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PM Modi lays foundation stone, inaugurates & dedicates development works worth over ₹4800 crore in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu

(Gns). Infrastructure and energy are the backbone of any state's development; Over the last 11 years, our focus on these sectors has reflected the high priority Tamil Nadu's development holds for us: PM

The Government of India is working to modernise Tamil Nadu's infrastructure; We are making the state's port infrastructure high-tech, while also integrating airports, highways and roadways for seamless connectivity: PM

Today, a massive campaign is underway to develop mega and modern infrastructure across the country: PM

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone, inaugurated and dedicated to the nation development projects worth over ₹4800

occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, Shri Modi paid tributes to the brave soldiers of



crore in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu today. A series of landmark projects across multiple sectors which will significantly enhance regional connectivity, boost logistics efficiency, strengthen clean energy infrastructure, and improve the quality of life for citizens across Tamil Nadu. On the

Kargil and saluted the valiant warriors and offered heartfelt homage to the martyrs who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation. Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister expressed his privilege in arriving directly on the sacred land of Lord Rameshwar after a four-

day foreign tour. He highlighted the historic Free Trade Agreement signed between India and the United Kingdom during the overseas tour. Noting that this development symbolizes the growing global trust in India and the nation's renewed confidence, Shri Modi remarked that this confidence will drive the creation of a developed India and a developed Tamil Nadu. He further stated that today, with the blessings of Lord Rameshwar and Lord Tiruchendur Murugan, a new chapter of development is unfolding in Thoothukudi. "Thoothukudi continues to witness the mission initiated in 2014 to elevate Tamil Nadu to the pinnacle of development",

Biased Umpire! Rahul Gandhi Slams Election Commission Again

(Gns). Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, launched a scathing attack on the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Saturday, accusing the poll body of bias and holding it responsible for the party's repeated setbacks in Gujarat's assembly elections.

Speaking at the Congress' 'Sangathan Sujan Abhiyan' camp in Anand, Gandhi emphasized the need to defeat the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in what he called its 'main base' - Gujarat. He urged Congress workers to rebuild the party's organi-

sational strength in the state and reassured them that the central leadership would consult local voices

compared the Election Commission to a partial umpire in a cricket match, suggesting that the



during the candidate selection process for future elections.

In a metaphor-laden address, Rahul Gandhi

Congress lost not due to its own shortcomings but because of alleged manipulation by the ECI.

"In cricket, if you keep

getting out repeatedly, you may begin to doubt yourself. But sometimes, it's not your mistake - it's the umpire who is biased," Gandhi reportedly told party workers, as quoted by Surendranagar Congress president Naushad Solanki. Solanki added that Gandhi attributed the 2017 defeat in Gujarat to irregularities in the voter list, labelling it "dubious."

Gandhi also likened India to a temple, asserting that the ruling BJP and its ideological ally, the RSS, have monopolized access to the benefits of democracy, deciding "who will get the prasad" - a metaphor for resources and power.

"Soharai Art is Soul of India": President Droupadi Murmu

(Gns). The indigenous mural tradition of Soharai Art from Jharkhand took centre stage at the second edition of Kala Utsav 2025 - Artists in Residence Programme, held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. This ten-day residency programme was graced by the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu and marked a significant milestone in celebrating India's rich folk and tribal art traditions.

President visited the exhibition and personally interacted with the artists. In her address, she praised their dedication, stating: "These artworks reflect the soul of India - our connec-

tion to nature, our mythology, and our community life. I deeply admire how each of you continues to uphold these invaluable traditions."



On the occasion, Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), along with Dr. Kumar Sanjay Jha,

Regional Director, and Mrs. Sumedha Sengupta, Project Associate, IGNCA Regional Centre, Ranchi, were present on behalf of

the institution. As a gesture of respect and tradition, the Hon'ble President was felicitated by IGNCA with a traditional saree.

The Project Assistants

of the IGNCA Regional Centre, Ranchi - Mrs. Bolu Kumari Oraon, Mr. Prabhat Linda, and Dr. Himanshu Shekhar - played an instrumental role in coordinating with the artist collective and managing the participation of the artist team for the event, held from 14th to 24th July 2025.

Sohrai, a ritualistic wall-painting tradition practised by tribal communities in Jharkhand, is typically created by women during harvest and festive seasons. Using natural earth pigments and bamboo brushes, the artists transform mud walls into vivid depictions of animals, plants, and geometric

India urges restraint amid escalating Cambodia-Thailand border clashes

(Gns). The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Saturday said that India is closely monitoring the situation along the Cambodia-Thailand border in light of the ongoing clashes in the region.

"We are closely monitoring the situation along the border between Cambodia and Thailand," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in response to media queries regarding the developments between the two countries.

"India has close and friendly relations with both nations and hopes that both sides will take measures to cease hostilities and prevent further escalation," Jaiswal added.

He further advised Indian travellers in the region to contact the Helpline: +66 61 881 9218 (WhatsApp calls also available) -Embassy of India,



respective Indian embassies in the two countries for any assistance. -Embassy of India, Bangkok

Phnom Penh (Cambodia) Helpline: +855 92 881 676 (WhatsApp calls also available) Earlier in the day, the

Indian Embassy in Cambodia issued an advisory urging Indian nationals to avoid travel to the border areas due to the ongoing hostilities. The advisory also encouraged Indian citizens to contact the embassy in case of any emergency.

In a statement released on X (formerly Twitter), the Indian Embassy in Cambodia said:

"In view of the ongoing clashes at the Cambodia-Thailand border, Indian nationals are advised to avoid travelling to the border areas. In case of any emergency, Indian nationals may approach the Embassy of India, Phnom Penh."

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel inaugurates the redeveloped Balvatika in Ahmedabad

Gandhinagar, 25 July 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel inaugurated the redeveloped Balvatika by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model at the Kankaria Lakefront in the South Zone of Ahmedabad.

Notably, Balvatika—originally inaugurated in 1956 and managed by the Zoo Department of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation—has now been redeveloped, modernized, and upgraded under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to align its activities with the

evolving needs of children's intellectual and physical

dation of Balvatika, visiting children and their parents



development.

After the redevelopment, modernization, and upgra-

will now be able to enjoy a variety of engaging and entertaining activities.

At this Balvatika, along with the entry ticket, several activities are also offered for free, which include the Coin House, AC Glass House, Shoe House, Landscaped Garden, Selfie Zone, and Glow Station.

On this occasion, Ahmedabad Mayor Smt. Pratibha Jain, all MLAs of Ahmedabad city, Deputy Mayor Shri Jatin Patel, Ahmedabad Municipal Commissioner Shri Banchhanidhi Pani, Standing Committee Chairman Shri Devang Dani, along with officials and dignitaries of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, were present.

"Historic launch of 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi" - Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan

(Gns). Speaking on the 'Bima Sakhi Yojana', Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, today said, "We have accomplished the historic launch of the 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. This scheme is not only a major step towards women's empowerment but also towards providing economic security to rural and semi-urban India. The central government is committed to making every woman in the country self-reliant and economically strong."

Shri Chouhan also said that the Ministry of Rural Development has entered into an important partnership with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to realize the Government of India's 'Insurance for All by 2047' mission. Under the financial inclusion initiative of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission, trained women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

across the country will be appointed as 'Bima Sakhis' at the Gram Panchayat level.



"The 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' is a strong platform for women's entrepreneurship and financial independence. It reflects our commitment to realizing the vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' set forth by Prime Minister Modi," Shri Chouhan said.

He emphasized that the scheme aims to economically empower rural women. By becoming 'Bima Sakhis', women are gaining new opportunities for entrepreneurship and income, thus supporting the goals of SDG 5 (Gender Equality)

try would reach 2 crore (20 million) across India.

The Minister stated that the 'Bima Sakhi' scheme is adding a new chapter to both urban and rural employment at the local level with employment generation and women's workforce participation. Within this inclusive insurance ecosystem, Bima Sakhis are not only expanding access to insurance schemes but are also delivering trust-based services to the last mile.

He further mentioned

that this initiative aligns with key government priorities and reinforces schemes such as Jan-Dhan Se Jan Suraksha, Digital India, and women skill development. Contributing to disaster protection as well, this scheme will act as a financial shield for rural families in disaster-affected areas.

"Bima Sakhis are not just insurance agents but pioneers of social change. They are carrying the torch of financial security to every village, as a result of which villages are becoming economically stronger and women more self-reliant," Shri Chouhan stated.

At the end, he called on all states and partner organizations to join this people's movement and help take the 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' to every village and every household.

"The 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' is a transformational movement. With its support, we will make a strong contribution toward building a resilient, inclusive, and insured India.

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Editorial

AI Frenzy

US President Donald Trump's new roadmap for artificial intelligence promises speed, strength, and supremacy. It's framed as a bold attempt to ensure national dominance in a critical technology space. But beneath the confident rhetoric lies a deeper unease ~ about whose interests this acceleration truly serves, and what might be lost in the rush. At the heart of the plan is a familiar equation: strip down regulatory friction, scale up infrastructure, and unleash innovation. It echoes a frontier mentality ~ where rules are obstacles, oversight is ideological, and global leadership justifies domestic shortcuts.

The plan's language makes clear that "bias" must be purged not just from datasets, but from the policy environment itself. What that means in practice, however, is far from settled. AI is not a neutral force. It absorbs values from training data, reflects the priorities of those who build it, and amplifies the systems into which it is deployed. That is why regulation matters ~ not as a brake on progress, but as a moral and strategic compass. When oversight is dismissed as a "woke" encumbrance, and safeguards are portrayed as threats to growth, it's not innovation that triumphs, but ideology disguised as neutrality. The plan also calls for a massive expansion of AI export capacity.

The vision is unmistakably geopolitical: keep ahead of rivals, especially China, by pushing American AI abroad. But exporting a powerful, poorly governed technology for the sake of market share invites unintended consequences. It risks seeding instability, enabling surveillance, or triggering retaliatory restrictions ~ all in the name of dominance. Without clear frameworks, the technology will evolve faster than our ability to govern it. The result could be a fragmented patchwork of private norms, state-level experiments, and international confusion ~ leaving ordinary citizens vulnerable and adversaries emboldened. Regulation must be anticipatory, not reactive, if it hopes to shape the future AI is building.

A particularly revealing feature is the rollback of previous guidelines meant to ensure safety, fairness, and transparency in federal AI use. The message is clear: guardrails are expendable, trust will follow power. Yet public confidence in AI systems, especially those used in healthcare, law enforcement, or labour markets, doesn't emerge by decree. It is earned through accountability. Yes, innovation needs oxygen. But it also needs guardrails. The challenge is not choosing between progress and restraint ~ it's integrating the two. Countries that succeed in AI will be those that build resilient ecosystems: with strong talent pipelines, secure infrastructure, public-private trust, and regulatory clarity. Speed alone won't be enough.

The new AI plan may well fuel rapid expansion. But unless its framework aligns innovation with democratic values and institutional responsibility, it risks setting the stage for conflict ~ between citizens and algorithms, workers and automation, open societies and black-box decisions. It is not leadership to charge ahead at any cost. It is leadership to ask: what kind of AI future is America racing toward ~ and who gets to decide?

As part of the celebration of Urban Development Year 2025, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel dedicates development projects worth ₹435.45 crore to the people of Surat.

Chief Minister inaugurates projects worth Rs.73 crore and lays the foundation stone for projects worth Rs.362.45 crore.

Chief Minister interacts with the frontline sanitation workers and congratulates them for playing a key role in making 'Clean Surat' possible, and helping the city secure a top rank in the Super Swachh League

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel:-

With the mantra of 'Earning Well, Living Well', Gujarat is transforming its cities into growth hubs and has charted a clear roadmap for 'Viksit Gujarat@2047'.

By achieving a leading position in cleanliness and development, Surat city has truly lived up to the saying 'Surat – the Golden City'.

With a 108 km BRTS network and the deployment of 450 e-buses, Surat city stands at the forefront of green mobility in India.

Over the past 8 months, 32 lakh water harvesting structures have been constructed across the country. Public awareness towards water conservation:- Union Minister of Jal Shakti Shri C.R. Patil.

Chief Minister releases the booklet titled 'Surat: Future City of Viksit Bharat@2047.

Students from Suman Schools informed the Chief Minister of the AI-based innovative education being imparted through robotics labs set up in 18 Suman Schools, aimed at fostering innovative learning.

Chief Minister visits the robotics lab exhibition

stall set up by Surat Municipal Corporation and encourages the students for their innovative efforts.

Gandhinagar, 26 July 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel inaugurated development projects worth Rs.73 crore and laid the foundation stone for projects valued at Rs.362.45 crore in Surat, presenting a total of Rs.435.45 crore in development initiatives to the city's residents. He also conducted a computerized draw for the allocation of 1,494 newly constructed PMAY houses by the Surat Municipal Corporation for underprivileged citizens. Chief Minister interacted with frontline sanitation workers—who played a vital role in realizing the vision of 'Swachh Surat' and in helping the city secure a leading position in the Super Swachh League—and extended his heartfelt congratulations to them.

Robotics labs have been made operational in 18 Suman Schools under the Surat Municipal Corporation to provide innovative education. Students from these schools provided insights to the Chief Minister about the AI-based innovative learning being implemented through these labs.

Chief Minister also visited the robotics lab exhibition stall set up by the Surat Municipal Corporation and encouraged the students for their creativity and efforts.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel addressed the gathering at an event held at Sanjeev Kumar Auditorium in Adajan-Pal, Surat. The event was graced by Union

Minister of Jal Shakti Shri C.R. Patil, Finance and Energy Minister Shri

the dedication and hard work of Surat's cleanliness team and sanitation work-

Gujarat.

Building upon this legacy, the state government is



Kanubhai Desai, Minister of State for Home Shri Harsh Sanghavi, and Minister of State for Forest and Environment Shri Mukesh Patel.

Addressing the gathering Chief Minister stated that under the Urban Development Year initiative, a series of development projects are underway across Surat city and district. These multi-crore projects, focused on improving public amenities and infrastructure, will significantly enhance Surat's Ease of Living index, thereby uplifting the overall quality of life for its citizens.

Referring to Surat's relentless development journey over the past two decades, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel stated that in the last 20 years, the city has witnessed a transformational shift through a series of development projects, significantly improving the well-being and ease of living for its residents.

He added that Surat has also carved a distinct identity nationwide in the field of cleanliness. The multi-crore development projects launched today reflect the state government's strong commitment to guiding Surat further along the path of progress.

He described these development projects and forward-looking plans as key drivers of transformative change in the social, economic, and industrial landscape of the Surat Economic Region, and expressed confidence that Surat will play a pivotal role in shaping Viksit Gujarat.

Chief Minister congratulated Surat Municipal Corporation and the people of Surat for securing the highest score in the Super Swachh League under 'Swachh Survekshan 2024' in the category of cities with a population of over 10 lakh, and for achieving the top rank in the country in solid waste management.

He stated that by attaining a leading position in both cleanliness and development, Surat has truly lived up to the saying 'Surat – the Golden City'.

Chief Minister lauded

ers, praising their efforts in helping the city secure a place among the cleanest cities in the country under the Super Swachh League, and in earning the recognition of being a clean city.

He stated that these frontline sanitation workers, the backbone of 'Swachh Surat', have become a beacon of inspiration for the entire state of Gujarat. He made a heartfelt appeal to the citizens to adopt cleanliness as a way of life and to remain steadfast in their commitment to upholding Surat's exemplary cleanliness standards.

Chief Minister called upon everyone to contribute toward realizing Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision for a Viksit Bharat by actively participating in water, environment, and energy conservation efforts.

Chief Minister further stated that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has envisioned Viksit Bharat@2047. In line with this vision, Gujarat has charted a roadmap for 'Viksit Gujarat@2047' by developing its cities as growth hubs under the guiding mantra of 'Earning Well, Living Well'.

He said that a comprehensive plan is already in motion to develop Surat city and its surrounding regions as a growth hub for holistic development. In this context, he emphasized the state's dedicated focus on e-mobility as a crucial step toward realizing the Prime Minister's vision of achieving net-zero carbon Footprint by 2070.

He highlighted that with a 108 km BRTS corridor and the operation of 450 electric buses, Surat has emerged as a frontrunner in green mobility across the country. He commended the Surat Municipal Corporation and its officials for their dedicated efforts in achieving this milestone.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, during his tenure as the Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2005, had initiated the celebration of Urban Development Year for the first time. This visionary step gave a new direction to urbanization in

celebrating the year 2025 as Urban Development Year, with a focus on transforming cities into world-class urban centers. Guided by the mantra "Urbanization is not a problem, but an opportunity," the government is making continuous efforts to make cities, towns, and villages green, clean, and sustainable.

Chief Minister said that it is the vision of the state government to ensure that Gujarat's cities become conducive to green growth and inclusive development.

On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel paid tribute to the valiant heroes and martyred soldiers of the Kargil War, honoring their unparalleled courage and sacrifice for the nation.

He stated that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been tirelessly working to build a Viksit Bharat through a politics of development, while also boosting the morale of the armed forces and ensuring the nation's security.

Marking 4,079 days of service as the Prime Minister of India, he has truly embodied the spirit of a dedicated public servant, demonstrating unwavering commitment to the nation's progress and security. The Chief Minister extended his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the Prime Minister for his remarkable and inspiring tenure.

On this occasion, Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri C.R. Patil, stated that Surat's development has become a benchmark for the entire nation. He emphasized that Surat has undertaken long-term planning to meet the city's population and industrial water needs for the next 50 years, reflecting its visionary approach.

He further added that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the guidance of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, Surat is moving swiftly along the path of progress. He remarked, "Being at the forefront has always been Surat's nature and strength."

Extending his congratulations to the sanitation workers, he said that Surat secured the highest score in the Super Swachh League at the national level. He urged all citizens of Surat to take pride in this collective achievement and emphasized that maintaining cleanliness is a shared responsibility, calling on everyone to avoid littering and uphold the city's clean image.

He stated that under the 'Catch the Rain' campaign, with the collective support of people across the country, 32 lakh rainwater harvesting structures have been constructed within just eight months. Highlighting the significant

contribution of Banaskantha district, he mentioned that Banas Dairy and 27,000 farmers have carried out remarkable water conservation efforts through public participation.

Across the country, there are over 6,500 small and large check dams. While India receives 4,000 billion cubic metres (BCM) of rainfall, the current water storage capacity is only 750 BCM, underlining the urgent need to expand water conservation efforts.

He also expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel for allocating Rs.50 lakh each to every MLA, amounting to a total of Rs.100 crore dedicated specifically for water conservation initiatives.

Congratulating the sanitation workers, Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri C.R. Patil, stated that the citizens of Surat have succeeded by sincerely adhering to all cleanliness protocols. He said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has resolutely taken up the mission of realizing Mahatma Gandhi's vision of a Swachh Bharat with unwavering commitment.

He emphasized that maintaining Surat's cleanliness is a shared moral responsibility, and urged everyone to remain actively involved in upholding the city's high standards of hygiene and sanitation through continued collective effort.

Mayor Shri Daxesh Mavani stated that Surat is a well-planned and dynamic city that is progressing at a rapid pace. As the city continues to expand, the state and central governments, in coordination with the Surat Municipal Corporation, are collectively striving to provide citizens with improved infrastructure and essential amenities.

He said that Surat has demonstrated its resilience and capability by emerging as one of the cleanest cities, even during challenging situations such as floods and plague. He credited the cooperation, awareness, and civic responsibility of the people of Surat as the true foundation behind this achievement. With Surat securing the top position in the Swachh Super League, he said that every citizen and every sanitation worker of the city has played a crucial role in reaching this significant milestone, reflecting a true spirit of collective effort and civic pride.

On this occasion, the booklet titled 'Surat: Future City of Viksit Bharat@2047' was released by the Chief Minister and other dignitaries.

Chief Minister participated in a group photo session with the frontline sanitation workers, who are the cornerstone of 'Swachh Surat', and lauded their dedicated efforts.

Prior to this event, the Chief Minister held a meeting with Surat Municipal Corporation corporators at the ICC (Integrated Command and Control Center) in Vesu.

The event was attended by Member of Parliament Shri Mukesh Dalal, MLAs Shri Kishor Kanani, Shri Sandip Desai, Shri Arvind Rana, Shri Manubhai Patel, Shri Pravin Ghoghari, Shri Purnesh Modi, Shri Kanti Balar, Deputy Mayor Dr. Narendra Patil, Standing Chairman Shri Rajan Patel, Leader of the Ruling Party Sashiben Tripathi, Municipal Commissioner Smt Shalini Agrawal, District Collector Dr. Sourabh Pardhi, chairpersons of various committees, corporators, other office bearers, municipal officials, and a large number of citizens.

100 companies, two thousand jobs

Mathura. Sanskriti University is giving a big opportunity to employment to the youth who have been deprived of jobs across the country. A mega job fair is being organized in the university on August 1 and 2, in which national and international about 100 companies are coming to provide jobs to more than two thousand students. Sanskriti University has invited the passport students of all the universities and colleges across the country who have been deprived of getting jobs so far under the spirit of a holistic and all welfare. Local officials of the Department of Industries have also shown interest in taking advantage of the opportunity.

Dr. Sachin Gupta, Chancellor of sanskriti University, says that he has been thinking from the beginning that I can do anything to fulfill the dream of any of our youths, then I will definitely do it. This is the reason that sanskriti university is also taking big steps for students to set up their own industry so that they themselves become jobs. For this purpose, the

university is giving one crore rupees to 10 startups from DST grant. The same is behind organizing this mega job fair. It will be with complete transparency and for everyone. For this, all the universities, colleges and industry departments are being contacted. Students can also directly register in it. He told that



Dr. Sachin Gupta
Sanskriti University will organize Mega Job Fair so far

whatever this kind of event we organize, they organize students for the students. The students of the culture of sanskriti are managing this mega job. The biggest benefit from this will be that the experience of students

will increase. They will be able to contact companies HR directly, understand their needs.

Students looking at the management of the job fair said that so far 100 companies have shown interest in coming to the job fair. More than 100 companies can also come to this job fair. Some of these are

Nayabari Works, Goldi Masala etc. According to the latest information, the availability of more than two thousand jobs has been revealed in various fields, this can be even more. Job Fair is also coming to the Jab Fair, Jockey for FM Radio, Animation, Agro Industries, Fashion Industry companies are also coming. The students said that Yakuma, a company alone of Japan, says that they need unlimited number of students. RK Group associated with Railways needs more than a thousand youth for various posts, that too on a very good pay scale. Similarly, many companies have spoken of giving their needs and jobs to the youth. Dr. Sachin Gupta says that our wish is that every youth gets an opportunity to fulfill their dreams. Any child who is looking for a job and hardworking should be provided better opportunities. He said that most of the students of our culture university have been placed, this opportunity is for all the students of the country who are deprived of getting jobs for some reason.

COLORS' 'Mangal Lakshmi' sparks conversations around parenting and the emotional struggles of today's youth

In a time when parenting is no longer just about rules and responsibilities, but about navigating emotions, expectations, and unspoken fears, COLORS' 'Mangal Lakshmi' starring Deepika Singh, brings this reality to the screen with striking honesty. Known for capturing the emotional fabric of Indian families, the show now steps into deeper territory — shedding light on the silent struggles of today's youth and the emotional tightrope parents walk while trying to understand them. What began as the story of two sisters has evolved into a portrait of real families today, where

love and care exist, but so do confusion, conflict, and the constant effort to bridge the emotional gap between generations.

With teenagers growing up online, dealing with constant peer pressure and emotional overwhelm, their inner world often goes unnoticed. The family drama depicts this truth through Ishana's arc - Mangal's daughter dealing with heartbreak, rejection, and a desperate need to be seen. Instead of expressing her pain, she lets it fester, slipping into

risky choices and secret crimes. While Mangal ends

emotional storm brewing within her own home. In a



her engagement with Kapil to protect her family's dignity, she is unaware of the

shocking twist, Soumya tips off the police about a drug consignment planted

by Ishana, leading to Mangal's arrest leaving the entire family stunned, especially Ishana. Will Mangal realise what's slipping away before the consequences catch up?

Reflecting on the emotional depth of the track, Deepika Singh shares, "Parenting today goes far beyond setting boundaries or providing comfort. It's about decoding silences, tuning in to unspoken anxieties, and being emotionally available in a world that's noisier, faster, and more complicated than ever before. Our children

are growing up in a time of constant comparison, digital overload, and immense social pressure. They're trying to fit into the world often without the vocabulary to express what they're going through. Ishana's track is about a downward spiral that a few teenagers go through. It's about the kind of emotional isolation that can creep in even with-in a loving home. Mangal, like so many of us, believes she's giving her daughter everything, but sometimes, despite love and care, a few kids pick unimaginable paths. I hope this storyline helps parents identify a cry for help hiding under defiance."

Shri Ved Prakash Takes Charge as Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of Ahmedabad Division

Shri Ved Prakash, a distinguished officer of the 1998 batch of the Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS), today assumed charge as the new Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) for the Ahmedabad Division from the outgoing Divisional Railway Manager, Shri Sudhir Kumar Sharma.

Shri Prakash brings with him over 25 years of extensive experience across various facets of the Ministry of Railways, including railway operations, logistics, and public relations spanning print and electronic media. He holds a B.Sc. (Hons) in Geology from St. Columba's College, Hazaribagh, a Certificate in Transport Economics from MDI, Gurgaon and has completed the Management Development Program from the Railway Staff College, Vadodara.

Prior to this appointment, Shri Prakash served as the Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the Minister of Railways where he played a pivotal role in daily rail operations, revenue generation, infrastructure development and managing high-level public events and ministerial tours. His tenure included the successful planning and execution of social media engagement strategies for the Ministry of Railways and coordinating over 1000 events related to train inaugurations, dedications and foundation stone ceremonies including the Amrit Stations redevelopment initiative. He was instrumental in the redevelopment of

Amrit Stations and the construction of 1,500 ROB/RUBs, witnessing the participation of 40.5 lakh people (Limca Book of Records). Earlier, the first



phase of the 508 Amrit Stations redevelopment program recorded an attendance of over 11 lakh people. He also successfully organized various railway project-related events on March 12, 2023 with an attendance of over 6 lakh people.

Shri Prakash's impressive career also includes significant leadership positions such as General Manager Operations & Communication Coordinator at DFCCIL, where he was instrumental in initiating trial train operations and establishing DFCCIL's brand image. As Director Coaching, at the Ministry of Railways he efficiently managed the operation of over 10,000 trains daily, introduced several new trains and stoppages and successfully managed passenger movement during the Kumbh Mela by running 1500 special trains. He was also honored with the National Award by the

President of India for successful management of elections in 2018-19 for record force movement related to the successful conduct of elections.

From August 2015 to July 2018 as Director Information & Publicity at the Ministry of Railways Shri Prakash developed and implemented a holistic communication strategy for Indian Railways leading a vast team across 17 zones and 69 divisions. He successfully managed programs of the Minister of Railways, social media, information brochures, mailers, newspaper advertisements, etc. through various outreach efforts. As Program Coordinator he managed over 100 mega programs of the Ministry including the Rail Vikas Shivar chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister directly and indirectly, involving over 13 lakh employees in a mega Ideation camp.

Notably, during his tenure as Senior Divisional Operations Manager, Dhanbad (July 2010 - August 2015), he achieved a remarkable 100%

increase in divisional revenue generation from ₹4714 crore to ₹10031 crore and a 35% increase in freight loading volume. He also facilitated Dhanbad

Division's entry into the elite club of Indian Railways' 100 million Tonne Loading Divisions.

Shri Prakash has been honored with several awards including the President's Award for his role in election management the National Award for Outstanding Services in 2007 and the General Manager's Award twice for outstanding performance. He has also received numerous freight efficiency and overall operational shields for best performance over several years.

Shri Prakash's diverse experience, exceptional leadership skills and remarkable track record of enhancing operational efficiency, revenue and public engagement will be invaluable to the Ahmedabad Division. He is known for his commitment to excellence and effective human management, skills that will undoubtedly lead the division to new heights.

Rape In Moving Ambulance! Bihar Woman Faints During Home Guard Exam, Assaulted While Heading Hospital

(Gns). A shocking incident has emerged from the BMP-3 parade ground in Bodh Gaya, Bihar, where a woman was allegedly raped while being transported in an ambulance after collapsing during a Home Guard recruitment event.

The Incident On July 24, the woman lost consciousness during a race held as part of the recruitment process. She was rushed to a hospital in an ambulance stationed at the venue. However, upon regaining consciousness, she informed the police that she had been assaulted by the ambulance driver and technician during the journey.

Swift Police Action Following her complaint,

the police immediately sprang into action. Within Investigation Underway



two hours, they arrested the accused-ambulance driver Vinay Kumar and technician Ajit Kumar. The arrests were made based on her detailed statement

A Special Investigation Team (SIT), headed by Bodh Gaya SDPO Saurabh Jaiswal, has been constituted to handle the case. A forensic team was also

deployed to examine the ambulance and collect evidence from the site.

Importantly, CCTV footage from the area played a vital role in confirming the identity of the accused and validating the survivor's claims.

Legal Proceedings An FIR has been filed at the Bodh Gaya police station. Senior Superintendent of Police Anand Kumar assured the public that the investigation is being conducted on priority. He added that a charge sheet will be filed soon, and a fast-track trial is being pursued to deliver timely justice.

Public Reaction The incident has triggered outrage and renewed calls for better safety measures for women, especially

Chairman Dr. Pragya Tripathi held a review meeting with Mathura officials

Mathura. Regulation Review Committee of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council DrA review meeting of district officials was held under the chairmanship of Pragya Tripathi. The meeting was attended by Dr. Jaipal Singh 'Busy' and Dr. Ratan Pal Singh, members of the Regulation Review Committee of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council and MLC Om Prakash Singh, MLC Yogesh Nauwhar, MLA Baldev Puran Prakash, District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh, DFO Rajinikanth Mittal, Additional District Magistrate Finance and Revenue Pankaj KumarVerma, Additional District Magistrate Judicial Surendra Kumar, Additional District Magistrate Namami Gange Rajesh Kumar, Secretary Mathura Vrindavan Development Authority Arvind Kumar Dwivedi, CMO Dr. Sanjeev Yadav, Executive Engineer of

Public Works Department Ajay Kumar Verma, Arun Kumar Sharma,



Recruitment Review Committee of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council, Arun Kumar SharmaOfficers of various departments of the district were present, including review officer Mayank Yadav, reporter Ram Prakash Pal, Additional Private Secretary Ravipal Singh.

The chairman of the committee, Dr. Pragya

Tripathi directed the district officials that questions have been raised by the

atives. Make the honorable public representatives aware of various public welfare schemes run by the government and ensure that the general public should be benefited under their guidance. He said that proposals should be sought from honorable public representatives. All officers should ensure 100 percent compliance with the instructions given by the Honorable Public Representatives. Member Dr. Ratanpal Singh directed that all the officers should pick up the CUG number themselves. He said that if you are unable to pick up the phone for any reason, then call back later. The committee directed that no negligence will be tolerated in the works related to the government and the House. All officers were directed to work with transparent, time bound and quality and maintain coordination with honorable public representatives

“Immigration Is Killing Europe”: Trump Calls For End To “Horrible Invasion”

(Gns). U.S. President Donald Trump, continuing his tough stance on immigration, issued a stark warning to European nations, claiming that rising immigration levels are endangering the future of the continent. Speaking to reporters on the tarmac in Scotland after stepping off Air Force One, Trump declared that "immigration is killing Europe" and called on governments across the region to act decisively.

"You better get your act together. You're not going to have Europe anymore," Trump said. "You've got to stop the horrible invasion that's happening to Europe - many countries in Europe," he added, emphasizing the urgency of the situation.

The president, who has

pushed a hardline anti-immigration agenda since

I could name them right now, but I don't want to



returning to the White House in January, said some European leaders are resisting the wave of migrants but are not receiving the recognition they deserve. "Some have not let it happen, and they're not getting the proper credit.

embarrass the others," he noted.

Trump's comments come amid rising tensions across several European countries over immigration policies, border control, and national identity. His choice of words - "horrible

invasion" - echoes similar rhetoric used during his previous term and aligns with his administration's narrative that illegal immigration poses an existential threat to Western nations.

Ironically, Trump's own roots trace back to Europe: his father, Fred Trump, and his mother, Mary Anne MacLeod, emigrated from Germany and Scotland, respectively. Despite his lineage, Trump has consistently argued that uncontrolled immigration undermines sovereignty, weakens borders, and dilutes cultural values.

As Europe grapples with increasing migration pressures, Trump's comments are likely to stir debate, drawing both support from nationalist factions and criticism from human rights advocates across the globe.

India Issues Travel Advisory As Thailand-Cambodia Border Clashes Turn Deadly

(Gns).

Amid escalating violence along the Thailand-Cambodia border, the Indian Embassy in Cambodia has issued a travel advisory, urging Indian nationals to steer clear of the affected regions. The advisory comes as clashes between the two Southeast Asian nations intensify, with the death toll continuing to rise.

"In view of the ongoing clashes at the Cambodia-Thailand border, Indian nationals are advised to avoid travelling to the border areas," the Embassy stated. It also released an emergency contact number for Indian citizens currently in Cambodia: +855 92881676. For assistance, they may also email the

consular section at

According to the



Associated Press, Cambodia reported 12 additional deaths from the conflict on Saturday, pushing the total number of fatalities to 32. General Maly Socheata, spokesperson for Cambodia's Ministry of National Defence, said the recent casualties included seven civilians and five soldiers, all killed during two days of fighting. Previously, the

conflict had claimed the life of a man who died when a Thai rocket struck the pagoda he was sheltering in.

With hostilities entering their third consecutive day, thousands have been forced to flee from their homes near the contested border areas.

UN Security Council Meets Over Thailand-Cambodia Tensions


On Friday, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) convened a closed-door emergency meeting in New York to discuss the border clashes. Although no official statement has been issued, a council diplomat revealed that all 15 member states urged both Thailand and

Cambodia to exercise restraint, deescalate the situation, and pursue a peaceful resolution.

The UNSC also encouraged the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to take an active role in resolving the dispute. Malaysia, which currently chairs ASEAN and includes both countries in the bloc, issued a call to end hostilities and offered to mediate between the parties.

Background of the Conflict


The border between Thailand and Cambodia, stretching approximately 800 kilometers (500 miles), has long been a point of contention, though previous flare-ups have typically remained limited in scope.




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Shri Sarbananda Sonowal pays tribute at Dr. Bhupen Hazarika's home, honoring his legendary legacy

(Gns). The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW), Shri Sarbananda Sonowal visited the iconic residence of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika in Guwahati today, to honour the legendary music maestro. The visit was marked by an emotional interaction with members of the Hazarika family, and a guided tour of the home, which is now a living tribute to the life and legacy of the Bard of Brahmaputra.

During the visit, Shri Sonowal was received by Samar Hazarika, the younger brother of Dr Hazarika, along with other family members. They walked the minister through various rooms of the residence that display personal memorabilia, instruments, books, and photographs chronicling the maestro's journey as a singer, poet, composer and humanitarian.

Speaking to reporters after the visit, Shri

Sarbananda Sonowal said, "Bhupen da's body of work continues to be a beacon of hope and pride for the people of Assam. His songs



still echo the values of unity, compassion, and humanity — values that every Assamese holds close to their heart."

Shri Sonowal emphasised the importance of bringing Dr. Hazarika's legacy to the youth of today and said "It is essential that Bhupen da's timeless cre-

ations reach newer generations. His music and message are still relevant and can deeply inspire the youth to embrace humanity,

social harmony, and cultural pride. He showed us that art can be a powerful medium of transformation and our younger generation must inherit that vision."

Sonowal also highlighted the Government of Assam's plans to celebrate the centenary of Dr. Hazarika's birth anniver-

sary with year-long programs that reflect his artistic and cultural contributions. He expressed happiness that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will also take part in the centenary celebration, underlining the national and global stature of Dr. Hazarika's legacy.

Shri Sarbanand Sonowal said "Bhupen da's music has the strength to bind Assamese society together as a powerful cultural force. It is through this unity and pride that we can take the Assamese identity to its rightful place on the global stage. The transformation of Dr. Hazarika's home stands as a pious space of calm and reverence, a place where one can feel his enduring presence and witness the many facets of his extraordinary life and legacy. It offers an opportunity for reflection, learning, and inspiration drawn from the timeless spirit of the legend Dr Bhupen Hazarika."

Union Ministers Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Shri Sanjay Seth Leads 'Kargil Vijay Diwas Padyatra' in Dras to Commemorate 26 Years of India's Victory in Kargil War

(Gns). To mark 26 years of India's historic victory in the 1999 Kargil War, MY Bharat (Mera Yuva Bharat), under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), organised 'Kargil Vijay Diwas Padyatra' in Dras, Kargil today.

The padyatra was led by Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports and Labour and Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Union Minister of State for Defence, Shri Sanjay Seth. Over 3,000 youth volunteers, along with veterans, serving armed forces personnel, families of martyrs, and members of civil society participated in the tribute walk.

Carrying forward this spirit of unity, the padyatra moved along a symbolic 1.5-kilometre route from the grounds of Himabass Public High School to Government Higher Secondary School, Bhimbet. During the padyatra, cultural performances

showcasing the vibrant traditions of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh brought colour and mean-



ing to the occasion, reflecting the unity and cultural richness of the region.

Addressing the gathering, Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya remarked, "Kargil is not just a place in history, it is a living symbol of India's resilience and unwavering spirit. It stands as a powerful reminder that when it comes to protecting the sovereignty of our nation, India remains united, resolute, and unshaken."

He called upon the youth to dedicate themselves to the mission of building a strong, self-

reliant, and developed India, driven by the spirit of 'Nation First.' Reflecting on his recent visit to Sando Top, Dr. Mandaviya added, "India has never initiated conflict, but when provoked, we respond with courage, dignity, and determination."

Union Minister also highlighted India's growing strategic capabilities, citing the significance of Operation Vijay and Operation Sindoor as milestones in the nation's mili-

tary history. He reaffirmed that India's armed forces continue to stand as the steadfast guardians of national pride and sovereignty.

Emphasizing the critical role of Amrit Peedhi, Dr. Mandaviya urged them to take up the mantle of Jan Bhagidari (public participation) in Rashtranirman (nation-building) and contribute actively to the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047. "It is now upon our yuva shakti to carry forward the dreams of our brave soldiers and help shape a stronger, Atmanirbhar Bharat," he concluded.

Shri Seth praised the enthusiasm of the youth and highlighted the sacrifices of the armed forces, encouraging students to imbibe discipline and national pride inspired by the Kargil heroes.

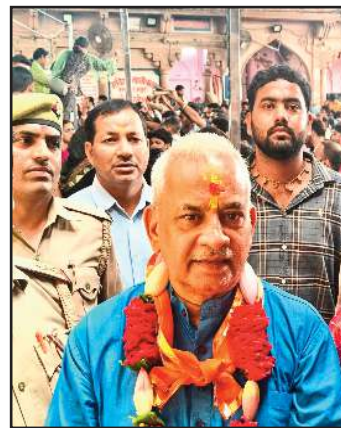
Following the Padyatra, both Ministers, joined by 100 MY Bharat youth volunteers, proceeded to the Kargil War Memorial where they offered floral tributes to the soldiers who laid down their lives in the 1999 war. On the occasion, Dr. Mandaviya also felicitated 26 female bikers from the Shakti Udgoash Foundation, who completed a long-distance motorbike rally to honour the martyrs.

The event also included a symbolic tree plantation under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, linking patriotic commitment with environmental stewardship.

Leading up to the padyatra, MY Bharat had mobilised youth and communities through several activities such as essay writing, painting, elocution contests, and Yuva Samvads (youth dialogues) in villages around the region.

Comprehensive role of Uttar Pradesh Braj Tirtha Vikas Parishad: Dr. Dilip Agnihotri

Mathura. State Information Commissioner Dr. Dilip Agnihotri reached the Bankebihari temple during his visit to Mathura where he visited Thakurji and during a conversation with reporters, he said that Uttar Pradesh Braj Tirtha Vikas Parishad has a comprehensive role in the development of Mathura district. Through this, comprehensive work is being done. Efforts are being made to make Mathura Vrindavan world class in terms of pilgrimage. The Rangotsav of the Braj region has now become



State Information Commissioner Dr. Dilip Agnihotri at Bankebihari Temple

distinguished as a global event.

The government is

working for the progress of the tradition and culture here. Mathura, Vrindavan, Barsana, Baldev, Govardhan, Gokul etc. have been given the status of pilgrimage site. The Braj Tirtha Vikas Parishad has already been formed for their development. The government provided the status of Municipal Corporation to Mathura Vrindavan. About two hundred projects of more than thirty thousand crores are running under Mathura Vision -2030. EcoTourism is being promoted in the Mathura Vrindavan region.

Mant and Excise Team seized 240 bottles of illegal liquor, two smugglers arrested

Mathura. The Mant Police and Excise Team jointly took action and arrested two smugglers by seizing 240 bottles of Haryana Marka, a car going from Noida to Agra on the Milestone 93.750 of Yamuna Expressway. The Mont police have taken action against the accused under the Excise Act.

According to the instructions of Mathura Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar, in the campaign to hold illegal drugs and illegal weapons and wanted criminals, under the direction of Additional

Superintendent of Police, Mathura, under the skillful leadership of police station



Monts and Excise Team accused of illegal liquor

Gunjan Singh Manat in -charge Mat Jasbir

SinghKumar Dixit and Uttar Pradesh Arvindra Kumar May Hamrahi Hai.Milestone 93.750 on Yamuna Express Way was searched from Noida towards Agra and searched by Toyota Corolla Altis, 240 English liquor bottles were recovered, police recovered vicious liquor smuggler Ajay son Narendra resident Lakhmi resident Jind Haryana, Vijay Putra Balveer resident Lakhmi Vala police stationHaryana is arrested and taken action against them under the Excise Act

Massive boost for UP's urban poor: ₹12,031 cr approved under PMAY (Urban) 2.0

(Gns). In a major push towards the vision of Housing for All, the double-engine government has secured financial approval of ₹12,031 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) – Urban Mission 2.0, officials said here on Saturday.

This funding will help provide pucca houses to the urban poor across Uttar Pradesh, with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directing strict measures to ensure transparency and quality in construction.

To maintain accountability, geo-tagging and photographic documentation of each house will be mandatory under PMAY (Urban), enabling real-time monitor-

ing of construction at every stage.



Additionally, all houses will be built with disaster-resilient features to safeguard against earthquakes,

floods, and other calamities—making safety a core

component of the scheme.

Under the mission, the Central and State governments are sharing costs in

a 60:40 ratio to reduce the financial burden on Uttar Pradesh. Each eligible beneficiary will receive ₹2.5 lakh in assistance to help build a permanent (pucca) house.

Launched on September 1, 2024, the PMAY (Urban) Mission 2.0 aims to ensure pucca housing for all families within a set timeframe. The scheme is being closely monitored by state and district-level officials to guarantee timely and high-quality construction.

This initiative not only strengthens the social security of the urban poor but also promotes integrated urban development across the state.

Security forces neutralized four Maoists in Chhattisgarh

(Gns). Four Maoists were killed in an ongoing encounter with security forces in the dense forests of Bijapur district, Chhattisgarh, on Saturday evening. Acting on specific intelligence inputs regarding Maoist presence, a coordinated search operation was launched, which soon led to a fierce exchange of fire.

By 7 in the evening, security forces had recovered the bodies of four Maoist cadres from the encounter site. A significant cache of weapons, including INSAS and SLR rifles, explosives, and daily-use items, was also seized. The operation is being conducted jointly by teams from the Chhattisgarh Police,

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), and spe-



cialised anti-Maoist units.

"The operation is still in progress and the area is being carefully searched. Details such as the exact location and troop composition cannot be disclosed

at this time to ensure the safety of personnel on the

ground," a senior police official involved in the operation said, requesting anonymity due to operational sensitivity.

This encounter marks another success in the

intensified anti-Maoist campaign in Bastar division. It is noteworthy that Bijapur has long been considered a Maoist stronghold, but recent months have seen increased success for security forces through sustained, intelligence led operations. Local support and the deployment of region-specific units such as the Bastar Fighters have enhanced operational effectiveness.

Authorities have stated that a comprehensive report will be issued once the ongoing operation concludes. Meanwhile, security forces continue to press forward with combing operations, aiming to dismantle remaining Maoist networks in the region.

District Magistrate-SSP inspected Hariyali Teej festival

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar inspected the Sribanke Bihariji temple and the surrounding area in view of the holy greenery festival held today. He along with police and administrative officials took stock of various routes and streets connecting Shri Banke Bihari Ji Temple.

The District Magistrate inspected the entry and exit gates of the temple. The District Magistrate directed the devotees to keep them moving. He said that the



District Magistrate SSP inspecting

crowd should not stop at the gates of the temple. You should urge the devotees to keep going continuously while being humble.

The District Magistrate directed the officials to ensure timely attendance of the employees on duty. Hariyali Teej is a very

important festival, in which millions of devotees come to see Vrindavan.

The District Magistrate visited cleanliness, health, security, traffic etc. arrangements. He said that the police administration is committed to the convenience of devotees, visitors and tourists. Excellent facilities will be provided to the devotees.

The District Magistrate has appealed to all the devotees to take all their shoes in the slippers hotel, Dharamshala, Guest House, Trains etc. and come to visit the temple

CII northern region announces new chairperson for 2025-26

Saturday, 26 July 2025 | Gurugram

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Northern Region has announced the appointment of Ms. Anjali Singh, Executive Chairperson, ANAND Group, as the new Chairperson of CII Northern Region for the year 2025-26, following the untimely demise of Mr. Sunjay Kapur, Chairman, Sona Comstar. Mr. Kapur, who had taken charge earlier this year, was a dynamic leader and a driving force behind several progressive industry initiatives. His passing is a profound loss to the industry and the CII fraternity.

Taking over the leadership mantle, Ms. Anjali Singh brings with her decades of experience in corporate governance, people leadership, and strategic direction across one of India's leading auto component conglomerates. She has been a strong advocate for 'Make in India' initiative launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. In her new role, she will lead CII's engagements across the seven Northern Region states—Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh—and the Union Territories of Chandigarh, Jammu &

Kashmir, and Ladakh. Her appointment reflects not just her leadership in business, but also her deep

moting digital and tech adoption among SMEs, and creating an enabling environment for greater



Anjali Singh takes charge as Chairperson of CII Northern Region

commitment to the India growth story—one that continues to rise with resilience and ambition.

Outlining her vision for the region, Ms. Singh said, "This is a moment of both reflection and responsibility. While I step into this role under extremely sad circumstances, I remain fully committed to serving both the Region and the Nation to the best of my ability. My key priorities will include driving next-generation reforms across the Northern Region states, launching district development programmes to enhance industry competitiveness, and scaling ESG implementation across all industry sizes. We will also focus on setting up new skill centres to meet future workforce demands, pro-

participation of women and underrepresented groups in industry. Additionally, we aim to facilitate best practice sharing across states to accelerate learning, foster innovation, and ensure consistent progress across the region."

Ms. Singh chairs the Group Supervisory Board of the ANAND Group, which oversees the Group's strategic partnerships, group performance, corporate governance, and long-term vision. She leads the ANAND Executive Board and holds key leadership roles as Executive Chairperson of Gabriel India and Chairperson of Dana Anand India. The Group's Future Tech segment, ANEVOLVE, reflects its strategic commitment to advancing clean and sus-

tainable technologies—aligned with the evolving landscape of mobility and environmental stewardship.

She is currently the Co-Chair of the CII National Coalition for the Future of Mobility, and has held several leadership positions within CII, including Chairperson of the CII Haryana State Council (2023), Chairperson of the CII Regional Committee on Advanced Manufacturing, Co-Chair of the CII National Committee on Smart Manufacturing and Member of the CII International Council. She has also served as a Member of the Governing Body of the CII-CSM (VLFM) Initiative.

In addition, Mrs. Singh also serves as Chairperson of the Western Region of the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) and is a member of its Executive Committee. Ms. Singh's appointment signals continuity in CII's mission to drive inclusive growth, industrial transformation, and sustainable development in the Northern Region. This recognition is not only a testament to her exemplary leadership, but also as a tribute to her unwavering commitment to building a self-reliant, sustainable, and globally competitive India.