



Press Release

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National Conference by CAIT on 16th May against conspiracy to capture India's Retail Trade — Over 100 top trade leaders from across the Country to participate

In view of the growing attempts by e-commerce and quick commerce companies to capture India's vibrant retail trade worth over ***₹140 lakh crore annually***, the ***Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) is organizing a National Conference on 16th May 2025 in New Delhi***. More than 100 leading trade leaders from across the country will participate in this significant event. ***Former Union Minister Smt Smriti Irani will be the key speaker at the Conference***

CAIT Secretary General and Member of Parliament from Chandni Chowk (Delhi), Mr. Praveen Khandelwal, stated that the conference will not only include trade leaders but also proponents of Swadeshi products, representatives from transport, small industries, MSMEs, consumer organizations, women entrepreneurs, farmers, startups, employees, and other stakeholders of trade. Together, they will formulate a unified strategy to expose the malicious agenda of foreign-funded companies and launch a nationwide campaign against them.

CAIT National President Mr. B.C. Bhartia emphasized the importance of this conference, as various sectors of trade and industry are coming together under one platform to challenge these companies head-on. He pointed out that these companies have already caused massive damage to several major sectors such as mobiles and accessories, FMCG, consumer durables, kirana, electronics, toys, garments, apparel, footwear, food items, restaurants, and hotels, and are now attempting to capture more segments of the Indian market.

Mr. Bhartia firmly said that the time has come to resist the unethical business practices of these companies tooth and nail in order to protect the integrity and independence of India's retail trade.

This conference is expected to be a decisive step towards launching a nationwide awareness and protest campaign based on the strategies outlined during the deliberations.

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