



## PM Modi meets Prez Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan

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President Murmu was also days after US President Donald Trump's decision to slap a 25 per cent tariff on Indian imports and calling



India's economy "dead". Last week, Trump announced imposing 25 per cent reciprocal tariffs on Indian goods and an unspecified penalty over purchases from Russia,

starting August 1. "India will be paying a tariff of 25 per cent" starting on August 1, Trump posted on Truth Social. He said India would also face an additional tariff penalty for buying Russian energy.

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The PM-KISAN scheme is a central sector scheme launched in February 2019 by the Prime Minister to supplement the financial needs of land-holding farmers.

## Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Approves ₹4,179 Crore for Development Projects in Municipal Corporations and Municipalities During Urban Development Year

CM Shri Bhupendra Patel Emphasises Citizen-Centric Urban Development Through Transformation and Empowerment

Public Welfare Projects to Benefit 7 Municipal Corporations, Including Newly Formed Morbi, Porbandar, and Nadiad, and 12 Municipalities

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Gandhinagar, 3 August 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, reaffirming his commitment to urban transformation and citizen empowerment, has approved ₹4,179 crore for multiple development projects under the Urban Development Year-2025 for 7 municipal corporations and 12 municipalities in the state.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi initiated the Urban Development Year in

2005 as Gujarat's Chief Minister. Marking its 2 decades of success, the state is celebrating 2025 as Urban Development Year.

With a focus on transformative urban development, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel has given in-principle approval for projects worth ₹4,179 crore under Swarnim Jayanti Mukhyamantri Shaheri Vikas Yojana for increasing citizen-centric works in cities during this Urban Development Year.

Accordingly, this amount has been allocated for cities and municipalities, including Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Rajkot, Gandhinagar, and the newly constituted three municipal corporations—Nadiad, Porbandar, and Morbi—along with municipalities like Visnagar, Borsad, Viramgam, Patan, Amod, Una, Halvad, Khambhaliya, Savarkundla, Dhanera, Veraval, and Patan.

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works. This includes ₹455 crore for 349 works related to urban mobility and physical infrastructure for Vadodara Municipal Corporation,

₹367 crore for 302 works in Rajkot, and ₹2,940 crore for 252 works in Ahmedabad. Additionally, ₹6.20 crore has been approved for 11 works in the newly constituted Porbandar Municipal Corporation.

Under the Iconic Road initiative in Urban Development Year, projects worth ₹219 crore have

been approved for the construction of urban roads and Gaurav Paths in cities and towns. This includes ₹15 crore for Morbi Municipal Corporation, ₹13 crore for Nadiad Municipal Corporation, ₹136 crore for Rajkot Municipal Corporation, ₹17.76 crore for Una Municipality, ₹19.28 crore for Halvad Municipality, and ₹5 crore for Khambhaliya Municipality with in-principle approval.

Chief Minister has also approved ₹93 crore for water supply lines and

stormwater drainage works for effective rainwater management. From this amount, ₹61.64 crore has been allocated to Morbi Municipal Corporation, ₹19.28 crore to Savarkundla Municipality, and ₹11.31 crore to Dhanera.

The Chief Minister has granted approval for projects totaling ₹14 crore for Veraval-Patan and Amod municipalities to support their unique development initiatives. Furthermore, under Khaangi Society Janbhagidari Yojana, ₹2.72 crore worth of projects have been approved for Visnagar, Borsad, and Viramgam municipalities.

Additionally, under Swarnim Jayanti Mukhyamantri Shaheri Vikas Yojana, ₹80 crore has been allocated to Rajkot and ₹2.72 crore to Patan for outgrowth area development.

To build citizen-centric cities during the Urban Development Year and realise the vision of "Earning Well – Living Well," the Chief Minister has granted in-principle approval for these ₹4,179 crore worth of projects to develop smart, sustainable, and vibrant urban centres across Gujarat.

## INDIA Bloc To Have Dinner Meeting On Aug 7, March To EC On Aug 8

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Opposition INDIA bloc leaders are likely to have a dinner meeting on August 7 to discuss strategy over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) issue, sources said on Sunday. The opposition parties are also planning to take out a march to the office of the Election Commission of India on August 8 in protest against the SIR of electoral rolls exercise, they said.

This comes amid a standoff on the SIR issue in the Monsoon Session of Parliament, which has been a near washout as the Opposition's demand for a discussion has failed to draw a positive response

from the ruling alliance. According to the sources, the INDIA bloc party leaders will hold a dinner meeting on August 7 to discuss their strategy on the SIR issue.

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apprehensive of voter disenfranchisement.

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as the election for the post of Vice President has been announced, and several opposition leaders have indicated that they may also field a joint candidate. Opposition parties have expressed apprehension over the SIR exercise in Bihar, warning that it would

lead to disenfranchisement of many, and have termed it as "vote-bandi" and "vote-chori".

The INDIA bloc parties have been protesting inside and outside Parliament. Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday cited a ruling by former Lok Sabha speaker Balram Jakhar that the House cannot debate the functioning of a constitutional body like the EC to suggest the government's disapproval of the Opposition's demand for discussion. He, however, added that it was for the chairs of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha to take a call on the issue.

## Chidambaram accuses ECI of misusing powers amid voter addition row in Tamil Nadu; poll body rejects allegations

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Amid the ongoing controversy over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in Bihar, senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Sunday raised concerns about the alleged addition of 6.5 lakh voters in Tamil Nadu under the pretext of being "permanently migrated."

He called it both an insult to migrant workers and a serious infringement on the rights of Tamil Nadu's electorate to freely choose its government.

In a post on social media platform X, Chidambaram remarked that the SIR exercise was becoming "curiouser and curiouser." While 65 lakh voters in Bihar reportedly

face disenfranchisement, reports of lakhs being added to Tamil Nadu's electoral rolls have raised alarms, he said, calling the move "patently illegal."

"Labeling them as 'permanently migrated' is an insult to migrant workers and a gross interference in the democratic rights of Tamil Nadu's voters. Why shouldn't a migrant worker return to Bihar (or his/her home state) to vote in the state assembly election, as they usually do," Chidambaram asked.

He cited the example of

lakhs of migrant labourers from Bihar who return to the state during festivals such as Chhath Puja.



"A person must have a fixed and permanent legal home to be enrolled as a voter. Migrant workers already have such homes in Bihar or other states. How can they be registered as voters in Tamil Nadu?" he further questioned.

Taking strong exception to the classification of such individuals as "permanently migrated," the Congress leader argued that if a migrant worker's family resides permanently in

Bihar, the individual cannot simultaneously be considered a Tamil Nadu voter.

He went on to accuse the Election Commission of India (ECI) of abusing its authority and attempting to alter the electoral composition of states. "This misuse of power must be challenged both politically and legally," he asserted.

Chidambaram's sharp criticism comes at a time when the Opposition has alleged that 65 lakh voters in Bihar face potential exclusion from electoral rolls, while ruling parties in Tamil Nadu — the DMK and Congress — have raised concerns over the inclusion of migrant workers from Bihar in the state's voter lists.

## PM, Amit Shah call on President Murmu amid political turbulence

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Later in the day, Union Home Minister Amit Shah also met the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

A social media post from Rashtrapati Bhavan read, "Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah called on

President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan."

The meetings took place just days after both Houses of Parliament witnessed heated exchanges and multiple adjournments during the early days of the Monsoon Session, largely triggered by the contentious Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in Bihar.

The opposition INDIA bloc has been protesting against the SIR drive, alleging that it is being implemented selectively and could result in large-scale

deletions from voter lists. The Election Commission has defended the exercise, stating that its objective is



to ensure accurate and up-to-date electoral rolls.

PM Modi's meeting with President Murmu also came shortly after former US President Donald Trump announced a 25 per cent tariff on Indian imports,

describing India's economy as "dead."

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# Editorial

## Strong words, weak action

When it comes to dealing with two of the biggest current crises in the Muslim world – the devastation of Gaza and the Taliban’s draconian rule in Afghanistan – Arab and Muslim states have been staggeringly ineffective. Their chief body, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), in particular, has been strong on rhetoric but very short on serious, tangible action. The OIC, headquartered in Saudi Arabia, is composed of 57 predominantly Muslim states. It is supposed to act as a representative and consultative body and make decisions and recommendations on the major issues that affect Muslims globally.

It calls itself the “collective voice of the Muslim world”. Yet the body has proved to be toothless in the face of Israel’s relentless assault on Gaza, triggered in response to the Hamas attacks of 7 October 2023. The OIC has equally failed to act against the Taliban’s reign of terror in the name of Islam in ethnically diverse Afghanistan. Despite its projection of a united umma (the global Islamic community, as defined in my co-authored book *Islam Beyond Borders*), the OIC has ignominiously been divided on Gaza and Afghanistan. True, it has condemned Israel’s Gaza operations. It’s also called for an immediate, unconditional ceasefire and the delivery of humanitarian aid to the starving population of the strip. It has also rejected any Israeli move to depopulate and annex the enclave, as well as the West Bank. These moves would render the twostate solution to the long-running Israeli–Palestinian conflict essentially defunct.

Further, the OIC has welcomed the recent joint statement by the foreign ministers of 28 countries (including the United Kingdom, many European Union members and Japan) calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, as well as France’s decision to recognise the state of Palestine. The OIC is good at putting out statements. However, this approach hasn’t varied much from that of the wider global community. It is largely verbal, and void of any practical measures. Surely, Muslim states can and should be doing more. For example, the OIC has failed to persuade Israel’s neighbouring states – Egypt and Jordan, in particular – to open their border crossings to allow humanitarian aid to flow into Gaza, the West Bank or Israel, in defiance of Israeli leaders. Nor has it been able to compel Egypt, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco to suspend their relations with the Jewish state until it agrees to a two-state solution.

Further, the OIC has not adopted a call by Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and the United Nations special rapporteur on Palestinian territories, Francesca Albanese, for Israel to be suspended from the UN. Nor has it urged its oil-rich Arab members, in particular Saudi Arabia and the UAE, to harness their resources to prompt US President Donald Trump to halt the supply of arms to Israel and pressure Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to end the war. In a similar vein, the OIC has failed to exert maximum pressure on the ultra-extremist and erstwhile terrorist Taliban government in Afghanistan. Since sweeping back into power in 2021, the Taliban has ruled in a highly repressive, misogynist and draconian fashion in the name of Islam.

This is not practised anywhere else in the Muslim world. In December 2022, OIC Secretary General Hissein Brahim Taha called for a global campaign to unite Islamic scholars and religious authorities against the Taliban’s decision to ban girls from education. But this was superseded a month later, when the OIC expressed concern over the Taliban’s “restrictions on women”, but asked the international community not to “interfere in Afghanistan’s internal affairs”. This was warmly welcomed by the Taliban. In effect, the OIC – and therefore most Muslim countries – have adopted no practical measures to penalise the Taliban for its behaviour.

It has not censured the Taliban nor imposed crippling sanctions on the group. And while no Muslim country has officially recognised the Taliban government (only Russia has), most OIC members have nonetheless engaged with the Taliban at political, economic, financial and trade levels. There are many reasons for the OIC’s ineffectiveness. For one, the group is composed of a politically, socially, culturally and economically diverse assortment of members. But more importantly, it has not functioned as a “bridge builder” by developing a common strategy of purpose and action that can overcome the geopolitical and sectarian differences of its members.

In the current polarised international environment, the rivalry among its member states – and with major global powers such as the United States and China – has rendered the organisation a mere talking shop. This has allowed extremist governments in both Israel and Afghanistan to act with impunity. It is time to look at the OIC’s functionality and determine how it can more effectively unite the umma. This may also be an opportunity for its member states to develop an effective common strategy that could help the cause of peace and stability in the Muslim domain and its relations with the outside world.

## India’s coal transition must overcome many challenges

(Gns). As India forges ahead with its renewable energy goals to combat climate change, the transition away from coal presents a complex economic challenge. While the environmental urgency is clear, the macro-economic consequences – especially those impacting employment and state finances – carry a weight that policymakers can no longer afford to overlook. Coal has long powered India’s economy, currently generating over 70 per cent of the country’s electricity. For several states, including Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha, coal is more than just a fuel – it supports budgets, liveli-

hoods, and local development. Jharkhand receives nearly 30 per cent of its own tax revenue from fossil fuelbased royalties and levies; Chhattisgarh follows closely. Together with a few other states, they account for most of India’s coal reserves and production, making the transition highly regional in both risk and impact. Moving away from coal will not be cheap. India is estimated to require about \$900 billion to \$1 trillion over the next three decades to fully steer its power sector away from fossil fuels. Nearly half of that cost will fund nonenergy needs – worker reskilling, land repurposing,

In declaring a sharply reduced deadline for a Ukraine ceasefire, US President Donald Trump has added urgency ~ and confusion ~ to an already volatile geopolitical situation. The move, cutting down his earlier 50-day ultimatum to just “10 or 12 days,” underscores a familiar Trumpian pattern: bold rhetoric, high stakes, and the calculated use of unpredictability. Yet, behind the dramatic flair lies a deeper tension between political theatre and diplomatic reality. The war in Ukraine, now in its fourth year after Russia’s full-scale invasion, has reached a brutal and stagnant phase. Ukrainian cities continue to face missile and drone strikes, while

(Gns). The exit of a much battered, and chastened, Elon Musk from DOGE was widely celebrated by his critics. Musk is a man with many epic successes and failures behind him ~ with an unblemished record of learning from his failures, and turning them into successes ~ all before you can say Jack Robinson. But Musk who pushed down the costs of rocket launches and space exploration by ninety per cent, revolutionised online payments, upended the car industry, and changed much more, met his match in the American bureaucracy.

The DOGE experiment has been keenly watched, with many political leaders in many countries ~ mostly from opposition parties ~ raring to imitate Musk in grinding down bureaucracy to dust. Nigel Farage, the leader of Reform UK, adopted the Musk and Trump agenda, and was promptly rewarded by voters with a substantial poll lead over the ruling party (Labour) in local elections, with many rooting for his ramshackle outfit as a potential party of government. Notably, Reform UK has launched a DOGE (UK) in councils, and punters are now betting on

livelihood support, and economic diversification.

These are not peripheral concerns; they are essential to making the energy transition socially and economically viable. Employment is where the transition dilemma becomes most immediate. Coal supports the livelihoods of over 13 million people across mining, transport, thermal power, steel, brick kilns, and other linked sectors. Formal employment numbers tell only part of the story. Many workers are hired through contractors or are informally engaged – making them both invisible in official data and vulnerable to job losses. In Jharkhand alone,

Mayday call, the aircraft crashed into a densely populated neighbourhood.

It was the deadliest aviation disaster in India in nearly thirty years, and the first fatal hull loss of a Boeing 787. While DGCA has stated that larger carriers tend to generate a higher number of audit findings due to their complexity, this explanation offers little comfort. Serious failures such as inadequate pilot training, use of unapproved simulators, and poor rostering are not inevitable by-products of scale ~ they are symptoms of operational complacency and oversight failure. India’s aviation boom has outpaced its regulatory preparedness. With increased routes, newer fleets, and ambitious inter-

the eastern front grinds on. In this context, Mr Trump’s ultimatum to Russian President Vladimir Putin may appear decisive, but it does not address the underlying complexity. Ceasefires are not compelled by deadlines alone; they require mutual trust, enforceable guarantees, and conditions that both parties can live with. None of that exists today. Military conflicts shaped by entrenched territorial, political, and ideological stakes rarely yield to arbitrary timetables. Deadlines may resonate in speeches, but on the battlefield, they hold little practical value.

To Mr Trump’s supporters, his call may seem like a return to “peace through strength.” Indeed,

Farage becoming the next Prime Minister. Anti-establishment rhetoric, with appeals for private sector efficiency in government departments, is not unusual.

Much earlier, Arvind Kejriwal – a career civil servant, and a rank outsider to politics ~ contesting on a promise of good governance, thrice got a mandate from the people of Delhi, twice with an overwhelming majority. It is quite another matter that most of Kejriwal’s governance initiatives were torpedoed by the Central Government, and in a classic case of ‘when you can’t beat them join them,’ Kejriwal and his colleagues decided to behave like conventional politicians ~ only to end up in jail on charges of corruption. Despite the Kejriwal fiasco, many in India still want hidebound politicians and bureaucrats to be replaced by smart outsiders. Trump, even after many years in government, down entire government departments, and firing thousands of government employees.

However, as Musk and Trump soon found out, disruption is easy but rebuilding is extremely difficult. DOGE initially promised to cut Federal expenditure by

nearly 300,000 are employed in formal coal work, with at least a million tied indirectly to the industry.

For these workers and their families, coal is far more than an energy source – it is a livelihood, a form of stability in regions where few other opportunities exist. Abrupt coal closures without alternative employment can lead to economic stagnation, deepened inequality, and long-term social stress. The risk isn’t just of stranded assets, but of stranded communities, where entire regions are left behind in the march to net zero. Renewable energy promises jobs – indeed.

# Serial lapses

national tie-ups, operational complexity is rising faster than oversight capacity. This imbalance



must be corrected.

A robust civil aviation sector needs not only investment and expansion, but deeprooted institutional vigilance. Without strengthening DGCA’s resources,

staffing, and independence, expecting sustained safety in a liberalised market is not only unrealistic ~ it is

dangerous. The fact that some violations were self-reported is a welcome development, suggesting a shift towards a more transparent safety culture. But transparency must not be

## Empty Ultimatum

Ukrainian officials responded warmly, interpreting it as a forceful message to



Moscow. But even they likely understand the limitations. Russia has neither acknowledged the new deadline nor shown any inclination to reconsider its maximalist demands – including Ukraine’s neutrality and demilitarisation –

which remain unacceptable to Kyiv. The proposed threat of secondary tariffs

on countries trading with Russia is another bold gambit. In theory, such measures could severely damage Russia’s global trade ties and deter third-party cooperation. In practice, however, implementing a 100 per cent duty on

## The Outside Hand

US\$2 trillion, but Musk revised the goal to US\$1 trillion in April 2025, which has further been pared down to US\$ 150 billion. Some studies suggest that, after redundancy payments and other legal costs are factored in, DOGE will end up costing more than what it saved.

Additionally, the US Government is facing a number of law suits, across the US, filed by people affected by DOGE actions. Musk did not profit much by his association with the government. Rather, Musk became the second most hated man after Trump, unsavoury details about his personal life were published in the media, and his businesses suffered greatly, prompting him to throw in the towel, on the 129th day of his appointment.

The DOGE ex – periment has a number of lessons for eager beavers aiming to reform public administration:

a) Brilliant business and military leaders fail at political governance because their colleagues i.e., fellow politicians have their own predilections and interests, and bureaucrats do not obey orders blindly; before implementation, bureaucrats test all political decisions on the anvil of existing SOPs, circulars and instructions. When the Duke of Wellington, of Waterloo fame, became the Prime Minister in 1828, he said after his first cabinet meeting: “I gave them their orders and they wanted to stay and discuss them!” No wonder the Duke is remembered as one of Britain’s ablest generals, but the worst Prime Minister of the nineteenth century.

b) Faceless bureaucrats take thousands of decisions daily that affect the lives of innumerable people. With a view to enhance efficiency in governance, reformers like

Musk attempt to change the rules and procedures of taking such decisions, but such changes are often challenged in courts, which test the changes in light of existing regulations. It is, therefore not surprising that DOGE is being opposed in court in thirty lawsuits, some brought about by fourteen State attorneys general; hundreds of Freedom of Information requests have also been filed, which may result in even more lawsuits.

Conclusion: Potential reformers have to be masters at countering lawfare i.e., strategic use of legal proceedings or legal systems to harm or intimidate an opponent.

c) Sometimes, there is a need for complicated regulations. In a famous anecdote, a British Foreign Secretary once asked a reformer: “Sir, can you, with your simplified rules, determine the nationality of an illegitimate child born to a Haitian woman, from a Brazilian man, on a French ship, anchored in British waters?” Therefore, Musk’s obsession with minimalism, which translated into the war cry “Delete!” for all unnecessary things, like landing gear for rockets, failed miserably in Government.

d) The failure of DOGE has conclusively proved that outsiders cannot reform governance in the US, without first learning how to run it. It may be instructive to view governance reform in the Indian context. Reform of the bureaucracy was on top of the agenda of NDA 1.0, for which it had the necessary public support, but the Government faltered when flagship initiatives like demonetisation and GST ran into problems. NDA 2.0 initiated administrative reforms in September 2020, by launching the

mistaken for accountability. If DGCA fails to act firmly on these findings, it risks creating a precedent where disclosure becomes a substitute for action. Level 1 violations demand not only internal fixes but also public timelines, independent verification, and regulatory enforcement. This is not just about Air India. It is about a regulatory and operational ecosystem that must adapt to the evolving demands of air safety.

Scheduled audits and post-event reviews can no longer serve as the backbone of aviation oversight. What is needed is a real-time, technology-enabled system of monitoring, supported by surprise inspections and ongoing crew performance audits. Public

confidence in India’s skies is fragile, especially in the aftermath of the Ahmedabad crash. Flyers have expressed heightened anxiety, and the psychological toll of repeated aviation tragedies cannot be dismissed. Rebuilding trust will require more than press releases and procedural assurances ~ it will need visible, sustained, and systemic reform. Safety is not a formality ~ it is a culture. It must be reinforced from the cockpit to the boardroom, with the DGCA leading by example. If India is to prevent another tragedy, it must move beyond audits-as-routine and toward enforcement-as-commitment. The skies ~ and passengers ~ demand nothing less.

Russianlinked imports could alienate US allies and fragment international consensus. It may also push some countries to deepen ties with non-Western blocs, thereby diminishing the effectiveness of sanctions. The deeper question, then, is whether this ultimatum is a genuine diplomatic manoeuvre or a calculated political statement. Mr Trump’s comments ~ ranging from his expressed disappointment in Mr Putin to his abrupt “I’m not gonna talk anymore” ~ suggest a petulant leader, both disillusioned and disengaged.

The suggestion that Mr Putin and he “got along very well” further complicates the signal being sent. In setting an impossibly

short clock for peace, Mr Trump may be positioning himself for the blame game, not the bargaining table. If Mr Putin fails to comply ~ as seems inevitable ~ Mr Trump can claim he tried and pivot to punitive measures without engaging in the painstaking work of diplomacy. Ultimately, peace in Ukraine will not be secured through countdown clocks or press briefings. It will require sustained pressure, strategic patience, and a cohesive Western front. While Mr Trump’s deadline may generate headlines, its actual impact ~ unless backed by clear diplomatic channels and international coordination ~ risks being cosmetic at best and counterproductive at worst.

National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (Mission Karmayogi), aimed at capacity building of Government employees, by upgrading their training mechanism. Thereafter, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) published a draft Framework of Roles, Activities and Competencies (FRAC), providing an overview of the guiding principles, common vocabulary and steps required to complete the pre-FRAC process.

Later, in May 2021, the Government floated a Request for Proposal for hiring a private consultant to design and develop a FRAC for civil servants, so that the country can have a “fit-for-future civil service.” FRAC was to complement Mission Karmayogi, and was, eventually slated to dovetail into it. Working in tandem, both would have provided enhanced competencies and better-defined roles and activity profiles at all levels, leading to a ‘Roles based HR Management System’ for the bureaucracy instead of the present ‘Rules based’ one.

This was probably the last we heard about FRAC ~ unceremoniously scuppered by the entrenched bureaucracy. However, reforming the bureaucracy is not rocket science. Routine measures that would improve governance with little effort, like giving proper training to subordinate Government employees and formulating SOPs for them, in light of recent technical advances, could easily be attempted. Then, a matrix of responsibility and accountability for government employees needs to be worked out, so that dereliction of duty can be identified and dealt with. Lastly, the procedure to book delinquent officers needs to be streamlined by getting rid of the meaningless rigmarole that makes action against bureaucrats

virtually impossible. These steps would put the fear of God in lower-level functionaries.

The last time this approach was adopted was in 1975 ~ during the much reviled Emergency ~ and it succeeded spectacularly. All said, the corruption, inefficiency and lack of initiative of the bureaucracy is intriguing, given the fact that Government service is the employment of choice for the flower of Indian youth, who have excelled magnificently, even in the highly competitive American corporate world. Perhaps, to have an efficient and performing bureaucracy, the Government needs to put in place a framework of evaluation where good performance, excellence and initiative are rewarded, and corruption and non-performance are punished. Looking to the DOGE experience, reforms proposed by DOGE have often been stalled by courts, but a parliamentary democracy like India, where Parliament is supreme, has a better chance of implementing ad ~ ministrative reforms because the Government through Parliament can change all laws standing in its way.

What is needed is a will to reform, and a well-thoughtout plan for reform. However, there is little chance of non-civil service personnel influencing governance in India, because even a token induction of outsiders at upper echelons of the Government has been repeatedly thwarted by the entrenched permanent bureaucracy. It is no secret that only a well-functioning bureaucracy can accelerate reforms and pitchfork us in the comity of developed nations. But, we can make full use of our human capital only in a milieu which promotes good political and bureaucratic leadership. Otherwise, we risk ending up as a country in which “Wealth accumulates but men decay”.

## Indian railways introduces three new express trains: bhavnagar terminus - ayodhya cantt; Rewa - pune (hadapsar) and jabalpur - raipur

Mumbai, In a significant step towards enhancing rail connectivity across various states and addressing long-standing public demand, Indian Railways has introduced three new train services, viz. Train No. 19201/19202 Bhavnagar Terminus – Ayodhya Cantt (Weekly) Express, Train No. 20151/20152 Pune (Hadapsar) – Rewa (Weekly) Superfast Express and Train No. 11701/11702 Raipur – Jabalpur (Daily) Express. The inaugural services of these trains were flagged off by Dr. Mohan Yadav, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh; Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh; Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology; Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of Labour and Employment & Youth Affairs and Sports and Smt. Nimuben Bambhaniya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on Sunday, 3rd August 2025. The inaugural service of Bhavnagar Terminus – Ayodhya Cantt Express was flagged off from Bhavnagar Terminus station, while the inaugural services of Rewa – Pune (Hadapsar) Express and Jabalpur – Raipur Express were flagged off through video conferencing from Bhavnagar Terminus. On this occasion, the local public representatives and railway officials were also present for the function.

Shri Vaishnaw, while addressing the gathering mentioned that in the last 11 years, Indian Railways has undergone a major transformation under the

leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. Between Saradiya and Wansjaliya has also been



**Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology; Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of Labour and Employment & Youth Affairs and Sports and Smt. Nimuben Bambhaniya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution are seen flagging off the Bhavnagar Terminus – Ayodhya Cantt Express at a function held at Bhavnagar Terminus station.**

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Further, Hon'ble Minister of Railways announced that a new train service from Porbandar to Rajkot via Wansjaliya and Jetalsar will be introduced very soon, enhancing connectivity in the region. A state-of-the-art coach maintenance facility costing ₹135 crore will be developed at Ranavav station. A new railway line

sanctioned, which has been a long pending demand. In Porbandar city, a new flyover will be constructed in lieu of Level Crossing (LC) No. 3 near Bhadrakali Gate to ease traffic congestion. Two Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals is also in the pipeline to be set up in Bhavnagar city to boost freight operations. Furthermore, a new port is being developed in Bhavnagar, and a modern container terminal is also in the anvil to connect Bhavnagar Port with major Indian as well as global ports, enabling nationwide cargo movement through containers. Hon'ble Minister also informed that several projects in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are progressing at a fast pace. The work of Mumbai–Ahmedabad Bullet Train project is also advancing rapidly and will be commis-

sioned soon, reducing travel time between the two cities to just 2 hours and 7 minutes.

Thereafter, Hon'ble Minister visited M/s. APPL Containers Ltd. at Shampara. This facility is a leading manufacturer of container units and is a shining example of the "Make in India" initiative, showcasing India's manufacturing capabilities and contributing to the country's economic growth.

Later, Hon'ble Minister proceeded to attend the Viksit Bharat Samvad at ISKCON Club, Bhavnagar. While addressing the gathering here, Shri Vaishnaw highlighted India's strong economic growth under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Citing the success of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative, he noted that while many nations struggled post-COVID, India maintained a 6–7% growth rate through an investment-led strategy. He emphasized India's emergence as a global manufacturing hub, with \$150 billion worth of electronics produced in the past 11 years and becoming the world's second-largest mobile manufacturer. The Minister also spoke about India's growing semiconductor ecosystem in Sanand and Dholera, and announced that Bhavnagar–Dholera connectivity will be explored. He reiterated the importance of Swadeshi Sankalp, support to MSMEs, and the commitment to Make in India, Make for the World, all being carried out with a spirit of Jansewa.

Details of the regular run of the newly introduced trains are as under:

Train No. 19201/19202 Bhavnagar Terminus – Ayodhya Cantt

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## Controversial Posters Linked To Women's Safety Campaign Spark Debate In Gujarat

explained that the NGO had approached them for traffic awareness programmes in schools and colleges but did not show these specific posters.

Controversial posters in Ahmedabad, allegedly connected to a traffic safety campaign, advised women to stay home to avoid rape, sparking criticism regarding women's safety in Gujarat, while the Deputy Commissioner of Police clarified the posters were not approved by the traffic police. The Gujarat Aam Aadmi Party criticized the BJP-led government, citing over 6,500 rapes in three years in the state.

Once the issue was highlighted, the posters were promptly taken down. The Gujarat Aam Aadmi

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## DPIIT Secretary Leads Delegation to K-tech MeitY Nasscom Centre of Excellence for IoT & AI in Bengaluru

(Gns).

A delegation led by Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Shri Amardeep Singh Bhatia, along with CEO & MD, NICDC, Shri Rajat Kumar Saini, Director, DPIIT and the Head of Startup India visited the K-tech MeitY Nasscom Centre of Excellence for IoT & AI in Bengaluru. The visit aimed to engage with startups and incubation leaders, gain insights into the local innovation ecosystem, and identify opportunities for policy support to accelerate growth.

Centre of Excellence, India's largest deep tech innovation hub, connects startups, innovators, enterprises, academia, and government to solve real-world challenges using cutting-edge technologies such as

IoT, AI, Data Science, Big Data, AR/VR, Machine Learning, and Robotics. The delegation interacted with startup founders and incubation managers to explore how these technologies can drive the future of manufacturing, logistics, and urban solutions.

Following the Investors Roundtable Conference in Bengaluru, Shri Amardeep Singh Bhatia, Secretary, DPIIT, undertook a detailed review of the Tumakuru Industrial Area, a flagship project under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP).

Secretary, DPIIT examined key milestones, including Phase A development covering 1,736 acres, progress on internal roads, drainage, and utility corridors, and initiatives to support investors.

During the meeting with Larsen & Toubro (L&T), the

started by the year end.

Shri Bhatia urged all stakeholders to meet planned targets on schedule while upholding the highest quality standards to ensure Tumakuru Industrial Area attracts both global and domestic investment in sectors such as electronics, automotive, clean tech, and logistics.

The delegation also visited Foxconn Hon Hai Technology India Mega Development Pvt. Ltd. and the Devanahalli Aerospace Special Economic Zone (#SEZ), followed by a tour of Dynamic Technologies, a leading manufacturer of aerospace components. The walkthrough provided insights into advanced manufacturing capabilities, precision engineering, and India's evolving role in the global aerospace supply chain.

Party (AAP) criticised the BJP-led government, claiming these posters revealed the true state of women's safety in Gujarat. They pointed out that despite talks of empowerment, over 6,500 rapes and

more than 36 gang rapes occurred in the state over three years. The AAP questioned whether women should feel safe going out at night in Ahmedabad. They argued that while BJP leaders discuss women's safety, these posters reflect a different reality. The party's statement highlighted concerns

about the actual conditions faced by women in Gujarat.

Neeta Desai further mentioned that Satarkta Group had initially shown them only traffic-related materials. The controversial content was not part of what was presented to them initially. This incident has raised significant questions about accountability and communication between organisations involved in public campaigns.

Amidst this controversy, there is a growing demand for clarity on how such messages were allowed to be displayed publicly without proper oversight. The incident underscores the need for careful consideration and approval processes when addressing sensitive topics like women's safety.



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EPC contractor, and HaskoningDHV, the PMC contractor for the project, highlighted the detailed updates on construction progress and major milestone deliverables. L&T assured the officials that they will speed up the work and finish key tasks on time so as to ensure that land allotment to Industries is

critical operations.

The Secretary, DPE praised the initiative as a shining example of the Government's "Whole of Government" (WoG) approach, underlining its potential to modernize India's industrial base, promote advanced skilling, and generate employment opportunities—particularly in the North Eastern Region.

CMD NRL stated that the integration of 5G CNPN will not only enhance operational efficiency and cybersecurity but also enable transformative technologies such as AR/VR-based training, Digital Twins, and real-time IoT applications. He called it a game-changing moment for India's refinery sector.



CNPEN (Captive Non-Public Network) within the refinery sector, ushering in a new era of secure, ultra-reliable, and real-time industrial connectivity. This initiative is a pioneering step in leveraging indigenous 5G infrastructure for mission-

## Felix Hospitals Hosts 'Manifest Your Way to Success' Workshop to Promote Mental Health Awareness

(Gns).

"It is crucial to understand the importance of mental health in today's era," Shri Pankaj Singh, MLA Noida & Vice President, BJP Uttar Pradesh

For the first time in Delhi-NCR, Felix Hospitals organized a one-day special spiritual workshop titled "Manifest Your Way to Success" on Sunday, August 3rd at Panchsheel Balak Inter College, Sector-91, Noida. The aim was to strengthen mental health and promote the spread of positive energy in life.

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on August 3rd, to strengthen mental health, with Shri Pankaj Singh as the Chief Guest, and Shreans Daga leading the sessions. The workshop aimed to promote mental well-being through meditation, breathwork, and positive thinking, with over 500 participants.

Switch To Shorts Manifest Your Way to Success Workshop 'Manifest Your Way to Success' Workshop

Shri Pankaj Singh, MLA Noida and Vice President of BJP Uttar Pradesh graced the event as the Chief Guest and inspired participants to channel their thoughts in a positive direction. He highly appreciated this initiative by Felix Hospitals. According to Shri Pankaj Singh, such workshops not only improve mental health but also help

develop new perspectives and thought processes in life.

In his address, Shri Pankaj Singh emphasized the increasing importance of mental health in today's times. He stated that even amid the challenges of modern life, ancient practices like meditation, mindfulness, and positive thinking can lead not only to mental peace but also to a life filled with confidence and vitality. He congratulated Felix Hospitals and Shreans Daga's team for this meaningful initiative and remarked that this workshop would prove to be a milestone in raising mental health awareness in society.

The event was led and mentored by Shreans Daga, Chairman of Pyramid Valley International and a

renowned spiritual teacher. He guided participants through practical techniques to recognize inner strength and bring lasting positive change in life through meditation, breathwork, and self-discipline.

Dr. D.K. Gupta, Chairman of Felix Hospitals, stated on this occasion that in today's fast-paced and high-pressure lifestyle, maintaining mental health has become one of the biggest challenges. He shared that the objective of the workshop was to make participants aware of attaining mental peace and inner balance through ancient Indian meditation and spiritual practices.

Dr. Gupta further added that in this race of life, where everyone is rushing ahead, true success and balance can only be

He elaborated on the features of the Vande Bharat train, emphasizing that it is a fully indigenous, world-class train equipped with modern amenities. He urged citizens to participate in the national mission to realize the vision of a Developed India.

The Minister further noted that there was a time when India had no recognition in the field of electronics manufacturing. However, over the past decade, India has emerged as a major hub with \$150 billion worth of electronics manufacturing. Not only that, but India is now also taking a leading position in the semiconductor sector on the global stage.

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## Union Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw Holds a 'Viksit Bharat Samvad' in Bhavnagar with Traders, Merchants, Industrialists, and Prominent Citizens

(Gns).

Union Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw held a 'Viksit Bharat Samvad' with traders, merchants, industrialists, and prominent citizens at Iskon Fern in Bhavnagar. Minister of Labour and Employment, Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukhbhai Mandaviya and Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Smt. Nimuben Bambhaniya were also specially present at the event.

Speaking about India's robust and continuously growing economy compared to other countries, the Railway Minister stated that while global economies have seen declining growth rates post

the COVID-19 pandemic, India has witnessed a consistent rise in its growth rate — a matter of both pride and joy. Under the



visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has emerged as the world's fourth-

largest economy, with its economy valued at ₹331 lakh crore as of March 31, 2025.

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growing global stature and capabilities, the Minister also shared insights into indigenous manufacturing.

# Odisha teen's body to be air-lifted back to her native place

(Gns).

The body of the 15-year-old girl, who sustained 75 per cent burn injuries after allegedly being set ablaze by unidentified assailants in Odisha's Balanga on July 19 and died at AIIMS on Saturday, was handed over to the family after completing autopsy procedures at the hospital. Her body would be airlifted back to her native place in Odisha.

Speaking to a news agency, her father, Himmat Ali, said, "I don't want to point fingers at anyone. Everyone prayed for my daughter, irrespective of their religion. I am not upset with anyone. My daughter was not part of my destiny. I don't want to blame anyone."

"I request you to please keep me and my family away from politics. Everything was fine until she was at home with us. I don't know how this happened," he added.

Her uncle stated, "God has taken her away from us; we cannot blame anyone now. The government has helped us a lot, along with the doctors and hospital staff. Everyone has done their job perfectly; we don't have a problem with anyone. Her father has slipped into depression and is not in a state to speak."

Meanwhile, her brother said, "We cannot even express the extent of our grief. She was a vibrant 15-year-old girl but struggled and doing fine. We don't know what happened in the afternoon; she was in a lot of discomfort and was put on a ventilator. By the evening, we had lost her," he added.

The incident came to light on July 19, when the girl was returning home after meeting a friend and was intercepted by unknown men near the banks of the Bhargavi River.

According to her mother's statement, her daughter was allegedly kidnapped by the men, who poured an inflammable substance on her and set her ablaze.

A villager, an eyewitness to the horrific scene, said, "I heard her crying and managed to douse the flames."

immensely; she stayed in the hospital for 14 days. We always had hope that, even though recovery would take time, she would be fine and come home."

"Yesterday morning, we were told she was talking



# Centre is all set to introduce key sports bills in Lok Sabha

(Gns).

The Union government is set to introduce two key legislations — The National Sports Governance Bill, 2025 and The National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025 — in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

Parliament has seen limited business since the Monsoon Session commenced on July 21, with both Houses witnessing repeated adjournments and heated exchanges over the ongoing Special Intensive



Revision (SIR) of the voter list in poll-bound Bihar. Opposition parties have

# Destroying cheese : Food security team destroyed 600 kg, bad cheese

Mathura. The Food Department destroyed the recovered cheese after the prior action taken at the Brijwasi dairy at Gopal Bagh in Kosikalan town. This step was taken by the department after the laboratory check was not found to be found in the laboratory as per the standards. During this period, about 600 kg of synthetic and poor cheese were destroyed as per rules. A few days ago, the Food Department was informed that synthetic cheese is being constructed in a dairy in Gopal Bagh area. The team was raided by the team under the leadership of Assistant Commissioner

Food Security Dhirendra Pratap Singh and sent other suspicious material

dards. On which the Food Department took action and destroyed about 600 kg of

samples for examination. The laboratory report confirmed that the substances used in cheese are not in line with food safety stan-

cheese. Food Safety Officer Dalbir Singh, Jeetu and other officials were present on the occasion



# Farewell ceremony of Uttar Pradesh Lab Technician Association's State Communicator concluded

Gorakhpur, After the retirement of senior laboratory technician Shri AK Maurya ji and Shri Girish Chandra Srivastava ji, a felicitation ceremony was organized by LT Sangh in the meeting hall of Additional Director Medical Health and Family Welfare Gorakhpur Division Gorakhpur in which Joint Director Dr. V.M. Rao, Shri AK Garg ji, Additional Chief Medical Officer Dr. Arun Chaudhary ji along with all the members of LT cadre of the district participated. The stage was conducted by District President Shri

Naveen Srivastava. Provincial President Shri S.K. Rawat, General Secretary Shri Kamal Srivastava, Sunil Yadav, Ramesh Yadav, Naresh Patel, Secretary Amit

Shukla who came from the state were present in this ceremony. Everyone wished Shri Maurya ji and Shri Srivastava ji for a bright future in the future.



# Rotary Club appointed Shri Piyush Singh Chauhan as Youth and Literacy Director

**It is important to channelize the energy of youth: Piyush Singh Chauhan**

Lucknow Rotary Club honoured Piyush Singh Chauhan by presenting him with a Rotary membership pin on the occasion of his appointment as Youth and Literacy Director. This pin is a symbol of his commitment towards service and social transformation. Shri Chauhan's continuous efforts in the field of education and youth empowerment strengthen the Rotary Club's philosophy of build-

ing society through service.

Receiving the honour, Shri Piyush Singh Chauhan said, "It is a matter of pride for me that I have been entrusted with this responsibility. I am ready to work with Rotary Club to make a meaningful contribution in the field of youth upliftment and literacy. Rotary Club congratulates Shri Piyush Singh Chauhan for this new responsibility and

hopes that new dimensions will be established in the direction of social service under his leadership.



# MP CM announces Rs 250 rakhi gift to laadli behnas

(Gns).

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav announced on Sunday that all Laadli Behnas in Madhya Pradesh will receive an additional Rs 250 in their bank accounts on 7 August, as a Raksha Bandhan gift, and he described this amount as a "small token of love from a brother", which will be in addition to the regular monthly Rs 1250 provided under the 'Laadli Behna Yojana'.

The Chief Minister made the announcement while addressing a Raksha Bandhan celebration organised by women working at the 'Best Lifestyle' Company in Ujjain. "Every woman of the state is my sister — it is my pride and my honour. The Madhya Pradesh government is fully committed to ensuring that no sister faces hardship", the CM stated.

He informed that 1,500 women are currently employed at 'Best Lifestyle', and this number is expected to increase to 4,000 soon, as the state government has allotted a new site to the company, where residential facilities for women will also be provided.

CM Dr Yadav highlighted the contribution of 'Pratibha Syntex', another major employer in the region, which currently employs over 7,000 women. These skilled workers are producing high-quality garments that are exported directly to the United States.

The company has already exported 11 lakh units and aims to reach 20 lakh units shortly. "I bow to the hardworking sisters who are the backbone of this progress. For me, my sisters are everything", he added.

CM Dr Yadav also noted that earlier, textile mills in Ujjain provided employment to around 5,000 people, but today, the figure has crossed 20,000, and is continuously growing. He said, "Industries are coming to Ujjain, investors are showing interest in Madhya

Pradesh, and this is creating jobs — a matter of pride for our state, both nationally and internationally".

He called Raksha Bandhan 'the king of festivals', where sisters selflessly offer love, devotion and respect, often bringing honour to both their parental and marital families. He encouraged women to work with full dedication in such companies, emphasising that employment is not just about earning a livelihood but also a shared responsibility toward growth.

CM Dr Yadav also mentioned that the government is providing Rs. 5,000 to the women working in the company, under various state-run schemes, and more welfare initiatives are in the pipeline.

During the event, the women tied rakhis and applied tilak to the Chief Minister, who in turn presented gifts to the women.



# Police busted murder and robbery in Radhakund, three arrested including woman

**Police strive to arrest two absconding two associates**

Mathura. Govardhan Police, SWAT team and anti -racket criminal team together have exposed the murder and robbery incident in Radhakund. Two men and a woman have been arrested in this case. Two of his companions are still absconding in this murder and robbery, whose police are trying to arrest them. This effect has been given by SP countryside Suresh Chandra Rawat in the auditorium located on the police line today.

He said that on the night of 22-23 July 2025, Radhakund was held in Gopi Vihar Colony. 55-year-old Vinod Kumar Pandey was killed by unknown miscreants. The accused escaped after robbing his body, house jewelry, cash and motorcycle, a scooter. On the complaint of the deceased's brother Girish Chand Pandey, a case was registered under sections 302, 309, 317, 61, 62 and 63 of the IPC in the police station Govardhan.

The team was formed under the leadership of Superintendent of Police (Rural). Police on Sunday made Lalit Koli alias Bouncer son Raju resident of Raju, 22T Hat Hat Huts Kabir Nagar Ranapratap

Bagh Police Station, India District New Delhi, Rajkishore Sharma son Late. Vishnu Dutt Sharma, N. Pal Colony Radhakund police station Govardhan, a woman accused was arrested. The inquiry revealed that Lalit Kohli was earlier lodged in Mathura Jail. There he met another accused Ajit. The

two together planned this incident. According to the plan, the accused, with the help of the woman, opened the door of the deceased's house, saying that a family had come. As soon as the door opened, he carried out the murder and robbery. The police have recovered scooter and cash of Rs 7,100 from the arrested accused. The police is searching for the arrest of absconding accused Ajit and Chandramohan alias Hariom. In this success, the police team mainly included Govardhan in -charge Inspector Ravi Tyagi, SWAT team in -charge Inspector Chhotalal, UP Savez Chaudhary in -charge Anti Rewarded Criminal Team, U.N. Nitin Tyagi Police Station Govardhan, U.N. Kripal Singh Police Station Govardhan, Women U Vinay Buddhist besides Head Constable and Castableare.



SP giving information in the countryside police line auditorium

# ‘One Block, One Crop’ initiative in UP

(Gns).

In a significant step towards achieving the goal of transforming Uttar Pradesh's economy into a one trillion-dollar economy, the state government has launched the 'One Block, One Crop' initiative.

The programme aims to boost the cultivation, processing, marketing, branding, and export of region-specific horticultural crops across different agro-climatic zones in the state.

UP Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Horticulture, Agricultural Marketing, Agricultural Foreign Trade, and Agricultural Export, Dinesh Pratap Singh, said here on Sunday that the programme will promote high-value and specialty crops at the block level based on the suitability of agro-climatic conditions.

He emphasised the increasing trend of horticultural farming in the state, noting that in the past six to seven years, more than 3 lakh hectares have been brought under fruit and vegetable cultivation, resulting in an increase of over 211 lakh metric tonnes in production.

Singh highlighted that horticulture plays a crucial role in the economic development of Uttar Pradesh. Under the 'One Block, One Crop' scheme, efforts will be made to integrate farmers into a complete crop-based value chain in selected areas. This, in turn, is expected to enhance farmers' incomes and strengthen the state's agricultural export potential.

To ensure effective implementation, the government will observe a 'One Block, One Crop Week' from August 4 to August 8, 2025. During this week,

important ghats and a warning/ notices should be written to stay away from Yamuna ji at regular distances. He instructed the officers to be vigilant



# District Magistrate and SSP inspected the rising water level in Yamuna

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar and CO City Bhushan Verma inspected the ghats and surrounding areas in view of the rising water level of Yamuna ji. The District Magistrate and Senior Superintendent of Police took stock of other ghats including Bengali Ghat, Vishram Ghat, Shyam Ghat, Raja Ghat, Dauji Ghat, Swami Ghat

through boating. He instructed the police officers that they continued to patrol around the ghats. The District Magistrate directed that barricading should be done around the

important ghats and a warning/ notices should be written to stay away from Yamuna ji at regular distances. He instructed the officers to be vigilant



DM and SSP inspecting through terrestrial and steamers

# Two Killed, Two Critically Injured in Head-On Collision on Nagina-Dhampur Road

Bijnor, Shariq Zaidi :

A tragic road accident on the Nagina-Dhampur road claimed the lives of a mother and her son, while his wife and daughter were critically injured when two speeding cars collided head-on near Chak Sahjani village on Sunday.

According to the police, the impact of the collision was so severe that both vehicles were mangled beyond recognition. The deceased have been identified as Chandra Shekhar Bhatt, a resident of Roorkee, and his mother Madhavi Bhatt. The injured—Chandra Shekhar's wife and daughter—were rushed to a nearby hospital where their condition remains critical.

The family was reportedly en route to Rudrapur to visit relatives when the accident occurred. Upon receiving the information, local police reached the spot, initiated rescue efforts, and took the bodies into custody for post-mortem examination. The driver of the second car involved in the crash has been detained and is currently being interrogated.

Police officials suspect over-speeding and negligent driving to be the primary cause of the accident. The incident has left the Bhatt family in deep mourning, with relatives in shock after receiving the devastating news.

Authorities have launched an investigation to ascertain further details. Meanwhile, traffic on the Nagina-Dhampur road was disrupted for some time following the crash but has since been restored.

