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**NOTICE**  
I Sarsati Kumari, R/o H.No.: 38/A, Near Ram Leela Ground, Janipur Colony, Jammu-180007, have changed my name from Sarsati Kumari Pandith to Sarsati Kumari for all future purposes.

**NOTICE**  
Abid Khursheed S/O Khursheed Ahmed Sheikh R/O Sadeeq Abad Tehsil Baderwah and District Doda have applied for the birth certificate of his minor son namely Muhammad Musab S/O Abid Khursheed and Hazeema Begum whose date of birth is 19 December 2022. Objections if any may be conveyed to Tehsildar Baderwah within 7 days of publication of this notice as after that no objection may be entertained.

## Bee boxes, hedge of medicinal plants on India-Bangla border to prevent smuggling

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KOLKATA/NEW DELHI: To prevent smuggling of cattle and narcotics, the BSF will now have a second line of deterrence -- a thick hedge of more than 60,000 medicinal plants and 40 bee boxes -- along a three-kilometre fenced stretch of the India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal's Nadia district.

on poles of the metal fence over the last two months with the help of the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB). The board, which comes under the Union AYUSH Ministry, has committed its resources of experts, manpower and plants for the "unique initiative", the official said and added that more bee boxes have reached the area and these are being installed.

"Beehives on the fence" was launched in November last year as part of the central government's "Vibrant Village Programme", and according to officials, it not only aims at preventing cross-border crimes but also generating employment for locals through apiculture and horticulture.

The bees in the hives, the BSF feels, will act as a deterrent to cross-border criminals and smugglers who come closer or dare to cut the fence and breach it for smuggling cattle, narcotics, gold, silver and other items.

The flowering plants will also create an ecosystem for the bees to pollinate, a senior official of the AYUSH department said. This stretch along the border has been named "Arogya Path" (healthy street) and QR codes have been affixed which when scanned will give details about the plants, the official said, requesting anonymity. He added that the "path" doubles up as a nursery.

Experts and officials from various central and state government departments are engaged in the project. Tulsi, Ekangi, Satmuli, Ashwagandha and Aloe Vera are among the plants that will make the hedge. More saplings, around 60,000, are in the process of being sent to the area by the NMPB and the AYUSH ministry, the AYUSH department official said.

Villagers of Kadipur in Nadia have been engaged in different works such as planting and watering the fruit-bearing and aromatic medicinal plants, and digging pits to extend the hedge, as part of the first phase of the project. An official of the Border Security Force (BSF) said 40 bee boxes have been fixed

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"We thought of adding this new dimension of work under the Vibrant Village Programme, which was envisaged by the prime minister, and the BSF wishes to improve the living standards of the people residing in the border area through beekeeping and cultivation of medicinal plants, and using bees for border security work," he said. "We are getting good help from the AYUSH ministry and from a local expert in beekeeping works. We are hopeful and confident that our experiment will be successful and effective," the BSF commandant told PTI.

Personnel of his battalion who patrol the border are providing support to volunteers by providing water tankers and field equipment, and even additional human resource. The NMPB's eastern regional-cum-facilitation centre recently informed the BSF that it "appreciates their idea of promotion of livelihood opportunity" and will extend all support for cultivation of medicinal plants in this frontier area.

The border force, which is tasked to guard the international front, has committed to villagers that the honey they extract from these beehives will be sold through an established setup and shops of the BSF wives welfare association.

The India-Bangladesh front is about 4,096 km long, with West Bengal accounting for about 2,217 kilometres. PTI NES

## NSAs meet in Davos to discuss Ukraine peace formula, say India can play key role

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DAVOS: National security advisors of several countries met here on Sunday to discuss a peace formula for Ukraine and pushed for early restoration of peace in the war-hit country, with the host Switzerland asserting that India can play a key role with its influence and relations with Russia.

there is no alternative to bringing both countries to the table for which a collective momentum would be required from more than 100 countries, including those from outside Europe. "Stakes are very high, and we need to go ahead. Without a dialogue, we cannot reach a satisfactory objective. History shows that war is not a solution," Cassis said.

Asked whether Switzerland can help bring China and Russia on the table, Cassis replied in the affirmative, saying, "Yes, I do see our role to do this". "Participation of countries from BRICS alliance is of utmost importance because these are the countries, which have relations and a degree of trust with Russia. Russia, of course, is part of that group. Therefore, the presence of these countries is important. We have Brazil, India, Saudi Arabia, South America. We also saw Ukraine President going to Argentina."

Security Advisor (NSA) Vikram Misri. The Swiss Foreign Ministry, in a statement, said, "By organising the meeting, Switzerland continues to support Ukraine in achieving this goal". This was the fourth NSA meeting on the peace formula proposed by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in 2022, which follows ten principles aimed at ensuring a just and lasting peace in Ukraine.

there was no official word on this. Andriy Yermak, Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine, who co-chaired the meeting along with Cassis, said it was attended by representatives of 81 countries and international organisations. The Swiss Foreign Ministry said the aim of the conference is to finalise the talks at the level of national security advisers on principles for a lasting and just peace in Ukraine.

The meeting also saw many participants echoing India's position that war can never be a solution and that dialogue was a must to resolve the situation. Addressing a press conference after the meeting, Swiss foreign minister Ignazio Cassis said Russia would be asked to join the peace plan discussions at some point in time but to bring Russia on the table would require mediation by some countries.

He also lauded the position taken by countries like India, saying their actions are facilitating this collective movement. "They may be far away (physically from the conflict zone), but they can play an important role as they have influence. China can also play a key role, and we will have to work to involve China in these meetings," he said.

Earlier meetings have been held in Copenhagen, Jeddah and Malta. India has always pitched for restoration of peace in Ukraine, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his discussions with Zelenskyy, has said that India was ready to help in all possible manner to help restore peace. During his conversations with Russian President Vladimir Putin also, Modi said it is not a time of war.

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These principles should form the basis for the next stages of the peace process. Switzerland is making an important contribution to this through the conference in Davos, it said. The fourth NSA meeting also included panel discussions on food security and humanitarian aspects. The meeting was held a day before the start of the five-day World Economic Forum Annual Meeting here, to be attended by over 2,800 global leaders, including nearly 60 heads of state and government.

He said restoring peace is the ultimate objective. The Swiss Federal Councillor for Foreign Affairs said currently, Russia is not willing to make any concessions, but

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## Shankaracharyas must bless Ram Temple, not criticise, says Rane; Oppn seeks apology

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
Mumbai: The opposition in Maharashtra on Sunday attacked Union Minister Narayan Rane for his comments on the Shankaracharyas and sought his dismissal from the Narendra Modi government and an apology from the BJP.

Speaking to reporters on Saturday in Palghar, Rane had said the Shankaracharyas should bless the Ram Temple instead of criticising some aspects and accused them of looking at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP through a "political prism".

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## Indian armed forces one of the finest in the world: IAF chief

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NEW DELHI: The Indian armed forces have transformed with changing times to meet the challenges of the "entire spectrum of warfare," IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari said on Sunday.

In his address at an event hosted here to mark the 8th Armed Forces Veterans Day, he also asserted that resilient spirit, leadership, and vision of its veterans have laid the foundation of today's armed forces.

The programme held at Manekshaw Centre in Delhi Cantonment was also attended by Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar, several senior officers of the three services, a large number of veterans or their family members. "The Indian armed forces, we will all agree, are one of the finest in the world and have transformed with changing times to meet the challenges of the entire spectrum of warfare," the IAF chief said.

The Indian Air Force, in particular, has grown from a very modest beginning just about 90 years ago to being "one of the most formidable air forces in the world", he said.

had insulted Hinduism by questioning the contribution of the Shankaracharyas. "The BJP must apologise before January 22 (when the idol consecration ceremony of the Ram Temple will take place in Ayodhya). The BJP must apologise to the people and Prime Minister Narendra Modi must sack Rane from the Union cabinet," Raut said. Supriya Sule, working president of the Sharad Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party said it was for the BJP to respond on Rane's comments. Meanwhile, Congress workers held protests at the party office in Mumbai against Rane.

On Friday, VHP working president Alok Kumar said two of the four Shankaracharyas have "openly welcomed" the upcoming consecration ceremony, but none of them would attend the grand event to be held in Ayodhya on January 22. "They will visit the Ram temple later 'as per their convenience', he told PTI. The opposition parties have been targeting the BJP over reports of respective Shankaracharyas of Shri Shringari Sharda Peeth Karnataka, Dwarka Sharda Peeth in Gujarat, Jyotir Peeth in Uttarakhand and Govardhan Peeth in Odisha deciding not to attend the consecration ceremony. Jyotirpeeth Sankaracharya Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati had reportedly said it would not be right to perform a consecration ceremony at this stage as the construction is yet to be completed.

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## Bhagwat says long cherished dream being fulfilled in Ayodhya, calls Babri mosque 'symbol of slavery'

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JIND (HARYANA): Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat Sunday said that a long cherished dream is now being fulfilled with the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya while calling the demolished Babri mosque a 'symbol of slavery'. In an apparent reference to the Babri Masjid, which was pulled down by "kar sevaks" in December 1992, Bhagwat said, "The symbol of slavery was demolished in Ayodhya but no damage was caused to any other mosque there. Kar sevaks did not riot anywhere."

It has to be kept in mind that the struggle due to which this dream is being fulfilled should continue in the future also so that the destination is achieved. Emphasizing the need to work more quickly to organise and unite the society, Bhagwat said that when the entire nation stands together, it will be able to remove all the evils of the world and become a 'Vishwa Guru'. Bhagwat said that most of the cultures of the world disappeared with time but Hindu culture has been resilient and maintained its identity despite facing all kinds of ups and downs. He said, "Despite having so many languages, gods and goddesses, diverse religions, every person in India from North to South and from East to West believes that we have to live in such a way that the world learns to live by watching it."

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## CM Adityanath flags off 75 EVs in Ayodhya ahead of Ram temple consecration



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
AYODHYA (UP): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday flagged off 75 electric vehicles in Ayodhya, a week ahead of 'Pran Pratishtha' (consecration) programme in Ayodhya Dham to be held on January 22. The chief minister said January 22 is a date to honour India's faith and belief and is also a sacred date to restore India's self-respect and honour. "When Lord Shri Ram will be seated in his grand temple after 500 years, then not only in Ayodhya Dham but also in the state and the entire country the work of establishing Ram Rajya, which had started in 2014, will give concrete shape to a successful future. We will also receive Lord Ram's

facilities of public transport to the devotees coming before the 'Pran Pratishtha' (consecration) programme in Ayodhya Dham to be held on January 22. The chief minister said January 22 is a date to honour India's faith and belief and is also a sacred date to restore India's self-respect and honour. "When Lord Shri Ram will be seated in his grand temple after 500 years, then not only in Ayodhya Dham but also in the state and the entire country the work of establishing Ram Rajya, which had started in 2014, will give concrete shape to a successful future. We will also receive Lord Ram's

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## President Murmu on 3-day visit of Meghalaya, Assam from Monday

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NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu will visit Meghalaya and Assam from January 15 to 17, an official statement issued on Sunday by the Rashtrapati Bhavan said. The president will inaugurate the Meghalaya Games at the P A Sangma Stadium in Tura on Monday, it said. This is her first visit to Meghalaya after assuming the office of the president. On January 16, she will address the members of self-help groups at the Baljek Airport, Tura, and virtually lay the foundation stone for the new Integrated Administration Complex, the statement said. On the same day, President Murmu will

address a gathering at Mawphlang and virtually inaugurate upgraded Rongjeng Mangsang Adokgre Road and Mairang Ranigodown Azra Road as well as lay the foundation stones for Shillong Peak Ropeway and tourist accommodations in the villages of Kongthong, Mawlyngot and Kudengrim. "In the evening, the president will attend a civic reception to be hosted in her honour by the government of Meghalaya at the Raj Bhavan, Shillong," it added. On January 17, Murmu will attend the golden jubilee celebrations of the Karbi Youth Festival at Taralanso, Diphu, Assam.

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