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'If a Clerk Can Be Suspended, Why Not PM?': **Modi Defends Bills To Remove Jailed Ministers**

pended

amendment bill that empowers the Centre to remove any jailed minister from office.

Speaking at the event, PM Modi highlighted that if a government employee is iailed for even 50 hours, they are suspended from their job. He questioned why similar rules should not apply to the Prime Minister, chief ministers, or other ministers.

At a rally in Gaya, Bihar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi defended a constitutional amendment bill empowering the Centre to remove jailed ministers, Ministers In Jail

while Union Home Minister At a rally in Gayaji, Bihar, Amit Shah introduced the Prime Minister Narendra bill in the Lok Sabha, along Modi defended the recently with two other bills, which introduced constitutional have faced criticism from the opposition.



If Jailed Clerk Can Be Suspended Why Not PM Modi Defends Bills To Sack

can continue holding office even from jail," Modi stated during the rally.

employee is imprisoned for

50 hours, then he is sus-

whether it is a driver, a

clerk, or a peon. But a CM,

automatically,

He emphasized that the

"...If a government NDA government has enacted laws against corruption, and these laws also apply to the Prime Minister. "Some time ago. we saw how files were being signed from jail and government orders issued from detention. If leaders have such an attitude, how can we fight corruption? The NDA government has brought a law against corruption, and the Prime Minister is also covered under it," he added. The Controversial Bills

On Tuesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah introduced three bills in the Lok Sabha, including the Constitution (One Hundred and Thirtieth Amendment) Bill, 2025.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Approves ₹490 Crore Grant for Construction of Panchayat Houses in 2,055 Gram Panchayats for the First Time in Gujarat Gandhinagar, 22 August for Gram Panchayats with approved ₹489.95 crore for Moreover, the Chief

2025 : Chief Minister Shri dilapidated or no existing new Panchayat houses in Bhupendra Patel has Panchayat buildings, as 2,055 Gram Panchayats of approved a grant of ₹489.95 crore for 2,055 Gram Panchayat buildings under the Gram Panchayat Ghar cum Talati-Mantri Awas Yojana to achieve 100 percent saturation in the state.

To ensure that Gram Panchayats, the fundamental and significant unit of the three-tier Panchayati Raj system, have their own Panchayat buildings, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel has sanctioned a substantial grant for this purpose.

The State Government's Panchayat Department allocates funds from the annual budget to construct new Panchayat buildings

well as for Talati-cum- the state, based on unit Mantri residences

Construction these facilities is carried out as per the identified needs. Accordingly, vil-

lation of more than 10,000 are allotted ₹40 lakh, villages with a population between 5,000 and 10,000 are allotted ₹34.83 lakh, and villages with a pop-

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ing Gram Panchayat Ghar cum Talati-Mantri Awas.

allotted ₹25 lakh for build-

ulation below 5,000 are cost determined by the population of each village. As a result, most Gram Panchayats will be able to In this context, for the commence construction of first time, Chief Minister their own buildings within simultaneously this year itself.

minister said that Indian

Minister has adopted a positive approach to ensure that citizens can easily and quickly access government services at the rural level through modernised Gram Panchayat offices with advanced facili-

ties. addition, Panchayat Department is also working towards achieving 100 percent saturation in the construction of such Panchayat houses for Gram Panchayats covered under other schemes.

Once this work is completed, all Gram Panchayats in the state will be equipped with their own Panchayat houses, enabling rural citizens to receive government services swiftly and conveniently right at their doorstep.

Online Gaming Bill now law after Prez Murmu's nod

President Droupadi Murmu on Friday gave her assent to the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025, a day to the Bill, the new law now after it was passed by the comes into effect. Parliament.

The Bill got the Parliament nod Thursday after it was also approved in the Rajya Sabha by a voice vote amidst the din.

The Bill, moved by Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw for consideration and passing in the Upper House, aims to promote and regulate the online gaming sector, including e-

The Bill was earlier passed in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

With Presidential assent

The new law imposes stringent penalties on those

Advertising or promoting such platforms will also attract punishment of up to two years and fines of Rs 50 lakh.

After Parliament gave its nod to the Bill, Prime Minister Narendra Modi



and social gaming, while with imprisonment of up to prohibiting online money three years and fines Rajya Sabha passed the games and related adver- reaching Rs 1 crore. bill in just 26 minutes on

sports, educational games, facilitating such services, from the harmful effects of online money games. The

Thursday, a day after the Lok Sabha cleared it within seven minutes.

Both Houses witnessed strong protests by the Opposition members who alleged procedural irregularities and insufficient debate.

Vaishnaw, while piloting the legislation, argued that the move was essential to protect families from financial ruin caused by online gambling.

"From time to time, society grapples with social evils. In these circumstances, it is the duty of the government and the Parliament to probe and make laws to control them," Vaishnaw said in the Rajya Sabha, adding that people were losing their "life's savings" in such platforms.

'Not a joke, but a confession': Rajnath Singh roasts Pak army chief's India-Pak analogy

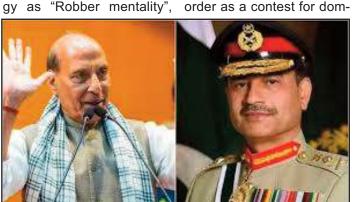
Roasting Field Marshal Asim Munir for his recent remarks calling India a shining Mercedes while Pakistan being a dump truck, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that it was not a joke but a confession from Pakistan Army Chief.

Making himself a butt of jokes, Munir during his speech at an event in Florida, had drawn comparisons between the two nations. In what he described as "crude analogy", Munir said, "India is shining Mercedes coming on a highway like Ferrari [sic], but we are a dump truck full of gravel. If the truck hits the car, who is going to be the loser?"

In a befitting reply to the Pak Armv Chief's statebuilt an economy like a sports car with hard work, their minds in the first right policies and vision, place."

while the other remains own doing. This is not a here today, the defence joke, it is a confession."

Dubbing Munir's ideolo- ethos do not see global



the Pakistan Army, know- journey towards harmony, ingly or unknowingly, has dignity, and mutual respect pointed towards a robber for all. "In our tradition, the mentality, which Pakistan measure of strength is not within the country and simihas been a victim of since in the ability to command, larly, Defence Public Sector its birth. We must break this but in the capacity to care; ment, Singh said, "If two delusion of the Pakistani not in the pursuit of narrow have issued their own indicountries got independ- Army. Due to 'Operation interest, but in the commitence together, and one Sindoor,' such a delusion should not have arisen in

Singh said, "The Chief of inance, but as a shared ment to the global good," he said.

> He underlined India's spares. growing leadership in shap-

During his address at ing a just global order and stuck in failure, it is their the World Leaders Forum, highlighted the unprecedented strides made in strengthening the nation's defence sector.

"We must ensure that along with India's prosperity, our fighting spirit for our defence capability and national honour remains equally strong. Operation Sindoor has already shown our resolve. We will not allow any illusion about India's strength to take root in Pakistan's mind," underlined the defence minister.

released five positive indigenisation lists covering 509 platforms., systems and weapons, Singh said that the same will now be mandatorily manufactured Undertakings (DPSUs) genisation lists covering over 5,000 strategically important sub-systems,

Stating that India has

CM extends disaster relief package across Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh Chief on announced in the assembly that the special disaster relief package earlier declared for Seraj will now mission to allow

during discussion in an both their houses adjournment brought by BJP under Rule essential that the 67,he said the package will central government apply wherever heavy rainfall, landslides, or other natural calamities cause said. damage during this monsoon.

Minister Sukhvinder Singh bigha of forest land for away houses. Friday housing, for which

a proposal has been sent to the Centre seeking perbe implemented across the use of such land for rehabilitation. "For While intervening in the those who have lost motion and land, it is allows housing on forest land," Sukhu

He further announced that the relief package will The Chief Minister stat- also cover damages ed that people who have caused by the release of lost their homes and no excess water from the opposition staged a walk- immediate aid, he added.

longer have land to rebuild Pong Dam, which has out before he began his on should be given one destroyed fields and swept

> Acknowledging that families have lost not only their homes but also all belongings, Sukhu said the house construction grant has been enhanced from Rs 7 lakh to Rs 7.70 lakh and the additional Rs 70,000 will help families purchase essential house-

hold items and clothing. Earlier, Minister Jagat Singh Negi also participated in the dis-

reply.

Speaking in absence, Negi said the government is committed to strengthening disaster management.

He pointed out that the relief manual earlier provided very limited assistance, but under the Chief Minister's leadership, the package has been significantly revised. "Raising the house construction grant to Rs 7 lakh is unprecedented in the country. No other Chief Minister has done Revenue this," he said. A cabinet sub-committee under his chairmanship was set up to cussion, however, the recommend measures for

















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Sharad Pawar turns down Fadnavis' request seeking support for BJP VP candidate a majority, why do you why the BJP has begun to

state.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, seeking NCP's support for NDA's Vice President candidate CP Radhakrishnan.

Significantly, Sharad Pawar's statement has come a day after Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena Rajya Sabha MP and chief party spokesperson Sanjay Raut said that "Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Devendra Fadnavis called it is trying to show." Uddhav Thackeray

NCP founder Sharad need support from the contact opposition parties Pawar told media persons opposition? It is a clear seeking their support. here on Friday that he indication that the NDA's turned down a request by position is not as strong as sons at a press conference

Speaking to media per-



Raut had stated that the requesting him to vote (for BJP-led NDA is not confi-CP Radhakrishnan). Singh dent about securing a must have requested other majority for its Vice parties to do the same. President candidate CP

here on Friday, Sharad Pawar said, "The election for the post of Vice President is underway. We have held meetings and submitted the nomination When you (the NDA) have Radhakrishnan, which is for retired Supreme Court

judge Justice B Sudarshan. The ruling party announced its candidate, and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis called requesting my cooperation. However, I said it was not possible, as (Radhakrishnan) holds different views." It is learnt that Shiv

Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray has also turned down the request by Fadnavis to support CP Radhakrishnan. "When former Jharkhand

Chief Minister Soren went to meet then Jharkhand Governor Radhakrishnan, Soren was arrested from the Raj Bhawan itself, which is the official residence of the

Governor.







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Editorial

Small opportunity

The emergence of a fresh ceasefire plan in West Asia has created a narrow window for de-escalation in the Gaza war. Hamas is said to have signalled willingness to accept the framework, but whether this moment can be converted into lasting peace depends largely on Israel's response and the readiness of mediators to bridge the gulf between the two sides. The obstacles, however, remain formidable. Israel has made clear that it will only agree to an arrangement in which all hostages are freed

The government faces mounting pressure from families desperate for their loved ones' return, yet it is equally determined not to appear as though Hamas has extracted concessions under fire. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has pledged nothing short of dismantling Hamas, ensuring Israeli security control over Gaza, and preventing any future Palestinian administration tied to existing leadership. Against this backdrop, a phased release of hostages, however humane it might appear, does not easily align with Israel's stated red lines.

Meanwhile, the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza continues to deepen. With most homes damaged or destroyed, hospitals collapsing, and food insecurity tipping into famine, Palestinians find themselves in a battle not for political leverage but for basic survival. Protests from within Gaza have made it clear that ordinary people yearn not for strategic victories but for safety, dignity, and relief from unrelenting violence. Pressure is also mounting inside Israel. Vast crowds have taken to the streets in recent weeks, demanding a deal to bring the hostages home and to end the war. Families of captives warn that another major offensive, particularly in Gaza City, could imperil those still alive.

Their voices highlight the human cost of delay: every passing day risks extinguishing what fragile hope remains for the hostages' safe return. Mediators in Cairo and Doha are acutely aware of the urgency. By extracting a signal of acceptance from Hamas without amendments, they have managed to create a diplomatic opening where few existed. Yet such openings are inherently fragile. Unless Israel is prepared to display flexibility, the effort will stall, leaving the battlefield - not the negotiating table ~ to dictate outcomes. The broader lesson is clear: wars framed in terms of total victory rarely yield stable conclusions. Absolute conditions eliminate the space for compromise, even when compromise is the only path to halting destruction.

A phased truce may be imperfect, but it offers a chance to slow the bloodshed, return at least some of the hostages, and test whether longer-term arrangements are possible. If rejected outright, the region risks being dragged deeper into an endless cycle of escalation, where both hostages and civilians pay the price for uncompromising demands. Those who can influence Israel and Hamas must step forward now. The choice is stark. Accepting an imperfect pause could save lives and open the door, however slightly, to political dialogue. Insisting on absolute outcomes risks ensuring only unending war.

India will seek to shape the global Al order

(Gns).

When India hosts the Impact Summit in February 2026, it will not just be another globalmeet artificial intelligence. It is, in fact, the moment where India signals its readiness to move beyond declarations and frameworks and into the territory of delivery. After Bletchley Park, Seoul, and Paris, the global conversation has largely revolved around ethics, risk, and governance. Now, India wants to take the baton forward, bridging aspiration with implementation, especially for the Global South. For India, this summit

is as much about positioning as it is about purpose. It strengthens India's claim of being not just a consumer of AI innovation but a creator, regulator, and exporter of frameworks. Hosting the summit in New Delhi reflects a conscious attempt to consolidate leadership, India is no longer satisfied with merely participating in the global Al order; it seeks to shape it. It also ties back to India's larger digitalstory: aadhaar, UPI, DigiLo cker, and now IndiaAl Mission, which democratize access to compute power and indigenous language models. The summit demonstrates that India's innovation narrative is not restricted to fintech or digital governance, it's extending to the heart of future geopolitics: artificial intelligence.

framework would include interoperability, assessment, and ethical safeguards, ensuring that the systems shaping public life are transparent, accountable, and aligned with democratic values. Equally important will be the effort to bridge the global divide. One of the

and governance. Such a toring, algorithm audits, this vision alive, we need and damage detection, making safety as central to Al innovation as efficiency

> The urgency of these outcomes becomes clearer when we consider communication.

Communication is the nervous system of democracy, and if Al sys-

tems are to mediate that

space, they need rules of

engagement. A standard

protocol for Al in commu-

nication would ensure dis-

closure, so that users

know when they are inter-

acting with Al-generated

content. It would also

ensuring that Al-driven

information is traceable

and anchored to credible

sources. Such a protocol

would enforce inclusion,

reflecting linguistic diver-

sity, cultural nuance, and

accessibility for different-

ly-abled users. And it

would demand restraint,

preventing AI from ampli-

fying hate speech, propa-

ganda, or weaponized

misinformation. To bring

verification,

demand

Artificial Intelligence

a phased approach. In the short term, dis-

closure norms must be established, Al tools should be piloted in public service communication, and training datasets must be built across all major Indian languages. a few, and must instead In the medium term, India serve as a tool of empowmust develop indigenous erment for all, especially

The Role of Al

in Shaping India's Digital Economy

communication models

tailored for governance,

media, and education,

reducing dependence on

Western platforms. And in

the long term, the goal

should be to reimagine

communication ecosys-

tems where AI acts as a

trust enabler, fact-check-

ing in real time, prevent-

ing misinformation out-

breaks, and even facilitat-

ing meaningful citizen-to-

being built in isolation; it is

a direct continuation of

India's stand at the Paris

Al Summit in 2024, where

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi argued that AI must

be ethical, inclusive, and

The India summit is not

government dialogue.

stresses that advanced nations debate future existential risks, developing countries face immediate and tangible challenge : access , affordability, and trust. He underlined that AI cannot become the monopoly of

in education, healthcare,

agriculture, and gover-

nance. This vision now

finds expression in the Al

Impact Summit 2026.

Where Paris was about

setting out principles,

Delhi is about translating

those principles into prac-

pute infrastructure, local

models, and safety frame-

works, India is demon-

strating how ideals can

turn into workable sys-

tems. It also highlights

India's distinct perspec-

nations remain preoccu-

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By focusing on com-

table Al access for farmers,



summits, Delhi 2026 will not just be about policy, but about impact, a chance to prove that rhetoric can indeed translate into results. In essence, the India Al Summit 2026 is not about showcasing technology. It is about anchoring AI to humanity's oldest and most vital function – communication. If India can strike the right balance between innovation and restraint, it won't just lead the conversation on Al. It will redefine how the world talks, listens, and connects in the age of

The key takeaways from the Al Impact Summit 2026 will be clear. It marks India's coming of age as a standard-setter in Al governance, moving beyond the role of participant to that of global shaper. It will also cement India's role as a leader of the Global South, articulating how AI can close, not widen, the developmental gap. India's model will showcase how ethics and infrastructure go hand in hand, with GPUs, datasets, and language models standing alongside values and safeguards. Perhaps the most urgent takeaway will b e the establishment of communication protocols, because in a world mediated by AI, information in the wrong hands is as potent a weapon as any. Finally, unlike earlier

students, doctors.

small businesses.

algorithms.

The expected outcomes of the summit are significant and wide-rang-

ing. India is likely to push for global standards for Al protocols, focusing on creating a standardized framework for Al deployment in communication benchmarks in risk moni-

contribution lies the nurturing of AI models with local roots. Open-source foundational models developed by Sarvam AI, Soket Al, Gnani Al, and Gan AI, trained on Indian languages and cultural contexts, are poised to emerge as global case studies in inclusivity. This is not just about technological sovereignty but about ensuring that Al reflects the lived realities of diverse populations. Alongside this, India's proposal to establish the

key outcomes may be a

nations to access afford-

able AI infrastructure and

datasets, addressing the

Global South's long-

standing complaint of

being left behind in the Al

At the heart of India's

roadmap

developing

concrete

enabling

revolution.

(Gns). In the Indian nationalist IndiaAl Safety Institute movement, personalities through a hub-and-spoke and ideas emerged and model could set new evolved in response to British rule over a period of two centuries, first by the English East India Company and from 1858 (especially areas. This is despite sigthe British parliament. Bengal, the seat of British rule saw the emergence of

a nascent English-speaking educated class in administration and allied professions like law and commerce. Macaulay understood that long-term rule but also conceded would require incorporation of certain sections of educated Indians, who were subsequently referred to as brown sahibs.

He also streamlined the administration with strict rules for British colonial administrators to justify the White Man's rule as being better than that of the natives. A typical example of this period was Dwarkanath Tagore, grandfather of Rabindranath who was involved in a number of successful business enterprises. The real break comprehending the in nature of British rule and the task before India at that initial stage was best projected by Raja Rammohan Roy, the first modern man in India who emphasized on certain universal values like recognizing the historic importance of the French Revolution, meeting Bentham and fighting for the freedom of the press, comparable to Milton who in 1644 opposed censorship and upheld a free press for ascertaining truth and furthering social

progress. Rammohun also realised the urgent need for reforming a stagnant society in view of the prevailing inhuman practices including sati. He accepted the fact that India was in a situation of backwardness and was confident that its encounter with a more advanced order would be beneficial as it would imbibe a scientific temper, toleration, and the rule of law. He was of the view that India's apprenticeship would be long, one that would last a century and

Freedom Struggle half. His demands for civil and political

Congress. Ranade's Prarthana Samaj followed Rammohun's footprints and even Dayanand went to Calcutta to imbibe the spirit

impor-

in 1858-59. The latter graphically described the exploitation of the Indian workers by British plantation indigo owners. The establishment of the three universities after the first war of independence of 1857, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras helped in consolidating the urbanised English knowing middle class, a fact taken note of by Sir Syed Ahmed Khan. Surendranath Bannerjee's Indian Association in 1876 was the first nationwide organization but was short lived mainly because of two reasons, (1) over centralization in Calcutta and (2) the mutual suspicion of the emerging elite in the metropolitan towns. The Hindu Mela, established by

AO Hume was aware of

wanted the Indian National Congress, established in 1885, to be a moderate organization. Surendranath Banerjee was kept out because of his radicalism. He joined the Congress in 1886. The leadership of the Congress was conscious of

the deep cleavages with pronounced identities and rivalries within Indian society. Its attempt, as pointed out by Niharanjan Ray was to promote a common platform or all sections of the Indian people, irrespective of the community and

province to which they might belong. Its proclaimed object

was the 'fuller development and consolidation of the sentiments of national unity". It took up issues like reform of the Legislative Council, abolition of the India Council, reduction of military expenditure and promotion of technical education. Its plank was a peaceful and constitutional movement for self-government and a slow and gradual consolidation of democratic institutions. It was perceived as a Hindu organization by a large section of the Muslim elite. Even Tyabji wanted some kind of protection/safeguards for the Muslim minority.

However, the Aligarh school of thought was that a permanent majority and a permanent minority would be detrimental to its interests and became firm supporters of the British Raj. Radicalism within the Congress consolidated in the 1890s with the rise of Tilak, the first major popular leader with his mobilization against the Age of Consent Bill in 1891 and in organizing the Ganapati and Shivaji festivals in 1893 and 1895-6 respectively. The split in the Congress was sealed in 1907 at the Surat session and a truncated Congress led by the Moderates continued till 1915.

The twin effect of Tilak's return in 1914 and Gokhale's death in 1915

facilitated alarger unity and also rapprochement with the Muslim League in 1916 with the Lucknow Pact Tilak's death in 1920 made Gandhi's rise certain as there was no other comparable figure within the Congress after the Rowlatt Act Satyagraha in 1919 and his initiation of the Non-Cooperation

Movement in 1920. After the 1918 Jallianwala Bagh massacre Gandhi became a firm opponent, from a firm believer, of the Empire and that lasted till the end. His first major challenge to British rule was with his declaration of attaining swaraj within one year. The Gandhian era is a fascinating period where followers and opponents articulated their views on politics and Indian nationalism intensely.

Gandhi's major achievement was two-fold: first, organizational, making the Congress a functioning political outfit with a constitution, regular elections and making it a mass and cadre party at the same time. In every village there was a Gandhi-capped Khadi clothed Congressman alongside the postman in his official uniform. Second was Gandhi's announcement of the arrival of the Indian nation - based on linguistic states acknowledging India's pluralism and a new national lingua franca Hindustani – thereby rejecting the British map.

Incidentally Dayanand was the first to propose the idea of a national language and this was subsequently iterated by Savarkar besides Gandhi. The Montford Reforms of 1919 also facilitated this discourse because of the imminence of dominion status for India and also because the British started treating the political class with a lot of respect and freedom. This was in sharp contrast to the earlier treatment meted to Tilak and Savarkar. Tilak was not allowed to carry the Bhagavad Gita during his imprisonment and this was subsequently granted only after Max Mueller's intervention.

Expanding the education eco-system

Policy (NEP) 2020 has introduced a transformative approach to India's higher cymakers with valuable evieducation system with the dence to recommend optiaim to achieve the three mal locations for establishand future readiness. It key highlights are pubemphasizes setting more Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in underserved areas to 'ensure full access, equity, and inclusion while recommending at least one large multidisciplinary HEI in or near every district.It has proposed a 50 per cent Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education by 2035, which would nearly double the student population from 4 . 3 3 crore (2021-22) in a decade.

This would make India the world's largest higher education system. To accommodate this massive growth, India will need to tion, these districts may nearly double its current consider establishment of number of universities. An new cluster universities.UP analysis of the current geographical distribution of universities in India reveals that over the last seven decades, their locations have been primarily determined by supply - side considerations srath erthan demand-driven factors. As a result, universities are concentrated in and around urban centres, rather than being spread across districts. For a more balanced distribution over the next decade, evidence-based spatial analyses can help provide insights for the strategic location of new universities across India.

Ministry The Education publishes the All-India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), an correlation identifies conannual report that offers tiguous regions spanning comprehensive insights multiple districts with low into the state of higher edu- university presence. These cation across the country. regions account for more When combined with available demographic data, Aspirational nificant potential

analysing the geographical The National Education distribution and concentration of colleges and universities. It also provides polilished alongside

A recent Working Paper by NITI Aayog on Establishing

Universities in India' used indepth spatial and statistical analysis to provide insights three levels. District-level: There are 81 districts with

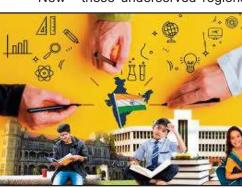
50 or more colleges, but no universities. Given their large population base and demand for higher educa-

accounts for 32 of these districts, followed by Maharashtra with 13 districts.In UP, 32 State Public Universities (SPUs) have an exceptionally high number of 8,375affiliated colleges. This translates to 262 colleges per SPU. While UP comprises about 7.8 p er cent of India's universities, accounts for approximately 18.4 per

cent of colleges.

This situation provides an opportunity for focused efforts to integrate high potential colleges into cluster universities for decentralized capacity expansion. of Region-level: After mapping the location of existing universities, spatial autothan 75 per cent of

Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, nificant growth in number and Manipur), eastern Maharashtra with southwestern Odisha, eastern Madhva Pradesh with south-eastern Uttar primacies of access, quality ing new universities. The Pradesh and Bihar, and eastern Gujarat with neigh- Rajasthan from 47 to 90, western Madhya bouring Pradesh .To enhance higher education access in these underserved regions,



establishing new and specialized universities tailored to local needs is recommended.

State-level: A composite index created using five key indicators helped evaluate demand for universities at the state-level. The index included two positive factors where higher valindicate greater demand: percentage of state's population relative to national population, and percentage of 18-23-yearolds within the state. It also used three negative factors where lower values indicate higher demand: GER in the state, and ratio of universities and colleges per lakh population. States with higher composite scores in the index indicate a requirement for more uni-

demand. The analysis indicates thatUP, India's most populous state, has the greatest need for new universities. Other large states with significant populations such as Maharashtra, West Districts, Bengal, Bihar, Rajasthan, this information holds sig- spread across our major and Madhya Pradesh, also for are as : North-eastern emerge as high-priority

versities to meet existing

of universities in these states between 2012 and 2022— Maharashtra increased from 45 to 74, West Bengal from 26 to 58, Bihar from 20 to 37, and Madhya Pradesh from 36 to 77. While planning for cre-

ation and/or expansion of universities, greenfield and brownfield, it is essential to account for multiple factors in addition to spatial and statistical analysis and conduct detailed microscale studies. These would involve careful evaluation of regional demand, socioeconomic characteristics, accessibility, proximity to existing universities, and opportunities for collaboration with academic institutions, research organisations, and industries. In addition to expansion, clear prioritisation in four areas is crucial for success

of new universities. Firstly, developing specialized curricula enhances skilling employability in emerging fields. Secondly, designing courses that ensure quality education, nurture human values, promote sociocultural identities, strengthen teacher training. Thirdly, transforming universities into multidisciplinary hubs equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure including smart classrooms, digital libraries, cutting-edge research centres, incubation hubs, robust sports and wellness facilities. Lastly, fostering gender-inclusive campuses with hostels and barrierfree access for Divyangjan.

These would ensure holistic and comprehensive higher education for all. To achievethe vision of Viksit Bharat@2047, a strategic shift in approach for creation of new universities is needed.

liberties reforms reappeared as the demands of the early

of reform from the Brahmo

Movement. Dayanand stressed on the cardinal tance of the Vedas that India had a lot to learn from the British like the value they placed on contract, pride

in speaking their language and wearing their own dress matter in which part of the world they were in. The shift from social reform to political matters in the discourse in India was with the articulation of Who wants to live without freeby Ranglal Bandhopadhya in 1858 and Nil Darpan (The Indigo Mirror) by Deshbandu Mitra

Nabagopal Mitra, Rajnarayan Basu and Manmohan Bose in Bengal in 1867 and the Ilbert Bill (1883) further consolidated the anger of the middleclass against the local British administration.

the major contradictions within Indian society and

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visit to Gujarat will bring a gift of Railway projects worth more than ₹1,400 crore to the state.

The Prime Minister will cate a series of Railway dedicate to the Nation the projects worth over ₹1,400 Doubling of the Mahesana-Palanpur Rail Line, constructed at a cost of ₹537

Kalol-Kadi-Katosan Road Rail Line, completed at a Gujarat. Together, they will cost of ₹347 crore; and gauge conversion of the Bechraji-Ranuj Rail Line, opment, improve logistics executed at a cost of ₹520 efficiency and create new

off loaded freight train service from Bechraji

New Delhi: On 25 August 2025, Prime

crore to the Nation. These projects are poised to particularly benefit the districts Mahesana, Patan, Gauge conversion of the Banaskantha, Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad in North enhance regional connectivity, spur industrial develavenues for employment.

The projects to be dedi-Passenger train between cated to the nation by the Katosan Road & Sabarmati Prime Minister include: from Kadi along with a car- doubling of the 65 km Mahesana-Palanpur Rail Line at a cost of ₹537 cr., gauge conversion of the 37 km Kalol-Kadi-Katosan Minister Shri Narendra Road Rail Line at a cost of Modi will be on a visit to ₹347 cr., and gauge con-Gujarat, where he will dedi- version of the 40 km

SUNDAY 24th AUGUST, 2025 WR's NIGHT BLOCK AT VASAI ROAD YARD

NO DAY BLOCK OVER WR ON

To carry out maintenance work of tracks, signaling and overhead equipment, a Jumbo Block will be taken from 00:30 hrs to 04:30 hrs at Vasai Road Yard over Goods lines during the intervening night of Saturday/ Sunday, i.e. on 23rd/24th August. 2025.

There will be NO BLOCK in DAY TIME over Western Railway Suburban section on Sunday, 24th August, 2025. strengthen Gujarat's posi-

a cost of ₹520 cr. With the addition of broad-gauge capacity, these projects will ensure smoother, safer and more seamless connectivity, especially for Mahesana, Banaskantha and Patan districts. This will significantly ease travel for daily commuters, tourists and businesses, while promoting regional economic inte-

The doubling of tracks will also enhance line capacity, making it possible to run higher-speed trains on the Ahmedabad-Delhi corridor. This will allow the introduction of more passenger services and bring a marked improvement in the efficiency of freight operations, thereby infusing fresh momentum into Gujarat's economic activities.

The gauge conversion of the Bechraji-Ranuj Rail Line has been carried out in alignment with the National Logistics Policy and the PM Gati Shakti National Master for Multimodal Plan Connectivity. Its primary objective is to reduce logistics costs and further

Bechraji-Ranuj Rail Line at tion in the national Performance Logistics Index. This initiative is expected to accelerate the socio-economic progress of North Gujarat while setting a benchmark in India's logistics and railway sectors.

Further, flagging off of

Passenger train between Katosan Road & Sabarmati from Kadi will provide improved access religious destinations, benefit daily commuters in the region and stimulate economic activity at the grassroots level. The car-loaded freight train service from Bechraji will enhance connectivity to the state's industrial hubs, strengthening the logistics network and generating employment opportunities. Both services represent sustainable, environment-friendly and high-speed transport options that will reduce travel time, attract new investments and drive regional industrial growth. All these Railway projects will pave the way for a Viksit Bharat through Viksit

WESTERN RAILWAY TO RUN SPECIAL TRAIN BETWEEN BANDRA TERMINUS & BHAVNAGAR

For the convenience of passengers and with a Bandra view to meet the travel demand during the festive season, Western Railway will run a Special Train on Bandra Bandra Terminus & Bhavnagar.

According to a press release issued by Chief Vineet Abhishek, the Train details of the train is as Bhavnagar -

Trips]

Train Terminus depart from Terminus on 30th August, 2025 at 13:50 hrs, and will reach Western Railway, Shri the next day. Similarly, 09210

Terminus Special will Train No. 09209/09210 depart from Bhavnagar on AC 2-Tier, AC -3 Tier, AC -Terminus – Friday, 29th August, 2025 Bhavnagar Special [2 at 20:20 hrs, and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 09209 10:20 hrs, the next day.

Special fare between Bhavnagar Special will halt at Borivali, Palghar, open from 24th August, Bandra Vapi, Valsad, Navsari, 2025 at all PRS counters Saturday, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, & on IRCTC website. For Ahmedabad, Viramgam, detailed Surendranagar Public Relations Officer of Bhavnagar at 04:30 hrs, Botad, Dhola, Songadh, and composition, passen-Sihor Gujarat and Bhavnagar Para stations Bandra in both directions.

This train comprises of 3 Tier (Economy), Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

The booking for Train Enroute, this train will Nos. 09209 & 09210 will Gate, regarding timings of halts gers may please visit District Magistrate chhata www.enquiry.indianrail.gov. under a total of 106 vehi-

ADDITIONAL STOPPAGE PROVIDED AT NAVSARI STATION TO MUM-**BAI CENTRAL - GANDHINAGAR CAPITAL VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS**

For the convenience of passengers, an additional stoppage will be provided at Navsari station to Train No. 20901/20902 Mumbai Central – Gandhinagar Capital Vande Bharat Express on experimental

According to a press tional halt at Navsari station provided with additional

release issued by Chief w.e.f journey commencing Public Relations Officer of from Mumbai Central on Western Railway, Shri 24th August, 2025. The Vineet Abhishek, the

details are as under:-Train No. 20901 at 08:45 Central Mumbai Gandhinagar Vande Bharat Express has

train will arrive Navsari sta-

Similarly, Train No. at 17:29 hrs. Capital 20902 Gandhinagar Capital Mumbai Central Vande been provided with addi- Bharat Express has been

halt at Navsari station w.e.f journey commencing from Gandhinagar Capital on 23rd August, 2025. The tion at 08:43 hrs and depart train will arrive Navsari station at 17:27 hrs and depart

For detailed information, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indian-

women's category kabaddi

final took place between

Agra-Mathura. It was won

by Mathura's team 35-23.

The women's category took

the final match between

Agra-Mathura. It was won

the competition was inaugu-

rated by CO City Trainee

IPS Ashana Chaudhary by

getting introduced to the

players. During this, RI

Ramratan, RTC in -charge

The competition was launched by CO City by introducing the players

Kabaddi competitions were from three points. The sec- between held on Friday in the second inter-Kabaddi Kabaddi, Kho-Kho competition of Agra Zone, Agra. In this, the team of Mathura and Agra won.

The first kabaddi match was between Mathura and Hathras team at seven o'clock in the morning. It was won by Mathura's team 25-13. Mathura won the Kho-Kho match between Mathura and Kasganj 11-6. The semi-final match of Kho-Kho took place

Mathura. Kho-Kho and It was won by the Agra team category

place Mathura from 8 points. The Mathura and



CO Trainee IPS Ashana Chaudhary taking introduction to the team

Rajit Verma, SI Rakesh Baghel, PTI Harvinder Singh, Pushpendra Gautam between Agra and Mainpuri. ond semi -final of the men's Kasganj. It was won by

Government Reshuffle: New Secretaries In Justice, Jal Shakti, And Mines Announced

Government has sanctioned the transfer of numerous senior officials at the Secretary level. This reshuffle impacts significant ministries such as Justice, Jal Shakti, Mines, Safety & Standards and Ports & Shipping. New Secretaries have been appointed in these areas. The detailed list of these transfers and appointments has transitioned from her can be found on Dynamite

Alka Upadhyaya, previously Secretary of the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, has Rajit Punhani, who served as Secretary in

the Ministry of Skill Development, is now the CEO of the Food Authority of India (FSSAI).

Bureaucratic Key Changes

Debashree Mukherjee role as Secretary for Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation to become

Secretary for the Ministry of

Development &

Skill

as Entrepreneurship. Vijay Secretary to the National Kumar will move from Commission for Minorities. being Chairman of the Inland Waterways

Authority to OSD at the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways. He will assume his new role as Secretary on 30 September 2025

after T.K. Ramachandran's retirement. V.L. Kantha Rao has from

shifted Secretary in the Ministry of Mines to overseeing Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (Jal Shakti). Sukriti Likhi will transition

National Chemical Department of Chandra's retirement.

from Chairperson at the Authority Weapons Convention to OSD in the Servicemen Welfare within the Ministry of Defence. She will take over as Secretary on 1 October 2025 following Niten

Additional Appointments Ranjana Chopra moves from Special Secretary & FA in the Ministry of Culture found truth that sometimes, to OSD in the Ministry of it only takes one person Tribal Affairs. She will who loves you the most to become Secretary on 1 help you realize that what October 2025 after Vibhu the world sees as a weak-Nayar retires.

7th Edition of CII UP Health Summit- "Swasth Bharat, **Samarth Bharat: Together for a Healthier Future**

CII Uttar Pradesh organised 7th Edition of UP Health Summit- "Swasth Bharat, Samarth Bharat: Together for a Healthier Future" on Friday, 22 August at Lucknow. The summit was graced by policy makers, healthcare professionals, and innovators to discuss the future of healthcare in Uttar Pradesh.

The Chief Guest of the

Summit. Shri Braiesh

Pathak, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Uttar Pradesh said that over the past seven years, Uttar Pradesh has witnessed historic progress in healthcare—from establishing 17 new medical colleges and strengthening rural health centres, to expanding super-speciality facilities. added that Uttar Pradesh is committed to ensuring last-mile healthcare delivery through free primary care in rural areas, dedicated Jachha-Bachha Kendras for safe motherhood and child health, digisolutions like the Sanjeevani App, and a strengthened health workforce. Our focus remains on timely, affordable, and quality services, especially for mothers, children, and underserved communities.

Smt Ritu Maheshwari, Secretary, Dept. of Health & Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh stated during the UP Health Summit that the state.

22 August 2025 | Luckow strengthening the state's health ecosystem requires enhancing service delivery at primary and community Managing



the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) and FACTA are enabling digital interventions and data-driven monitoring, helping ensure timely and quality healthcare services for patients. Over the past three years, more than 14 crore ABHA IDs have been created, 68,000+ health facilities registered, 97,000+ health professionals trained, and close to 9.5 crore ABHA-linked health records CII's generated. She also emphasized upskilling community health workers. improving infrastructure, and implementing innovative health technologies to ensure equitable and highquality healthcare across try, and academia.

lighted that initiatives like Hospitals Pvt Ltd said that Uttar Pradesh is witnessing a healthcare transformation driven by government initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat expansion, digital health adoption, and new medical colleges, alongside private sector innovation investment. and Emphasizing that healthcare is not only a social pri-

Chairperson, CII UP & UP

Health Summit 2025 and

ority but also a critical driver of economic growth and employment, she reaffirmed commitment strengthening the healthcare ecosystem through policy advocacy, capacity building, and grassroots interventions, while calling for deeper collaboration among government, indus-

106 vehicles were auctioned by Kosikalan police

Mathura. Order No. 734/JA/2025 of Deputy cles parked at police station Kosikalan, the process of auction of vehicles related vehicles was completed under Section 41/102 CRPC. The auctioneter officers were appointed to the iurisdictional chhata Tehsildar chhata Assistant Officer Prosecution Mathura, in order to appear on the police station Kosikaian as per ruies and bidding below the open sky in the police station premises under the presence of 128 bidders. The total government price of Rs 4,48,400/- was fixed by Divisional Transport Officer Mathura of all the above vehicles. Seven lakh fifty thousand rupees were



Chhata CO Bhushan Verma Kosikalan police station in -charge speaking of auction

imposed by Gurusganj Bhushan Verma said that in Mathura, resident of Faisal son Ilyas, the highest nine four -wheelers, three dialect of all 106 vehicles, wheelers Tampo, 93 two in whose favor the auction wheelers have been aucwas done. CO chhata tioned

police station Kosikalan today's auction process, 128 bidders have arrived,

Dr Upasana Arora, Chairman CII Northern Region Committee on Healthcare & Managing Director, Director, Paras Healthcare stated that He highlighted the remarkable progress being made in Uttar Pradesh with new medical colleges, digital health interventions, and Ayushman Bharat. Stressing that healthcare is not only a social necessity but also an economic growth driver, Dr Nagar called for transparent, outcome-based public-private partnerships, stable long-term policies, and integrated hub-and-spoke networks to strengthen access, quality, and innovation. He reaffirmed CII's role as a bridge between government and industry and urged collective action to realize the vision of a "Swasth Bharat, Samarth Bharat."

Mr Saurabh Chairman, POCT Group said that in order to strengthen the state's health ecosystem it is important to enhance the healthcare service deliveries at CHCs & PHCs level. He mentioned that POCT group is poised to work in collaboration with CII and government of Uttar Pradesh to empower the primary & community health centres by enabling them with basic infrastructure to bridge the gap of health service demands.

Mr Mukesh Kumar Sharma, Executive Director, Dr Dharminder Nagar, PSI India, said Health and empowerment complement each other and are mutually dependent. At present, the government has undertaken several significant initiatives in the health sector, including Ayushman Bharat, e-Sanjeevani, U-WIN, PMSMA, and Niramaya. These efforts have helped ensure that quality healthcare services reach every section of society. However, health is not solely the responsibility of the government; it is also the responsibility of every individual to stay healthy and help ensure that government schemes reach everyone. The government is also effectively ensuring the participation of non-governmental organizations and the private sector, which is commendable. In conclusion, my message is clear: our collective aspiration is a healthy India, and our collective goal is a developed India.

> The summit was attended by more than 180 industry members.

"A lot of people see stubbornness as a problem, but with Rubina it's her strength," reveals Abhinav Shukla on COLORS' 'Pati Patni Aur Panga - Jodiyon Ka Reality Check'.

One of the most powerful truths about love is that it can transform a so-called flaw into a badge of honour and that's exactly what lit by Agra's team 6-5. Earlier, up COLORS' 'Pati Patni Aur Panga – Jodiyon Ka Reality Check'. The episode, wrapped in a Bollywood theme with all its cinematic flair, was full of laughter, nostalgia, and playful tasks. But the real blockbuster moment came when the spotlight shifted to Abhinav Shukla and Rubina Dilaik. During a fun challenge where couples had to pin down each other's defining traits, Abhinav tagged Rubina with the word "stubborn." What began as a cheeky nudge instantly turned into the kind of revelation that makes reality TV gold. Instead of brushing it off, Abhinav explained that Rubina's stubbornness isn't a flaw at all, but the very force behind her discipline, her grit, and the meteoric success she has carved for herself. And in doing so, he reminded viewers of a simple yet proness in you is actually your

greatest strength. Abhinav Shukla, admiring Rubina's quality shares, "Rubina is stubbornly stubborn, but I mean that in the best way. I'm inspired by her stubbornness. She's very clear about what she

wants and what she

doesn't. If something does-

n't fit into her routine,

whether it's a late-night

party or anything that inter-

feres with her sleep, her

gym, or her shoot schedule,

she'll simply say no. And

honestly, I admire that. Not

many people can do it. That stubbornness is what keeps her disciplined, focused, and consistent. I've seen her time and again stick to her principles, push herself to improve, and never take shortcuts. A lot of people see stubbornness as a problem, but with Rubina it's her strength... It's the reason behind her success. Sometimes I even feel inspired by her myself, because she reminds me that saying no and standing firm can actually be the

biggest driver of success. Nivea Presents 'Pati Patni Aur Panga - Jodiyon Ka Reality Check' Co-Powered by Free Sugar Rajdhani Besan, Cadbury Dairy Milk, Pour Home Air Fresheners, Perfumes and L'Oréal Paris Hyaluron Pure. Special Partner Vikram Colgate, and Catch Masale. Associate Partner Zouk airing every Bags, Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 PM, only on COLORS. video "Mehsoos Ho Rahe Ho", featuring the soulful voices of Udit Narayan and Reena Mehta, was grandly launched at Red Bulb Studios in Mumbai.

Chief Guest Anup Jalota, along with notable guests Abu Malik and Dilip Sen, added to the event's splen-

The video, beautifully shot in scenic locations of Kashmir showcases Aamir Shaikh and Farhana Bhat's captivating on-screen chemistry. With rich choreography and presentation, the video has garnered sig-

nificant online viewership. Directed by Nadeem



Ansari and produced by Music & Entertainment, "Mehsoos Ho Rahe Ho" stands out for its emotional depth and



musical richness, thanks to Released by Zee Music, the heartfelt lyrics by the song's poignant lyrics Niranjan Bhudhadhara and and golden voices have captured audiences' hearts.

skillful composition by Ayan **PNB signs MoU with Central Reserve Police Force**

22 August 2025: Punjab National Bank (PNB), India's leading public sector bank, has signed an MoU with Central Reserve Police Force. PNB is offering bouquet of services with enhanced Insurance Coverage and other benefits to all the serving personnel and pensioners of the CRPF under the bank's flagship scheme of "PNB Rakshak Plus".

The addendum to its existing MoU exchanged in presence of Bibhu Prasad Executive Mahapatra, Director, PNB and Sh. D S Negi, DIG(Adm) CRPF at office General of Central Reserve Force, Complex, Lodhi Road, New

Binay Kumar Gupta, Chief of Directorate General Manager PNB & Sh. Zaki Ahmad, IPS, Inspector General of Police Delhi-110003. CRPF, New Delhi in pres- Holder.

MoU was signed by Shri. ence of other senior officials of Bank & CRPF.

In addition, several benefits are being offered to the dependents and fami-(Adm), Directorate General, lies of Rakshak Account

in its commitment to the Central Armed Police Forces and will strive to continue doing the same in future as well.

The Bank is dedicated

Shabbedari in Memory of the Grandfather and Grandson tyrdom of his grandfather.

On the occasion of the martyrdom of the Holy Hasan (A.S.) on 28th Safar, while Hujjatul Majlis-e-Aza Shabbedari will be organized at Dargah Hazrat

Nagar, Balaganj.

Raahil Naqvi and Adil under the auspices of the Maulana Syed Hasnain Husaini Youth Foundation, Baqri Saheb will address and the Majlis.

From the local Anjuman, Sipah-e-Husaini Jafariya Abbas Misri's Bagh, Hari Colony, Muftiganj will par- Zamana (A.S.) on the mar-

ticipate, and from the external Anjuman, Anjuman Prophet (PBUH) and Imam Nagvi will recite the prelude, Abbasia Sirauli Sultanpur, Islam Anjuman Gulshan-e-Islam Bhaunra Ambedkarnagar, and Anjuman Masoomeen Barahi Hardoi will present Nauha and Matam, offering

condolences to Imam-e-

conducted under the compering of Shadab Kazmi Rudaulvi. This information was

The Shabbedari will be

provided by the Foundation's President, Qamber Zafar.

DM and SSP meeting and inspection regarding Radha Ashtami

CP Singh and SSP Shlok Kumar held a review meet-Barsana and then inspected the Shreeji temple and visited the preparations. Members of Goswami Samaj, local residents and administrative officers were present in the meeting held.

District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar took a review meeting with subordinate officials regarding the preparations for Shri Radhashtami festival 2025 at the Inspection Building Auditorium of Barsana. He said that after the birth anniversary of Kanha, the administration is alert about the birth anniversary of AJ Radharani ji. Barsana is divided into six zones and 16 sectors for Shri Radha Janmotsav. This time, due to the single route, a crowd of devotees will be admitted to the stairs of Sudama Chowk of Radharani temple. At the same time, devotees will be landed by Jaipur Temple Marg. Sriradha Janmotsav will be celebrated from 30 to 31 August 2025. The main program of this festival will be held at Shri Ladli Ji Temple in Barsana. During this time lakhs of devotees will reach Shri Ladli Ji Temple, Barsana. During this time, from the morning of 30 August, the devotees will be admitted to the old stairs of Sudama Chowk in the town. At the same time, Dr. they will be brought down from the Jaipur temple route. 50 parking sites

said that CCTV cameras District Magistrate directed

have been built in the fair

area and 88 barriers will be

Mathura. The adminis- will be installed at 160 to strengthen the parking tration has started compre- places to monitor every arrangements before the to free the entire fair area. hensive preparations for activity during the fair. The fair. the Radha Ashtami Festival rope will be operational for Magistrate in Barsana. District officer the devotees during the should go to the spot and the arrangements were Shri Radhashtami Festival. Inspect all the parking lots. All the devotees will take a Make appropriate arrangeing at PWD Guest House in big circumambulation and ments for adequate parkall the devotees who visit ing sites on each route, and visit the parikrama will ensure that all parking

take action. He instructed Deputy



made to devotees for about an hour. The Radharani temple will be open to the devotees for about sixteen hours. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh informed that all the devotees who are circling and visit will be entered from Radharani Temple Gate Yellow Kothi Tiraha via the new bus stand. During this time, small circumambulation will remain closed. All the devotees will revolve around. Ropeway will be operated there. Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar said that this time sufficient police force will be deployed on the rumble. Instructions have been given to keep all the police personnel behaved towards the devotees. Temple receiver Sushil

Goswami, Ashish Sharma, Madhumangal Goswami, Yagya Purush Goswami were specially present and they informed about all the arrangements related to the temple and said that this time the temple will be broadcast on The District Magistrate the temple website. The

be admitted through the sites are executed in time, new bus stand from their leveling, sign board, Radharani Temple Gate. rate list, light, drinking Abhishek's darshan will be water, cleaning, mass facilities, mobile toilets, P.A. system, goods, house, shoe, generators etcMake sure.The Assistant Regional Manager Roadways was informed that a total of 270 buses will be operated for Mayura-Barsana Govardhan, Drandavan-Barsana Mathura-Barsana via umbrella and Mathura-Barsana via Kosi during the said event. The District Magistrate instructed to make adequate cleaning of the roads, drains, drains, bushes and sewer line of the city, arrangements of wings on temple stairs and fogging work. After the meeting, District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar along with police and administration officials took stock of the arrangements of Barsana town. The two high officials jointly instructed the Deputy District Magistrate Govardhan and the District Magistrate Police Govardhan to identify such houses, giving notice on

those whose balconies are

Garasu and make sure to

District Keeping the facilities of the Govardhan devotees paramount, all instructed to strengthen before the fair. The meetattended by was District Additional Magistrate Finance and Revenue Dr. Pankaj Kumar, Additional District Magistrate Administration Amresh Singh, Superintendent of Police Rural Suresh Chand Rawat, Superintendent of Police Traffic Manoj Kumar, Deputy District Magistrate Govardhan Prajakta Tripathi, Mathura Vrindavan Development Authority OSD Prasanna Dwivedi, Chief Medical Officer Dr. SanjeevKumar, Nagar Panchayat Barsana Chairman Representative Padam Fauji and the servants of the temple were presentThe administration has taken several important decisions for the convenience of devotees. Parking will be arranged at various places to control the congestion of vehicles. The fair area is divided into zones and sectors. Separate officers have been appointed for each zone and sector. This will allow immediate action in emergency. Special arrangements are being made for cleanliness. Additional cleaning staff will be deployed in Barsana and surrounding areas. Live streaming will be arranged in view of the crowd at Radha Rani Temple. Devotees from far away will be able to see. The DM and SSP have instructed all officers to fulfill their responsibilities with full devotion. The main goal of the administration is that the devotees should not

have any kind of inconven-

ience during the Radha

Ashtami Festival

Rifa-e-Aam Club, sleeping heritage woke up or a new government spectacle?

Lucknow. Rifa-e-Aam Club located in Wazirganj, which was standing with its historical glory since 1886, suddenly came under the radar of Lucknow Development Authority. It seems that after decades of deep sleep, the authority remembered this 2,18,000 square feet Nazul property. After the lease ended in 1985, this club was handed over to LDA, but since then it had become a den of illegal occupation of 22 shopkeepers and some families. And now, as if a magic lamp has been rubbed, LDA Vice President Prathamesh Kumar has taken up the task of taking care of it.

LDA immediately sent its

written, where an old man- from private hands. Vigilance Awareness Week 2025

Quiz

unveiled.

on

"Whistleblower"

"PIDPI"

August 22, 2025: Union Bank of India launched a three-month Campaign for Vigilance Awareness Week 2025. Seen in the photograph Shri Nitesh Ranian and Shri Ramasubramanian S, Executive Directors of the Bank, Shri Ajay Kumar Singh, Chief Vigilance Officer of the Bank along with other Union Bank officials.

On the occasion, Vigilance Awareness Week banner, Bank's Vigilance Department's In-House Publications "Union Vigil" & "Satarkta se Safalta" & QR Codes designed for

team to inspect this dilapi- sion is converted into a dated building. The result? glittering resort overnight. given to the illegal occu-There were immense possi- And yes, all this will hapbilities of marriage lawn, pen under the PPP model,



cafeteria and sports hub because the government here. It sounds like a treasury is just for show, Bollywood script is being the real earnings will come

humanity, has promised to give houses to illegal occupants under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. It sounds good, but will this promise come to the ground, or will it just walk on paper? This is the same old question, do government files and reality ever

pants to vacate the place

by August 25, otherwise.

But wait, this will not be an

ordinary wall that will pro-

tect the club. This will be a

heritage-look boundary

Lucknow's glory has to be

enhanced. Along with this,

horticulture, fancy lighting,

roads and pathways will

also be built, so that this

club becomes a hit on

LDA, wearing the garb of

Now let's praise a little.

Instagram as well.

because

wall! Yes,

walk on the same path? This transformation of Rifa-e-Aam Club sounds very tempting. Lucknowites know that many plans are made here, but many times they seem to be panting before reaching the end. Will this club really become the new pride of Lucknow, or will it just become another government project and get buried in files? Will it become a heritage hub for heritage tours, or will it just fill the pockets of some contractors?

Every year, Union Bank Vigilance Commission. **Central Monitoring Committee Meeting to Review the** implementation of "Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013"

Union Bank of India launched a three-month Prelude

Campaign for

पविष्टि तिथि: 22 AUG 2025 6:00PM by PIB Delhi

Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Virendra chaired the tenth meeting of the Central Monitoring Committee (CMC) on 22.08.2025 to review the implementation of the "Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013" (MS Act, 2013);

The "Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013" an important Central Act, was enacted by the Parliament in September, look into any other matter 2013 and has come into force in December, 2013. It aims at complete elimination of the manual scavenging in its various manifestations and comprehensive rehabilitation of the identified manual scavengers. As per "The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 (MS Act, 2013)", CMC is to monitor and advise the Central Government and State Government for

this Act and related laws sentatives and programmes; co-ordinate the functions of all

Act. Tulsyan.

concerned agencies and Commissions also attend-

from the Ministries/ Central Departments/

& of India observes 'Vigilance

Awareness Week" under

the aegis of Central



incidental to or connected with implementation of this

The meeting was attended by Shri Mithilesh Kumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Members of CMC Shri Bhagwat Prasad Makwana, Smt. Anjna Panwar, Shri Ram Singh Balmiki, Ms. ensuring

ed the meeting. Some of the points of

discussion are as under: -With the conversion of the most of the insanitary

latrines into sanitary latrines under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the problem of manual scavenging has been eliminated. The main focus is on

mechanised Abha Kumar, Shri Nand cleaning of sewers and Jee Mishra, Shri R.M. septic tanks with protec-Sriram & Shri Chaman tive gear and observance Secretary, of requisite safety precaueffective implementation of States and UTs and repre- tive of National Action for ed.

Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme of zero fatality in sanitation work and no sanitation worker come in direct contact with human faecal matter.

Waste pickers engaged in solid waste management chain has been added as additional target group under NAMASTE scheme since 2024-25.

Achievement Under NAMASTE Scheme

86,806 Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) have been profiled and validated in 4800+ Urban Local Bodies. Out of this validated SSWs, PPE kits have been provided to 76,731 SSWs; Ayushman Cards have been provided to 58,583 beneficiaries; 639 Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSUs) have been established; Responsible 604 Sanitation Authorities have been appointed and helpline number have

346 ERSUs. Out of 96,255 profiled waste pickers engaged in Solid Waste Management, DoSJE and Officers of tions to achieve the objec- 46,245 have been validat-

been made operational in

The body of a girl from Punjab found in the bathroom, the guest house owner suspects of murder

woman from Punjab was murdered under suspicious circumstances in Kotwali Vrindavan area of Mathura district. The body of the woman was found lying in the bathroom of the guest house, on which the ants were crawling. As soon as the incident was reported, the police reached the spot and started investigation.

The city Kotwali is the Shreeji Mukundam guest priest house in Pushpanjali Bankuth Phase one of Vrindavan region. There are a temple and five rooms at the bottom bottom and six rooms are built on the other floor. Many run the bottom floor and six rooms are built on the other floor. Sunil Sharma, a

resident of Jhunjhunu in

year -old girl

Sunita Rani daughter Balveer, a resident of Chandan Kheda, VPO of Fazilka, Punjab. The woman was living in the guest house since then. temple The

Raghavendra

Shastri said that when Sunil appeared in a hurry on Thursday, he did not pay attention. When the to the post -mortem home woman did not appear to be out of the room till five spot. The forensic team o'clock in the evening, reached the spot and took there was a possibility of untoward. He informed the Here, the woman has police. Vrindavan Police Station Inspector Sanjay Rajasthan, was running the Kumar Pandey, Inspector

Mathura. A young second floor rooms for the Crime Dharmendra Kumar last two years. Five days reached Maya Force. ago, he brought an 18 - When the police went to



the room, the girl was lying dead in the bathroom. There were ants on his hand. Police sent the body after full videography of the samples for investigation. bruises on her neck. It seems that he has been strangled to death. Since if

there was a noose, there would have been a rope on the spot, but the police had not found anything like a rope there. Due to this, the apprehension is being strangled to death. The police is investigating on every aspect. The girl was wearing a salwar suit. At the same time, the name Sunita was written on one hand and Sonu was writing on the other hand. The police is also looking at it by linking it with love affairs. The police has also informed the Punjab Police. Efforts are being made to deliver information to his family members. SP City Rajiv Singh said that the police is investigating every aspect. The post mortem report will be clear. Teams have been formed to catch the operator