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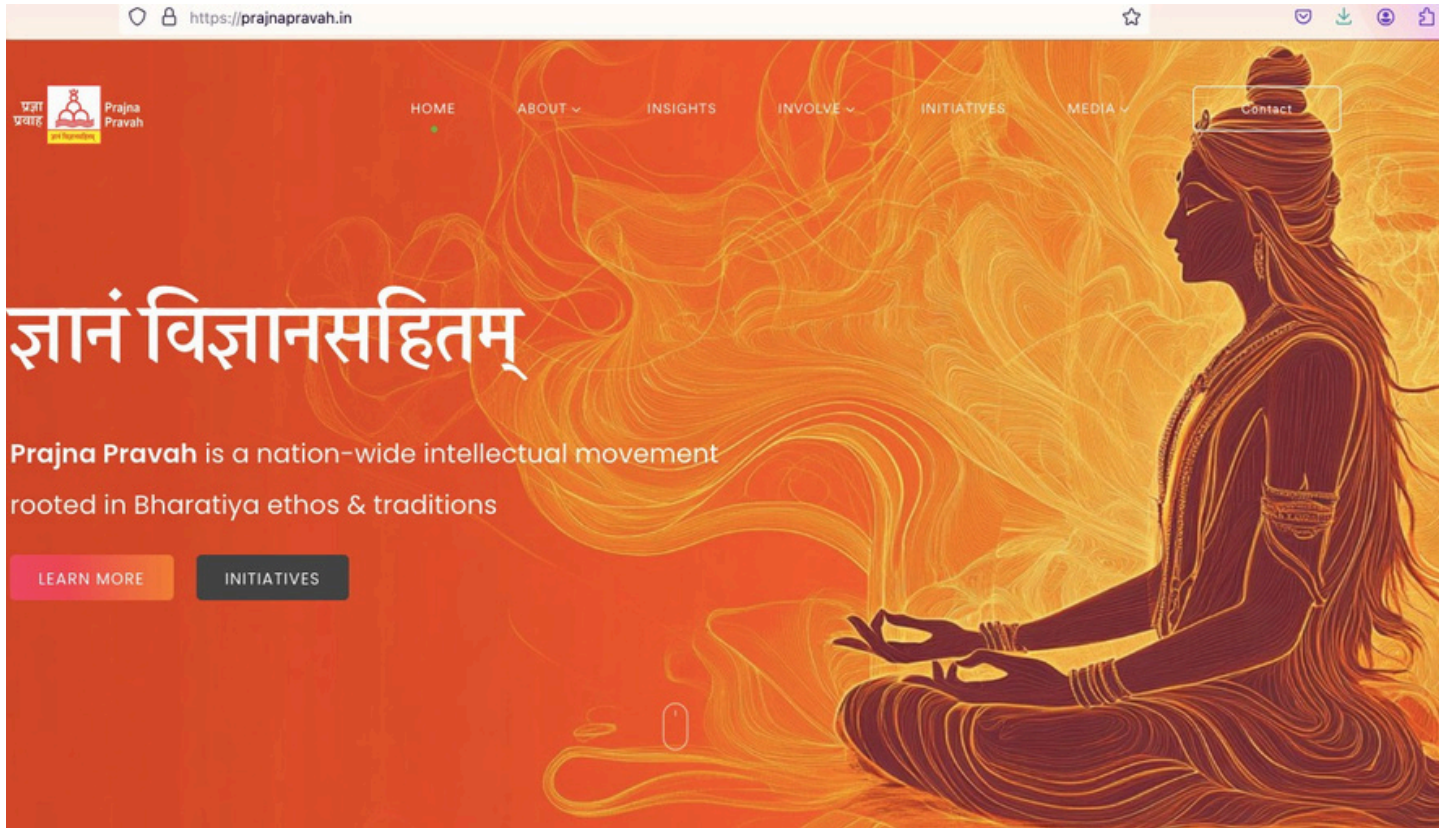
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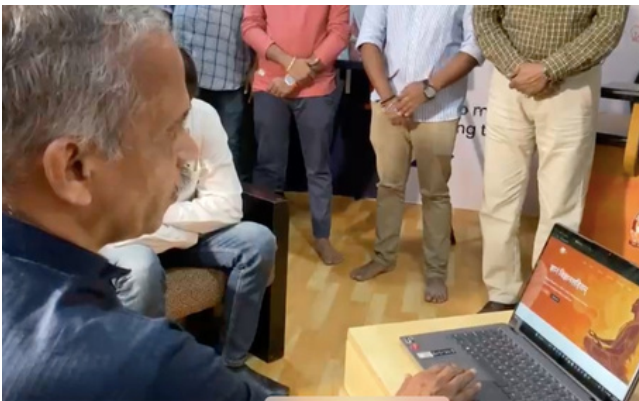
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Prajna Pravah - Redesigned Website Launch



The re-designed website of Prajna Pravah (www.prajnapravah.in) has been launched by Sri Nandakumar ji, National Convener, Prajna Pravah at Lokmanthan 2024 office at Bhagyanagar on the 3rd of October 2024



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At Adilabad, Telangana – October 1, 2024

As a part of Lokmanthan festivities, Pragna Bharati Adilabad organised a host of student and youth competitions that included elocution, essay writing, rangoli, dance and quizzes that showcased the incredible talents and knowledge of the youth. The event was a resounding success, filled with energy, enthusiasm, and a competitive spirit that left everyone captivated.

The competitions were judged by a panel of teachers from the district who assessed the participants' performance based on various criteria, including technique, creativity, and overall impact. The judges were impressed by the high level of talent and dedication displayed by the contestants.



Pre-Lokmanthan event

On October 1, 2024 a meeting was organised at Madhava Seva Samithi building in Adilabad. Sri Yagna Narayana of Pragna Bharati, Bhagyanagar explained the objectives and Theme of Lokmanthan 2024. The Principals of both the schools which organised the student competitions - Sri K Shravan Kumar and Dr. Ajay Gopal attended the programme, organised by Sri Vilas Reddy of Pragna Bharati, Adilabad.

The winners of competitions were awarded prizes (Bhagavad Gita) and certificates, recognizing their outstanding achievements. However, the true winners were all the participants who had the opportunity to showcase their talents and learn from the experience. The event was a testament to the rich cultural heritage and intellectual diversity of the youth.

Sri Yagna Narayana informed the gathering on the objectives of Lokmanthan programme and explained the different aspects covered by the previous editions at Bhopal, Ranchi and Gauwahati.

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At Raipur, Chhattisgarh – October 3-5, 2024

The Pre-Lokmanthan programme -the First Chhattisgarh Green Summit 2024 concluded at Raipur after three days of robust discussions on environmental sustainability, policy frameworks, and the integration of Lok traditions into development practices. The event, co-hosted by Chhattisgarh Forest and Climate Change Department in association with Vibgyor N.E. Foundation, Prajna Pravah, New Delhi NIT Raipur, and Amity University Chhattisgarh, took place at the DDU Auditorium in Raipur. It brought together experts, policymakers, and conservationists to address some of the state's most pressing environmental concerns.



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Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Shri Vishu Deo Sai inaugurated this first edition of the Chhattisgarh Green Summit. In his address, Shri Sai said his government has launched several programmes to boost the state's green cover, which already stands at 44 per cent of its geographical area. He informed that the State is playing its part in fight against climate change. Chhattisgarh is also expanding its solar and hydropower capacity and will play a pivotal role in helping India achieve its target of 500 gigawatts of renewable energy capacity by 2030.



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At the valedictory ceremony on October 5 had the participation of Shri Ramen Deka, Hon'ble Governor of Chhattisgarh, Shri Kedar Kashyap, Hon'ble Forest and Climate Change Minister, Chhattisgarh, Prof. Dr. Piyush Kant Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Amity University, Chhattisgarh, Shri V. Sreenivasa Rao, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Chhattisgarh, Shri C.P. Marak, Chairman, Meghalaya Board of School Education, Shri Rakesh Chaturvedi, IFS (Retd.) and Shri Atul Nagale from Prajna Pravah.

The event's Chief Guest Shri Ramen Deka, emphasised the importance of taking proactive steps towards environmental conservation, especially in the face of climate change. In his address, he said, "When I assumed the office as Governor of Chhattisgarh, I was proud to learn that the state has 44% forest cover—an impressive achievement. I congratulate the Chhattisgarh government for their commendable work in preserving these forests. The essence of a 'Green Summit' lies in maintaining our water resources and forests—both are essential for sustainability.



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We cannot simply grow trees overnight; we must preserve our rainforests for the next generation. In the U.S., over 60% of rainwater is harvested, while in India, the figure is only 23%. This summit provides a platform to raise awareness, educate, and chart a path forward. It is now everyone's responsibility to contribute, and only through collaborative, grassroots-driven efforts can we ensure the preservation of these invaluable natural resources. The time to act is now, and the joint efforts of citizens, institutions, and policymakers are key to making this happen."



Speaking at the event, Kedar Kashyap, Hon'ble Forest and Climate Change Minister, reflected on the challenges facing India's ecosystems, particularly the rising impact of air and water pollution. "Over the years, climate change has brought significant shifts to our environment, and we must respond with urgency," he said. "I greatly commend Prime Minister Narendra Modi for spearheading various sustainability initiatives and conservation programmes that aim to protect nature and create a cleaner, greener future. In Chhattisgarh, we have already witnessed positive changes through our own efforts, and we are taking further initiatives to ensure that we continue to thrive by safeguarding our environment. It is essential that we integrate both traditional knowledge and modern practices to protect our natural heritage."

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A key highlight of the summit was a panel discussion on Wetland Restoration and Urban Greening, where experts examined how urban forestry and wetland restoration could play a pivotal role in creating sustainable cities. Dr. Sachidananda Shukla, Vice Chancellor of Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, and Shri Vijay Dhasmana, Founder of The Rewilders, were among the leading voices in this discussion, exploring the environmental, social, and economic impacts of these initiatives. Another significant session focused on the Benefit Sharing Mechanism: Biodiversity and Carbon Credit. This discussion was centered on Chhattisgarh's potential for forest conservation and carbon sequestration, with an emphasis on how collaborative conservation eGorts could lead to substantial contributions towards climate change mitigation.



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During this session, Shri C.P. Marak, Chairman of the Meghalaya Board of School Education and former PCCF & HoFF Meghalaya, presented a case study of the Khasi Hills Community REDD+ project, a community-led conservation initiative. He commented, "The Khasi Hills project is a clear demonstration of how community-driven eGorts can yield both environmental and economic benefits. Covering more than 500 hectares of sacred forest and involving 62 villages, this initiative has created a sustainable model for carbon credit generation. It's not just about forest protection; it's about ensuring that communities directly benefit from conservation eGorts. This is a model that can easily be adapted in Chhattisgarh, where forests play a crucial role in local economies and environmental health." The event also featured a presentation from Dr. K.T. Parthivan, Dean of the Forest College & Research Institute, Tamil Nadu, and Shri Syed Arif Wali from TERI, who outlined the future of biodiversity conservation and carbon credit trading mechanisms. Commenting on the summit Smt. Bitopi Basumatary Luhoe, Secretary of Vibgyor N.E. Foundation, highlighted the crucial role of community involvement in such initiatives. "True environmental change begins at the community level. It is only through active engagement and collaboration that we can hope to achieve our conservation goals," she stated, reinforcing the message of shared responsibility for Chhattisgarh's future.

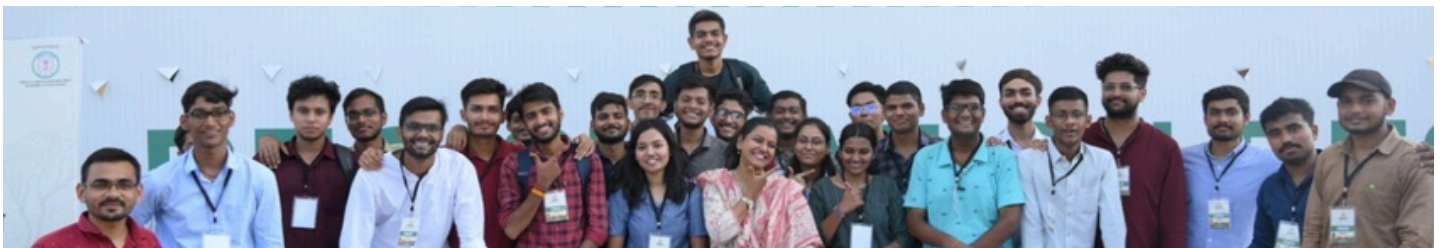
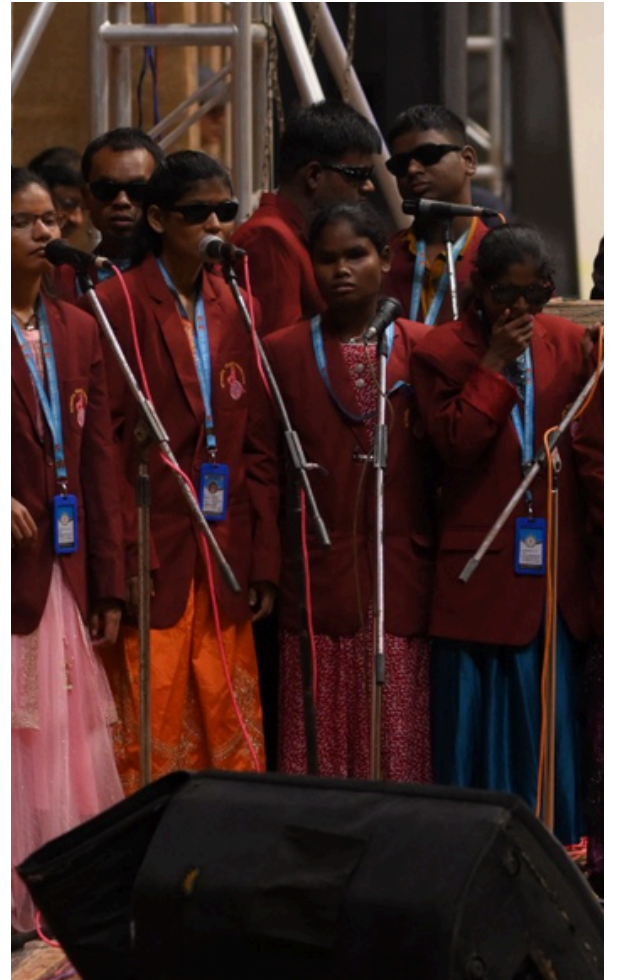


The event culminated with the Green Awards, Honouring Chhattisgarh's green warriors to celebrate their outstanding dedication to the environment. Sri G. Singh was recognised for beekeeping and community empowerment. Sri Baluram Verma for planting saplings and promoting a greener planet. Sri Sitaram Das for crocodile conservation. Smt. Amrika Netam for preserving agricultural heritage and promoting eco-friendly practices. Smt. Budhari Tati for contributions to social service and a greener world and Smt. Neha Bansod for tree conservation and biodiversity protection.

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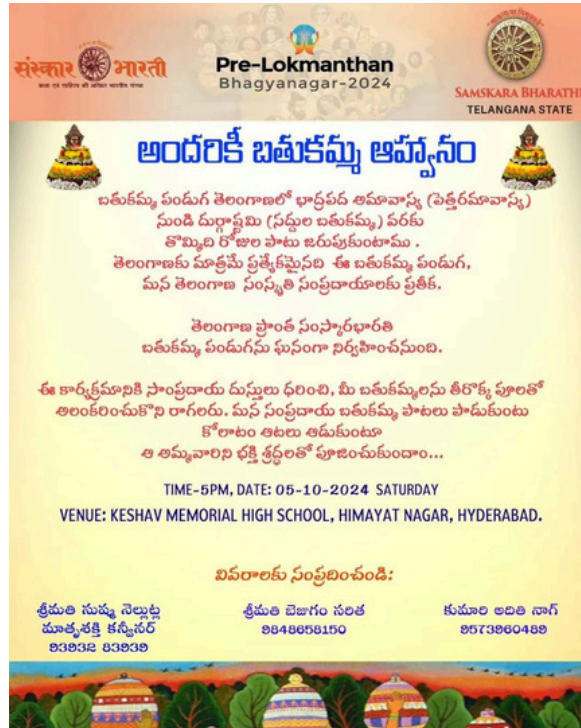


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At Bhagyanagar, Telangana , October 4, 2024

As part of Pre-Lokmanthan programme, Bathukamma (the traditional flower-oriented dance of Telangana) celebrations were organized on the 5th of this month at Keshav Memorial High School, Himayat Nagar, Hyderabad of Samskara Bharti Telangana.

About 200 maatru moorthis participated in this programme and danced their heart around Bathukamma. On this occasion, Smt. Sushma Nellutla, Convenor Maatru Sakthi explained the significance of Bathukamma in the daily life of all Bharatiyas.



At Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - October 19, 2024

A Pre-Lokmanthan programme is being organised in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh by THINK Bharat. The primary objective of THINK is to contribute to the country's progress by promoting nationalism. THINK acts as a discussion forum to encourage thinking aimed at strengthening national unity and integrity in accordance with values and provisions enunciated in the Indian constitution and in a peaceful manner.

Sri Bhupathi Raju Srinivasa Varma, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries, Government of India will be the Special Guest. Sri Bhaskara Yogi of Pragna Bharati, Telangana will speak on the occasion and explain the concept and theme of Lokmanthan 2024.

Justice Dr. Siva Sankara Rao Bulusu, former High Court Judge of AP and Sri Sarvashresth Tripathi, IPS, Inspector General of Police, Guntur range, Guntur would be the Guests of Honour.

The programme, being organised at Hindu Pharmacy College, Guntur, will have live performance by lok kalaakaars in several Bharatiya kalas such Tholu bommalu, Chekka Bhajana etc. Also, stalls by Weavers and activities like Pottery, Kolatam, Burra Kadha, Kuchipudi dances etc would be there. The Principal of the Kuchipudi School of Dance will speak on this unique dance form and its role in society.



Chekka Bhajana in action

Chekka bhajan is a traditional folk art form from the Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh. They involve songs and dances performed with wooden musical instruments to tell stories from The Ramayana. The name "chekka" comes from the Telugu word for wood. These musical instruments, about a foot long each, have hollowed out spaces for bells on each side. When clapped together, they harmonize with the beats of the tabla. Chekka bhajanas are popular for their festive and informal nature, as well as their light hearted lyrics in Telugu Parigi .

Vikarabad, Telangana – October 27, 2024

Programme dedicated to Vaggeya Karas (Lok writer-singers) in the Telangana region

As part of Pre-lokmanthan, Shri Bhaskar Yogi and his team are organising a Pada Sankeertana Sahitya Sammelan, along with mass sankeertan of spiritual songs by bhajan troupes will be held on October 27 2024 at Parigi town in Vikarabad district of Telangana. There are about 300 famous vaggeya karas (writer-singers) in the Telangana region. After Bhadrachala Ramadasu, about 500 keerthanas on the same level was written-sung by Rakancherla Venkata Dasu. At this Pre-Lokmanthan function, going to be held near the Peetham of Venkata Dasu, tattva songs will be rendered by the lok artists from the Rakamancherla bhajana mandali and Palamuru Rangareddy bhajana mandali.

The programme will have talks from people who have done extensive research with a thorough analysis of how the word compositions have positively affected our society -spiritually, philosophically and socially. There will also be art exhibitions also. Telugu Lok poets such as Sri Kasireddy and Sri Gorreti Venkanna will participate.





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