

The Spirit of Eid - Celebrating Love, Forgiveness, and Renewal



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Our country is a vibrant tapestry of religions, cultures, and races, with Islam being an integral part of this diverse fabric. Ramzan Eid, also known as Eid-al-Fitr, is a joyous festival that embodies the spirit of love, care, and brotherhood. The word 'Ramzan' means the 'festival of breaking the fast', while 'Fitra' is derived from 'fatar', meaning 'breaking'. This festival is a celebration of the purification of the soul, achieved through fasting and self-reflection. The origins of Eid-al-Fitr date back to the time of Prophet Mohammed, who instituted this festival after his journey from Mecca to Madina in 622 Hijri. The prayers offered after fasting are believed to save individuals from hell and open the doors of heaven. The sighting of the new moon marks the beginning of Eid celebrations, symbolizing a new chapter in life for Muslims. As a festival, Eid brings people together, fostering a sense of community and unity. The

word 'Eid' itself means 'festivity' or 'recurring happiness', reflecting the joy and cheer that pervades the occasion.

Eid-al-Fitr is also known as the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast or the Feast of Fast-Breaking, emphasizing the end of the fasting period and the beginning of a new phase. The Prophet emphasized the importance of rejoicing and showing solidarity among Muslims on this day. Fasting during Ramzan instills a sense of gratitude and appreciation for the blessings of life, such as food and water. As Muslims greet each other with 'Eid Mubarak' and "Ramadan Mubarak", they embody the spirit of harmony and mutual respect.

The festival is deeply rooted in Islamic tradition, with the Quran serving as the guiding text. The Quran highlights the significance of Ramzan as the month in which it was revealed, providing guidance and clarity to humanity. Eid-al-Fitr is an occasion to spread joy, give charity, and strengthen family and social bonds. It promotes a sense of compassion, forgiveness, and unity, encouraging Muslims to love all and hate none.

The festival's significance extends beyond the Muslim community, promoting a sense of harmony and coexistence among people of different faiths. Ultimately, Eid-al-Fitr is a celebration of the completion of Ramzan and the beginning of a new chapter in life, filled with hope, renewal, and spiritual growth. The festival also serves as a reminder of the importance of community and social responsibility. Muslims are

encouraged to reach out to those in need, providing support and assistance to the less fortunate. This emphasis on charity and compassion underscores the value of empathy and kindness in Islam. As the festival comes to a close, Muslims are reminded to carry the spirit of Eid into their daily lives, striving to be better individuals and contributing to the greater good. In India, Eid-al-Fitr is a time for celebration and festivity, with people coming together to share meals and exchange gifts. The traditional dishes, such as biryani, kebabs, and sweets like sheer khurma and sevaian, add to the festive atmosphere. The festival is also an occasion for Muslims to visit their loved ones, strengthen family ties, and seek forgiveness for past mistakes.

The Eid prayers are a significant part of the festival, with Muslims gathering in large numbers at mosques and idgahs. As the festival progresses, families and friends come together to share meals and exchange gifts. The traditional Eid attire, with its vibrant colors and intricate designs, adds to the festive atmosphere. The children, dressed in their new clothes, are thrilled to receive gifts and treats from their loved ones. Eid-al-Fitr is a time for joy, forgiveness, and renewal, a time to strengthen bonds and create lasting memories. As Muslims celebrate this festival, they are reminded of the importance of gratitude, compassion, and unity, values that are essential to the spirit of Eid. **(B-15 Jyoti-Kalash Society, Jodhpur Tekra, Satellite, Ahmedabad - 380 015)**

Delhi govt floats tender for two VIP boats worth Rs 6.2 crore for Yamuna monitoring

New Delhi, The Delhi government's Irrigation and Flood Control (I&FC) Department has floated a tender to procure two boats for monitoring and survey operations on the Yamuna river, officials said. The tender, issued on March 12, seeks two vessels with an estimated combined cost of around Rs 6.2 crore, with each boat expected to cost about Rs 3.1 crore. The boats will be used for river monitoring, surveys and inspection visits by senior officials.



around 400 litres. Each vessel will have an open rear deck fitted with sofa-type seating for three to four persons to facilitate public appearances during official visits and inspection tours.

According to the tender document, each boat should accommodate 16 to 20 persons and measure around 13 metres in length, 4.3 metres in width, and 2.1 metres in height. The vessels will have enclosed cabins equipped with air-conditioning systems and seating arrangements.

The interior specifications include customised business-class push-back seats made of vegan leather, integrated hand rests with wooden finish, bottle holders, and ambient LED lighting. The boats will also include a pantry for serving food, washrooms, and a fresh water storage capacity of

The boats will be powered by 300-horsepower four-stroke engines with fuel tanks capable of holding between 700 and 1,000 litres. As per the tender specifications, the vessels will have a displacement of approximately 12 tonnes at full load and will be capable of reaching speeds of up to 25 knots. Safety equipment on board will include tracking devices, very high frequency (VHF) radio signal stations, fire pumps, emergency medical equipment, and depth sounders capable of measuring water depth up to 500 metres. The supplying agency will also be responsible for maintenance

and spare parts for two years.

Officials said the boats will be used for monitoring the Yamuna, conducting surveys, and facilitating inspection visits by senior government functionaries. The vessels are also expected to assist in flood monitoring and rescue operations during the monsoon season, as well as during festivals such as Chhath Puja.

Currently, the I&FC department hires boats whenever required for bathymetric surveys, rescue operations, monsoon monitoring, and inspection visits by officials, according to the department's annual report released last month. The bidding process for the tender is expected to conclude by March 19, and procurement of the boats may take around five months after the process is completed. Meanwhile, the Delhi government has also procured a 40-seater vessel for a proposed cruise service on the Yamuna between Sonia Vihar and Jagatpur. The project aims to introduce recreational cruises and ferry services on the river, though the launch of the service has been delayed.

Indian-flagged 'Jag Laadki' arrives at Mundra Port with 80,886 MT crude

Bhuj, The Indian-flagged crude oil tanker, 'Jag Laadki', has safely arrived at Adani Ports' Mundra terminal in Gujarat, carrying approximately 80,886 metric tonnes of crude oil sourced from the United Arab Emirates. The vessel was loaded at Fujairah Port and berthed here on Wednesday, port officials confirmed. 'Jag Laadki' measures 274.19 metres in length overall with a beam of 50.04 metres, a deadweight tonnage of around 1,64,716 tonnes and a gross tonnage of about 84,735 tonnes. A spokesperson for Adani Ports said the berth was provided following necessary maritime coordination to ensure secure docking. "Adani Ports Mundra



continues to support India's energy infrastructure by facilitating the safe berthing and handling of vital energy imports," the statement added.

Jag Laadki's cargo is expected to be discharged to support refinery operations that rely on such shipments to maintain production and

reinforce India's energy security, particularly amid recent geopolitical supply challenges affecting regional shipping lanes. The arrival follows two energy shipments to India's western ports – two Indian-flagged LPG carriers, 'Shivalik' and 'Nanda Devi' – which recently navigated the strategically.

Hinduism unites, not divides: Opposition on Sara Ali Khan temple row

New Delhi, A controversy erupted on Wednesday after Bollywood actress Sara Ali Khan was asked to submit an affidavit if she wishes to seek blessings at the Badrinath and Kedarnath temples.

The matter has drawn strong reactions from the Opposition, with Samajwadi Party MLA Ashutosh Verma asserting that the Hindu religion and Hindutva are meant to bring people together.

The row took place after Badri-Kedar Temple Committee Chairman Hemant Dwivedi, on Tuesday, said that all non-Hindus will be required to submit an affidavit if they wish to seek blessings at the temples, henceforth.

MLA Verma told IANS, "Whoever is involved in such things neither understands the true meaning of the Hindu religion nor 'Hindutva'."

Highlighting that Sara Ali Khan had done a film based on Kedarnath, he said, "Sara Ali Khan had done such a good film on Kedarnath, which inspired many people to visit the place. No one, among the 140 crore Indians, should be prohibited from visiting any place. Everyone is free to go wherever he or she wants; that is the democratic right granted to all Indians."Movies

The SP leader alleged that BJP members are involved in the incident. "Such divisive policies, where BJP members are involved, are not appropriate," he said.

Purnea MP, Pappu Yadav, maintained that worship is solely connected to one's belief system. He said, "Any person can visit a gurdwara, church, temple, or a mosque; nobody can stop him or her. Whether it is Shirdi Sai Baba's shrine or Ajmer Sharif Dargah, people are allowed to go everywhere since it is related to one's belief. To give a certificate for such a thing has not been our culture and



tradition. I believe it's wrong."

However, the BJP defended the decision of the Temple Committee. Speaking to reporters outside the Parliament, BJP MP Kangana Ranaut said, "Everyone here is 'Sanatan'. 'Sanatan' has no beginning and no end. All religions are 1000-1500 years old. 'Sanatan' is the ultimate truth. She is also 'Sanatan'. What is the problem for her to give an affidavit?"

Bihar BJP President Sanjay Saraogi told IANS, "Kedarnath, Badrinath, are pilgrimage sites for those who follow the 'Sanatan' religion, and if we are visiting those places of worship, we should have belief in the Hindu religion."

He added that these are not just tourist places, but for those who fully believe in the 'Sanatan' religion.

BJP Spokesperson Pratul Shahdeo claimed there are many holy places of Muslims or Christians where Hindus are not allowed to enter. He said, "This is the decision of the Kedarnath Temple Management Committee, but whoever is questioning this should think that a non-practicing Muslim is not allowed to visit Mecca, Madinah. And whether any Hindu is allowed to be sprinkled with the holy water by the Pope at Vatican city? He asserted that there should be a similar practice in all religions. "Sara Ali Khan will have to accept the decision of the Kedarnath Temple," he said.

Western Disturbances to bring storms, rain and hail in parts of Rajasthan

Jaipur, A fresh spell of weather activity is set to impact Rajasthan as a Western Disturbance becomes active over the region. The Meteorological Centre in Jaipur has issued an alert for thunderstorms, gusty winds, rainfall, and isolated hailstorms over the next few days. A cyclonic circulation has developed over the western parts of the state on Wednesday, increasing the likelihood of intense thunderstorms, rain with wind speeds of 40-50 km/h, and isolated hailstorms in several districts, said officials on Wednesday. Light rain accompanied



recorded in the state was 38 degrees Celsius in Chittorgarh, while the minimum temperature was recorded at 13.5 degrees Celsius in Sirohi.

Former Minister Ram Pada Jamatia elected unopposed as Tripura Assembly Speaker

Agartala, Former Minister and senior BJP legislator Ram Pada Jamatia was on Wednesday elected unopposed as the Speaker of the Tripura Assembly. After the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its allies -- Tipra Motha Party (TMP) and Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura (IPFT) -- proposed his name on March 12, Jamatia filed his nomination for the Speaker's post.

The election for the new Speaker became necessary following the demise of the sitting Speaker, Biswa Bandhu Sen, on December 26 last year. Sen, a four-time MLA, passed away at the age of 72 at a private hospital in Bengaluru after undergoing medical treatment for more than four-and-a-half months.

Acting Speaker Ram Prasad Paul announced in the House that Jamatia was the sole candidate to file nomination papers, and with no other contenders, he was declared elected unopposed. Subsequently, Chief Minister Manik Saha, Leader of Opposition Jitendra Chaudhury, Congress Legislature Party leader and former Minister Birajit Sinha, TMP and IPFT leaders and Chief Whip Kalyani Saha Roy, along with other leaders,



escorted Jamatia to the Speaker's chair.Movies

Jamatia earlier served as Minister of Tribal Welfare and Industry and Commerce (Handloom, Handicrafts and Sericulture) from 2022 to 2023. He is the second tribal leader to serve as Speaker of the Tripura Legislative Assembly since the Northeastern state attained full statehood in 1972, following Sudhanwa Debbarma, who held the post from 1978 to 1983.

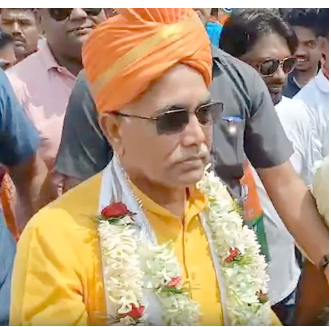
A two-time MLA from the Bagma Assembly constituency in Gomati district (2018 and 2023), the 69-year-old tribal leader joined the BJP in 2017 after retiring from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). Earlier, he worked in the Tripura Jute Mill.

Meanwhile, the Budget session of the Tripura Assembly commenced on

March 13 with Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu delivering the customary address to the House.

Finance Minister Pranajit Singha Roy presented a tax-free deficit budget of Rs 34,212.31 crore for the financial year 2026-27 on March 16. The budget allocates higher funds to the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC), as the 30-member tribal autonomous body is set to go to crucial polls on April 13. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ratan Lal Nath earlier stated that three important bills were introduced in the Assembly to establish new institutions -- Tripura Women's University, Tripura University of Health Sciences, and Tripura Technical University. The Budget session will continue until March 25, the minister added.

Back in fray, Dilip Ghosh eyes 1 lakh votes in Kharagpur Sadar



Kolkata, After a prolonged phase of internal party strife, senior BJP leader Dilip Ghosh has regained prominence with the party fielding him from his preferred Kharagpur Sadar constituency in West Midnapore district for the upcoming Assembly elections.

Speaking to reporters during his morning walk on Wednesday, he issued a bold challenge, declaring a target of achieving 1,00,000 votes. In the same breath, he also took aim at the Trinamool Congress. After hitting the campaign trail, he said he is confident that the people of Kharagpur want him. At the same time, he attached no significance to his opponents. He said, "I have contested twice and won twice. The BJP wins there. We are not in a contest against any specific candidate; our battle is against the party (TMC) itself. Kharagpur typically records a low voter turnout; this time, our target is to secure 100,000 votes." He also took a dig at the Trinamool Congress regarding their candidate list. He said,

"Mamata Banerjee is navigating through an extremely precarious situation. Otherwise, why would she drop 74 sitting MLAs from her candidate list? In the past, she would field just about anyone and declare, 'I am the candidate across all 294 seats.' Those days are gone. She can no longer portray herself as the epitome of integrity; her party has become the very symbol of corruption." The former BJP MP further said, "Mamata Banerjee is so disoriented that she cannot even figure out who she is supposed to be fighting against -- will she fight against the Election Commission? Against the courts? Against the Central Forces? The situation is dire.

Change is inevitable." Trinamool leader Jayprakash Majumdar has issued a rebuttal to these comments made by Dilip. It goes without saying that Dilip Ghosh was the driving force behind the rise of the BJP in West Bengal. Over the past few years, his relationship with the party had become strained due to the internal conflict between the old guard and the newcomers. He had won from the Kharagpur Sadar constituency in 2016. In 2019, he resigned from this seat to contest the Lok Sabha polls from Medinipur constituency. Kharagpur Sadar is one of the Assembly segments in the Medinipur Lok Sabha seat. However, in 2024, he was shifted from Medinipur to the Bardhaman-Durgapur Lok Sabha seat. However, he lost the election in that constituency. Since then, he was side-lined in the party. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah visited Kolkata on multiple occasions to hold rallies, yet Ghosh received no invitation to attend.

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