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President Murmu Poses With IAF Pilot Shivangi Singh, Whom Pakistan Claimed Captured in Operation Sindoor

(Gns). President Droupadi Murmu undertook a 30-minute sortie in a Rafale fighter jet on Wednesday at Haryana's Ambala Air Force base. After landing, she posed with Squadron Leader Shivangi Singh, India's first and only woman Rafale pilot.

response to false claims following the Pahalgam terror attack. Shivangi Singh, who hails from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, joined the Indian Air Force in 2017 as part of the second batch of women fighter pilots. She became part of the Rafale squadron in 2020, marking a major milestone in her career. During President Murmu's visit, Singh introduced her to the Rafale fighter jet and briefed her about its operations. The interaction further dismissed Pakistan's baseless allegations about her capture during Operation Sindoor, a

Sindoor. Shivangi Singh's name made headlines during Operation Sindoor, which was India's precision air strike mission to target terror hubs in Pakistan and PoK following the Pahalgam terror attack. At that time, Pakistan circulated claims that India had lost multiple fighter jets, including a Rafale, and alleged that Singh had ejected from her aircraft near Sialkot before being taken captive. These claims were quickly denied by the Indian government, which clarified that all pilots had returned safely after



completing their missions. Government Clarifies Viral Video and Pakistan's Propaganda. Recently, a video went viral on social media claiming that IAF Chief Air Chief

clarified on X that the footage was from August 14, 2025, when the Air Chief had visited the family of the late Sergeant Surendra Kumar in Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan. The Indian Air Force had already refuted Pakistan's misinformation about Operation Sindoor during press briefings. Air Marshal Bharti, Director General of Air Operations (DGAO), stated that the forces had successfully achieved their objectives. "We are in a combat

scenario; losses are a part of combat. The question you must ask us is... have we achieved our objective of decimating the terrorist camps? And the answer is a thumping yes. And the results are for the whole world to see," he had said. "As for the details, what could have been... how many numbers... which platform did we lose... at this time I would not like to comment on that because we are still in a combat situation. If I comment on anything, it will only be

advantageous. So, we don't want to give him any advantage at this stage," he added. India's Firm Stand on Misinformation. Through verified communication and transparency, the Indian government and the Air Force have consistently countered misinformation spread by Pakistan. President Murmu's meeting with Squadron Leader Shivangi Singh at Ambala symbolized India's commitment to truth, strength, and the

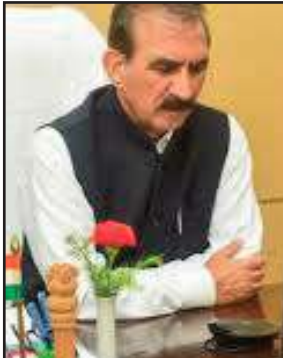
Himachal seeks Centre's help for setting up automated weather stations

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Wednesday met Union Minister Jitendra Singh in Delhi, and sought increased scientific infrastructure in the hill state to strengthen disaster preparedness and promote sustainable development. He requested the Union Minister to provide one Doppler weather radar and 150 automated weather stations across the state before the next monsoon season to ensure early and accurate warnings of natural disasters. Sukhu said that due to Himachal Pradesh's fragile geological positioning and the growing impact of global warming and climate change, the State has witnessed a worrying rise in natural disasters, causing

heavy losses to life and property. The Chief Minister expressed gratitude to Dr. Jitendra Singh for approving the Doppler radar for Lahaul-Spiti and emphasised that weather-related data from Himachal should be integrated with nationally recognised early warning systems to ensure timely alerts and coordinated response mechanisms. He also urged the setting up of a seismic laboratory and data analysis centre in the Kangra-Hamirpur zone, which falls in seismic zone-V and is highly prone to earthquakes.

Additionally, he requested two more air monitoring systems in the higher reaches, a weather data centre at Hamirpur, and compact weather radars in shadow areas of the state. Sukhu stressed that modern systems for early warning, data monitoring, and analysis were urgently needed, given the rise in natural disasters in recent years. He further proposed the establishment of a Bio-Manufacturing Hub to promote the use of plant-based natural resources in the state and advocated for the creation of plant-based packaging units to support environmental protection

and sustainable development. The Chief Minister also sought support for strengthening space science education through the Space on Wheels programme, along with AI-based and other refresher courses to help students gain advanced scientific knowledge. A detailed discussion was also held on natural farming, land management, and renewable energy-based smart agriculture. The Chief Minister also briefed the Union Minister about ongoing initiatives in the dairy sector and natural farming. The Union Minister assured the Chief Minister that the State's demands would be considered on priority.



Defence Minister Rajnath to participate in ADMM-Plus meet in Malaysia; bilateral talks on cards

(Gns). Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will attend the 12th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting - Plus (ADMM-Plus) slated to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on November 1. A statement from the Ministry of Defence stated that Singh will address the forum on 'Reflection on 15 years of ADMM-Plus and Charting the Way Forward'. On the sidelines, the second edition of ASEAN-India Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting, under the chairmanship of Malaysia, will be held on October 31, wherein Defence Ministers from all ASEAN member

countries will take part. The meeting aims to further strengthen defence and security cooperation among ASEAN member states & India and advance the 'Act East Policy'. During the two-day visit, the defence minister is also expected to hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts from the participating ADMM-Plus nations as well as the senior leadership from Malaysia. ADMM is the highest

defence consultative and cooperative mechanism in ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations). ADMM-Plus is a platform for ASEAN member states (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste & Vietnam) and its eight Dialogue Partners (India, US, China, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Australia & New Zealand)

to strengthen security and defence cooperation. India became the dialogue partner of ASEAN in 1992 and the inaugural ADMM-Plus was convened in Hanoi, Vietnam on October 12, 2010. Since 2017, ADMM-Plus is held annually to bolster the defence cooperation among ASEAN and plus countries. Under the construct of ADMM-Plus, India is the co-chair of Experts Working Group on Counter Terrorism with Malaysia for the cycle 2024-2027. The second edition of ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise is also scheduled in 2026.



Donald Trump Reignites India-Pakistan War Talk, Says 'Seven Beautiful Planes Were Shot Down'

(Gns). Former US President Donald Trump has once again stirred controversy by reviving his claim of mediating peace between India and Pakistan. During his recent White House address, he praised his own diplomatic approach and trade strategy. Former US President Donald Trump claimed credit for preventing a major conflict between India and Pakistan and stopping the 2019 standoff, which India refuted, clarifying that the ceasefire happened after a conversation between DGMOs. In response, officials stated there was no conversation between Prime Minister Modi and President Trump

regarding the matter and have consistently rejected Trump's claims. Trump said it was his leadership that prevented a major conflict between the two nuclear-armed nations. He credited his trade policies for maintaining global stability, asserting that he "did great service to the world." Trump's Claim: "Seven Beautiful Planes Were Shot Down" While recalling the 2019 standoff, Trump remarked, "Seven brand new, beautiful planes were shot down." He claimed credit for stop-

ping the situation from escalating further between India and Pakistan. This is not the first time Trump has made such assertions. He has repeatedly stated that he helped end hostilities within 24 hours during that tense period. India, however, has consistently rejected these claims. Officials have clarified that the ceasefire followed a direct conversation between the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) of both nations.

The four-day conflict came to an end after both sides agreed to halt cross-border firing following that telephonic exchange. India's Response to Trump's Remarks On October 16, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal responded to Trump's comments. He said, "I'm not aware of any conversation between Prime Minister Modi and President Trump yesterday." Earlier, in June, then-Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri also addressed the issue. He clarified that while both leaders had spoken, the discussion focused mainly on Operation Sindoor.



Dharmendra Pradhan Demands Apology From Rahul Gandhi For Remarks Against Chhath Puja and PM Modi

(Gns). Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan criticised Rahul Gandhi, the opposition leader in Lok Sabha, for his recent accusations against the Election Commission Pradhan accused of undermining both constitutional body and Indian democracy. He also criticised Congress for opposing the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter roll in Bihar. Pradhan expressed his disapproval of Congress's actions, stating that they

claim to protect the Constitution while frequent-ly criticising the Election Commission. He remarked, "These people walk around

with the sacred Constitution in their hands and say they are going to save it. EC is a constitutional body, and every day,

they abuse it. Rahul Gandhi goes abroad and belittles the poll body and democracy." Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan criticised Rahul Gandhi and the Congress party for undermining the Election Commission and opposing the Special Intensive Revision of the voter roll in Bihar, accusing them of attempting to instill fear. Pradhan, from the BJP, demanded an apology, amidst ongoing political tensions and debates.



Union Minister for Law and Justice Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal participates in Twelfth Session of Justice Ministers Meeting (JMM) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Member States through video conferencing

(Gns). The Twelfth Session of Justice Ministers Meeting (JMM) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Member States was represented by Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law & Justice, on 29th October 2025, through Video Conferencing Mode.

Earlier, three Expert Working Group meetings were held on 04.09.2025, 30.09.2025 and 14.10.2025, comprising of other senior officers of the Department of Legal Affairs, Department of Justice, Legislative Department and Ministry of Home Affairs.

These meetings, hosted by the Member State Russia, deliberated and finalised the Joint Statement to be signed during the JMM meeting scheduled on 29th October, 2025. The meetings were conducted through Video Conferencing mode. The meeting was

attended by: Minister of Justice of the Republic of Belarus, E.I. Kovalenko, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice of the Republic of India, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of Justice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Amin Hossein Rahimi, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan,



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Editorial

Depraved minds

The incident in Indore, where two Australian women cricketers were allegedly harassed and molested while walking to a café, is a disturbing reminder of how women's safety remains fragile even in environments presumed secure. That this occurred during an international sporting event, under the umbrella of organised security and global scrutiny, magnifies the sense of unease. It forces India to confront once again an uncomfortable truth: that the vulnerability of women in public spaces is not confined to ordinary circumstances but can pierce even the most structured systems of oversight.

The quick response of the police and the strong condemnation by cricket authorities deserve acknowledgment. Within hours, the accused was identified through CCTV footage and arrested, signalling that enforcement mechanisms can act decisively when alertness and intent converge. Yet, this cannot be the end of the conversation. Justice after an incident, however swift, is no substitute for the assurance of safety that should have prevented it in the first place. Sport, especially women's sport, carries a symbolic weight that extends beyond the field. When women players are violated or intimidated, it sends a chilling message that even excellence and global visibility cannot shield women from everyday threats. What makes such cases especially disheartening is that they strike at the heart of India's cherished reputation for hospitality.

The country takes pride in treating its guests with respect and warmth, and sport has long been one of its most visible stages for showcasing that spirit. An act of harassment against visiting players, therefore, is not merely a criminal offence ~ it is an affront to the very ethos that India claims as central to its identity. More importantly, it reflects a social malaise that transcends geography or class. Whether in a metropolis or a mid-sized city, the pattern remains depressingly familiar: women walking alone are seen as fair game for casual intimidation. The anonymity of public spaces emboldens offenders who mistake visibility for impunity. Until this culture of everyday disrespect is challenged from within ~ through education, civic responsibility, and deterrence ~ security protocols will remain only partial shields. It is commendable that the cricket board has promised to review its safety procedures. But the challenge goes beyond the logistical. It calls for a moral commitment from the host community itself.

Sports events are not only contests of skill but also expressions of shared human values. If players must fear harassment while representing their nations, then the spirit of the game stands diminished before the first ball is bowled. Incidents like this one do not define India, but how India responds to them will. The resolve shown in bringing the perpetrator to justice must evolve into a sustained national will, one that ensures safety is not an exception achieved by reaction, but a standard guaranteed by design. Indore prides itself on its clean streets but the polluted mind of one of its citizens makes the tag of "cleanest city" seem misplaced.

MASSIVE INCREASE IN TARIFFS

(Gns). Pushing the farfetched notion of replacing income-tax revenues with tariffs (custom duties), Donald Trump, during his 2024 Presidential campaign, advocated a massive increase in tariffs ~ 60 per cent tariff on China, 100 per cent on Mexico, and 20 per cent on all other countries. Right from his inauguration in January 2025, Trump has made tariffs the centrepiece of his Presidency ~ talking incessantly about tariffs in his interaction with world leaders, and inventing the verb 'tariffed' (equivalent to gassed) in the process.

If Trump is to be believed, high tariffs on goods being imported into the US would bolster US revenues, increase manufacturing activity, and also devastate economies of the countries being 'tariffed.' Following this strategy, on 2 April 2025, a day Trump called "Liberation Day," Trump declared a national emergency and announced "reciprocal tariffs" on all countries that were not subject to other sanctions. A minimum tariff of 10 per cent on almost all US imports was imposed with effect from 5 April ~ raising the US tariff rate to 27 per cent ~ its highest level in over a century.

The US stock market crashed, which prompted Trump to halt the new tariffs for 90 days ~ except US tariffs on Chinese goods, which rose to 145 per cent. Following a zig-zag course, tariffs on Chinese goods were reduced to 30 per cent ~ giving the American public a new acronym, TACO i.e., Trump Always Chickens Out. Continuing in the same vein, on 30 July, Trump imposed an additional 40 per cent tariff, on top of a 10 per cent "reciprocal" tariff on Brazil, and on 31 July, Trump announced an extra 25 per cent tariff on India, making for a total tariff of 50 per

Falling numbers demand measures to save tuskers

(Gns). The state of Asian elephant estimation 2025 conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India for the country reveals that the population has come down from 29,964 in 2017 to 22,446 in 2025. The methodology for the census has undergone a change and for the first time DNA-based mark capture-recapture and scientifically peer-reviewed methodology has been deployed. A similar methodology has been used for tiger estimation every four years from 2007. Prior to 2007, the tiger census was being done using the pug-mark method and the total number of tigers in the country was reported to be 20,000 plus.

When peer reviewed mark capture-recapture methodology (stripes of two individual tigers are different) was adopted, tiger numbers drastically came down to 1,411. Poaching did not account for such a steep decline; the earlier census method was flawed and states used to boost the figures to show higher tiger numbers, to indicate a better conservation strategy and to get themselves a pat on the back. Human deaths in conflict with elephants are far higher than deaths in tiger related conflicts. Though the Union Government launched Project Elephant in 1992, the elephant census was done by states duly coordi-

After more than two decades, the Election Commission has announced plans to embark on a nationwide Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter rolls, a task that goes beyond adminis-

trative updating to touch the very core of electoral legitimacy. For a democracy as vast and diverse as India's, this is not merely a bureaucratic exercise. It is an essential reaffirmation of democratic inclusion and

lity of high efficiency costs, negative political economy consequences, and the twin macroeconomic pressures of negative supply shocks ~ upward price pressures and reduced economic growth ~ were not sufficient to derail, or even affect the US economy significantly, which points to some biased economic analysis. The Cassandras, who had predicted near annihilation for Trump's tariff victims, read Emerging Market Economies (EMEs), also had to eat crow. It would appear that (a) the motive behind Trump's high tariffs was not mere economics, but a desire to prove American superiority, as a part of MAGA, which has antagonised most countries (b) high tariffs levied indiscriminately on all countries, made them discover alternate supply chains that excluded the US, (c) the press, controlled by plutocrats in EMEs, had a motivated interest in continued trade with the US, even at the cost of national interest and pride, so it painted a picture of economic doom in case Trump's wishes were not honoured. Another significant failure of Trump is in his role as peacemaker.

Addressing the UN General Assembly, last month, Trump unapologetically declared: "Everyone says that I should get a Nobel Peace Prize" because "I ended seven unendable wars in seven months," which is perfidy at its worst ~ a white lie. Taking a look at the wars, that Trump claims to have ended: 1. The war between Armenia and Cambodia: These countries are located 6,500 kms apart. There has never been any war between them, in recorded history. 2. The war between Kosovo and Serbia: The war between these countries ended in the 1990s. 3. The war between Egypt and Ethiopia:

out simultaneously in all tiger bearing states of India. The observers moved on a 6.5 km long transect in a 25 sq km cell, generally along the diagonal and



recorded carnivore and mega herbivore sign encounters, ungulate abundance, dung count of ungulates, vegetation status observed in small 100mx100m plots and human disturbances. The information helped in modeling elephant occupancy. The distribution and abundance of wildlife is a function of elephant characteristics and anthropogenic impacts. On the conclusion of sign survey exercise, each landscape was adequately sampled using area search methods and camera traps. Multiple covariates associated with elephant density such as distance to water, terrain ruggedness, proximity to night light sources, and

Mandate renewed

Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh, the SIR aims to verify and update every entry in the voter lists against records from the early 2000s. The Commission's plan to complete the process by February 2026 signals a rare commitment to institutional thoroughness ~ something India's electoral system, despite its reputation for integrity, has increasingly needed. Over time, voter rolls have accumulated inaccuracies that mirror the country's rapid social churn. Migration, urbanisation, and demographic expansion have left large numbers of eligible voters unregistered or misclassified.

Simultaneously, outdated entries ~ from deceased voters to those who have shifted constituencies ~ continue to linger. The SIR, by reconciling current data with the 2002-2004 lists, aims to restore coherence to this chaotic ledger of citizenship. What makes this revision particularly significant is the Election Commission's careful adherence to constitutional balance. Aadhaar, which has often been a point of contention in debates over privacy and exclusion, will

4. The war between the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda: Trump claims to have ended the war by his mediation, but war continues on the ground.

5. The war between Iran and Israel: The US was an active participant on Israel's side. The warring countries are more than 2,000 kms apart, both warring countries had substantially achieved their objectives, and further hostilities were unviable. So, the war ended, because it had reached a stalemate, and not because of Trump's good offices.

6. The war between Cambodia and Thailand: Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, in his capacity of Chairman of ASEAN, hosted Cambodian and Thai leaders in Kuala Lumpur, leading to cessation of hostilities. Trump's claim of halting skirmishes between these countries, by threats of levying exorbitant tariffs, is without any basis.

7. The war between India and Pakistan: Despite Trump's insistence on having ended the war, India consistently refutes Trump's claim. However, Trump does deserve some credit for making Hamas and Israel agree to a ceasefire, and release hostages and prisoners. Though Trump has presented the ceasefire as a signal achievement ~ the eighth war that he claims to have ended ~ it is at best a fragile arrangement that does not address, let alone solve, the underlying Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Trump is a person who once said: "Sorry, losers and haters, but my I.Q. is one of the highest.

suffered a considerable loss in states such as Assam, Odisha, Jharkhand, Kerala etc. It appears that the states using both traditional methods (Block Count and Dung Count) have been reporting more accurate numbers, while the states using only one block count method have suffered losses. The next question is whether we have really lost nearly 25 per cent of our elephants in eight years. There is no doubt that instances of habitat degradation and fragmentation, retaliatory fencing around farms, electrocution and killing by trains are on the increase.

Seventy per cent of unnatural deaths of elephants are linked to electrocution. MoEFCC data suggests that 500 elephants died from electrocution, 100 were hit by trains and 50 were poached for tusks. To save elephants

and other wild animals from train collisions, 77 stretches across 14 states have been identified as high-risk for wild animals, but the implementation of mitigation measures like construction of elephant passes as well as tracking and coordinating with railways to slow down trains if animals are found on the track has considerable loopholes.

Further, but not in all cases, mitigation structures on stretches of national highways passing through elephant zones have been constructed. Expansion of rail and road infrastructures has been done at an alarming rate in the past decade and it has left elephant habitats and corridors fragmented and degraded. Deforestation in elephant habitats is also triggered by flawed implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006. States with poor implementation of the Act have lost elephants in the past eight years.

We probably cannot take shelter under change in methodology of census; we must pull up our socks to see that wherever possible corridors and habitats are restored, rights are granted in the forests on satellite imagery-based evidence and cases of conflict, especially human death, are dealt with by Forest departments in a more humane way. Enforcement of forest laws, too, must be stepped up.



serve solely as an identity proof rather than a determinant of voter eligibility. This distinction, mandated by the Supreme Court, preserves the principle that citizenship, not data linkage, defines one's right to vote.

It also protects vulnerable populations who may lack access to Aadhaar or other digital documentation. This long-overdue initiative also compels a deeper reflection on civic responsibility ~ whether citizens see voter registration as a one-time task or an ongoing commitment to keeping democracy alive and accurate. The inclusion of offline and online channels for voter verification marks another step toward accessibility. Booth-level officers

will conduct door-to-door enumeration, while those unable to meet them can submit details online. This hybrid model, if implemented efficiently, could help India's vast electoral machinery become more responsive to the realities of a mobile, tech-connected population. At its heart, however, the SIR is a test of trust.

Voter lists are not just databases; they are symbolic registers of belonging. Each verified name reaffirms a citizen's voice in the democratic process. Each correction removes a shadow of doubt from the integrity of elections. India's democracy has always drawn strength from its scale ~ hundreds of mil-

Month Relief

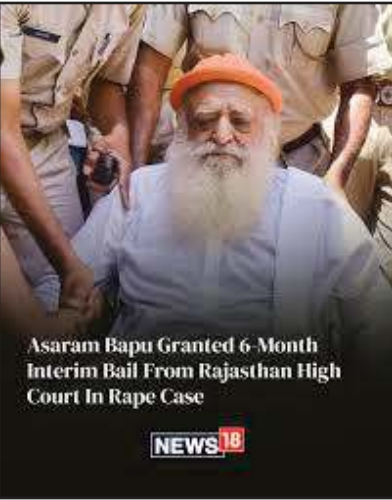
After evaluating the medical documents and the present condition of the convict, the Rajasthan High Court decided to grant interim bail for six months.

The order allows Asaram temporary release for treatment and recovery, with the court emphasizing that the relief is strictly on medical grounds.

Background of the Case

Asaram has been serving a life term following his conviction in a rape case. Over the years, he has filed multiple bail applications, most of which were rejected by various courts due to the nature of the offense and his conviction status.

This interim bail marks the first significant relief granted to him since his imprisonment.





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Inauguration of Projects for Better Facilities in Ekta Nagar

Birsa Munda Bhavan: Construction of a Bhavan (Building) to pay tribute to the tribal leader (₹303 crore)

Modern Residential Facilities for GSEC and SSNNL employees (₹56 crore)

Hospitality District (Phase-1): Tourist attraction will increase (₹54 crore)

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Inauguration of 25 e-buses and an e-bus charging depot will boost the green growth of Kevadiya (₹35 crore)

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Sports Complex: Along with tourism, Sports activities in Ekta Nagar will get a boost (₹23 crore)



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Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal addresses the 4th AGM of Mobile and Electronic Devices Export Promotion Council

(Gns). Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal was the Chief Guest at the 4th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Mobile and Electronic Devices Export Promotion Council (MEDE-PC) held today at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was convened in the presence of senior officials from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), and leading representatives from India's electronics and mobile export ecosystem.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal underscored the need to deepen domestic capabilities across the electronics value chain, noting that greater self-reliance in both finished products and components will be key to sustaining India's export momentum and reducing import dependence.

India's electronics manufacturing sector is witnessing a period of unprecedented transformation — propelled by visionary policy initiatives, record investments, and expanding global partnerships. Aligned with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of achieving USD 500 billion in electronics manufacturing by 2030, India has rapidly positioned itself as a reliable global hub for electronics design, production, and exports.

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Lucknow to Host International Wrestling Superstars on Uttar Pradesh Diwas

Rannbhoomi 1.0: The Clash of Bahubalis to Bring the World's Biggest Freestyle Wrestling Show to Lucknow

Lucknow, October 2025: The city of Nawabs, Lucknow, is gearing up for a grand sporting spectacle as it prepares to host India's biggest-ever international freestyle wrestling event — "Rannbhoomi 1.0: The Clash of Bahubalis." For the first time, world-renowned wrestling champions will perform live in India, bringing a thrilling mix of sports, strength, and entertainment to fans. The event will take place on January 24, 2026, at K.D. Singh Babu Stadium, Lucknow, as part of the Uttar Pradesh Diwas celebrations, dedicated to promoting the state's sporting spirit and youthful energy. Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh has emerged as one of India's fastest-growing states, rejuvenating sports and cultural development. With Lucknow fast becoming a hub for sporting excellence, Rannbhoomi 1.0, organized by Wrestling World of Bharat (WWB), promises to be a landmark moment for India's wrestling revival. A Global Wrestling Line-up

The event will feature international freestyle wrestling superstars, including: Chris Masters (USA) Joey Legend (Canada) Great Alofa (Samoa/USA) Carlito

Mentor WWB & Co-chairman — Uttar Pradesh Development Council ASSOCHAM Speaking at the event, Raj Singh, Founder of Wrestling World



(Puerto Rico) Zuberi (South Africa) Cowboy J. Storm (USA) T.J. Tremor (South Africa) ...and several other renowned global wrestling icons. Representing India will be homegrown heroes Tiger Rapta and Barood, showcasing India's power, skill, and rich wrestling tradition before an international audience. Voices Behind the Vision The official announcement was made at a press conference attended by: Raj Singh, Founder — Wrestling World of Bharat / Beezer Bonzer World Mark Beale, Chairman — WWF/WAW (South Africa) Tiger Rapta, World Heavyweight Champion Anita Singh, Co-founder — Wrestling World of Bharat / Beezer Bonzer World Hassan Yaqoob,

of Bharat and Beezer Bonzer World, said: "This is not just a wrestling show — it's a mission to revive India's oldest and most loved sport, wrestling, in a global format. Our goal is to bring our traditional 'kushti' heritage to an international platform and showcase India's true strength through its Bahubalis." Raj Singh, a motivational speaker, anchor, and first-generation entrepreneur, conceptualized Freestyle Wrestling World of Bharat and The Clash of Bahubalis to combine India's cultural roots with international sports entertainment. Mark Beale, Chairman of WWF/WAW (South Africa), who has organized thousands of wrestling shows in over 50 countries, added:

"I've always wanted to bring professional freestyle wrestling to India. The energy, culture, and passion here are inspiring. This partnership will build a strong bridge between India and the global wrestling community." He also praised Tiger Rapta, India's World Heavyweight Champion from Himachal Pradesh, calling him "a true symbol of India's pride and power." Reviving India's Wrestling Heritage Driven by Raj Singh and Anita Singh, the initiative aims to revive India's traditional wrestling legacy, create global exposure for Indian wrestlers, and establish a Freestyle Professional Wrestling Institute in Lucknow to nurture future talent. A Word from the Mentor Mr. Hasan Yaqoob, renowned corporate strategist and leader, Co-Chairman ASSOCHAM Uttar Pradesh, and Mentor of WWB, welcomed the initiative, stating: "Rannbhoomi 1.0 is not just an event — it's a defining moment for Uttar Pradesh to project its strength, spirit, and global ambition. This world-class initiative embodies the Hon'ble Chief Minister's vision of transforming Uttar Pradesh into a \$1 trillion economy — by ig...

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India celebrates 35 Million Activa customers across India

29th October 2025: Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India (HMSI), a leading two-wheeler manufacturer in the country, has achieved a significant milestone of 35 million sales for its popular Activa range, comprising the Activa 110, Activa 125 and Activa-i. This achievement reflects Activa's strong connect with customers across India as the country's most loved scooter. This landmark has been achieved over a span of 24 years.



From bustling metros to small towns, Activa's presence is truly pan India. Since its launch in 2001, Activa has been at the heart of two-wheeler transformation, bringing reliable and accessible mobility to riders across demographics. As a strong contributor to HMSI's growth, Activa plays a key role in the brand's presence in the Indian two-wheeler market. The journey of Activa reflects a deep understanding of what Indian customers truly seek- ease of use, consistency, fuel efficiency and peace of mind. Over the years, Activa has continued to evolve while staying rooted in these fundamental values.

The first 10 million Activa customers were achieved by the year 2015, followed by 20 million in 2018 and now 35 million in 2025, a journey that reflects the enduring trust of millions of customers.

The success of Activa is backed by its adaptability. Over the years, the scooter has incorporated key updates in technology and user experience and continues to be family's first choice for two-wheeler. The launch of the ACTIVA e: marked a new phase in this journey, giving customers

further, HMSI recently launched the Activa and Activa 125 anniversary editions in August 2025, offering customers a fresh expression of India's most loved scooter.

With a robust dealer network across India, HMSI has ensured seamless sales and service access for Activa customers, helping it grow across age groups and geographies. Apart from the Activa in 110cc & 125cc avatars, the company's scooter line-up includes Dio in 110cc & 125cc versions and in the

motorcycle category, there are ten exciting models across 100-110cc (Shine 100, Shine 100 DX & Livo), 125cc (Shine 125, SP125 and CB125 Hornet), 160cc (Unicorn & SP160) and 180-200cc (Hornet 2.0 & NX200) segments. HMSI also ventured into the EV segment with the ACTIVA e: and QC1 electric scooters.

HMSI's premium motorcycle retail format is led by the BigWing Topline for entire premium motorcycle range (200cc - 1800cc) in top metros and BigWing - exclusively for mid-size motorcycle segment (200cc - 500cc). Its diverse range of motorcycles includes the all-new CB350, H'ness CB350C, CB350OR, CB300F, CB300R, NX500, CB650R, CBR650R, XL750 Transalp, Rebel 500, CB750 Hornet, X-ADV, Hornet 1000 SP, CBR1000RR-R Fireblade and Gold Wing Tour. Moreover, the Hornet 2.0 and NX200 are now retailed via BigWing showrooms as well.

PNB Organises Blood Donation Camp on Pan-India Basis to Mark Vigilance Awareness Week 2025

29 October 2025: Punjab National Bank (PNB), India's leading public sector bank, organised a Pan-India Blood Donation Camp. At Head office, it was organised in association with Indian Red Cross Society, as part of the ongoing Vigilance Awareness Week 2025, being observed from 27 October to 02 November 2025, on the theme "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility."

This initiative was led by Shri Ashok Chandra, MD & CEO of PNB, Executive



Director Shri D. Surendran and Chief Vigilance Officer Shri Raghvendra Kumar. Reinforcing the spirit of service and integrity, a large number of employees participated in the blood donation camp with full zeal and enthusiasm. It was first of its kind initiative taken where more than 3200 unit

of blood were collected from 123 blood donation camps held simultaneously across India.

Shri Ashok Chandra, MD & CEO, said, "PNB's Blood Donation Camp exemplifies how integrity extends beyond professional conduct to acts of compassion that strengthen

en our social fabric. By donating blood, our employees have demonstrated that vigilance and empathy together create a more responsible and humane organisation."

Shri Raghvendra Kumar, Chief Vigilance Officer, said, "Humanity and honesty are two important pillars of Good Governance. Donating blood saves lives and shows commitment to service with integrity. For us, vigilance involves genuine compassion and firm commitment"

Department of Consumer Affairs Notifies Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 2025

(Gns). Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, has notified the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 2025. The amendment introduces specific provisions for packages containing medical devices, aligning the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 with the Medical Devices Rules, 2017. This step ensures regulatory harmony, reduces compliance ambiguity and enhances consumer protection in the healthcare sector.

The amendment provides that for packages containing medical devices, the provisions of the Medical Devices Rules, 2017 shall prevail for the height and width of numerical

als and letters used for making declarations. This means that while the requirement to make mandatory declarations remains, the specific font size and dimensional standards prescribed under the

Rules, 2017 are applicable. This ensures that any relaxations under Legal Metrology apply only to declarations required under these Rules and not to those covered by the Medical Devices framework.



Medical Devices Rules shall apply instead of those under Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules.

Further, the relaxation under Rule 33 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, which provides certain exemptions in declarations, will not apply in cases where the Medical Devices

Additionally, the amendment clarifies that the requirement of making declarations on the Principal Display Panel as per the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules is not mandatory for medical devices. Instead, such declarations may be made as per the provisions of the Medical Devices Rules, 2017.

Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Meets Dr. Jitendra Singh

(Gns). The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, called on Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, and discussed the strengthening of weather forecasting and disaster preparedness infrastructure in the hill state.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister conveyed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Government of India for installing a Doppler Weather Radar in Himachal Pradesh, which has significantly enhanced the accuracy of weather predictions and early warnings in the

region. In the wake of recent cloudbursts and flash floods, the CM requested the installation of additional Doppler Radars and Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) across the state to ensure that every district, particularly the disaster-prone areas, is better equipped to handle future weather-related challenges.

Dr. Jitendra Singh appreciated the Chief Minister's proactive approach and reiterated that the Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, remains fully committed to

supporting all states in their efforts toward climate resilience and disaster mitigation. He said that the Ministry of Earth Sciences has been working continuously

ously to expand the country's meteorological network, especially in hilly and remote regions, to ensure timely dissemination of critical weather information to the public and local authorities.



Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment returns on COLORS after two record-smashing season

India's most loved dinnertainment show, Laughter Chefs - Unlimited Entertainment, is back and this time it's bigger, crazier, and spicier than ever! After two record-breaking, laughter-filled seasons that turned the kitchen into fan's favourite comedy battleground, the cult hit is all set to return with Season 3!

A first-of-its-kind culinary comedy that became a fan phenomenon redefined entertainment with its mad mix of celebrities,



chaos, and charm. Now, the show returns with a

brand-new lineup of stars, more fun, more food, and even more fireworks!

From Bharti Singh's good news to Krushna Abhishhek and Kashmera Shah's crazy chemistry and Aly Goni bringing his trademark mischief, this season promises non-stop laughter and surprises. And guess what? The OG Jannat Zubair is back too!

Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment is coming soon only on COLORS.

World Technology Summit 2025 at MIT-WPU, Pune to Unite 500+ Global Leaders from 25 Nations to Shape the Future of Innovation

October 29, 2025: MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU), one of India's leading institutions of higher education, will host the inaugural World Technology Summit 2025 on November 6-7, 2025, in collaboration with the World Technology Group. The landmark global summit will celebrate and advance human ingenuity across technology, science, and innovation — bringing together over 500 delegates from 25 countries, including global institutions, startups, policymakers, and thought leaders.

Hosting the summit in India underscores the country's expanding engagement in global technology dialogue and innovation-led collaboration. With over 1.6 lakh startups registered under national initiatives like Make in India, India has emerged as one of the world's fastest-growing technology and entrepreneurship ecosystems.

The two-day summit will explore breakthroughs in artificial intelligence (AI), biotechnology, life sciences, digital infrastructure, and education, offering a platform for knowledge exchange and cross-sector dialogue. Researchers, technologists, policymakers, and industry leaders from across the world will convene to shape the trajectory of technology for

the coming decade.

Dr. Ganesh Kakandikar, Dean (Innovation, Startups and Collaborations at MIT-WPU) and Convenor of the World Technology Summit 2025 India, said: "This summit will bring together leading experts at the forefront of science and innovation, reinforcing the relationship between future technologies and human well-being. It will serve as a crucial platform to amplify India's role in artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and digital transformation."

Dr. Rahul V. Karad, Executive President, MIT-WPU, added: "At MIT-WPU, we believe that technology should serve humanity not just through discovery, but with purpose. Hosting the World Technology Summit in India is a call to the world to ensure that future global innovation is inclusive, ethical, and rooted in peace. By bridging science and spirituality, our goal is to make technology a tool for human progress."

Paul J. Foster, Founder and Executive Chairman, World Technology Group, noted, "The World Technology Summit is our lighthouse for global dialogue uplifting technology, science, innovation and those who are shaping our collective future. Our inaugural gathering at the prestigious MIT-WPU Pune, India is anchored by the

theme Innovation to Impact, Accelerating Global Connectivity-calls global thinkers and innovators to harness technology that serves humanity with purpose and responsibility."

Distinguished guests and global delegates attending the summit include:

- Dr. Rahul V. Karad, Executive President, MIT-WPU
- Dr. R. M. Chitnis, Vice-Chancellor, MIT-WPU
- Dr. Prasad Khandekar, Chief Academic Officer, MIT-WPU
- Paul J. Foster, Co-Founder & Executive Chairman, World Technology Group
- Steve Hellman, Co-Founder & Board Member, World Technology Group
- Deborah Pandit-Sawaf, Chair, Coordination Commission, World Technology Summit 2025 India
- Nandan Jha, Secretary-General & Founder, Gandhi Mandela Foundation
- Julian Gornall-Thode, General Manager, Shankai Sports
- Stefy Bau, CEO, INIT Esports

With participation from over 100 startups — half led by women entrepreneurs — the summit will spotlight women-led innovation and the rising influence of the Global South

in the technology ecosystem.

Key sessions include:

- Voices of Tomorrow – The Innovation Generation: Voices of Youth and the Future of Science and Technology
- India Vision 2030 – India's Blueprint for the Global Digital Economy
- Celebrate Human Ingenuity – The Beginnings, Present, and Future
- The Rise of the Global South – Exploring the Growing Influence of the Global South in Redefining Our Shared Future
- Shaping a New Global Paradigm
- Alpha Innovation Now – Human Ingenuity in Action: Scientists and Young Entrepreneurs Showcase Breakthrough Ideas and Innovations

The summit will also feature keynote addresses, Discussions and deliberations designed to foster collaboration between academia, industry, and innovators. Discussions on health-tech, climate-tech, and education innovation will emphasize technology's role in driving sustainable development and social transformation.

Those interested in attending the program are encouraged to contact the organizers for further information and registration details.