# From servitude to freedom: Madhya Pradesh ends captive elephant practice after HC push

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AFTER CAUSING the death of two villagers in 2024, Tridev, a 20-year-old bull elephant, seemed to be looking at a life of captivity. But thanks to the Madhya Pradesh High Court, it is now making its way back to the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (BTR) in Umaria – this time, fitted with a satellite radio collar to track its movements.

Tridev's release is a departure from the practice of keeping captive adult male elephants that have caused human deaths or strayed into fields. The change came on the back of a petition by wildlife activist Nitin Singhvi, who alleged that the elephants were not rehabilitated in a timely manner, and that studies that could analyse their behaviour and make a strong case for their release have not been conducted.

In its recent order, the High Court had tasked the state government to rehabilitate elephants in captivity by appointing experts. It also sought status reports on the wild captive elephants in the state and pushed for a list of elephants that could be rehabilitated.

Speaking to *The Indian Express,* Anupam Sahay, the director of the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, explained the circumstances leading to Tridev's initial capture. The elephant, which arrived from Chhattisgarh on February 25 last year, was captured by a joint rescue team of Bandhavgarh and Sanjay Tiger Reserve.

"It was caught after serious incidents of human-elephant conflict occurred and is said to have killed at least two persons," he said. It was later kept in captivity at Kanha Tiger Reserve for a "behavioural assessment".

Last week, Tridev was finally released into Bandhavgarh Tiger (BTR) reserve, escaping its fate as a captive elephant that would have served the state wildlife officials in patrolling operations. It will now roam free, but will be under close monitoring by a five-person team.

According to wildlife officials, a committee was formed to conduct a detailed assessment of the elephant's behaviour and health. A meeting of the elephant advisory committee was also held, in which it was found that the elephant had fully recovered and was fit to be released into the wild. "Its [the elephant's] behavioural patterns had also changed," one official told The Indian Express.

A senior wildlife officer at Kanha explained: "When the elephant stops chasing people or knocking down trees and eats normally, we know its behaviour is normal. We also observe small movements, like that of its ear and tail, to look for any signs of aggression and then release them."

Sahay said the radio collar will enable better monitoring of the elephant's movements.

"Earlier, villagers would tip off wildlife officials about elephant movements. But now, with radio collars, we can track their routes. Our teams reach villages in advance and advise people not to disturb the animals," Sahay said.

**Tridev, a bull elephant, is now making its way back to the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve**

Since elephants travel long distances, it was once difficult to track them.

"Now, monitoring is systematic, handled by a field team of 5-6 people[and] supported by layers of officers, communication staff, and beat officers, all working 24/7," the official said.

## 'Plight' of elephants in captivity

Wildlife officials would earlier train captive elephants and use them as forest protectors. In 2017, when large herds of wild elephants began coming into BTR, wildlife officials grappled with an increase in elephant-human conflict.

Tridev's release into the wild comes amid a legal challenge by Singhvi and his advocate Anshuman Singh, who have fought against the forest department's elephant management practices.

During the hearing, L Krishnamorthy, the chairman for the state elephant advisory committee, promised Madhya Pradesh Chief Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva and Justice Vinay Saraf, that the state was undertaking an exercise to sensitise villagers and issue guidelines to rehabilitate captured elephants.

The Madhya Pradesh government had, during the hearings, expressed willingness to release two elephants from captivity following discussions with a court appointment expert.

According to court records, the state government, following the High Court order, had enlisted the assistance of a Kerala-based elephant expert and also informed the court that it would release one elephant from a list of 10 after deliberations with the committee.

Speaking to *The Indian Express,* Anshuman Singh, the petitioner's lawyer, detailed the "systemic" issues related to captured elephants.

"Unfortunately, the forest department has been issuing orders for the capture of elephants and their confinement in constructed enclosures called 'kraals', where they have no space to move. These elephants are then subjected to training for use by the department," he said. "This practice is entirely against both the language and the spirit of Section 11 of the Wildlife Protection Act."

The forest department is now making a list of captive elephants that may be released. This also includes the lone survivor of the herd of elephants that died eating Kodo crops last year. The female calf named Ganga is now 10 months old, and wildlife officials doubt whether it can ever be rewilded.

5th AKHIL BHARATIYA RAJBHASHA SAMMELAN

# Shah: Hindi should be language of science, tech, judiciary, police

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UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah Sunday said there was no conflict between Hindi and other Indian languages, and stressed that it should not just serve as a spoken tongue but must also become a language of science, technology, the judiciary,and police.

Addressing the inaugural session of the 5th Akhil Bharatiya Rajbhasha Sammelan, Shah said Indians must preserve their languages and make them "immortal". "There is no conflict between Hindi and other Indian languages. Learned men like Dayanand Saraswati, Mahatma Gandhi, K M Munshi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and many others accepted Hindi and promoted it. Gujarat, where Gujarati and Hindi have coexisted, is an excellent example of the development of both languages," he said.

"Hindi is not just a spoken language or a language of administration. Hindi should also be the language of science, technology, justice and police. When all these works are done in Indian languages, then the connection with the public is automatically established," he said.

Shah said while Sanskrit has given us "the Ganga of knowledge, and Hindi has taken this knowledge to every home, and that knowledge has reached every person through our local languages."

He said parents must always speak to children in their mother tongues. "This is very important for the child's future, as many psychologists and educationists have confirmed that a child thinks in his mother tongue... As soon as you impose a language other than the mother tongue on a child, 25 to 30% of his mind's capacity will be spent in translating it," Shah said.

**Union Home Minister Amit Shah speaks at the Akhil Bharatiya Rajbhasha Sammelan in Gandhinagar on Sunday.** *PTI*

He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has worked to strengthen local languages through various technologies, and the Home Ministry has created Bhartiya Bhasha Anubhag (Indian languages department), which will promote Hindi and other languages. "For this, we are using science and technology a lot," he said.

Shah said that Hindi has a place in education in Gujarat, a development which was made possible due to leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Dayanand Saraswati, etc., who urged people to communicate with each other and promote Hindi in every state.

"As a result of this, a child from Gujarat can go anywhere in the country, do business and get acceptance," he said. He pointed out that Bahubhashi Anuvad Sarthi is being used for translations powered by advanced technology.

The Hindi Shabd Sindhu, which started with 51,000 words, has now crossed 7 lakh words, and "by 2029, it will become the largest dictionary among all languages in the world", Shah said.

"Through this dictionary, we have also made Hindi flexible. Many Hindi scholars insist Hindi should be Sanskrit-rich. No one has any objection to this. But the empty space has to be filled with Indian languages. Only then will Hindi feel familiar to people. And Hindi can be made a spoken language only when it becomes flexible," he said.

"We have to make many such changes with time. Those who do not change with time become history. I believe that our language is history, it is the present as well as the future. And that is why the use of the experiment with Shabd Sindhu is to make Hindi very useful, flexible and useful for the masses," he said.

# Author Vishwas Patil elected president of 99th Marathi Sahitya Sammelan

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POPULAR MARATHI author Vishwas Patil was on Sunday unanimously elected the president of the 99th Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan which is scheduled to take place in Satara from January 1 to 4, 2026.

The literary event will be organised by the Shahupuri branch of the Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad and the Mavala Foundation, according to an announcement by the President of the Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Mahamandal, Prof Milind Joshi.

The decision was made during a meeting of the Sahitya Mahamandal held at the Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad in Pune, chaired by Prof. Joshi.

Prof. Joshi stated that Vishwas Patil's name recommended by all affiliated organisations of the federation.

As the Sammelan is being hosted by the Shahupuri branch of the Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad, the Pune-based parent body did not propose any names for the presidency.

Patil's selection was a unanimous decision, based on his significant contributions to enriching Marathi literature. Prof. Joshi added that there was no need for a vote, and even the president of the federation did not have to cast a ballot.

The meeting also approved the programme schedule and outline that the steering committee had finalised with the organisers on Saturday. The meeting was attended by Vice-President Gurayya Swami, Secretary Sunitraje Pawar, Treasurer Vinod Kulkarni, and representatives from various literary bodies.

The previous Sahitya Sammelan president Dr. Tara Bhawalkar could not attend due to health reasons.

# ED summons actors Rautela, Mimi Chakraborty in betting app case

*New Delhi:* Days after questioning two former cricketers Shikhar Dhawan Suresh Raina, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned actors Urvashi Rautela and Mimi Chakraborty to join the ongoing probe in an alleged illegal betting app-linked money laundering case.

The development comes days after the central agency questioned and recordedthe statements of Dhawanand Raina.

A source said Mimi Chakraborty has been asked to depose before the agency on Monday morning at its Delhi headquarters and Urvashi has been asked to appear on Tuesday. **ENS**

**Speaker Om Birla with Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh (third from left) in Tirupati, Sunday.** *@ombirlakota*

# Empowered women will write the next chapter of India's story: LS Speaker

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
TIRUPATI, SEPTEMBER 14

THE WOMEN'S reservation law will create a new generation of leaders who will shape policies and usher in progress and determine the future of India, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said here on Sunday.

Inaugurating the first national conference of parliamentary and legislative committees on empowerment of women, Birla also made a strong pitch for achieving 100% literacy among girl students, saying India can emerge as a developed nation only when its daughters are educated and self-reliant. "The next chapter of India's story will, without doubt, be written by its empowered women."

The two-day conference, held by the Andhra Pradesh Assembly, was attended by representatives from 20 states, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh, Andhra Pradesh Assembly Speaker C Ayyannapatrudu, and BJP leader and chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women D Purandeshwari, among others. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu was scheduled to attend it, but could not reach Tirupati due to inclement weather.

Addressing the gathering, Birla said the women's reservation law goes beyond mere symbolism by granting women their rightful place in governance. "It will create a new generation of women leaders who will shape policies, drive progress, and determine the future direction of India," he said.

Birla said it was a matter of pride that the very first Bill passed in the new Parliament building was the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam which ensures 33% quota for women in the Lok Sabha and the Assemblies with special provisions for women from SCs/ STs. He said from science to literature, from sports to space exploration, Indian women have exhibited excellence in every arena.

"India has no shortage of determined women leaders whose outstanding achievements have made history. They overcame social barriers like gender discrimination through hardwork and dedication, achieving their goals while igniting a wave of social transformation," Birla said. "Today women are not just participants, but leaders, innovators, nurturers, and entrepreneurs. From space missions to village panchayats, from the kitchen to the boardroom, women are advancing with greater independence, strength, and determination," he said.

Harivansh said while many developed democracies took time to recognise the rights of women, India's Constitution always looked at women as an integral part of social and economic development. He said India has about 14.5 lakh elected women representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions and the landmark women's quota legislation will ensure more women will be part of national leadership in times to come.

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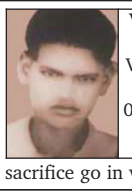

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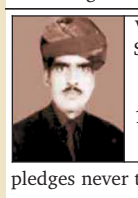

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