

RSS Chief's Vijayadashami Message: Call for Self-Reliance



On the occasion of Vijayadashami, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat delivered a message emphasizing Swadeshi and self-reliance as the foundation for a strong and independent India. Addressing economic, social, cultural, and moral dimensions, he underlined that India must reduce foreign dependency, promote local industries, handicrafts, and agriculture, and ensure policy autonomy.

While acknowledging interdependence in the global economy, he stressed that

it should never become a form of bondage, and India must engage with the world on its own terms. Bhagwat highlighted that true nation-building begins with the individual.

Social and national transformation requires strengthening character, vision, and conduct, fostering unity across communities, and promoting communal harmony.

He introduced the concept of Panch Parivartan (five transformations), focusing on self-awareness, family values, civic discipline, environmental sensitivity, and societal responsi-

bility.

The message aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, Mahatma Gandhi's Swadeshi philosophy, and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's Antyodaya concept.

Bhagwat cautioned that self-reliance is not merely economic—it must permeate societal habits, consumption patterns, and lifestyles, achieved through education, awareness, and incentives. In the current global context of conflict, environmental crisis, and materi-

alism, Bhagwat emphasized that India's spiritual heritage positions it to offer an alternative life-philosophy.

The centenary message of the Sangh calls for building new individuals, uplifting the marginalized, uniting religions, and promoting social harmony, thereby guiding the nation and the world with the inclusive vision of Hindutva. This Vijayadashami address was not just a speech but a solemn pledge for India's self-reliance, moral resurgence, and global leadership.

- Dr. Lalit Garg



Gujarat's Garba Achieves Global Recognition During Navratri

Navratri, the nine-night festival dedicated to the worship of Goddess Durga, is not just a spiritual celebration—it has evolved into a grand cultural spectacle that unites communities across India and around the world. Among the many traditions associated with this festival, the Garba and Dandiya Raas of Gujarat have emerged as prominent cultural symbols, now transcending regional boundaries to achieve a truly global identity.

Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Banswara in southern Rajasthan, near his home state of Gujarat, and inaugurated the foundation of Rajasthan's second nuclear power plant at a cost of ₹42,000 crore. The program began with an invocation at the revered Tripura Sundari Mata temple, highlighting the spiritual and cultural significance of Navratri. This event also symbolized hope for transformative development in the tribal regions of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat.

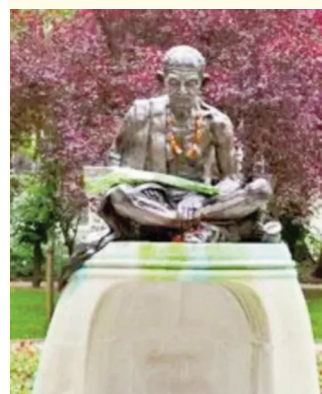
Garba, traditionally performed in a circular pattern around a clay lamp or Garbi, symbolizes life, energy, and devotion. Dandiya Raas, with colorful sticks and rhythmic steps, complements this tradition. Over decades, Gujarat's people have migrated to various parts of India—Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and beyond—taking their cultural practices with them. By the 1990s, television, films, and tourism further popularized Garba, transforming it into a widely recognized art form. Universities, cultural organizations, and NRI communities have increasingly organized large-scale Navratri celebrations, making Garba both a spiritual ritual and a social festival.

Today, cities such as Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur, Bhopal, Lucknow, Kolkata, and even cities in southern India host grand Garba and Dandiya events. These festivals are not only religious ceremonies but also cultural and social gatherings where people from diverse backgrounds participate. Traditional attire—women in Chaniya Choli and men in Kediya or Kurta Dhoti—along with devotional songs, dhols, and modern musical instruments, enrich the experience.

The Indian diaspora in the United States, Canada, the UK, and Australia has enthusiastically embraced Garba, with some events breaking records as the "World's Largest Garba" in cities like Vadodra, New Jersey, and Chicago.

Gujarat's Garba is more than a dance; it is a living testament to India's cultural heritage. Through migration, media, and globalization, this tradition has spread far beyond its origins, becoming a vibrant symbol of Indian identity and a celebration of unity, devotion, and joyous community spirit.

The Statue Can Be Broken, Not Gandhi's Ideas



The recent attack on the Mahatma Gandhi statue at Tavistock Square, London, is more than vandalism—it is an assault on Gandhi's ideas and the moral soul of India. The timing, just days before International Gandhi Jayanti, signals a deliberate attempt to undermine his philosophy of non-violence. Insulting the statue and desecrating the tricolor reflects the persistence of violent and extremist mindsets that fear

Gandhi's enduring message of peace, tolerance, and universal brotherhood. Gandhi's legacy transcends his physical form. His teachings on truth, non-violence, and service offer guidance not only to India but to humanity. Attacks on his memorial remind us that the battle is not against a statue but against the ideas it represents—ideas that continue to inspire moral courage, social harmony, and peaceful coexistence. As India and the world face terrorism, fanaticism, and conflict, Gandhi's philosophy remains urgently relevant.

The Indian High Commission condemned the incident as an affront to the legacy of non-violence, while Britain's authorities have launched an investigation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's global peace initiatives echo Gandhi's principles, underscoring India's role in fostering dialogue and cooperation.

The true defense of Gandhi lies not in statues but in living his principles. Insults and attacks may damage monuments, but ideas cannot be destroyed. By embracing truth, tolerance, and non-violence in daily life, humanity reaffirms Gandhi's immortality. The London attack is thus a call to actively practice Gandhi's ideals, ensuring that his message continues to guide generations worldwide.

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Basic Neonatal Resuscitation Workshop to Be Held at Geetanjali Hospital

Udaipur: In view of the high neonatal and child mortality rates in India, Geetanjali Medical College & Hospital, under the aegis of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics and the National Neonatology Forum, will host a Basic Neonatal Resuscitation (NRP) workshop. The program is scheduled for October 4, 2025, at 11:00 AM in the Audio-Visual Hall of the Central Library at the college.

The workshop aims to train doctors and medical students in the essential techniques and protocols for saving the lives of newborns immediately after birth. The course will be coordinated by Dr. Sushil Gupta, with expert faculty members Dr. Anuradha Sanidhya, Dr. Avinash Bothra, Dr. Rahul Khatri, and Dr. Ankit Kumar Panchal providing hands-on training.

Approximately 40 participants from Udaipur and Geetanjali Medical College will attend. The primary goal of the workshop is to enhance the capacity to save newborn lives and take concrete steps toward reducing infant mortality in India.

A seminar on the "Contribution of Veterans in Nation Building

Jaipur: Sapta Shakti Command conducted a seminar on 'Contribution of Veterans in Nation Building' at Jaipur Military Station on 30 Sep 2025. The seminar attended by veterans and serving officers of Jaipur Military Station.

Three eminent veteran speakers, Maj Gen Alok Raj Goyal, Brig K Birender Singh and Brig Karan Singh Rathore, highlighted the significant role of veterans in building a stronger and secure India.

The speakers emphasised key areas where veterans can contribute effectively in synergising and strengthening civil-military agencies to enhance national security, harnessing their potential in the training of Para Military Forces (PMF), particularly in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism (CI/CT) environments, utilising their expertise in disaster management and relief operation to support civil authorities and capitalising on their diverse



trades and skill sets to further national development initiatives. The speakers also suggested government initiatives

and interventions in furtherance of contribution of veterans in nation-building.

In his concluding remarks,

Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh, Army Commander, Sapta Shakti Command, urged all ranks to remain steadfast in their devotion to duty, uphold the proud traditions of the Indian Armed Forces and continue serving the nation with commitment. He also underlined the importance of organised reskilling of veterans, enabling them to play a more effective role during national calamities, fire hazards and other contingencies. The Army

Commander added that Command and Corps Headquarters can spearhead such initiatives, ensuring that the vast experience and expertise of veterans are channelised for the greater good of society.

The seminar also underscored the invaluable experience and expertise that veterans bring to national development and security, reinforcing their continuing role as pillars of India's progress.

Aarti Echoes at Seva Mahatirth, 101 Differently-Abled Girls Worshipped

Udaipur: On the auspicious occasion of Durga Ashtami, Narayan Seva Sansthan organized a devotional program at its Seva Mahatirth campus in Lyon ka Guda. The event witnessed traditional worship of Goddess Mahagauri along with all nine forms of Maa Durga. A special highlight was the kanya poojan of 101 differently-abled girls, where prayers were offered for their bright and prosperous future.

The ceremony began with a grand aarti dedicated to the nine forms of the Goddess, followed by the worship of the girls by chief guest Latika Paliwal, SDM of Badgaon, founder Kailash 'Manav', special guest Vijaylaxmi Paliwal, and director Vandana Agrawal. The girls were presented with gifts and served festive offerings including halwa, puri, kheer, and chana. Narayan Seva Sansthan also extended free corrective surgeries for the differently-abled girls during Navratri.

Speaking on the occasion, chief guest Latika Paliwal said, "Navratri is not just about fasting and rituals, but also about self-reflection, service, and connecting with nature. The work Narayan Seva Sansthan is doing to bring self-reliance and dignity into the lives of differently-abled individuals is truly inspirational."

Director Vandana Agrawal shared that the institution has been performing kanya poojan for the last 21 years, providing medical care, education, training, and rehabilitation for differently-abled girls. The event was attended by PRO Bhagwan Prasad Gaur, Vishnu Sharma Hiteshi, Kuldeep Singh Shekhawat, and Mahim Jain.

Dr. Vimala Bhandari Honored in Salumber



Udaipur: Renowned litterateur Dr. Vimala Bhandari was felicitated for her literary contributions by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Salumber, on International Day of Older Persons. She received a shawl, certificate, and memento and emphasized that dedication and continuous work give life meaning.

During Senior Citizens' Welfare Week, SDO Jagdish Chandra Bamania urged citizens to serve the elderly, calling it a noble act. The program was presided over by Deputy Director Deepak Dhakad, with District Social Welfare Officer Mamta Jakhar highlighting welfare activities. Dr. Bhandari inaugurated the event with a prayer to Goddess Sharda. Other honorees included Poonjilal Varnoti, Dr. Indra Chauhan, Seva Bharti Sansthan, Sohan Lal Bhalwara, and Krishna Kalyan Sanstha. Centenarian voters were also felicitated for their contributions to democracy.

Dr. Iqbal Sakka Honored as Global Peace Ambassador

Udaipur: International gold artisan and 121 world record holder, Dr. Iqbal Sakka, was honored on Gandhi Jayanti with the honorary titles of Doctorate, Professor, and Peace Ambassador by MGGPF University, Florida, USA.

Dr. Sakka, known for promoting Gandhian philosophy, peace, and humanity, has been spreading messages of global harmony through the world's smallest handcrafted gold artworks.

The award was presented by Dr. Albert Dimal, Director of MGGPF University via Self-Reliance, Dr. Rishikesh Acharya, Executive Director of the Gandhian Institute International, and Dr. B. Satish Kumar, Director of Global Peace USA. Along with a certificate, Dr. Sakka was also presented with a gold medal in recognition of his outstanding contributions to peace and

Chittora Crafts Goddess Durga on Rice Grains

Udaipur: Renowned city craftsman Chandraprakash Chittora has created a unique artwork of Goddess Durga on rice grains to celebrate Navratri. In this extraordinary creation, the eyes,



nose, nose ring, and bindi of the Goddess are meticulously engraved on tiny rice grains, showcasing exceptional craftsmanship.

Marking Vijayadashami, Chittora also prepared a miniature

booklet symbolizing the triumph of truth and painted the central form of Goddess Durga on a traditional writing board. In addition, beautifully colored dandiya sticks have been crafted for Garba celebrations, carrying messages of universal well-being and devotion.

Chittora explained that rice is considered highly auspicious in rituals and worship, making it a fitting medium for such intricate artistry. This remarkable collection is now on public display at the Chittora Handicraft Art Centre, 328 University Road, Udaipur, allowing visitors to witness the masterful work firsthand.

This innovative and delicate art highlights Udaipur's rich handicraft heritage and the creative talent of local artisans, adding a unique cultural touch to the festive season.

Sojatia Jewellers Declares Draw of Monthly Gold Scheme



Udaipur: The much-admired Monthly Gold Scheme of Sojatia Jewellers witnessed its latest draw today, with Narayan Lal Soni, Ashish Shrimali, and Chandrakala Sahu emerging as the first prize winners. Alongside them, nearly 200 additional prizes were also distributed among participating customers.

Providing details, Dr. Mahendra Sojatia explained that under this Gold Saving Scheme, customers deposit 10 monthly installments, after which Sojatia Jewellers contributes one full additional installment on their behalf. At the completion of 11 months, customers are entitled to receive hallmarked jewellery of their choice. He further added that customers may also avail the online payment facility for added convenience.

Speaking about the popularity of the scheme, Dr. Dhruv Sojatia remarked that it enables customers to turn small savings into a larger jewellery purchase. The scheme's widespread appeal lies in its unique benefits – an extra installment gifted by the jeweller, the chance to win 200 prizes each month, minimum making charges, certified pure gold, and a collection of exquisite artistic designs.

Thus, the scheme has successfully evolved into a blend of safe savings, golden investment, and attractive rewards, making it a trusted choice among jewellery enthusiasts.

Udaipur Celebrates Dussehra and Vijayadashami with Devotion and Grandeur

Udaipur: The city of lakes witnessed a series of grand celebrations for Dussehra and the 77th Vijayadashami Festival,

blending devotion, culture, and community participation. The events were marked by enthusiasm, colorful processions, and artistic performances, drawing thousands of residents and visitors across the city.

At Gokul Park, Chitrakoot Nagar, the Dussehra festival concluded the nine-day Navratri celebrations with unmatched zeal. Children enthralled the audience with devotional bhajans, Rajasthan folk performances, and Bollywood songs, while elaborately designed tableaux added visual charm to the festivities. Distinguished guests, including BJP leader Atul Chandalya, senior journalists Manu Rao and Sunil Pandit, youth leader Abhishek Vyas, social worker Mangi Lal Suthar, and Tarun Dangi, graced the occasion. Volunteers and exceptional performers were felicitated, and all participating children received a cash reward of ₹200, with additional prizes awarded to winners in various performance categories. The event emphasized active participation from children, youth, and local residents, highlighting the community's commitment to preserving cultural traditions and fostering social harmony.

Simultaneously, the 77th Vijayadashami Festival, jointly organized by Shri Sanatan Dharma Seva Samiti and Shri Balochistan Panchayat at Maharana Bhupal Stadium, showcased age-old rituals, spectacular tableaux, and a grand procession. The day began with Mundan ceremonies for children at the Sanatan Dharma Temple, Shaktinagar, followed by Vijay Tilak performed by Gurujii Shailesh Kumar Brijwani, formally inaugurating the festival. The streets of Udaipur came alive with vibrant processions featuring tableaux of Lord Ram, Mata Sita, Laxman, and Hanuman, accompanied by traditional drums, nagaras, and performances by ISKCON, Mewar Mustache Club, Aashray Samaj, and several cultural groups.

The climax of the festival was the Ravan Dahan, where a 70-foot effigy of Ravan, along with Meghnad and Kumbhkaran, was set ablaze amidst stunning pyrotechnics, lighting up the night sky. Dignitaries including MP Mannalal Ravat, Rajya Sabha MP Chunnillal Garasiya, MLA Tarachand Jain, and senior officials attended the event. Authorities ensured smooth traffic, crowd, and security management.

Vice President Jitendra Talreja emphasized that Vijayadashami symbolizes the triumph of truth over evil and encourages citizens to adopt the ideals of Lord Ram, promoting unity, virtue, and brotherhood. The twin celebrations left Udaipur immersed in joy, devotion, and cultural pride, reflecting the city's rich traditions and vibrant community spirit.

Maldaas Street Diwali Draw Excitement



Udaipur: The Maldaas Street Vyapari Sanstha (Regd.) is set to host its grand Diwali Bumper Offer Lucky Draw on November 2, 2025, generating excitement across Udaipur. Thousands of residents have purchased coupons, vying for attractive prizes, including an electric scooter, refrigerators, LED TVs, washing machines, microwaves, mobile phones, and juicer mixer grinders. Participants matching the last two digits of the first prize also stand a chance to win a water camper.

The day will begin with the association's oath-taking ceremony in the morning, followed by a grand Bhajan Sandhya in the evening, where winners will be announced. Spearheaded by President Lokesh Kothari, Vice President Saurabh Jain, and General Secretary Arpan Jain, the event involves coordination from key members, including Gajendra Khabya and Media Coordinator Anil Chawla.

The association is known for community welfare initiatives—organizing Mahavir Jayanti celebrations, summer water facilities, animal welfare activities, and educational support for underprivileged children. Future plans include trader financial assistance, business growth, and market digitalization.

This festive draw underscores the association's ongoing commitment to traders and the community.