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Dear Readers,

On behalf of National Awareness Times (India's National Weekly), the editorial board and the team of our journal would like to wish all the readers a wonderful week ahead Happy Chahth Puja & Gurupurab to all.

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the occasion of "Celebrating Global Indians", held at the Lord Mayor of Oxford's Council Chamber, United Kingdom, on 30th October 2025.

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October 2025. The event, graced by
dignitaries, academicians,
entrepreneurs, and professionals
from around the globe, became a
symbol of unity, pride, and
recognition for the countless
contributions of Indians worldwide.

Organized by the NRI Welfare Society, this grand celebration reflected the deep cultural and professional ties that bind India with the global community. The gathering served as a platform to honour individuals of Indian origin who have demonstrated outstanding excellence and leadership across various disciplines.

The event drew participation from influential leaders and dignitaries across continents.

- Deepak Singh, Convenor, NRI Welfare Society
- Cllr Mark Lygo, Chair of Oxfordshire County Council, UK
- Ms. Arshad Lubna, Cabinet Member for a Safer Oxford and Leader of Oxford
- Mr. Sthanou Mitra, President, NRI Welfare Society France Chapter
- Ms. Ranbir Kaur, Cultural Ambassador, NRI Welfare Society
- Mr. Paresh Rughani, Executive

Corporate Trainer, UK

• Ruby Nailor, Detective Sergeant, Warwickshire Police, UK Their presence highlighted the collective vision of fostering crossborder collaboration and community empowerment.

Hind Rattan Award: Honouring Excellence

The prestigious Hind Rattan Award, one of the highest recognitions conferred upon overseas Indians, was presented to several distinguished personalities whose contributions have brought pride to the nation.

Among the recipients were Dr. Ambrish Chandra, Department of Electrical Engineering, Canada,



recognized for his academic brilliance and research excellence; **Dr. Arif Mehmood Shaikh**, Head of Department at Caboolture Hospital, Brisbane, Australia, honoured for his service in the field of medicine; and **Prof. Vilas G. Pol**, Professor of Chemical Engineering at Purdue University, USA, for his groundbreaking innovations in material science.

Also among the awardees were **Dr. Dalia Chakrabarty** from
Oxfordshire, England; **Dr. Sagar M. Jain**, Senior Lecturer at Cranfield
University, UK; and **Hansaben Dhanji Naran**, an inspiring leader
and advocate for women's
empowerment from New Zealand.
Each honouree represented a
unique story of determination,
leadership, and global impact.

Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award: Recognizing Vision and Integrity

The Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award celebrated individuals who have embodied the principles of ethics, integrity, and selfless service in their professional and social lives. Among the distinguished honourees was **Advocate lqbal Singh**, a seasoned legal expert from the Punjab & Haryana High Court with over 25 years of experience in

Constitutional, Civil, Criminal, and Corporate Litigation. C. S.
Venugopal, Civil Engineer and Contractor at Design Heights, was recognized for Excellence in Innovative Architecture and Design, while Rama Puppala, CEO of Jhaishna Technologies Pvt. Ltd., and S. Kumara Swamy, Director of Ujwal International Logistics Pvt. Ltd., were celebrated for their entrepreneurial leadership.

Rakesh M. P, Director of Pranavam Infotech Pvt. Ltd., received the

award for Excellence in Innovative IT, AV, IOT, and BMS Infrastructure. From the United Kingdom, Yana Farafonova, CEO and Founder of the Flame International Fashion and Art Festival, and Indre Kirklyte, life coach and counsellor, were honoured for their creative and humanitarian work.

Other notable recipients included Radhika Kukreja from New Delhi, Mr. Ranganath Kempanahally, CEO of ChipLogic (UK), Pandit Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Srivastava, Founder of the International Institute of Nadi Astrology and recipient of the Jewel of India Award at Capitol Hill, USA, Neil Browne, Ravinder Singh Johal, and Dr. Shiva Narayan, CTO and Core Al Architect, UK.

Indian Overseas Prize: Bridging Knowledge and Innovation The Indian Overseas Prize recognized global Indians who have made significant contributions to innovation, education, and science while fostering connections between India and the world.

The recipients included **Dr. D. V. Giri**, owner of Pro-Tech USA and an alumnus of the prestigious Indian Institute of Science;



Dr. Sunil Kanti Roy, President of the NRI Welfare Society (UK Chapter), a renowned physician with degrees from London, England, and Japan; **Dr. Kaushik Chattopadhyay**, Associate Professor at the University of Nottingham, UK; **Dr. Konstantin Pavlidis**, President of NRI Global, UK; and **Camila Pinzon** from France, whose international engagement and leadership have strengthened cross-cultural collaboration.

The ceremony at the Lord Mayor's Chamber stood as a testament to the unyielding spirit of the Indian diaspora — individuals who have transcended borders to achieve excellence while maintaining their deep-rooted connection to India. Through their contributions, they continue to strengthen the bridge between India and the world, embodying the spirit of innovation, service, and cultural harmony.

"Celebrating Global Indians" emerged not merely as an event, but as a living tribute to the shared dreams and aspirations of Indians everywhere. It was a proud moment for all — a recognition that wherever in the world they may be, the light of India continues to shine through their achievements



EVENTS



PM at the inauguration of the launch of transformative initiatives for shipping and shipbuilding at India Maritime Week 2025 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan at inauguration of the National FPO Conclave 2025, in New Delhi.





The Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan receives warm welcome by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath and other dignitaries on his arrival at Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi, in Uttar Pradesh.



The Union Minister for Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh addressing the 12th ADMM-Plus at Kuala Lumpur, in Malaysia.

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of formation of Uttarakhand at Dehradun, in Uttarakhand.





Mr. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition, Parliament of Sri Lanka called on the Speaker of Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla at Parliament House, in New Delhi.

FROM VILLAGE ROOTS TO THE 53RD CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA



ustice Surya Kant, born on 10 February 1962 in the village of Petwar in Hisar district of Haryana, has been appointed as the 53rd Chief Justice of India with effect from 24 November 2025. His appointment follows the retirement of Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai, the 52nd Chief Justice, whose term ends on 23 November 2025. Surya Kant grew up in a modest household; his father, Madan Gopal Sharma, was a Sanskrit teacher in rural Haryana. He completed his undergraduate studies in 1981 from Government Post Graduate College, Hisar, and earned his LL.B. in 1984 from Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Later, he obtained an LL.M. with first-class distinction from Kurukshetra University in 2011. His academic excellence and early grounding in constitutional and civil law shaped his approach toward justice and fairness in his later career. Starting his legal practice in 1984 at the district court of Hisar, he quickly earned a reputation for his deep understanding of service and constitutional law. In 1985, he moved his practice to the Punjab and Haryana High Court in Chandigarh. His abilities and

commitment were recognized early, and in July 2000, at the young age of 38, he was appointed the Advocate-General of Haryana, becoming one of the youngest to hold that position. The following year, he was designated as a Senior Advocate by the High Court. Justice Kant was elevated as a permanent judge of the Punjab and Harvana High Court on 9 January 2004. Over the years, he earned respect for his balanced judgments and progressive interpretation of law. On 5 October 2018, he became the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, where he introduced several administrative reforms to improve judicial efficiency. His steady rise continued, and on 24 May 2019, he was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of India.

On 30 October 2025, the President of India issued a formal notification appointing him as the 53rd Chief Justice of India, to assume charge on 24 November 2025. His tenure will continue until 9 February 2027. During his time at the Supreme Court, Justice Kant has been part of several landmark benches dealing with issues of constitutional importance, human rights, and

governance. He was among the judges who kept the colonial-era sedition law in abeyance pending its review, signalling a progressive and rights-oriented approach. He has also emphasized that any surveillance activity must stay within the strict bounds of law, advocating the protection of citizens' privacy and liberty.

Justice Kant's legal philosophy is deeply rooted in ensuring access to justice for all, particularly for the underprivileged and marginalized. He has repeatedly underlined the need for an empathetic judiciary that remains sensitive to the struggles of ordinary citizens. His background in service law and his work in improving legal aid mechanisms have earned him wide respect among both the Bar and Bench.

His elevation as Chief Justice is symbolically powerful, representing the rise of a person from a humble village background to the highest judicial office in the country. It highlights the inclusivity and meritocratic spirit of India's democratic institutions. As Chief Justice, Surya Kant is expected to focus on judicial reforms, reducing case pendency, and preparing the judiciary for emerging challenges such as the use of artificial intelligence in legal practice.

Justice Kant's leadership comes at a crucial time when the Indian judiciary is navigating the complexities of technology, transparency, and expanding public expectations. His journey from a rural classroom to the Supreme Court epitomizes dedication, scholarship, and integrity. As he takes over as the 53rd Chief Justice of India, the legal community and the nation will look to his tenure for both continuity and reform in upholding the ideals of justice, equality, and constitutional responsibility.

ISRO LAUNCHES INDIA'S HEAVIEST COMMUNICATION SATELLITE CMS-03



he Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) marked another historic milestone, when it successfully launched its heaviest communication satellite, CMS-03, also known as GSAT-7R. The satellite was lifted into space aboard the LVM3-M5 rocket, India's most powerful launch vehicle, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. This mission demonstrated India's growing technological confidence and expanding capabilities in space communication and defence infrastructure.

The CMS-03 satellite weighs around 4,410 kilograms, making it the heaviest satellite ever launched by an Indian rocket from Indian soil. Earlier, ISRO had launched heavier satellites such as GSAT-11, which weighed nearly 5,854 kilograms, but those were carried on foreign launchers. CMS-03's successful liftoff using an indigenous rocket marks a significant achievement for India's space program, reflecting ISRO's steady progress towards full self-reliance in heavy payload launches.

The LVM3-M5, formerly known as GSLV Mk-III, has been dubbed India's "Bahubali rocket" for its tremendous lifting capacity. This three-stage heavy-lift vehicle is capable of carrying payloads

weighing up to 4.5 tonnes into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) and around 10 tonnes into Low Earth Orbit (LEO). The rocket's performance in this mission reaffirmed ISRO's confidence in its design and reliability. With the successful deployment of CMS-03, India joins a select group of nations capable of launching heavy communication satellites using their own launchers.

CMS-03 is designed primarily to enhance the Indian Navy's secure communication network across land and sea. It will serve as a replacement for GSAT-7, extending coverage and improving connectivity for naval operations across the Indian Ocean region. The satellite will enable real-time data transfer, video conferencing, and surveillance communication among naval assets, bolstering India's maritime security architecture. In addition, the satellite's advanced transponders are expected to support communication for other defence services, strengthening the country's strategic and operational readiness.

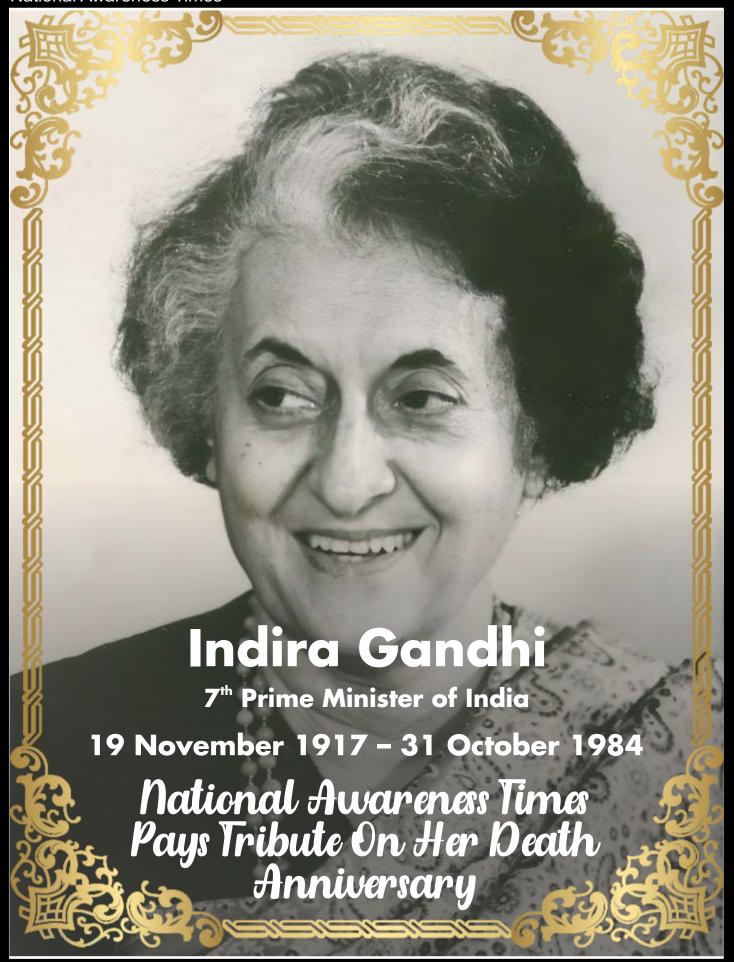
Beyond defence, CMS-03 will also contribute to India's civil communication infrastructure. Its high-bandwidth capabilities will improve data transmission speeds, emergency communication systems,

and disaster management operations. The satellite's multiple payloads are designed to operate in the UHF, S, and Ku bands, ensuring better connectivity in remote areas and enhancing India's digital outreach.

The mission's success also underscores ISRO's continuous innovation and focus on costeffective space technology. The organisation's engineers and scientists have worked meticulously to design a satellite capable of handling extreme conditions while ensuring long operational life. ISRO Chairman Dr. S. Somanath hailed the launch as a major stride towards the country's long-term goal of technological autonomy in satellite manufacturing and launch services. This launch comes at a time when

global attention is increasingly turning toward strategic space assets and secure communications. India's decision to develop and launch CMS-03 domestically reinforces its ambition to be a leading space power. The achievement adds to ISRO's recent series of successful missions, including Chandrayaan-3, Aditya-L1, and preparations for the upcoming Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission. Each success strengthens India's position as a key player in the global space community.

In essence, the launch of CMS-03 is not just a scientific or technical accomplishment it represents national pride, security advancement, and the steady march toward self-reliance in space technology. By launching the heaviest communication satellite from its own soil. ISRO has showcased India's ability to independently develop and deploy complex space systems. As CMS-03 begins its mission in orbit, it stands as a symbol of India's growing capability, determination, and vision for a future powered by indigenous innovation and space-based infrastructure.



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A HISTORIC FIRST: KERALA DECLARES END TO EXTREME POVERTY



erala has created history by becoming the first Indian state to eradicate extreme poverty. The announcement was made by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on during the state's formation day celebrations. This remarkable achievement marks a new chapter in India's social development journey and highlights Kerala's long-standing commitment to inclusive welfare and human dignity.

The initiative to eliminate extreme poverty began in 2021 with the launch of the Extreme Poverty Eradication Project (EPEP). The state government identified over 64,000 families living in extreme deprivation, characterized not only by low income but also by the lack of access to basic needs such as housing, healthcare, food security, education, and social welfare schemes. What made the initiative distinct was its human-centered approach. Instead of relying on broad statistical measures, the government created individual micro-plans for each identified family, ensuring that interventions addressed their specific needs.

Under the program, thousands of new houses were built and repaired, families without land were provided plots, and food security was ensured for those struggling to meet daily needs. Health support reached tens of thousands of individuals, while social security measures, including pensions and ration cards, were extended to every eligible person. The initiative was implemented in close coordination with local self-government bodies, Kudumbashree groups, and community volunteers, who played an essential role in verifying data, monitoring progress, and offering continued support.

Kerala's achievement did not come overnight. The state has long been recognized for its strong social infrastructure, high literacy rate, effective healthcare system, and decentralised governance model. Over the decades, consistent investments in education, land reforms, and public health created a foundation for social equity. The success of the poverty eradication mission is a direct result of these cumulative efforts, combined with focused political will and grassroots participation.

According to official data, the state's multidimensional poverty index was already among the lowest in the country. However, Kerala aimed to go beyond

numbers by addressing the last pockets of extreme deprivation. The government's focus was on ensuring that every family had a dignified standard of living. This included eliminating hunger, providing shelter, ensuring medical care, and securing livelihood opportunities. The mission's goal was not just to raise incomes but to restore dignity and opportunity for those at the margins of society.

The declaration of "zero extreme poverty" is a landmark social milestone, but it has also sparked debate. Critics have questioned the accuracy of the data and the definition of "extreme poverty." Opposition leaders have demanded transparency in the survey methods and follow-up plans to ensure that those lifted out of poverty do not relapse. Nonetheless, even skeptics have acknowledged the scale and seriousness of Kerala's effort in addressing one of the most complex human challenges.

Kerala's model offers valuable lessons for other Indian states. Its success demonstrates the power of local governance, community participation, and sustained investment in human development. By combining welfare measures with personalized interventions, the state has set a new benchmark for targeted poverty elimination.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan described the achievement as the beginning of a new journey rather than the end of one. The state now aims to strengthen resilience among its most vulnerable citizens and ensure that no family ever falls back into poverty. Kerala's declaration stands as a symbol of hope and determination, showing that with political commitment, inclusive planning, and people's participation, even the most ambitious social goals can be achieved.



THE FAMILY MAN SEASON 3 TRAILER TO RELEASE ON NOVEMBER 7, 2025



Fans of The Family Man can finally mark their calendars! Prime Video's critically acclaimed spy thriller is gearing up for a big comeback, with the trailer for The Family Man Season 3 scheduled to drop on November 7, ahead of its global premiere on November 21, 2025.

Created by the powerhouse duo Raj & DK, the series will once again follow the life of Srikant Tiwari, the middle-class man with a high-stakes secret, played by the ever-versatile Manoj Bajpayee. The new season promises to be the biggest yet—packed with action, tension, and a deeper emotional core.

Season 3 brings a fresh narrative arc where Srikant faces not only enemies from outside the system but also threats within. The stakes are higher than ever as he is pushed to his limits when confronted by new adversaries played by Jaideep Ahlawat and Nimrat Kaur.

Alongside Bajpayee, the much-loved ensemble cast returns—Sharib Hashmi, Priyamani, Ashlesha Thakur, Vedant Sinha, Shreya Dhanwanthary, and Gul Panag reprise their roles, promising a mix of sharp humor and heart-stopping suspense.

In an earlier statement, creators Raj & DK shared, "We know the audience has been patient, and we wanted to ensure that the wait was worth it—raising the stakes this season with even more high-octane action and a gripping narrative. This time, the hunter becomes the hunted as Srikant faces a threat unlike any before."

The new season will also see Raj & DK joined by Suman Kumar and Tusshar Seyth on the director's chair, with dialogues penned by Sumit Arora.

The Family Man franchise, produced under D2R Films, has long been a flagship title for Prime Video India, blending espionage, emotion, and realism in a way that has connected with audiences globally.

With its trailer arriving on November 7, the countdown begins for one of the most-awaited Indian series of the year. The Family Man Season 3 premieres on November 21, exclusively on Prime Video.

KANTARA: CHAPTER 1 TO BE RELEASED IN SPANISH



Hombale Films' Kantara: Chapter 1 continues to dominate the box office, breaking records with each passing day. Celebrated by audiences across the nation, the film's unstoppable run and the overwhelming love from viewers have cemented its status as a truly monumental success. Amidst its successful run, the makers have dropped the Spanish trailer ahead of its release on October 31, 2025.

Kantara: Chapter 1 is all set to roar beyond borders with its release in Spanish. The newly released Spanish trailer speaks volumes about the film's massive scale and global appeal. The film shows no signs of slowing down, achieving international recognition with each passing day.

Kantara: Chapter 1 is running like a phenomenon internationally. It continues its successful run in Australia and has become the highest-

grossing Indian film of 2025. The film has already emerged as the biggest Indian release in several countries. While the film is doing amazingly well even after releasing in Indian languages till now, it is expected to perform even well, once it's released in International languages.

Kantara: Chapter 1 is one of Hombale Films' most ambitious undertakings. The creative team includes music director B. Ajaneesh Loknath, cinematographer Arvind Kashyap, and production designer Vinesh Banglan, all of whom have shaped the film's powerful visual and emotional narrative.

Released on October 2, in Kannada, Hindi, Telugu, Malayalam, Tamil, Bengali, and English, the film is reaching audiences across languages and regions while remaining deeply rooted in its cultural core.

With Kantara: Chapter 1, Hombale Films continues to push the boundaries of Indian cinema, promising a deeply immersive experience that celebrates folklore, faith, and cinematic excellence.



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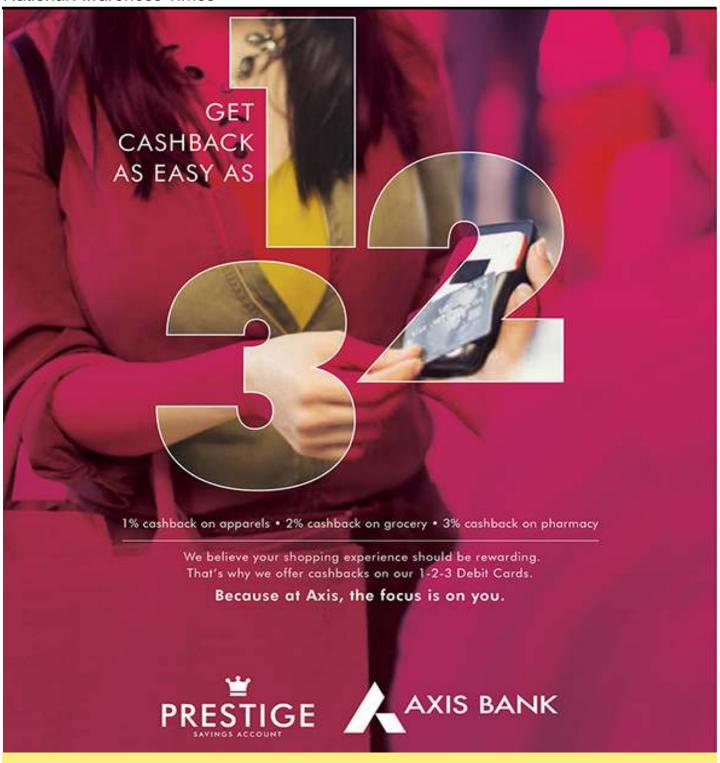
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