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#### PM Modi Receives Warm Welcome in Sendai, Strengthens **India-Japan Ties with Tech and Trade Focus**

(Gns).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received an enthusi-Japan, where locals greetof "Modi-san." The respectful Japanese suffix sancomparable to "Mr" or "Ms" in English-highlighted the cordiality with which he was welcomed on the final day

Modi reached Sendai after a high-speed journey from Tokyo on the Shinkansen bullet train, accompanied by his counterpart, Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba. Sharing glimpses of the trip on X, he posted, "Reached Sendai. Travelled with PM Ishiba to this city on the Shinkansen," along

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a warm welastic reception in Sendai, come in Sendai, Japan, ed him warmly with chants Minister Shigeru Ishiba, and

trade, technology and part- dren in the crowd. nerships, which began on August 29.

As he stepped out of the accompanied by Prime station, hundreds of Japanese citizens, joined



visited a semiconductor facility, as part of a trip focused on strengthening through signing Memorandums with photographs capturing Understanding on defense, engaging warmly with chil-

by members of the Indian community, lined up to greet him. Modi responded with smiles, waves, and handshakes, especially

His schedule in Sendai includes a lunch hosted by Ishiba and a tour of a semiconductor facility, reflecting the technological focus of the visit. Earlier in the trip, which began on August 29, Modi had visited several factories, including one producing a prototype of the E10 Shinkansen-a model India is exploring for its own high-speed rail ambitions.

Beyond the symbolic warmth, the visit carries strategic weight. India and Japan are set to sign multiple Memorandums of Understanding spanning defence, trade, technology, and business partnerships, reinforcing a growing partnership between the two nations.

# Rajnath Singh: 'No Permanent Friends Or **Enemies, Only Interests' Amid Trump Tariffs**

Defence Rajnath Singh on Saturday built domestically. "In the including the commissionunderlined India's push for spirit of self-reliance, the ing of domestically built aatmanirbharta (selfreliance) in defence production and said that India's foreign and security policies are guided by national interest. Speaking at the NDTV Defence 2025, Singh Summit declared, "There are no permanent friends or enemies, only permanent inter- Chakra ests." His remarks came in the backdrop of rising trade

India-China relations. major progress in indigenisation, citing the commis- in defense sioning of two Nilgiri-class highlighting

tensions with the United

States and a visible thaw in

stealth frigates - INS national interests amid Minister Himgiri and INS Udaygiri - global trade tensions,

> made in India and not purchased from abroad," Singh said. He also announced that the indigenous Sudarshan defence tem would soon

be unveiled. Defence Rajnath Singh emphasized The minister pointed to India's focus on selfreliance (Aatmanirbharta)

Navy has resolved that all warships like INS Himgiri future warships will be and INS Udaygiri, and the



indigenous Chakra. Rajnath

Singh production, described the current glob-

Sudarshan

strategic al environment as unstable, day visit to Japan.

He referred to the 50 per cent levy on Indian imports imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump, saying that the world is facing a "warlike situation in trade." He noted that developed nations are turning increasingly protectionist but stressed that India will not compromise on its people's interests. "India does not consider anyone an enemy, but will never compromise national interest." he said. The remarks came on

both in trade and security.

the same day Prime Minister Narendra Modi left for China to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit, following a two-

# India's Oil & Gas PSUs Pioneering Role in **Nurturing Sporting Culture: Hardeep Singh Puri**

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, that India has ramped up its President, Sudeva policy focus and public Delhi FC, also parinvestment for sports. "In this regard, India's oil and gas PSUs have played a role," pioneering Minister emphasised.

The Minister was speaking at an event organised by the Petroleum Sports been a concerted Promotion Board (PSPB) in effort to make India collaboration with the Delhi Soccer Association and Sudeva Academy to cele-Chand - the legend of science, and coaching."

Sabeena

ticipated in the event. Highlighting the

the transformation in India's sports sector, Shri Puri said, "After 2014, there has a 'sporting nation'

There is now deep support for promising youngsters to brate National Sports Day. have elite-pathway success, 29th August is celebrated not only in terms of funding, as India's National Sports but also in the development Day because it is the birth of the entire ecosystem anniversary of Major Dhyan including nutrition, sports

He noted that in the last mative Chowdhary, session of Parliament, con-Minister of Petroleum and Member Secretary, PSPB, cluded only a week ago, Natural Gas, today said and Shri Anuj Gupta, the historic National Sports



Governance Bill, 2025 was passed to overhaul the governance framework of sports federations and bodies – thus increasing accountability.

"Results demonstrate the success of these transfor-

Minister observed. "The last ten years have shown this: in the 2023 Asian Games and the 2024 Para Asian Games, we achieved record hauls of 107 medals and 29 medals (7 gold, 9 silver, and 13 bronze) respectively."

Acknowledging the contribution of PSPB, Shri Puri said, "Among the many stakeholders who have helped secure this transformation, a special mention is due to PSPB, which is one of the largest sports promotion bodies in the country, comprising 16 organisations, member while supporting and organising competitions in 19 sporting disciplines.

### **Tejashwi Yadav Declares Himself CM Face Of Grand Alliance, Rahul Gandhi Maintains Silence**

as the chief ministerial face said, adding that of the Grand Alliance in Nitish Bihar, even as Congress lacked originali-MP Rahul Gandhi and ty and was Samajwadi Party (SP) chief merely replicat-Akhilesh Yadav stood beside him on stage in Ara. Rahul Gandhi, who has so Janata far avoided clarifying his position on the chief ministerial candidate issue, declared himself remained silent during the the declaration.

Nitish Kumar

Kumar, branding him a Commission of India (ECI).

"copycat Chief Minister" Rashtriya Janata Dal who simply imitates others' (RJD) leader Tejashwi policies. "Tejashwi is moverally announced himself is following behind," he wanted an "original Chief

> Kumar ing his initiatives. Rashtriya

leader (RJD) Tejashwi Yadav Grand

Alliance's chief ministerial Tejashwi's Attack on candidate in Bihar, with Rahul Gandhi and Akhilesh Addressing the crowd, Yadav present; furthermore, Bihar. The remarks sig-Tejashwi Yadav launched a the rally addressed critistrong offensive against cisms of electoral process-Bihar Chief Minister Nitish es and the Election

Tejashwi further asked Yadav on Saturday unilat- ing ahead. The government the audience whether they



Minister" or a "duplicate CM," pitching himself as the "original" choice to lead naled his determination to emerge as the undisputed leader of the Grand Alliance despite

Original vs Duplicate Congress's hesitation on endorsing a CM face. The 'Vote Theft' Row

The rally also coincided with Rahul Gandhi's ongoing march against what he and his allies describe as "vote theft" in Bihar. The protest targets the Election Commission of India's (ECI) Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The yatra, which began on August 17 in Sasaram, has so far passed through over a dozen districts including Gaya, Nawada, Darbhanga, and Purnea, and will conclude in Patna after covering Bhojpur.

Rahul Gandhi accused the ECI of colluding with the BJP to manipulate elections.

#### **Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Participates in Ganeshotsav Celebrations Across Ghatlodia Constituency**

**Chief Minister Offers Prayers** at Ganesh Pandals in Ghatlodia, Gota, Sola, Thaltej,

and Memnagar Gandhinagar, 30 August

2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel in the evening, visited various Ganeshotsav celebrations across Ghatlodia constituency, Ghatlodia including Gota, Sola, Thaltej, and Memnagar. He offered prayers and performed aarti at several Ganesh receiving blessings and expressing Raja, Manokamna Purna Ganesh,

devotion.

The Chief Minister visited prominent pandals such as Vande Mataram Chowk Mandal

Sangathan Ganeshotsav, Yuvak Mandal, encourag-Shri na Raja, Sola Bhagwat na Garden Raja, Maple Tree and decorations.

Ganesh, Patidar Yuva Maharaja, and Samarpan Panchdev Yuva ing devotees and appreci-Ganeshotsav, ating the creative themes He also greeted

citizens warmly and interacted affectionately with children. Local MLAs, the Deputy Mayor of Ahmedabad Municipal

Corporation, office bearers, and community leaders were present during the

Gurukul India set to drive affordable innovative healthcare solutions: Union Pharmaceuticals Secretary Shri Amit Agrawal at the 17th CII Global MedTech Summit 2025

Shri Amit Agrawal, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, highlighted India's transformation into an emerging hub for medical technology at the 17th CII Global MedTech Summit, themed "Innovating for a Healthier Future – Advancing MedTech for Global Impact: Make in India, Make for the World", in New Delhi.

Addressing medical technology stakeholders at its opening plenary, Shri Agrawal stated that with India being home to the world's largest population and a rapidly growing economy, the domestic demand for affordable and innovative healthcare solutions is set to grow sustainably at double-digit rates of growth over the coming decades. He emphasized that the MedTech sector's core mission must remain centered on patient well-being and on developing high-quality, cost-effective devices for both domestic and global markets.

cessfully crossed a significant milestone in domestic

manufacturing of advanced to be functional in the com- Marginal equipment, including MRI ing year, support planned and CT scan machines, for their continued inframammography units, venti- structure upgrade and the

lators, stents, heart valves, Production dialysis machines and a range of implant devices. He stated: "Products that seemed impossible for local production a decade ago are now manufactured in India, demonstrating the country's growing capabilities and innovation ecosys-Highlighting

Government's support for upcoming dedicated medical device parks expected

Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Medical Devices as major policy steps propelling the industry forward. Agrawal called for deep collaboration among innovators, entrepreneurs and investors to accelerate the journey of new ideas from laboratory to market, thereby strengthening India's

CII

Expanding medical the PLI scheme and the

global competitiveness.

Scheme for backward integration, and the soon-to-be launched ₹5,000 crore Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma MedTech Sector (PRIP) Scheme would result in enhancing Indian MedTech sector's cost - competitiveness and production efficiency, deepening of the domestic value chain and creation of a strong innovaecosystem. The tion Secretary said that these will enable India to not only meet its own requirements but also offer affordable innovative healthcare solutions to the global North and South alike.

"Countries worldwide now look to India not only as a market, but as a leader in healthcare innovation. We must believe in our own capabilities. and intensify industry-

government partnership to realize the full potential of the MedTech sector," said Shri Agrawal. He stated that with ongoing economic reforms and international trade agreements, the secdevice park facilities, tar- tor will generate millions of geted policy initiatives like new jobs while helping ensure accessible.





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#### **Editorial**

#### **Brutal Elegance**

Few crimes have unsettled the public imagination as deeply as the mushroom poisonings that left three people dead and another gravely ill in Australia. What began as a seemingly ordinary family lunch spiralled into one of the most shocking acts of domestic betrayal in recent memory. The case is not only about murder, but about the fragility of trust and the extraordinary resilience of those left behind.

At the centre of this tragedy is the fact that the victims were not strangers but close relatives, bound together by decades of shared love and history. They were welcomed into a home, served a meal, and sat down in fellowship - only to be betrayed at the most intimate level That the crime was planned and executed against people who had offered nothing but goodwill compounds its cruelty. Such acts cut to the very core of what we assume about human relationships: that family is a refuge, not a battlefield. The ripple effects of the poisonings stretch far beyond the immediate loss of life Children must now grow up in a fractured household, robbed of grandparents and overshadowed by the knowledge that their mother bears responsibility.

Elderly parents and siblings have had to face the nconceivable: outliving those they raised and nurtured. Entire communities have been shaken, because the crime was not committed in anonymity but in the heart of a small, interconnected town where "everyone knows someone affected." And yet, amid the grief and outrage one voice has risen that compels reflection. The surviving victim, who lost his wife and closest friends, chose to confront his assailant not only with sorrow but also with forgiveness. His words, acknowledging that he feels "half alive" without his partner yet bearing no ill will towards her killer, stunned many.

Forgiveness in such circumstances is not an act of forgetting, nor a denial of justice ~ it is a refusal to let cruelty define the entirety of one's existence. This act of grace does not absolve the crime or lessen its horror, but it reframes the narrative. In a story dominated by betrayal, deceit, and loss, forgiveness emerges as an assertion of humanity. It is a reminder that even when evil wounds the deepest bonds of trust, compassion can still resist

The legal system will rightly impose the severest punishment available, but no sentence can restore the laughter, warmth, and companionship that were stolen. What remains is the dual legacy of the crime: a cautionary tale about the darkness that can lurk in familiar places, and a testament to the strength of those who refuse to let hatred consume them. In the end, this case forces us to confront a haunting paradox. One meal ended in death and destruction, but in its aftermath, one man chose to nourish the world with a gesture of radical

# **Gujarat Builds Ecosystem for Comprehensive Environmental Protection and Conservation: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel**

Ke Naam.

Gandhinagar, 30 August 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, while inaugurating the 76th statewide Van Mahotsav, stated that under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Gujarat has created an ecosystem for comprehensive environmental protection and conservation. In this context, he men-

tioned that Gujarat has achieved development while maintaining ecological balance through initiatives such as Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) to tackle climate change, renewable and solar rooftop energy for green growth, water conservation projects like Catch the Rain and Amrit Sarovar, as well as massive tree plantation

drives under Ek Ped Maa

As part of the 76th Van Mahotsav, the Chief Minister dedicated the newly developed Galteshwar Van spread over 7 hectares in Galteshwar, Kheda district, as the 24th cultural forest of the state. He also launched the website of the Gujarat State Wetland Authority, initiated village forest development, distributed checks to gram panchayats and taluka panchayats for income generated from strip plantations, and handed over checks to beneficiaries of various schemes of the Forest Department.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel remarked, "If we show care and respect for nature, it will, in turn, sustain and protect us." He added that people

of our culture see divinity

Mahotsav. The CM noted that ini-



everywhere — "Shiv in every being and Ranchhod in every plant." He highlighted that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has consistently prioritised environmental balance and conservation, transforming traditional

tiatives like 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam', the Miyawaki plantation method with 207 urban forest belts, and 82 Namo Vat Vans have expanded Gujarat's green cover by 1,143 sq. km beyond forest areas. He further mentioned

unless the quality of first-

instance decisions is

time, the politics surround-

under PM Modi's inspiration, Gujarat ranked second in India last year by 17.50 crore planting saplings under Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam. This year, under Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0, the state has set a target of planting 10.35 saplings across Gujarat.

The Chief Minister stated that Gujarat has become the engine of growth for the nation's development. Along with industrial and trade progress, it is equally important to provide future generations with a clean and healthy environment. For this, a green and clean ecosystem is essential, and Van Mahotsavs serve as an effective medium achieve this goal.

On the occasion, Forest and Environment Minister

that the purpose of Cultural Forests is to raise awareness about religious and medicinal trees, contribute positively to climate change, increase tree cover, and instill love for trees among people, students, and children. This year, plantation will be carried out across 39,295 hectares under social forestry, along with the creation of 20 urban forests. Under Pancharatna Gram Vatika model, 50 saplings will be planted in each of 1,000 villages. By 2025-26, 34 Sacred Groves will be developed and 15.39 million saplings will be planted across 19,895 hectares.

Shri Mulubhai Bera stated

Minister of State for Forest and Environment Shri Mukesh Patel added that the state government

# **Justice Before Speed**

The asylum system in the United Kingdom is once again at the heart of political contestation, and for good reason. Thousands of people fleeing war, persecution, or poverty continue to arrive, while thousands more remain stranded in hotels at the taxpayers' expense as they await decisions on their cases. The government's latest proposal, to establish a new panel of independent adjudicators to handle asylum appeals, may sound like a pragmatic step to ease bottlenecks.

Yet the deeper issue is not just the speed of appeals, but the quality of decisions made at the very

scale of the problem is undeniable. Appeals currently take, on average, more than a year to be resolved, and tens of thousands of applicants remain in limbo. During this time, local communities face mounting tensions as hotels become flashpoints for protest and counterprotest. Councils are resorting to legal action, and public frustration is spilling on to the streets.

For a government under pressure to end hotel use within this parliamentary term, the incentive to act quickly is strong. But the promise of speed must not be confused with the quarantee of justice. When start of the process. The nearly half of asylum

appeals succeed, the prob- rather than correcting them, lem is not simply procedural delay ~ it is systemic error. The fact that so many addressed. At the same initial refusals are overturned sug-

gests that the process of assessment flawed. whether due to overstretched staff, lack of training, political pressure to

deliver swift

rejections, or quite plainly a lack of empathy.

Creating a faster cementing these errors some communities, while courts, but their independ-

ing asylum has grown increasingly toxic. Demonstrations outside counter-demonstrations highlight the commitment of others to defend human rights. Local councils, facing their own residents' concerns, are beginning to resist central government mandates.

This is not simply a bureaucratic problem ~ it is a societal one, demanding both leadership and sensitivity. The government is right to seek alternatives to accommodation, which is costly and socially divisive. But the solution cannot rest on efficiency alone. Life-and-death decisions require robust scrutiny. Independent adjudicators may indeed offer a appeals mechanism risks hotels reveal the anger of faster route than traditional

beyond question. The right to judicial

ence and authority must be

oversight remains essential. not only to protect individuals but to preserve the integrity of the system itself. Ultimately, the success of reform will depend less on how quickly appeals are cleared than on how fairly asylum claims are judged in the first place. A humane system that makes accurate, transparent decisions early on would naturally reduce the burden of appeals. Anything less risks perpetuating a cycle of mistrust, protest, and wasted public resources. Speed matters ~ but without justice, it is little more

### Under the control of our technological masters

We live in an age where silence itself speaks, where even the absence of words once taken for granted as a natural right, is no longer our default state of existence. Every click of a mouse, every tap of a finger, every swipe on a glowing screen, every photo uploaded, and even every casual conversation near a device behind invisible traces footprints we neither see nor fully understand. These traces do not vanish with time; they are stored,

analysed, and sold. The modern world woven together by satellites, data servers, cloud storage, and artificial intelligence – presents itself as a els are built. These models miracle for convenience don't just guess our future and connection . But behind this glittering façade lies a quieter and more unsettling reality: a system known as surveillance capitalism, where human lives they don't just predict are turned into data, and choices - they guide them, data is turned into profit. In nudging us toward what is earlier times, privacy was profitable for corporations, sacred. The home was a advertisers, or political sanctuary where the out- campaigns. This invisible side world could not intrude. architecture of influence Personal diaries, conversations between friends, or Are we still free individuals, one's innermost thoughts capable of making indewere shielded by walls of trust and solitude. Privacy was seen as a pillar of

But today, the digital revolution has reshaped think and act without interthose boundaries. Our shopping choices, travel routes, daily schedules, moods, sleeping habits, choice on our screens is friendships, political lean- often a carefully designed ings – even the times when we remain silent – are continuously monitored. What was once private is now may be intact, but the subpublic property in disguise, stance of it is slowly being analysed by algorithms eroded. The danger is not designed not only to know us but also to influence us. tive. Societies and democ-We are not simply users of racies depend on citizens technology anymore - we who can think freely and have become its raw material. Harvard professor Shoshana Zuboff gave a name to the phenomenon: that confirm only what they surveillance capitalism.

human dignity and autono-

At its heart lies one simple principle – the extraction of human behaviour as raw data. Every time we becomes a record in some search for something like a digital archive. Privacy, photo, scroll past a news item, or even pause for a





moment longer on a video, that information is collected. From this, predictive modbehaviour; they actively shape it. They suggest what we might buy, what we might read, even what we might believe. Gradually, raises troubling questions. pendent choices? Or are we being gently manipulated, like puppets whose strings are pulled by algorithms? Liberty, once defined as the freedom to ference, now faces a new

kind of threat. What looks like free menu, built to lead us toward certain outcomes. The sense of autonomy only personal; it is collecaccess diverse opinions. But when people are fed personalised news feeds already believe,

from millions of users can

be used to target voters

with tailored messages -

messages designed not to

inform, but to manipulate emotions and decisions. Left unchecked, surveillance capitalism transforms from a business model into a tool of soft control - subtle, almost invisible, yet immensely powerful. Many defend this system with the phrase: "If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear." But this is a dangerous misunderstanding. Privacy is not about secrecy - it is about freedom and agency. It is about having control over what parts of our lives we share, and with whom. A world without privacy is a world where dignity collapses, where people cannot truly grow, reflect, or make mistakes without fear.

To accept surveillance as normal is to surrender our deepest humanity to machines and markets. The moral issue goes deeper still. Surveillance capitalism reduces human beings to objects. Our thoughts, attention, desires, and emotions are seen as resources to be mined. A child's curiosity becomes a marketing opportunity; grief becomes a chance to sell comfort; joy becomes a data point for profit. It is a digital colonisation of the human soul. What earlier echo empires did with land and

labour, today's corporations attempt with human experience itself. And yet, the future is not entirely dark. Awareness is growing. Across the world, voices are rising in defence of digital rights. Europe's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) has set a benchmark for protecting users' data. India too has recognised the importance of privacy, declaring it a fundamental right and introducing the Digital Personal Data Protection Act.

These are important

steps, but laws alone are

not enough. What we need is a change in culture - a new respect for privacy as a core human value. Companies must be made accountable not just to their investors but to society at large. Education in technology must include ethics, so that the creators of tomorrow's systems remember that they are dealing with human lives, not just numbers. Our own traditions remind us of the sanctity of the self. In Indian philosophy, the ancient saying "Aham Brahmasmi" proclaims: I am the universe. It recognises the human self as vast, infinite, and sacred. To reduce this infinite being to mere data points is not just technological intrusion it is a spiritual violation.

Protecting privacy is therefore not just a technical necessity; it is a moral, cultural, and even spiritual duty. In conclusion, the rise of surveillance capitalism challenges us to rethink what it means to be free, private, and human in the digital age. Technology can be a great ally of progress, but it can also become a silent master of control. The challenge before us is not to reject technology, but to reclaim it - reshaping it to serve human dignity rather than exploit it. We must demand stronger laws, greater transparency, ethical design, and above all, a collective awareness

of the value of privacy.

Betrayals, hidden truths, sympathy by staging a sui-strengthens their bond and and Anirudh's past. She is

and broken bonds fuel the drama in COLORS' Mannat Har Khushi Paane Ki as the story takes an explosive turn. Anirudh, revealed as Mannat's (Ayesha Singh) father, finally steps forward to support her and clear her name, while Aishwarya's (Mona Vasu) web of manipulations begins to unravel. Vikrant (Adnan Khan), Aishwarya's business partner and Malaika's husband, is left shaken when Anirudh and Mannat expose the shocking truth that Malaika was the one who had a sin-

ister plan up her sleeves. Meanwhile, Mannat confronts her in front of the entire family, leaving her disgraced. When Malaika makes a desperate bid for

cide attempt, Mannat sets the stage for an emo-

unmasks her once more, tional new chapter.



Will Mannat succeed in exposing Aishwarya's vicious

lies in COLORS' 'Mannat Har Khushi Paane Ki'?

revealing the deception. Heartbroken and furious, upheavals, another storm Vikrant decides to divorce brews as Mannat uncovers Malaika, even as his grow- the hidden truth about

Amidst these emotional ing closeness with Mannat Aishwarya (Mona Vasu)

left shocked to realize that everything Aishwarya had been saying all along was a lie, and that her mother had been deliberately misleading her against her father, Anirudh. Shaken by this betrayal, Mannat resolves to go on a determined quest to expose Aishwarya as the true culprit and reveal her manipulations to the world. But the question remains: will Mannat succeed in unmasking Aishwarya's deceit, or will Aishwarya find yet another way to twist the truth and tighten her grip on the fam-

Watch 'Mannat Har Khushi Paane Ki' every Monday to Sunday at 7:30 PM only on COLORS.

# Life beyond Earth?

(Gns).

In recent weeks, headlines have captured public imagination with the tantalizing phrase: "Dinosaur eggs found on Mars.' NASA's Curiosity rover, tirelessly exploring the slopes of Mount Sharp in Gale Crater, recently imaged a set of rounded, clustered rock formations that immediately drew attention. To the untrained eye, the resemblancance to a clutch of fossilized eggs is uncanny, leading many popular outlets to iump on the "dinosaur egg" metaphor. Yet planetary scientists are clear: these are not biological fossils, but rather natural geological features formed by mineral deposition and erosion in fractured rocks. Still, behind the hyperbole lies

These unusual formations ~ nicknamed "egg-like rocks" in the rover's logs ~ are more than curiosities. They represent evidence of complex geological and hydrological activity in Mars' past. In fact, they may years, Mars offered an record episodes when water, heat, and chemical

something truly significant.

interactions altered the But the planet was small, crust, leaving behind structures that incidentally resemble the eggs of longextinct reptiles. And it is this watery, active Mars of the past that fuels one of the most profound scientific questions of our time: did life ever evolve on Mars? To answer that, sci-

entists turn back the Martian clock About 4.1 to 3.7 billion years ago, during the Noachian epoch, Mars was very different from the cold desert we see today Geological evi-

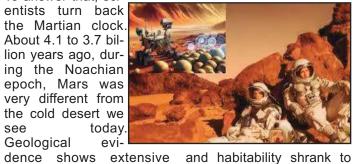
river valleys, deltas, and possible shallow seas. The planet's atmosphere was thicker, temperatures could occasionally rise above freezing, and liquid water was stable on the surface.

If Earth's microbial life emerged around the same time, could Mars have been home to microbes too? The idea is scientifically reasonable. For nearly 400 million environment where simple life could have taken root. much later -

tection, its atmosphere was steadily stripped by the solar wind. By the following Hesperian epoch (3.7–3.0 billion years ago), conditions worsened: water dried up, temperatures dropped,

cooled quickly, and lost its

magnetic field. Without pro-



isolated underground niches. If life had started on Mars, it faced a grim future. Unlike Earth, which nurtured life continuously, Mars' window of opportunity may have closed before evolution could move

beyond the microbial stage. The comparison with Earth is striking. On Earth, microbial life appeared about 3.8 billion years ago, revealed water vapor, yet complex multicellular life did not evolve until

600million years ago. That is nearly three billion years of microbial dominance. Mars simply did not enjoy such a long stable stretch. Its "biological clock" may have run out early. This explains why, even if Mars once hosted life, it likely never advanced beyond single-celled microbes. The discovery of "dinosaur egglike rocks" reminds us of this sobering reality. The rounded formations are geological, not biological ~ but they hint at the presence of water and geochemical conditions that could once have supported life. They are geological echoes of Mars' lost habitability.

The fascination with Mars is only part of a broader quest. Our Solar System itself presents multiple intriguing candidates for life. Jupiter's moon Europa and Saturn's moon Enceladus both hide subsurface oceans beneath icy crusts. Geysers venting from Enceladus have organics, and salts ~ ingredients for life.

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## Western railway extends the trips of special train between mumbai central - indore

For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand especially during the festive season, Western Railway has extended the trips of Special Train on Special Fare between Mumbai Central & Indore on existing timings, halts & composition.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri this train have been

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Train No. 09085/09086 Mumbai Central - Indore (Tri – Weekly) Special [12 Trips]

Train No. Mumbai Central - Indore departs from Special Mumbai Central every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 23.20 hrs and will reach Indore at 13.00 hrs, the next day. The trips of

12th September, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09086 Indore – Mumbai Central Special will depart from Indore every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 17.00 hrs and will arrive Mumbai Central at 07.10 hrs, the next day. The trips of this train have been extended further from 2nd

to 13th September, 2025. Enroute this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Vadodara, Dahod, Ratlam and Ujjain station in both directions.

This train comprises of First AC, AC 2-Tier and AC

3-Tier Coaches. The booking for the extended trips of Train No. 09085 & 09086 opens from 31.08.2025 at all PRS Counters and on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit Birla today stressed that www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.

# **India's Robust Q1 GDP Growth Showcases Resilience Amid**

effort, he said, can the true attention can be given to

and tariff wars, India's vibrant domestic market has provided a strong cushion, ensuring sustained | | | momentum in con-

of robust domestic demand

but also of the structural reforms undertaken in recent years — from GST rationalisation and infrastructure push to digitalisation and financial inclusion —

New Delhi, August 30, to grapple with uncertainties ance is not only a reflection gible results observed President, FIEO.

While exporters face challenges from tariff headwinds in key markets, India's ability to balance domestic absorption with diversification through new FTAs provides a unique

### Thai PM Removed After Leaked Call Fuels Cambodia Border Row

A Thai court has ousted involving a phone call with This decision has intensified Thailand's political instability. influential Shinawatra family, became and needing to the youngest prime minister in August 2024. Her tenure lasted just a year before the Constitutional Court ruled she was unfit for office.

The controversial phone call, recorded on June 15 amid rising border tensions with Cambodia, featured Paetongtarn referring to former Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen as "uncle." She also criticised her own military's actions during border clashes that resulted in a Cambodian soldier's death. remarks included offering assistance to Hun Sen, which became central to the case against her.

Thailand's Constitutional Court ousted

call with Cambodia's former leader, intensifying political suspended Prime Minister instability, as she became Paetongtarn Shinawatra, Prime Minister in August citing an ethics breach 2024. This follows her family's history of political chal-Cambodia's former leader. lenges, potentially weakening the Pheu Thai party's first in her family to face

influence, with Paetongtarn, the cabinet now facing dismissal nominate a new prime minister.

> Paetongtarn apologised to the Thai public for any discom-

fort caused by her comments, explaining they were part of a negotiation strategy to ease tensions. ministers have been ing roles until a new prime removed from office and an minister is elected by parelection-winning party dis- liament. solved.

Impact on Shinawatra Family and Pheu Thai Party

Paetongtarn is not the such challenges. Her aunt Yingluck

Shinawatra was ousted before a military coup in 2014, while her father Thaksin Shinawatra went into self-

imposed exile in 2006 after his government was toppled by the military. Her uncle Somchai Wongsawat

# Global Tariff Turmoil: Mr S C Ralhan, President, FIEO

2025: India's GDP growth in the first quarter of the current year at 7.8% once again demonstrates the underlying strength and resilience of our economy, said Mr S C Ralhan, sumption President, FIEO. At a time investment. when global trade continues

Lok Sabha Speaker Shri

both central and state gov-

ernments must work in tan-

dem to ensure that welfare

schemes reach the last citi-

zen, especially those from

the Scheduled Castes and

Scheduled Tribes. Only

through such coordinated

progress be delivered.[

He also underscored

**Inauguration** of

Dial 112 Janrakshak Project and New Police Buildings and Police Vehicles

under Home Department, Government of Gujarat

The impressive perform- which are now yielding tan- strategic advantage.

benefits of development and issues concerning these communities. Shri Birla the urgent need for every State Assembly to made these remarks at the Valedictory Session of the two-day National

constitute dedicated Conference Committees on the Welfare Chairpersons of Committees of Scheduled Castes and of Parliament and State Scheduled Tribes, so that Legislatures on the Welfare focused and sustained of Scheduled Castes and

Centre-state coordination vital for sc/st empowerment: lok sabha speaker Scheduled Tribes

Bhubaneswar today. He observed that while Parliament already has such Committees actively monitoring welfare measures, the absence of similar institutional mechanisms in some States limits the effectiveness of oversight at the grassroots.

#### Following the court's ruling, briefly served as prime min-Shri Amitbhai Shah she expressed gratitude to ister in 2008 but was her country at a news conremoved by a court ruling. ference. "This is another The verdict against Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Gandhinagar Lok Sabha, Paetongtarn could jeopartime that the court's deci-Union Minister of Home and Cooperation dise the Shinawatra famision has created a sudden ly's political influence. They political change," she stathave dominated Thai poli-Her The court's decision tics for over two decades but now face uncertainty as adds another chapter to Thailand's turbulent politiinternal coalition conflicts and delayed policy rollouts cal landscape, where change advocates often weaken their governance clash with the establishamid economic struggles. suspended Prime Minister ment. The establishment Paetongtarn's Paetongtarn Shinawatra in includes military, royalist, removal, her cabinet will 2025 due to an ethics and business elites. In also be dismissed. breach involving a phone recent years, two prime Ministers will serve in act-**NHAI Signs Agreement to Implement India's First** Lane Free Flow (MLFF) based tolling at around 25

# Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) Tolling System in Gujarat

To provide seamless experience to National Management less Highways

Company Limited (IHMCL), company promoted by NHAI has signed an agreement ICICI with Bank, implement

(Gns).

Yusuf

sources

country's first comprehensive Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system at Choryasi Fee Plaza in Gujarat on NH-48. first barrier-free toll plaza in The landmark agreement was signed in presence of NHAI Chairman Shri Santosh Kumar Yadav and senior officials from NHAI, Gharaunda Fee Plaza in IHMCL and ICICI Bank at Haryana on NH-44. NHAI is NHAI Headquarters in New planning to roll out Multi- tolling ecosystem.

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Lalitesh Tripathi will repre-

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Yatra' in Bihar

leg of the 'Voter Adhikar

September 1, party

Saturday. The march

launched by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on

August 17, aims to high-

light the alleged assault

on people's right to vote

through the special

intensive revision of

"The party has decided

electoral rolls in Bihar.

said

The signing of the conmajor step towards barrier-Highway users the Indian free tolling, enabling seam-Electronic

and barrier-free tolling tract agreement marks a National Highway fee plazas during the current financial year. The process Toll of identifying such fee

plazas for implementation presently

Kumar

underway. Speaking on the occa-NHAI sion, Chairman, Shri Santosh

Yadav said, "This agreement to implement the Multi-Lane Free Flow tolling system marks a significant milestone in the evolution and modernization of tolling in India. By leveraging technology, it will establish the foundation for a more efficient, transparent, and user-friendly

#### **Chief Guest**

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Gujarat

Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel



# **Shri Harsh Sanghavi**

Hon'ble Minister of State, Home, Industry, Cultural Activities, Transport, Sports and Youth Services (all independent charge), Gujarat.



#### Dial 112 Janrakshak Project

- Inauguration of an advanced control centre and 500 Janrakshak (public protection) vehicles for the safety and immediate assistance of citizens.
- Launch of the statewide Dial 112 Integrated Emergency Response Support System (ERSS).
- Citizens can now access all emergency services Police, Fire, Ambulance, Women Helpline, Child Helpline through a single number: Dial 112.

#### 534 New Police Vehicles

- 534 new police vehicles under the Police Mobility Improvement Programme to further strengthen law and order across the state.
- These vehicles will serve as an important resource by providing essential transportation facilities for officers and personnel in the police

- Police Department: Residential and non-residential buildings
- jail Department; Residential and non-residential buildings worth ₹74.38 crore.
- Home Guards Department: Non-residential buildings worth ₹2.27 crore.

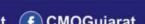


### Inauguration of Various Development Works Worth Over ₹217 Crore

- worth ₹139.32 crore.
- Anti-Corruption Bureau: Residential and non-residential buildings
- worth ₹1.20 crore.

Date: August 31, 2025 Time: 4:00 PM Venue: Ramkatha Ground, Sector-11, Gandhinagar.

Live telecast of the programme: X CMOGujarat (f) CMOGujarat (o) CMOGujarat (o) CMOGujarat







that Yusuf Pathan and Lalitesh Tripathi will represent the AITC in the September 1 rally," a senior TMC functionary told PTI. The 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' will culminate with a procession in Patna on Monday, he said. Yusuf Pathan and Lalitesh Tripathi will repre-

the

Congress in the concluding

Join 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar on Sep 1 leg of the 'Voter Adhikar 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar, Yatra' in Patna, Bihar on September 1, a march initi-

Collection through FASTag.

Choryasi Fee Plaza in

Gujarat will serve as the

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agreement was also signed

with ICICI Bank for the

implementation of MLFF at

**TMC Leaders Yusuf Pathan, Lalitesh Tripathi To** 

Congress in the concluding address alleged voter rights

> The violations. Adhikar Yatra' concerns the deletion of 65 lakh names from electoral rolls, as directed by the Supreme Court.

Both the Congress and the TMC are part of the opposition bloc -- INDIA -- at the national level. Addressing a public rally in Siwan on Friday as part of the Congress' ongoing

Gandhi claimed that BJP leaders have become jittery Trinamool ated by Rahul Gandhi to as the Narendra Modi government at the Centre has been "caught stealing

votes with the help of Election Commission". The opposition parties have been alleging that the deletion of

names of 65 lakh people from the draft electoral rolls published as part of the special intensive revision (SIR) exercise was an "assault" on their right to vote.

The Election Commission (EC) had come out with the names of 65 lakh people who were removed from the draft electoral rolls. The development came after the Supreme Court directed the EC to publish the deleted names by August 19 and file a compliance report by August 22.



#### **Relief to Textile Exporters through Extension of Export Obligation Period under Advance Authorisation**

The Textiles Industry welcomes the important step taken by Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) vide Notification No. 28 dated 28.08.2025, extending the Export Obligation (EO) period under Advance Authorisation for products subjected to mandatory Quality Control Orders (QCOs) issued by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC). The EO period has been enhanced from 6 months to

In respect of QCOs notified by the Ministry of textiles and technical tex-Textiles, the EO period tiles. These measures will Authorisation had already been extended from 6 months to 18 months. products. Together, these measures provide timely and much- Authorisation

needed relief to exporters duty-free imports of inputs uninterrupted export perof man-made fibre (MMF) are permitted for use in



Advance improve ease of doing business as well as improve competitiveness of Indian

> Under Advance the

physical exports, without the mandatory requirement of compliance with QCOs for such imports. This flexibility ensures continued availability of critical raw materials for the textile Scheme, industry and facilitates formance. Notably, around 18% of all Advance Authorisations are issued for the textile sector, underlining the significance of this facilitation measure.

Further, the import duty on cotton (HS 5201) has been exempted till 31st December, 2025, which will additionally strengthen raw material availability for the sector.

The Government of India through PLI, NTTM extend and interventions as above continues to support the, textiles and technical textiles which together constitute a key growth segment for textile production. India's exports under the entire MMF value chain were valued at USD 8.46 billion in 2024-25, including USD 401 million of MMF

#### Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports Announces First-of-its-Kind Nutritional Supplement Testing Referral Laboratories at Sports Goods Manufacturing Conclave

Ministry of Youth Affairs Sports (MYAS), Government of India, today organised the Sports Manufacturing Goods Conclave at The Ashok Hotel, New Delhi, bringing together policymakers, industry representatives, and experts to strengthen India's sports goods ecosystem and promote indigenous manufacturing.

On this occasion, formal announcement was made regarding NABL accreditation and FSSAI referral lab approval for the two Nutritional Supplement Testing labs established Memorandum Understanding

tripartite between tions, namely:

1. Centre Excellence for Research and Analysis Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) Gandhinagar,

Guiarat, and 2. Analytical Testing National Laboratory, Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Hyderabad.

The Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and ing--unknowingly consum-Ministry of Youth Affairs & Labour & Employment, Dr. ing unsafe or contaminated ucts.

(MYAS), Food Mansukh Mandaviya felici-Safety and Standards tated the two institutions Authority of India (FSSAI), and underscored the signif-

and the respective institu- icance of this pioneering

Nutritional supplements are widely used by athletes, but the absence of dedicated testing facilities in India has often exposed them to the risk of inadvertent dop-

44, describing its restora-

products that are banned in sports and that could lead to positive doping tests.

For the first time in the country, specialized laboratories for testing World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)prohibited substances in nutritional supplements have been established. These facilities will ensure the safety and quality of supplements, prevent unintentional doping violations, and promote fair play in sports.

The establishment of these referral laboratories marks a major step in strengthening India's antidoping framework, building scientific capacity, and providing athletes with reliable, certified nutritional prod-

# **Fourteen Years of Limbo: A Child Lost Between Parents, Law, and Institutions**

Ìn Jharkhand's Palamu district, the life of a 14year-old boy reads like a tragic screenplay. Born to one set of parents, raised by another, and eventually confined to state institutions, his childhood has napped. A DNA been a long wait for belong-

The boy's story began in boy, confirming her 2011, when a truck driver from Aurangabad, Bihar, mother. Yet, in a found him abandoned as a newborn in Ranchi. With little means but deep compassion, the driver took the infant in and raised him as his own. Despite his modest livelihood, he nurtured the child, giving him a home and an identity. For years, the boy knew no difference between his biolog-

Aurangabad lodged a was a decade-long legal

police complaint in Chhatarpur, alleging that their baby had been kidtest matched the woman with the as his biological twist that deepened the mystery,

the couple soon disappeared. They neither appeared in court nor responded to police summons. By 2023, a Palamu court declared them "civilly dead."

Caught in the crossfire of law and fate, the boy ical and foster ties, until a was taken away from his

a residential institution for In 2012, a couple from the disabled. What followed



limbo. From 2011 to 2020, the child lived in the school until it was sealed after an administrative raid. Since then, he has been housed in a government-run children's home in Palamu, where he now studies in Class V.

The case exposes trou-

claim surfaced that upend- foster father and placed in bling gaps in Jharkhand's child protection system. Despite the presence of a willing caregiver, the child spent his formative years in institutions. The closure of the residential school and his transfer to a children's home raise questions oversight about accountability.

> Palamu Child Welfare chairman Committee Shailendranath Chaturvedi confirmed that the foster father has now applied for custody. "The court in 2023 declared the complainant couple civilly dead. The foster father has filed an application with us, and we have issued a public notice inviting objections. If none are received within 60 days, the boy may be handed over to him," he said.

#### Jammu-Srinagar highway for vehicular traffic Police, and other con- about the condition of NH-

Minister Omar Chief on Saturday Abdullah directed authorities to repair the vital Jammu-Srinagar highway — damaged by flash floods and landslides — and immediately restore it for vehicular

traffic. Chief Minister The chaired a high-level meeting to review the restoration works on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) and other major roads damaged by recent heavy rains.

The meeting attended by the Chief Minister's Adviser, Nasir Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the CM Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary Home, Principal Secretary Public Works (R&B), Divisional Commissioners of Jammu Kashmir, several and Deputy Commissioners, and senior officers from BRO, NHIDCL, NHAI, J&K

cerned departments.

The Chief Minister tion as the top priority since

directed authorities to it is the lifeline connecting

CM Omar Abdullah orders early restoration of

ensure the swift restoration road connectivity, smooth traffic movement, and uninterrupted supply of essentials, particularly to the Kashmir Valley and remote areas of the Jammu

He emphasised the need for close inter-departmental coordination and timely updates to respond promptly to public needs.

division.

Kashmir with the rest of the country. He stressed the importance of facilitating the movement of perishable commodities like fruit from the Valley and highlighted the grim situation in areas such as Kishtwar and Udhampur, which are facing outages of power, drinking water, road connectivity, and mobile networks.

He further underlined Chief Secretary Atal the need for temporary Dulloo briefed the meeting restoration of highways

such as Dhar-Mahanpur, Ramban-Gool, and Reasi-Mahore to reconnect affected districts

Chief Minister inquired about the stock position of ration, fuel, and medicines in cut-off places like Bani, Kishtwar, Reasi, and Udhampur. He directed officials to replenish supplies through alternate routes, including via Anantnag for Kishtwar and through Bhaderwah for Bani, until full restoration of roads is achieved.

Divisional

Commissioner informed the meeting about the ongoing restoration works on NH-44, resumption of supplies into the Valley, and special trains being run to facilitate passengers and tourists. He assured that there is no shortage of ration, fuel or other essentials in Jammu and efforts are being made to keep cut-off areas adequately stocked.

# Eureka 2025 - A step towards innovation and entrepreneurship

Mathura, B.S.A. Eureka 2025 Startup Event was ated by the jury, which Mayank Dhankhar and prize of Rs 1500/- to stu- first time, established a mini successfully organized at the College of Engineering and Technology Mathura. The objective of this program was to promote the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship among students, BTAC Science. (Computer Electronics and Communication

Mechanical Engineering, Engineering Electrical Second and Third Year) and MCA (Second Year) students participated enthusiastically in the com-

included Dean Academic Kanishka Thakur, the first Varun Chavda, Teachers prize winners were award-



Ashok Pradeep Kumar Sharma 2100/-. Second place and Shivam Aggarwal. In Shivam Dixit, Shreya Soni, this competition, the first Rudra Pratap Singh and

Chairman with other winners Sahu, ed a cash prize of Rs

dents who got second place. The third place was secured by Vishnu Hari Parihar, Sanket Kumar, and Saurabh Chaudhary and he was awarded Rs 1100/-. The award was made by Advocate Umashankar Aggarwal, Chairman of the College. Director Prof. Dr. brated Shyam Sundar Aggarwal, Schedule I animals-mainly ASM Director Prof. Dr. tigers, leopards, and ele-Lokendra Kumar Sharma, Pharmacy Director Dr. Rakesh Kumar, CSE Department Dr. Durga Puja and other teachers were present.

#### Corbett gets first high-tech lab facility to diagnose, cure tiger, leopard, elephant ailments early claimed now, this facility will determine if the animal has Director CTR said, "This Corbett Tiger be available instantly in anemia, an infection, or mini-lab has been set up

(Gns).

The The program was evalu- place was received by Vishal Sharma got a cash Reserve (CTR) has, for the CTR. wildlife laboratory for the early detection and treatment of wildlife ailments within the reserve and other parts of the Himalayan state.

> The laboratory, equipped with high-tech machines, specifically caliexamine phants—has been set up at CTR's Dhikala Range Rescue Centre.

CTR officials said that the newly set up wildlife modern lab will enable expedite examination of sick or injured wild animals without wasting much time. Previously, blood and other body samples of sick animals had to be sent to the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) Bareilly or Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in Dehradun, with reports taking three to four days to come. Officials

Senior Veterinary Officer at away based on the report"

Corbett Tiger Reserve said Sharma.



informed "machines installed at the lab are based on latest technology developed in Japan and Chennai to test samples and cure wildlife. These are specially designed for nursing tigers, leopards and ele-

phants." "This mini-lab will provide facilities like (Complete Blood Count), liver function tests, kidney function tests, urine analysis, platelet counts, blood gas analysis, blood biochemistry analysis, and portable X-rays. This will allow us to immediately

Veterinary

Earlier, it used to take three to four days to send blood samples of sick wild animals to Indian Research Institute(IVRI) Bareilly.

This often delayed treatment of the ailing animals for the want of report. Now, this first high-tech lab at Corbett's Dhikala Range Rescue Centre will facilitate evidence-based treatment. Diagnosis and treatment of the animals can begin immediately upon receiving

the report. He clarified that the lab's work area will not be limited to the Corbett Tiger Reserve entire state will benefit from it. Samples of the sick wild animals from any part of the state can be examined here.

organ problems, and treat- under Corporate Social Dr Dushyant Sharma, ment can be started right Responsibility (CSR) initiative in collaboration with the World Wide Fund (WWF) Sharma added, for Nature and Japanese corporate house Fujifilm. This is the first time that high-quality machines have been installed in Corbett for testing blood and other samples collected from wildlife. In the future, the facility will be linked to other wildlife rescue centers of

> the state." CTR Director further stated that modern equipments in the newly developed lab include a blood analyser, blood biochemistry analyser, Kidney Function Test (KFT) machine, blood analyser, urine analyser, CBC (Complete Blood Count) platelet count machine and a portable Xray machine as well. These devices have been calibrated for large animals to ensure accurate and reliable test results.

#### People of Bihar will protect their votes, won't let Modi, ECI end democracy: Tejashwi Yadav

(Gns).

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, who is undertaking a 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' with Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and other Mahagathbandhan leaders, said on Saturday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Election Commission of India are trying to end democracy but people of Bihar will protect their votes and give a befitting reply to them.

"The people of Bihar are aware and Bihar is the mother of democracy and Modi ji is trying to end democracy here in con-

Commission, which will sage they wanted to deliver never happen. All Biharis through the yatra has will protect their votes and spread across the country.



give a befitting reply to the BJP," Yadav told reporters in Patna.

Calling his 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' "historic", Bihar are aware and Yadav said that the mes-Biharis will protect their

"This has been a very historic yatra, it received the support of millions of people... The people of

Yadav also joined the yatra. His presence has given us strength. Every child in the country is saying, 'Vote chor, gaddi chhodd,' and this message has spread across the entire country... ," he said. Claiming that the BJP is

vote. Today, Akhilesh

copying his vision, the RJD leader said Bihar wants a real CM and not a duplicate "BJP people are scared,

so they want to implement Tejashwi's vision, but there is still a lot left that we will reveal after the notification comes, about what all we will implement in Bihar...

#### Centre urges states to prioritise visible urban cleanliness prioritised visible cleanlicleanliness and urban With over 8 lakh clean-The MoHUA convened ness in urban India and development go hand in a high-level virtual meet- the

liness target units transformed during Swachhata Hi Seva 2024, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has urged the states to prioritise visible urban cleanliness by identifying negspots and ensuring trans-

district Mathura district.

ernment has issued a man-

and implemented 30 per-

Mathura. Under the Bharatiya Vidyarthi Morcha

statewide agitation under demanded the cancellation

the banner of Bharatiya of this 30 percent quota,

Vidyarthi Morcha, a memo- separate hostels for OBCs,

randum was sent to the minorities and general cat-

Governor through the egory, reconstruction of

District Magistrate in the dilapidated hostels, and

memorandum that the gov- this occasion, a large num-

date in the hostels of and showed their solidarity

Scheduled Castes and and resolve. The students

Tribes students run by the also warned that if the

Social Welfare Department demands are not taken

cent quota to the general intensified, which will have

and backward classes. The full responsibility of the

It was mentioned in the like restaurant-books. On

Bharat Swachh Mission-Urban 2.0.

Under the chairmanship of Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister role of CTUs as engines of Manohar Lal in the preslected, difficult, and dark ence of MoS, MoHUA, ment and policy imple-Tokhan Sahu and formation and beautifica- Secretary, MoHUA S

providing basic facilities

ber of students participated

quickly, the agitation will be

double-pronged ing with all states and UTs approach of identification and transformation of Cleanliness Target Units

(CTUs) Highlighting the critical change for urban developmentation, the Union Housing and Urban Affairs tion within a defined time- Katikithala, the meeting Minister emphasised that

Bharatiya Vidyarthi Morcha handed over memorandum addressed to Governor to district administration These CTUs will be mapped

> With focus on the ignored and difficult sports, the cities have been advised to identify the Legacy Waste Dumpsites as high-intensity CTUs that will require time and resources for transformation. ULBs may collaborate with PSUs, private firms. CSR groups, NGOs, startups, and other stakehold-

CTUs.



Morcha submitting memorandum to District Administration Officer in the absence of DM government and adminishand, describing them as two sides of the same coin. The Ministry has drafted a framework for time-

bound clearance of these urban lands, that focuses on regular reviews and aggressive monitoring by States, citizen mobilization and interface for mapping CTUs via Swachhata App, fast-tracking and timebound clearance of the mapped sites, beautification to reclaim the land and prevent re-accumulation.

on https://swachhatahiseva.go v.in/ portal.

ers for adoption of these nivance with the Election