

Governor Kavinder Gupta addresses 29th National Session of Bhartiya Yuva Sansad in Nagpur

Says language is soul of a nation, asks youth to speak mother tongue with pride

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NAGPUR: The Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Kavinder Gupta, delivered an inspiring address at the 29th National Session of the Bhartiya Yuva Sansad, organised jointly by the Bhartiya Yuva Sansad-Media Foundation and Central Sanskrit University at the Maharshi Vyas Auditorium in Nagpur.

The event, held in the city associated with Keshav Baliram Hedgewar, brought together nearly 600 youth participants from across the country for discussions on national issues. The session began with Vande Mataram and concluded with the National Anthem. Prominent dignitaries present included Rahul Narwekar, along with senior academic officials of Central Sanskrit University.

Addressing the gathering, Governor Gupta emphasised the importance of preserving India's linguistic heritage, stating that languages are the soul and identity of a nation. He expressed con-



Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Kavinder Gupta and other dignitaries releasing a book.

cern over the growing hesitation among youth in speaking their mother tongue and stressed that while learning English is important, it should not come at the cost of native languages.

Citing Narendra Modi as an example, Gupta highlighted the Prime Minister's use of Hindi at global platforms, including international summits and the recent India AI Impact Summit 2026, as a symbol of cultural confidence. The Governor also spoke about India's rich linguistic diversity, mentioning languages such as Kashmiri, Dogri, Tamil, Telugu, Bengali, Marathi, Gujarati, and Sanskrit as reflections of the country's unity in diversity. Referring to the centenary of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak

Sangh, he acknowledged the contributions of leaders like Madhav Sadashiv Golwalkar and Balasaheb Deoras, and noted the organisation's continued growth under Mohan Bhagwat. Highlighting the concept of Panch Parivartan, he elaborated on five key

principles-self-awareness, family values, social harmony, environmental protection, and responsible citizenship-urging youth to adopt them in their lives.

Speaking on the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, Gupta underlined the crucial role of

youth in shaping the nation's future. He praised government initiatives such as the National Education Policy, Startup India, Skill India, and Digital India for empowering young Indians. In his concluding remarks, the Governor commended the organisers for bridging India's ancient traditions with modern aspirations. Earlier, he paid floral tributes to Dr. Hedgewar and Madhav Sadashiv Golwalkar at Smriti Bhoomi, honouring their enduring legacy of nation-building and service.

'Pak Must Not Think Twice, Hit Mumbai, Delhi': Pak Ex Envoy



LG pays tributes to great revolutionaries, towering personalities from Bihar

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Lok Bhavan on Sunday hosted a vibrant celebration of Bihar Diwas, at Jammu.

Celebrating the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', the cultural evening brought together senior Government officials, students, and the people of Bihar living in the UT of Jammu Kashmir.

The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha extended his heartiest greetings and best wishes to the people of



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at Bihar Diwas celebration at Jammu.

Bihar on the occasion.

He paid tributes to the great revolutionaries and towering personalities from Bihar and recalled their

valuable contributions to nation's growth and building of a modern India. The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that, from the era of

Chandragupta Maurya and Chanakya to the independence movement, Bihar has remained the "shield of the nation" and an epicenter of India's unity and spiritual, cultural, intellectual, and economic life. "Bihar has carved a distinct identity as the heartland of the Magadha Empire. Today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the state is reclaiming its ancient glory and emerging once again as a key driver of comprehensive development and

innovation," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor also spoke on Bihar's unprecedented contributions to India's industrial and educational landscape and its profound influence on architecture, music, art, and literary traditions.

"I pray that this blessed land of rich cultural diversity, glorious historical heritage, and knowledge and spirituality continues to advance on the path of progress," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

IGNCA's 39th Foundation Day showcases rich confluence of classical, folk traditions



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NEW DELHI: The 39th Foundation Day celebrations of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) concluded on a vibrant note, presenting a remarkable blend of classical and folk traditions over three days from March 19 to 21.

The event opened with distinguished classical performances by Sonal Mansingh and Padma Subrahmanyam. Dr. Mansingh's presentation "Naty Katha - Devi" captivated audiences with its powerful expression and deep cultural roots. On the second day, Dr. Subrahmanyam's dance-drama based on the Bhagavad Gita offered a profound artistic experience, blending philosophy, music, and movement. At 83, her nearly two-hour uninterrupted performance stood out for its vitality and expressive depth.

The concluding day celebrated India's diverse folk traditions. The programme began with the Bagurumba dance of Assam by Swagata Sarma and her group, followed by the lively Nati dance of Himachal Pradesh presented by Prem Chand Bounali and troupe. The energy continued with the Talwar Raas of Gujarat performed by Nilesh Parmar

and his team.

A highlight of the evening was the display of Kerala's ancient martial art Kalaripayattu by Krishnadas Gurukkal and the Vallabhata Kalari group, leaving the audience enthralled. The musical segment featured Padma Shri awardee Bheru Singh Chouhan, who presented devotional compositions based on Kabir's verses, followed by Sufi renditions by Mamta Joshi, creating a spiritually immersive atmosphere.

Alongside performances, exhibitions such as Kaladrishti: A Decade of Vision, Aakhyan: Breathing Hides - The Soul of Andhra Puppetry, and the Thewa Exhibition attracted significant attention, showcasing India's artistic diversity.

The three-day celebration emerged as a harmonious synthesis of classical depth and folk vibrancy. While classical performances highlighted philosophical richness, folk traditions reflected the joy and diversity of everyday life. The event reaffirmed IGNCA's commitment to preserving and promoting India's cultural heritage, offering an enriching experience to art lovers and audiences alike.

NATF National Chairman meets Sadhvi Ritambhara in Vrindavan

National Integration planned across the country



National Chairman NATF Vishal Chopra meeting with noted spiritual leader Sadhvi Ritambhara in Vrindavan.

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VRINDAVAN: Vishal Chopra, National Chairman of the National Anti-Terrorism Front (NATF), met noted spiritual leader Sadhvi Ritambhara in Vrindavan on Saturday.

The meeting focused on NATF's ongoing initiatives and its programmes aimed at strengthening national integration across the country.

During the interaction, Sadhvi Ritambhara (Didi Maa), a recipient of the Padma Bhushan, assured full support from her associ-

ated organisations to NATF's efforts in combating terrorism and promoting unity.

She also announced a major upcoming event in Jammu, aimed at fostering national unity, enhancing security awareness, and connecting with like-minded nationalist citizens. Vishal Chopra has been entrusted with overseeing the programme.

Vishal Chopra also attended President of India visit programme as special guest in Vrindavan.

Celebrating 150 Years of the National Song

Vande Mataram

Special Phase: 23rd to 30th March, 2026

On Shaheedi Diwas, A Grateful Nation Salutes The Courage Of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru & Sukhdev. On This Occasion, Let Us Also Remember The Contributions Of Our Freedom Fighters Who Embodied The Spirit Of Vande Mataram.

"Today, when we are celebrating 150 years of the National Song, this is our tribute to the great heroes of the country and to those lakhs of martyrs who kept bearing the lashes while chanting Vande Mataram."

~ Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Participate in the nationwide Vande Mataram activities

'Vande Mataram Frames'

A national filmmaking competition for creative storytellers aged 15+ to share stories about culture, people, places, and events related to Vande Mataram

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(Up to 1 Minute)

AI Film
(3-5 Minutes)

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(Up to 15 Minutes)

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Step forward. Join the national movement. Embrace the spirit of Vande Mataram!