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The prestigious Grand Ganesha Awards 2024 (Season 5) lit up the KLN Prasad Auditorium at FTCCI Red Hills, Hyderabad, on September 20th, recognizing excellence in gated communities and societies across Telangana. Hosted by the Lions Club of Hyderabad YUVA District 320A and the Department of Language and Culture, Government of Telangana.

The evening was graced by distinguished guests, Shri Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Hon'ble Speaker of the Telangana Legislative Assembly, who delivered the keynote address, commending the festival fosters unity and affection among families living in apartments, while also helping the youth develop vital organizational skills. He said, Hyderabad, as a cosmopolitan city, is like a "Mini India" where people from diverse regions of the country worship Lord Ganesha in unique ways.

While modernity is visible in the celebrations with innovative decorations and the use of DJs, there is a strong need to focus on environmental conservation. Residential societies must play a crucial role in promoting eco-friendly practices

while preserving the festival's traditions. Other luminaries included Dr. Mamidi Harikrishna, Director of the Department of Language and Culture, Dr. G.B.K. Rao, Chairman of Pragati Group, Dr. Ananta Lakshmi,

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Spiritual Motivational Speaker and renowned numerologist Sri Daivagna Sharma, among others.

In its fifth season, the Grand Ganesha Awards have become a prominent platform for recognizing individuals and societies

communities. Event Convenor Lion Dr. Saubh Sureka, President of Lions Club Hyderabad YUVA, said: "This event has grown into a powerful recognition of how societies can come together and foster unity, culture, and development within urban spaces. This year's awardees are a true testament to the spirit of collective societal excellence."

The jury, comprising cultural ambassadors, motivational speakers, and community leaders, carefully evaluated nominees across various categories. The awards acknowledged communities that not only organized remarkable celebrations but also demonstrated innovation, inclusivity, and enthusiasm in their activities.

Hon'ble Lions Naresh Agarwal, MK Purohit, Mohan Doss, Sangeetha Verma, MN Rao, Yadaiah Goud, Devender Bhandari were



that are transforming urban living. The awards honored exemplary societies in categories ranging from Best Decor Concept to Most Harmonious Society, with the goal of fostering a stronger sense of community and cultural identity in gated

For the past seven years, GrandQueens Club has been a powerful advocate for women's empowerment. What started as a small initiative has transformed into a significant movement, uniting members from all over India and five countries worldwide. The club offers a platform for women's voices, promoting their aspirations and needs through diverse activities focused on support, education, and advocacy.

As GrandQueens Club has evolved, so has its impact on women's lives. It addresses various aspects, including professional development, mental wellness, and personal growth. This success reflects the dedication of its members, who cre-



ate a nurturing and encouraging environment.

In an exciting new chapter, GrandQueens Club is partnering with The Women Now, a platform designed to tackle issues important to women. Founded on the principle of being "of the women, by the women, for the women," The Women Now is a vital voice in advocating for women's rights. This collaboration

aims to enhance both organizations' missions, creating a stronger platform for advocacy and support. By joining forces, GrandQueens Club and The Women Now invite all women to share their stories and perspectives, fostering a collective effort to drive meaningful change and empower every woman to thrive.



among the Lion Dignitaries. Lion Dr. Saurabh Sureka, President of LCH Yuva and member of the Inner Cabinet (Cultural) for Lions District 320A is the Event Convenor supported by Lions Club Secretary Lion Deepak Rodey, Club VPs – Lion Vishesh Sinha & Lion Dr Tulasi KB, Co-Convenor Lion Rupa Sureka, Lion members - Chanchal Sharma, Jain Arun Lalwani, Neha Rodey, Madhavi Reddy, Dr Apeksha, Vijayeta Tirkey, Pavan Agarwal and Leo Members – Sai Ruchi, Aditi Sagar, Saksham Sureka, Chhavi Sinha coordinated by Geetika Lakshmi. Dr S.Ravinder has been the guiding light alongwith a galaxy of Jury Members comprising of Ms Chhaya Sharma, Ms Praveena Thota, Ms Jhanvi Bajaj, Ms Amrita Naik, Ms Tina Sequeira, Dr Archana Acharya, Dr Burma Venkateshwar Rao, Ms Abhimanika Yadav.

The concept of Grand Ganesha Awards for Society Excellence is curated by Celebration Makers and this year was supported by Kashvi Photography & major media houses, including Deccan Vision, News Reach, HYBIZ TV, and The Women Now. The event was sponsored by HNR Speech and Hearing Clinic and Lucky Candles.

The Grand Ganesha Awards served as a reminder that community spirit and togetherness are at the heart of every celebration. Each participating society brought something unique to the table, showcasing their commitment to making this year's festival a time of joy and shared happiness.

SA Palm Meadows, Kompally was awarded in the Most Elegantly Organized Festival (Upto 500 Families) category for its tasteful and well-coordinated celebration.

SMR Vinay Iconia, Kondapur stood out as the Most Upcoming Society, showcasing growth and development within a vibrant community.

In the Nayi Disha Society category, The Neighborhood, Kompally was acknowledged for its forward-thinking and innovative approach.

Aparna Sarovar Zenith, Nalagandla was recognized as the Most Promising Soci-



ety, while Aparna Cyber Commune, Nalagandla excelled in the Most Elegantly Organized Festival (Upto 1000 Families) category.

The Matri Shakti Society (Upto 1000 Families) award was claimed by Aparna Kanopy Tulip, Kompally, celebrating the strength and unity of women in their community.



Honer Vivantis, Tellapur earned the title of Most Enthusiastic Society (Upto 1000 Families), reflecting the vibrant spirit of its residents.

Other notable winners include Lodha Meridian, KPHB as the Most Harmonious Society, Keerthi Apartments, Ameerpet in the Most Harmonious Society (Upto 500 Families) category, and Green Valley, Kondapur, which was recognized as the Varishtha Mitra Society.

From dynamic communities like Ashoka A-La-Maison, Kompally (Most Dynamic Society – Hyderabad North)



to Golf View, Nanakramguda (Most Dynamic Society – Upto 500 Families), the event showcased the diversity and vibrancy of Hyderabad's societies.

Rajapushpa Atria, Kokapet took home awards for being the Most Resident Friendly Society and the



Most Integrated Society.

Raintree Park, KPHB, took home accolades in three categories, excelling in Best Prasadam Seva, Good Sustainable Concepts, and being crowned the Most Enthusiastic Society. Their dedication to both cultural and sustainable practices set them apart as leaders in urban community living.

PBEL City, Peeramcheruvu, excelled as the Most Eco-Friendly Society and was also named the Changemakers Society and Most Ideal Society, cementing their reputation as pioneers in environmental and community welfare.

Provident Kenworth, Rajendranagar, impressed the jury with its harmony and creativity, winning Most Harmonious Society, Best Decor Concept, and Most Evolving Society.

Apart from the above category awards, there are four more significant awards categories as well.

The Grand Ganesha Inspiration Award celebrates Provident Kenworth, My Home Avatar & Aparna Sarovar Zenith societies that have gone above and beyond in creating an inspiring environment for their residents, demonstrating excellence in community engagement and festive celebrations.

The Grand Ganesha Visionary Award recognizes societies Rajapushpa Atria & Aparna Serene Park that have shown forward-thinking leadership, setting a high standard for future community festivals with their exceptional planning and visionary approach.

The Grand Ganesha Iconic Award honors Aparna Sarovar & PBEL City societies that have become landmarks in their own right, establishing themselves as iconic examples of community spirit and cultural celebration.

The Grand Ganesha Legacy Award pays tribute to Raintree Park & My Home Jewel societies that have built a long-standing tradition of excellence, leaving behind a lasting legacy of community engagement and cultural contribution.

As the evening drew to a close, it was clear that the Grand Ganesha Awards continue to serve as a vital platform

My Home Jewel, Chandanagar, earned the prestigious title of Most Culturally Active Society and was also recognized as the Most Enthusiastic Society and Most Ideal Society (Hyderabad - West), highlighting their diverse cultural activities and exceptional community spirit.

With 5 awards, Aparna Serene Park, Kondapur was the winner of highest number of Awards. Aparna Serene Park, Kondapur, was cel-



ebrated for its forward-thinking approach, winning the Most Futuristic Society award alongside recognitions for being the Most Elegantly Organised Festival, Most Resident Friendly Society, and Most Dynamic Society.

In the sustainability category,

for appreciating the efforts of gated communities in promoting cultural values and unity in urban spaces. The recipients of this year's awards are sure to inspire others in the years to come, ensuring that the spirit of the festival lives on not just in celebration, but in the strong communities it fosters.



## Paris Paralympics 2024

# The Role of Women Athletes in India's Medal Surge



In a whirlwind of excitement, the 2024 Paris Paralympics has come to a close, and the Indian contingent emerged with more highs than lows over the ten days of exhilarating sports action. While there were high hopes for Indian athletes, the results exceeded expectations, with athletes not only securing medals but also making history and achieving new milestones.

Among the notable achievements were the impressive performances of renowned athletes like Sumit Antil and Mariyappan Thangavelu, who continued to excel and secure podium finishes. However, the spotlight also shone brightly on emerging talents who captured the world's attention with their extraordinary feats. For many of these athletes, this Paralympics marked their debut on the global podium, adding a remarkable chapter to their careers.

The success at Paris was not confined to the men's events. The women athletes from India delivered a standout performance, making this edition of the Paralympics particularly historic. A total of 10 Indian women secured medals, contributing significantly to India's record haul of 29 medals. This is the highest number of female medallists India has ever had in a single Paralympic Games, underscoring a remarkable leap in the country's performance and representation.

The achievements of these women athletes are a testament to their hard work, determination, and the growing strength of women's sports in India. Their performanc-

es not only brought home medals but also highlighted the expanding scope and depth of talent among Indian para-athletes. Each medal won was not just a personal triumph but a source of inspiration and pride for the nation.

In this remarkable campaign, the blend of seasoned stars and breakthrough athletes painted a picture of perseverance and excellence. While veteran athletes reinforced their positions at the top, the rise of new stars indicated a bright future for Indian para-sports. The success in Paris serves as a beacon of encouragement for future athletes, demonstrating that with dedication and support, boundaries can be pushed and new records can be set.

As the 2024 Paris Paralympics concludes, the spotlight on Indian athletes, particularly the women, reflects a significant milestone in the country's sports history. Their achievements resonate far be-



yond the podiums, symbolizing the strength, talent, and relentless spirit of Indian para-athletes.

### Avani Lekhara - A Beacon of Inspiration in Para Shooting

Avani Lekhara, on 30th August, 2024, successfully defended her women's 10m air rifle shooting standing SH1 title at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, becoming the first Indian woman to win two gold medals in the Games' history.

The pinnacle of Avani's sporting career came in 2021 at the Tokyo Paralympic Games, where she made history by becoming the first Indian female Paralympian to win two medals in a single event. She clinched a gold medal in the R2 - Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 event and a bronze in the R8 - Women's 50m Rifle 3 Posi-

tions SH1. By winning the Gold Medal in Paralympics 2024, Avani Lekhara again created history as she is the 1st Indian woman athlete to win 3 Paralympic medals. Her triumphs resonated across the nation, and she was celebrated as



a trailblazer in Indian sports.

Avani Lekhara's story is one of resilience, determination, and an unwavering pursuit of excellence. From overcoming a life-altering accident to becoming a Paralympic champion, she has shown that with grit and perseverance, anything is possible. As she continues to break barriers and set new records, Avani remains a beacon of hope and inspiration for millions.

### Preeti Pal - A Historic Achievement in Track and Field

At just 23 years old, Preeti Pal stood out with her exceptional performance at the Paris 2024 Paralympics. Competing in the Women's T35 category, she secured two

bronze medals—one in the 100m and another in the 200m events and made history. Her achievements not only marked a significant milestone in her career but also made her the first Indian woman track and field athlete to win two medals at a single Paralympic Games. Preeti's success at Paris 2024 is a testament to her relentless deter-

mination and the culmination of years of hard work.

Preeti Pal's unwavering dedication saw her competing in numerous national events, and her hard work paid off when she qualified for the Asian Para Games 2022. Despite finishing 4th in both the 100m and 200m sprints, she remained steadfast in her pursuit of greater goals, setting her sights on the Paralympic Games. Her perseverance bore fruit at the 2024 World Para Athletics Championship, where she clinched bronze in both the 100m and 200m events, underscoring her hard work and establishing her as a formidable competitor on the global stage.

### Mona Agarwal - A Rising Star in Para Shooting

Mona Agarwal is a name that has swiftly become synonymous with excellence in para shooting. She has asserted her dominance on the global sports scene by winning a Bronze medal in the R2 Women 10m Air Rifle SH1 event at the Paralympics 2024.

At the age of 23, Mona made a bold decision to leave home and build an independent life. She excelled in HR and

marketing roles, overcoming numerous physical challenges along the way. In 2016, she shifted her focus to para-athletics, where she made her State debut in throw events, winning gold in all three categories. She also competed in State-level para powerlifting, earning multiple medals.

Mona Agarwal's journey is an inspiring story of resilience, determination, and success. As she prepares to represent India at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, her achievements serve as a beacon of hope and inspiration for aspiring athletes everywhere.



### ThulasimathiMurugesan - A Silver Streak for India

ThulasimathiMurugesan, born on April 11, 2002, in Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu, has emerged as one of India's most promising para-badminton players. In the ongoing Paris 2024 Paralympics, Thulasimathi added another feather to her cap by winning a Silver Medal in the Women's Badminton SU5 event. As the top seed, she faced tough competition, ultimately settling for silver after a hard-fought match against China's Yang Qiu Xia, with a score of 21-17, 21-10 in 30 minutes. Her story speaks of her unconditional commitment to her sport. Despite the challenges she has faced, her achievements on the international stage are a testament to her talent and determination. As she continues to strive for greatness, Thulasimathi remains focused on her ultimate goal: bringing glory to India!

### Rubina Francis - India's First Female Pistol Para-Shooting Medallist

Indian para-shooter Rubina Francis has made history at the Paris 2024 Paralympics by winning the bronze medal in the Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1 event, which is for athletes with upper and/or lower limb impairments who can hold their gun without difficulty and shoot from a standing or sitting position. With a remarkable score of 211.1, Rubina not only clinched the bronze but also became the first-ever Indian woman shooter to secure a medal in the pistol category at the Paralympics. Her outstanding performance marks a significant milestone in

Indian para-shooting, showcasing her exceptional talent and dedication. This achievement highlights a new chapter in Indian sports history, celebrating Rubina's ground-breaking success and her role as a trailblazer for future athletes.

### Simran Sharma - wins bronze in Women's 200m

With determination that shines brighter than the Olympic flame, Simran Sharma etched her name in the annals of sports history by clinching a bronze medal in



the women's 200m T12 event at the Paris Paralympics 2024. This monumental achievement marks a career pinnacle for the ace visually-impaired athlete, who blazed across the finish line with a personal best of 24.75 seconds, adding yet another feather to India's cap at the 17th edition of the Para Games.

Simran, who dazzled as the gold medallist at the 2024 World Championships, partnered with Abhay Singh in her quest for glory. Fol-

lowing a heart-wrenching setback in the 100m event, she faced her competitors with grit and resilience. Although her start was hesitant compared to the three other contenders, she quickly regained her momentum, racing fiercely for the final stretch. Her remarkable effort secured her third place ahead of Iran's Hagar SafarzadehGhahderijani.

### DeepthiJeevanji - source of inspiration for countless people

DeepthiJeevanji made history at

onds.

Jeevanji is now only the second Indian athlete, following Preethi Pal, to earn a medal in a track and field event at the Paralympic Games. Her Paris Paralympics achievement follows a gold medal win at the 2024 World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe, where she set a world record with a time of 55.07 seconds. She also claimed gold at the Hangzhou Asian Games 2023 with a time of 56.69 seconds.

### Manisha Ramadass clinches bronze in women's singles SU5

Manisha Ramadass won the bronze medal in the women's singles SU5 category in badminton at the Paralympics 2024. She defeated Denmark's CathrineRosengren 21-12, 21-8 at the LA Chapelle Arena Court 3. SU5 is a classification for athletes with upper limb impairments, which can affect either the playing or non-playing hand.

The 19-year-old took only 25 minutes to ease past Rosengren. Manisha was dominant throughout the match and hardly allowed her Danish opponent to dictate terms. She stormed into the lead in the opening game and closed it out in 13 minutes, after which it took her only 12 minutes to win the second.

With the win, Manisha made history after becoming the first Indian woman to win a Paralympics' medal in badminton. Manisha had a chance to compete in the gold medal match, but she had lost to ThulasimathiMurugesan in the semis. But the teenager was able to make amends in the bronze medal match where she looked at ease.

## CM Revanth honored Paralympic bronze medalist DeepthiJeevanji

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy honored DeepthiJeevanji, the state's young athlete who earned a bronze medal in the Women's 400m T20 event at her Paralympics debut in Paris. During the ceremony, Chief Minister Reddy announced a cash prize of Rs 1 crore, a 500-yard plot in Warangal, and a Group 2 government job for Deepthi. Additionally, he awarded Rs 10 lakh to her coach, Nagpuri Ramesh, in recognition of his support and guidance.

Taking to the social media platform X, CM Reddy said, "DeepthiJeevanji, the young athlete who won a bronze medal in the Paralympics and brought glory to Telangana, was met with courtesy."

"Apart from congratulating her on this occasion, I ordered the officials to take steps to give the Group-2 job, Rs one crore cash prize, 500 yards' land in Warangal and Rs.10 lakhs to the coach on behalf of the state government," he added.

Addressing the contingent, Mandaviya expressed his admiration and appreciation for their remarkable achievements.

The ceremony celebrated the achievements of several prominent athletes, including DeepthiJeevanji, who secured a bronze medal in the Women's 400m T20 event at her



Paralympic debut in Paris. Joining her were fellow debutants Ravi Rongali (Men's Shotput F40), Rakshita Raju (Women's 1500m T11), Kanchan Lakh (Women's Discus Throw F53), SakshiKasana (Women's Discus Throw F55), and Manu (Men's Shotput F37), along with their coaches Rahul Balakrishna, Suresh Kumar Kuruba, Sunil Lakhani, and their escorts.

DeepthiJeevanji's performance in the Women's 400m T20 final was a standout moment. Despite a strong start, the 21-year-old athlete narrowly missed out on the gold and silver medals, finishing behind Ukraine's

YuliiaShuliar and Turkey's AyselOnder. Jeevanji clocked a time of 55.82 seconds, securing the bronze medal in a highly competitive race. YuliiaShuliar won the gold with a time of 55.16 seconds, while AyselOnder claimed silver with 55.23 seconds. In the qualification round, Deepthi impressed with a commanding performance, winning her Women's 400m T20 Round 1 heat in 55.45 seconds. YuliiaShuliar recorded her season-best time of 56.49 seconds to take the second spot, while Brazil's Antonia Keyla Da Silva Barros also achieved her season-best with 57.54 seconds, securing a place in the final. Deepthi's remarkable journey began when her talent was discovered by SAI coach N Ramesh in Hyderabad. Starting her para-athletics career in 2019, she has made significant strides in a short period. She has been a Khelo India athlete since 2018 and is now part of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS). Her impressive track record includes a gold medal at the Asian Para Games and another gold at the 2024 World Championship, where she set a new world record. Domestically, she also distinguished herself with two medals at the Khelo India Youth Games in 2020.

# President of India graces first National Space Day Celebration

The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu graced the first National Space Day Celebration at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on August 23, 2024. National Space Day is being celebrated to commemorate the successful landing of the 'Vikram' Lander on the surface of the Moon on August 23, 2023. The President presented awards to winners of 'Robotics Challenge' and 'Bharatiya Antariksh Hackathon' on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that ISRO has had a wonderful journey since its initial days. It has made remarkable achievements in the space sector. Along with this, ISRO has also made invaluable contributions to the country's social and economic development. She appreciated the dedicated scientists who have placed India's Space Program among the best Space Programs in the world by using minimum resources. She expressed confidence that our country will make continuous progress in space science and we will continue to set new standards of excellence.

The President said that the progress of India's space sector is extraordinary. Be it a successfully completed Mars mission with limited resources, or the successful launch of more than a hundred satellites at once, we have made many impressive achievements.

The President said that space exploration has increased the capa-

bilities of human beings and transformed our imagination into reality. But space exploration is a challenging task. Research conducted to solve the problems during space exploration accelerates the development of science and improves human life. Many sectors have benefited from developments in the space sector, including health and

medicine, transportation, security, energy, environment, and information technology.

The President pointed out that with the opening of the space sector to the private sector, the number of start-ups has increased at a very rapid pace. This has not only brought progress in space research but has also given new opportunities to our youth to showcase and hone their talents. She was happy to note that just a few months ago, an Indian company successfully launched a single-piece 3D printed semi-cryogenic engine-powered rocket, the first such achievement.

The President said that we have to be prepared for future challenges. Space debris can cause problems for space missions. She appreciated the 'ISRO System for Safe & Sustainable Operations Management' facility which is being operated to ensure continuous progress of space research activities. She was also happy to note that India is moving forward to make all its space missions debris-free by the year 2030.



## She-Box Portal Launch to make Workplaces safer for Women

Union Minister of Women and Child Development launches new She-Box Portal to make Workplaces safer for Women

The Ministry of Women and Child Development, under the leadership of Union Minister Smt. Annapurna Devi, has launched the new SHe-Box portal, a centralized platform for registering and monitoring complaints of sexual harassment of women at the workplace. The launch event was held in New Delhi today. She also launched the new website of the Ministry during the event. Minister of State for

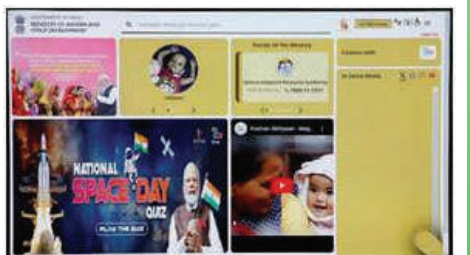
offers a common platform to file complaints, track their status and ensure a time-bound processing of complaint by ICs. It provides assured redressal of complaints and streamlined process for all

ade, recognizing the pivotal role of women's leadership in driving inclusive economic growth.

A cornerstone of this initiative to enhance women's participation in the workforce is ensuring that

sexual harassment. In addition to the SHe-Box portal, the Ministry also launched a newly developed website tailored to meet the needs of the Government of India. This website aims to establish a cohesive visual identity across digital platforms, enhancing the government's engagement with national and global audiences. As digital platforms become the primary point of contact for citizens, maintaining a strong and compelling brand presence is essential.

Speaking at the event, Smt. Annapurna Devi stated, "This initiative is a critical step forward in providing a more efficient and secure platform for addressing workplace-related sexual harassment complaints. It furthers the government's commitment



Women and Child Development Smt. Savitri Thakur and Secretary for Women and Child Development Shri Anil Malik along with other officials of the Ministry were also present on the occasion.

The new She-Box portal serves as a centralized repository of information related to Internal Committees (ICs) and Local Committees (LCs) formed across the country, encompassing both the government and private sectors. It

stakeholders. The portal through a designated nodal officer will enable real-time monitoring of complaints.

As India approaches its centenary in the next 25 years, the Government of India, led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, is committed towards "Viksit Bharat" by 2047. To achieve this, the Government has placed significant emphasis on women-led development over the past dec-

workplaces are safe and secure, enabling women to thrive and succeed. The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013, serves to protect women from sexual harassment in the workplace and address their grievances. In line with this commitment, the new SHe-Box portal represents a significant step forward in addressing and managing complaints of workplace

to creating a safer and more inclusive working environment for women across India." She expressed confidence that the portal will ensure that complaints can be safely registered without personal information being publicly accessible.

She-Box portal and the new website of the ministry can be accessed at <https://shebox.wcd.gov.in/> and <https://wcd.gov.in/> respectively.

# Vice-President Strongly condemn the terming of violence against women as 'symptomatic malaise'

The Vice-President, Shri Jagdeep-Dhankhar strongly condemned the terming of violence against women as 'symptomatic malaise'. Addressing the students and faculty members on the theme 'Role of Women in Viksit Bharat' at the Bharati college, University of Delhi on 30th August 2024, the Vice-President said "I am appalled; I am pained and somewhat surprised that someone holding a position in the Supreme Court Bar, a Member of Parliament, acting in a manner and what does he say? A symptomatic malaise and suggested that such incidents are common place? What a shame! Words fail me in condemning such a stance. It is doing greatest injustice to the high position.

Expressing his pain over suggestions made by person in high position calling such outrageous incidents are commonplace, Shri Dhankhar termed the statements as extremely shameful. Vice President stressed that such statements are akin to trivialising the suffering of our girls. "For partisan interest? For self-interest? You take a stance, leveraging your authority to perpetrate such kind of heinous injustice to our girls and women? What can be greater injustice to humanity? We trivialise suffering of our girls? No, not any longer", he added.

Calling upon the citizens to echo the clarion call of "enough is enough" of the President Shri Dhankhar stated, "The President has said, enough is enough!" Let us, call it enough is enough. I want this clarion call to be national call. I want everyone to be participant in this call. Let us resolve, create a system, no longer, zero accommodation, zero tolerance when you make a girl or woman victim.

You are injuring our civilisation, you are injuring sublimity, you are behaving like a monster. You are exemplifying barbarity to an extreme draconian level. Nothing should come in the way and I



want everyone in the country to heed the sane, sage and timely caution by the President of India."

Stating that the fear in the minds of our girls and women is a cause of concern, Shri Dhankhar said, "The society where women and girls do not feel safe is not a civilized society. That democracy is tarnished; it is the biggest obstacle to our progress and today."

"The fear in the mind of our girls and women is a cause of concern, is a national concern. How can in land of Bharat, girls and women be unsafe. How can their dignity be outraged? in hospital when girl doctor is in service

of humanity saving lives of others?"; emphasised Vice-President.

Stressing on the need of financial independence for girls and women, Shri Dhankhar emphasised, "I call upon each of you to be financially independent. This is quintessentially important for you to unleash your energy and potential."

"Girls are the most important stakeholders in the development of the Nation. They constitute the backbone and spinal strength of the rural economy, agro-economy, and informal economy", he further added.



"The very thought of India as a developed nation without the participation of girls and women is not rational. They have energy, they have talent. With your participation, the dream of a developed India will be fulfilled before 2047." he remarked.

Drawing attention to the need of Uniform Civil Code, the Vice-President underlined, "Uniform Civil Code is a constitutional ordainment. It is in directive principles. Supreme Court has severally held it is being delayed, but Uniform Civil Code that has been on the shelf for too long is a small measure of justice to your segment. Look around what it means. It will help in several ways, but majorly it will help your gender."

Addressing the existential threat posed by climate change, Shri Dhankhar underscored the urgency of taking immediate action to protect our planet. He echoed the Prime Minister's call for the 'EkPedMaaKeNaam'

initiative, urging everyone to plant trees in honour of their mothers and grandmothers. He called upon citizens to join this noble cause, emphasizing the growing impact of the initiative. "Trust me, the Prime Minister's call is getting real traction. But when you do it, and do it regularly, the results will be remarkable," he said.

Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi, Prof. Kavita Sharma, Chairperson, Bharati College, University of Delhi, Prof. Saloni Gupta, Principal, Bharati College, University of Delhi, students, faculty members and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

## Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare organizes a Plant4Mother campaign

Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings on 29th August 2024 at IARI Campus PUSA as a part of the campaign एक पेड़ माँ के नाम Plant4Mother campaign. Shri Chouhan informed that the Ministry will set up "Matri Van" in about 1 acre of land. Minister of State Shri Ramnath Thakur, Secretary DARE & DG ICAR, Dr. Himanshu Pathak, around 200 officers/staffs of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development and School students were also present in the event. Minister informed that all subordinate offices of DA&FW, ICAR institutions, CAUs, KVKs and SAUs in the country are also organized a similar tree plantation program at their respective places at same time. Shri Chouhan also informed that today, over 800 institutions under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare participated, and it is expected that between 3000-4000 saplings were planted during the event.

Union Minister said that the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the Global Campaign एक पेड़ माँ के नाम Plant4Mother on the occasion of World Environment Day, on



5th June 2024 and to ensure the Prime Minister resolution our Ministries today started एक पेड़ माँ के नाम Plant4Mother campaign as a mass movement. Shri Chouhan requested to all officers/ employees and the school student

present during the occasion to participating in the movement and to pay their respect to their mother and mother earth by planting trees.

As part of the Global Campaign, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change are being made efforts to ensure that 80 crore saplings are planted across the country by September 2024 and 140 crore saplings by March 2025. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change started the tree plantation activity at AsolaBhati Wildlife Sanctuary on June 20, 2024, wherein individuals planted trees in honour of their mothers. Planting trees also fulfills Mission LiFE purpose launched by the Government which is a mass movement of Environmental Conscious Lifestyle. In agriculture, growing trees is an important step to achieve sustainable farming. Trees help to improve farm productivity by improving the soil, water quality and increase biodiversity. Trees also provide additional income source for the farmers from the timber and non-timber produces. The Campaign has immense potential for preventing and reversing land degradation and desertification.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi participated in LakhpatiDidiSammelan in Jalgaon, Maharashtra on 24th August 2024. He handed out certificates and felicitated 11 lakhs new LakhpatiDidis who recently became Lakhpati during the third term of the present government. The Prime Minister also interacted with LakhpatiDidis from across the country. Shri Modi released a Revolving Fund of Rs 2,500 crore, benefiting about 48 lakh members of 4.3 lakh Self-Help Groups (SHG). He also disbursed bank loans of Rs 5,000 crore which will benefit 25.8 lakh members of 2.35 lakh SHGs. Since the inception of the LakhpatiDidiYojana, one crore women have already been made LakhpatiDidis and the government has set a target of three crore LakhpatiDidis.

The Prime Minister began his address by expressing gratitude towards the huge crowd of mothers and sisters who were present on the occasion. Expressing happiness over the attendance of a huge crowd of mothers and sisters at the mega event of LakhpatiDidiSammelan, Shri Modi said, "Today, funds of more than Rs 6000 Crore were disbursed for lakhs of Women SHGs spanning across India". He added that this corpus of funds will bolster many women to transform into 'LakhpatiDidis'. The PM also extended his best wishes.

Prime Minister Shri Modi underlined that the mothers and sisters of Maharashtra give a glimpse of the glorious culture and traditions of the state. Underlining

that the LakhpatiDidi campaign is not just a way to boost the income of mothers and sisters but a mega campaign to strengthen the family and future generations, the Prime Minister said that it is transforming the rural economy. "Every woman present here knows

to start small businesses. "Therefore", the Prime Minister said, "I pledged to reduce the burden on women, and the Modi Government took decisions in the interest of women one after the other." Drawing parallels from the 10 years of the present government

helpless, no sister's eyes should shed tears, and there should always be a smile on her face. To achieve this, Shri Modi has launched the LakhpatiDidi campaign. The Minister said that he is proud to say that due to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's resolve, one crore LakhpatiDidi have already been made. 25th August 2024, 11 lakh Didi are receiving the LakhpatiDidi certificate at 30,000 locations, and one and a half crore Didi are connected to the program. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that 11 lakh Didi will be made Lakhpati in 100 days, but 11 lakh LakhpatiDidi have already been made before 100 days. Shri Singh said, he is confident that with the blessings of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, 3 crore LakhpatiDidi will be made.

Shri Chouhan said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has said from the Red Fort that he will work with three times the strength to build a developed India. The Minister said I want

to tell you only one thing to my sisters and brothers, let's take a pledge to work with double the strength to fulfill the Prime Minister's resolve. He said that the sisters who have become lakhpatis will make other sisters lakhpatis and we will not leave any stone unturned in making the Prime Minister's dream of building poverty-free villages a reality. Shri Chouhan said that this is the time to take a pledge. He said that You all raise both your hands and take this pledge that if Prime Minister works with three times the strength, then we will work with double the hard work and make the sisters lakhpatis and also build a developed India'.



## Modi addresses Lakhpatididi sammelan

that her social position in society is elevated when she starts to make a living", the Prime Minister exclaimed, noting that the purchasing power of a family also goes up with an increase in income. "Fortunes of an entire family are transformed when one sister becomes LakhpatiDidi", he added.

Noting the contributions of women today in making India the third-largest economy in the world, Prime Minister Modi pointed out the neglect towards the development of women in the past. He mentioned that crores of women in the country did not own any property which caused a major hindrance in availing bank loans

with the seven decades of previous governments, the Prime Minister remarked that the present government did more work in the interest of women than any other previous governments of the past.

Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan addressed the program being held to honour LakhpatiDidi. Shri Chouhan praised the Didi for attending the program in large numbers despite heavy rain. He said, "I bow down to the enthusiasm and love of the sisters."

Shri Shivraj Singh said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's resolve is that no sister should be

Paediatric heart transplant in Kerala takes place in Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST)

A five-hour heart transplant operation carried out by a motivated team of doctors provided a new lease of life to a 13-year-old girl who had been on ventilator due to severe cardiomyopathy.

The paediatric Orthotopic Heart Transplantation operation in Kerala was carried out by Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST). Heart transplant operations are costly and paediatric heart transplants are rare because of the limited availability of paediatric hearts. This makes such treatment for heart diseases inaccessible to many who cannot afford it even under life threatening conditions.

With this operation, Sree Chitra joined the group of government hospitals making such treatment facility more accessible. ICMR had helped

to establish the comprehensive heart failure program at SCTIMST, and the institute received the licence for heart transplant last year. It was the plight of the 13-year-old from

from a 47-year-old school teacher who suffered from sustained brain haemorrhage due to ruptured intracranial aneurysm and had been declared brain dead at the KIMS

the Government of Kerala.

The team consisting of Dr Baiju S Dharan, Dr Vivek V Pillai, Dr Soumya Remanan, Dr. Renjith S, Dr Veena Vasudev from the Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, Dr Harikrishnan S, Dr Krishnamoorthy K M, Dr Deepa S Kumar, Dr Arun Gopalakrishnan, Dr Jyothi Vijay from Department of Cardiology and Dr Shrinivas V G from the Department of Cardiac Anaesthesia, along with their respective teams, performed the lengthy operation.

They were supported by transplant coordinator Ms. Beena Pillai, senior residents of cardiac surgery and cardiac anaesthesia, staff members of Division of Perfusion Technology, Department of Transfusion Medicine and blood bank staff, nursing and technical staff, transport wing, security and biomedical technology wing along with other medical and paramedical staff members of the institute. Kerala Police arranged the green corridor for the quick transport of the organ.

## Paediatric heart transplant in Kerala takes place in SC-TIMST



Chavakkad, Thrissur, confined to the ICU for the last two months that triggered the SCTIMST hospital to look for a donor.

They received the donor heart

HEALTH hospital. Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (K-SOTTO) allocated the organ to SCTIMST in accordance with the organ allocation policy of

# Union Minister Annpurna Devi launches Rashtriya Poshan Maah



The 7th Rashtriya PoshanMaah was launched from Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 31st August 2024. The event, centered on promoting nutrition related awareness and well-being across the nation, was graced by Smt. Annpurna Devi, Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat, Smt. BhanubenBabariya, Minister of Women and Child Development, Government of Gujarat, senior officers from Government of India and State Government of Gujarat, and other dignitaries.

The day began with a nationwide plantation drive under “EkPedMaaKeNaam” from 10:00 AM -11:30 AM. The Union Minister, along with the Gujarat WCD Minister and senior officers, lead the drive and planted fruit-bearing trees at an Anganwadi Centre at Gandhinagar, symbolizing the importance of nutrition and en-

vironmental sustainability.

The main event was held at Mahatma Mandir. The keynote address was delivered by the Chief Guest, Chief Minister of Gujarat. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, emphasized on importance of nutrition in building strong and healthy human resources for the growth of development of this country.

In her address the Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Annpurna Devi emphasized on ensuring better health of children and adolescents and fighting malnutrition by focusing on lifecycle approach. She emphasised on the four pillars – good governance, convergence, capacity building, community participation and ownership on which the success of Poshan 2.0 rests.

Shri Anil Malik, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India also addressed the august gather-

ing and spoke on promoting diet diversity and importance of including locally grown wholesome foods in daily diets.

Nutri baskets for pregnant & lactating mothers were provided and annaprashan for infants was held. Beneficiaries under various schemes, including VahliDikri-Yojna, Widow Pension Scheme, Widow Remarriage Assistance Scheme, and MahilaSwalamban-Yojna, etc were handed over their respective scheme entitlements by the dignitaries.

An exhibition showcasing various important initiatives viz; the Poshan Tracker, PoshanBhiPadhaiBhi and other nutrition and

complementary feeding further underscored the importance of nutrition.

The 7th RashtriyaPoshanMaah 2024 will focus on the themes of Anaemia, Growth Monitoring, Complementary Feeding, Poshan-BhiPadhaiBhi, Technology for better Governance, and EkPedMaaKeNaam.

To take forward the vision of Prime Minister of a ‘Suposhit Bharat’, the Union Minister said “PoshanMaah is becoming a nationwide festival and is taking the form of a Jan Andolan. Ministry of Women and Child Development through its Mission Poshan 2.0, is committed to fight malnutri-



women’s safety related initiatives taken by the State like ‘VangiPradarshan’, 181 helplines, etc was also organized at the venue.

Several regional Cultural performances and plays on important themes like breastfeeding and

tion among children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers across the country”. The month-long campaign aims to further intensify efforts to combat malnutrition and promote holistic wellbeing across the nation.

## Celebrate Navratri In Style

Navratri is around the corner and preparations have already begun. People are hopping into the market to pick the best Navratri outfit. Navratri is not just about Puja but a lot of celebrations and dancing come into the picture. People mostly know about the ghagra choli in Navratri but there are a lot of options available. Check out the list of outfits that we have curated for you.

### Ghagra Choli

Ghagra Choli is the ultimate pick for Navratri. It's a classic outfit that everyone chooses to wear as it allows comfort, style and easy movement while dancing. It's a three-piece ensemble that includes a flared skirt, matching blouse and a dupatta. The best part about ghagra choli during Navratri is that you can experiment with vibrant colours, embroidery and mirror work.

### Flared Sharara Look

If you want to dance comfortably but don't want to style a ghagra choli then sharara is the perfect choice for you.



There are a variety of flared ghagra in contrasting vibrant colours available in the market which you can choose for your Navratri look.

### Elegant Patola Saree

You don't have to opt for classic pieces for Navratri. You can go with a Patola saree (how to choose fabric for diwali outfits) as well. You can style it with a contrasting blouse to create that colourful ensemble that keeps the Navratri vibe alive. You can further accessorise the look with Jhumkas, bangles and Juti.

### Salwar Suit

If you want to style a salwar suit for Navratri then make sure to keep the vibrant colour ensemble alive. You can pick a white kurta set and style it with a colour-

ful dupatta, earrings, Jhumkas and bangles.

### Crop Top And Skirt

If you want to create a ghagra look but don't have one then you can pick the long skirt that you have in your wardrobe to create that look. You can pair it with a crop top and leverage heavy jewellery (finest jewellery for diwali) for a Navratri vibe.



# NSE Registered investor base crosses 10 crore unique investors

The unique registered investor base on the National Stock Exchange of India crossed the 10-crore (100 million) mark on August 8 th , 2024. The total number of client codes (accounts) registered with the Exchange stands at 19 crore (Includes all client registrations done till date; clients can register with more than one trading member).

The 10 crore registered investors in India today have a median age of about 32 years, with 40% of them being less than 30 years old. The median age was 38 years just five years ago, illustrating the increasing interest in the markets amongst the youth. Nearly, over one in five investors today are females.

Investor registrations at NSE have seen an accelerating trend over the last few years. The registered investor base hit the 1 crore mark 14

During this period, daily new unique investor registrations have averaged between 50,000 to 78,000. The investor base has seen more than 3x jump in the last five years, facilitated by rapid growth in digitisation, rising investor aware-



◆ **19 crore total accounts**

◆ **One in five investors today are females**

years after commencement of operations, the next 1 crore addition took about seven years, the subsequent crore investors took about three-and-half years, and the next one a little over a year. In other words, it took over 25 years for the registered investor base to hit the 4-crore mark in March 2021. The subsequent 1-crore increments (from 4 crore to 10 crore) have come through at an accelerated pace, taking on an average of about 6-7 months, with the last crore added in just over five months.

ness, financial inclusion, and sustained market performance. In this fiscal year thus far (As of July 31st, 2024), the benchmark Nifty 50 index has generated a return of 11.8%, while the Nifty 500 index has delivered a strong 16.2% gain during the same period. Annualised return over the last five-year period ending July 2024 has been 17.5% and 21.1% for Nifty 50 and Nifty 500 respectively.

Of the last one crore registrations, nearly 42% hailed from North India, followed by West In-

dia (25%), South India (18%) and East India (14%). Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra continued to lead in new investor registrations, together accounting for more than a quarter of these investors. This increase has been seen across states, with all but 30 pin codes having at least one individual directly investing in the market. Over 46.5% of all new investor registrations in the last five months originated from districts beyond the top 100 districts (by number of new registrations in the period). Currently, the highest number of unique registered investors are from Maharashtra with 1.7 crore investors, followed by Uttar Pradesh with 1.1 crore investors and Gujarat with 87lakh investors.

Indirect participation has also increased meaningfully during this period, with nearly 2.1 crore new SIP accounts opened between March and June this year, and average monthly SIP inflows of ~Rs 20,452 crore vs. Rs 17,613 crore in the previous six-month period.

Shri Sriram Krishnan, Chief Business Development Officer, NSE said: "We have reached another significant milestone in our investor base this year. Following the achievement of the 9-crore mark in late February, it is commendable that the number of investors onboarded on the exchange has increased by an additional crore within just over five months. This growth can be attributed to several key factors, including the streamlined Know Your Customer (KYC) process, enhanced financial literacy facilitated by stakeholder-led investor awareness programs, and enduring positive market sentiment. Increased participation in various exchange-traded financial instruments, such as equities, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), real estate investment trusts (REITs), infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs), government bonds, and corporate bonds, underscores these contributing factors."

## One Stop Centre and Women Helpline implemented for safety and empowerment of women

The government has implemented the schemes of One Stop Centre (OSC) and Universalisation of Women Helpline (WHL) under Nirbhaya Fund with effect from 01.04.2015 for providing assistance to the women facing any kind of violence or in distress. The WHL also provide information about various schemes/projects/ programmes to assist the women in availing the benefits. The OSC and WHL have been included as components of sub-scheme "Sambal" of the Umbrella Scheme "Mission Shakti" implemented for safety and empowerment of women during 15th Finance Commission period.

So far, a total of 816 One Stop Centres have been approved in all 36 States/ UTs, out of which 785 OSCs are operational. Presently, WHL is functional in 35 States/ UTs (Except West Bengal).

A third party Evaluation Study of Mahila Police Volunteers (MPV) Scheme was conducted by NITI Aayog. Taking into account the findings of the third-party evaluation, past experiences and consultations with States/ Stakeholders, the MPV Scheme has been discontinued with effect from 1st pril, 2022, while suitably incorporating its appropriate provisions under other components of "Mission Shakti".

Since inception i.e. from 1st April 2015 to 24th May, 2024, over 9.19 lakh women got assistance through the One Stop Centres (OSC) whereas over 1.53 crore calls had been received through the WHL and over 76.02 lakh women assisted across the country.

Under the Nirbhaya Fund, upto the financial year 2023-24, a total amount of Rs.7212.85 Crore has been allocated. The total amount released by the Ministries/ Departments and utilized out of the Nirbhaya Fund since inception is Rs. 5501.48 Crore which is nearly 76% of the total allocation.



### Soumya Swaminathan appointed as the Principle Advisor

India's Health Ministry has appointed Dr Soumya Swaminathan as 'Principal Advisor' at the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme. Her appointment is on a pro bono basis.

Prof Swaminathan was the former Chief Scientist of the World Health Organization. She has previously served as the Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

In a statement, the Health Ministry said, as the Principal Advisor for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, "she will provide technical advice on the overall strategy to achieve program goals, suggest policy directions and necessary course corrections for optimal outcomes, and advise on research strategy." She will also assist in the formation of expert groups with top talent globally. Additionally, Dr Swaminathan will support the Union Health Ministry, state officials, and development partners in assessing the impact of the TB elimination programme.



# वैश्विक स्तर पर हिंदी भाषा का योगदान विषयक तीन दिवसीय अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्षेत्रीय हिंदी सम्मेलन संपन्न

व्यावहारिक स्तर पर हिंदी अपनाएँ, सांस्कृतिक धरोहर को अंतरित करें : डॉ. प्रदीप राजपुरोहित

पोर्ट ऑफ स्पेन, त्रिनिदाद और टोबैगो। त्रिनिदाद की जनता के लिए हिंदी हृदय की भाषा है। ऐसी हिंदी भाषा को तथा उसकी संस्कृति को सुनिश्चित रखना अनिवार्य है। भले ही यह कार्य कठिन है लेकिन असाध्य नहीं। त्रिनिदाद में बसा हुआ हर भारतीय मूल का परिवार अपनी संस्कृति और सभ्यता, विशेष रूप से अपनी भाषा हिंदी को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए संघर्ष कर रहा है।

माउंटहोप, त्रिनिदाद में स्थित महात्मा गांधी सांस्कृतिक सहयोग संस्था के सभागार में 6 से 8 सितंबर, 2024 तक भारतीय उच्चायोग, पोर्ट ऑफ स्पेन द्वारा आयोजित त्रि-दिवसीय अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्षेत्रीय हिंदी सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन करते हुए अटॉर्नी जनरल कार्यालय और कानूनी मामलों के मंत्रालय की मंत्री रेणुका संग्रामसिंहसुखलाल ने उक्त विचार व्यक्त किए। उन्होंने यह भी चिंता व्यक्त की कि कैरेबियन देशों में भारतवंशी पीढ़ी-दर-पीढ़ी अपने बच्चों को भारतीय संस्कृति, सभ्यता और हिंदी भाषा को अंतरित करने में असमर्थ हो रहे हैं।

भारतीय उच्चायोग, पोर्ट ऑफ स्पेन के उच्चायुक्त डॉ. प्रदीप राजपुरोहित ने सबका स्वागत करते हुए कहा कि सबको व्यावहारिक स्तर पर हिंदी को अपना चाहिए। पंडिताऊ भाषा के स्थान पर सामान्य बोलचाल की हिंदी का प्रयोग करना चाहिए। ऐसा करने से हिंदी भाषा में निहित सांस्कृतिक एवं लोक धरोहर को पीढ़ी-दर-पीढ़ी अंतरित किया जा सकता है। उन्होंने यह चिंता व्यक्त की कि त्रिनिदाद में बसे भारतीय मूल के लोग अपनी भाषा को अक्षुण्ण रख पाने में असमर्थ अनुभव करने लगे हैं। हिंदी भाषा, विशेष रूप से बोल-चाल की भाषा, पर बल देते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि दूतावास स्कूली स्तर पर हिंदी कक्षाएँ चलाने का



यहाँ के लोग अर्थ न जानते हों, लेकिन मानस के पद कंठस्थ करते हैं। यह इसलिए क्योंकि भारतीयता उनके डीएनए में विद्यमान है।

भारतीय विदेश मंत्रालय के संयुक्त सचिव रवींद्र प्रसाद जायसवाल ने कहा कि भारतीयता

और अध्यापकों ने गायन तथा भरतनाट्यम नृत्य प्रस्तुत किया। 'हिंदी, शिक्षा और संस्कृति', पोर्ट ऑफ स्पेन के द्वितीय सचिव शिवकुमार निगम ने धन्यवाद ज्ञापित किया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन आशा महाराज और ऋषामोहम्मद ने किया।

## हिंदी है हृदय की भाषा : रेणुका संग्राम सिंह सुखलाल

को समझने की कुंजी है हिंदी भाषा। यदि हम सांस्कृतिक अस्मिता को अक्षुण्ण रखना चाहते हैं तो क्षेत्रीय रंगों को भी अपनाना होगा। उन्होंने भी

उद्घाटन के बाद विचार सत्रों में त्रिनिदाद और टोबैगो के साहित्यकारों, समाजशास्त्रियों और अर्थशास्त्रियों के साथ-साथ भारत, सूरीनाम, गयाना, अमेरिका से पधारे विद्वानों ने इस संबंध में अपने-अपने विचार व्यक्त किए। प्रथम विचार सत्र में देवरूप टीमल की अध्यक्षता में कमला रामलखन (त्रिनिदाद), सत्यानंदहेरोल्डपरमसुख (सूरीनाम), विकास रामकिसुन (सांसद, गयाना) ने कैरेबियाई क्षेत्र में बोली जाने वाली हिंदी के विभिन्न रूपों पर प्रकाश डाला। इस विचार सत्र से यह तथ्य सामने आया कि कैरेबियाई क्षेत्रों में हिंदी भाषा को सुरक्षित रखने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं। यह भी कि सूरीनाम में आज भी 'सूरीनामी हिंदी' बोली जाती है जो भोजपुरी और हिंदी का मिश्रित रूप है। विद्वानों ने यह कहा कि हिंदी और भारतीय संस्कृति उनकी अस्मिता है। इन कैरेबियाई क्षेत्रों में 'रामचरित मानस' ने हिंदू समाज को जोड़कर रखा है। यदि यहाँ के समाज में आज भी हिंदी जीवित है तो उसका श्रेय 'मानस' को ही जाता है। यहाँ के लोग 'रामायण' और 'वेद' को भी अंग्रेजी में ही पढ़ते हैं। गायन और संगीत के कारण यहाँ के लोग अपनी मूल संस्कृति के निकट हैं।

डॉ. हितेन्द्र कुमार मिश्र (शिलांग) की अध्यक्षता में संपन्न द्वितीय विचार सत्र में हिंदी भाषा को सीखने के लिए उपलब्ध संसाधनों के बारे में चर्चा करते हुए हिमांचल प्रसाद (गयाना), डॉ. नवलकिशोरभाबड़ा (अजमेर), डॉ. प्रदीप के. शर्मा (सिक्किम) ने यह बताया कि गीत-संगीत, सिनेमा,

लोकसंगीत, लोक नाटक आदि के माध्यम से भाषा सीखी और सिखाई जा सकती है। आज के समय में सोशल मीडिया के कारण तथा तकनीकी विकास के कारण इतने सारे मोबाइल एप्लीकेशन्स हैं कि भाषा सीखने में कोई कठिनाई नहीं होगी।

डॉ. गुरमकोंडानीरजा (चेन्नै) की अध्यक्षता में संपन्न तृतीय विचार सत्र में डॉ. निवेदिता मिश्र (त्रिनिदाद), रफी हुसैन (त्रिनिदाद), इंदिरा (त्रिनिदाद) और डॉ. मिलन रानी जमातिया (त्रिप-रा) ने हिंदी के विकास में विदेशी विद्वानों के योगदान पर प्रकाश डाला और यह सिद्ध किया कि यदि उचित वातावरण उपलब्ध हो तो भाषा सीखने में समस्या नहीं होगी। भाषा सीखने के लिए पहली शर्त है जिज्ञासा और ज़रूरत।

चतुर्थ विचार सत्र में सूरजदेवमंगरू (त्रिनिदाद और टोबैगो), डॉ. शिवानंद महाराज (यूडब्ल्यूआई), राणामोहिप (त्रिनिदाद और टोबैगो), कृषरामखलावन (सूरीनाम) ने 'बैठक गाना', 'चटनी संगीत' और 'शास्त्रीय संगीत' के बारे में बताते हुए व्यावहारिक तौर पर दर्शाया कि इनके माध्यम से कैरेबियाई क्षेत्रों में हिंदी भाषा आज तक कैसे जीवित है।

हर विचार सत्र के बाद पैनल चर्चा हुई। रामप्रसाद परशुराम (त्रिनिदाद) की अध्यक्षता में संपन्न पैनल चर्चा में आशा मोर (त्रिनिदाद), नितिनजगबंधन (सूरीनाम), डॉ. नवलकिशोरभाबड़ा (अजमेर), सुनैना परीक्षा रागिनीदेवी (सूरीनाम) और स्वामी ब्रह्मस्वरूप नंदा (त्रिनिदाद और टोबैगो) ने यह प्रतिपादित किया कि रामायण, महाभारत जैसे महाकाव्य कैरेबियाई क्षेत्र के लोगों की आत्मा में बसते हैं। आज की पीढ़ी अपनी जड़ों की ओर लौटने के लिए पुरजोर कोशिश कर रही है। अपनी भाषा हिंदी को सीखने की कोशिश कर रही है। डॉ. विद्याधर शाह की अध्यक्षता में संपन्न चर्चा में डॉ. हितेंद्र मिश्र, ईशा दीक्षित (त्रिनिदाद), कादंबरी आदेश (फ्लोरिडा) ने भाषा के विकास में प्रिंट और इलेक्ट्रॉनिक मीडिया की भूमिका पर प्रकाश डाला। नील पर्सनलाल की अध्यक्षता में संपन्न विचार सत्र में डॉ. प्रदीप के. शर्मा, डॉ. शशिधरन (केरल), डॉ. मिलन रानी जमातिया, विकास रामकिसुन ने हिंदी भाषा सीखने में फिल्मों की भूमिका पर प्रकाश डाला।

चर्चा-परिचर्चा के उपरांत उच्चायुक्त और सांसदों ने यह घोषणा की कि कैरेबियाई क्षेत्रों में हिंदी विकास के लिए अनिवार्य कदम उठाए जाएंगे। यह भी निर्णय लिया गया कि हिंदी सीखने के लिए जो छात्र आगे आएँ उन्हें छात्रवृत्ति देकर प्रोत्साहित किया जाएगा। इतना ही नहीं, प्राथमिक स्तर पर हिंदी भाषा को अनिवार्य रूप से पाठ्यक्रम में शामिल करने का प्रस्ताव भी सरकार के समक्ष रखा जाएगा।

त्रि-दिवसीय सम्मेलन के दौरान चर्चा-परिचर्चाओं के अलावा, कैरेबियाई क्षेत्रों में प्रसिद्ध बैठक गाना, चटनी संगीत, लोक नृत्य, शास्त्रीय नृत्य आदि का प्रदर्शन किया गया जिससे संपूर्ण वातावरण जीवंत हो उठा।

प्रस्तुति- डॉ. गुरमकोंडानीरजा



प्रयास कर रहा है। हिंदी सीखने के लिए प्रोत्साहन के रूप में छात्रवृत्ति देने के लिए भी तैयार है। उन्होंने त्रिनिदाद वासियों से अपील की कि हर व्यक्ति अपनी जिम्मेदारी समझकर हिंदी के प्रचार-प्रसार में आगे बढ़े। उन्होंने यह प्रश्न किया कि क्या स्थानीय शिक्षण संस्थाएँ इस कार्य को अंजाम देने में उच्चायोग का सहयोग करने के लिए तैयार हैं?

पोर्ट ऑफ स्पेन स्थित राष्ट्रीय भारतीय संस्कृति परिषद (एनसीआईसी) के अध्यक्ष देवरूप टीमल ने कहा कि भाषा जीवन के साथ एकीकृत है। उन्होंने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि वैश्विक स्तर पर हिंदी को बढ़ावा देने के लिए नेटवर्किंग आवश्यक है। आगे उन्होंने कहा कि त्रिनिदाद और टोबैगो में स्थित भारतीय मूल के वासियों में भारतीय संस्कृति 'रामचरित मानस' के रूप में विद्यमान है। भले ही

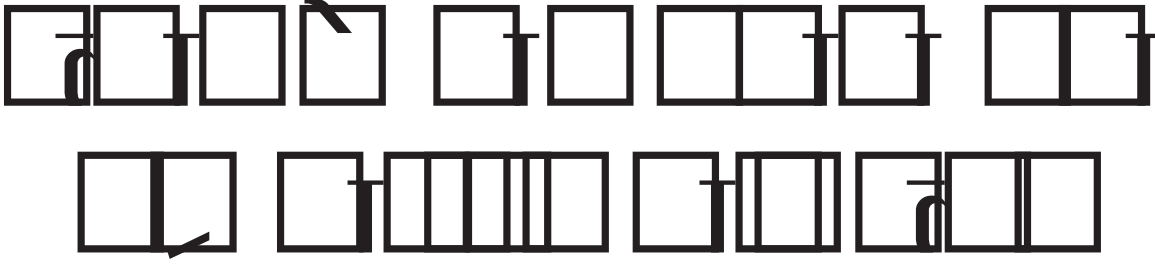
यही चिंता व्यक्त की कि इस यात्रा में हिंदी भाषा कहीं पीछे छूट रही है।

राष्ट्रीय पुस्तकालय और सूचना प्रणाली प्राधिकरण (नालिस) के चेयरमैन नील पर्सनलाल ने हिंदी भाषा, भारतीय सभ्यता और संस्कृति के संबंध में अपने विचार व्यक्त करते हुए कहा कि आज की पीढ़ी में हिंदी भाषा के प्रति रुचि जगाने के लिए पुरजोर कोशिश किए जाने की ज़रूरत है।

त्रिनिदाद में स्थित हिंदी निधि के अध्यक्ष चंकासीताराम ने हिंदी भाषा को त्रिनिदाद और टोबैगो के भाषाई समाज में पुनः स्थापित करने के लिए युवा पीढ़ी से अपील की।

कार्यक्रम के आरंभ में वरिष्ठ पत्रकार उमेश उपाध्याय को श्रद्धांजलि दी गई। इस अवसर पर महात्मा गांधी सांस्कृतिक सहयोग संस्था के छात्र





महाराजा श्री अग्रसेनजी जयंती महोत्सव के अंतर्गत अग्रवाल समाज महिला उत्सव समिति द्वारा आयोजित अग्र भारतीय नारी उत्सव उत्साह के साथ संपन्न हुआ। सिकंदराबाद स्थित क्लासिक गार्डन में आयोजित अग्र भारतीय नारी उत्सव का उद्घाटन सम्मानित अतिथि गांधी मेडिकल कॉलेज की प्रोफेसर एवं प्रधान नेफ्रोलॉजिस्ट डॉ. मंजुषा एवं निम्स की प्रोफेसर एवं नेफ्रोलॉजिस्ट विभाग की प्रधान डॉ. स्वर्णलता सहित समाज के अध्यक्ष मनीष अग्रवाल, जयंती के प्रधान संयोजक एवं उपाध्यक्ष पुरुषोत्तम अग्रवाल, मानद मंत्री कपूरचंद गुप्ता, सह-मंत्री कंचन अग्रवाल, निवर्तमान अध्यक्ष अंजनी कुमार अग्रवाल ने महाराजा श्री अग्रसेनजी की पूजा अर्चना एवं दीप प्रज्वलन के साथ किया। डॉ. मंजुषा ने अग्रवाल समाज द्वारा किये जा रहे कार्यों की प्रशंसा करते हुए कहा कि अग्रवाल समाज ने वर्ष 2017 में गांधी अस्पताल में बहुत ही उल्लेखनीय कार्य कर डायलिसिस सेंटर की स्थापना की। इसके अलावा समय-समय पर आवश्यक वस्तुओं में सहयोग किया। उन्होंने समाज के नारी सशक्तिकरण के कार्यों की सराहना की। सम्मानित अतिथि डॉ. स्वर्णलता ने कहा कि जहां नारी का सम्मान होता है वहां देवता निवास करते हैं। नारी को देवी के रूप में प्रमुख स्थान दिया गया है। महाराजा श्री अग्रसेनजी के 5148वें जयंती महोत्सव के तहत नारी उत्सव में महिलाएं उत्साह के साथ भाग ले रही हैं। समाज महिलाओं का साथ दे रहा है, जिससे वे सशक्त बन रही हैं। सभी का स्वागत करते हुए अध्यक्ष मनीष अग्रवाल ने कहा कि समाज ने 18 महिला और 5 युवा शाखाओं का गठन किया है जो अपने अपने स्तर पर अच्छा कार्य कर रही हैं। समाज द्वारा महिलाओं को विधवा सहायता व अन्य ट्रेनिंग दी जा रही है ताकि वे आगे बढ़ सकें। समाज में सह मंत्री के रूप में कंचन अग्रवाल पहली महिला है जो इस पद पर सक्रिय रूप से कार्य कर रही हैं।

बहुत अच् आयोजित किये जा रहे हैं जिसमें समाज की शाखाओं का विशेष सहयोग है। जयंती महोत्सव के अंतर्गत गत दिनों चेस एवं कैरम प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की गई। समाज द्वारा महिलाओं के लिए



एकमात्र कार्यक्रम नारी उत्सव का आयोजन किया गया जो काफी सफल रहा। इसके अतिरिक्त महाराजा अग्रसेनजी की अखंड ज्योत रथयात्रा का शुभारंभ किया गया। जयंती के अंतर्गत पहली बार समाज द्वारा समाज के नौकरी के इच्छुक युवाओं के लिए जॉब मेला का आयोजन रविवार 22 सितंबर को क्लासिक गार्डन में

किया जा रहा है। इसमें समाज के 400 युवाओं ने पंजीकरण करवाया है। आगामी 28 व 29 सितंबर को गच्चीबावली स्टेडियम में बैडमिंटन प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की जाएगी जिसमें बच्चों से लेकर बुजुर्ग भाग ले सकते हैं। इसके लिए पंजीकरण करवा सकते हैं। गुरुवार 3 अक्टूबर को महाराजा श्रीअग्रसेनजी जयंती महोत्सव में मंचीय कार्यक्रम के साथ-साथ डांडिया और भाग्यशालियों को हीरा-सोना-चांदी जीतने का अवसर लक्ष्मी ड्रॉ के माध्यम से प्राप्त होगा। अवसर पर अतिथि डॉ. मंजुषा, डॉ. स्वर्णलता सहित कार्यक्रम के प्रायोजक धीरज अग्रवाल, अध्यक्ष मनीष अग्रवाल, जयंती के प्रधान संयोजक पुरुषोत्तम अग्रवाल, मानद मंत्री कपूरचंद गुप्ता, सह-मंत्री कंचन अग्रवाल, निवर्तमान अध्यक्ष अंजनी कुमार अग्रवाल, अग्रवाल समाज बैकेट हाल के चेयरमैन राकेश कुमार जालान, सूर्यकमल गुप्ता, दीपा अग्रवाल, खुशिता अग्रवाल व अन्य का स्वागत महिला समिति द्वारा किया गया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन सरोज अग्रवाल, शीश सिंघल एवं सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम का संचालन पूजा गुप्ता ने किया। अवसर पर समाज की विभिन्न महिला शाखाओं द्वारा रंगारंग सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किया गया जिसको सभी ने काफी सराहा। सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम के अतिरिक्त ग्रैंड चांदी तंबोला एवं महिला उद्यमियों के लिए स्टाल्स का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें आकर्षक परिधानों, घरेलू साज सजावट के स्टाल, नमकीन, कॉस्मेटिक एवं अन्य वस्तुओं की आगंतुकों ने खरीददारी की। कार्यक्रम को सफल बनाने में महिला समिति की ऋतु अग्रवाल, डिम्पल अग्रवाल, शशि सिंघल, सरोज अग्रवाल, रिकू गर्ग, आरती अग्रवाल, शीतल रंगटा, नीलम अग्रवाल, पूजा गुप्ता, दीपा अग्रवाल, सीमा मोदी, वर्षा अग्रवाल, रजनी अग्रवाल, रेखा अग्रवाल, बरखा अग्रवाल, सुमन अग्रवाल, बबिता अग्रवाल, रानी मित्तल, मोनिका अग्रवाल, दीप अग्रवाल, वर्षा अग्रवाल, सविता अग्रवाल, जयंती संयोजक राकेश कुमार जालान, दिनेश अग्रवाल, आशीष दोचानिया, रूपेश अग्रवाल, अचल गुप्ता, सूर्यकमल गुप्ता, राजेन्द्र जालान, धीरज अग्रवाल, शिव कुमार भालवाले, हनुमानदास भालवाले, फतेहचंद मित्तल, अशोक आर. डाणी व अन्य ने सहयोग दिया।



कर रही हैं। आगामी 4-5 साल में महिला समाज को नेतृत्व प्रदान कर सकेंगी। नारी दो परिवार को जोड़ती है क्योंकि उसमें विशेष शक्ति होती है। उन्होंने महाराजा अग्रसेन जयंती पर सभी को उत्साह के साथ विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों में सक्रिय रूप से भाग लेने का आग्रह किया। जयंती के प्रधान संयोजक एवं उपाध्यक्ष पुरुषोत्तम अग्रवाल ने बताया कि इस वर्ष महाराजा श्री अग्रसेनजी की अच्छे कार्यक्रम जयंती पर



हर मौसम में सलवार-कमीज को पहना जाता है। इसके लिए आप फैब्रिक खरीदकर खुद कस्टमाइज डिजाइन भी पहन सकती हैं या चाहे तो रेडीमेड ऑप्शन भी अपनी वार्डरोब में शामिल कर सकती हैं। इसे स्टाइल करने के लिए लेटेस्ट फैशन को ध्यान में जरूर रखें। मानसून सीजन में ज्यादातर हम स्किन फ्रेंडली फैब्रिक के कपड़े पहनते हैं। इसके लिए आपको रेडीमेड ऑप्शन भी देखने को मिल जाएंगे। आइये देखते हैं मानसून में पहनने के लिए सलवार-सूट के ये खास डिजाइंस। साथ ही, बतायेंगे इन लुक्स को आकर्षक बनाने के आसान टिप्स- फ्लोरल डिजाइन सूट फ्लोरल वियर खासकर गर्मी के मौसम में

पहनना पसंद किया जाता है। इसमें आपको कॉटन के अलावा सिल्क में भी काफी डिजाइन देखने को मिल जाएंगी। कोशिश करें कि इस तरह के सूट के साथ आप सिंपल स्टाइल करें। वहीं पर्ल डिजाइन में आप इयररिंग्स को पहन सकती हैं। इस तरह के सूट में आप अनारकली स्टाइल को चुनें। चिकनकारी डिजाइन सूट

**उमस भरे मौसम में आपकी अलमारी में जरूर होने चाहिए सलवार-सूट के खास डिजाइंस**

मानसून के चिपचिपे मौसम में चिकनकारी डिजाइन आपको काफी इजी-ब्रीजी लुक देने का काम करेगा। इसमें आप कोशिश करें कि सटल और पेस्टल कलर्स को वार्डरोब में शामिल करें। चिकनकारी में आपको शॉर्ट स्टाइल सूट से लेकर घेरेदार सूट डिजाइन भी देखने को मिल जाएंगे। वहीं इसमें आपको पाकिस्तानी स्टाइल सलवार-कमीज में भी कई डिजाइंस मार्केट में मिल जाएंगे।

कॉटन सूट डिजाइन कॉटन के सूट हम सभी पहनना पसंद करते हैं। इसके डिजाइन के लिए हम ज्यादातर प्रिंटेड और सिंपल वर्क को ही पसंद करते हैं। इस तरह के सिंपल सूट आपको मार्केट में 500 से 1,000 रुपये के बीच आसानी से मिल जाएंगे। इस तरह के सूट के साथ आप एंक्ल लेंथ पैन्ट्स को पहन सकती हैं। ऑफिस वियर के लिए यह बेस्ट ऑप्शन हो सकता है। अगर आपको सूट के ये डिजाइंस पसंद आए हों तो इस आर्टिकल को शेयर करना न भूलें। साथ ही, इस आर्टिकल पर अपनी राय हमें उपर दिए गए कमेंट सेक्शन में जरूर बताएं। ऐसे अन्य आर्टिकल पढ़ने के लिए हरजिंदगी को फॉलो करें।



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के हर सदस्य की सेवा करती है। उसकी सेवा का आरंभ परिवार रसोई से होता है। उसको परिवार के अलग-अलग सदस्यों की रुचि को ध्यान में रखते हुए व्यंजनों की तैयारी करनी पड़ती है और जब उसके बनाए व्यंजन परिवार के सभी सदस्यों को संतुष्ट कर देते हैं, तो उसकी लोकप्रियता के चर्चे होने लगते हैं और इसी लोकप्रियता के आधार पर उसके जीवन की गतिविधियों का विकास होता है। अपने जीवन के दूसरे चरण में जब वह किसी की अर्धांगिनी बनकर नए घर में आती है। तब वहाँ भी सबसे पहले उसके इसी गुण की परख की जाती है स्वादिष्ट व्यंजनों के द्वारा एक स्त्री नए परिवार में भी अपना स्थान बना लेती है। यहाँ मनोविज्ञान कहता है की माता की गोद में ग्रहण की गई शक्तियाँ एक कन्या के साथ जीवनपर्यन्त विकसित होती रहती है इसी को नारी की संकल्प शक्ति कहते हैं। नारी की संकल्प शक्ति जीवन के हर क्षेत्र में उसको महत्वपूर्ण स्थान प्रदान करती है। वह एक अच्छी शिक्षिका कहलाती है। वह एक अच्छी समाज सेविका बन जाती है। उसकी संकल्प शक्ति एक अच्छे परिवार की कल्पना को साकार करती है। जिस क्षेत्र में नारी प्रवेश करती है वही वह विशिष्ट स्थान ग्रहण कर लेती है। यहाँ तक कि यदि वह युद्ध के क्षेत्र में प्रवेश करें तो वहाँ भी वह अपनी संकल्प शक्ति से विशिष्ट स्थान ग्रहण कर सकती है। परंतु युद्ध क्षेत्र में जो पौरुष और वीरता स्थापित होती है वह पुरुष के पलड़े में गिनी

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है और एक अच्छी पत्नी की भूमिका का निर्वाह भी करना चाहती है।

इस कारण हम देखते हैं की एक पुरुष ने स्वयंवर में उसके पति बनने का अधिकार प्राप्त कर लिया था परंतु परिस्थितियों ने उसे पाँच पतियों की पत्नी बनने के लिए विवश कर दिया। ऐसी स्थिति में वह विद्रोह भी कर सकती थी परंतु उसने भारतीय परंपरा का निर्वाह करते हुए अपनी संकल्प शक्ति के आधार पर निश्चय कर लिया कि वह अपनी नई भूमिका का निर्वाह भी करेगी और एक अच्छी पत्नी के रूप में समाज के लिए आदर्श बन जाएगी। परंतु जब पुरुष प्रधान समाज में उसके साथ अबला समझ कर अन्याय किया, उसके बालों को पकड़कर खींचते हुए भरी सभा के सामने अपमानित किया गया।

अपशब्द कहे गए तब उसने इस अन्याय के खिलाफ प्रतिशोध का संकल्प लिया कि इन अत्याचारी, चरित्रहीन, आदर्शहीन पुरुषसमाज के नेतृत्व करने वालों से वह अपने साथ किए गए अत्याचार का प्रतिशोध लेगी और इन अत्याचारियों को पराजित करके रहेगी। यहीं से द्रौपदी की वीरगाथा आरंभ होती है। जो महाभारत के कुरुक्षेत्र में विजय श्री को प्राप्त करती है। यहाँ भीम दुःशासन के सीने का गरम गरम खौलता हुआ रक्तपान करता है और उसी रक्त से द्रौपदी के उन केशों को घोंटा है जिसे द्रौपदी ने हस्तिनापुर

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अपने मान पर अड़ी हूँ  
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मैं कोई पत्थर मुझे क्या काटेगा  
अटूट हीरो की लड़ी हूँ मैं।

केश लहरा देती थी और और यह खुले केश हजारों लाखों करोड़ों बाणों की शक्ति के साथ पांडवों को बदला लेने के लिए प्रेरित करते थे। माना कि मद्रौपदी शब्द जैसे ही हमारे कानों में गूँजते हैं जैसे ही अनायास हमारी नजरों के सामने कुरुक्षेत्र में महाभारत के युद्ध का दृश्य छा जायेगा... परन्तु क्या कभी किसी ने ये विचार किया है कि क्या द्रौपदी के साथ हुए कृत्य का अंत त्रेता युग में कौरवों के अंत के साथ ही हो गया था? नहीं... ये आज भी युग युगान्तर के पश्चात कलयुग में भी हर एक स्त्री के साथ कदम कदम पर किसी न किसी रूप में होता आ रहा है बस उसका स्वरूप बदल गया है। आज भी हर स्त्री के हृदय में द्रौपदी की वेदना जीवन्त है। कुरुक्षेत्र का महाभारत तो युद्ध विराम था पर वह युद्ध आज भी जारी है नारी को सम्मान की दरकार आज भी है, न्याय का आदेश सुनने की उसे प्रतीक्षा आज भी है। यह केवल महाभारत नहीं ये दशा भारत की आज भी है, जिसे मौन तोड़ने का साहस करने वालों का इंतजार आज भी है। महाभारत में जो घटित हुआ वह संसार के लिए नया नहीं है हम देखते हैं कि इतिहास में कई युद्धों के पीछे नारी की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका रही है। कभी नारी को प्राप्त करने के लिए युद्ध हुए हैं तो कभी नारी की रक्षा के लिए युद्ध हुए हैं कभी नारी का सौंदर्य युद्ध का कारण बना तो कभी नारी पर किए गए अत्याचारों ने युद्ध को जन्म दिया है कभी किसी नारी के प्रेम ने युद्ध मैदान का रूप धारण कर लिया तो कभी किसी नारी के आदेश को मानकर उसके वीर पुत्रों ने युद्ध क्षेत्र में आग बरसाए परंतु सारे इतिहास में द्रौपदी की संकल्प शक्ति का कोई उदाहरण नहीं मिलता। जहाँ द्रौपदी कहीं दिखाई नहीं देती परंतु वह भीम की गदा में भी है, अर्जुन के बाण में भी है युधिष्ठिर के न्याय में भी है और नकुल सहदेव की तलवार में भी है। पांच पांडवों की शक्ति का मुख्य बिंदु द्रौपदी का वह संकल्प है जो उसने अपने अपमानित होते हुए क्षणों में धारण कर लिया था जहाँ से एक सामान्य स्त्री मृत्यु की यात्रा आरंभ करती है वहाँ से द्रौपदी ने युद्ध की यात्रा आरंभ कर दी थी जिसका परिणाम हम महा भारत में पांडवों के विजय के रूप में देखते हैं।

भारतीय दर्शन में महिला को विशिष्ट स्थान प्राप्त है। इसका कारण यह है कि महर्षियों ने गहराई के साथ मनोविज्ञान का अध्ययन किया था। प्राकृतिक रूप से स्त्री और पुरुष में जहाँ शारीरिक मतभेद है वहीं गहराई से देखें तो मानसिक रूप में भी स्त्री और पुरुष के बीच में एक गहरी खाई है। स्त्री और पुरुष भारतीय दर्शन के अनुसार एक गाड़ी के दो पहिए हैं और समाज रूपी इस गाड़ी को चलाने के लिए एक समतल मैदान की आवश्यकता है। जब तक स्त्री और पुरुष के बीच की मानसिक खाई को पाटा नहीं जा सकता, तब तक समाज की गाड़ी ढंग से चल नहीं सकती। पुरुष में जहाँ यह तत्व ढूँढ़ा गया की पुरुष अपने पौरुष

एक नारी के लिए उसका आत्म सम्मान ही सब कुछ होता है और उसके आत्मसम्मान पर जब जब उंगली उठती है नारी तब-तब काली का रूप धारण करती है। अपनी बेटियों को अगर पति को पूजना सिखाते हैं, तो मैं कहूँगी एक की हक की लड़ाई लड़ना भी सिखाए। जब एक लोहार अपनी ही बनाई बेड़ियों में फंस जाता है, तो उन्हें तोड़ने के अलावा उसके पास और कोई उपाय नहीं रह जाता। अर्थात् जब रिश्ते बेड़ियाँ बन जाए यानी आप पर अत्याचार करें, तो उन्हें तोड़ना ही उचित होता है यानी उसकी लड़ाई लड़ना ही सही है। वह कहते हैं औरत ने महाभारत करवाई थी चलो मान लिया कि औरत ने महाभारत करवाई थी। अब यह भी समझा दो कि भरी सभा में उसकी साड़ी किसने उतरवाई थी।



के कारण समाज में विशेष स्थान रखता है, तो वहीं यह भी पता चला है कि स्त्री अपने दृढ़ संकल्प के कारण अपना विशेष स्थान बनाती है। अब हम गहराई से देखें तो पता चलता है कि यदि स्त्री पुरुष के समान वीरता दिखाएँ तब भी उसे उसके इस गुण को पौरुष ही कहा जायेगा। नारी की वीरता के लिए कोई नया शब्द ही नहीं गढ़ा गया है। जो पुरुष के समान अर्थ रखता है। इसी प्रकार हम देखते हैं कि नारी संकल्प का दूसरा नाम है। जयशंकर प्रसाद ने कहा कि 'नारी तू केवल श्रद्धा है'। परंतु समाजशास्त्र कहता है कि श्रद्धा का आभास भी संकल्प शक्ति है। संकल्प शक्ति न हो तो श्रद्धा में कमी आ जाती है संकल्प शक्ति ही श्रद्धा बनाती है। नारी के जीवन को देखें तो वह दो भागों में बंटा हुआ दिखाई देता है बचपन में कन्या, परिवार की धूरी होती है। पिता को कन्या का अधिक प्यार प्राप्त होता है परंतु कन्या के गुण अपनी माता कि शिक्षा से विकसित होते हैं। हम देखते हैं कि परिवार में कन्या जो सेवा करती है इतनी सेवा परिवार के लड़के से प्राप्त नहीं होती है। इसका कारण यह है कि लड़के की दृष्टि में समाज का बाह्य आकर्षण महत्व रखता है। वह बड़ा होकर अपने पिता के समान काम करते हुए समाज में ऊँचे से ऊँचा स्थान प्राप्त करना चाहता है। इसके लिए वह हर प्रकार के संघर्ष के लिए तैयार रहता है। वहीं कन्या अपनी माता के प्रभाव में रहकर सेवा भावना की ओर अग्रसर होती है। वह परिवार

जाती है। नारी को विशिष्ट स्थान प्राप्त हो जाता है। परंतु वह वीरंगना के रूप में स्थापित होकर भी रणक्षेत्र का महत्वपूर्ण भाग नहीं बन पाती है। नारी समाज सेवा वाणी से बहु में अग्रणी होती है। परंतु इतिहास में कुछ ऐसी नारियों के दर्शन होते हैं जिन्होंने स्वयं युद्ध में भाग नहीं लिया, शस्त्र नहीं चलाया, घुड़सवारी नहीं की परंतु उनके कारण कई युद्धों में विजय श्री प्राप्त हुई। अब आप सोंचेंगे यह किस तरह? तो उसको समझने के लिए आपको यह जानना आवश्यक होगा कि युद्ध के क्षेत्र में जब कोई वीर लड़ाई में व्यस्त रहता है तब उसके भीतर कहीं उसकी जीवनसंगिनी, उसकी प्रेमिका, उसकी बहन, उसकी माता प्रेरणा देती रहती है। एक वीर पुरुष के पीछे स्त्री का प्रेम छिपा रहता है। इस कारण यह कह सकते हैं कि पुरुष की वीरता में नारी की संकल्प शक्ति निहित रहती है। नारी की संकल्प शक्ति से युद्ध के परिणाम बदल जाते हैं। इसीलिए लोग कहते हैं कि एक पुरुष की सफलता के पीछे एक नारी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका रहती है। इसको समझने के लिए महाभारत की द्रौपदी को समझना आवश्यक है महाभारत की द्रौपदी का जन्म अग्नि से हुआ इस कारण उसके स्वभाव में दृढ़ता है वह संपूर्ण रूप से वीरंगना है। परंतु उसकी वीरता को समझने के लिए उसकी ऊपर से दिखाई देने वाली शांति को समझना आवश्यक है। वह एक भारतीय नारी की तरह समाज और परिवार की सेवा करना चाहती है। वह अपने पिता की लाडली पुत्री

के राजदरबार में हुए अपमान के बाद इस संकल्प के साथ खुला छोड़ दिया था कि मैं इसे दुःशासन के रक्त से स्नान कराने के बाद ही बांधूंगी। संसार ने द्रौपदी की व्यथा को देखा है परंतु महाभारत के युद्ध क्षेत्र में पांडवों द्वारा जो वीरता का प्रदर्शन किया गया उसमें द्रौपदी के संकल्प को नजरअंदाज कर दिया गया। महाभारत के समय लोगों की आँखों में पांडवों की वीरता दिखाई दे रही थी परंतु उसके ऊपर उनके हर आक्रमण में द्रौपदी का संकल्प हावी था। पाँडवों की वीरता में यदि कहीं कोई कमी की आशंका होती थी तो द्रौपदी अपने खुले

