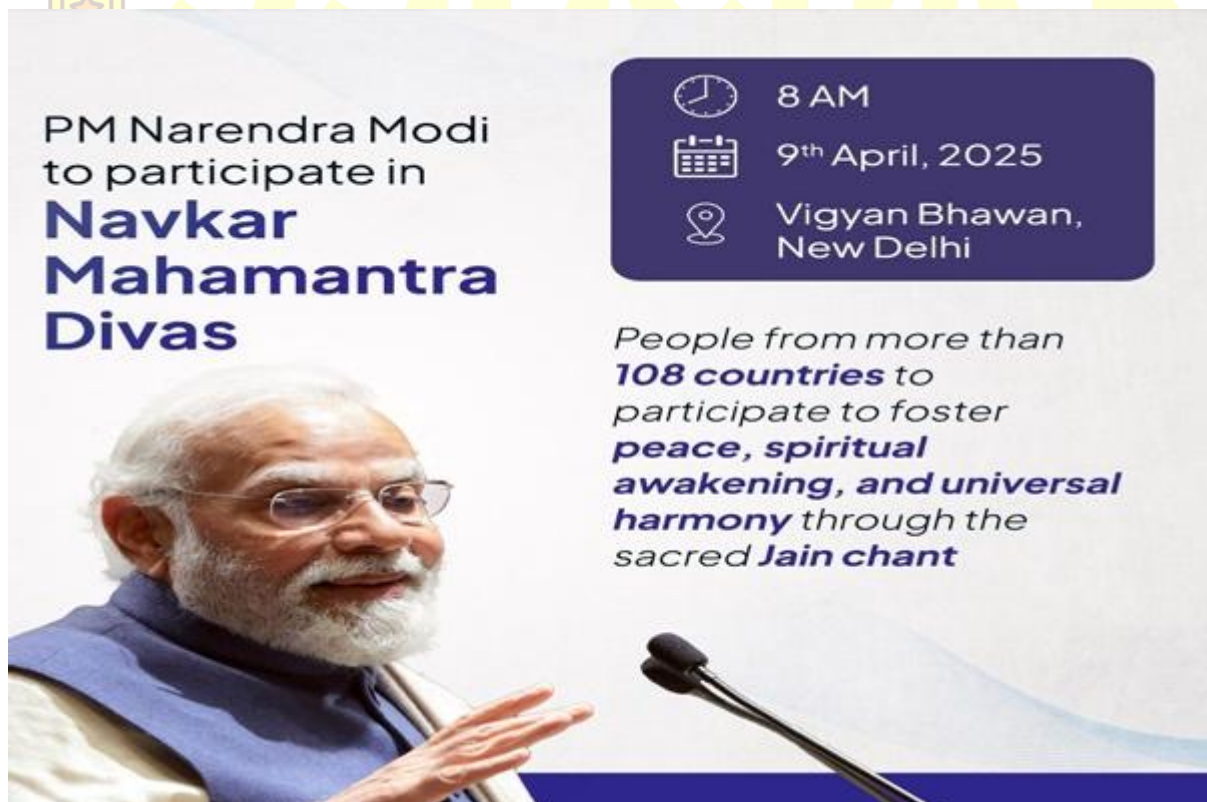


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Navkar Mahamantra Divas

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the **Navkar Mahamantra Divas** in New Delhi.
- Navkar Mahamantra Divas is a momentous celebration of **spiritual harmony and ethical consciousness that seeks** to unite people through the collective chanting of the Navkar Mahamantra – the most revered and universal chant in Jainism. **People from more than 108 countries** will join the global chant for peace and togetherness.
- Rooted in the principles of **nonviolence, humility, and spiritual elevation**, the mantra pays homage to the virtues of enlightened beings and inspires inner transformation. The Divas encourage all individuals to reflect on the values of self-purification, tolerance, and collective well-being.



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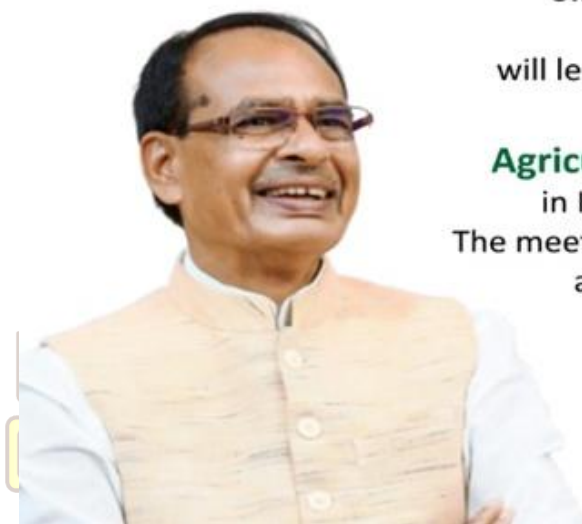
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Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

*People from more than **108 countries** to participate to foster **peace, spiritual awakening, and universal harmony** through the sacred **Jain chant***

The infographic features a photograph of PM Narendra Modi on the left, gesturing with his hands. On the right, there is a dark blue box containing event details: a clock icon for '8 AM', a calendar icon for '9th April, 2025', and a location pin icon for 'Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi'. Below this box, a quote in italics describes the event's purpose: 'People from more than 108 countries to participate to foster peace, spiritual awakening, and universal harmony through the sacred Jain chant'. The background is light blue with a subtle wave pattern at the bottom.

BIMSTEC Agriculture Meet In Nepal

- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan will take part in the **3rd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministerial Meeting in Nepal**. In a statement, the Ministry of Agriculture informed that Mr Chouhan will meet **Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli** and Minister of **Agriculture and Livestock Development Ramnath Adhikari**.

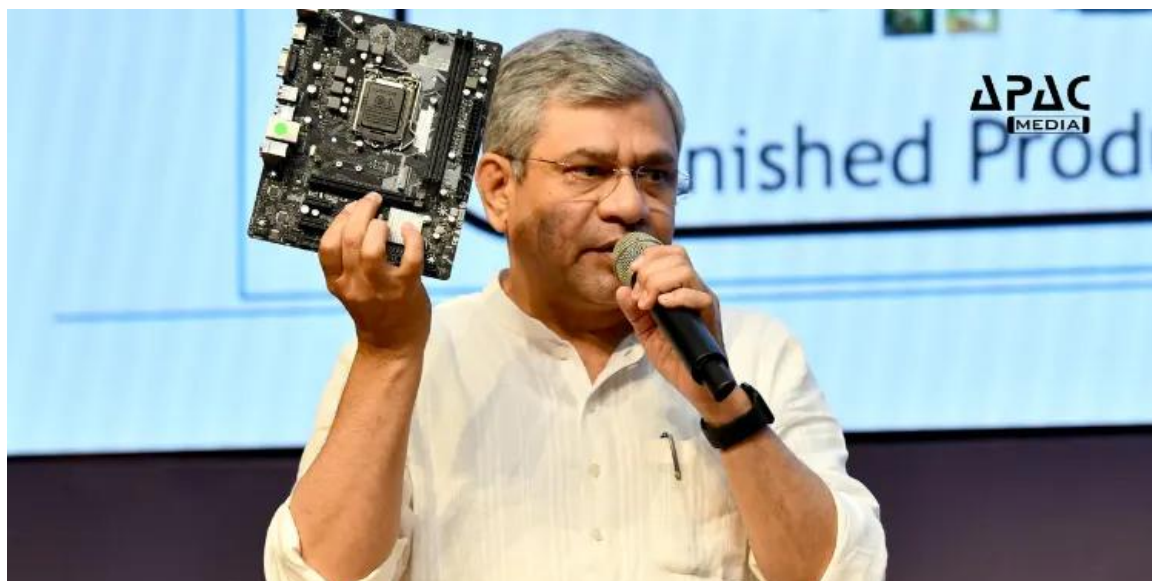


Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan,
Union Minister of Agriculture &
Farmers Welfare,
will lead the Indian delegation to the
3rd BIMSTEC
Agriculture Ministerial Meeting
in Kathmandu on **9 April 2025**.
The meeting will focus on agri-cooperation
and regional partnerships.

- During his visit, the **Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between** the two nations on cooperation in the field of agriculture. The minister will also hold a bilateral meeting with the minister of agriculture and livestock of Bhutan.

₹22,919 Cr Electronics Component Scheme

- Government has issued a notification for the **Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme**. Recently, the Union Cabinet approved this scheme with a funding of **22,919 crore rupees** to make India Atmanirbhar in the electronics supply chain.
- Addressing the media in New Delhi about the scheme, Union Minister for Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw said that after the issuance of the notification, the process of **holding consultations with the industries** will begin for framing the guidelines for the implementation of the scheme. He added that within a few weeks, a portal will be opened for receiving applications under the scheme.



- Mr Vaishnav highlighted that in the last ten years, the country has registered a remarkable growth in the electronics sector. He said that in the last ten years, electronics manufacturing has increased **by five times while electronics exports** registered a sixfold growth. Mr Viashnaw also informed that mobile phone exports surpassed **2 lakh crore rupees in the 2024-25** financial year, registering a growth of **54 per cent over 2023-24**. The union minister also said that in the last decade, **25 lakh jobs have been created** in the sector.

‘One State, One RRB’

- **Department of Financial Services (DFS)** has notified the amalgamation of 26 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) under the **“One State, One RRB” principle**. This is the fourth phase of the RRB consolidation process.



- The Ministry of Finance rolled out the amalgamation plan in November last year, building on improvements in efficiency from previous phases. Following consultations with **stakeholders, 26 RRBs across 10 states and one Union Territory** have been merged, focusing on enhancing scale, efficiency, and cost rationalisation.
- **Currently, 43 RRBs operate across 26 states and two Union Territories.** Post-amalgamation, there will be 28 RRBs covering 700 districts with more than 22,000 branches. Around 92 percent of these branches are located in rural and semi-urban areas.

US Imposes 104% Tariffs On Chinese Imports

- United States said that **104 percent duties on imports from China** will take effect today. Initially, **China was set to face a 34 percent** tariff increase as part of President Trump's reciprocal tariffs package.



- However, after Beijing refused to withdraw its promise **to impose 34 percent retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods**, the U.S. president escalated the situation by adding **another 50 percent in duties**. This brings the total tariff increase on China to a staggering 84 percent.
- White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said that countries like China, who have chosen to retaliate and try to double down on their mistreatment of American workers, are making a mistake.

- **Earlier, China's Ministry of Commerce said it firmly opposes** the additional 50 percent tariffs on Chinese imports, calling it a mistake upon a mistake. The ministry vowed to escalate its retaliation on US exports.

Bangladesh Inks 'Artemis Accords' With NASA

- **Bangladesh has inked the 'Artemis Accords' as the 54th country** with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), focused on non-military space exploration. The **Artemis Accords, established in October 2020**, are a set of non-binding agreements designed to promote peaceful and cooperative civil exploration of outer space.



- In the presence of **Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA)** Executive Chairman Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun and **US Embassy in Dhaka** Chargé d'Affaires Tracey Ann Jacobson, **Bangladesh Defence Secretary Md Ashraf Uddin** inked the accords.
- **As of January 21, 2025, 53 countries have signed the accords**, including the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, India, United Arab Emirates, Australia and several European and Latin American countries.

- **By signing the Accords, Bangladesh will be a part of prestigious international space alliances**, Chowdhury Ashik mentioned. He said Bangladesh will be greatly benefited in terms of technology transfer, economic cooperation, and scientific collaboration through the accords.
- It will open the window to cooperation and collaboration between the **Bangladesh Space Research and Remote Sensing Organisation (SPARRSO)** and NASA and will enhance the current capacity of SPARRSO to accelerate the space mission, he added.

Digital Threat Report 2024

- **WonDigital Threat Report 2024 Marks Step In Enhancing Cybersecurity Within The Banking, Financial Services, And Insurance Sector In India. Launched By The Ministry Of Electronics And Information Technology, This Report Aims To Address The Escalating Cyber Threats Faced By Financial Institutions.**



- It Marks The **Urgency For A Unified Cybersecurity Framework** To Protect The Financial Backbone Of The Country. **BFSI Sector Is Undergoing Rapid Digital Transformation.** Transformation Increases The **Risk Of Cyberattacks** That Can Have Systemic Repercussions.
- **A Single Breach Can Affect Multiple Entities Within Interconnected Financial Ecosystem.** Report Was Created Through Collaboration Between **CERT-IN, CSIRT-FIN, And SISA.** These Organisations Work Together To Enhance Threat **Detection And Response Capabilities.** Initiative **Aims To Empower Financial Institutions** To Build Robust Cyber Resilience Against Evolving Threats.

ISSF World Cup

- In shooting, **Vijayveer Sidhu has become the first Indian to win gold in the men's 25-meter rapid fire pistol event of the ISSF World Cup in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In the women's category Suruchi Singh claimed her maiden gold in the 10-meter air pistol event.** The double golds put India on top of the medals tally with four gold, one silver and a bronze.



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EXAMS

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Navkar Mahamantra Divas Mainly Related To

- A. Jainism
- B. Buddhism
- C. Hinduism
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: A

2. In Which Year Was The Original Waqf Act, Later Amended By The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, Enacted

- A. 1995
- B. 2001
- C. 1984
- D. 2013

ANSWER: A

3. Which Country Has A Prime Minister Who Recently Dismissed U.S. Suggestions Regarding The Annexation Of Greenland

- A. Iceland
- B. Denmark
- C. Sweden
- D. Finland

ANSWER: B

4. Which Indian State Recently Secured GI Tags For Nolen Gurer Sandesh And Baruipur Guavas

- A. Odisha
- B. Bihar
- C. West Bengal
- D. Assam

ANSWER: C

5. What Denominations Will Be Issued With The New RBI Governor's Signature

- A. ₹100 and ₹2000
- B. ₹20 and ₹50
- C. ₹200 and ₹1000
- D. ₹10 and ₹500

ANSWER: D

6. Which State Has Reported The Highest Forest Encroachment As Of March 2024

- A. Assam
- B. Karnataka
- C. Odisha
- D. Madhya Pradesh

ANSWER: D

7. What Is Name Of Assam's Biggest Women Entrepreneurship Support Scheme

- A. Mahila Shakti Yojana
- B. Assam Udyog Mission
- C. Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan
- D. Nari Samarth Yojana

ANSWER: C

8. Which Country Has Assumed The Chairmanship Of BIMSTEC For The Next Two Years

- A. Thailand
- B. India
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Sri Lanka

ANSWER: C

9. On Which Date Is The International Day Of Reflection On The 1994 Genocide Against The Tutsi In Rwanda Observed

- A. 4 April
- B. 5 April
- C. 7 April
- D. 8 April

ANSWER: C

10. Which Organization Constructed The New Pamban Bridge

- A. IRCON International
- B. National Highways Authority of India
- C. Hindustan Construction Company
- D. Rail Vikas Nigam Limited

ANSWER: D

11. Key To The City Of Lisbon Is Highest Honour Accorded By City Of Lisbon To

- A. Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar
- C. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar
- D. President Droupadi Murmu

ANSWER: D

12. Madhavpur Ghed Fair Is Organized In Which State Every Year

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: C

13. River Blindness, Is A Neglected Tropical Disease Caused By Which Agent

- A. Bacteria
- B. Parasite
- C. Virus
- D. Fungus

ANSWER: B

14. Hitesh Gulia Won Which Medal At The World Boxing Cup 2025 In Brazil

- A. Gold
- B. Silver
- C. Bronze
- D. None of the Above

ANSWER: A

15. How Many Countries Are Affected By Saudi Arabia's Temporary Visa Ban Ahead Of The 2025 Hajj Season

- A. 10
- B. 14
- C. 12
- D. 16

ANSWER: B

16. Which Of Following Temporary Cooling Effect On Earth's Surface By Reflecting Sunlight & Is A Key Component Of Air Pollution

- A. Aerosols
- B. Greenhouse gases
- C. Ozone
- D. Methane

ANSWER: A

17. Which Country Is The Origin Of The Gorkha Community, Known For Their Bravery, Loyalty, And Fierce Fighting Skills

- A. India
- B. Nepal
- C. Bhutan
- D. Tibet

ANSWER: B

18. What Is Unique About The Trajectory Of SpaceX's Fram2 Mission

- A. To Dock With The International Space Station
- B. To Perform A Geostationary Orbit Manoeuvre
- C. To Follow A Polar Orbit Over Both The North And South Poles
- D. To Test Satellite Deployment Systems

ANSWER: C

19. Which Indian State Has Established An Anti-synthetic Narcotics Task Force To Combat The Rise In Synthetic Drug Trafficking

- A. Punjab
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Haryana
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: C

20. North Sentinel Island, Is Located In Which Water Body

- A. Black Sea
- B. Arabian Sea
- C. Red Sea
- D. Bay of Bengal

ANSWER: D