

PM Modi changed political culture of India: Nadda

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Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jaya Prakash Nadda said that over the last 12 years the country has witnessed a paradigm shift in politics, democracy, diplomacy and development under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing the intellectual meet held under the aegis of the Forum for Nationalist Thinkers, on "Democracy, Diplomacy and Development" here on Thursday, he said, "PM Modi has redefined India's political culture. Earlier, politics was often centred around caste, region, and vote-bank considerations, with governments serving only select sections. Today, democracy truly belongs to every citizen, guided by the vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka



Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jaya Prakash Nadda addressing the intellectual meet on 'Democracy, Diplomacy and Development' in Hyderabad on Thursday

Prayas".

Before 2014, democracy was often associated with caste politics, dynastic rule, appeasement, corruption, and non-performance. And, governance was driven more by announcements than implementation, with limited accountability.

However, under Modi's

leadership, Indian politics has undergone a paradigm shift. Merit has replaced dynastic politics, appeasement has given way to "Justice for All," and governance has become implementation-driven, accountable, deadline-oriented, and focused on performance and results.

As a case in point, Nadda

noted that Ayushman Bharat reflects India's commitment to Universal Health Coverage. After the 2015 World Health Assembly, Prime Minister Modi's vision to "think big" led to the launch of Ayushman Bharat-PM-JAY within just nine months, providing Rs 5 lakh annual health coverage to 62 crore people, the world's largest government-funded health insurance programme. In contrast, the Union Minister said that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's math seems very weak. He keeps repeating that the Centre has given nothing to Telangana. "For Congress, this has become a habit. They cannot generate anything on their own, yet they keep surviving on what others provide. We are seeing the same story in Himachal Pradesh too." However, people understand the truth. "A clay pot can boil only once, not again.

Congress' false narrative will not work every time."

Furthermore, the Congress government in Telangana is not functioning for the people. Rather, it has reduced itself to an ATM for the Delhi Congress. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy himself has stated that the Congress will be given Rs 1,000 crore every year. "This is public money, meant for the welfare and development of Telangana, not for serving the political interests of the Congress high command," he added.

Nadda said that from the Kaleshwaram project to the Double Bedroom Housing Scheme, Telangana has already witnessed how corruption and unfulfilled promises have betrayed the people. The Congress government must answer where the people's money is going and why public welfare is being sacrificed to fund politics," he asked.

Farmers told to have Unique IDs to avail benefits under welfare schemes

OFFICIALS WERE INSTRUCTED TO HOLD VILLAGE-WISE SPECIAL REGISTRATION CAMPS TO COVER THE ELIGIBLE

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THE farmers in Rangareddy district are found busy these days in registering their names in the Farmers' Registry at one hand and running for enrolling their names under SIR programme on the other hand.

The farmers in the district were told to get their names registered in the Farmers' Registry as part of the ambitious digital agriculture mission (AgriStack) jointly introduced by the centre and state governments.

According to officials, registration of names in the Farmers' Registry is mandatory for all the farmers in the district to avail benefits under various welfare schemes and services pertain to agriculture sector. The officials were also told to ensure that every farmer owning land in his or her name and performing agrarian activities must have their names registered in the Farmers' Registry and obtain a unique farmer ID so to avail welfare schemes, investment assistance, crop insurance, subsidies, bank loans and other benefits being extended under agriculture sector.

Additional Collector (Revenue) Chandrababu Naidu, while addressing a review meeting with the officials concerned said officials should ensure



that every eligible farmer in the district must obtain Unique Farmer Identification through enrolment of their names in Farmers' Registry.

To realise this goal, he said, the officials must conduct village-wise special registration camps to help farmers get their names registered using online portal.

The review meeting at the Collectorate complex saw the gathering of Additional Directors of Agriculture (ADAs), Mandal Agriculture Officers (MAOs) and Agricultural Extension Officers (AEOs).

"The officials must complete the registration process within the stipulated time leaving no scope for any negligence," the additional collector warned.

The farmers were told to get their Aadhaar cards, mobile number and Pattadar

Passbook along with that while attending the registration camps that help them get their names registered through biometric process.

The additional collector said, "All the benefits under welfare schemes meant for farmers will be processed only through the Unique Farmers Identification issued to the eligible farmers in the future. As such, it is mandatory of every farmer in the district to get their names registered."

The additional Collector suggested the farmers to approach the concerned Agricultural Extension Officer (AEO) and complete the registration process immediately without fail. "The registration service being launched by the agricultural department is completely free and all the farmers should avail the opportunity," said the Additional Collector.

'Cordon and search' operation in Mangar Basti to flush out drug, property offenders

HYDERABAD: With an objective to eradicate illicit drug trafficking and anti-social activities in the city, the Hyderabad City Police executed a massive joint cordon and search operation, named 'Operation Thunderbolt', in the early hours of Thursday in Mangar Basti in Habeb Nagar, and 15 drug offenders and 50 suspect property offenders were taken into custody.

Police also seized illegal items, including 150 sachets of ganja, 32-cough syrup bottles, one kg dry ganja and liquor bottles. According to police, the operation was executed with high tactical precision in Mangar Basti under the guidance of Hyderabad City Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar. The special operation commenced on Thursday at 3:30

am, with over 1,100 police personnel of various wings and forces: The extensive sanitisation sweep involved close coordination among various specialised wings of the city police, including Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (H-NEW), Task Force, H-EAST, Central Crime Station (CCS), CAR Armed Forces, and Local City Civil Police. Gaikwad Vaibhav Raghunath, DCP Task Force, said during the thorough checks, operating teams successfully identified and took several law-breakers into custody, including property offenders, chain snatchers, habitual offenders, and persons with pending Non-Bailable Warrants (NBW). Additional Commissioners Tafsir Iqbal, (Law & Order) and SM Srinivas (Crimes & SIT), participated, monitored, and provided on-spot direction to the forces. Senior police officials warned that the department will maintain a zero-tolerance approach and clamp down heavily on individuals promoting narcotics, drugs, or disruptive criminal elements, adding that strict criminal cases will be registered against all violators to preserve public peace.

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PM to flag off India's first hydrogen train from Jind on July 17

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to flag off the country's first hydrogen train from the Jind railway station in Haryana on July 17. The train will cover 356 km daily by making two round trips of 89 km each between Jind and Sonapat. It has 682 seats and a total passenger capacity of 2,600. "As of now, we have received confirmation from the PMO that Prime Minister Modi will flag off the hydrogen train from Jind on July 17," a senior railway official said.

India gets world's first once-a-week insulin

Danish drugmaker Novo Nordisk launches Awiqli
NEW DELHI: One injection a week instead of one every day. Danish drugmaker Novo Nordisk has launched Awiqli, or insulin icodex, in India -- the world's first once-weekly basal insulin-cutting the annual injection count for diabetes patients from 365 to just 52. Approved for adults with both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and delivered through a pen device called FlexTouch, the launch makes India the sixth market globally to get the therapy.

Oz to fuel India's green future with uranium supply: PM

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Delivering a joint press conference alongside Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese in Melbourne, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared the atomic breakthrough a transformative catalyst for India's ecological targets. "Australia will supply uranium to India. We have signed an important agreement in the field of nuclear energy. It will give new momentum to our clean energy goals," PM Modi announced. The Prime Minister framed the deepening consensus within a shared geopolitical vision, noting that India and Australia, as "two vibrant democracies, multicultural societies and important ocean powers", share a common worldview that continues to strengthen their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

Beware! SIR scammers on the prowl with OTP frauds

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WITH the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026 of electoral rolls, the District Election Officer and Hyderabad police issued public advisory warning citizens about a rise in fraudulent phone calls made in the name of voter verification.

The advisory warns that fraudsters may impersonate Booth Level Officers (BLOs) or Election Commission officials and attempt to obtain One-Time Passwords (OTPs) from voters under the pretext of updating voter details or verifying names in the electoral roll. DEO RV Karnan has urged citizens not to fall for such scams, clarifying that the Election Commission of India (ECI) and BLOs will never ask voters to share their OTP over phone calls. Citizens have been advised to remain vigilant and refrain from sharing OTPs, bank account details, or any personal information with unknown callers.

The advisory further cautions voters never to share their OTP, bank account details, or any personal information with anyone over phone calls or messages. Citizens have been advised to use OTPs only on official ECI platforms while accessing or verifying voter-related services and never disclose them to any individual.

Hyderabad City police commissioner VC Sajjanar also posted an advisory by stating "Your vote is precious. So is your personal information. Don't let scammers steal your identity in the name of SIR-2026. Remember: No election official will ask for your OTP, never share OTPs or banking details over phone calls, hang up, report suspicious calls to 1930, and spread awareness, and one OTP shared can put your money and personal data at risk.

Authorities advised, in case of receiving such suspicious calls, voters have been advised to immediately disconnect the call, report the incident to the Cyber Crime Helpline 1930 or the nearest police station, and alert family members, friends, and especially senior citizens about the scam, who are often targeted by cyber fraudsters.

The authorities stressed that "One OTP shared can put your bank account and personal information at risk," urging citizens to spread awareness and ensure that their votes and personal data remain secure during the SIR-2026 exercise.

Appealing to the public to remain cautious throughout the SIR-2026 process, the authorities are reminding voters that protecting personal information is as important as protecting their right to vote has also urged citizens to widely share the advisory to help protect fellow voters from cyber fraud.

Heavy monsoon rain wreaks havoc across India

NEW DELHI: The southwest monsoon covered the entire country on Thursday, a day later than its normal date, after advancing into the remaining parts of the north Arabian Sea, Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab, IMD officials said.

Under the influence of the monsoon, torrential rains unleashed widespread destruction across several parts of the country, inundating roads, uprooting trees and disrupting normal life.

Roads and residential areas remained submerged in several cities, with commuters wading through knee-deep water and traffic crawling on major roads and highways. Trees uprooted by strong winds blocked roads at several places, while flooding disrupted vehicular movement and damaged houses.

Rescue operations also continued at the site of a building that collapsed a day earlier at a waste-to-energy plant in Maharashtra's Pimpri Chinchwad near Pune after

a massive mound of garbage gave way due to heavy rain. One body was recovered on Thursday, while around eight people are still feared trapped under the debris. Nine people have been rescued so far.

Delhi witnessed one of its heaviest spells of rain this season, with widespread waterlogging, uprooted trees and traffic snarls throwing life out of gear. The India Meteorological Department issued a 'red' alert for the day as the Safdarjung, the capital's base weather station, recorded 72.6 mm of rainfall in the last 24 hours that ended at 8.30 am, and Tughlakpur in northeast Delhi's Khajuri received the highest rainfall at 160 mm during this period. Hours of incessant rain spelled chaos on roads, uprooting trees and leaving several areas waterlogged. In Rajasthan, widespread rainfall soaked parts of the state, with the Met department forecasting extremely heavy rainfall in isolated areas of Kota and Bharatpur divisions on Thursday.

'Terror camps crumbled during Op Sindoor'

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Underscoring that "terror camps crumbled during Operation Sindoor," PM Modi said India's initiatives to combat terror have sent a clear message across the world, which is now also witnessing the "capability and credibility of India's defence platforms." During Operation Sindoor, you must have seen the explosions that struck terrorist hideouts. Those explosions have resonated across the world," he said. "When such a decisive strike was carried out against terror camps, didn't it make you feel proud?" he said.

At the same time, he also

highlighted India's governance, tweaking the Sanskrit adage of Athithi Devo Bhaba (a guest is a god) to "Nagarik Devo Bhava (the Citizen is a god)". In this context, he mentioned the key initiatives of the government, including the healthcare system where records are now stored, digilocker and the current ease of getting passports. In a strong pitch for "Make in India", he said Indian products were gaining recognition worldwide. Indian technology too, he said, is soaring. With the country becoming the world's largest 5G market, work is on to indigenously develop the 6G technology. He added.

Stricter H1B, Green Card rules coming in August, Indians could face more hurdles

NEW DELHI: The Trump administration is preparing a fresh set of immigration rules that could make it more difficult for foreign professionals, students and employers to navigate the US immigration system. The proposed changes cover some of the most popular routes used by Indians to study and work in the United States. Therefore, Indians, who form one of the largest immigrant groups in the US, could especially face more hurdles under proposed changes to the H1B programme, L1 visas and student visas. The proposals are part of the latest Unified Regulatory Agendas released by the US Departments of Homeland Security (DHS), Labor (DOL) and State (DOS). While none of the measures has taken effect yet, they offer the clearest indication of the administration's plans.

India working to become a developed nation: PM

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"We are a nation of 1.4 billion people brimming with aspirations; we are impatient and eager. We are the world's fastest-growing economy, yet we aim to become one of the top three economies in the world as quickly as possible. Because our driving force is 'Grow More, Achieve More,'" he added.

Modi said the mantra of "Nagrik Devo Bhava" has become the guiding principle of governance in India. "The foundation of India's big dreams and great aspirations is its people... We, the People," he said, adding that the government's policies are centred on citizens' welfare.

India, Australia unveil new defence declaration

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By doing this, the two countries seek to strengthen their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and contribute to a free, open and stable Indo-Pacific.

The declaration, adopted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese, reaffirms the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership established in 2020 and builds on the foundation laid by the India-Australia Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation signed in 2009.

The two leaders said strategic convergence between India and Australia has accelerated in recent years, with stronger economic ties, closer people-to-people links and enhanced cooperation through bilateral mechanisms such as the Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue, the 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue and the Defence Ministers' Dialogue. They also highlighted the role of multilateral platforms, including the Quad, in promoting

peace, security and prosperity across the Indo-Pacific. PM Modi is in Australia as part of his three-nation tour.

Expressing concern over growing geopolitical uncertainty and threats to regional peace and stability, the two countries called for the peaceful resolution of disputes in accordance with international law and without the threat or use of force or coercion.

Reaffirming their commitment to a rules-based Indo-Pacific, India and Australia underscored the importance of respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity, ensuring freedom of navigation and overflight under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and strengthening transparent and inclusive regional institutions.

The declaration also reiterated support for regional organisations, including the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), ASEAN and ASEAN-led regional architecture, and the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF).

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US, Iran trade strikes for 2nd night in a row

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Iran reported explosions in several coastal areas and said it targeted US assets in Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar in response. Iran's foreign ministry denounced the US strikes as a "gross war crime", saying it said targeted civilian infrastructure including railway bridges. In a statement, the ministry described the US administration as "evil and psychopathic" and that it condemned the attacks which have damaged bridges and a railway route connecting Tehran to the city of Mashhad, where the late supreme leader Ali Khamenei is due to be buried at a funeral service later on Thursday.

Musi rejuvenation project kick-off soon

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It does not include the land acquisition costs. The state government grant will come from Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) or the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC). The Telangana government has proposed to revive the entire Musi River ecosystem through integrated riverfront facelift, urban infrastructure development, environmental improvement and sustainable mobility initiatives.

More investments must to boost growth: Revanth

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Speaking on the occasion, CM asserted that politics should be restricted to election seasons. "Despite facing numerous political allegations, we are working with the goal of developing Telangana to contribute a 10 per cent share to the national economy." Pointing to mounting challenges in the metropolitan cities across the country, the CM said that a slew of measures had been initiated to ensure pollution-free development in Hyderabad.