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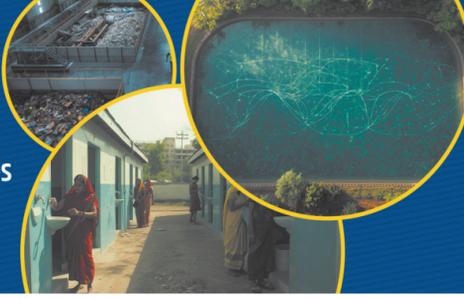


Tribal harmony with nature holds lessons for the nation: President



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"Excited, thankful, appreciative"

Malaysian PM Ibrahim calls PM Modi "great friend" at community event

Agencies, Kuala Lumpur
Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim expressed his joy at joining Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a Indian community outreach event in Malaysia.

Addressing the Indian Diaspora, Ibrahim said, "I am personally very excited, very thankful, very appreciative, that I have a great friend from India joining us in Malaysia. This gathering recognises something deep and enduring between the two nations.
Long before there were embassies and trade agreements, long before there were nation-states, traders, scholars, and sailors, across the Indian Ocean between the Indian Subcontinent and the Malay Archipelago, consider the Balyatra, one of the oldest maritime commemorations observed in India. Prime Minister Modi ji, let me assure you that when Malaysia embarked on building a great nation from its diversity, the Indian community, my brothers and sisters, was an integral partner in that journey."

Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Malaysia for a two-day visit. He was received by Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim at the airport who greeted him with a hug.

A huge contingent from the Indian diaspora in Malaysia was also present at the airport to welcome PM Modi. School children holding Indian and Malaysian flags



waived them as the PM and the Malaysian Prime Minister walked down the red carpet.
The two Prime Ministers were then seen sharing the same car as they drove towards the official hotel.

Earlier in the day, PM Modi said he is visiting Malaysia at the 'invitation' of his 'friend' Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim.
PM Modi said that India was eyeing for deeper defence and security ties.

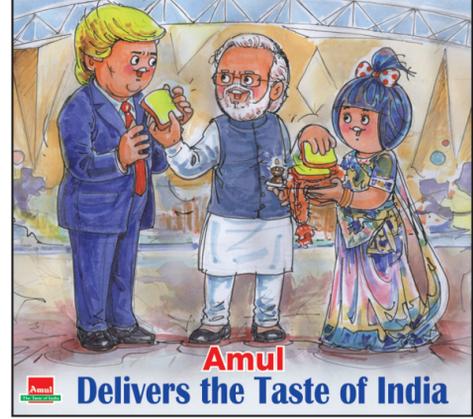
"India's success is Malaysia's success. It is Asia's success": PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday underscored the depth of India-Malaysia ties, saying that India's success is intrinsically linked with Malaysia's success and, in turn, Asia's success, as he outlined that the partnership between the two nations was guided by the vision of IMPACT-India-Malaysia Partnership for Advancing Collective Transformation.

Addressing the Indian diaspora in Kuala Lumpur, Prime Minister Modi, who is on a two-day visit to the Southeast Asian country, said the two nations celebrate each other's achievements as their own and acknowledged Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim's goodwill gestures, including his wishes following the success of Chandrayaan-3.

"We celebrate each other's success as our own. I was touched deeply by Prime Minister Shri Anwar Ibrahim's good wishes on the success of Chandrayaan-3. I agree with you, my friend; India's success is Malaysia's success. It is Asia's success," PM Modi said.

Pact with a punch!



Seven naxalites killed in operation
Gadchiroli (UNI)
Security forces achieved a major breakthrough against naxalism in Gadchiroli district, where seven naxalites, including senior leader Prabhakaran, were killed in a police operation, officials said on Saturday.
Police said the bodies of three naxalites were recovered on Thursday night, while four more bodies were recovered from the area on Friday. Among the killed naxalites, four were men and three women.
The operation was carried out by the elite C-60 commandos of the Gadchiroli Police in a dense forest area after a three-day search. According to officials, this was one of the most challenging operations conducted in the region due to the difficult terrain and heavy exchange of fire.

Pulse revolution: Union Minister and CM resolve to end import dependency



Sehore: In a decisive push toward a 'Viksit Bharat,' Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav launched a nationwide mission for self-reliance in pulses from Amlaha on Saturday.
Addressing the National Conference on Pulses, Chouhan emphasized that ending import dependency is a core priority for national pride and global leadership.

Roadmap to self-reliance

To eliminate the need for foreign lentils, the Centre announced a comprehensive strategy focused on infrastructure and farmer support:

- Pulse mill network: Establishment of 1,000 new mills nationwide, with 55 units dedicated to Madhya Pradesh to boost local processing.
- Direct subsidies: A subsidy of Rs

10,000 per hectare for model cultivation and up to Rs 25 lakh for setting up cluster-level mills.

- Resilient research: Deployment of climate-resilient, high-yield seeds developed at research hubs like ICARDA.

MP: The pulse powerhouse

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav reaffirmed the state's leadership in the Dalhan-Tilhan Mission, noting that irrigation has surged from 7.5 lakh to 44 lakh hectares. "We are moving beyond traditional farming to ensure pulses become highly profitable," he stated, highlighting that over Rs 1,500 crore has already reached farmers via 'Bhavantar Yojana.'

Dialogue from the fields

Breaking protocol, leaders sat on 'Khats' (traditional cots) at research fields to discuss soil health and "Seed to Market" strategies directly with farmers. The Centre further guaranteed 100% procurement at MSP, including Tur (Rs 8,000/quintal) and Urad (Rs 7,800/quintal), ensuring a secure and remunerative market for every grower.

Cheetah 'Asha' gives birth to 5 cubs

Kuno celebrates again

Sheopur: In a significant boost to India's wildlife conservation efforts, Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park (KNP) has welcomed five new members. Female cheetah Asha has successfully given birth to a litter of five healthy cubs, marking a triumphant moment for Project Cheetah.



health and safety.
A growing legacy
Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav

shared the joyous news via social media, posting a video of the newborns.

"The cheetah family in Kuno is expanding," the CM noted, congratulating the forest department and wildlife enthusiasts.

This latest arrival brings the total number of cubs born on Indian soil to 24, showcasing the successful adaptation of the species to their new home. With these five new additions, the total cheetah population at Kuno has now surged to 35.

Trump removes India's 25% Russia-related tariff after deal

New Delhi (UNI)

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday said the interim trade agreement between India and the United States marks a significant breakthrough, offering fresh opportunities for Indian exporters while fully safeguarding the interests of farmers and sensitive sectors.

Addressing a press conference on the India-US Joint Statement, Goyal said the reciprocal tariff imposed by the US has been sharply reduced

from 50 pc to 18 pc, a level lower than that faced by several neighbouring countries. He said the reduction would provide substantial relief to Indian exporters and strengthen India's growth trajectory.
"The deal brings new hopes and opportunities in India's growth story," the minister said. Goyal said agricultural products from Indian farmers will be exported to the US at zero duty, while no tariff concessions have been extended to US agricultural products entering India. He al-

so underlined that the agreement clearly prohibits the import of genetically modified (GM) food into India.
"I can state categorically and without any hesitation that India's farmers, MSMEs, artisans and craftsmen will not suffer any loss. On the contrary, India will benefit from greater access to the US market," he said. The minister said the agreement would provide a major boost to labour-intensive sectors such as textiles and apparel, leather and footwear, toys, and gems and jewellery.

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