


120th episode of Mann Ki Baat: Languages, regions differ, but festivals show unity in diversity: PM Modi

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Amid a raging debate over the three-language formula in NEP and Tamil Nadu's incessant pushback, PM Narendra Modi Sunday highlighted a d G u d i messages from different parts of the Padwa in Maharashtra, he said, country in various languages he "In our country full of diversity, received to mark the Indian New Year during the next few days, in and said that these festivals show how different states, Rongali Bihu unity is woven into the country's will be celebrated in Assam, diversity.In the 120th episode of Mann P o i l a B o i s a k h i n Ki Baat, PM Modi said he got letters Bengal, Navreh in Kashmir... from Bihar, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu The festival of Eid is also and some from Gujarat wishing him there." "These festivals may be for Vikram Samvat 2082, the Indian in different regions, but they New Year. "... you must have show how unity is woven into understood that the messages have the diversity of India. We have been sent in different languages... to keep reinforcing This is exactly the special thing I want this spirit of unity, on our way to share with you today.ahead," he said.

New Year is starting today and during the next few days in different states of our country. And all these messages are of g r e e t i n g s f o r New Year and various festivals. That is why people have sent me greetings in different languages," he said. Pointing out that Ugadi was being celebrated in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, G u d i Padwa in Maharashtra, he said, country in various languages he "In our country full of diversity, received to mark the Indian New Year during the next few days, in and said that these festivals show how different states, Rongali Bihu unity is woven into the country's will be celebrated in Assam, diversity.In the 120th episode of Mann P o i l a B o i s a k h i n Ki Baat, PM Modi said he got letters Bengal, Navreh in Kashmir... from Bihar, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu The festival of Eid is also and some from Gujarat wishing him there." "These festivals may be for Vikram Samvat 2082, the Indian in different regions, but they New Year. "... you must have show how unity is woven into understood that the messages have the diversity of India. We have been sent in different languages... to keep reinforcing This is exactly the special thing I want this spirit of unity, on our way to share with you today.ahead," he said.

You can undergo a unique experience in the border villages by becoming a part of the vibrant village campaign... At the same time, by participating in padyatra on Ambedkar Jayanti, you can spread awareness about the values of the Constitution." MY Bharat is an initiative of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to empower youth through social mobility, educational equity, and practical skills. Modi praised water harvesting efforts in India and said, "The Ministry of Jal Shakti and numerous NGOs are working in that direction. Thousands of artificial ponds, check dams, borewell recharge and community soak pits are being constructed in the country." Flagging the abjectly low recycle levels from textile waste, he said, "It has come to light in a research that only less than 1% of textile waste is recycled into new clothes... India is the third in the world where the maximum textile waste is generated." He, however, praised Indian start-ups for the efforts undertaken to deal with the challenges. "There are many teams working towards empowerment of ragpickers... Many young friends are involved with passage of time, they in the efforts towards sustainable fashion. They recycle old clothes and footwear and distribute them among the needy. themselves. f u n c t i o n .

Many items like decorative pieces, handbags, stationery and toys are being made from textile waste. Many organisations are engaged in Chowtaal performance popularising the 'circular fashion brands' these days," he said. Recalling his recent visit to Mauritius, Modi said Tobago. In all these countries, Indian culture was being people read Ramayan a lot. c e l e b r a t e d a n d Phagwa is very popular here and preserved in various parts of all Indian festivals are celebrated the world and stressed that with full enthusiasm. when "we stay connected to Many of their songs are in our roots, no matter how big Bhojpuri, Awadhi or mixed the storm, it cannot uproot language; at times Braj and us". "What I felt during the Maithili are also used. All those wonderful performance of who preserve our traditions in G e e t G a w a i i n these countries deserve Mauritius was truly appreciation," Modi amazing... about 200 years said. Referring to the ago, many people from special calendar of MY India went to Mauritius Bharat for summer as indentured labourers... vacation, Modi said, " working towards empowerment of in the efforts towards sustainable fashion. They settled there, carved a Bharat, you can know niche identity for how our Jan Aushadhi Kendras



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The Importance of Early Age Investment: Why Young People Must Start Investing as Soon as Possible



In today’s fast-paced world, financial security is one of the most crucial aspects of a stable and successful life. With inflation steadily rising and economic uncertainties looming, ensuring financial independence has become more important than ever.

One of the most effective ways to achieve this is through early-age investing. The sooner one starts investing, the better the financial future they can secure. Yet, many young people delay investing, often under the misconception that they need a substantial income or expert knowledge to begin. In reality, starting early provides a significant advantage in wealth creation and financial stability. This article explores why young people should begin investing as soon as possible, the benefits of early investments, and how they can get started with simple yet effective strategies. The Power of Compounding One of the most significant advantages of early investment is the power of compounding. Compound interest allows money to grow exponentially over time, as returns generate additional returns in the future. The earlier an individual starts investing, the more time their money has to compound, leading to greater wealth accumulation. For instance, if a 20-year-old invests ₹5,000 per month in a mutual fund that generates an average annual return of 12%, by the time they reach 60, their investment will have grown to approximately ₹5.5 crore. In contrast, if they start at 30 years old with the same monthly contribution, their wealth will be significantly lower, around ₹1.75 crore. This substantial difference highlights why starting early is crucial. Financial Independence at an Early Age Investing early leads to financial freedom much sooner than those who delay their investment journey. When individuals start early, they accumulate wealth that provides them with choices—whether it's retiring early, starting their own business, or simply enjoying a comfortable lifestyle. Financial independence is not just about saving money but about making money work efficiently. Those who invest early develop a habit of disciplined saving and wealth-building, which helps them achieve their goals faster. Managing Risks More Effectively Younger investors have a longer investment horizon, allowing them to take higher risks with potentially higher rewards. Since they have years ahead to recover from market fluctuations, they can invest in high-growth assets like stocks, equity mutual funds, and even cryptocurrencies, without the immediate fear of losses. Older investors, who start late,

often have a lower risk tolerance because they need their money sooner, making them more reliant on conservative investment options that offer lower returns. Young investors, on the other hand, can afford to ride out market volatility and take advantage of long-term growth opportunities. Learning and Developing Financial Discipline Investing early fosters financial discipline. When young people commit to investing a portion of their income, they naturally develop good money management skills. They learn budgeting, the importance of saving, and the impact of financial decisions on their future. Early investors also gain experience in handling market fluctuations, understanding asset classes, and making informed financial choices. This learning curve is much smoother when started at a young age rather than later in life when financial obligations like loans, family responsibilities, and other expenses come into play.

Bulldozer Action is Against the Constitution – Advocate Syed Zainul Abedin



Recently, a bulldozer was used to demolish Faheem Khan’s house in Nagpur, sparking a debate on whether such actions against an accused person are justified. The administration claims that Faheem Khan was involved in a crime, but can punishment be imposed before a legal trial? Expressing strong displeasure over the incident, Advocate Syed Zainul Abedin stated, "If someone is a criminal, legal action should be taken against them, but their house should not be demolished without a proper hearing and judicial process." Strict Action Against Officials Advocate Abedin demanded that strict legal action be taken against the officials responsible for demolishing Faheem Khan’s house. He emphasized, "Those responsible for this incident should be booked under an FIR and given strict punishment so that no government or administration dares to undertake such illegal actions in the future." Compensation for Faheem Khan Advocate Abedin further stated that the government must provide fair compensation to Faheem Khan, as his house was demolished without following legal procedures. He added, "This is a clear violation of Article 21 (Right to Life and Dignity) of the Constitution, and the government must rectify this injustice." What Does the Law Say? Several courts have ruled that bulldozing homes without following legal procedures is illegal and unconstitutional. The Supreme Court and High Courts have clearly stated that no citizen can be evicted without due legal process.

Supreme Court: Bulldozing Without Notice is Unconstitutional (Olga Tellis v. Bombay Municipal Corporation, 1985) The Supreme Court ruled that under Article 21 (Right to Life), rendering someone homeless is unconstitutional. The government cannot evict anyone without proper notice and a hearing. Supreme Court: Rule of Law is Essential (Ajay Maken v. Union of India, 2019) The court emphasized that legal procedures must be followed before demolishing any house. The affected person must be given notice, an opportunity for a hearing, and legal remedies. Allahabad High Court: Bulldozer Action Should Not Be Driven by Revenge (Javed v. State of UP, 2022) The court directed the Uttar Pradesh government to ensure that legal procedures are followed before any demolition. Bulldozing without proper hearings and legal steps violates the rule of law. Advocate Abedin’s Response Reacting to the demolition of Faheem Khan’s house in Nagpur, Advocate Syed Zainul Abedin stated, "If someone is accused of a crime, it must be proven in court. Demolishing a house without a trial, notice, or hearing is injustice and an insult to the Constitution. We live in a democratic country where no one is above the law, so how can bulldozer justice be justified?" He further demanded that officials responsible for this illegal action should face legal consequences and that Faheem Khan should receive appropriate compensation from the government.

Municipal Corporation's budget meeting complete: No tax hike in 2025-26 budget; 42 air-conditioned e-buses to be in service of Akolekars soon



Akola: Akola Municipal Corporation's Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Main Hall, on the orders of Municipal Commissioner and Administrator Dr. Sunil Lahane, a budget meeting was organized on March 25, 2025 at 11.30 am regarding the revised budget for the year 2024-25 and the original budget for the year 2025-26. In the meeting, Municipal Commissioner and Administrator Dr. Sunil Lahane expressed his views in accordance with the budget provisions. While expressing his views, the Municipal Commissioner presented a budget of 10.92 lakhs,

balancing the income received by the Municipal Administration and the expected work-wise expenditure for providing people-oriented services and necessary amenities. The meeting was moderated by Anil Bidve, while the budget meeting was introduced by Chief Accounting Officer Jagdish Manmothe. Chief Accounts Officer Jagdish Manmothe, Chief Auditor Vajinath Shelke, Municipal Deputy Commissioner Geeta Thackeray, City Engineer Neela Vanjari, Executive Engineer Ajay Gujar, Municipal Secretary Amol Doifode, Sixth Commissioner Vijay Paratwar, Vitthal Devkate, Dilip Jadhav, Education Officer Dr. Shaheen Sultana and all department heads were present on this occasion. Akola Municipal Corporation Administrator Dr. Sunil Lahane expressed his views on this occasion. Dr. Lahane said that I joined the Akola Municipal Corporation, a city with a historical heritage, as an Administrator and Commissioner on March 7, 2024. As an Administrator, I am presenting the first budget for the year 2024-25 as per Sections 103 and 104 of the Maharashtra Municipal Corporation Act and the original budget for the financial year 2025-2026 as per Sections 95, 96, and 100 at the service of the people of Akola. No tax increase has been made in the budget for the year 2025-26. While preparing the revised budget for the year 2024-25 and the basic budget of the Akola Municipal Corporation for the year 2025-26, an effort has been made to maintain proper coordination by prioritizing the development works to be carried out in the area of the Akola Municipal Corporation and the expenditure incurred for essential services to be provided to all citizens, keeping in mind the taxes, fees, grants, and other deposits received by this corporation. Balanced development has been considered while providing all the civic and essential facilities in Akola city and its surrounding areas, including daily solid waste management, electrification, road development, daily water supply maintenance and repair, medical services, educational facilities, etc. Balanced development has been considered while providing all the civic and essential facilities in Akola city and its surrounding areas. This Municipal Corporation is constantly striving to provide quality essential basic amenities to the youth, women, senior citizens, disabled persons and all sections of the society from all social strata of the city. As per the approved budget for the year 2024-25, this budget has reviewed the expenditure up to November 2024 and the revised budget for the financial year 2024-25 has been prepared taking into account the estimated collection amount to be received in the remaining four months and the expenditure on development works accordingly. Also, very importantly, while preparing the budget for the year 2025-26, the collection expenditure budget has been prepared by considering the liabilities of the works undertaken earlier and the revenue to be collected.



## Wadegaon Gram Panchayat to be converted into 'Nagar Panchayat' soon!



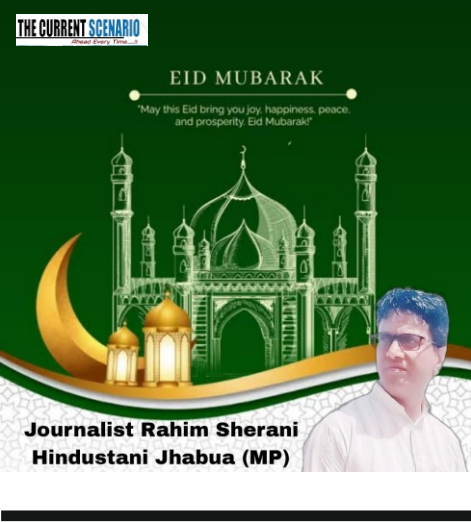
**Akola:** The government is working on converting the Gram Panchayat of Wadegaon (Balapur taluka) into a Nagar Panchayat, and there are indications that the conversion of Wadegaon Gram Panchayat into a 'Nagar Panchayat' will happen soon.As per the instructions given by the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Urban Development Minister Namdar Eknath Shinde, is it possible to establish a Nagar Panchayat in the said village to convert the Gram Panchayat of Wadegaon Taluka Balapur in Akola district into a Nagar Panchayat or how? If so, a complete proposal with comments should be submitted to the government along with the necessary documents as per the provisions of the Maharashtra Municipal Council, Nagar Panchayat and Industrial Towns Act, 1965, reliable sources have informed that Jayant Wani, Under Secretary, Urban Development Department, Government of Maharashtra, has sent a letter to the District Collector Akola.Wadegaon P.S. Balapur is the largest Gram Panchayat in Akola district. Wadegaon is a village located on State Highway 198 between Balapur and Patur. According to the 2011 census, the population of Wadegaon Gram Panchayat is 18,257 (eighteen thousand two hundred and seven castes). According to the certificate of Gram Panchayat Wadegaon, the estimated population today is 40,000 (forty thousand). The number of voters is over 18,900. Today, the entire village of Wadegaon consists of one group of Zilla Parishad and two groups of Panchayat Samiti in one village.The percentage of non-agricultural employment in the village is 59.48 percent.There are big industries in the proposed Nagar Panchayat. 132 KV. V. Power Center, Warehouse, Dal Mill, Oil Mill, Self-Employed Home Industries, Schools, Colleges, Spacious Market, Independent Market Place of Lemon, Agricultural Products Market Committee Balapur (Sub-Market Place), Nationalized Bank, Cooperative Bank, Police Outpost, Post Office, Primary Health Center, Talathi Office, BSNL Center, Petrol Pump, Mangal Office, Mobile Tower, Private Clinics, Hospital, Medical, Weekly Market, Veterinary Clinic, Cattle Market, Kondwada, Cloth Market. Also, there are many places of worship and religious places for devotees. Wadegaon in Balapur taluka is the main trading center for lakhs of people from hundreds of small and big villages.

Akola is the district headquarters at 29.00 km. Balapur is the taluka headquarters at 13.09 km. And Patur is the taluka headquarters at 18.00 km.No other Gram Panchayat has been included in the proposed Nagar Parishad area. Therefore, the Gram Panchayat Wadegaon Office has no objection to giving the status of Nagar Panchayat to the Wadegaon area. The proposal for converting Wadegaon Taluka Balapur Gram Panchayat into Nagar Panchayat was submitted to Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde by Shiv Sena Yuva Sena Maharashtra State Secretary Vitthal Sarap Patil on February 25. Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde had instructed the concerned department to examine this proposal and prepare a proposal on it immediately. After this, on March 17, a letter was sent to the Akola District Collector, asking whether it is possible to establish a Nagar Panchayat in the village of Wadegaon in Akola district or how? If so, the complete proposal along with its opinion should be submitted to the government along with the necessary documents as per the provisions of the Maharashtra Municipal Council, Nagar Panchayat and Industrial Towns Act, 1965. Therefore, the villagers hope that the green light will soon be given to convert the Wadegaon Gram Panchayat into a 'Nagar Panchayat'

### Rajgira Laddu from Akola will be distributed during Ram Navami festival in Ayodhya; Abhyankar family gets honor



**Akola:** Rajgir laddus prepared in Akola will be distributed on Ram Navami in Ayodhya. On April 6, on Ram Navami in Ayodhya, 1 lakh Rajgir laddus have been distributed to the Abhyankar family of Akola. Last year, the Abhyankar family had taken a pledge to distribute 1 lakh laddus in Ayodhya. Regarding the distribution of laddus, the Abhyankar family had sought prior permission from the Ayodhya Ram Mandir Trust and the trust has given them permission to distribute laddus. These laddus will be distributed free of cost to the Ram devotees in Ayodhya. Currently, preparations are underway in Akola to prepare 1 lakh amla laddus. He is receiving a lot of support from his family and the people of Akola for this initiative. The name of Akola itself has also been elevated due to this honor bestowed upon the Abhyankar family.“The work of making laddus is going on day and night and on April 2, the entire laddu will be sent to Ayodhya by truck. 500 kg of jaggery and 500 kg of amla paste have been used to make these laddus.” said **Sudhir Abhyankar**



### 'IIM-Ahmedabad will launch its first international campus in Dubai in September': Director



**The Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad is all set to launch its first international campus in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) in September this year, said IIMA director, Professor Bharat Bhasker on Saturday. He made these remarks during the 60th convocation ceremony of the institute, held at Louis Kahn Plaza in Ahmedabad. The chief guest for the event was former chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Dr S Somanath. Notably, IIM Ahmedabad will be the first institute of the IIMs to establish a presence outside India. While stating that the placements this year were better compared to all previous years, the IIMA Director announced that six students decided to become entrepreneurs and had been enrolled in the Mavericks Fellowship Programme.** Asserting that “education can be a significant financial burden”, Professor Bhasker said that 68 students had received full tuition waivers and 128 had received partial tuition waivers. He said that IIMA was committed to “increase the number of tuition waivers”.Professor Bhasker also announced the establishment of a new ‘Madan Mohanka Centre of Excellence in Case Method of Learning’, backed by Madan Mohanka, a prominent industrialist and an alumnus of IIMA from PGP 1967. During the convocation, 630 students were awarded degrees. The list included 22 scholars from the Doctoral Programme in Management (PhD), 405 students from the two-year Post Graduate Programme in Management (MBA-PGP), 45 students from the two-year Post Graduate Programme in Food and Agri-business Management (MBA-FABM), and 158 students from the one-year Post Graduate Programme in Management (MBA-PGPX). Five students were awarded gold medals by the Chief Guest in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements. These included Abhi Bansal, Ishaan Jain, and Aanchal Chadha from MBA-PGP; Yogesh Kumar R from MBA-FABM; and Aashruth Rangarajan from MBA-PGPX.

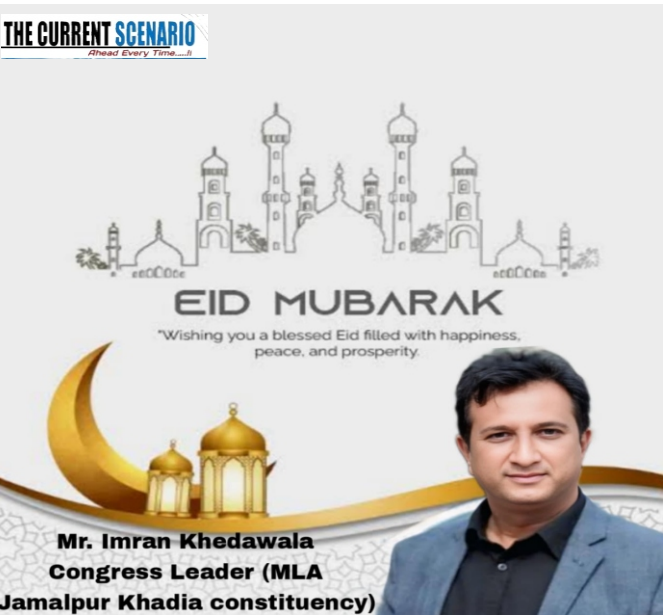
The students received their degrees from the chairman of the Board of Governors of IIMA and Chairman of Zydus Lifesciences, Pankaj Patel. Addressing the gathering, Patel said, “With rapid technological advancements and data-driven decision-making, businesses are constantly evolving. There is an increased demand for business professionals who can keep up with the latest trends. Your ability to adapt to situations, embrace change, and learn new skills will be your biggest strength and will set you apart in the crowd.” While sharing that he was also an IIMA alumnus, former ISRO chairman and chief guest, Dr S Somanath said, “To truly unlock the potential of our nation, we must continue to innovate and collaborate”. “Innovation requires a culture of curiosity, strength to face failure, and an insatiable hunger to seek answers. At ISRO, we faced numerous challenges over the years, but each failure only strengthened our resolve to try again, to find better solutions, and to reach greater heights,” he said. “India is now at the cusp of a technological and scientific revolution. The future holds immense possibilities, in space exploration, artificial intelligence, sustainable development, and beyond. The responsibility to shape that future lies in your hands. I urge you to cultivate the spirit of innovation and apply your knowledge to solve real-world problems whether in science, humanities, or social sciences, because innovation has a place everywhere,” added Dr Somanath.

### Maharashtra’s Fight Against Drought: MLA Randhir Savarkar Highlights Devendra Fadnavis’ Vision at Kapshi Reservoir Event”



**Akola-Awes Siddiqui** Maharashtra’s dynamic leader, Honorable Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, has taken significant strides in making the state drought-free through public participation. His initiative has provided much-needed relief to farmers and common citizens in Marathwada, Vidarbha, and North Maharashtra. Emphasizing the importance of government-public cooperation, MLA Randhir Savarkar stated that the administration is committed to addressing public concerns under the "Shasan Aplya Dari" (Government at Your Doorstep) initiative. He highlighted the ongoing desilting efforts at Kapshi Reservoir under the "Mukta Dharan Galmukt Shivar" project, which aims to benefit farmers and local residents. Speaking at the inauguration of this project at Kapshi, MLA Savarkar reiterated the government's dedication to enhancing water conservation through active community participation. The event saw the presence of several dignitaries, including Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue) Dr. Sharad Jawale, Tehsildar Suresh Kawale, BJP OBC leader Sachin Wanare, and other prominent figures such as Jayant Masne, Shankarrao Wakode, Ambadas Umale, Vitthal Chattrakar, Madhav Mankar, Rajesh Thackeray, Siddheshwar Lonkar, Vaibhav Mahore, Ankush Ingle, and Kiran Thorat.





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# Congress tells Gujarat govt to implement Ladli Behna scheme; State describes other existing schemes for women



The Congress-led Opposition Friday demanded that the Gujarat government start the Ladli Behna scheme which the neighbouring BJP-ruled states of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan have been implementing. In reply, the state government gave details on various existing women-oriented schemes in Gujarat. The issue cropped up during the Question Hour in the state Assembly, when BJP MLA Vipul Patel sought to know the sanctioned applications under the Vahli Dikri Yojana in Anand district in the last year. Under the Vahli Dikri Yojana, the first and second girl child of qualified families are provided Rs 4,000 at the time of enrolment in Class 1 and Rs 6,000 at the time of enrolment in Class IX. Financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh is provided for higher education or for marriage when the girl attains the age of 18. Replying on behalf of the state government, Minister of State Praful Pansheriya said that out of the total 1,947 applications, 1,733 were sanctioned and financial assistance of Rs 19.06 crore was approved. During the discussion on the question, Congress MLA Amit Chavda said, “Due to inflation, women of a family are in great pain.

And it seems the women of Gujarat, in particular, are facing injustice and discrimination. Because, whether it is Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan or Maharashtra, the Ladli Behna scheme is being implemented and a number of women from Gujarat have written letters to the Prime Minister seeking help.” “When Chief Minister (Bhupendra Patel) is present here, I want to request and ask if the government wants to bring Ladli Behna scheme for the women of Gujarat on the lines of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh,” said Chavda. Under the Ladli Behna Yojana in these states, the government deposits Rs 1,500 per month in the bank accounts of qualified women. In reply, Pansheriya spoke about the government’s initiatives for the welfare of women in Gujarat. He said, “It is my pleasure to inform this House that 10 lakh girls are (getting benefits) under the Nammo Lakshmi and Nammo Saraswati schemes. And we provide financial help of Rs 3,015 crore to 16.5 lakh widows.” The Nammo Lakshmi Yojana was launched by the Gujarat government to promote education among girl students, while the Nammo Saraswati Yojana’s objective is to promote girl students’ education in the science stream.