



PM Modi speaks with 'friend' Putin, reaffirms commitment to deepen India-Russia ties

New Delhi/Moscow: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday held a "very good and detailed conversation" with Russian President Vladimir Putin over phone during which both leaders not only vowed to further deepen the India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership but also held detailed discussions on developments concerning Ukraine. "Had a very good and detailed conversation with my friend President Putin. I thanked him for sharing the latest developments on Ukraine. We also reviewed the progress in our bilateral agenda, and reaffirmed our commitment to further deepen the India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership. I look forward to hosting President Putin in India later this year," PM Modi posted on X after the phone call. While thanking President Putin for his detailed assessment, the Prime Minister reiterated India's consistent position for peaceful resolution of the Ukraine conflict. The phone call took place less than 24 hours after National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval called on the Russian President at the Kremlin on Thursday evening. The important meeting came in wake of US President Donald Trump's decision to impose additional tariffs on India for importing oil from Russia. Terming the move as "unfair, unjustified and



unreasonable", India had made it clear that its imports are based on market factors and done with the overall objective of ensuring the energy security of 1.4 billion people of India. From the Russian side, the meeting was also attended by Secretary of the Security Council of Russia Sergei Shoigu and Aide to the President of Russia Yuri Ushakov. India's Ambassador to Russia, Vinay Kumar also participated in the meeting along with NSA Doval. President Putin's visit to India for the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit is being planned as part of the ongoing commitment to annual meetings between the two leaders. "Our leaders have an agreement to meet once a year. This time, it is our turn," Kremlin aide Ushakov had said earlier. The last

visit by the Russian President to India took place on December 6, 2021, during the 21st India-Russia Annual Summit in New Delhi. PM Modi, meanwhile, held two high-profile visits to Russia last year, attending the 22nd Russia-India Summit in July and later participated in the BRICS Summit held in Kazan in October. Citing that the political dialogue between India and Russia is "developing dynamically" and is facilitated by the fact that Moscow and New Delhi "have close or even coinciding views on the objectively emerging multipolar world order", Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov had also indicated that preparations are being made for Russian President Vladimir Putin's upcoming visit to India. "Relations between our countries have a long history. It

can be said that they have stood the test of time more than once. Today, Russia and India are developing equal cooperation based on sincere, mutual respect and consideration of each other's interests," Lavrov told the participants of the first international conference 'Russia and India: Towards a New Agenda for Bilateral Relations' which was also addressed by External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar in March, this year. "It is difficult to overestimate the contribution of our leaders to this process. It is symbolic that Prime Minister Narendra Modi made his first bilateral foreign visit after his re-election last year to Russia. Now it is our turn. Russian President Vladimir Putin accepted the invitation of the head of the Indian government. The visit of the head of the Russian state to the Republic of India is being prepared," he added. In June, the Russian President sent a message of condolences to President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the passenger plane crash in Ahmedabad. "Please accept the deepest condolences over the tragic consequences of a passenger plane crash in Ahmedabad. Kindly convey the words of sincere sympathy and support to the families and near ones of the victims, as well as wishes for a speedy recovery to

all those injured in this catastrophe," said Putin. In May, President Putin also called Prime Minister Modi and "strongly condemned" the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, offering "full support" to India in its ongoing fight against terrorism. A statement issued by the Kremlin said that Putin expressed sincere condolences to PM Modi over the death of Indian citizens as a result of the barbaric terrorist attack on April 22 and emphasised the need for an "uncompromising fight" against terrorism in any form. "During the conversation, the strategic nature of Russian-Indian relations of a special privileged partnership was emphasised. These relations are not subject to external influence and continue to develop dynamically in all directions," read the statement issued by the Russian President's office. "The Indian leader reiterated his invitation to the Russian President to visit India for the traditional annual bilateral summit. The invitation was accepted with gratitude," it added. PM Modi, who had also been invited by Putin for the participation in the Victory Day celebrations, however could not travel to Russia. The Russian President had earlier extended his condolences to President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Modi over the tragic consequences of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam.

Congress women leaders tie Rakhi to CM Revanth Reddy on Raksha Bandhan festival



On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was honoured by female ministers who tied rakhis, wishing him a prosperous future. Ministers Konda Surekha and Seethakka, along with various party leaders and members, participated in the ceremony, offering sweets as part of the celebration. In a show of camaraderie, Minister Seethakka also tied rakhis to Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, as well as Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, and Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, further enhancing the festive spirit of the occasion. In a show of camaraderie, Minister Seethakka also tied rakhis to Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, as well as Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, and Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, further enhancing the festive spirit of the occasion.

CM Chandrababu visits Alluri Seetharamaraju district, talks with coffee growers

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu made a visit to Vanjanga village in the Alluri Seetharamaraju district, where he paid his respects at the local temple, offering prayers to the deities. During his visit, he inspected the flourishing coffee plantations in the area and participated in traditional tribal ceremonies, taking the opportunity to engage with local coffee growers regarding their challenges. Naidu continued his tour to Lagishapalli, where he laid the foundation stone and inaugurated several development programmes aimed at enhancing the district's infrastructure. He held discussions with officials pertaining to ongoing district development initiatives and inspected



new products from the Government Coffee Corporation (GCC), also launching a related website for better public access. Managing Director Kalpana Kumari was present to showcase these new offerings to the

Chief Minister. The CM raised concerns regarding the measures in place to combat drug and marijuana issues within the agency, receiving a briefing from the Superintendent of Police about the achievements

of the Eagle team in this regard. Additionally, he inquired about the status of the handloom counter, highlighting his commitment to the development of local crafts and industries.

Chandrababu, Lokesh extend greetings to tribals on International Tribal Day

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has conveyed his best wishes to tribal communities on the occasion of International Tribal Day. In a post on the social media platform 'X', he emphasised the development of agency areas to be on par with more urban regions, asserting that the coalition government aims to uplift tribal lives significantly. Hyderabad tourism Naidu indicated that discussions regarding future pro-



grammes tailored for tribal welfare would take place soon, and key decisions are expected to be announced later today. He reiterated the government's commitment to the advancement of tribal communities. Minister Nara Lokesh also shared his greetings on the same platform, highlighting the unique

lifestyle of tribal people as a testament to ancient cultures and traditions. He noted that the coalition government is actively engaged in promoting their welfare, with Rs 7,557 crores allocated in the previous financial year. Lokesh assured that the government will continue to support tribal communities in every possible way moving forward.

Spreading out the crowd during the festive season by discounted fare on a journey booked under Round trip package for festival rush.

Hyderabad, metro udayam August 9....

In order to avoid rush, ensure hassle free booking as well as facilitate passengers and redistribute the peak traffic for larger range during peak festival seasons and ensure both side utilization of trains including special trains it has been decided to formulate an experimental scheme named as round trip package for festivals rush on discounted fare. This scheme will be applicable for those passengers who choose their return journey during the prescribed period as detailed below:

(i) Under this scheme, rebates shall be applicable when booked for both onward and return journeys for the same set of passengers. Passenger details of the return journey will be the same



as on the onward journey.

(ii). Booking start date shall be 14.08.2025 for the ARP date 13th October 2025. Onward ticket shall be booked first for the train start date between 13th October 2025 and 26th October 2025 and subsequently return

journey ticket shall be booked by using the connecting journey feature for the train start date between 17th November and 1st December 2025. Advance reservation period will not be applicable for booking of return journey. (iii). The above booking shall be

permissible only for confirmed tickets in both directions.

(iv). Total rebates of 20% shall be granted on base fare of return journey only.

(v) Booking under this scheme shall be for the same class and same O-D pair for both onward and return journeys.

(vi). No refund of fare shall be permissible for the tickets booked under this scheme.

(vii). The above scheme shall be allowed for all classes and in all trains including special trains (Trains on demand) except trains having Flexi fare.

(viii). No modification will be allowed on these tickets in either of the journeys.

(ix). No discount, Rail travel coupons, Voucher based booking, Passes or PTOs etc. shall

be admissible during return journey booking on concessional fare.

(x). Both onward and return journey tickets must be booked using the same mode-either: Internet (online) booking, or Counter booking at reservation offices

(xi) No additional fare collection will be performed if any arises during charting for these PNRs.

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4. Wide publicity should be given through press, media and also through notifications and announcements at stations etc.

Gold medals for Jangaon & Bachannapet in South India WFSKO karate championship



Jangaon, August 09, Metroudayam:

South India WFSKO karate championship,affiliated World Funakoshi Shotokhan Karate Organisation, competitions held in Kammam town at M.B.Gardens,near FCI godowns,bypass road, khammam dist, Telangana.It was organised by Sandhesh Karate academy.1500 above participants came from different districts and took part in this championship. They showed their skills in karate in multilevel and all of the participated candidates gave good performance at their levels. Among them 22 participants from Jangaon district hailing from Bachannapet and Jangaon won&bagged 13 gold medals,06 silver medals & 03 bronze medals under the expert trainer by master Vikram Black Belt 6th Dan. The participants abhista,devanreddy,mahesh, devnash goud, saketh,San dheeraj, rajyalaxmi, chaithanya, srinithya, karthik, ganesh,sakshith got gold medals,ashwath, manogna, rohith got broze medals, Sanmukh, shresta, kathyayini, sandharshan, akshay adhitya,dinesh got silver medals. Parents, teachers & well wishers, coaches congratulated each &every participants & winners.winners,participants in this championship competitions gratitude to their masters for giving excellent learning skills in karate.

Peoples government Committed to BC reservation

-Banka Shivarajyadav,AMC chairman

Jangaon, August 09,Metroudayam:

Banka shivaraj yadav,the chairman of agricultural market committee, Jangaon says that the state government committed to implement 42% BC reservation immediately after the central govt pass the bill,as the state government is staging dharna at Jantar Mantar in Delhi to bring pressure on the central government for implementation of 42% BC reservation.Similarly shivarajyadav also participated in the dharna made it success along with his followers and the leaders.



WALTAIR DIVISION IMMERSSES IN PATRIOTISM WITH HAR GHAR TIRANGA CAMPAIGN

Responding to the nationwide call to awaken the spirit of patriotism, under the guidance of Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra, Waltair Division of East Coast Railway has been conducting a series of activities in connection with the celebrations of the 76th Indian Independence Day. These programmes are aimed at encouraging active participation from railway employees, their family members, and the public, fostering a collective sense of pride and unity.

As part of the celebrations and with an aim to raise awareness on the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, encouraged by Sports Officer Shri M Haranath, the sports persons of East Coast Railway Sports Association, Waltair Division, organised a spirited Bike Rally. Led by General Secretary Smt. N. Usha, the rally commenced from the Railway



Sports Stadium, with participants riding through the city carrying the Tricolour and raising slogans that evoked deep patriotic sentiment.

Parallely, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Waltair Division, under the guidance of Senior Divisional Security Commissioner Shri Ajay Prakash Dubey, also organised a Har Ghar Tiranga Bike Rally, covering railway colonies and city areas with great fervour. The sight of the disciplined line of bikers waving



the national flag created a striking patriotic visual across the streets of Visakhapatnam. Many residents stepped out of their homes to witness and cheer the colourful march of the Tricolour.

Adding to the patriotic fervour, children of railway employees, along with youngsters from surrounding localities, gathered at the Rail Club to watch specially screened patriotic films, organised by Personnel Branch of Waltair Division, further deepening the sense of

national pride. Speaking on the occasion, Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra expressed the happiness over the enthusiastic participation shown by every section of the railway fraternity and the public, highlighting the collective resolve to honour the nation and uphold its values. To keep the spirit of Independence alive among citizens across all age groups- Har Ghar Tiranga movement will definitely ignite the minds, DRM added.

Umakanth Takes Charge as 4th Town CI

Visakhapatnam: CH Umakanth took charge as the Circle Inspector (CI) of the 4th Town Police Station under Visakhapatnam City Police limits on Saturday. The previous CI, Athmakur Satyanarayana, was transferred to the Court Monitoring Cell wing, and Umakanth, who was serving there, has now been posted to Fourth Town in his place. Umakanth officially took charge from Satyanarayana.



On this occasion, the station staff extended a warm welcome to Umakanth by greeting him with flower bouquets and congratulating him. He was introduced to the staff and inspected various departments within the station.

A 2004 batch officer, Umakanth has prior experience working in Visakhapatnam City as well as in several places across the North Andhra districts. He was promoted in 2013. Speaking on the occasion, Umakanth stated that he would strive to maintain law and order in the stations jurisdiction with the cooperation of the public.

Andhra govt working to develop tribal areas, plains on equal footing: CM

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday said the TDP-led NDA government is working towards developing tribal areas and plains on an equal footing. Commemorating the 'World Tribal Day', chief minister noted that the NDA alliance government is working to illuminate the lives of tribals. "My greetings to tribal brothers and sisters on the occasion of World Tribal Day. The coalition government is working towards developing agency (tribal) areas and plains regions on an equal footing to illuminate the lives of tribals," said Naidu in a post on X. In addition to explaining the development and welfare activities executed in tribal areas over the past year, he said he will discuss with tribals today on future projects and disclose the decisions. Further, Naidu asserted that the coalition government is working steadfastly for the development of tribals.



SUNDAY BOOK REVIEW.

NATWARS FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY (10/08/2025)

Natwar Singh passed away on 10th August last year at the ripe age 93, after a prolonged illness. Here are a few snippets from his highly informative autobiography *One Life Is Not Enough*.

Natwar Singh was a diplomat by vocation, a writer by avocation, and a politician by choice. In his long and eventful life, Natwar went to many places, rubbed shoulders with the royals, with the rich and with the powerful, held numerous posts and positions, scaled many heights, won awards and rewards, and eventually felt that one life was not enough to do and achieve all the things that one wanted to.

His autobiography *One Life Is Not Enough* is highly informative and engaging. It offers us glimpses into the life of Natwar, the diplomat, Natwar, the writer, Natwar, the politician, and Natwar, the man. Born on 16th May 1931 to Govind Singh and Prayag Kaur at Bharatpur, Rajasthan as the youngest of their four sons, Natwar was pampered by his parents.

After completing his UG in 1951, Natwar prepared for the Civil Services Exams and in October 1952 took the exams and later went to Cambridge for further studies. In January 1953 he returned from Cambridge to face the UPSC interview. He was the first Rajasthani to become qualified for both the IFS and the IAS.

Writing about his maiden one-to-one meet with PM Nehru as a trainee Civil Servant, Natwar says that he was speechless when Nehru stood up to receive him into the room and later at the end of the meet Nehru came upto the door to see him off. Natwar writes that it was the supreme gesture of good manners and magnanimous grace by a statesman of world stature.

Later he talks about many interesting things that happened in the initial days of his IFS assignments. During his assignment in China, he met writer Han Suyin and they remained bosom friends for life. Natwar was a great admirer of Suyin and her superb English. He is all praise for Chinese Chairman Mao Tse Tung and his enormous knowledge of Chinese history and his

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political plans to change his people and their way of thinking. During his twenty two month- stay there, Natwar learnt and gained proficiency in Chinese and met many famous leaders and personalities of China and of other countries who visited China.

According to Natwar, Chinese PM Chou En-lai's third visit to India and his meetings with Nehru and his Ministers turned out to be a disaster. In his years with the UNO, Natwar had met many world leaders and famous personalities. According to him, Nehru's first speech in the UNO was a none too impressive. During his visit to America, Rajaji had stayed with Natwar for 5 days in his flat and he had all approbation for Rajaji's erudition and his spartan ways of life.

All know that Natwar Singh was a staunch loyalist to the Nehru family. In this autobiography, Natwar devotes a full chapter to this topic. He presents a dispassionate picture about his awe and admiration for Nehru. He also writes extensively about Nehru's mistakes in handling the Kashmir issue.

In his chapter *Working With Indira Gandhi* Natwar uses choicest adjectives to describe her endearing and enigmatic personality. When she herself picked him up to work in the PMO, many highbrows were raised. According to Natwar, during her initial years as the PM, Gandhi was in office but not in power the actual power was rested in the hands of persons like Nijalingappa, Kamaraj and Morarji Desai. He says that Indira was misled in taking a couple of crucial decisions. During her first five years of rule, Indira faced many challenges and trying political issues, be the cancellation of the privy purses, the appointment of V V Giri as the President, the nationalization of the 14 banks, the handling of the Bangladesh issue, but weathered them all with aplomb and courage.

When the Emergency was clamped in 1975, Natwar was posted in London and he found it hard to justify the action of Indira. British politicians, press and people all demanded the immediate release of all the arrested leaders including Jayaprakash Narayan. In hindsight about Emergency Natwar said that I now realize that my professional conduct did me no

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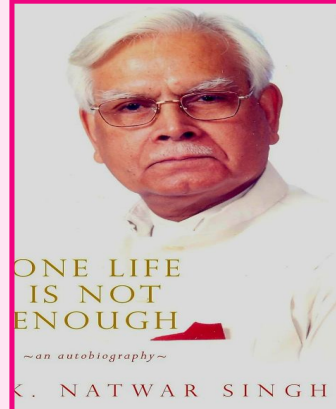
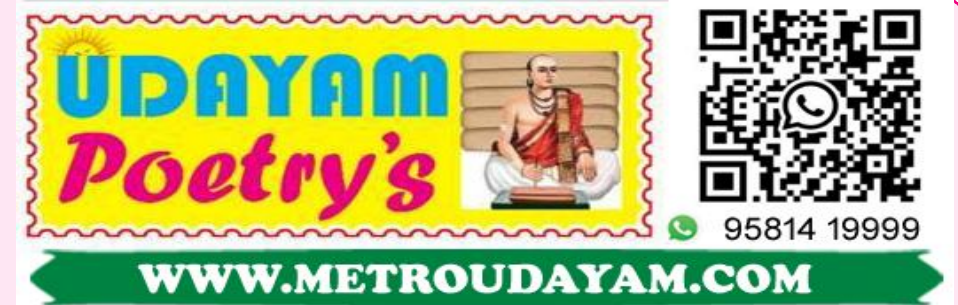
When Morarji Desai became the PM after the Emergency, Natwar had tough times with him. Natwar was posted as the Indian High Commissioner to Zambia, as a punishment. Morarji regarded Natwar as an agent of Indira and so the PMO used every opportunity to show Natwar Morarji's dislike of him. But soon Morarji's tenure ended abruptly almost half way and Natwar thought that it was good riddance. In the views of Natwar, Morarji lacked warmth, a sense of humour and was obdurate, self-righteous, pedantic, and unimaginative.

Five years before his retirement, Natwar decided in 1984 to plunge into politics. When he expressed his desire to PM Indira, she reacted positively. However the brutal assassination of her left behind a bloody trial with the butchering of about 3000 innocent people in and around Delhi.

Natwar was one of the few persons who reached Indira's house even before her blood dried up. Later he won elections from Bharatpur and Rajeev Gandhi made him a Deputy Minister of Steel. This paved the way for Natwar to become one of most trusted persons of Rajeev, and Sonia. Natwar accompanied Rajeev on almost all his foreign tours.

Natwar in his book throws light on the developments following the assassination of Rajeev Gandhi in 1991. He advised Sonia to take up the post of the President of the party but on the say-so of P N Haskar Sonia offered the post to the then Vice-President Shankar Dayal Sharma. But when the VP declined to accept the offer on the grounds of his advanced age, P V Narashima Rao was made President to the displeasure of Sharad Pawar and Arjun Singh.

About P V Narashima Rao as the PM, Natwar says that initially Rao had to deal with serious economic issues. The immediate corrective measure to be taken to tide over the Balance-of-payments crisis was our Government depositing about 40 tons of gold with the Bank of England. Rao was compelled by



the IMF to initiate economic reforms for Foreign Investments if it had to sanction a loan of 1.4 billion dollars. Both his action of Economic Reforms and inaction of dealing with the Majid issue firmly put Rao in a tight spot. Besides this, Natwar and some other Congress stalwarts fell out with Rao over his style of functioning. Apart from this, Rao's much talked about differences with Sonia added to his woes. And it ultimately culminated in the defeat of the Congress in the 1996 elections and sinking of Rao into oblivion.

About Sonia Gandhi, Natwar says that Indira Gandhi herself told him in 1967 about the marriage of Rajiv Gandhi and Sonia months before the event. According to Natwar, after the marriage, Sonia, a strict Roman Catholic woman, found herself in a totally unfamiliar world in India, with no friends, no knowledge of Indian languages, culture, customs, and religion. She spent 16 years with a world famous woman till her death in 1984. Sonia feared for the life of Rajiv also and was completely reluctant to allow him become the PM. Her fears came true with the murder of Rajiv in 1991 and spring vanished from her life.

For almost seven years Sonia spent in seclusion and shunned all politics. Natwar says that Sonia made P V Narashima Rao PM, though she didn't like him much. Even P V knew it and one day he called Natwar to his house and asked him to speak with Sonia for him. Rao also told him that he was ready to step down from the PM post if only Sonia herself asked him so. When Natwar expressed his helplessness, Rao sought the good offices of Mohammad Yunus to work out a patch-up with Sonia. But nothing worked out.

Within a short period, Natwar became a close confidant of Sonia, he visited her house almost daily, helped her, guided her, advised her, ran errands for her. He often prepared her speeches, trained her in how to speak and was with her in her public meetings, functions and in her foreign tours. When he underwent a bypass

surgery, Sonia visited the hospital, in constant touch with his wife and the doctors. Even P V Narashima Rao, Jairam Ramesh and others when they had an issue with Sonia, they approached Natwar for help.

Soon, alas, things changed. According to Natwar, Rahul was against Sonia becoming the PM, fearing for her safety. He told her direct in the presence of Natwar and Manmohan Singh. Sonia accepted, though reluctantly, his wish and made Manmohan Singh PM in 2004. Natwar got the EAM, even though some Congress stalwarts and America asked Sonia not to give him that ministry.

After some time, Sonia was not happy with Natwar Singh's way of functioning. Later in 2005 Natwar was made a Minister without a portfolio following the surface of allegations against him in the Volcker Report. Soon there were occasions when Sonia and Natwar came face to face but exchanged no words almost for nine years! It was only in 2014, just a few days before the launching of this autobiography, Sonia and Priyanka themselves called on Natwar in his home and exchanged pleasantries.

This autobiography, published by Rupa and priced at RS 471, has undoubtedly great substance and style and on reading it the reader discovers to his delight that Natwar Singh was a diplomat with elephantine memory and who knew many things. In other words, Natwar Singh was a diplomat with a difference.

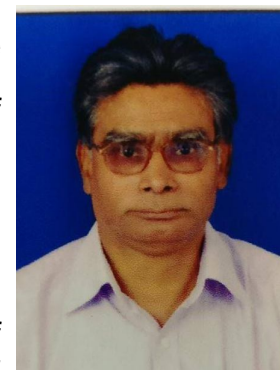
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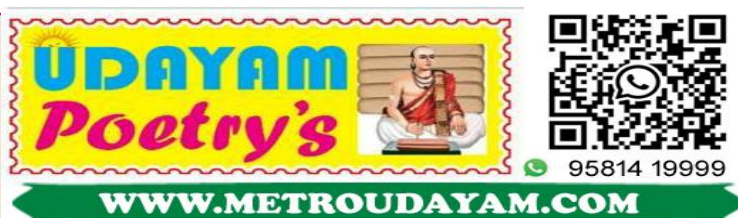


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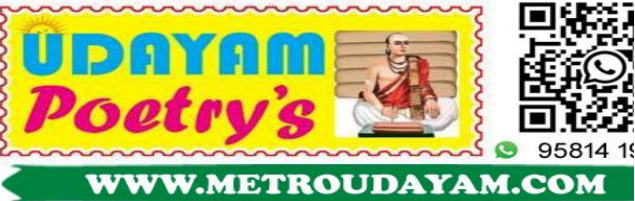
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घूँघट स्त्रियों के सर और मुँह को ढकने के वस्त्र को कहा जाता है। घूँघट को झुंड, कुंड, घोमटा, घुँघटा, चुनरी, लाज, औरहनी, दुपट्टा और ओढ़नी जैसे अनेक नामों से पुकारा जाता है। घूँघट की प्रथा केवल मुस्लिम में ही नहीं बल्कि दूसरे धर्म के लोगों में भी प्रचलित है। शाही घराने और उच्च कुलीन वर्ग की महिलाएं पहिले सार्वजनिक रूप से घूँघट छोड़ती थीं बाद में इस प्रथा को बहुत लोगों ने अपनाया। हमारे महाराष्ट्र में सर पर पल्लू को ढाँकने की प्रथा है जो उच्च संस्कार का प्रतीक है।

हिंदू महिलाओं में घूँघट के रूप में चेहरा ढंकना आज भी राजस्थान, गुजरात, हरियाणा, हिमाचल प्रदेश, उत्तराखंड, मध्य प्रदेश, उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार और दिल्ली के व्यतिरिक्त पंजाब और सिंध के अनेक भागों में प्रचलित है। कहा जाता है के अपने हिंदुस्तान में घूँघट की यह प्रथा स्त्रियों द्वारा अपने आप को आक्रमणकारियों से बचाने के लिए और सम्मान और शालीनता के प्रतीक के रूप में प्रारंभ की गई प्रथा है। बड़ों के सामने घूँघट में रहना बड़ों को आदर देना होता है।

पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 24, सूराह अन नूर, आयत क्रमांक 30 में ईमानदार पुरुषों को अपनी नजर नीची रखने और अपने पवित्रता, अपने चरित्रों को संभाले रखने का स्पष्ट आदेश दिया गया है। पवित्र कुरआन का यह आदेश परदे की अवधारणा का ही एक महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा मना जाता है।

इसके अगले आयत में साफ साफ कहा गया है के, "और (ऐ पैगम्बर स्व.)! ईमानदार औरतों से भी कह दो के वह भी अपनी नजरे (दृष्टी) को नीची रखें, और अपनी शर्मगाहों की हिफाजत (गुप्तांगों की रक्षा) करें। और अपने बनाव सिंगार को जाहिर न होने दें मगर जो खुद ब खुद जाहिर हो (छुप न सकता हो उसका पाप नहीं) और ओढ़नियों को (घूँघट) अपने गर्दनो में (सीनों) पर डाले रहो।" (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 24, सूराह अन नूर, आयत क्रमांक 31)।

इसी उपरोक्त आयत के बाद के हिस्से में परदा करने की आवश्यकता किसके सामने हैं और किसके सामने इसकी आवश्यकता नहीं है यह भी सविस्तर बताया गया है। इन दोनों आयतों में पहला आदेश स्त्रियों के पहिले पुरुषों को दिया गया है के अपने नजरो को नीची रखे और पवित्रता को संभालकर रखो। उसके बाद स्त्रियों को वहीं आदेश दिया गया।

और एक जगह स्त्रियों को वह महिलाएं पैगम्बर साहब (स्व.) के घर वाले कह कर पहचाना जा सके और कोई उन्हें तकलीफ न पहुंचे, कोई उन्हें छेड़े या सताए नहीं इस हेतु से अपने घरों से बाहर जाते वक़्त अपने सर और बदन को ढकने का आदेश भी दिया गया है जिसे हम पर्दा या बुरखा कहते हैं।

पवित्र कुरआन में कहा गया है के, "ऐ पैगम्बर (स्व.)! अपनी बीवियां और लड़कियों और मोमिनो (धार्मिक लोगों) की औरतों से कह दो कि (बाहर निकलते वक़्त) अपने (चेहरों और सीने) पर चादरो का घूँघट लटका लिया करो। यह उनकी (शराफत याने शालीनता की) पहचान के वास्ते बहुत मुनासिब (उपयुक्त) है तो उन्हें कोई छेड़ेगा नहीं। और खुदा (ईश्वर) तो बड़ा बख्शाने वाला मेहरबान है।" (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 33, सूराह अल अहज़ाब, आयत क्रमांक 59)।

जो (पर्दे की) प्रथा महिलाएं सताया न जाए इसलिए प्रचलित की गई हो वही प्रथा स्त्रियों को सताने वाली प्रथा कैसे हो सकती है भला?। पवित्र कुरआन में भी पर्दे या बुरखे का उद्देश्य स्त्रियों को सताना या कष्ट देना नहीं बल्कि उनकी गरिमा और उनके मान, सम्मान को बनाए रखने के साथ साथ उनको सुरक्षा प्रदान करना है। और साथ ही समाज में अश्लीलता और अनैतिकता को भी रोकना है।

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BRS leader Nagesh Mudiraj has tied up Rakhi with his sister.



Hyderabad, August: 9, Metroudayam

Nagesh Mudiraj, the leader of the BRS state, was involved in the Rakhi festival at his residence in Ramnagar, Hyderabad. Said Rakshabandhan is a holy festival for women, Rakshabandhan is the blessing of you to win the sisters life for the rest of your life, The festival that enhances love and affection, Love affection in society needs to grow, In Indian culture, women should be respected and taken to a higher level.

Rishton ka drama, thodi nok-jhok, aur poora laughter blast, this Saturday on Netflix's The Great Indian Kapil Show!

On 9th August, The Great Indian Kapil Show celebrates Rakshabandhan with the kind of sibling masti only Bollywood can deliver, sweet, savage, and thoda masala maarke! This Saturday on The Great Indian Kapil Show, it is siblings uncensored as Shilpa and Shamita Shetty and Huma Qureshi and Saqib Saleem walk in, rakhis in hand and filters left far behind. From Shilpa declaring she's better than her 90s self to teasing Shamita about her dating track record, it's all love, with a generous side of laughter. Shamita says that it is difficult to find love, and Shilpa just wants her to swipe right on someone with brains and biceps. Huma comes armed with a jumbo rakhi for Kapil, because someone's gotta tie down our favourite inhouse aashiq aka Kapil. As for her sibling bond with Saqib? Equal parts wholesome and hilarious especially when he admits he hides some things from his



behena when necessary, and she calls him her best friend and worst wingman. Fan proposals, brutal burns, and Sunil Grover's "Laila" moment? Check, check, and dhamaal check. Add a dance-off, dating apps, and Shilpa wondering if someone's brother is age-appropriate for Shamita, and you've got a Rakshabandhan episode that's filmy

and funny in equal measure. Emotions, entertainment, aur embarrassing secrets, sab kuch milega! Because kya fayda Rakhi ka, agar bhai-behen ki taang khichaai na ho sabke saamne? The Great Indian Kapil Show, streaming this Saturday, 9th August, only on Netflix.

‘Jatadhara’ teaser: Sudheer Babu, Sonakshi Sinha’s face-off

The much-awaited teaser of Jatadhara, a Telugu-Hindi bilingual starring Sudheer Babu and Sonakshi Sinha, has been unveiled by Rebel Star Prabhas, offering a first look into its intense mythic world. Directed by Venkat Kalyan and Abhishek Jaiswal, the film is being produced on a lavish scale by Umesh KR Bansal, Prerna Arora, Shivin Narang, and Nikhil Nanda. The teaser hints at a high-stakes battle between greed and sacrifice, with Sonakshi Sinha embodying the demonic goddess Dhanapisachini — a chilling force driven by



greed — and Sudheer Babu portraying a selfless warrior representing sacrifice. The narrative carries a strong spiritual undercurrent, culminating in a visu-

ally arresting sequence featuring the divine entry of Lord Shiva. Breaking away from conventional hero-heroine dynamics, Jatadhara showcases

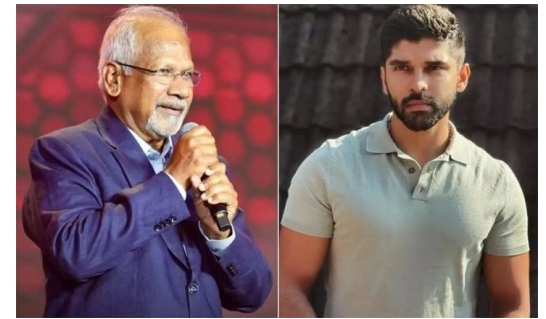
Sudheer Babu in a striking makeover, his intense physical transformation adding gravitas to the role. Sonakshi, meanwhile, commands the frame with an imposing screen presence and intricate character design. Notably, the teaser contains no dialogue, relying entirely on visuals, evocative cinematography, and a pulsating background score to deliver its impact. High-end VFX work and grand production values further elevate the presentation. Jatadhara is slated for a pan-India release, with its official release date to be announced soon.

Balayya wraps dubbing for ‘Akhandha 2: Thaandavam’, Dussehra release locked



The blockbuster combination of ‘God of the Masses’ Nandamuri Balakrishna and hitmaker Boyapati Sreenu is back for their fourth outing with the high-octane sequel Akhandha 2: Thaandavam. Mounted on a massive scale under the 14 Reels Plus banner by producers Raam Achanta and Gopichand Achanta, and presented by M Tejaswini Nandamuri, the film is currently in its final post-production phase. Balakrishna has already wrapped up dubbing for his portions, marking a significant milestone. The team is working at full throttle on CG, re-recording, and other post-production elements, with the first copy expected in three weeks. The makers have reaffirmed the Dussehra release date of September 25th, ruling out any delays. The teaser has already sent fans into a frenzy, showcasing Balakrishna in a never-before-seen ferocious avatar. Adding to the excitement, Samyuktha, often dubbed Tollywood's lucky charm, takes on a key lead role, while Aadhi Pinisetty brings his trademark intensity to a standout character. Young talent Harshali Malhotra makes her Tollywood debut in a pivotal role. With S Thaman delivering a thunderous soundtrack, C. Ramprasad on cinematography, Tammiraju on editing, and AS Prakash handling grand set designs, the film promises top-tier technical finesse. As the release date draws closer, the team is set to ramp up promotions with back-to-back updates, ensuring the Akhandha fever reaches its peak by Dussehra.

Mani Ratnam in plans to make a love story with Dhruv Vikram!



Celebrated filmmaker Mani Ratnam is set to direct Dhruv Vikram, son of versatile star Chiyaan Vikram, in his next project, according to industry sources. Insiders reveal that the film will be a simple, heartfelt Chennai-based love drama revolving around a cop. “It’s a love story between a police officer and a city girl,” a source shared. Unlike recent big-budget ventures, this project will be made purely in Tamil. However, post-release, the team plans to dub it in Telugu and Hindi to reach a wider audience. Music for the film will be composed by none other than global music legend A.R. Rahman, marking yet another collaboration with Mani Ratnam. Acclaimed cinematographer Ravi K. Chandran will handle the visuals, promising a rich cinematic experience. Production is expected to commence in September 2025, with filming planned to wrap up within 60 days by February 2026. Interestingly, reports suggest this will be the most modestly budgeted film of Mani Ratnam’s career, focusing on strong storytelling over scale. Rukmini Vasanth, currently making waves with her role in NTR and Prashanth Neel’s action entertainer Dragon, has been roped in as the female lead. With this collaboration, fans can expect an emotionally engaging romance laced with Mani Ratnam’s signature storytelling flair.