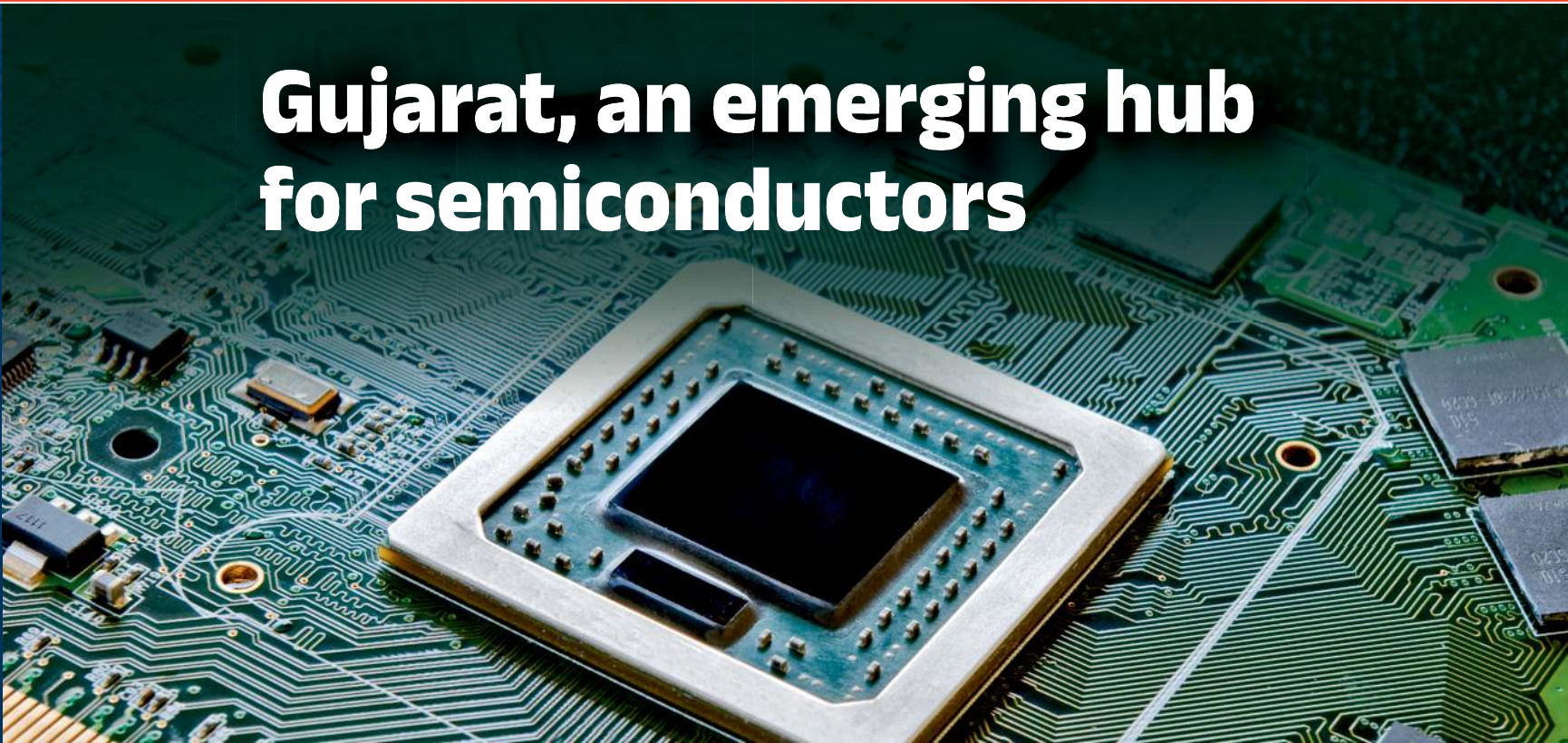
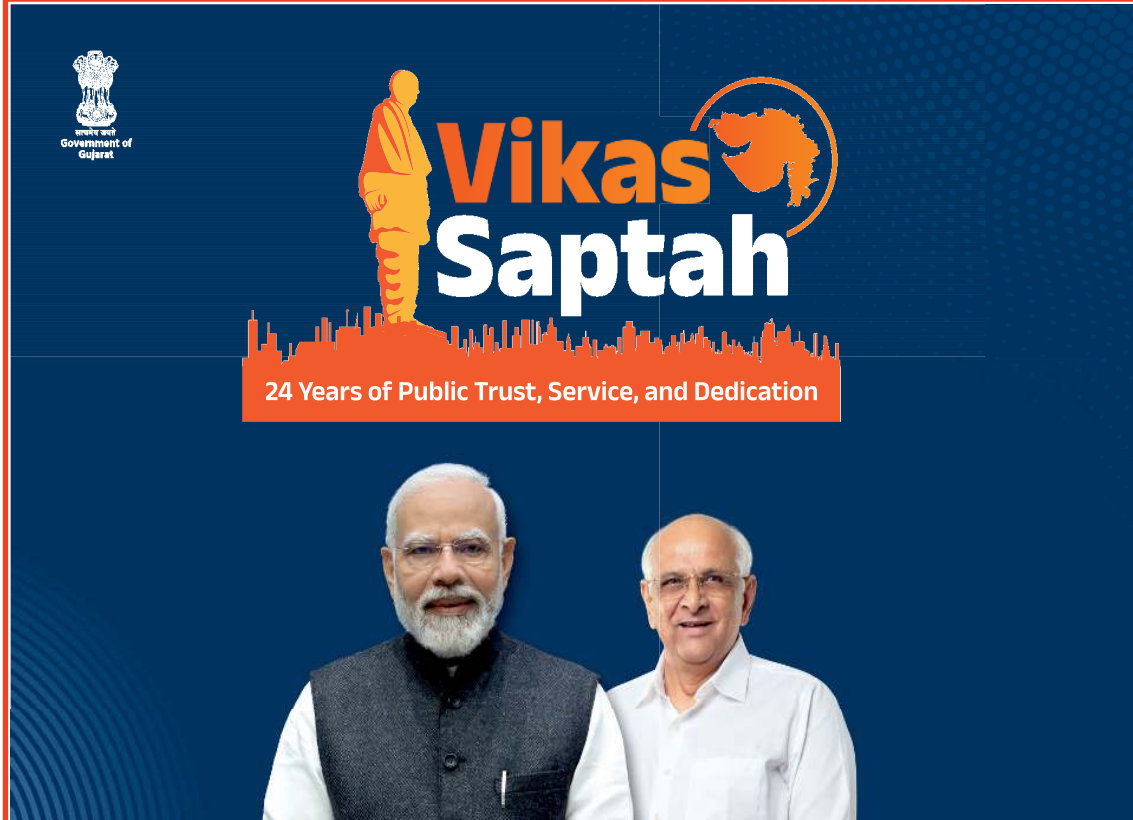




EDITOR : ASHVINKUMAR KESHAVLAL RAMI Regd. Office: TF-01, Nanakram Super Market, Ramnagar, Sabarmati, Ahmedabad-380 005. Gujarat, India.

Phone : 90163 33307 (M) 93283 33307, 98253 33307 • Email : garvigujarat2007@gmail.com • Email : garvigujarat2007@yahoo.com • Website : www.garvigujarat.co.in



## Gujarat, an emerging hub for semiconductors

## PM Modi Welcomes UK PM Starmer To India With Largest-Ever Trade Delegation

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi received UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai on October 9, 2025, marking Starmer's first official visit to India since assuming office. The two leaders held extensive bilateral discussions aimed at strengthening the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership under the Vision 2035 roadmap. Key areas of focus included trade and investment, technology and innovation, defence and security, climate and energy, health, and education.

This visit comes after the signing of a landmark India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in July

2024, which seeks to boost bilateral trade by £25.5 billion (\$34 billion) annually and is expected to double



trade by 2030. UK PM Starmer described the FTA as a "launchpad for growth," highlighting the mutual benefits as India is projected to become the world's third-largest economy by 2028. The agreement includes tariff reduc-

tions on goods such as textiles, cars, and whiskey, while improving market access for businesses in



both countries. UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer made his first official visit to India on October 9, 2025, where he met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Mumbai to discuss strengthening the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic

Partnership, focusing on trade, technology, and security following the 2024 Free Trade Agreement, which aims to boost bilateral trade by £25.5 billion annually.

Accompanying Starmer was the largest-ever UK trade delegation to India, consisting of over 125 business leaders, entrepreneurs, and educational figures. Both leaders participated in the CEO Forum and the Global Fintech Fest 2025, with a focus on AI-powered innovation, augmented intelligence, and financial inclusion, underscoring the importance of technological collaboration and financial innovation between India and the UK.

## Amit Shah Endorses Indian Technology By Switching To Zoho Mail For Official Communications, Shares His ID

(Gns). In a noteworthy endorsement of Indian technology, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced that he has moved his official email communications to Zoho Mail, the email service developed by homegrown tech company Zoho Corporation.

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Shah shared his new email address — [email protected] — and requested citizens and officials to update their contact information accordingly.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has switched his official email to Zoho Mail, a service by the Indian tech firm Zoho Corporation, founded in 1996 by Sridhar

Vembu and Tony Thomas in Chennai. Zoho serves nearly 130 million users worldwide with tools like Zoho Mail, and is expanding into messaging with 'Arattai'.

Switch To

The move is being seen as a symbolic boost for India's domestic tech sector, aligning with the government's broader Digital India vision and emphasis on indigenous solutions.

Founded in 1996 by Sridhar Vembu and Tony Thomas, Zoho Corporation is headquartered in Chennai and has grown

into one of India's most successful technology firms. With a workforce of

over 18,000 employees worldwide and serving nearly 130 million users, Zoho offers a suite of software tools ranging from CRM and productivity platforms to secure communication services.

Zoho Mail, the service now adopted by Amit Shah, is known for its ad-free, privacy-focused approach, often marketed as a secure alternative to offerings from global giants like Google and Microsoft.

In 2023, the company celebrated 15 years of Zoho Mail, marking its evo-

lution from a startup product to a globally respected enterprise solution

Zoho has also been expanding into the communication space with 'Arattai', its India-made messaging app that aims to challenge WhatsApp's dominance in the country.

Co-founder Sridhar Vembu recently revealed that Zoho plans to add end-to-end encryption for chat messages, enhancing user privacy.

Through Arattai and other services like Zoho Workspace and Zoho CRM, the company continues to position itself as a viable, secure alternative to global tech platforms, emphasizing data privacy and Indian innovation.

## Keir Starmer's India Visit: UK-India Partnership Redefined for a Changing World

(Gns). British Prime Minister Keir Starmer has landed in India for a two-day visit. It is not merely a diplomatic ritual, it marks a new chapter in a relationship that has rediscovered its purpose in a fractured world order. His first visit since assuming office in July 2024, Starmer's trip follows Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the UK in July, where the two leaders sealed the long-awaited India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) - an accord that represents not just commerce, but consensus.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer visited India for two days in July 2024, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's UK visit. The visit aimed to strengthen the India-UK Free Trade

Agreement (FTA), which connects the world's fifth and sixth-largest economies, and is projected to double bilateral trade,



currently at USD 56 billion, by 2030.

The India-UK FTA has survived leadership changes and ideological shifts in both countries - from Boris Johnson's opti-

mism to Rishi Sunak's realism, and now Starmer's Labour pragmatism. In an era when Donald Trump's unpredictable global



approach has unsettled allies and upended economic alignments, India and the UK stand out as steady, rules-based partners.

Opportunity

The FTA connects the world's fifth and sixth-largest economies - an equation that already supports over 650,000 jobs in each other's markets. The deal provides duty-free access to 99% of Indian exports, with a strong focus on MSMEs, IT, textiles, gems and jewellery, and auto parts.

For British firms, the Indian market's scale and innovation capacity are unmatched. Bilateral trade, now valued at USD 56 billion, is projected to double by 2030, driven by services, digital innovation, and high-skill employment.

In Starmer's words before his departure, "Our partnership with India is about creating prosperity, not just exchanging goods."

## Vikas Saptah (Industry-Entrepreneurship Day): Gujarat Accelerates 'Make in India', Auto Manufacturing Output Jumps 22 Times in 15 Years

(Gns).

Gandhinagar, October 9: On 7 October 2001, Shri Narendra Modi took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, marking the beginning of a historic journey of public service, which this year completes 24 years. On this proud occasion, under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, the Government of Gujarat is celebrating a state wide 'Vikas Saptah' from 7 to 15 October, with 10 October observed as 'Industry Entrepreneurship Day,' dedicated to Gujarat's spirit of industrial excellence and innovation. Over the past 24 years, under Shri Modi's visionary leadership, Gujarat has emerged as a driving engine of India's industrial growth. Notably, various initiatives launched in 2009 in the automobile manufacturing sector, when he was Chief Minister, have transformed Gujarat into India's leading automobile manufacturing hub.

In the last 15 years, Gujarat has made a giant leap in the auto sector with a CAGR of 24.84%

According to the Government of India's Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), the production of motor vehicles, trailers, and semi-trailers in Gujarat was around ₹3,200 crore in 2008-09, which increased nearly 22 times to ₹71,425 crore in 2022-23, the highest level ever achieved. This achievement reflects an impressive Compound

Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 24.84%, a testament to Gujarat's successful journey in the automobile sector.

"Make in India, Make for



the World" Fuels 12-Fold Growth in 7 Years

With the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary call of "Make in India, Make for the World" at the heart of its growth strategy, Gujarat is racing ahead to position itself as not just India's but the world's most trusted manufacturing hub. Launched in 2014, the Make in India campaign has found one of its strongest success stories in Gujarat, a state that has pursued the vision with unwavering commitment. Between 2015-16 and 2022-23, Gujarat's motor vehicle, trailer, and semi-trailer manufacturing sector has skyrocketed by an astounding 12 times. Manufacturing output surged from ₹5,836 Crore in 2015-16 to a record-breaking ₹71,425 Crore in 2022-23 a leap that underscores the state's manufacturing prowess, investor-friendly climate, and robust

industrial ecosystem.

Gujarat's Auto Industry Doubles Output Post-COVID, Clocks 109% Growth

In a remarkable post-

pandemic turnaround, Gujarat's auto manufacturing sector has roared back to life more than doubling its output in just two years. Latest data for the motor vehicles, trailers, and semi-trailers segment reveals manufacturing output from ₹34,107 Crore in COVID-hit 2020-21 to a record ₹71,425 Crore in 2022-23 a phenomenal 109% surge. The state's broader growth trajectory has been equally impressive. In 2018-19, production stood at ₹27,049 Crore; by 2022-23, that figure had nearly tripled.

Export Powerhouse: Gujarat Ships approx. ₹13,800 Crore worth of Autos & Auto Components Worldwide in FY 2024-25

With its strategic location and world-class port infrastructure, Gujarat has further strengthened its status as a leading global hub for automobile exports. According to DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

data, in FY 2024-25, the state exported auto components/parts worth approx. ₹2,628 crore and motor vehicles/cars worth ₹11,172 crore, a total of ₹13,799.79 crore. This reflects 31.54% growth in motor vehicle/cars exports compared to the previous year.

During FY 2024-25 alone, Gujarat exported 1,77,924 motor vehicles/cars to 102 countries, including South Africa, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Chile, the UAE, Mexico, and Colombia, underscoring its diversified global footprint. In comparison, FY 2023-24 saw exports worth over ₹2,764 crore in auto components/parts and ₹8,493 crore in motor vehicles/cars, highlighting the sharp surge in vehicle exports in the following year.

Sanand and Mandal-Becharaji: Gujarat's Two 'Automotive Heartlands'

Over the past one and a half decades, Gujarat has significantly expanded in automobile manufacturing, auto components, logistics, and research & development. With companies like Suzuki, Tata, Hero Corp, and Honda, Sanand and Mandal-Becharaji Special Investment Regions (MBSIR) have become the state's leading auto hubs. Sanand hosts a strong auto component ecosystem with giants like Tata Motors and JBM, while Mandal-Becharaji is attracting international brands with its world class infrastructure.

## 'Terror and talks can't go together': Rajnath in Canberra as India, Australia seal three defence deals

(Gns).

India and Australia have signed three key agreements pertaining to Information Sharing, Submarine Search and Rescue Cooperation and Terms of Reference on the establishment of Joint Staff Talks. The agreements and Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) were signed during Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's official visit to Canberra, Australia, today.

Singh held a wide-ranging bilateral meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence of Australia, Richard Marles. The meeting marked five years of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, with both sides reaffirming their shared commitment to deepening defence cooperation across a wide spectrum, including military exercises, maritime security, defence industry collaboration and joint research

in science and technology.

In a statement issued here, the Ministry of Defence stated that Singh

terrorism, the defence minister said, "Terror and talks cannot go together, terror and trade cannot go togeth-



underlined the deep-rooted cultural ties and shared democratic values that underpin India-Australia relations, noting that the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership has witnessed significant expansion in defence cooperation aligned with the overall trajectory of bilateral relations.

Reiterating India's stand with regard to the threat of

er and water and blood cannot flow together." He also urged the international community to come together against all forms of terrorism.

Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister of Australia, lauded India's remarkable economic progress, particularly in the fields of Defence, cybersecurity, and IT. He also commend-

ed India's success in lifting millions out of poverty and expressed enthusiasm for strengthening bilateral cooperation in the coming years.

A Joint Statement was issued following the meeting, underscoring the growing depth and mutual trust that define the India-Australia Defence partnership.

Earlier in the day, Singh was received by Assistant Minister of Defence of Australia Peter Khalil and was accorded a ceremonial stair guard welcome. As part of his engagements, a live air-to-air refuelling demonstration was organised onboard the KC-30A Multi-role Transport and Tanker Aircraft (MRTT), refuelling an F-35 aircraft en route to Canberra. It showcased a demonstration of growing interoperability following last year's Implementation Arrangement on Air-to-Air Refuelling.

Editorial

Trust

The incident inside the Supreme Court, where a lawyer attempted to throw an object at the Chief Justice over an alleged remark about Lord Vishnu, is more than a moment of courtroom indiscipline. It reflects a deeper unease at the intersection of faith, misinformation, and institutional authority. In a nation where religion is woven into the texture of everyday life, the boundaries between belief and reasoned dissent are increasingly under strain. The Chief Justice's passing courtroom comment ~ misconstrued, amplified, and distorted ~ became a spark in an atmosphere already charged with religious sensitivities.

The fact that such a misunderstanding could escalate into an act of aggression within the country's highest court illustrates how fragile the line has become between reverence and radicalism. What should have been an issue of legal interpretation turned into a perceived affront to faith ~ a transformation driven less by fact than by emotion and digital outrage. This episode reveals the unsettling power of misinformation in the age of instant communication. Social media's ability to twist context and magnify outrage has turned every statement by a public figure into potential tinder. The courtroom, once a sanctuary of logic and decorum, was momentarily breached by this new culture of reaction. It is a sobering reminder that even the judiciary, long seen as the guardian of constitutional reason, is not immune to the broader decay of public discourse.

When faith is filtered through the lens of outrage, it loses its essence. The sacred cannot be defended through anger, nor can belief be purified by violence. Yet, amid the chaos, the Chief Justice's calm response stood out. His decision to continue proceedings reflected an enduring belief in institutional restraint ~ the very virtue that distinguishes the law from mob sentiment. It is precisely this composure, this refusal to be provoked, that sustains faith in India's democratic order. The legal fraternity's collective condemnation of the incident also deserves recognition. By reaffirming the principles of discipline and decorum, lawyers reminded the nation that the justice system is not a stage for passion plays but a forum for reasoned argument.

The Constitution guarantees freedom of belief, but it also expects citizens to exercise that freedom responsibly. When faith becomes a weapon rather than a source of moral strength, institutions suffer. Respect for belief must never come at the cost of respect for the law. In the final reckoning, this episode is not about one lawyer or one remark. It is about how easily faith can be manipulated, how swiftly anger can overpower understanding, and how essential it is to preserve the dignity of institutions that hold the republic together. India's democracy rests on dialogue, not denunciation ~ and its courts must remain the last refuge of reason, not the next battleground of misplaced belief.

Epochal questions before US top court

(Gns).

The most influential cases before the U.S. Supreme Court this term, which began on October 6, reflect the cultural and partisan clashes of American politics. The major cases in October and November address the role of race in elections, conversion therapy and the Trump tariffs. Later cases include campaign finance and transgender sports. This year's controversies focus on three dominant themes. One is the continuing constitutional revolution in how the justices read basic law. The court has shifted from a living reading of the Constitution, which says the Constitution should adapt to the American people's evolving values and the needs of contemporary society, to an original reading, which aims to enforce the constitutional principles understood by the Americans who ratified them. Another clear theme is the deep cultural division among Americans.

The core disputes at the court this year reflect controversial factual questions about gender and race: How pervasive and influential is racism in the current day? Are gender transitions a recognized fact, which means that they must be accepted in sports competitions, or can a state assert that trans athletes are not women? A final theme is the struggle for partisan advantage embedded in several cases. Until just a few years ago, the majority of justices would have agreed that the proper way to read the Constitution was as an evolving document, an approach usually described as living constitutionalism. The new majority reads the Constitution as an expression of enduring principles, as originalism.

Since 2022, this revolutionary shift has led to dramatic changes in the law on abortion, religion, guns, affirmative action and the power of federal agencies to regulate in areas such as the environment, public health or student debt. This year, the constitutional revolution ~ "a historic constitutional course correction" as legal scholars Gary Jeffrey Jacobsohn and Yaniv Roznai put it ~ turns to transgender politics. Little v. Hecox and West Virginia v. B.P.J. ask whether a state can ban transgender athletes from participating in girls or women's sports.

The plaintiffs are middle school and university students who were banned by state laws from participating as a female competitor. They are asking the court to rule that transgender identity is a protected category similar to race and gender under the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. Originalists argue that the meaning of the 14th Amendment is clear and fixed. It establishes the equal status of racial minorities as holders of rights. But originalists do not believe the equal protection clause was meant to apply to sexual identities unless that is explicitly approved through a constitutional amendment by the American public. Originalists also emphasize the role of federalism as a core constitutional principle. Federalism allocates a great deal of authority to state legislatures to make decisions when a question of rights is uncertain. For these reasons the court majority is likely to see the regulation of who gets to participate in women's sports as a state-by-state decision. The status of transgender identity also reflects the disputed perceptions of reality that have come to dominate American politics. In essence, the Iowa and West Virginia sports cases ask the court to rule whether a transgender girl ~ a person assigned male at birth who has transitioned to align with their identity as a girl or woman, as the AP Stylebook phrases it ~ is a girl or a boy. The court is likely to leave such questions about what is factually true for state legislatures to determine.

The same need for the court to determine who can decide what is or is not a legitimate fact also applies to this year's controversy over conversion therapy. Colorado bans the practice ~ condemned by many professional medical associations ~ in which counselors attempt to alter sexual orientation or gender identity. Chiles v. Salazar challenges the Colorado law as a violation of the First Amendment's protections of free speech and religious liberty. An original reading of the First Amendment provides strong support for open expression on controversial topics, even by medical professionals.

But on the factual question of whether homosexuality or gender identity in young people is indisputably innate or immutable, the court may defer to state legislatures to decide whether licensed professionals must assert only a specific set of accepted facts. Many observers perceive a partisan as well as principled divide on the current court. Decisions in several cases this year potentially give a distinct advantage in future elections to Democrats or Republicans. The most clear case may be about the regulation of campaign finance. National Republican Senatorial Committee v. FEC ~ a lawsuit begun in 2022 by then-U.S. Sen. JD Vance ~ asks the court to overturn a restriction that bars political parties from coordinating unlimited spending on campaign advertising with the

1106 women performed the Durduriya Puja of Avasan Maiya and prayed for eternal happiness.

Jaunpur. Under the aegis of Jeevan Jyoti Seva Foundation, this morning, 1106 married women performed the Durduriya Puja of Avasan Maiya and prayed for eternal happiness.

Led by Jyoti Singh, President of Jeevan Jyoti Seva Foundation, 1106 married women performed the Durduriya Puja of Avasan Maiya in the courtyard of Ganga Das Baba Kutti, Gairawah, Jaunpur. They offered flowers and offerings of laiya, gram, and jaggery to the statue of Avasan Maiya in the courtyard of Ganga Das Baba Kutti, Gairawah, Jaunpur. They performed the Durduriya Puja and prayed for eternal happiness and marital bliss.

Jyoti Singh recited the story of Awasan Mata in Durduriya Puja, while on

Awasan Maa, I fall at your feet with folded hands, I

as living constitutionalism. The new majority reads the Constitution as an expression of enduring principles, as originalism.

Since 2022, this revolutionary shift has led to dramatic changes in the law on people.

In the cultural programme organised during this time, folk artists mesmerised the people by singing folk songs filled with devotional essence in Awadhi and Bhojpuri. On this occasion, puri-vegetable and boondi prasada was distributed in the bhandara organised under the coordination of Jitendra Kumar Singh. On this occasion, BJP District Vice President Rakesh Verma Arsiya Mandal, President Awadhesh Dubey, Pawan Pal-Regional Minister Youth Front (Kashi Region), Anil Singh-Mandal President Suiyan, Angad Verma-Mandal President Youth Front Arsiya and other dignitaries were present.

request you a lot, listen to my request Awasan Maa, I will call you every day, I will call you every day, you will call you every day, by singing other such hymns, thus instilling devotional feelings in the

the other hand, 1106 women sang in unison hymns like, Mother, we know that Awasan Maa is very generous, give me everything, Mother, please fill my wish with sandura, listen to my request

Top Credit Card Picks for Rewards, Savings and Delightful Offers

Festive Season Shopping?

Festivals across India brings joy, togetherness, and celebration with friends and families. At the same time, the season also means higher spending, from shopping and feasts to travel and gifting. Managing these expenses is essential, and having the right financial companion makes it much easier. Credit cards makes this seamless by providing a wide range of benefits from cashbacks and discounts to reward points and easy EMI's, ensuring that every purchase adds more value and makes your celebration even more rewarding.

To add to the festive spirit and shopping experience, SBI Card has also launched the 'Khushiyan Unlimited' campaign, along with an extensive line-up of around 1250+ merchant-funded, cashback, and instant discount offers across key categories, including e-commerce, jewellery, fashion, furniture, grocery etc. The special highlight is the EMI-focused offers, that provide customers upto 27.5% instant discount on consumer durables, mobiles, and laptops across popular brands such as Samsung, Haier, LG, Sony, OPPO, vivo, Panasonic, Whirlpool, Bosch, IFB, HP, and Lloyd.

Here are some credit cards by SBI Card to help maximise your benefits this festive season.

AURUM

The AURUM is one of the most exclusive offerings by SBI Card. Cardholders enjoy indulgent stays and dining at Club Marriott Hotels across India and Asia Pacific, access to 1,000+ airport lounges worldwide with complimentary spa services at select Indian airports, and premium concierge services. Rewards include e-gift vouchers worth ₹5,000 from Tata Cliq Luxury on annual spends of ₹5 lakh, Tata Cliq vouchers worth ₹1,500 on monthly spends of ₹1 lakh, Taj Experiences voucher worth ₹10,000 on annual spends of ₹10 lakh, and an Apple Premium Reseller voucher worth ₹20,000 on spends of ₹20 lakh. The annual fee of ₹ 9,999 is reversed on achieving ₹12 lakh spends in the previous year. Additional benefits include complimentary movie tickets from BookMyShow worth up to ₹1,000 every month.

SBI Card ELITE

Designed for enthusiasts who value premium experiences and exclusive privileges, SBI Card ELITE cardholders can earn up to 50,000 bonus reward points annually upon achieving spends threshold, worth ₹12,500, along with 5X reward points on dining, departmental store, and grocery spends. The card also brings a host of lifestyle perks, including a welcome e-gift voucher worth ₹5,000, free movie tickets worth ₹6,000 every year, and complimentary fraud liability cover of up to ₹1 lakh. The SBI Card ELITE comes with an annual renewal fee of ₹4,999 plus applicable taxes.

SBI Card MILES ELITE

The SBI Card MILES ELITE is a premium travel card designed for frequent flyers. With a joining and annual fee of ₹4,999 (plus taxes), it offers 5,000 travel credits as a welcome gift, redeemable for flights, hotels, and more. Cardholders earn 6 travel credits per ₹200 on travel spends and 2 per ₹200 on other expenses, along with milestone benefits like extra lounge visits, 20,000 bonus credits on annual spends of ₹12 lakh, and full fee reversal on ₹15 lakh spends. Travel perks include Priority Pass membership, 6 international and 8 domestic lounge visits annually, and a low 1.99% forex markup. A 1% fuel surcharge waiver adds to everyday savings. The card is also available in SBI Card MILES PRIME (₹2,999) and SBI Card MILES (₹1,499) variants for different budgets.

SimplyCLICK SBI Card

The SimplyCLICK SBI Card is designed for online shoppers seeking extra value on every spend. With a joining fee of ₹499 (plus taxes), it comes with a ₹500 Amazon.in gift card as a welcome benefit. Cardholders earn 10X reward points on partner brands like Apollo 24x7, BookMyShow, Swiggy, and Myntra, and 5X points on other online purchases. Milestone rewards include travel vouchers worth ₹2,000 each on annual online spends of ₹1 lakh and ₹2 lakh. The annual fee is waived on spends of ₹1 lakh or more. Added perks include a 1% fuel surcharge waiver, global acceptance, and contactless payment convenience.

Flipkart SBI Card

The Flipkart SBI Card is tailored for shopping enthusiasts, offering curated cashback benefits across categories like electronics, fashion, travel, and more. With a joining fee of ₹500, customers enjoy welcome benefits worth ₹1,250 on successful application from Flipkart App. Cardholders can earn 7.5% cashback on Myntra, 5% cashback on Flipkart, 12% off on Cleartrip, and 4% cashback on partners like Zomato, Uber, Netmeds, and PVR. Cashback is auto-credited monthly to the SBI Card account, and the card also includes a 1% fuel surcharge waiver (up to ₹400 per cycle). A perfect choice for Flipkart, Myntra, and Cleartrip customers seeking value and affordability.

IndiGo SBI Card ELITE

The IndiGo SBI Card ELITE is a premium co-branded travel credit card designed for frequent domestic travellers. With a joining and annual fee of ₹4,999 (plus taxes), it offers generous travel rewards and exclusive perks. Cardholders can earn 7 IndiGo BluChips on ₹100 spent within IndiGo's ecosystem, 3 IndiGo BluChips on ₹100 spent on hotel and travel bookings made through other platforms and 2 IndiGo BluChips on ₹100 spent as base reward. Travel benefits include 8 complimentary domestic airport lounge visits per year (2 per quarter) and 6 complimentary international lounge accesses annually (2 per quarter). Milestone rewards of 6,000 IndiGo BluChips are awarded on reaching annual spends of ₹3 lakh, ₹6 lakh, ₹9 lakh, and ₹12 lakh respectively. Additionally, a 1% fuel surcharge waiver is applicable on transactions between ₹500 and ₹4,000 across petrol pumps in India. For those looking for similar benefits at a lower annual fee, the IndiGo SBI Card base variant is available at ₹1,499 (plus taxes). Designed for maximum travel value, the IndiGo SBI Card ELITE is an ideal choice for frequent travellers seeking elevated rewards and lounge access.

Tata Neu Infinity SBI Card

Specifically designed for individuals deeply engaged with the Tata ecosystem, this Tata Neu Infinity SBI Card offers maximum value across Tata's respective platforms. With a joining/annual fee of ₹1,499 (plus taxes), cardholders receive 1,499 NeuCoins (1 NeuCoin = ₹1 savings) as a welcome benefit, redeemable on the Tata Neu app, website, or partner Tata brands. Rewards include 5% value back in NeuCoins on Tata Neu app and partner brand spends, an additional 5% on select categories, and 1.5% on other spends, including UPI (RuPay variant). Lifestyle benefits include free Priority Pass membership, 8 domestic lounge (on spend-linked eligibility) and 4 complimentary international lounge visits annually, plus a 1% fuel surcharge waiver. The annual fee is waived for spends above ₹3 lakh. For an entry-level option, the Tata Neu Plus SBI Card (₹499 joining fee) offers 499 NeuCoins as welcome

fits include 8 complimentary domestic airport lounge visits per year (2 per quarter) and 6 complimentary international lounge accesses annually (2 per quarter). Milestone rewards of 6,000 IndiGo BluChips are awarded on reaching annual spends of ₹3 lakh, ₹6 lakh, ₹9 lakh, and ₹12 lakh respectively. Additionally, a 1% fuel surcharge waiver is applicable on transactions between ₹500 and ₹4,000 across petrol pumps in India. For those looking for similar benefits at a lower annual fee, the IndiGo SBI Card base variant is available at ₹1,499 (plus taxes). Designed for maximum travel value, the IndiGo SBI Card ELITE is an ideal choice for frequent travellers seeking elevated rewards and lounge access.

Tata Neu Infinity SBI Card

Specifically designed for individuals deeply engaged with the Tata ecosystem, this Tata Neu Infinity SBI Card offers maximum value across Tata's respective platforms. With a joining/annual fee of ₹1,499 (plus taxes), cardholders receive 1,499 NeuCoins (1 NeuCoin = ₹1 savings) as a welcome benefit, redeemable on the Tata Neu app, website, or partner Tata brands. Rewards include 5% value back in NeuCoins on Tata Neu app and partner brand spends, an additional 5% on select categories, and 1.5% on other spends, including UPI (RuPay variant). Lifestyle benefits include free Priority Pass membership, 8 domestic lounge (on spend-linked eligibility) and 4 complimentary international lounge visits annually, plus a 1% fuel surcharge waiver. The annual fee is waived for spends above ₹3 lakh. For an entry-level option, the Tata Neu Plus SBI Card (₹499 joining fee) offers 499 NeuCoins as welcome

taxes), it comes with a ₹500 Amazon.in gift card as a welcome benefit. Cardholders earn 10X reward points on partner brands like Apollo 24x7, BookMyShow, Swiggy, and Myntra, and 5X points on other online purchases. Milestone rewards include travel vouchers worth ₹2,000 each on annual online spends of ₹1 lakh and ₹2 lakh. The annual fee is waived on spends of ₹1 lakh or more. Added perks include a 1% fuel surcharge waiver, global acceptance, and contactless payment convenience.

Flipkart SBI Card

The Flipkart SBI Card is tailored for shopping enthusiasts, offering curated cashback benefits across categories like electronics, fashion, travel, and more. With a joining fee of ₹500, customers enjoy welcome benefits worth ₹1,250 on successful application from Flipkart App. Cardholders can earn 7.5% cashback on Myntra, 5% cashback on Flipkart, 12% off on Cleartrip, and 4% cashback on partners like Zomato, Uber, Netmeds, and PVR. Cashback is auto-credited monthly to the SBI Card account, and the card also includes a 1% fuel surcharge waiver (up to ₹400 per cycle). A perfect choice for Flipkart, Myntra, and Cleartrip customers seeking value and affordability.

IndiGo SBI Card ELITE

The IndiGo SBI Card ELITE is a premium co-branded travel credit card designed for frequent domestic travellers. With a joining and annual fee of ₹4,999 (plus taxes), it offers generous travel rewards and exclusive perks. Cardholders can earn 7 IndiGo BluChips on ₹100 spent within IndiGo's ecosystem, 3 IndiGo BluChips on ₹100 spent on hotel and travel bookings made through other platforms and 2 IndiGo BluChips on ₹100 spent as base reward. Travel benefits include 8 complimentary domestic airport lounge visits per year (2 per quarter) and 6 complimentary international lounge accesses annually (2 per quarter). Milestone rewards of 6,000 IndiGo BluChips are awarded on reaching annual spends of ₹3 lakh, ₹6 lakh, ₹9 lakh, and ₹12 lakh respectively. Additionally, a 1% fuel surcharge waiver is applicable on transactions between ₹500 and ₹4,000 across petrol pumps in India. For those looking for similar benefits at a lower annual fee, the IndiGo SBI Card base variant is available at ₹1,499 (plus taxes). Designed for maximum travel value, the IndiGo SBI Card ELITE is an ideal choice for frequent travellers seeking elevated rewards and lounge access.

Tata Neu Infinity SBI Card

Specifically designed for individuals deeply engaged with the Tata ecosystem, this Tata Neu Infinity SBI Card offers maximum value across Tata's respective platforms. With a joining/annual fee of ₹1,499 (plus taxes), cardholders receive 1,499 NeuCoins (1 NeuCoin = ₹1 savings) as a welcome benefit, redeemable on the Tata Neu app, website, or partner Tata brands. Rewards include 5% value back in NeuCoins on Tata Neu app and partner brand spends, an additional 5% on select categories, and 1.5% on other spends, including UPI (RuPay variant). Lifestyle benefits include free Priority Pass membership, 8 domestic lounge (on spend-linked eligibility) and 4 complimentary international lounge visits annually, plus a 1% fuel surcharge waiver. The annual fee is waived for spends above ₹3 lakh. For an entry-level option, the Tata Neu Plus SBI Card (₹499 joining fee) offers 499 NeuCoins as welcome

Big weddings are remembered for their grandeur, but Avika Gor's heart clings to something far more delicate. Ahead of Indian television's most awaited big fat wedding, on COLORS' 'Dhamaal with Pati Patni Aur Panga - Jodiyaon Ka Reality Check', a hug and a simple, caring question from Sonali Bendre left the bride super emotional. Avika recalls how that small gesture, when she revealed her wedding invite to Sonali, cut through the chaos, bringing tears to her eyes and making her feel that she was part of the family. After the wedding rituals concluded, Avika took a moment to thank Sonali, and both women were in tears, sharing a quiet, heartfelt connection that spoke louder than any words could.

Opening up about that precious moment, Avika Gor shared, "When the wedding invite was revealed and Sonali ma'am hugged me, it felt like a hug from family. Not just a hug on TV, but one that reached right into my heart. She held me and asked, 'Is this really happening? How are you feeling?' Until that moment, I don't think anyone had ever really asked me that. Not like that. Not with those eyes that genuinely cared about my answer. It wasn't about cameras, or drama, or the show, it felt personal, intimate, and real.

I felt seen, understood, and supported. After the wedding, I knew I had to thank her because that hug made me feel like somebody very close, like family was with me, someone genuinely sharing the moment and celebrating with me. Thanking Sonu ma'am felt so needed, and it's a memory I'll carry forever."

Nivea Body Milk Presents 'Dhamaal with Pati Patni Aur Panga - Jodiyaon Ka Reality Check' Co-Powered by Sugar Free Green, Cadbury Dairy Milk, Pour Home Air Fresheners, Envy Perfumes, L'Oréal Paris Hyaluron Pure, and Amazon Great Indian Festival. Special Partners Colgate and HDFC Life, airing every Saturday and Sunday at 9:00PM, only on COLORS.

## Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference – North Gujarat, Mehsana

**Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel and Union Minister for Railways, Information and Broadcasting Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the Trade Show and Exhibition at the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (VGRC) held in Mehsana**

Gandhinagar, 9 October 2025: The Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (VGRC) for North Gujarat to be held at Ganpat University, Mehsana, on 9–10 October 2025. Before the inauguration ceremony, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel and Union Minister for Railways, Information and Broadcasting, Electronics and IT, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, inaugurated the Trade Show and Exhibition organised as a part of the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference, in Mehsana. Finance Minister Shri Kanubhai Desai, Health Minister Shri Rushikesh Patel, and Industries Minister Shri Balvantsinh Rajput graced the event. Union Minister, Chief Minister, and other dignitaries visited the VGRC exhibition, featuring state-of-the-art innovations,

products, and technologies from diverse sectors.

The event seeks to unite innovators, entrepre-

exhibitors from sectors such as agriculture, food processing, and renewable energy. Additionally, lead-



neurs, investors, MSMEs, startups, foreign buyers, large enterprises, government departments, PSUs, and global partners to promote the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, Vocal for Local, and sustainable economic growth.

Notably, the Trade Show exhibition spanning across an area of nearly 18,000 square meters features more than 400

ing corporate companies such as Torrent, Welspun, NHPC, NTPC, COSOL, Suzlon, Avada, Nirma, INOX, Adani, Maruti Suzuki, Power Grid Corporation Limited, and ONGC have also participated.

Furthermore, as part of the exhibition, a Vendor Development Program (VDP) will be conducted in collaboration with organisations like Dudhsagar

Dairy, ONGC, Western Railway, and McCain Foods, to strengthen industry linkages and foster the growth of local businesses. Reflecting the ethos of "Har Ghar Swadeshi," Ghar Ghar Swadeshi," the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference will showcase local entrepreneurship, grassroots innovation, and the strength of community development. This initiative will energise regional empowerment, foster global collaboration, and promote sustainable progress, further advancing the vision of a "Viksit Bharat through a Viksit Gujarat."

At the inauguration of the Trade Show and Exhibition, the Principal Secretary of the Industries Department, Ms Mamta Verma, the Additional Chief Secretary of the Energy Department, Shri S.J. Haider, secretaries of various departments, the District Collector, S.K. Prajapati, along with officers/officials of state government departments, industrialists, and investors were present.

## 19 TTP Terrorists, 11 Pakistani Soldiers Killed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Operation

(Gns). Islamabad: A violent confrontation between Pakistani security forces and militants of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in Orakzai district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, has resulted in the deaths of 19 terrorists and 11 soldiers, including a Lieutenant Colonel and a Major, the military confirmed.

The operation, carried out on the night of October 7-8, followed intelligence reports of the presence of TTP fighters, referred to by the military as "Fitna al-Khawarij", in the border region adjoining Afghanistan. Security forces launched an assault, engaging in heavy gunfire

with the militants. Efforts are ongoing to clear any remaining threats in the area.

In Orakzai district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, a clash between Pakistani security forces and the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) resulted in 19 terrorists and 11 soldiers, including a Lieutenant

Colonel and a Major, being killed during an operation on October 7-8. This follows increased militant attacks since the TTP ended its ceasefire in November 2022, with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and

Balochistan accounting for most of Pakistan's violence.

The clash highlights the increasing challenges faced by Pakistan in its northwestern provinces.



Since the TTP ended its ceasefire with the government in November 2022, militant attacks targeting security personnel and law enforcement agencies have surged, particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and

Balochistan.

According to the Centre for Research and Security Studies (CRSS), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa accounted for nearly 71% of fatalities (638 deaths) and more than 67% of violent incidents (221) in Pakistan during the third quarter of 2025.

Combined with Balochistan, these two provinces make up over 96% of the country's total violence, underscoring the strategic and security pressures in regions bordering Afghanistan.

The Orakzai operation marks another significant episode in Pakistan's ongoing efforts to contain militant activity along its northwestern frontier.

## Israel And Hamas Sign First Phase Of Gaza Peace Deal, Hostages To Be Released

(Gns). Israel and Hamas have finalized the first phase of a Gaza peace deal, which includes the release of hostages and the withdrawal of Israeli troops, creating a pathway toward ending the two-year conflict and allowing humanitarian aid into Gaza.

Under the initial phase, Hamas is required to release all Israeli hostages. At least 20 hostages are expected to be freed this weekend, with the total number of captives potentially reaching 48.

Israel and Hamas finalized the first phase of a Gaza peace deal for hostage release and troop withdrawal, potentially ending their two-year conflict; Hamas will release Israeli hostages, and Israel will release Palestinian prisoners and allow in humanitarian aid, brokered by Qatar,

Egypt, and Turkey.

Switch To Shorts

Israel And Hamas Sign First Phase Of Gaza Peace Deal Hostages To Be Released

In return, Israel will begin withdrawing its military forces from Gaza to a mutually agreed-upon line. This move is intended as a precursor to a lasting ceasefire and further negotiations.

The agreement also involves a prisoner swap, with Israel reportedly preparing to release approximately 2,000 Palestinian detainees and prisoners. Additionally, humanitarian aid will be allowed into Gaza as part of this phase.

The implementation of this phase is expected within 72 hours of cabinet

approval in Israel and completion of logistical arrangements, with the initial hostage release possibly starting as early as this weekend.



Mediation and Political Reactions

The deal was brokered with the assistance of Qatar, Egypt, and Turkey. US President Donald Trump announced the agreement, noting that both parties had "signed off" on the first phase of his proposed 20-point peace plan.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described the upcoming

hostage release as a "historic achievement," while Hamas acknowledged the role of mediators and called for strict enforcement of the agreement.

Next Steps

Several issues remain unresolved, including the future governance of Gaza and Hamas's disarmament, which are expected to be addressed in subsequent negotiations.

President Trump has indicated his intention to possibly visit the region soon, emphasizing fair treatment for all parties and the pursuit of "enduring peace."

This breakthrough is viewed as a significant milestone in the Middle East peace process, raising hopes that hostilities may soon end and that families on both sides will see meaningful humanitarian progress.

## District Magistrate inspected Multipurpose Primary Rural Cooperative Society Dhangaon

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh inspected Multipurpose Primary Rural Cooperative Society Dhangaon of Mathura development block on Thursday. On this occasion, the District Magistrate made a detailed inspection of the records, warehouses and operational system of the committee. During the inspection, he gave instructions to ensure transparency in the work of the committee. The District Magistrate gave instructions to improve the



District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh while inspecting and taking information records and make the functioning more effective.

District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh talked to farmer Chandrapal over phone about the fertilizer purchased from the committee and took information whether the fertilizer has been purchased by him or not. Farmer Chandrapal informed that the fertilizer has been purchased by him only. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh inquired about overrating and also took information about the problem of manure, seeds, fertilizers etc

## Lok Sabha Speaker champions responsible use of AI at 68th CPA Conference

(Gns). In a call to action for Commonwealth nations, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla Thursday urged parliamentarians to harness the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) responsibly and ethically.

Addressing the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Conference in Barbados, Birla emphasized the importance of cooperation and knowledge-sharing in unlocking technology's true potential. "Through cooperation and knowledge-sharing, we can ensure that technology becomes a bridge, not a barrier," he said, chairing a workshop on 'Leveraging Technology: Enhancing Democracy through Digital Transformations and Tackling the Digital Divide.'

Highlighting India's

strides in leveraging technology for parliamentary processes, Birla noted that AI-based digital systems are revolutionizing India's democracy, making parlia-

mentary processes more efficient and inclusive. "AI-based digital systems are making India's parliamentary processes more efficient and inclusive," he said, citing examples such as AI-based translation, AI-enabled e-Library, and speech-to-text reporting.

Birla announced a groundbreaking development, saying real-time AI translation systems like "Sansad Bhashini" will soon empower every Member of Parliament to communicate

in their own language, marking a new height for democracy in India's diverse landscape.

"Democracy is at its strongest when citizens are deeply engaged with their Parliament," Birla noted, underscoring technology's vital role in strengthening this connection. He highlighted the Indian Parliament's outstanding journey from traditional to e-Parliament, which has been "quite phenomenal in terms of its reach, functioning, and responsiveness to the aspirations of the people."

Under the "Digital Sansad" initiative, the Parliament of India has developed an integrated



## ‘He Just Wanted to ....’: Garima Garg on Why Sandipan Accompanied Zubeen to Singapore

(Gns). In the aftermath of Zubeen Garg's tragic death in Singapore, his cousin Sandipan Garg has been arrested by the Assam CID's special investigation team. Sandipan, who serves as an Assam Police Service officer in Kamrup district, was a close relative of the late singer. This arrest marks a significant development in the ongoing investigation into Zubeen's untimely demise.

Garima Garg, Zubeen's wife, shared insights into why Sandipan accompanied her husband to Singapore. She explained that Sandipan had expressed a desire to travel abroad with Zubeen since he had never been overseas before. "When Sandipan wished to go with

Zubeen...he never went abroad. So this time he said he wanted to go with Zubeen, and he was happy to take him along," she stated.

Following the death of singer Zubeen Garg in Singapore, his cousin Sandipan Garg, an Assam Police Service officer, has been arrested by the Assam CID's special investigation team and suspended from his duties. Sandipan was with Zubeen during the swimming accident on September 19, and the investigation is ongoing regarding the circumstances of Zubeen's death.

Switch To Shorts  
He Just Wanted to Travel Abroad Garima Garg on Why Sandipan Accompanied Zubeen to

Singapore Sandipan's Arrest and Suspension

Following his arrest, Sandipan Garg was immediately suspended from his duties by the Assam government. He has been placed in police custody for seven days. MP Gupta, special DGP (CID) Assam Police and head of the 10-member SIT, confirmed the arrest but refrained from disclosing further details due to the ongoing investigation.

Garima also mentioned that she was aware of Sandipan's summons and subsequent arrest but chose not to comment extensively on it. "May be they have got some clue in his statements. The investigation process is on and it is taking its own course, I

digital ecosystem, connecting Members of Parliament, Ministries, and citizens through a single digital platform. Birla also spotlighted India's digital achievements under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, including the development of a low-cost and open Digital Public Infrastructure for 1.4 billion citizens.

He highlighted India's "AI Mission" – AI for All and AI for Good – reflecting Prime Minister Modi's visionary approach to harnessing AI for citizen empowerment and transparent governance. With India emerging as the second-largest 5G market globally and 6G efforts underway, Birla emphasized that digital connectivity has become "affordable, inclusive, and people-centric".

## Vegetarian Doctor Dies In Airplane Tragedy After Being Served Meat

(Gns). The family of Asoka Jayaweera, a dedicated vegetarian, is mourning his death on a Qatar Airways flight. Jayaweera, an 85-year-old cardiologist from California, choked while attempting to eat around meat in a meal served to him. He had specifically ordered a vegetarian meal for his journey from the US to Sri Lanka.

Jayaweera's flight was booked for June 23, 2023, and he boarded at Los Angeles International Airport a week later. Despite his request for a vegetarian meal on the 15-and-a-half-hour flight, he was informed by a flight attendant that only non-vegetarian meals were

available. The attendant advised him to "eat around" the meat.



Asoka Jayaweera, an 85-year-old vegetarian cardiologist, died on a Qatar Airways flight after choking on food, despite requesting a vegetarian meal; his son, Surya Jayaweera, filed a

lawsuit against Qatar Airways for negligence and wrongful death, seeking

damages. The flight, from Los Angeles to Sri Lanka, diverted to Edinburgh, where Jayaweera later died from aspiration pneumonia on August 3, 2023.

When Jayaweera began

choking, Qatar Airways crew members attempted to assist him. They contacted MedAire, which provides remote guidance from aviation-trained ER doctors during in-flight emergencies. Despite being monitored with an oxygen saturation level of 69 percent and receiving oxygen and medication, their efforts were unsuccessful.

The pilot faced challenges in making an emergency landing due to the plane's location over the Arctic Circle/Ocean. However, Jayaweera's son Surya claims that the aircraft was actually over the Midwest and could have diverted more easily.

## Naujheel police got a big success, two smugglers arrested with heroin worth about Rs 5 crores

Mathura. Naujheel police and STF team have arrested two interstate smugglers in a joint action on Yamuna Expressway. One kg 45 grams of heroin and a scooter have been recovered from them. The estimated value of the recovered heroin in the international market is around Rs 5 crore. Police have also recovered foreign notes, mobile phones, ATM cards and cash from them. Information to this effect was given by SP Dehat on Thursday.

On Thursday, SP Rural Suresh Chandra Rawat said that the ANTF team was activated after receiving information about smuggling on Wednesday. On Wednesday late evening, information was received from the informer that Gurugram resident



Both the accused smugglers are in the custody of Naujheel police.

Waqar alias Sahil and Delhi Seelampur resident Faizan were coming towards Bajna Cut with heroin on a scooter. Police laid siege near Bajna Cut and stopped both of them near Morki Inter College. During interrogation, the accused admitted to supplying heroin. During the search, a bag was found from the trunk of the scooter, which contained two packets. Upon investigation, heroin was found in both the packets. The weight of one packet

was 526 grams and the other was 519 grams, from which a total of 1 kg 45 grams of heroin was recovered. Its estimated value is said to be around Rs 5 crore. During the interrogation by the police, Gurugram resident Waqar alias Sahil told that for the last several years, he has been in contact with a supplier named Aman, who supplies heroin in Delhi and Gurugram. Waqar used to take drugs from Chhatrapur resident Aman Negro and

along with Faizan used to transport them further. Police have recovered many important clues from the mobile phones and documents of both the accused. Further action is underway by the police to break this network of smugglers. The police will soon arrest other associates as well. In this success, Inspector Harvendra Mishra ANTF was included in the police team. Unit Agra,. Police Station Head Naujheel Sonu Kumar, Unit Gaurav Sharma ANTF. Unit, Police Station Naujheel, Unit Ankit Kumar, Mua Sudhir Kumar ANTF. Unit, Ajit Kumar, Lakhan Lal, constable Prem Narayan, Wasim Akram, driver Mukesh Chandra and constables of Naujheel police etc. were included

## Zero Infiltration across LoC in J&K Is operationally & strategically unachievable

(Gns). The two headlines of September 28, 2025—‘Indian Army kills 2 terrorists, foils infiltration attempt at Keren Sector in Kupwara on the Line of Control (LoC)’ and ‘Suspected drone movement near IB in J&K’s Samba, reportedly seen hovering over village Karalian in Ramgarh sector early morning before vanishing’—are not uncommon; such incidents continue to occur with disturbing frequency.”

J&K has a 740-km-long LoC guarded by the Army and a 240-km-long International Border guarded by the BSF. Infiltration across the LoC in Jammu & Kashmir has been at the core of the proxy conflict between India and Pakistan. Despite India’s

formidable counter-infiltration/counter-terrorism (CI/CT) grid—comprising border fencing, electronic surveillance, drones, and physical domination through patrols & layered deployment of troops—the elusive goal of zero infiltration



somehow remains out of reach. While against all the odds, Security Forces have succeeded in drastically reducing infiltration, eliminating it is operationally & strategically unachievable.

To substantiate this difficult statement, it is essential first to understand the infiltrators’ modus operandi and the conditions that enable their infiltration

attempts to succeed.

The group of terrorists, after receiving weapons training & being equipped with automatic rifles AK/M4 (and in some cases pistols),

ammunition, hand grenades, other war-like stores & cash (frequently counterfeit) – move to the launch pads. There are a large number of launch-pads (generally co-located with Pakistan Army forward posts) all along the LoC. These forward posts reportedly look after the logistical needs of the terrorists, including supplying them with ghee-rich parathas prior to launch so that they can sustain themselves for several days. They typically remain at

these launch pads for one to five days before being pushed across the LoC, with direct or indirect assistance from Pakistan’s military.

Infiltration is most frequent when the snow melts and the terrain becomes more passable, although the LoC in the Jammu sector sees attempts year-round. The dynamics along the International Border (IB) in Jammu are different and require separate consideration. Across sectors, the launchpads run along the LoC and – whether directly or indirectly – are sustained by Pakistani Army or Ranger support. Infiltration attempts are indeed coordinated by ISI handlers personally, making this game increasingly challenging.

Assistant Professor of English and coordinated by Ajay Aggarwal. Dr. Pankaj Saraswat, Principal of Polytechnic Department, appreciated this effort and said that this program has provided practical knowledge beyond the classroom to our students. Digital security is the need of the hour, and I congratulate the students for their commendable work. Led by Ms. Pandey, coordinated by Mr. Aggarwal and with the support of student leaders Suraj Bhardwaj, Deepak and Tarun Barolia, the event not only spread awareness about cyber crime but also demonstrated Sanskriti University’s strong commitment towards social responsibility and community engagement

## Students of Sanskriti University spread cyber awareness in Chhata and Ranhera

Mathura. An awareness rally was taken out in rural areas on digital awareness and cyber security by the students of Polytechnic Department of Sanskriti University. During the rally, programs were also organized in the villages and people’s doubts were also resolved.

The program was organized in the bustling streets of Chhata Ranhera village and Shri Prem Chandravati Inter-College, in which students and local people participated enthusiastically. The initiative featured an impressive street play presented by first year Diploma students Rahul, Sachin, Ankut Kumar, Karan Singh, Lakhan Singh, Tarun and Nikhil Sharma, in which they elaborated on the risks of fraudulent links, OTP sharing and digital



Students of Polytechnic Department of Sanskriti University carrying out awareness rally carrying banners.

scams. At Shri Prem Chandravati Inter-College, students

Jitendra, Divyanshu Kumar, Naved, Anuj Upadhyay and Anjali Tomar gave useful speeches on cyber hygiene and

security. After this an interactive doubt-solving session was organized with the school students.

The program was organized and conducted by Ms. Shubhra Pandey,

## SSP consulted 258 participants regarding business safety and women safety

Mathura. Today, under the chairmanship of Shlok Kumar, Senior Superintendent of Police, a conference was held with district trade board officials, hospital manager, women’s hostel management, college management and industry board representatives at the city’s Brijwasi Royal Hotel regarding business security and Mission Shakti Phase 5.0 program. In the conference, emphasis was laid by the participants on traffic management, police picket and patrolling management and further strengthening of security arrangements. Shri Additional Superintendent of Police, City, Rajiv Kumar



SSP, CO City, CO Refinery talking to businessmen and public representatives to provide security.

Singh appealed to the traders to cooperate with the police administration and asked for immediate reporting of crimes and criminals. In the same conference, Suresh Chandra Rawat, Additional Superintendent of Police,

Rural, requested the participants regarding women safety helpline under Mission Shakti and arrangement of maximum CCTV cameras.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Shlok Kumar, in view of the upcoming festivals,

has asked the cracker shopkeepers to ensure 100% coverage of CCTV cameras at their respective establishments or institutions and to completely follow the prescribed rules in all the institutions like hostels, hospitals, industries, colleges etc. where women and children are employed. There is movement of girls. Keeping their privacy in mind, it was asked to ensure complete coverage of CCTV cameras at other places.

The said conference was attended by about 258 participants including Assistant Superintendent of Police Kotwali Asna Chaudhary, Area Officer Refinery Shweta Verma

## Lakhimpur Kheri tops IGRS rankings for September in UP, Balrampur claims 2nd place

(Gns). The Integrated Grievance Redressal System (IGRS) continuously monitors public hearings, welfare schemes, and revenue-related activities across the state, helping districts enhance their administrative standards. According to the September IGRS report, Lakhimpur Kheri secured the first position in the state, followed by Balrampur in second place and Bareilly in third.

Over the past eight and a half years, the Yogi Adityanath government has set remarkable benchmarks in the overall development of Uttar Pradesh. Numerous people-centric decisions have been taken that have become models of good governance across the nation.

Many of these initiatives of the UP government have even been adopted by

other states. Among these efforts, the IGRS has emerged as a key instrument in realising the Chief Minister’s vision of transparent, accountable, and responsive governance.

The system evaluates 109 programmes from 49 departments across all districts based on a range of parameters, after which district-wise rankings are issued. In the September report, Lakhimpur Kheri achieved 134 points out of a possible 140.

Lakhimpur Kheri District Magistrate Durga Shakti Nagpal noted that the IGRS report assesses performance based on administrative efficiency, developmental progress, and revenue management.

She added that, in line with CM Yogi’s vision, Lakhimpur Kheri has been



ensuring timely and high-quality resolution of public grievances alongside developmental work. As a result, the district achieved a 95.71 per cent grievance resolution rate in September – the highest in the state.

DM Durga Shakti Nagpal further highlighted that under CM Yogi’s guidance, daily public hearings are conducted on a priority basis, and close monitoring ensures prompt and effective resolutions. Following

the policy of “from hearing to resolution,” the district has established accountability at every administrative level – from officers to staff – ensuring swift redressal of complaints. This approach has not only reduced the number of pending grievances but also reinforced public trust in the administration.

Balrampur District Magistrate Pawan Agarwal stated that, under CM Yogi’s directions, weekly review meetings are held to assess the quality and timeliness of development projects. Public grievances are resolved on a priority basis, and IGRS rankings are based on satisfactory feedback from complainants. As a result, Balrampur secured the second position in the September IGRS rankings with 133 out of 140 points and a 95 per cent resolution rate.

## Govt launches Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 3.0 to safeguard students’ health

(Gns). Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Anupriya Patel, on Thursday launched the Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 3.0, a 60-day nationwide initiative aimed at protecting young minds from the dangers of tobacco and nicotine. The campaign seeks to empower youth to resist peer pressure, make informed choices, and become ambassadors of a tobacco-free and addiction-free lifestyle.

Tobacco consumption is a significant public health challenge in India, claiming over 13 lakh lives annually. The Global Youth Tobacco Survey reported that 8.4 per cent of students aged 13-15 years currently use tobacco products, with an average initiation age of just 10 years. “Tobacco consumption is a significant public health challenge, and children are especially vulnerable to early exposure,” Patel emphasised.

The government has taken persistent steps to

mentation with tobacco,” Patel emphasised.

The government has taken persistent steps to

tional institutions is strictly prohibited.

The Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 3.0 prioritises



protect citizens against tobacco-related health hazards. India has taken the lead in regulating the depiction of tobacco in films, television, and online platforms, ensuring health warnings and anti-tobacco messages reach diverse audiences. The sale of tobacco products to minors below 18 years of age and within 100 yards of educa-

six key strategies:

Public Awareness Campaigns: Intensifying public awareness campaigns about the dangers of tobacco

Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions: Strengthening compliance with the revised guidelines for Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions to maintain schools and col-

leges as tobacco-free zones

Enforcement of Tobacco Control Laws: Reinforcing enforcement of tobacco control laws, including the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act and the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act

Tobacco-Free Villages: Expanding the Tobacco-Free Villages initiative to empower communities to eliminate tobacco use

Social Media Outreach: Amplifying social media outreach through innovative digital platforms

Capacity Building: Building capacity for tobacco cessation

Through this campaign, the government aims to create a tobacco-free learning environment, educate and empower children and youth, and promote a strong culture of health and wellness across schools and institutes of higher education.

## ‘Craftroots’ Exhibition Begins Today

**Traditional Handicrafts to Shine with Pattachitra, Miniature Paintings, and Jamdani Patola**

Lucknow: The Gramshree organization’s branch Craftroots is organizing a handicraft exhibition at Safed Baradari from October 10. The exhibition will be inaugurated by the Hon’ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben Patel. The exhibition will run until October 14 and will remain open to the public daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

During a press conference held on Thursday, Gramshree’s head Anar

Patel shared that since 2008, Craftroots has been promoting India’s traditional and cultural art forms while

national recognition.

So far, Craftroots has organized 77 exhibitions across various metro cities



providing a global platform for artisans who have preserved handicraft traditions for generations. The organization aims to raise awareness about handicrafts and give India’s folk arts inter-

in India as well as in countries like Dubai, the USA, and Singapore. The organization is associated with over 35,000 artisans.

During the press meet, the organization’s trustee

Leenaben Rawal, artist Prabir from West Bengal, Paresah Koachrekar from Uttar Pradesh, and artisan Amit Chaurse from Madhya Pradesh also shared their thoughts.

This year, the exhibition at Safed Baradari, Kaisersbagh, Lucknow will feature participation from over 100 artisans representing 22 states of India. Visitors will witness live demonstrations of traditional crafts such as Pattachitra (Odisha), Lac Bangles (Rajasthan), Glass Artwork (Uttar Pradesh), and Miniature Paintings (Rajasthan).

## Chandamama’ politics: Congress fires back at PM Modi over 26/11 jibe

(Gns). In a scathing rebuke, Congress leader Pawan Khera on Thursday took Prime Minister Narendra Modi to task for his recent remarks on the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, accusing the government of being too soft on Pakistan.

“Modi ji, the government is not run by reading Chandamama,” Khera said, referencing the popular children’s comic book. “After the 26/11 attacks, the dossier that India prepared isolated Pakistan from the entire world and even got it on the FATF list.”

The reaction comes after PM Modi recently questioned the Congress’s

stance on 26/11, claiming that the UPA government did not attack Pakistan due to “pressure exerted by some country.”

Khera fired back, “Not like today, where General Munir is being invited to dine by Trump,” highlighting the current government’s perceived closeness to Pakistan. He emphasized the previous government’s strong stance against terrorism, saying, “The terrorists were killed right there, and the one terrorist who was caught alive was also

given punishment.”

This ongoing debate between the Congress and



the BJP over handling Pakistan and terrorism has taken a new turn with Khera’s sharp retort.

Meanwhile, former Home Minister P

Chidambaram also responded to PM Modi’s remarks, saying that the Prime Minister’s claims were “WRONG, terribly WRONG.”

Chidambaram quoted PM Modi’s reported words, “India was ready to respond after 26/11, but because of the pressure exerted by some country, then the Congress govt stopped India’s armed forces from attacking Pakistan,” and countered that each part of the statement was incorrect. The Congress leaders’ strong reactions underscore the heated debate over India’s Pakistan policy and the politics surrounding the 26/11 attacks.

## Manipur BJP MLAs urge Sambit Patra to restore popular govt

(Gns). A delegation of around 25 BJP MLAs from Manipur, including former chief minister N Biren Singh and the speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly, met BJP North East Coordinator Sambit Patra in New Delhi on Wednesday to press for the immediate restoration of an elected government in the strife-torn state.

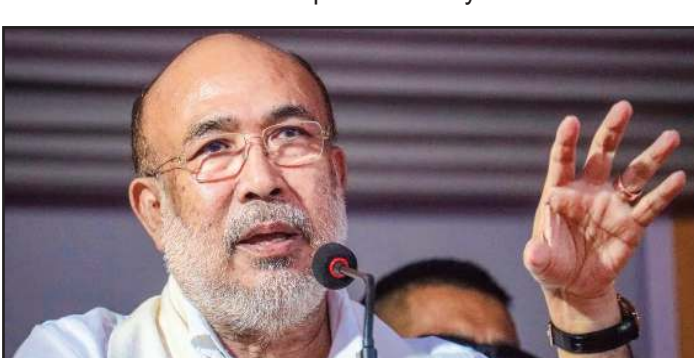
The meeting, held at Manipur Bhawan, came amid growing anxiety among state legislators who have been camping in the national capital since October 4, seeking clarity from the party’s central leadership on the political future of the state.

The legislators reportedly conveyed that if the Centre was unable to form a government soon, the Manipur Legislative Assembly should be dissolved to pave the way for fresh elections.

According to party insid-

ers, the legislators emphasized that prolonged President’s rule has deep-

ened administrative paralysis and weakened people’s confidence in democratic institutions.



Responding to the delegation, Sambit Patra urged the MLAs to build a political consensus among the Meitei, Naga, and Kuki legislators, stressing that any move to form a new government must reflect an inclusive approach that ensures peace and stability. Patra reportedly assured the delegation that the Centre is committed to restoring a popular govern-

Manipur has been under President’s Rule since February 13, 2025, following the resignation of Chief Minister N Biren Singh amid the continuing ethnic conflict between Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities that erupted in May 2023. The Central government had extended the President’s rule for another six months from August 13, 2025, citing the volatile situation and incomplete rehabilitation of displaced persons.

During the meeting, some MLAs expressed

disappointment over not being granted appointments with Union Home Minister Amit Shah or BJP National President J.P. Nadda, despite repeated requests. Patra, however, assured them that consultations with senior party leaders would be arranged after the Bihar Assembly elections, hinting that further political decisions might follow later this year.

The political uncertainty in Manipur began after months of ethnic unrest led to the collapse of N Biren Singh’s BJP government in February 2025. Since then, the state has been governed directly by the Centre, with security forces overseeing law and order in coordination with the Union Home Ministry. Despite relative calm in recent months, Manipur remains deeply divided along ethnic lines, with over 60,000 people displaced and hundreds of villages destroyed since