

VIKAS BHARAT SANKALP YATRA

The aim of Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra is to reach government schemes and benefits to those who are left behind. This journey was started by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Khunti in Jharkhand on 15 November. Its objective is to deliver the benefits of major government schemes to the people in a time bound manner. The objective of this Sankalp Yatra is to increase awareness among the public about the schemes of the Government of India and to bring more and more people, especially people from weaker sections, under the ambit of these programs. This Sankalp Yatra focuses on providing benefits of welfare schemes like sanitation facilities etc to the people. Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra strengthens the collaborative efforts of citizens and government to achieve inclusive development.

Artificial Intelligence: An Inchoate Lamp

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How beautiful would the journey of a student's learning be if she is not judged by anyone? It is only her talent that is discussed and not the tools she used to land where she is. How wonderful if she can foster her imagination with AI and use the technology to prompt art! AI is a platform where dreams are fulfilled. You have the freedom to create. But today with people undermining its potential, it has become a cursed place. Some who do not know how precious it is or how helpful it can be to be able to birth new idols for the world, discourage its usage in art. But when something is truly seen as a creation, then no one has the right to destroy it. This creation can't be circumvented but still a lamp of guidance or hope is needed to make it glorious. When a piece of art is created with that glory, then magic happens. The attachment of an emotion is like gathering moonstones forever. This is just the beginning of a a new type of connection. This connectivity attaches you to your creation. That inchoate curiosity then has wings bound to the limited sky which can't be ignored. How beautiful an unknown creator's life then can be - always remembering that moment when she/he made that which joined all the souls together! That feeling arises, a new spirit to reach a new benchmark and beat the previous record.

AI fosters that curiosity for building a beautiful world for you, one which is yours. You need the inchoate lamp to fill everyone's spirit. The world is changing. It is becoming different every day. Every now and then there is a new sight to see in life. Some turns bring us to a dead end. At such times, life may just throw in a problem. The rub of the green one has, is, that not everything remains the same. With access to technology like artificial intelligence, one may start to look for solutions that may seem highly improbable at first. For example, ChatGPT, in writing, may prompt a thought, that may not seem conclusive at the outset, but may bring in the seed to the solution if one gives it time. When one is reading content generated through AI, it should not have to feel insipid. The major point is that one should not just copy paste. Create something which may be inspired by AI. It can lift your creation, whatever it is, an essay, digital art or the like. Like a sybarite may try different things, try different ideas on the platform and then mix up a vibrant concoction. You have to just paint the silence being perspicacious and blow everyone's mind with your art work.In a nutshell, I want to say that little achievements can later be a big success. Art is a feeling, an emotion, a sacrifice - every beautiful thing you can imagine: a painting with the magic of colours, poetry with the magic of words and the quiescent beauty of a creation that today is based on AI. AI has been showing us different possibilities over time. This platform gives potential to ride the airplane of our thoughts. All this involves the building of new ideas. AI platforms may lend us the idea. New creators may flourish every moment. Is it not fabulous! What isn't even alive is helping us! It's like a miracle! AI is proving everyone wrong. It is a revolution in art which is a great melody of love. But this blast of ideas, this bearing of new stars isn't enough. We need to bolster our experience with deep research, experiments and practical exercises. AI listens to your heart. It plays the audience too when you need it to. Brainstorm, and let your confusions pave the way to conclusions! Merge your mind with the capabilities of AI. It will open the door to your inner skills and introduce you to your best version. Let the inchoate lamp of this revolutionising technology disrupt the past and light up your future!

Mizoram Result- Exit Poll predictions go wrong

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Survey agencies predicted that MNF would emerge as the single largest party falling short of simple majority in Mizoram. ZPM was pushed to second place by poll of polls with the expectation of MNF getting 16 seats, ZPM getting 15 seat, Congress bagging 8 seats and others getting 1 seat. But the predictions of exit poll agencies belied with ZPM getting 27 seats against the magic figure of 21 seats. MNF had to be content with 10 seats, Congress with just 1 seat as against 5 it had got in the 2018 election. BJP has improved its tally from 1 seat in 2018 to 2 seats in 2023. ZPM has been in a position to form the government without any support from other parties. BJP's hold is now 6 out of 7 North East seats. Presently ZPM is part of neither NDA nor INDIA. ZPM does not need any party's support. As such it is more likely to remain independent by maintaining cordial relationship with the centre irrespective of the parties in power at centre. This has been reiterated by the ZPM leader Lalduhoma. Lalduhoma wants to project himself as an apolitical figure. It is well-nigh impossible to be so, because even if he wants to be apolitical, others do not allow him to be apolitical. Blame-game is the birth place of politics. He has given vent to his views that the people of Mizoram are fed up with MNF government. If he really wanted to be apolitical he need not have expressed anything that provokes the MNE. Opposition parties always see non-performance in the ruling parties. When opposition parties demand any statement, the ruling parties cannot remain deaf and dumb. Provocation is met with provocation. Good governance cannot go unnoticed. The new dispensation in Mizoram must concentrate on service to the people and take on board every segment of people. Whether the ZPM opts to be part of NDA or INDIA hardly matters because Mizoram has lone Lok Sabha member. The significance of a single member arises only at the time of confidence of no confidence motion if the ruling party falls short of a single member to prove majority. In a situation of this kind, the ZPM has to take side with either NDA or INDIA. Now INDIA has been finding it extremely difficult to function as a cohesive unit. The meeting of INDIA slated for December 6 has been postponed to December 17. The saint Kanakadasa said "everyone should shed 'I'. If two 'I's are removed from INDIA, there remains NDA. After the results of 5 state Assemblies came out, knives are out and fissures in INDIA bloc have started developing. Congress has been losing leverage in the bloc. Allies are heaping insult on Congress injury. (Insult to injury). Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has accused the Congress of its display of "big brother" attitude on seeing the results of the five states. He has expressed his unhappiness for Congress not aligning with the Samajawadi Party. Mamata has dubbed the defeat as the defeat of Congress, not people. It does not require special mention that Congress is defeated. In every election political parties win and political parties lose. Disunity among the constituents of INDIA is a blessing in disguise to BJP and NDA in general and Modi in particular. Negative campaigning, malicious and misinformation campaign against Modi did not pay dividend to Congress and other opposition parties. In Mizoram also, Congress slipped from 5 seats to 1 seat. This is an indication of Congress losing ground in most parts of the nation. It is a poor consolation that it gained Karnataka and Telangana. Karnataka is not guaranteed either for BJP or for Congress.

Fallout of Ramjanamboomi Movement on Political Canvas of India

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Ramjanambooni movement was basically and essentially a religious issue but was high jacked by the politicians to occupy the livers of power by exploiting this issue to the maximum. It was in fact the former deputy prime minister and the top leader of the BJP L.K Advani who raised this religious issue to the centre stage and turned the Ramjanambooni movement into a political issue and he along with the RSS-BJP-VHP combine was successful in occupying the power at the centre and in some Hindi speaking states.

In fact a religious issue became a political hot potato and it is in the fitness to know how this purely religious issue became a political one and changed the political discourse of the country and also changed the politico-executive landscape of India .It was no less than a miracle that the right wing Hindutva party the BJP gained an upper hand in the country's political history and it changed from being a single digit party to a three digit one after the Ramjanambooni movement spearheaded by Advani. Given its potential for communal polarization, it could not ever be detached from politics .A significant fallout of the protracted legal dispute over the structure at Ayodhya has been the extent to which it was exploited for political gains and its reverberations across the country. Even though the first litigation dates back to 1885, it was only after the idol of Ram Lalla, the infant deity ,was planted under the disputed mosques central dome in December 1949 that there was a litigation spree .And then began the process of altering the very nature of the structure.

Untill that night, Ram Chabutra -an elevated platform of 17x21x6 feet ,located about 100 paces from the Babri Masjid inside its outer courtyard -was treated as the birthplace of Lord Ram. All attempts by Naga Vairagis to build a temple over the Ramchabutara had failed because the British government had imposed a restraint on any construction work in the Babri Masjid complex ,writes author Dhirendra Jha.

The matter was obviously political from the beginning as per Jha who has authored several books on Ayodhya. After the initial commotion over the planting of the idols ,the issue



remained dormant till the 1980's ,when it was revived and spearheaded by the RSS-VHP-BJP combine .The issue could not gain political momentum in the early years after independence because Jawaharlal Nehru had pushed the communal discourse to the margins and the Hindu Mahasabha ,which was leading the movement ,had also been politically marginalized .The issue received a major thrust after the locks of the disputed structure were opened for Hindu worshippers in 1986 under the congress government headed by the then PM Rajiv Gandhi. But it was BJP that seized the initiative. The Ram Janambooni movement is directly linked to the political rise of BJP-from a mere two Lok Sabha seats in 1984 ,the party climbed to 85 in 1989 ,before jumping to 182 seats in 1999 ,and eventually winning 303 seats in 2019 under Narendra Modi. Since the temple issue, in varying degrees and terms, has featured as one of the keenly watched agendas of the BJP in every election ,and given its potential for communal polarization ,it could not ever be detached from politics. Given that the majority's sentiments were attached to it, even the non-BJP parties that rely heavily on the Muslim vote, could not openly oppose the idea of the construction of a Ram temple.

At the best, they only criticized the BJP for not fulfilling its promise while in power or politicizing the issue while in opposition .In a charged political environment and amid communal divisions ,the chances of a cordial res-

olution always remained slim. But the Ramjanambooni movement spearheaded by Advani and supported by RSS-VHP-BJP trio made it possible for the Hindutva BJP to gain an upper hand in India's politics and under the rule of PM Modi the dream of a Ram Temple became true.

The BJP continued to garner local support despite some unfavorable factors. Since 1991, barring an upset in 2012, Ayodhya has voted for a BJP MLA.

In eight Lok Sabha elections during the same period, the BJP won five times, with both its MP's, Vinay Katiyar and Lallu Singh, being charged with conspiracy in the demolition of the Babri Masjid.

Ramjanambooni movement and the resultant demolition of the disputed structure was the turning point that led to the new binary of Indian politics-secularism and communalism and shaped the new politics controlled by the saffron parties advocating Hindutva and majority supremacy.

It was the late 1980s, India had been ruled by the Congress Party since 15 August 1947, when the country gained independence from the British empire. National politics were about whether you supported the congress party or not, and Hindu nationalism was a fringe ideology.

It was amid this backdrop that the Ram Janambooni movement ,a campaign to reclaim the site of the birthplace of the Hindu deity Lord Ram, picked up steam.

Captivating Chinta Valley



hum in gentle breeze far to distant apart. And a head about 5 kms to 8 kms on foot, the spot gives panoramic view of varied venues of solace and marry making all around the Chinta Valley and down below Bhadarwah town as if one is airily viewing the enchanting scenario far away of what we see Chita Valley.

Towards the east of Chinta valley is another Charming and enchanting Valley by name Jai surrounded by thick and dark Deodars, Kail and chair forests which of course are connected by Kacha and pacea inter-linkages facilitating varied avenues for picnics, riding, climbing and fishing in small rivulets of Jai. Climacterically Speaking, the valley is tamperate particularly during summer thus providing a comfortable and pleasant resting place for the tourists and other visitors like.

Economically, the area is congenitally sound despite the fact that agriculture is the main stay of the people. The local are also involved in government and other jobs owing to high literacy. The locals are most hospital,

peace loving and of jovial nature, always espousing religious cause, tolerance and fraternity insofar as religious faith is concerned, the Naga cult is the prominent creed and features of the vicinity. One of the most prominent pilgrimage is to Kailash(Kaplash) kund and abode of Vasukai Nag raja which begins every year in the month of Bhadaron August on 12th day of krishnapaksh. The yatra starts from Vasukai Nag temple ghata just at the enterance of Bhadarwah town.

The pilgrimage takes the same traditional route which was taken by shriVasukai Nag ji to reach KailashKund at the time when Garudji wanted to kill Vasukhi Nag ji. Instead of having a fight with Garudji, Shree Vasukhi Nag ji ran away to avoid fight in order to obey the promise he had made to his mother Vanita as both Gaud Ji and Vasukhi Nag ji were the sons of great saint Maharishi Kashyap. Kailash in Bhadarwah is also called kabras. It is a big lake situated at a height rounding 15k feet from (Mean Seal Level) msl. The lake is

Hindu activists claimed -a 16th century mosque built during the reign of the first Mugal King Babur in Ayodhya, UP , had been built on the ruins of an erstwhile Hindu temple that marked the spot where Lord Ram had been born.

This crusade was pushed by the BJP and the VHP ,which called for the construction of a Ram temple in place of the mosque .The movement peaked on 6 December 1992.On this fateful day ,a 150,000 -strong mob armed with pickaxes and rods gathered outside the Babri Masjid ,chanting provocative slogans and proclaiming that the Babri Masjid must be replaced by the Ram temple and the disputed structure was demolished.

In 2019 a landmark development took place as the Supreme Court awarded the disputed piece of land upon which the Babri Masjid once stood to the Hindu side ,who were allowed to build a Ram temple on the site .Muslims were awarded five acres of land elsewhere in Ayodhya to build a mosque .The Supreme Court judgment especially argued many political pundits ,was less of a legal decision and more of a political statement ,one that seemed to have already accepted that India is a Hindu state- regardless of secular principles enshrined in India's constitution.

While the judgments were widely accepted across the political spectrum ,they were seized on by Hindutva forces who used them to legitimize their violence .The success of Ramjanambooni movement and the consequent demolition of the disputed structure and the later historical judgment of the apex court in 2019 is the triumph of nationalism and a great setback to secularism read sicklursin.

The culmination of this movement led to the downfall of the so called secular read sicklur parties and it ensured the occupation of power by the Hindutva BJP and also the death of the appeasement politics of congress and other secular parties. In short the Ramjanambooni movement changed the political discourse and political history of the country and it resulted in dethroning of the Congress and its other secular parties and the usurping of the power at the centre and in the Hindi heartland of the country.

beautiful, pure having crystal clear water which is icy cold. The lake is surrounding by high mountains and glaciers. It is most attractive and enthralling spot which had been the abode of Lord Shiva who provided shelter to Vasukhi Nag ji when he was being chased by Garudji. Lord Shiva after handing over Kailash Kund to Vasukui Ji proceeded Manimahesh in HP.

There are two other holy shrines atop Chinta Jai. Sheshnag (Sabarmag) at sabardhar and other Tara Bhuja at Roshira at a distance of 3 kms to 5 kms and are located midst of forests of Chinta Valley.It is believed that both the scared shines are oldest in Bharawah.

There are multihued sared spots vizgupt Ganga adjoining Neeru rivulet where there is a temple of Lord Shive with huge Shiv lingam and parnali of water keeps of soothing Shivinglam since the existence of this temple. The Shivinglam is reported to have been brought from Machester, Neeru Nala.

To propitiate the local diets, lot of faresand festivals are celebrated in the month August and September when it is a slack in Bhadarwah to prominent colorful dances/ Melasare most prominent. Dhaku dance and Patt Mela are most revertially celebrated in Bharadarwah Valley. Now that the government has proclaimed a Tourists development Authority of bhadarwah and with the passage of time, this shall boost the tourist potential of the area for multihued development activities to attract and enchant tourists from India and abroad to have a charming glimpse of beauty, cultural heritage and above all the serene, scenic beauty of the area and its surrounds apart from invigorating local economy- the clarion call of the day.

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Inspiring Leadership: Soma Mondal, Member, Board of Governors, IIM Jammu, A Trailblazer in India's Corporate Landscape



Soma Mondal, a Board of Governors Member at the Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIM) Jammu, has attained a noteworthy achievement by being recognized as one of the four most influential women in India, as per Forbes. This acknowledgment is not only a personal triumph for Soma Mondal but also a source of inspiration for aspiring women leaders across the country. This acknowledgment highlights her outstanding leadership in the corporate realm and her pioneering position as the top of the league Women Business Leaders across the globe.

Soma Mondal had been at the helm of SAIL since Jan 2021 to April 2023, making history as its first woman Chairperson. Soma Mondal has the distinction of not only being the first woman Functional Director of SAIL, but she is also the first woman Chairman of the company. Currently, she is serving as Member, Public Enterprises Selection Board, (PESB).



Soma Mondal, Member, Board of Governors, IIM Jammu, accompanied by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and other Board Members, and officials of IIM Jammu planting a sapling on her recent visit to IIM Jammu, Jagti Campus on December 2, 2023.

Born in the city of temples, Bhubaneswar, she laid the foundation for her illustrious career by graduating in Electrical Engineering in 1984 from National Institute of Technology, Rourkela. With over 35 years of experience in the metal industry, Soma Mondal began her journey at NALCO, where she steadily climbed the ranks, eventually becoming the Director (Commercial). In

2017, she took on the challenge of leading SAIL, one of India's largest steel producers. Her visionary leadership has not only propelled SAIL to new heights but has also shattered gender barriers in a traditionally male-dominated sector.

Beyond her remarkable corporate achievements, Soma Mondal holds the esteemed position of Chairperson of SCOPE (Standing

Conference of Public Enterprises), a testament to her influence and impact on the public sector in India. Her commitment and leadership were further acknowledged when she was honoured as 'CEO of the Year' at the ET Prime Women Leadership Awards in 2023, recognizing her exceptional contributions to the corporate world.9

As a Member of the Board of Governors, IIM Jammu, Soma Mondal brings her wealth of experience and leadership insights to contribute to the institution's vision of nurturing the next generation of business leaders. Her inclusion in Forbes' prestigious list further reinforces the significance of her role in shaping India's corporate landscape and guiding IIM Jammu in the growth as premium Institute of the Nation.

Soma Mondal's journey is a testament to the power of resilience, dedication, and visionary leadership. Her achievements continue to inspire and pave the way for more women to break barriers and leave an indelible mark in the corporate world.

IIM Jammu takes pride in having Soma Mondal as a distinguished member of its leadership, contributing to the Institute's commitment to excellence.