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Karwa Chauth 2025: A Celebration of Love, Devotion, and Tradition



Date: Friday, October 10, 2025
Chaturthi Tithi: Begins October 9, 2025 – 10:54 PM | Ends October 10, 2025 – 07:38 PM
Puja Muhurat: 5:57 PM – 7:11 PM
Krishna Dashami Moonrise: 8:13 PM
Fasting Hours (Upavasa): 6:19 AM – 8:13 PM

Significance of Karwa Chauth

Karwa Chauth is a festival dedicated to the long life, health, and prosperity of husbands. It symbolizes love, sac-

rifice, and marital devotion, requiring women to fast without food or water from sunrise until moonrise, when the fast is broken after performing rituals. "Karwa Chauth reflects

patience, devotion, and the enduring bond of marriage."

The festival also fosters communal ties and social bonding, as women often gather together for prayers and celebrations.

Legend of Veeravati

The story of Veeravati highlights the spiritual essence of Karwa Chauth. Veeravati observed the fast at her parents' home but was tricked by her brothers into breaking it early, causing her husband harm.

Guided by divine intervention, she resumed the fast correctly, saving her husband and teaching the importance of faithful and disciplined observance.

"Veeravati's devotion reminds us that faith and patience are the pillars of marital harmony."

Rituals and Observance

1. Sargi (Pre-Dawn Meal): Women receive Sargi from their mothers-in-law, including fruits, sweets, and dry fruits to sustain them.

2. Daytime Discipline: Fasting women maintain positive behavior, spiritual focus, and abstain from food and water until moonrise.

3. Evening Preparations: Women dress in red or maroon saris/lehenga, apply Mehendi, and prepare puja thalis with flowers, sweets, lamps, and rice.

4. Puja and Moonrise: During the Chandra Darshan at 8:13 PM (Krishna Dashami moonrise), women view the moon through a sieve, offer water (arghya) to the moon and then to their husbands. The fast is broken only after this ritual. "The fast is never broken

before moonrise; lunar timing is central to the festival."

Modern Observance

While rooted in tradition, Karwa Chauth has evolved socially:

- Many husbands participate symbolically or share the fast.

- Women gather in groups to perform rituals collectively, reinforcing social connections.
- The festival emphasizes mutual love, respect, and emotional bonding, beyond rituals.

"Karwa Chauth is not just about fasting; it is about devotion, family bonds, and emotional resilience."

Tips for Observing Karwa Chauth

- Take Sargi before sunrise to sustain the fast.
- Maintain positive behavior and spiritual focus during the day.

- Dress traditionally and decorate puja thalis with all customary items.

- Do not break the fast before moonrise; follow local lunar timings.

- Engage in prayers, katha storytelling, and family participation for a meaningful experience.

Karwa Chauth 2025 is more than a religious observance—it is a celebration of marital devotion, patience, and cultural tradition. From the Sargi before sunrise to the moonrise ritual at 8:13 PM, every step strengthens the bonds of love and family.

Across India, women prepare to observe this sacred day with devotion, ensuring that the festival continues to thrive as a symbol of faith, sacrifice, and enduring relationships.

- Sulekha Shrivastava

Bihar Assembly Elections 2025: Battle for Change Begins

Two-phase voting on November 6 and 11; results on November 14
Bihar set for high-stakes political showdown



New Delhi: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced that the Bihar Assembly elections will be held in two phases, marking the beginning of an intense political battle in the state. Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, flanked by Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh and Dr. Vivek Joshi, revealed the poll schedule at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on Monday, October 6, 2025. According to the announcement, 121 constituencies will vote in the first phase on November 6, while 122 constituencies will go to polls in the second phase on November 11. The counting of votes will take place on November 14. The term of the 243-member Bihar Legislative Assembly ends on November 22.

Over 7.4 crore voters to decide Bihar's future. CEC Gyanesh Kumar informed that over 7.4 crore voters, including 14 lakh first-time voters, are eligible to participate in the elections. To ensure a transparent and peaceful process, the ECI has introduced 17 new initiatives, including compulsory webcasting and mobile phone deposit facilities at all polling stations. The commission has also directed that postal ballots be counted before the final two rounds of vote counting. Additionally, Aanganwadi workers will assist in verifying the identity of burqa-clad women voters.

Political reactions: Change, challenge, and confidence. Soon after the poll dates were announced, political reactions poured in from all sides. RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav termed the election a "festival of change", stating, "After 20 years, a grand festival will arrive to dispel sorrow and bring transformation. Every Bihar will be the CM — a change-maker."

On the other hand, Union Minister Giriraj Singh expressed confidence in the NDA's victory, claiming the ruling alliance would form the government with a two-thirds majority. In a sharp remark, he accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of "executing a hit-and-run" during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise controversy.

Allies, oppositions, and new entrants. Meanwhile, RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav ridiculed the NDA, quipping, "Chah aur gyaarah, NDA nau do gyaarah", implying the ruling alliance would "run away" after the polls. The Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) appointed MP Arun Bharti as the party's in-charge for Bihar and Raju Tiwary as co-incharge.

The AIMIM announced plans to contest seats in the Mithilaanchal region, expanding beyond its traditional Seemanchal base. Interestingly, folk singer Maithili Thakur hinted at her political debut from her village after meeting BJP leaders.

Congress raises concerns over electoral transparency. The Congress party criticized the ECI for its handling of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Party leader Jairam Ramesh alleged that the commission failed to disclose the number of non-citizens removed from voter lists, questioning the integrity and transparency of the revision process.

As Bihar gears up for its 2025 Assembly elections, the stage is set for a fierce political contest between the NDA's confidence, the RJD's call for change, and new entrants seeking space in the state's evolving political landscape. The coming weeks promise drama, debates, and decisive moments that will shape Bihar's political destiny.

Perfect — you want the editorial expanded with insights from internal discussions: Rahul Gandhi's vision, concerns over "sleeper cells," the reasons for ticket denials, and internal feedback on leadership changes (like probable DCC presidents).

Here's your refined editorial, upgraded for publication — balanced, analytical, and written in a credible political-editorial tone that captures the essence of both leadership direction and ground-level realities.

Udaipur to Celebrate World Sight Day with 'Udaan'

Udaipur: Alakh Nayan Mandir Eye Institute, in collaboration with Vision 2020: The Right to Sight India, will host "Udaan — A Night of Hope and Vision" to commemorate World Sight Day 2025. The event aims to promote eye health awareness and inspire the community about the importance of vision care.

Scheduled for Wednesday, 8 October 2025, the program will take place from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Banquet Hall, Occasion Garden, Udaipur, and will be followed by a dinner.

Dr. Laxmi Jhalla, Director of Alakh Nayan Mandir Eye Institute, shared the details and invited the public to join the celebration, highlighting the institute's commitment to vision care and community outreach.

Founder's Day Celebration at SPSU



Udaipur: Sir Padampat Singhania University (SPSU), Udaipur, celebrated Founder's Day on Monday, September 29, 2025, to mark the birth anniversary of its visionary Founder Chairperson, Late Shri Yadupati Singhania Ji. Anation builder, visionary entrepreneur, industrialist, philanthropist, and social engineer who laid the foundation of SPSU with the vision of fostering innovation, excellence, and holistic

development in higher education. Maharaj Randhir Singh Ji Bhinder, Ex-MLA, Vallabh Nagar, a leader and social reformer known for his contributions to rural development, education, and community welfare, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Honourable President Prof. (Dr.) Prithvi Yadav felicitated the dignitaries and in his address, highlighted the life, vision, and remarkable contributions of the Founder

Chairperson. He encouraged the students to imbibe Shri Yadupati Singhania Ji's values of perseverance, dedication, and service to society. He briefed about the new-age programmes launched by the university and reaffirmed the university's commitment to carrying forward the legacy of the Founder Chairperson. Speaking on the occasion, Maharaj Randhir Singh Ji Bhinder paid homage to Late Shri Yadupati Singhania Ji and lauded his far-sighted vision in establishing SPSU as a temple of learning. He emphasized the importance of education in shaping responsible citizens and motivated the students to contribute positively to society. The Sports Director Dr. Kuldeep Singh Jhala briefed about Yadupati Singhania Memorial Invitational Football Tournament organised on this special day. A total of 21 teams across the Udaipur region participated in the Inter-College football tournament displaying remarkable skill, discipline and teamwork. The tournament went beyond the scoreboard as a celebration of sol-

idarity and mutual respect. In the award ceremony held subsequently the Mavericks Club Udaipur — Winner and DFA Udaipur and G&R FC Udaipur who gained the second and third positions respectively were awarded with trophy, memento and cash prize.

The Pro President, Prof. Prasun Chakrabarti, Registrar Prof. Uday Prakash Singh, Campus Director Col. HP Singh, Deans, faculty members and students of SPSU participated with great enthusiasm, reflecting on the ideals of the Founder Chairperson and drawing inspiration to carry forward his mission of empowering youth through knowledge and values. The programme was convened by Dr. Shibani Banerjee and coordinated by Dr. Archana Gajbhiye.

The ceremony served as a solemn tribute and a reminder of Shri Yadupati Singhania Ji's vision for creating an institution that nurtures talent, promotes innovation, and contributes meaningfully to society.



SPSU Signs MoU with SBI as Sole Banking Partner

Udaipur: Sir Padampat Singhania University (SPSU) and

the State Bank of India (SBI) entered into a significant Memorandum of Understanding, under which SBI has been designated as the exclusive banking partner of the university.

The MoU signing ceremony coincided with the university's Foundation Day celebrations. On this occasion, SBI also inaugurated a new ATM facility at the university's main gate. The ATM is aimed at providing convenient banking services to students and staff members, ensuring smooth access to their financial needs.

Special Salary Package Accounts Introduced - As part of the partnership, SBI launched special salary package accounts for both students and employees of the university. This initiative is expected to simplify financial management for students and provide them with easy access to various banking benefits.

Dignitaries Present - The event was attended by Dr. Prithvi Yadav, Dr. Prakash Chakravarty, Dr. Udayprakash R. Singh, and Rajesh Mathur from SPSU. Representing SBI, Regional Manager Mohan Singh Rathore and Kheroda Branch Manager Ram Kanwar Meena played key roles in formalizing the partnership.

Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan: A Mission to Rebuild Congress, Reinforce the Nation



The Indian National Congress, with its glorious history and deep democratic roots, has once again embarked upon a movement that seeks not only to revive the organization but also to renew faith in the spirit of collective leadership. The "Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan," launched under the guidance of the All India Congress Committee, reflects this very commitment — to rebuild from within, reconnect with the grassroots, and reinforce the idea that a stronger Congress means a stronger India. Addressing a press conference in Udaipur, AICC-appointed observer Yashomati Thakur declared the year 2025 as the "Year of Organizational Creation." She emphasized that the Abhiyan is not merely an administrative exercise but a moral and ideological renaissance. The campaign, already successfully executed in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh,

Jharkhand, and Haryana, is now being implemented across Rajasthan, with completion targeted by December 2025.

Thakur's vision is clear — the Abhiyan aims to empower every grassroots worker, the true strength of the party, and to cultivate a cadre rooted in loyalty, inclusiveness, and accountability. "The Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan will not only strengthen the Congress organization but will also contribute to a stronger, more united India," she asserted.

Rebuilding Trust and Unity - What makes this initiative stand out is its focus beyond structural reforms. Thakur stressed that the Abhiyan seeks to foster communal harmony, social equality, and national unity — values that once defined the Congress movement during India's freedom struggle. "When the organization grows with a spirit of equality and inclusiveness, the country's stability and security naturally follow," she remarked, con-

necting organizational revival with national responsibility. This approach echoes the vision of Rahul Gandhi, who has consistently emphasized that organizational rebuilding must be rooted in truth, transparency, and trust. His message to party observers and state leadership has been clear — those who have acted as sleeper cells or betrayed the party's ideology must not be given any position of responsibility. The Abhiyan, therefore, also serves as a mechanism for purification and realignment of the party's internal structure, ensuring that only genuine, committed workers are entrusted with key roles.

Introspection and Accountability - In a moment of candor, Thakur addressed internal challenges with rare honesty. Referring to those who switched loyalties for personal gain, she observed, "The party trusted leaders like Gaurav Vallabh, but some turned away from the ideology. Such people act like sleeper cells, weakening the spirit of the organization. Yet, every betrayal teaches us to build a more vigilant, value-driven

structure."

She also pointed out that ticket denials in several constituencies were based on clear feedback from workers. For instance, the denial of a ticket to Rishma Meena in Salumber was discussed thoroughly with local representatives. The decision, according to Thakur, reflected Rahul Gandhi's principle of accountability and collective assessment, ensuring that grassroots workers have a decisive voice in candidate selection. During the discussion, it was also acknowledged by workers from all sections that sabotage and internal factionalism were among the major reasons behind the Congress's loss in Mewar during the state elections. This collective introspection marks a shift toward transparency — a willingness to accept and correct internal weaknesses instead of denying them.

A Ground-Level Movement - To translate this vision into tangible change, Thakur announced that district and block-level meetings are being organized across Rajasthan. Teams are visiting

each block to hold dialogues with office bearers, senior leaders, and dedicated workers. The ongoing block-level tour, scheduled until October 10, is designed to ensure that every voice within the organization contributes to shaping the party's renewed framework.

Significantly, during discussions in Udaipur, names such as Priti Shaktawat and Laxminarayan Pandya emerged as probable contenders for the DCC President's post, should any organizational reshuffle take place.

The deliberations, Thakur noted, will be guided purely by merit, loyalty, and the recommendations arising from ground-level feedback — not by factional interests.

The press briefing was attended by several senior Congress leaders including Chetan Ludi, Abhishek Choudhary, Govind Danga, Kachru Lal Choudhary, Fateh Singh Rathore, Tara Chand Meena, Priti Shaktawat, Jagdish Raj Shirmali, Heera Lal Darangi, Mangi Lal Garasia, Pankaj Sharma, Suresh Suthar, Dr. Sanjeev Rajpurohit,

Pankaj Paliwal, and Gajendra Kothari, reflecting a strong sense of unity and purpose within the organization.

The Road Ahead - The Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan represents more than just an organizational campaign — it is a call to conscience. It reminds every Congress worker that the party's strength lies not in slogans or symbols, but in discipline, sincerity, and service.

If implemented with the clarity and conviction envisioned by Rahul Gandhi and Yashomati Thakur, this movement can rekindle the Congress's original spirit — one that binds ideology with action and loyalty with responsibility. It could pave the way for a revitalized Congress that not only reclaims its organizational strength but also its moral credibility in Indian politics. As Thakur aptly concluded, "When the organization becomes stronger, the nation becomes stronger." The Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan thus stands as a renewed pledge — to rebuild, to reunite, and to restore Congress's enduring role as a guardian of India's democratic soul.