandings.

### Empathy and Understanding:

Foster empathy and understanding between parents and teenagers. Encourage them to see situations from each other's perspectives, recognize each other's feelings, and empathize with the challenges they face.

### Conflict Resolution Skills:

Teach effective conflict resolution skills, such as problem-solving, compromise, and negotiation. Encourage parents and teenagers to work together to find mutually agreeable solutions to conflicts and disagreements.

### Quality Time Together:

Encourage parents and teenagers to spend quality time together, engaging in activities they both enjoy. Quality time strengthens the bond between parents and teenagers, fostering closeness and connection.

### Seeking Professional Help:

When conflicts persist or become overwhelming, encourage parents and teenagers to seek professional help from a cognitive behavioral counselor. Professional intervention can provide support, guidance, and strategies for overcoming challenges and improving the parent-teenager relationship.

In conclusion, navigating teenage relationships with parents can be challenging, but it is possible to build strong, healthy, and nurturing bonds with open communication, empathy, understanding, and conflict resolution skills. By prioritizing the relationship and actively working to improve communication and understanding, parents and teenagers can overcome conflicts and create a supportive and loving family environment.



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As a member of FII, you become empowered as you gain access to a world of opportunities.

### Govt. Policies

1. Opportunity to contribute to Govt. policy initiatives
2. Opportunity to contribute to pre – budget planning
3. Be up to date about govt. schemes to gain maximum advantage for business interests

### Networking

1. Networking opportunities with Indian Sectoral Experts across different verticals
2. Networking with Global Leaders, counterparts in all continents
3. Opportunity to connect with 5000 industry members all over India
4. Platform to meet global business and political leaders
5. Opportunity to participate in seminars, conferences and B2B meetings

### Events & Other Deliverables

1. WhatsApp Group Inclusion facilitating networking with business contacts in FII Chapters
2. Complimentary subscription to monthly Newsletter (audience in 150 countries) highlighting business opportunities in India and abroad
3. Opportunity to establish visibility of your business via ads in FII Newsletter
4. Support regarding Finance, upgradations, investment opportunities, healthcare, sports etc
5. Weekly Awareness programme “Talk with an Expert” inviting experts/departmental heads to discuss policies, new laws, startups, MSMEs, Legal, Financial Issues, Corporates etc
6. General body meeting with all FII members
7. Participation in development activities like webinars, symposiums, workshops, seminars, buyer-seller activities and other activities related to industry.

### Professional Help from FII

1. Dedicated Committees for
  - MSME
  - Defence
  - Water Resources
  - Goods & Service Tax
  - CSR
  - International Affairs & Free Trade Zones
  - Human Resource Development
  - Agriculture
  - Banking & Finance
  - Corporate Insolvency & Restructuring
  - Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
  - Disaster Risk Reduction
  - Fintech
  - Goods & Services Tax (GST)
  - Health
  - Media & IT
  - Startup & Skill Development
  - Social Communication & Outreach
  - Road Safety & Traffic Awareness
  - Entrepreneurial Skill Development
  - Women Empowerment
  - Support Children with Special Needs
  - Sports & Recreation
2. Credit Counselling, Advice on GST & Taxes, Advice on loans, Recovery of Delayed/ Stuck Payments, Advice on Subsidies & Grants
3. We provide help in revival of sick units with experts on every domain
4. Support for business development through participation in Exhibitions within/outside India and plan for visit to International Trade Fairs
5. Empower Indian Businesses in their global outreach for business expansion
6. Opportunity to take part in FII Overseas Business Delegations

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### **CREATING OPPORTUNITIES...BUILDING NATION!!**

#### **FII-INTERNATIONAL NETWORK CHARTER**

- Promoting an environment of strong business relationships of India with growing Economies
- Assisting Indian businesses to expand in 42 Nations where FII has its Country Chapters
- Help from FII Investment Desk, which ensures safety and security of investment in foreign land
- Our strengthened relations with International Consulates helps easing of setting up business internationally
- We support our members in case of any dispute arises in overseas projects and the implementation.
- Support from Experts in documentation and various approvals for overseas expansion
- Support for international exhibitions, stalls in all continents
- Networking opportunities for overseas B2B, B2G
  
- Take advantage of FII Partnerships with International Associations
- Opportunity to participate in International Business Delegations
- Assistance to Overseas Business for setting up operations in India
  
- Strengthening Indian Diaspora, Businesses and Professionals
- Promoting brotherhood and Business Networking among Indian Diaspora
- Creating Awareness for Indian Diaspora to Business Opportunities in India
- International Conferences on side-lines of Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas to facilitate networking across eminent businesspersons
- Celebration of Indian & International Holidays in synergy to recognize and promote International Brotherhood



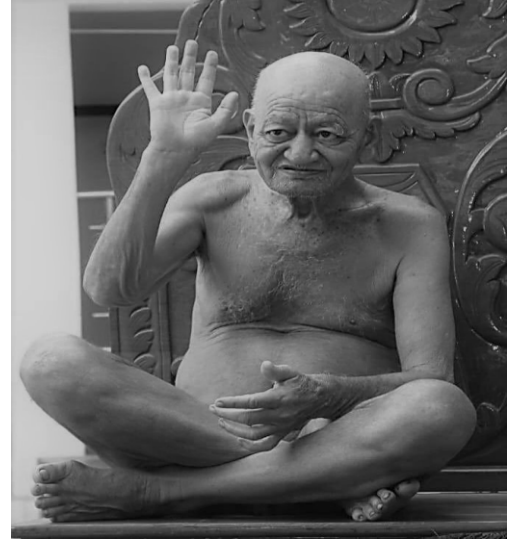


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# FII PARTNERS



Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed condolences on the demise of Acharya Shri 108 Vidyasagar Maharaj. The Digamber Jain community grieved the loss of revered seer, Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj. Acharya known for his wisdom and guidance, passed away on Sunday. In Indore, various Jain groups paid tribute on Sunday at Regal Square. Over 500 attendees, including prominent community members, came together to light diyas and offer prayers in memory of Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj. The community members lighted 108 diyas to pay homage to the saint.



**Acharya Vidyasagar**  
(1946-2024)



**Manohar Joshi**  
(1937-2024)

Former Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Manohar Joshi, dies at 86. Former Maharashtra Chief Minister Manohar Joshi passed away Friday, February 23, at the age of 86. The former Lok Sabha Speaker was admitted to PD Hinduja Hospital after suffering a cardiac arrest on February 21 and breathed his last at the private medical facility, family sources said, as reported by PTI. Last year in May, the Shiv Sena stalwart was admitted to the same Hinduja Hospital after suffering a brain haemorrhage.

Ghazal legend Pankaj Udhas passes away at 72. Veteran singer Pankaj Udhas passed away at the age of 72 on Monday following prolonged illness. "With a very heavy heart, we are saddened to inform you of the sad demise of Padmashri Pankaj Udhas on February 26, 2024 due to a prolonged illness," Nayaab Udhas posted on social media platform Instagram. Udhas was a prominent Indian Ghazal singer. He was widely recognized for popularizing a distinctive singing style that involves setting Urdu poetry to music.



**Pankaj Udhas**  
(1951-2024)

He played a crucial role, alongside fellow musicians such as Jagjit Singh and Talat Aziz, in introducing this art form to a widespread audience throughout the country.

## Days To Remember in February 2024

**February 14:** Valentine's Day

**February 14:** Vasant Panchami

**February 19:** Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti

**February 24:** Guru Ravidas Jayanti

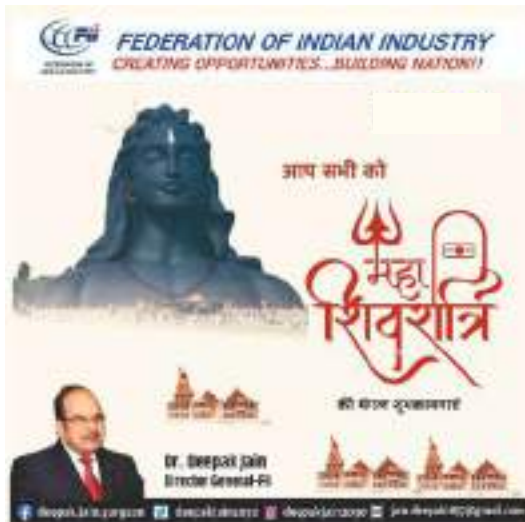
**March 5:** Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti

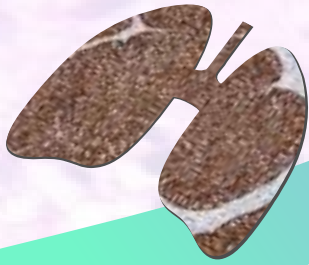
**March 8:** Maha Shivaratri

**March 8:** International Women's Day

**March 12:** Ramakrishna Jayanti

## Greetings in February 2024

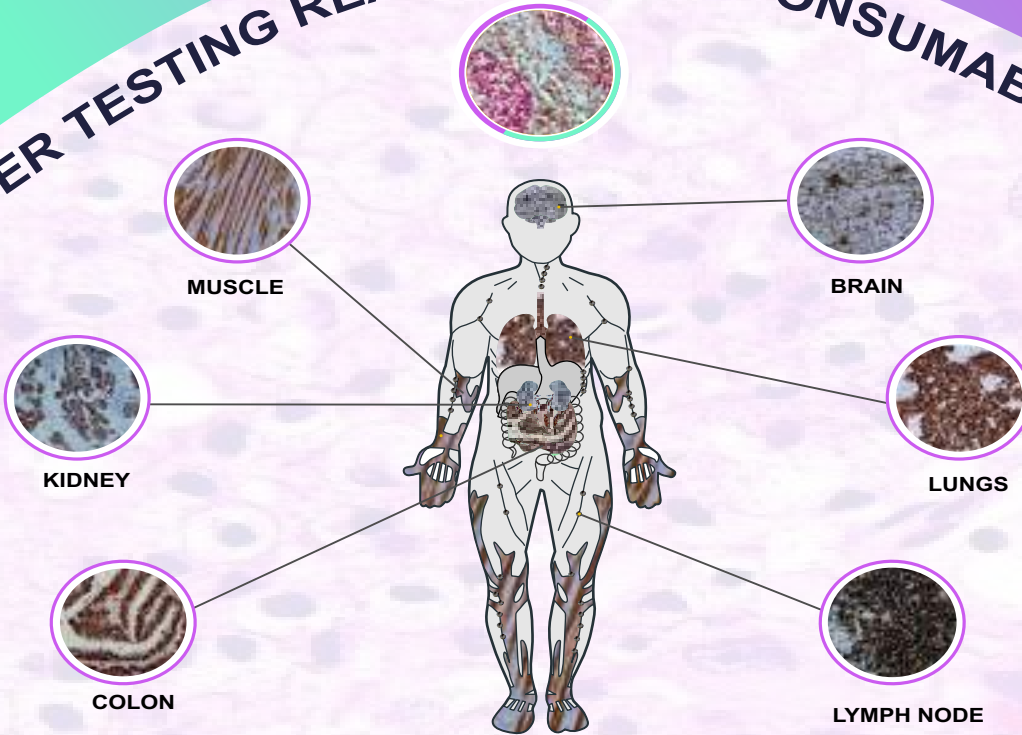




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