

Agri Minister at BRICS conference: Farmer empowerment vital for global food security

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Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan asserted on Friday that ensuring the welfare and empowerment of small farmers was central to strengthening global food security and sustainable agricultural growth. Addressing the Agriculture Ministers of BRICS nations at a two-day conference in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, Chouhan noted that the event serves as an important platform for collectively addressing challenges faced by small and marginal farmers across the world, particularly those arising from climate change, pressure on natural resources, rising input costs and uncertainties in agricultural markets. If small and marginal farmers become economically strong and technologically capable, he said, the world's food security structure will also become stronger and more resilient.

During the inaugural session, Chouhan presented India's agricultural achievements, cultural values and commitment to global cooperation. He highlighted India's focus on strengthening international agricultural partnerships under the leadership of PM Modi and stressed the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. Addressing the representatives from BRICS nations, Chouhan referred to India's long-standing tradition of 'Atithi Devo Bhava' and extended a warm welcome to all delegates. He said India has consistently supported the principles of global unity, peace and cooperation and reiterated that under PM Modi's leadership, the country's approach is based on "peace, not war; coordination, not conflict".

Fadnavis: Cong a sinking ship, Oppn merger will benefit BJP

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Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday dismissed speculation over a possible merger of opposition parties with the Congress, saying any such move would ultimately benefit the BJP. Addressing a press conference to mark 12 years of the Narendra Modi government, Fadnavis launched a sharp attack on the opposition, ridiculing its leadership and claiming that any consolidation of parties would create more political space for the BJP. Commenting on the merger talks, Fadnavis said: "Regarding the merger talks, all I can say is 'Begani shaadi mein Abdullah diwana' (getting excited over someone else's business)." Taking a swipe at Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut, he



added: "A person who belongs neither to the Congress nor to the NCP is initiating these discussions, and everyone starts debating it." The Chief Minister questioned whether regional parties would align themselves with what he described as a declining Congress. "The leaders of these regional parties are smart. They will not step onto a sinking boat. Congress is a sinking ship, and I do not believe they will climb aboard," he said. However, Fadnavis maintained that even if such

mergers materialise, they would work in the BJP's favour. "In politics, one should not exaggerate, but let me tell you ~ if they do merge, it is our gain, not our loss. It opens up massive political space for us. The more the opposition retreats and dissolves its individual identities, the more additional space becomes available to the BJP. We are simply in a 'wait and watch' mode," he said. His remarks come amid growing speculation over the possible merger of some regional parties with the

Ramesh accuses Shah of targeting Opposition in pursuit of two-thirds majority

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New Delhi, 12 June

Congress leader, Jairam Ramesh on Friday accused Union Home Minister Amit Shah of attempting to secure a two-thirds majority for the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the Lok Sabha by all means ahead of the forthcoming Monsoon Session of Parliament, alleging that the ruling establishment was seeking to weaken Opposition parties to achieve its political objectives. In a strongly-worded post on social media platform X, Ramesh claimed that the BJP strongman was engineering

the numbers required for constitutional changes after suffering a major parliamentary setback earlier this year. Referring to Shah as a "self-styled Chanakya," the Congress leader said the Home Minister was "humiliated" on 17 April 2026, when the NDA failed to secure the two-thirds majority constitutionally mandated to pass a Constitution Amendment Bill linked to delimitation. According to Ramesh, the proposed legislation was defeated by a convincing margin in the Lok Sabha, marking a significant victory for the Opposition. He alleged that the setback prompted fresh attempts by the ruling camp

to expand its strength in Parliament before the next session. "Never before has anybody tried to engineer a two-third majority for his party in the Lok Sabha as the Union Home Minister is desperately doing these days in the run-up to the Monsoon Session of Parliament," Ramesh said. The Congress general secretary in charge of communications further accused Shah of encouraging defections and political realignments to compensate for the NDA's inability to push through the constitutional amendment. "Stung by that resounding defeat, he is now busy breaking

Opposition parties and making a complete mockery of democracy," he alleged. Striking a defiant tone, the Congress leader asserted that Opposition parties would continue to resist what he described as attempts to undermine democratic institutions and parliamentary norms. "The fight is on. His evil designs must not and will not succeed," he said. Ramesh's remarks came amid escalating political tensions ahead of the Monsoon Session, with Opposition parties repeatedly accusing the BJP of using defections and political manoeuvring to consolidate

Rahul Gandhi questions PM's silence on deaths of Indian sailors in US strikes

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Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of remaining silent over the deaths of three Indian nationals in recent US strikes on commercial vessels in international waters, alleging that the government had failed to stand up for Indian citizens killed abroad. In a strongly worded post on social media platform X, Gandhi claimed that three Indians had lost their lives in three separate American attacks on ships over the past three days and questioned why the Prime Minister had not publicly reacted to the incidents. "Three Indians have died in three American attacks on ships in international waters in three days. And our compromised PM? Not a single word," Gandhi wrote. The Congress leader said it was the responsibility of

the Prime Minister to speak out whenever an Indian citizen was killed by a foreign power, accusing Modi of failing to do so in the present case. "When a foreign power kills an Indian, the Prime Minister must speak. But he does not have the courage to utter even a single word," Gandhi said. Targeting Modi ahead of his scheduled participation in the upcoming G7 Summit,

Gandhi alleged that the Prime Minister would continue engaging with world leaders while ignoring the concerns arising from the deaths of Indian seafarers. "Next week at the G7, just days after our sailors were killed, Modi ji will smile, embrace leaders and make deals. But he will not have a single word for those three Indians," he said.

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4.		33	4000730844	30/06/2022	Madhusmita Kanungo, At: Bramhana Pokhari Balukhanda, Puri-752002
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8	Athar-banki	19	991444287	30/06/2021	Gyana Ranjan Muduli, S/o: Kanhu Charan Muduli, Balijhara, Atharbanki, Paradeep, Jagatsinghpur

Place : Bhubaneswar, Date: 12.06.2026
Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

Cabinet Secy reviews NEET re-examination preparedness with DG, NTA

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Cabinet Secretary T. V. Somanathan on Friday reviewed preparations for the NEET-UG 2026 re-examination scheduled for 21 June with NTA Director General Pradeep Singh Kharaola and stressed on the need for a smooth, transparent and secure conduct of the examination through close coordination among all stakeholders. "The Central Government, State Governments and District administration are working together in close coordination to ensure smooth conduct of the NEET re-examination. The full might and weight of the law will fall on any person trying in any manner to distort, disrupt or tamper with the integrity or smooth conduct of the re-examination," he said. Officials said the Cabinet Secretary had earlier reviewed

THE AGENCY SAID THE CHANGE WAS INTRODUCED FOLLOWING FEEDBACK FROM CANDIDATES AND WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND REGIONAL- LANGUAGE QUESTION PAPERS.

arrangements with secretaries of the Central government and relevant agencies on June 1 and subsequently held a meeting with chief secretaries of states on June 4 to assess preparedness and progress. The review meetings were aimed at strengthening coordination among agencies, enhancing preparedness and safeguarding the integrity and credibility of the NEET re-examination process. Meanwhile, the National Testing Agency (NTA) on Friday announced a series of changes to the National

Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET-UG) aimed at improving candidates' exam-day experience while maintaining security and fairness standards. The measures come amid heightened scrutiny of the agency following alleged security lapses and a reported paper leak that led to the cancellation of the originally scheduled 3 May examination. In a public notice issued on 12 June, the NTA said the changes were intended to make the examination process "fair, secure and responsive to the needs of candidates". Among the key changes is a revision in the examination duration. The test will now be conducted from 2 p.m. to 5.15 p.m., giving candidates a total of 195 minutes. According to the agency, the additional 15 minutes accounts for mandatory pre-examination formalities such as attendance verification

and invigilation procedures, ensuring that students do not lose writing time due to administrative requirements. The NTA has also doubled the space available for rough work in the question paper booklet. Candidates will now receive four rough-work pages instead of two, providing additional room for calculations, diagrams and notes during the examination. The layout of the question paper booklet has also been modified. Earlier, rough-work pages were placed only at the end of the booklet. Under the revised format, two rough-work pages will be provided immediately after the instruction page, while the remaining two pages will continue to appear at the end. The agency said the change was introduced following feedback from candidates and would be implemented in both English and regional language question papers.

Education Ministry unveils startup, research compendiums ahead of Bharat Innovates 2026

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Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Friday released two strategic documents profiling startups and research projects from higher education institutions, ahead of the Bharat Innovates 2026 event scheduled to be held in Nice, France, from 14 to 16 June. The documents include the 'Bharat Innovates Startup Compendium', featuring 120 startups selected from across the country, and a research compendium showcasing nearly 50 projects from institutions such as IITs, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and other higher education and research centres. Speaking at the launch,



Pradhan said the initiative aligns with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which seeks to transform India from a consumer of knowledge into a creator of knowledge and innovation. "One of the core objectives of NEP 2020 is to transform India from a system of knowledge consumption to a system of knowledge

creation and innovation," Pradhan said, adding that many of the startups featured in the documents have emerged from India's premier institutions, incubators and research ecosystems. The minister said Bharat Innovates is expected to bring together more than 100 global investors and institutions and has already

generated investor interest, including nearly \$20 million in near-closure and finalised commitments. He added that roadshows have been organised in Paris, Tokyo and Bengaluru to connect Indian startups with international investors. According to the Education Ministry, the initiative will showcase 120 deep-tech startups selected from more than 3,000 ventures. The participating companies collectively hold over 1,500 patents and have raised more than \$1.5 billion in funding. The cohort includes listed firms such as ideaForge and Ather Energy. Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, Ajay Kumar Sood, said academic and research institutions have a critical role in strengthening India's deep-tech ecosystem.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Bikash Agrawal, age about 47 years, S/o. Ramnibash Agrawal, resident of NH 6, Ganapati Builder, P.S.: Bargharh Town, P.O. / Dist.: Bargharh, Pin-768028, Odisha, declared by this Affidavit No.: 1986, Dated 12-06-2026 that now onwards I shall be known as **Bikash Kumar Agrawal** for all future purposes.

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Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice & Demand Amount as on	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 10-06-2026	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR (10 % of reserve price)	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last date for submission of Bid	Account details for remitting EMD (EMD to be deposited through Demand Draft drawn in favour of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank)
1.	33392100 80000015 36182188 60000001	1. Parikshita Bank S/o Naba Kishor Bank 2. Basant Dei @ Basant Kurnari Bank W/o Naba Kishor Bank 3. Naba Kishor Bank S/o Surya Mani Bank	23.05.2022 Rs.10,20,682.12- as on 22-05-2022	05-01-2023	Rs.13,82,578.88-	03-07-2026 10:00 AM	Rs.1,35,000/-	Rs.13,500/-	21-07-2026 10:00 AM	20-07-2026	EMD to be deposited through Demand Draft drawn in favour of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

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Place: Odisha

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