



## PM Modi, Zelensky Call For Constructive Talks To Resolve Russia-Ukraine Crisis

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In a recent conversation with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised the importance of resolving the ongoing conflict with Russia through peaceful means. This discussion highlights India's stance on promoting dialogue and diplomacy to address international disputes.

The call between the two leaders underscores India's commitment to fostering peace and stability in global affairs. PM Modi reiterated the need for a diplomatic approach, aligning with India's long-standing policy of advocating for non-violent solutions to conflicts.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a discussion with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky,

diplomatic solutions and global peace. India has consistently advocated for peaceful res-

efforts to encourage dialogue and negotiation as primary tools for conflict resolution.

During their discussion, PM Modi conveyed India's position clearly, urging both parties involved in the conflict to engage in constructive dialogue. This approach reflects India's dedication to maintaining global peace and security.

Global Reactions  
The international community has been closely monitoring developments in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. India's call for a peaceful resolution aligns with global efforts to de-escalate tensions and find a sustainable solution through diplomatic channels.



stressed the importance of resolving the Russia-Ukraine conflict through peaceful means, reflecting India's commitment to

olutions in international conflicts. The conversation between PM Modi and President Zelensky is part of broader diplomatic

## Union Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh Chairs Seafood Exporters Meet 2025 in New Delhi; Chart Strategy to Expand Global Market Reach

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The Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying organized a Seafood Exporters Meet 2025 today at Ambekar Bhawan, New Delhi. The meet was graced by Union Minister, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (MoFAH&D) and Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh along with Minister of State, MoFAH&D and MoPR Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel and Minister of State Shri George Kurian, MoFAH&D and Ministry of Minority Affairs.

The meeting was attended by officials from the Department of

Commerce, Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Inspection Council (EIC), National Bank for

the importance of value addition in Indian seafood to enhance its export potential. He highlighted the ongoing government initiatives being taken in



Government of India, along with the Fisheries Departments of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha and Gujarat.

During the meeting, Union Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh underscored

the fisheries sector, including the development of a single-window system for better market linkages for all stakeholders, strengthening of High Seas and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) fishing, and upgrad-

ing infrastructure, all aimed at further bolstering the fisheries sector. The Union Minister emphasized on MPEDA's pivotal role in navigating the tariff challenges faced by the industry and urged MPEDA, along with state governments, to conduct stakeholder consultations for accurate mapping of state-wise species-specific exports and identifying new export opportunities. He also assured the stakeholders of the government's commitment to further strengthening Indian seafood exports.

In his address, Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel highlighted the vast fisheries resources of the country and urged the stakeholders to leverage them to boost India's exports.

## 'This is ECI's data, not mine': Rahul Gandhi says won't sign affidavit over 'vote theft' claim

(Gns).

Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, who led a massive INDIA bloc protest march from Parliament to the Election Commission of India's office over alleged "vote theft" in 2024 Lok Sabha elections on Monday refused to sign an affidavit over his poll rigging claims. The Congress MP said that the data he shared during his August 7 press conference on "vote theft" was given by the Election Commission.

"This is the Election Commission's data. This is not my data, for which I will sign an affidavit," he said. He further stated, "Let

the Election Commission pick up the data and put it on its website, then it will find out for itself."

The Congress leader

attempt to divert attention from the issue.

"All this is just to divert attention from the issue. This did not happen only in

knows that the data they are trying to hide will explode," he added.

Rahul, who was detained by the Delhi Police during the march, made the remarks while speaking to reporters after being released from the Parliament Street Police Station where he, along with other Opposition MPs, was held.

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Speaking about the protest march and their subsequent arrest, the Congress leader asserted that the commission is afraid of the truth.



claimed that the poll panel's notice to him over his vote theft claims was an

Bengaluru, but in many constituencies as well. The Election Commission

## First robotic surgery facility in Himachal launched at AIMSS, Chamiyana, Shimla.

(Gns).

Himachal Pradesh entered a new era in healthcare with the launch of robotic surgery at the Atal Institute of Medical Super Specialties (AIMSS), Chamiyana, Shimla.

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated the state's first robotic surgery facility and witnessed its maiden operation. With this, the AIMSS Chamiyana has become the first government health institution in Himachal Pradesh to perform high-end robotic surgery.

A resident of Khalini, Shimla, suffering from a prostate-related ailment, became the first patient to undergo this advanced pro-

cedure. The surgery was performed successfully by a team comprising Dr Anant Kumar, Dr Pamposh Raina, and Dr Pawan

required at least five hours. Significantly, there was no blood loss during the surgery, compared to the four units of blood typically



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According to the medical team, the operation took nearly three hours, whereas a traditional procedure would have

needed in conventional operations. The patient is expected to be discharged within three to four days, as opposed to the usual eight to ten days required for

recovery after a traditional surgery.

The chief minister congratulated the doctors and medical staff for this achievement and commended their skill and dedication in successfully conducting the state's first robotic surgery.

The patient's attendant expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister and the state government for making this world-class technology available in a government medical institution.

He said that with the introduction of robotic surgery in Himachal Pradesh, patients will no longer have to travel outside the state for such high-end medical procedures.

## Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Offers Prayers at Ancient Hatkeshwar Mahadev Temple in Vadnagar on Third Monday of Shravan

State Government Includes Hatkeshwar Temple in Swadesh Darshan Yojana and Heritage Circuit Project  
Pavitra Yatra Dham Vikas Board Completes Rs. 4.22 Crore Works in Second Phase of Temple Premises Development

Gandhinagar, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel visited the historic Hatkeshwar Mahadev Temple in Vadnagar on the third Monday of Shravan and prayed for the nation's and state's progress, and the well-being of all citizens.

The Hatkeshwar temple has been included in the Swadesh Darshan Yojana and the Heritage Circuit project. Not only that, but in the temple premises, works



worth Rs. 18 crore for the first phase of pilgrim facility development and works such as the Garbhagriha, Sabhamandapa, Shikhar, Yagyashala, and Swagat Kendra have been completed with a grant of Rs. 4.22

crore in the second phase. Recently, Gujarat Tourism Corporation has also operated a light and sound show presenting the historical and ancient significance of the Hatkeshwar temple at a cost of Rs. 5.53

crore.

On the occasion, Health Minister Shri Rushikesh Patel, District Panchayat President Trushaben Patel, Secretary of Tourism and Devasthan Department Rajender Kumar, Secretary of Pavitra Yatra Vikas Board Shri Ramesh Merja, leader Girishbhai Rajgor, MLA Shri K.K. Patel, District Collector S.K. Prajapati, District Development Officer Dr. Hasrat Jasmin, Resident Additional Collector J.K. Jegoda, officers and officials of Vadnagar city and taluka administration, and trustees of Hatkeshwar Mahadev Sansthan Vadnagar were present.

## India's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Presents Revised Income-Tax Bill 2025 In Lok Sabha

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On Monday, the Lok Sabha passed the Income Tax (No. 2) Bill, 2025 without debate, just hours after it was introduced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The bill, tabled on Monday afternoon, came days after the government withdrew the earlier Income Tax Bill, 2025 from the House on Friday.

This revised legislation incorporates nearly all the recommendations made by the 31-member Select Committee, headed by BJP MP Baijayant Panda, which had examined the earlier draft. The move follows the government's July 2024 budget announcement of a time-bound, comprehensive review of the Income-tax Act, 1961, aimed at making it concise, lucid, and easier to interpret.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the revised Income-Tax (No.2) Bill, 2025 in Lok

Sabha to replace the Income Tax Act of 1961, incorporating recommendations from the Select Committee led by Baijayant Panda, which were introduced on



February 13, and addressing legal clarity through corrections.

The passage occurred amid ongoing opposition protests demanding a debate on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, which have caused repeated disruptions in both Houses since the start of

the monsoon session.

Originally introduced on February 13, 2025, the first version of the Income Tax Bill was referred to the Select Committee. The panel presented its 4,584-

Key changes proposed by the committee included allowing refunds even if income tax returns are filed after the due date, aligning the definition of micro and small enterprises with the MSME Act, and clarifying provisions for non-profit organisations regarding 'income' vs 'receipts', anonymous donations, and the removal of the deemed application concept. The panel also sought clearer provisions on advance ruling fees, TDS on provident funds, low-tax certificates, and penalty powers.

The government cited drafting corrections, alignment of phrases, consequential changes, and improved cross-referencing as reasons for replacing the earlier bill. The new law will replace the 64-year-old Income-tax Act, 1961, which has been heavily amended over the decades, making it overly complex and burdensome for taxpayers and administrators.



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Editorial

Balance of Power

The political standoff in Texas, USA is not merely a state-level crisis. It is a window into a broader, intensifying struggle over the rules of democratic engagement in the United States. At the centre of this clash is redistricting, the once-in-a-decade process of redrawing congressional boundaries to reflect population changes. Yet, in today's hyper-polarised political climate, this routine administrative task has become a tool of strategic warfare, and both major parties appear willing to push it to the brink.

In Texas, the effort by Republican lawmakers to redraw district lines in a way that would secure five additional seats for the party in the US House has led to dramatic scenes: Democratic state legislators fleeing Texas to block the vote, while the governor has called for their arrest and levied daily fines. Beneath the theatrics lies a fundamental truth ~ redistricting has become one of the most consequential and contentious arenas in American politics.

The implications reach far beyond Texas. The US House of Representatives is currently finely balanced, and even a small shift in seats could flip control. A party that holds the majority in the House does not merely pass laws ~ it can investigate the President, hold up government funding, and even initiate impeachment proceedings. With so much at stake, the redistricting process has turned into a national power struggle where every seat matters and every boundary line becomes a potential battlefield. What is especially notable is how this conflict has prompted Democratic leaders in other states to reconsider their own long-standing commitments to bipartisan redistricting. States like California and New York had previously independent commissions to prevent partisan gerrymandering, believing it to be a more ethical approach.

But now, those very safeguards are viewed by some Democrats as strategic handicaps. When one side adheres to neutrality while the other exploits its advantages, fairness can start to feel like self-sabotage. The outcome may be an escalating redistricting "race," with both parties seeking to maximise their influence regardless of the long-term consequences. That raises uncomfortable questions: if each side sees its tactics as justified retaliation for the other's manoeuvring, where does it end? More importantly, what happens to the principle that voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around?

Even from a purely strategic standpoint, aggressive redistricting carries risks. Overconfidence in mapmaking can backfire if political tides shift unexpectedly. Safe districts can turn vulnerable under the weight of voter backlash, and the perception of manipulated democracy can erode trust in institutions already under strain. Ultimately, the Texas showdown underscores a grim reality: the rules of political engagement are being rewritten in real time, and the fight over maps may determine not just who governs, but how American democracy functions in the years to come. Sadly, the country does not seem to realise that political pygmies have small minds.

## Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Conducts Inspection Visit of Advanced Development Projects in Historic Vadnagar

**Multi-Modal Transportation Hub and Public Plaza Worth ₹17 Crore Being Developed Opposite Vadnagar Railway Station**  
**Parking, Amphitheatre, Pathways, and Food Plaza Facilities to Enhance Visitor Experience in Vadnagar**  
**Chief Minister Issued Directives to Ensure Quality in Project Execution**

Gandhinagar, 11 August 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel conducted an on-site inspection of the progress of key development projects being implemented by the state and central governments in Vadnagar, a city renowned for its rich historical and

archaeological heritage. To ensure the speedy completion of the multi-model transport hub being constructed opposite Vadnagar railway station, the Chief Minister gave necessary instructions to the concerned officials for proper coordination and integration of this project between the Railways and the State Government's Tourism Department.

Under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision, the archaeological and historic city of Vadnagar is witnessing rapid development. To further strengthen tourism facilities for passengers

and visitors, a Multi-Modal Transport Hub and Public

core. The project will feature amenities such as



Plaza—linking Vadnagar Railway Station with the city's major attractions—is being constructed at an estimated cost of ₹17

parking, rest areas, and a cafeteria, along with the plantation of over 2,000 trees across the premises. Chief Minister Shri

Bhupendra Patel also reviewed the progress of this initiative during his visit.

Under Swadesh Darshan Yojana's Heritage Circuit, key heritage sites in Vadnagar are being developed, including Sharmishtha Lake, Tana Riri Park, Lateri Stepwell, Ambaji Kotha Lake, the Railway Station, and Fort Wall.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel inspected the progress of the multi-model transport hub developed by Gujarat Tourism Corporation and gave necessary instructions to maintain quality.

During the visit, Tourism Secretary Dr. Rajendra Kumar provided a detailed briefing on the project's progress.

On this occasion, MLA Shri K. K. Patel, Secretary of Tourism and Devasthan Department Shri Rajender Kumar, Tourism Commissioner Shri Prabhav Joshi, Secretary of the Pavitra Yatra Development Board Shri Ramesh Merja, District Collector Shri S. K. Prajapati, District Development Officer Dr. Hasrat Jasmine, and officers from the Tourism Department were also present.

## Neither Love Nor Arranged, COLORS Brings a New Contemporary Route with ‘Manpasand Ki Shaadi’

**~ An emotional tapestry of love, parivaar, and parampara Manpasand Ki Shaadi is led by debutants Esha Suryawanshi as Aarohi and Akshun Mahajan as Abhishek ~**  
**~ The show premieres on August 11, 2025 and will air every Monday–Friday at 10 PM on COLORS! ~**

Lucknow, 11 August: 'Wah wah Ramji, jodi kya banayi!' As a couple, what does it take to hear these words in today's world? Do you walk the paved path of your parents' expectations or follow your heart's compass? For centuries, shaadi has been about two extremes: arranged alliances devised by parents, and love ignited by attraction. Cutting through that age-old binary of love vs arranged marriage, COLORS and Rajshri Productions (P) Ltd. reunite to introduce a third

about finding your life partner with your family by your side—parents are as involved in choosing as you are. And once the couple says 'yes,' families walk the journey forward together. It's a new-age marital drama will redraw the predetermined narrative of 'shaadi ka laddoo' into something personal, thoughtful, and inclusive—where 'parents' pasand and 'couples' pasand meet on the same level. Produced by Rajshri Productions (P) Ltd., Manpasand Ki Shaadi stars Esha Suryawanshi as Aarohi and Akshun Mahajan as Abhishek, and premieres on August 11, 2025, airing every Monday to Friday at 10 PM, only on COLORS.

Alok Jain, JioStar said, "At COLORS, we've always held a mirror to the changing times, and with Manpasand Ki Shaadi,

of marriage. India is evolving, and so are its relationships and this show captures that shift with honesty and heart. With Rajshri

awareness and agency in the world of social media and dating apps. This show is our tribute to that evolution. It introduces an entire-



Productions as our collaborator, we're bringing together the best of two worlds: their legacy of timeless storytelling and our instinct of viewers' emotional pulse. We're now expanding the shaadi universe with the launch of Manpasand Ki Shaadi, a heartfelt narrative that redefines marriage by blending tradition with contemporary choices."

Sooraj Barjatya, Director, Rajshri Productions (P) Ltd. said, "Reuniting with COLORS feels like a marriage of two creative energies. For over three decades, Rajshri stories have celebrated the sanctity of pyaar, parivaar and parampara. With Manpasand Ki Shaadi, we are proud to bring that legacy to television with the firepower of pasand. Today's generation is not rejecting values; they're reinterpreting them with

ly new kind of marriage — one that's born out of choice, respect, and conviction. It's about two people saying 'yes' to each other and then saying 'yes' to their families together. For audiences, I hope this show feels like a warm invitation to rethink how we view marriage, while relishing the family entertainment Rajshri is known for." Set in Indore, Manpasand Ki Shaadi is the story of Aarohi Shinde, a brilliant engineer from a modest, cowshed-running family where women are heard and valued. With conviction, she's ready to choose her life partner on her own terms. In contrast stands Abhishek Dewan, the pampered heir to a masala empire, raised in a household where only the men have a voice—and one who still has much to unlearn. When Aarohi

returns home for Gudi Padwa, she's unimpressed by her traditional suitor that her family has chosen and knows in her heart he isn't the one. A chance encounter with Abhishek—who selflessly saves her beloved calf—changes everything. He's not trying to be a hero, but his sincerity stands out. In that moment, Aarohi sees someone who matches her values, not just her checklist. But will she dare to defy her parivaar, reject the rishta, and set off on a quest for a manpasand ladka?

Speaking about her role as Aarohi Shinde, Esha Suryawanshi said, "As someone who grew up imagining herself in Rajshri films, this debut is a huge honour. I've idolised the leading ladies of this banner and I'm proud that my character Aarohi takes that tradition of being a role model forward. And yet like so many Indian girls, she lives in that delicate dance between 'log kya kahenge' and 'dil ki suno'. I hope that watching her deal with that complicated dilemma makes young women feel understood. Manpasand Ki Shaadi is a conversation we all need to have as a viable third option to love and arranged marriage. All Aarohi wants is for her marriage to check the boxes of prem, parivaar, parampara and most importantly pasand."

All set to step into the shoes of Abhishek Dewan, actor Akshun Mahajan said, "My character in the show, Abhishek Dewan lives in his own dreamland where he's the hero of his own movie and everyone around him augments this fairytale of his. He's got the slo-mo entries, the mesmerising background score, all in all, the whole 'Rajshri's Prem 2.0' vibe. Of course no one can come close to the original lovable Prem that we all grew up admiring. Having said that, Prem's been my inspiration in life, on a personal level. But what's interesting is watching what happens after the delusion fades. Because while he is charming, he is also entitled, impulsive and totally unaware of how privileged his life has been until he crosses paths with Aarohi, who pops his bubble with the pin of reality. Abhishek must earn the love he desires by becoming a better version of himself. His journey from being oblivious to reality to becoming aware, compassionate and more sensitive towards his surroundings is what makes the story truly special."

Get ready to witness the Rajshri-style revolution of the Indian marriage era in 'Manpasand Ki Shaadi'; premieres on August 11, 2025, and thereafter will air every Monday–Friday at 10 PM, on COLORS.

## PNB Contributes ₹1 Crore to Uttarakhand Disaster Management Fund under CSR Initiative

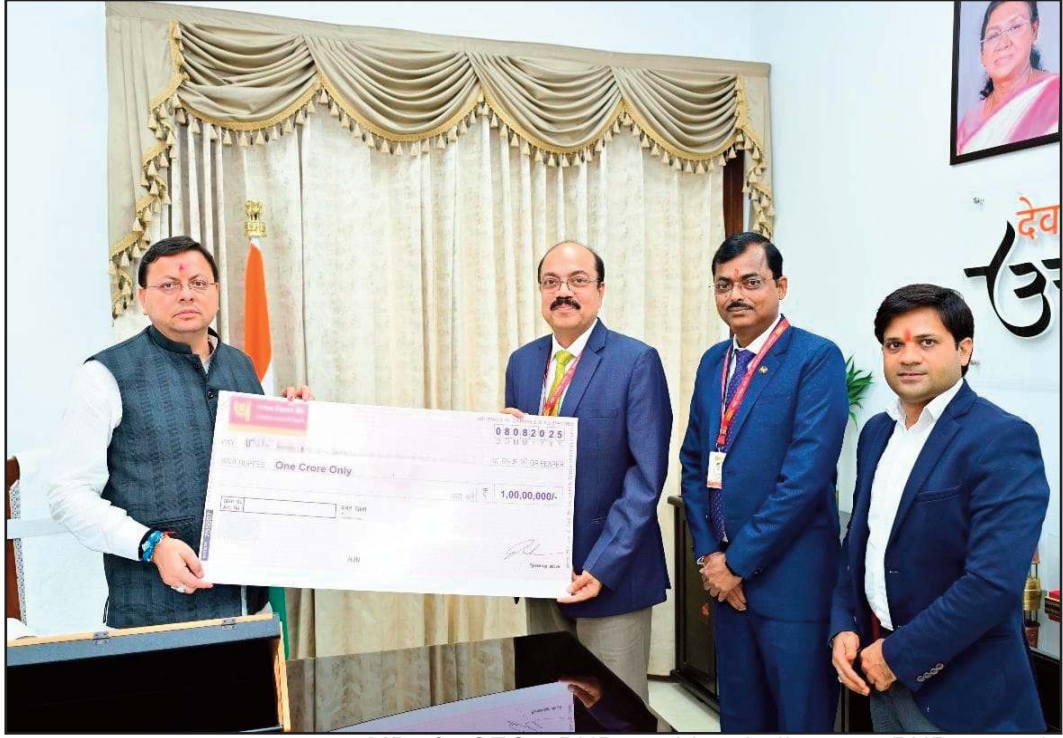
11 August 2025 – Punjab National Bank (PNB), India's leading public sector bank, made a contribution of ₹1 crore to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami, towards relief efforts in the disaster-affected areas of Dharali and Harsil in the Uttarkashi district under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. On this occasion, Additional Secretary Shri Manmohan Mainali and Shri Anupam, Zonal Head, Dehradun Zone were also present, reaffirming the bank's commitment to stand by the resilient people of the hill state during challenging times.

The decision reflects PNB's deep-rooted bond with the people of Uttarakhand and comes as a heartfelt response to the torrential rains and climatic upheaval that struck the state on August 5, 2025. A cloudburst in Uttarkashi district triggered mudslides and flash

floods in Dharali Village, bringing immense suffer-

contemporary route. 'Manpasand Ki Shaadi' is

we're bridging tradition and modernity in the definition



ing to local communities. The disaster resulted in significant loss of life and property, leaving families in distress and in urgent need of support.

Shri Ashok Chandra,

MD & CEO, PNB, said, "Our hearts go out to the people of Uttarakhand who are facing this difficult time with extraordinary courage and resilience. In this moment of grief and

challenge, PNB stands beside every family, every community, and every individual affected. Our support is more than financial assistance; it is a heartfelt pledge of solidar-

## Sanskriti University's divine and grand convocation

Mathura. The grand and divine event of the sixth convocation of Sanskriti University is being organized on August 12 at 10.30 am in the main ground of the university. The convocation will be held in the context of national and internationally renowned personalities. Soon after, Sanatan Dharma Dialogue will be organized in which the prestigious saint of the country will also get an opportunity to listen.

According to the information given by the university administration, 46 students who set special academic records of the university will be awarded gold medal, 44 students silver medals and 39 students will be awarded bronze medals



Sanskriti university

in this prestigious convocation. During the ceremony, students will be honored by giving 21 PhDs and a total of 2045 students who have graduated and post gradu-

ation. At the same time, International noted teacher, numerologist and mentor Dr. JC Chaudhary will be honored with an honorary degree.

Film artist, poet, writer and speaker Ashutosh Rana, Anantashree Vibhushit Jagadguru Ramanandacharya Swami Satishacharya, Puija Didi Maa Sadhvi Ritambharaji, Pundarik Maharaj, Purana Manishi Kaushiki Maharaj, Chinmayanand Babuji, Sudhanshu Ji Maharaj, Acharya Manish, Acharya Manish Ji (Ayurveda), AyurvedaPramod Krishnam, Dr.Nalinaksha S Vyasji, President of Indian University Association and Vice Chancellor of Kanpur University Vinay Pathak, Sandeep Goenka of Goldie Group, Shardapith Shankaracharya Anantashree Swami Amritanand Dev Tirthaji etc. are coming to participate

## Registered Post

(Gns).

Long before instant messages buzzed on mobile phones and emails zipped across the world in seconds, a simple envelope with a red and blue striped seal carried dreams, fears, and truths across the length and breadth of India. It was called a Registered Post. It walked into people's lives not just as a service, but as a solemn pledge of accountability. A father's job offer, a daughter's mark sheet, a property title from a distant town, a court notice demanding justice ~ all travelled through this humble medium. People waited anxiously at their gates, sometimes for days, trusting the postman to deliver not just paper, but fate itself.

For millions across India, the sight of a Registered Post envelope evoked a quiet reassurance ~ a letter carrying hope, a summons, a promise, or a memory, a treasured companion through changing times, especially in rural and small-town India, where its reliability was woven into the fabric of life. Now, in a decision that has stirred both operational optimism and public sorrow, the Department of Posts has announced the merger of Registered Post into Speed Post, effective 1 September 2025, as per the circular dated 2 July 2025. While

the stated aim is to streamline services, reduce redundancy, and improve tracking through a unified mail framework, the emotional disconnect this shift brings to millions of citizens cannot be ignored.



Registered Post, governed by rules that ensured delivery only to the addressee or their authorized representative, was widely seen as the most secure channel for legal and government communications. In contrast, Speed Post ~ although faster and well-tracked ~ is traditionally designed for time-sensitive rather than identity-sensitive deliveries, and can be handed over to anyone at the recipient's premises. This technical distinction carries profound implications. It raises a question among common citizens ~ will faster always mean safer? Furthermore, affordability is another issue that has led to public anxiety. At present, the base rate (up to minimum 20 grams) for

Registered Post is approximately Rs 25.96 rounded to Rs. 26 including GST, with an optional Rs 10 for Acknowledgement Due (AD) or Proof of Delivery (POD).

In comparison, Speed Post rates (up to minimum 50 grams) start from Rs 41 including GST with an optional Rs 10 for POD. For bulk senders such as litigants, pensioners, institutions, and the economically

weaker sections, this increase is significant and worrisome. Many have rightly argued that postal services were envisioned not as a profit making business, but as a public utility ensuring inclusive communication. However, from a departmental point of view, the writing on the wall has been clear. Usage of Registered Post has been on a steady decline. According to the latest available statistics, Registered Post volumes have dropped below 175 million articles annually, contributing around Rs 500 crore in revenue, whereas Speed Post now processes over 425 million articles, fetching more than Rs 1,700 crore in revenue. As per India Post's

Annual Report 2024-25, while the volume of Speed Post letters has increased from 52.42 crore in 2022-23 to 69.97 crore in 2023-24, the volume of Regd. letters has decreased from 18.72 crore in 2022-23 to 17.18 crore in 2023-24. Similarly, while the volume of Speed Post parcels has increased from 1,56,21,646 in 2022-23 to 2,51,74,368 in 2023-24, the volume of Regd. parcels has decreased from 3,33,79,655 in 2022-23 to 3,02,42,034 in 2023-24. In an era where digital platforms and private couriers are rapidly capturing the communication space, India Post needs to optimize its resources to remain competitive and relevant. With 1,49,164 rural and 15,833 urban post offices spread over the country, India Post, with its massive network of 1,64,987 post offices (as on 31.03.2024) is treated as the largest postal network in the world and remains the lifeline of rural India.

Leaving aside only 25,096 Departmental Post Offices, it still touches corners of the country with 1,39,891 branch post offices where even mobile signals don't reach. This institution, whose roots trace back to 1727, has weathered colonial rule, independence, technological revolutions.



## Bhavnagar Division Office Officials and Employees Organize ‘Tiranga Yatra’



Under the “Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign, Bhavnagar Railway Division has been organizing daily programs. In this series, under the leadership of Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Mr. Dinesh Verma, a Tiranga Yatra (Tricolour March) was organized at the Divisional Office on 11th August 2025 (Monday), in which all officers and employees of the division participated. The yatra commenced with the flag-off by DRM Mr. Dinesh Verma.

On the occasion of the upcoming Independence Day, the Divisional Office, Railway Museum, and Bhavnagar Terminus Railway Station have been decorated with tricolour lighting. On 12th August 2025 (Tuesday) at 7:00 AM, a “Tiranga Bike Rally” will be organized, starting from the Divisional Office, passing through Neelambagh Circle, Jewel Circle, and RTO Circle, and returning back to the Divisional Office.

Western Railway’s Bhavnagar Division has made full preparations to celebrate the spirit of freedom and to express respect for the national flag, the Tiranga. On 15th August 2025 (Friday), DRM Mr. Dinesh Verma will hoist the national flag at Bhavnagar Divisional Office. According to Senior Divisional Commercial

## BSNL Teams Up with Ericsson, Qualcomm, Cisco, and Nokia to Launch Industry-Led Digital Skilling at BRBRAITT Jabalpur in 5G, AI, Cybersecurity, and Networking

(Gns). In a significant move towards creating industry-ready skilled manpower, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) today signed strategic Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with four global technology leaders: Ericsson India Pvt. Ltd., Qualcomm Technologies Inc., Cisco Systems, and Nokia Solutions and Networks India Pvt. Ltd. in the presence of Union Minister of Communications and DoNER, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia.

Aimed at accelerating India’s digital transformation and strengthening the skilling ecosystem, these partnerships will roll out advance training initiatives in 5G, AI/ML, networking, and digital technologies at BSNL’s apex training institute, Bharat Ratna Bhim



Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, to establish a Telecom Innovation, Research and Training Centre (TIRTC) at BRBRAITT. Envisioned as an industry-led national hub, TIRTC will focus on developing telecom-specific R&D talent and a future-ready workforce — aligning with the Hon’ble Prime Minister’s vision of Skill India and Atmanirbhar

Rakesh Singh, PWD Minister, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Ashish Dubey, Member of Parliament (Jabalpur, MP), Secretary (Telecom) Dr. Neeraj Mittal, senior officials from the DoT, BSNL leadership, and representatives from partner companies.

MoUs were signed by Shri A. Robert J. Ravi, MD, BSNL with Shri Tarun Chhabra, Country Head, Nokia India; Shri Harish Krishnan, MD & Chief Policy officer, CISCO; Shri Nitin Bansal, MD, India Head Network Solutions, South East Asia, Oceania & India, ERICSSON India; Shri Savi Soni, President, Qualcomm India.

Addressing the gathering, Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia described the initiative as “a landmark step in building a skilled.

## Cooperative Election Authority (CEA) held its first consultative meeting with State Cooperative Election Authorities today in New Delhi

(Gns). The Cooperative Election Authority held its first consultative meeting with State Cooperative Election Authorities today in New Delhi. The meeting aimed to develop a mechanism of dialogue with State Cooperative Election Authorities so that the elections in cooperative bodies are conducted in a free and fair manner and the process becomes more transparent. The meeting was chaired by Shri Devendra Kumar Singh, Chairperson, Cooperative Election Authority which saw participation of the State Election Commissioners from Odisha, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Maharashtra. Shri R. K. Gupta, Vice Chairperson and Shri Alok Agarwal, Cooperative Ombudsman also participated. Shri

Anand Kumar Jha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation took part in the deliberation.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Devendra Kumar Singh, Chairperson, Cooperative Election Authority said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji and guidance of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah Government has brought various reforms in the cooperative sector including establishment of Cooperative Election Authority. The Cooperative Election Authority has so far conducted 159 elections since March 2024 and is in the process of conducting

69 more such Cooperative Elections. The Cooperative Election Authority was notified on 11 March 2024 in exercise of the Centre’s powers conferred by section 45 of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act of 2002 and its amendment in 2023.

Shri Devendra Kumar Singh said that 2025 is being celebrated as International year of Cooperatives and a lot of reforms have been brought by the Government showing its commitment to the growth of Cooperative sector. He said that the election process in Cooperative Societies need to be streamlined to foster transparency in order to make the elections in cooperative societies free and



## More than 5 lakh youths have registered as volunteers for Tiranga Campaign: Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

**Ministry of Culture Announces 4th Edition of ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ Campaign Under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** (Gns).

The Ministry of Culture, Government of India, proudly announces the 4th edition of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, launched under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, to inspire citizens across the nation to bring the Indian National Flag — the Tiranga — into their homes and hearts.

Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said, this year, we are going to celebrate the fourth edition of Tiranga campaign, for which more than 5 lakh youths have registered as volunteers. These youths will inspire people for the Tiranga campaign.

Addressing a press conference here today, Shri Shekhawat said, Har Ghar Tiranga is more than a symbol of our democracy and independence.

On this occasion, Shri Vivek Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Culture presented a detailed overview of the Tiranga Campaign with PowerPoint presentation. Shri Abhijit Sinha, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Shri Samir Kumar, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Jal Shakti presented the



details of events to be organised by their respective ministries. Senior officials from Central Armed Police Force (CAPF), Ministry of Culture were also present on the occasion.

Conceived to transform the relationship between citizens and the National Flag from a formal and institutional association to a deeply personal bond, Har Ghar Tiranga encourages every Indian to hoist the Tiranga with pride and honour, marking the celebration of India’s independence.

The initiative holds profound symbolic value — bringing the Tiranga home is not only an expression of personal connection but also a reaffirmation of our shared commitment to nation-building.

## Ministry of Coal Holds Review Meeting for Captive and Commercial Coal Blocks in Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Telangana & Gujarat States

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The Ministry of Coal convened a comprehensive review meeting today under the chairmanship of Ms. Rupinder Brar, Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority (AS&NA), to assess the status and progress of captive and commercial coal blocks allocated in Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Telangana, and Gujarat. The meeting was attended by coal block allottees and senior officials from the Central Government and the respective State Governments to review operational achievements, address existing challenges, and deliberate on measures to enhance coal production in these states.

During the review meeting, a total of 39 coal blocks which 9 are producing coal, while Telangana has 1 coal block in production. ization of the remaining 25 coal blocks in these states to further strengthen domestic coal supply, reduce dependency on imports, and meet the growing energy demands of the country.

Reaffirming its commitment to advancing captive and commercial coal mining, the Ministry underscored the importance of ensuring uninterrupted coal production, addressing supply chain bottlenecks, and promoting efficient utilization of resources. The Ministry of Coal continues to work closely with stakeholders to unlock the full potential of coal assets, drive sustainable sectoral growth, and contribute to the vision of a self-reliant (Atmanirbhar) Bharat.



## Sustainable Mining Practices and Environmental Management

(Gns). Ministry of Coal is committed to promote sustainable coal mining practices. Coal and Lignite Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), namely Coal India Limited (CIL), NLC India Limited (NLCIL), and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), have adopted sustainable mining practices. These include advanced technologies for underground and opencast mines such as surface miner, xcentric rippers, continuous miner and high wall mining. In addition, First Mile Connectivity projects to minimize road transportation, water sprinklers and fog canons to mitigate air pollution, drills fitted with wet drilling and dust extractors have been implemented to control the generation of dust.

These PSUs have also undertaken initiatives in bio-reclamation and afforestation as per the approved Mining and Environmental Management Plans. Mined-out areas, overburden (OB) dumps and other disturbed lands in and around mining areas are being progressively reclaimed and afforested. These PSUs are implementing scientific reclamation methods, including multi-tiered plantations and the use of innovative techniques like seed ball plantations and drones for seed casting. From FY 2019–20 to FY 2024–25, about 13,400 Ha of land

have been brought under green cover by these PSUs through the plantation of millions of saplings in and around mining areas.

The adoption of advanced sustainable technologies in coal companies is an ongoing process. For the financial year 2025–26, CIL has set a target of producing 537.92 million tonnes of coal from opencast mines and 23.63 million tonnes of coal from underground mines using blast-free mining technologies. Additionally, Coal and Lignite PSUs have set a target of 2,800 hectares for plantation in and around coal and lignite mining areas during the same year.

This information was given by Union Minister of Coal and Mines Shri G. Kishan Reddy in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.



## IEPFA Convenes a Meeting with Nodal Officers from Companies across India to advance investor protection and improve compliance mechanisms

**Key Highlights from the Meeting include a Brief on the upcoming launch of the Integrated Portal, Renewed emphasis on filing of Form IEPF-1A and Proactive shareholder engagement under ‘Saksham Niveshak’** (Gns).

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, held a meeting at New Delhi today with Nodal Officers from companies across India to advance investor protection and improve compliance mechanisms. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Anita Shah Akella, CEO of IEPFA and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs. The session saw participation of 530 officers, including 25 attending in person at IEPFA’s New Delhi headquarters and 505 joining virtually.

The meeting outlined IEPFA’s upcoming Integrated Portal, which will help in faster and more efficient claim settlements. The Nodal Officers were also briefed about the new IEPF-5 form to be filed by claimants, as well as the ensure faster processing of investor claims but also help reduce disparities in approved claim amounts. Often, although companies certify a certain amount,

ages companies to proactively locate claimants, update KYC and nomination details, and disburse pending dividends before transfer to IEPF. Companies were urged to explore innovative outreach methods, including digital campaigns, AI-enabled claimant tracing, webinars, and hiring competitive third parties (if required) to maximise the campaign’s success.

Brief on the upcoming launch of the Integrated Portal with revamped IEPF-5 form and EVR for faster, streamlined claims

Renewed emphasis on filing of Form IEPF-1A for companies yet to comply with the 2019 directive, with focus on reducing disparity in claim amounts through complete and clear records

Proactive shareholder engagement under “Saksham Niveshak” by use of technology-driven tools for claimant identification and awareness



## Indian navy set to commission frontline stealth frigates udaygiri and himgiri

(Gns). Indian Navy is preparing for the simultaneous commissioning of two advanced frontline frigates - Udaygiri (F35) and Himgiri (F34) on 26 August 25.

This will be the first time that two major surface combatants from two prestigious Indian Shipyards are being commissioned at the same time at Visakhapatnam.

This event underscores India’s accelerating naval modernisation and its ability to deliver sophisticated warships from multiple shipyards.

This milestone showcases the success of the Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiatives in the defence sector. Udaygiri, the second ship of the Project 17A stealth frigates, has been built by Mazagon Dock

stone for the Indian Navy, Udaygiri is the 100th ship designed by the Navy’s Warship Design Bureau.

Stealthy, versatile and indigenous Udaygiri and Himgiri represent a generational leap over earlier designs. Displacing about 6,700 tons, the P17A frigates are roughly five percent larger than their predecessor Shivalik-class frigates and yet incorporate a sleeker form, with a reduced radar cross section.

They are powered by Combined Diesel or Gas (CODOG) propulsion plants using diesel engines and gas turbines that drive controllable-pitch propellers and are managed through an Integrated Platform Management System (IPMS). The weapon suite includes supersonic Surface-to-Surface Missiles, Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missiles, 76 mm MR Gun and a combination of 30 mm and 12.7 mm Close-in Weapon Systems and the Anti-submarine/Underwater weapon systems.

Both ships are the result of an industrial ecosystem spanning over 200 MSMEs, supporting approximately 4,000 direct jobs and more than 10,000 indirect jobs.





## Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Inspects Progress of L&T Construction Skills Training Institute in Vadnagar

L&T Building Training Institute in Vadnagar with 14 Diverse Trades

Skill Development in the Construction Sector to Create Job Opportunities for Local Youth

Gandhinagar, 11 August 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, during his visit to Vadnagar, reviewed the ongoing work at the L&T Industrial – Construction Skills Training Institute, built on 37,628 sq. m. of state-allotted land with a 4,000 sq. m. practical yard, will offer technical and vocational training in 14 trades. With a



capacity for 3,040 trainees annually, it will offer civil

ing digital boards and e-learning.

During his site visit to review the progress of the L&T Construction Skills Training Institute, CM was accompanied by Labour & Employment Principal Secretary Dr. Vinod Rao, MLA Shri K.K. Patel, District Collector Shri S.K. Prajapati, L&T Construction Skills Training Institute National Head Shri J. Raghuraman, Area Manager Shri Nehal Shah, Cluster Head (Projects) Shri Bhupesh Datta, and other dignitaries.

## Government boosts energy sector with new exploration, green hydrogen, biofuel and lng initiatives

(Gns). Government have launched Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP) in 2016. Under this policy, Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) was started. A total of 172 exploration blocks under OALP bid Round I to IX covering 3,78,652 Square Kilometer have been awarded to successful bidders. Further, OALP bid Round X offering 25 explorations blocks covering 1,91,986.21 sq. km has been launched on 15.04.2025.

The total capacity of existing 08 Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals in India is 52.7 million Metric Tonne Per Annum (MMTPA). 13 LNG retail stations have so far been commissioned by State owned Oil and Gas companies. Further, 16 LNG retail stations owned by private entities are also operational.

Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has authorized CGD entities to develop City Gas Distribution network in 307 geographical areas (GAs) covering

almost 100% of the country's mainland (excluding islands). As on 31.05.2025, various CGD entities have provided 1.50 Crores



domestic PNG connections and commissioned 8,083 CNG Stations.

The Government have launched National Green Hydrogen Mission in January 2023 with an objective to make India a

Global Hub for production, usage and export of Green Hydrogen and its derivatives, by targeting production of 5 MMT per annum of Green Hydrogen by 2030.

Further, the National policy on Biofuels 2018, as amended in 2022, inter-alia advanced the target of 20% blending of Ethanol in petrol from 2030 to Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2025-26. During the ongoing ESY 2025-26, Public Sector Oil Marketing (OMCs) have achieved an average ethanol blending of 18.93% as on 30.06.2025.

## CSIR-CRRI's MSS+ Technology Paving the Way for Green Road Construction in Uttar Pradesh

(Gns). The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research – Central Road Research Institute (CSIR-CRRI), New Delhi, has developed an innovative MSS+ technology which is being utilized by the Uttar Pradesh Rural Road Development Authority (UPRRDA) for the construction of green roads in the state. Using this eco-friendly technology, approximately 202 kilometres of roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are planned for

construction in Uttar Pradesh during the current year.

MSS+ technology eliminates the need to heat aggregate and bitumen, enabling road construction in all weather conditions. Roads built with this technology have demonstrated superior quality parameters compared to conventional hot mix roads, informed CSIR-CRRI Director and President of

the Indian Roads Congress, Dr. Manoranjan Parida.



As part of the project review, Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India, and Director General, CSIR, Dr.

N. Kalaiselvi, inspected the road constructed with MSS+ technology along the Mankapur–Nawabganj Road to Bakra via Ambarpur in Gonda district. She was accompanied by Dr. Manoranjan Parida; Senior Principal Scientist, CRRI, and inventor of MSS+ technology; Mr. Satish Pandey; Director, Central Building Research Institute; Dr. P. Pradeep Kumar; Director, CSIR-SERC, Dr. N. Anandavalli, Head, CSIR Science Communication.

## Municipal Commissioner inspected, proceedings against supervisor

Mathura. Due to increase in water level in the Yamuna river, due to the situation of waterlogging in the low -lying areas, necessary instructions were given on Monday by Municipal Commissioner Jag Pravesh. Municipal Commissioner Jag Pravesh reached the spot with the regional councilor in the low -lying area ward number 36 Jaisinghpura area located on the banks of Yamuna. During the inspection, the city commissioner directed to



Municipal Commissioner during inspection

immediately remove the concerned supervisor and issue notices to the concerned Saptai Inspector for immediate removal of the dirt found in the ward. The city health officer was instructed that the cleaning system should be made regularly in the entire ward, strict action should be taken on any kind of negligence. Regional Councilor Rakesh Bhatia and Municipal Health Officer Dr. Gopal Babu Garg were present during the inspection

## Kick-punches in BJP workers during tricolor journey, video viral

Mathura. In Mathura, there was a ruckus while taking out the tricolor. The BJP clashed with each other. During this time, the first Dhakkamukki and then kicked fiercely. The whole matter happened about getting photographed. Police reached the information somehow pacified the case. The video of the BJP leaders colliding in this way is also going viral on social media. The metropolitan president admitted to the push and said that reconciliation has been done.

Significantly, on Sunday, the tricolor journey was being taken out in Dhauri Piau Mandal on Maholi Road. Party officials, workers and a large number of supporters were present in the tricolor journey. Meanwhile, two groups got into an argument to be photographed with former Energy Minister Shrikant Sharma. For the first few minutes, it was just a war of words, but in anger, the boiling workers broke on each other. The first argument between the former councilor and the current



Kick punches scene in viral video

councilor's supporters started after which the shock started. After some time, Dhakkamukki took a violent form. A sudden scuffle started between patriotic slogans, tricolor and drums and drums. Started walking red on each other. This

made the whole atmosphere tense. Some people tried to intervene but were not ready to accept angry supporters. Meanwhile, there was an atmosphere of chaos on the road. Other activists and locals on the yatra were stunned to see this unexpected development. As soon as the information of the dispute was received, the police force led by Devpal Singh Pundir, the city Kotwali, reached the spot. The police separated the two groups and pacified the matter. Later, District President Nirbhay Pandey intervened and interacted with both sides and got an agreement. The video of the entire incident went viral on social media on Monday. It is clear that the supporters are beating each other between the tricolor and slogans.

## Polluted river stretches identified by cpcb

(Gns). Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) initiated the exercise of identifying Polluted River Stretches (PRS) in the country since 2009 based on the river water quality monitored during the past years on periodic basis. So far, CPCB has published 4 such periodic reports in the year 2009, 2015, 2018 and 2022. As per the latest information available on the PRS report published by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in November 2022, 311 polluted river stretches were identified on 279 rivers in 30 States/Union Territories. The number of PRSs has decreased from 351 identified in the year 2018 to 311 in the year 2022. Further, 106 PRSs have been delisted and improvement in water quality of 74 polluted river stretches have been observed in the 2022 as compared to the report published in 2018.

The state-wise status of river pollution throughout the country, including Maharashtra is available at:

The existing water quality monitoring mechanisms, comprising both manual sampling under the

the polluted river stretches and preparation of action plans for these stretches.

CPCB in collaboration with State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) in the States and Pollution Control Committees



National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP) and Real-Time Water Quality Monitoring Stations (RTWQMS) in Ganga Basin have played a significant role in tracking and managing river water pollution across the country. As per the CPCB, water quality data is obtained from the manual water quality monitoring carried out under NWMP and it is utilized for identification of PRS. Further, these stations help us in assessing

(PCCs) in Union Territories has established a National Water Quality Monitoring Network (NWMP) in order to regularly assess status of water quality of water resources to facilitate prevention and control of pollution in water bodies. CPCB at present monitors water quality of aquatic resources at 4736 locations across the country which includes 2155 locations on 645 rivers. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) monitors water

quality of aquatic resources at 252 locations which includes 156 locations on 57 rivers.

In order to ensure transparency and accuracy of data the following measures are taken:

Water samples are analyzed for Surface water & groundwater parameters as per Guidelines for Water Quality Monitoring, 2017 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).

Water samples are tested in National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accredited labs to ensure accuracy.

Auditing of monitoring locations under NWMP is annually carried out by CPCB through its Regional Directorates.

State Board laboratories participate in the Analytical Quality Control (AQC) carried out by CPCB for proficiency testing.

## Municipal corporation took action on Mandi Square-Saukh Road, traders expressed protest

Mathura. For the grand and divine Shri Krishna Janmashtami celebrated on August 16, efforts have been intensified to make the city clean and smooth in terms of traffic. In this episode, on Monday, Mathura-Vrindavan Municipal Corporation launched encroachment removal campaign on Mandi Square and Saukh Road. Under the leadership of Municipal Commissioner Jag Pravesh, the corporation's team and the police station highway police took joint action and removed the encroachment on the roadside and the pavement.

During the campaign, the throne, three side tarps and illegal structures placed in front of the shops were demolished by the JCB machine. The corporation also seized some goods from the spot. The city commissioner said that despite repeated appeals, some traders were not

completely clean and green as well as major routes are being encroached, so that the situation of the jam does not become."



Corporation's team remove encroachment during campaign

ready to remove encroachments, which forced to take action.

Jag Pravesh said, "Millions of devotees will come to Mathura during Janmashtami. It is the priority of the Municipal Corporation to ensure their convenience, safety and traffic system. The city is

However, the atmosphere was not completely gentle during this action. In many places, there was noise between the traders and the corporation team. The traders alleged that the corporation is doing arbitrary in the name of removing encroachments and the legitimate parts of the vali-

dation are also being demolished, due to which they are suffering heavy losses. The city commissioner said that illegal occupation on public route and pavement is being removed only. He appealed to the traders for cooperation and said that it is the responsibility of everyone to maintain the system of the city at the time of special event like Janmashtami. This municipal corporation will not stop here. Similar action will be taken on other congested markets and major routes in the coming days. He said that the aim of the corporation to prepare the city to welcome the devotees and present Mathura as a clean, systematic and jam -free city

## Primary school children took out the tricolor journey

Mathura. In the order of the instructions of District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh, programs and tricolor rally are being organized in various schools and colleges under every house tricolor campaign 2025 in Mathura district. The students of the school are participating in the tricolor rally with enthusiasm and enthusiasm. To make every house tricolor campaign 2025 successful, District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh has appealed to all the residents that all of you should



Tricolor traveling

put tricolor in their homes. He has instructed all shopkeepers, reputations, petrol pumps, hotels, ashrams, factories, factories, industries, restaurants, police stations, outposts, Kotwalis,

offices, bus stands, railway stations etc. from 13 to 16 August 2025. In the order of the District Magistrate's instructions, the tricolor kite painting competition was organized between the stu-

dents of Government High School Bhadaya Gangadhar under every house tricolor campaign 2025. Beautiful beautiful kites were made by the students. A tricolor rally was organized in PM Shri School PS Sihora I, Primary School Anupnagar, Primary School Garhi Rausu, Primary School Dhana Shamsabad, Upper Primary School Khapparpur, Upper Primary School Nagla Sita etc. under every house tricolor campaign 2025.

## MSME Ministry Empowers MSEs with Digital and E-Commerce Support under RAMP

eKhadi, MSME Global Mart, and PMS Schemes Expand Market Access for Small Enterprises

(Gns). The Ministry of MSME is implementing 'MSE TEAM (Trade Enablement and Marketing)' Initiative, which is a sub-scheme under the World Bank supported "Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP)" Programme. This Initiative envisages to empower Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) with digital tools and guidance to effectively utilize the e-commerce marketplace by integrating them with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). This will enable the MSMEs in widening their customer base and increase their income. MSEs will be provided support and hand-holding assistance in onboarding, digital cataloguing, account management, transport & logistics, and packaging. The Initiative has an in-built component of training and

capacity building. eKhadi India portal of the Ministry of MSME: This

the Ministry of MSME: The MSME Global Mart is a Business -to- Business



e-commerce platform exclusively features Khadi and Village Industries products including apparel, grocery, cosmetics, home décor, health and wellness products, essentials and gifts. It enables Artisans/Weavers and small and micro enterprises to sell their products directly through the portal. Authentic Khadi Trade Mark products are available through the portal. This portal is integrated with Government e-Marketplace (GeM). MSME Global Mart of

(B2B) online marketplace platform of the Ministry of MSME, and operated by the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC). It supports the marketing efforts of MSMEs by connecting them with domestic and global buyers. The platform officers various features like online marketing support, visibility enhancement, access to trade leads, and tender information. Procurement and Marketing Support (PMS) Scheme: This scheme aims to enhance market access

for MSMEs by facilitating their participation in trade fairs, exhibitions, Buyers-Sellers meets etc. It also supports micro enterprises for onboarding on MSME Global Mart by providing financial assistance for annual membership fee/subscription fee/cost of cataloguing etc.

Government e Marketplace is a Government platform to facilitate procurement of goods and services by various Departments and Organizations, by enhancing transparency, efficiency and speed in public procurement. It is a centralized and unified platform for public procurement offering features like e-bidding, and reverse auctions.

The MSME TEAM Initiative envisages benefiting 5 lakh Micro & Small Enterprises, of which 2.5 lakh are to be women owned. Towards achieving this, outreach activities with special focus on Tier 2 and 3 cities are planned.