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## PM Modi highlights strengthening legal aid and justice at National Conference

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi underscored the critical role of accessible and timely justice as the foundation of social justice in India.

"When justice is accessible for everyone, is timely, when justice reaches every individual without regard to social or financial background, only then does it become the foundation of social justice," PM Modi said Saturday while addressing the National Conference on Strengthening Legal Aid Delivery Mechanisms at Supreme Court.

Highlighting the government's commitment to inclusive justice, he linked the concepts of Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living directly to the

assurance of "Ease of Justice," stating, "Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living are only possi-



ble... when Ease of Justice is also ensured."

The Prime Minister reflected on the progress made in recent years, noting, "In the past few years,

several steps have also been taken to enhance Ease of Justice. And going forward, we will bring even

greater momentum in this direction."

Pointing to India's rich tradition of mediation, PM Modi remarked, "Mediation has always been a part of

our civilization. The new Mediation Act is carrying forward this tradition, giving it a modern form." He emphasized the role of technology in justice delivery, calling it "a medium for inclusion and empowerment today."

He cited the E-Courts project as a prime example of how technology is transforming legal access and efficiency.

The Prime Minister also stressed the importance of communication in local languages. "When people understand the law in their own language, it leads to better compliance and reduces litigation. At the same time, it is also necessary to provide judgments and legal documents in the local language," he said.

The conference brought together legal experts, judiciary members, and policymakers to discuss innovative measures to expand legal aid and strengthen justice delivery systems across the country, aligning with PM

## Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel to flag off the state-wide Padyatra from Junagadh on Sunday as part of the Unity March

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Gandhinagar, 8 November 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel will flag off the statewide Padyatra from Junagadh on Sunday, November 9, as part of the Unity March.

On the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, being observed under the inspiration of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The Unity March has been organised by the State Department of Sports, Youth, and Cultural Activities in collaboration with the Junagadh District

Administration.

Notably, on November 9, 1947, Junagadh was lib-

erty of the organisation of the Padyatra as part of the Unity March on the occa-

Modi's vision for a just and inclusive India.

Dr. Pradyuman Vaja, District Co-In-charge and Minister of State for Law, Shri Kaushik Vekariya, as well as Junagadh Mayor Shri Dharmesh Poshia, along with MLAs and other office-bearers will also be present.

People from all sections of society, college students, NCC, NSS, My Bharat Volunteers, cooperative institutions, various political parties, industrial organizations, commercial organizations, religious institutions, local sages and saints, influencers, ex-servicemen and families, sportspersons, progressive farmers, enlightened citizens, laborers, social organizations, office-bearers of local self-governance institutions, Self Help Groups, and a large number of citizens. All participants will take the oath for Atmanirbhar Bharat during the Padyatra.



## Rajnath Singh to review annual performance of defence PSUs

(Gns). Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will review the annual performance of the 16 Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) in the national capital on Monday. During the event, a compilation of projects relating to Design and Development and Research and Development carried out over the last 10 years, along with the plan for the next five years, will be released.

In addition, the new R&D Manual of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, aimed at providing flexibility, speed, risk assessment, and autonomy in R&D proj-

ect allocation, will be unveiled. The Defence Minister will also release a report on renewable energy, titled 'Swayam'. This report is the first-ever attempt made under the aegis of Department of Defence Production to compile the energy efficiency practices of all 16 DPSUs.

In a statement issued here, the Ministry of Defence said that the Defence Minister had declared 2025 as the 'Year of Reforms', underscoring the importance of the development of new tech-

nology by DPSUs and the need for enhancing exports and indigenisation. To



achieve this objective, he exhorted them to increase their investment and manpower for R&D.

Since then, all the DPSUs have prepared their R&D roadmap for the next five years. Over the last 10 years, a total sum of Rs 30,952 crore has been

invested in R&D by the 16 DPSUs. The pace of R&D is now proposed to be doubled, with projected expenditure of Rs 32,766 crore over the next five years. While most of the R&D investment over the last 10 years was made by older DPSUs — notably Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bharat Electronics Limited, and Bharat Dynamics Limited — the thrust on R&D is now spread across all DPSUs.

Over the next five years, the seven new DPSUs formed after the corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board will invest over Rs 3,000 crore in R&D, while the defence ship-

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The Congress General Secretary accused the BJP

of consistently weakening the Constitution. "They are stealing votes, deleting your names from the voter list. When your vote is taken away, it means your rights are taken away," she said.

"The Constitution has given the people the right to vote, the power to choose who governs. But when the BJP saw that the people were turning against it, it started stealing votes to weaken those rights," she reiterated.

She compared the current government to colonial rule, saying, "Earlier, there

was the British Empire and its dictatorship. Today, there is Narendra Modi's empire and his dictatorship. We are fighting for justice on this land, a land soaked with the blood of our ancestors and yours. That blood should not go in vain. So, people of Bihar, rise and raise your voice for your rights."

Priyanka Gandhi said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi does not talk about development, employment, or women's safety. "Instead, he talks about guns, bullets, ransom, extortion, murder, kidnapping, and rivers of blood," she said.

## BJP neglected Hamirpur during the tenure of Jai Ram Thakur: Himachal CM

(Gns). Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Saturday said Hamirpur district was completely neglected during the tenure of former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur.

"Jai Ram Thakur neglected Hamirpur district, despite having two MLAs from the area, none were included in the Cabinet during his tenure", he said.

Addressing public gatherings at Manjheli and Karsai in the Nadaun Assembly constituency on Saturday, he said that the present government was ensuring balanced and inclusive development across all regions of the

state, with special focus on strengthening education, healthcare, and rural infrastructure in Hamirpur.

Refuting BJP MP Anurag Thakur's claim of establishing the Hamirpur Medical College, he clarified that it was sanctioned by former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh.

"During the previous BJP government's tenure, the then chief minister only laid the foundation stone and no further work was carried out," he said, adding that Dr. Manmohan Singh had approved Rs. 190 crore for the project, while the present state government has provided an additional Rs.

400 crore from its own resources to complete the construction."

Sukhu stated that Hamirpur Medical College was being developed as the state-of-the-art institution.

He added that many medical colleges and hospitals in the state still operate with around 20-year-old machines and the government has decided to replace these with modern equipment for the benefit of the people of the state.

"Our doctors are highly capable, but outdated technology limits their efficiency. Hence, we are installing advanced machinery at par with AIIMS Delhi to ensure

world-class healthcare facilities to the people of the state," he said.

Listening to the public grievances he directed officers to ensure prompt resolution.

Sukhu announced the opening of a patwar circle and a health sub-centre at Manjheli.

The Chief Minister also announced a grant of Rupees One lakh and 100 chairs for each Mahila Mandal present on the occasion. Additionally, Rs. 10 lakh would be provided for the construction of each Mahila Mandal Bhawan, whereas Rs. 50 lakh has already been sanctioned for strengthening the roads in Manjheli Panchayat.

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## Editorial

### Indo-US pact

The India-US defense pact signed last week is a 10-year framework agreement that aims to deepen defense cooperation between the two nations through enhanced coordination, information sharing, and technological collaboration. The agreement, signed by Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, is considered a cornerstone for regional stability and strengthens India's position as a key partner of the US in the Indo-Pacific.

The agreement seeks to strengthen the strategic partnership by focusing on deeper defense industrial collaboration, enhanced technological cooperation, increased information sharing and improved coordination between military forces. The pact was signed amid trade tensions and tariff issues between the two countries, with officials on both sides emphasizing its importance in resetting and strengthening the strategic partnership. The pact is designed to provide policy direction for the entire spectrum of the India-US defense relationship and is seen as a signal of growing strategic convergence and a new decade of partnership. Both countries view the partnership as critical for ensuring a free, open, and rules-based Indo-Pacific region.

The agreement includes plans for joint production in India of American defense equipment, such as the Javelin anti-tank missiles and Stryker armoured personnel carriers. The pact also aims to deepen technological cooperation in defense and high-tech areas. It reinforces the strategic alignment between the two countries, demonstrating their ability to advance security cooperation independently of trade disputes. The deal is seen as a strategic counterweight to China's growing influence in the region, particularly in the Indo-Pacific. The current India-US defence framework rests on a history of steadily growing cooperation that has evolved significantly since the early 2000s. The original 10-year defence framework pact was signed in 2005 and renewed in 2015.

In 2016, the US designated India as a "Major Defence Partner," a unique status that allows India to receive license-free access to a wide range of military and dual-use technologies. India was elevated to the Strategic Trade Authorization Tier1 status in 2018, further streamlining the export of high-technology items from the US. This Defence Framework Pact signed last week builds on a series of foundational agreements that enable closer military collaboration, information sharing, and technology cooperation. The primary agreements that have been signed are: General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA): Signed in 2002, this pact facilitates the sharing of classified military information and intelligence between the two nations, establishing protocols for its protection

Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA): Signed in August 2016, this agreement allows the militaries of both countries to use each other's bases and assets for logistics support, such as refuelling, repair, and replenishment of supplies during joint operations or training exercises. Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA): Signed in September 2018, this pact enables India to access advanced, encrypted communication equipment from the US and facilitates secure information exchange during exercises and operations, enhancing interoperability. Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA): Signed in October 2020, BECA provides for the sharing of geospatial intelligence and information for military purposes, which is critical for navigation accuracy and targeting.

The implementation of the recent Indo-US defence pact will present a mix of significant opportunities for strategic alignment, alongside several complex challenges related to technology transfer, bureaucracy, and geopolitical dynamics. A primary opportunity for India is enhanced access to cutting-edge US military technology, particularly in areas like AI, drones, and secure communications. This facilitates the modernisation of India's armed forces and boosts its indigenous defence capabilities.

The pact promotes collaboration in the co-production and co-development of defence equipment, supporting India's "Make in India" initiative and diversifying its defence supply chains away from traditional partners like Russia. More extensive joint military exercises and information sharing will improve the ability of the two militaries to work together effectively during potential humanitarian aid missions or joint operations in the Indo-Pacific. The strengthened partnership serves as a key pillar for a free and open Indo-Pacific, creating a stronger collective deterrence against potential regional aggressors and enhancing overall security cooperation.

However, the implementation of the India-US defence pact also faces several potential challenges, ranging from bureaucratic hurdles to geopolitical sensitivities. Both countries face complex bureaucratic processes and differing defence acquisition procedures. Navigating these systems can cause significant delays in joint projects and procurement. Despite the "Major Defense Partner" status, strict US export control regimes and concerns over intellectual property (IP) protection can hinder the seamless transfer of sensitive, state-of-the-art technology.

The Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA) could also significantly impact India-US defence ties by creating a delicate balancing act between India's national security needs and US foreign policy objectives. India maintains a policy of strategic autonomy and has historically strong ties with Russia, which complicates its alignment with the US, particularly when it comes to issues like sanctions and arms purchases. The ongoing S-400 deal remains a major point of contention. While the US has so far avoided imposing sanctions on India, the threat remains a persistent point of friction, influencing both countries' strategic decisions. CAATSA mandates sanctions on countries engaging in significant defence transactions with Russia. India's purchase of the S-400 Triumf air defence missile system from Russia falls squarely under this purview.

The US has the authority to grant a national security waiver, which it has used so far to exempt India from sanctions. However, this waiver is discretionary and requires annual certification from the US President, making the situation inherently political and subject to changes in the US administration's foreign policy priorities. The US has publicly stated its "serious concerns" about India's purchase of the S-400 Triumf air defence missile system from Russia and has urged India to avoid "significant new investments" in Russian military equipment. In essence.

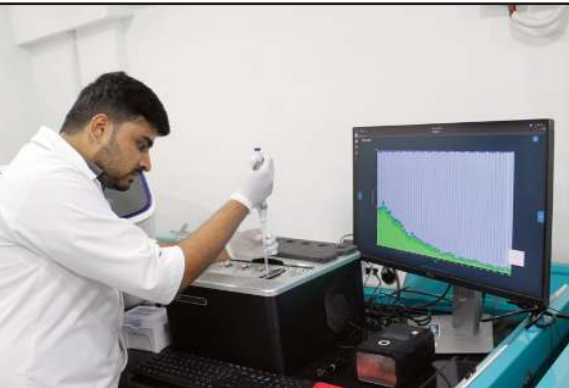
# Bharat Parv-2025, Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar: “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat”



**‘Green Tree’, Symbolising Viksit Bharat under the Leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Becomes the Center of Attraction at the Festival of Lights in Ekta Nagar**

**Main attraction of Bharat Parv-2025 Theme Pavilion, the ‘Green Tree’ is a shining symbol of development, technology, and unity**  
**‘Green Tree’ presents a unique spectacle of light and progress, embodying the spirit of “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat”**

Gandhinagar, 8 November 2025: On the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the grand Bharat Parv-2025



has been organised at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat, within the premises of the world's tallest statue, the Statue of Unity, in collaboration with the Government of India and the Government of Gujarat. For the first time, Bharat Parv is being held outside Delhi, and under the leadership and guidance of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, Gujarat has elevated the event with remarkable grandeur. The festival features a series of cultural, technological, and patriotic programs that beautifully embody the spirit of unity in India's diversity.

In the theme pavilion of Bharat Parv-2025, various national projects and sym-

bols of development realised under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi have been presented in a unique way. The main attraction of this pavilion is the ‘Green Tree’, which symbolically represents the dream of Viksit Bharat. This illuminated installation expresses the vision and direction of India's holistic development. The visual experience creates a remarkable blend of patriotism, art, and technology, offering visitors from across the country and abroad a sense of wonder.

The ‘Green Tree’ installation artistically showcases the national milestone projects realised under the

visionary leadership of the Prime Minister, such as the Surat Diamond Bourse, Navi Mumbai International Airport, Tejas Fighter Jet, Statue of Unity, Operation Sindoor, Lakshadweep Development, Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, Statue of Equality, Mahakumbh-2025, INS Vikrant, Sonmarg Tunnel, Vizhinjam International Port, and Atal Setu. All these projects shine as symbolic milestones embodying the Prime Minister's vision of “Viksit Bharat.”

The entire Bharat Parv venue exudes an inspiring aura of patriotism, brought to life through a seamless

fusion of light, music, and technology. The ‘Green Tree’ stands not merely as an artistic installation but as a vibrant symbol of India's unwavering commitment to development, progress, and environmental stewardship. Each project within the ‘Green Tree’ reflects the Prime Minister's vision of nation-building, collectively symbolising a flourishing Viksit Bharat.

During Bharat Parv at Ekta Nagar, the captivating display of folk art, music, dance, and traditions from various states of the country offers a vibrant experience of “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.”

Through this Festival of Lights-2025, a magnificent panorama of India's unity and progress has been created, strengthening the spirit of patriotism, pride, and faith in the nation's bright future.

Bharat Parv-2025 is not merely a festival, but a national exposition that embodies the Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat. This grand Festival of Lights at Ekta Nagar illuminates the spirit of a progressive and united India, conveying the promise of a radiant future where development, unity, and patriotism shine in harmony.

## Gujarat Becomes First State in India to Launch Tribal-Focused Genome Sequencing Project

**Development of Genetic Panels for 1,000–1,500 May Replace 1 Lakh Sequencing Tests in Tribal Health Screening**

**Gujarat's Advanced Genome Facility Can Sequence 25–50 Samples in 48-72 Hours, Slashes Per Sample Cost from 85,000 to 60,000**

Gandhinagar, 08 November 2025: Gujarat will observe 2025 as 'Tribal Pride Year' to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, a symbol of tribal identity and resistance. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had led efforts to preserve and promote tribal heritage through sustainable development and by declaring Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas. Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel noted the deep spiritual bond between Gujarat's Adivasi communities and nature. The pride of this legacy is reflected in the Smt. Droupadi Murmu as India's first tribal

President.

Gujarat has emerged as the first state in India to launch a large-scale genome sequencing project specifically focused on tribal communities. Led by the Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC), the effort is part of a visionary plan to decode the genetic blueprint of tribal groups and develop targeted diagnostics, treatment strategies, and long-term preventive care.

The project, operating under the broader Genome India initiative, aims to understand the increasing prevalence of genetic disorders among tribal populations — a trend often linked to endogamous marriages and limited genetic diversity. By collecting DNA samples across 31 tribal communities in 11 districts, researchers are building a reference database that could redefine how genetic conditions are diagnosed and managed in these

groups. In the financial year 2025–26, the Gujarat government approved the “Creation of Reference Genome Database for Tribal Population” project to build a comprehensive

genomic database and bridge existing data gaps and pooling up with Genome India Project initiated and completed by Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.

Why Genome Sequencing Matters for Tribals

Gujarat's tribal population has long faced a higher incidence of inherited conditions such as thalassemia and sickle cell anaemia. Many of these disorders remain undetected until late stages, when treatment becomes more complicated. With genome

sequencing, scientists can trace mutations, create low-cost diagnostic panels, and provide prenatal or even embryo-level testing during IVF procedures.

This project will provide a scientific basis for health policies supporting the socio-economic development of the tribal community. It will enable detailed genetic insights, helping detect diseases, address health issues like malnutrition and

anemia, and allow early diagnosis of genetic disorders such as Sickle Cell Anemia and G6PD deficiency. Research on diet, nutrition, and immunity will be possible, making treatment easier through Precision Medicine and enabling the identification of local-level genetic mutations.



## Headwinds

unfairly penalise the physics of their trade. Unlike solar, which follows daylight patterns, or coal and gas plants that can adjust output, wind generation depends on meteorological conditions beyond human control.

If penalties are imposed

without allowing flexibility for such natural variability, projects that were financially modelled following earlier, looser norms could become unviable almost overnight. Industry estimates suggest that revenue losses for older wind farms could reach nearly half their earn-

ings, a devastating blow for a sector already grappling with delayed payments and thin margins. Solar developers, too, have voiced concerns that strict adherence rules could raise operating costs and deter new investment, particularly for smaller players. Investors

attracted by India's clean energy narrative might think twice if regulatory uncertainty outweighs potential returns. The intent of better forecasting is welcome, but its implementation must be realistic and phased in harmony with technological and financial readiness.

## The legacy of our national song

On 7 November, the lyric that has lodged itself in the political and emotional memory of modern India — Vande Mataram — completed 150 years since its composition. What began as a spontaneous, Sanskrit-tinged Bengali poem by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in the 1870s grew into a rallying cry for an emerging nation, then into a contested symbol, and finally into the Republic's national song.

To mark this sesquicentennial is to revisit not only the poem's literary origin but also the contested cultural conversations it has carried through generations — about religion and nationhood, about modernity and tradition, and about the languages in which we imagine India. The song first appeared in his celebrated

novel “Anandamath” (published in 1882), which vividly captured the anti-colonial spirit of the era. Scholars have emphasized how Bankim Chandra's use of Sanskrit elements reaffirmed India's cultural roots. As Dr. R.C. Majumdar noted, “Vande Mataram sounded the clarion call of freedom, echoing the ancient spirit of mother-worship and patriotism”.

The first two stanzas, which constitute the National Song today, glorify the Mother land not merely as a geographical entity but as a divine, nurturing force. Cultural historian and author Dr. Srimati Das, emphasizes the song's transformative role. To her, “Vande Mataram” was not merely a piece of poetry; it was a psychological transformation that gave voice to

the dormant spirit of nationalism. It provided a spiritual, unifying image of India, making resistance a sacred duty.” The song's journey from the pages of a novel to the national stage culminated in the late 19th century. In 1896, during the Calcutta session of the Indian National Congress, it was Rabindranath Tagore — then a relatively young but prominent figure — who first sang ‘Vande Mataram’ publicly, an early and memorable instance of the poem's migration from page to public voice.

His rendition set the tune that would resonate for generations, firmly establishing the song's place in the political landscape. ‘Vande Mataram’ acquired political meaning during the Swadeshi and anti-Partition agitations of

the early twentieth century. It began to circulate not merely in books but on platforms, in processions and in the charged atmosphere of Congress sessions. After Tagore's rendition, the poem became part of protest repertoires — sung in meetings, printed on flags, and even proscribed under colonial regulation at moments when its utterance challenged imperial authority. Sri Aurobindo, one of the intellectuals who engaged deeply with the poem, translated ‘Vande Mataram’ into English. He noted both the lyric's unique poetic force and its mobilising capacity — a reminder that ‘Vande Mataram’ has been read as devotional metaphor, political slogan and poetic masterpiece in quick succession.



## Ministry of Earth Sciences hails IISF for bringing science closer to the people

The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) praised the upcoming India International Science Festival (IISF), a collaborative government initiative running for nearly a decade, during its curtain raiser ceremony held on Saturday at Panjab University.

Addressing the gathering, Dr M Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, said that the IISF follows a bottom-up approach, taking science to the people and nurturing curiosity and enthusiasm among young minds.

The four-day event, scheduled to be held from 6–9 December at Panjab University in Chandigarh, aims to bring together sci-

entists, researchers, innovators, educators, noted. Dr Ravichandran hailed



and students from across India to showcase scientific achievements and foster collaboration towards building an Aatmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat, the ministry

the festival as a celebration of science that inspires the next generation to innovate and explore. He underlined IISF's role as a people-centric initiative aimed at trans-

forming scientific understanding into a celebration of creativity and progress.

The event was attended by Shiv Kumar Sharma, National Organising Secretary, VIBHA; A. Surya Chandra Rao, Director, IITM Pune; Prof Renu Vig, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University; Meenakshi Goyal, Director, R&D Cell, Panjab University; and Prof. Gaurav Verma, Coordinator, IISF 2025, Panjab University, among others.

Sharma and Rao used the platform to highlight the importance of science communication and the need to engage youth in building a scientific temper across the country.

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Narendra Modi does not talk about development, employment, or women's safety. "Instead, he talks about guns, bullets, ransom, extortion, murder, kidnapping, and rivers of blood," she said.

"Narendra Modi is the Prime Minister of the country, but listen to his language — guns, kidnapping, murder. He is not maintaining the dignity of his office. He has stooped to such a low level. Modi ji, the people of this country have recognised you. The people are no longer being misled by your lies. That is why you have resorted to 'vote theft,'" she added.

Priyanka Gandhi said that the people of Bihar are ready for a major change. "The hardworking people of this state are about to gain freedom from the misrule of the BJP-JDU government. The INDIA Alliance is going to form the government in Bihar with a huge majority," she declared.

Priyanka Gandhi said that Prime Minister

## Leopard from Jhalana strays into posh Jaipur Colony

(Gns). Sleuths of the wildlife department on Saturday conducted searches to locate and rescue a leopard that had been prowling the streets of a posh colony here on Friday night.

CCTV footage captured the leopard moving through different areas of the colony, which houses prominent residents, including former BJP MP Ram Charan Bohra.

Some residents of the Lal Bahadur Shastri Colony in the posh Durgapura area reported hearing strange, loud growling sounds around 2 am on Friday.

They woke up their neighbours and checked CCTV

The animal's growls were also heard outside Bohra's



footage, which showed multiple clips of the leopard walking through the streets.

house.

Forest and wildlife officials were called in. They

reached the area and placed cages at a couple of locations to trap and rescue the animal.

Regional Forest Officer Jitendra Singh Shekhawat said that the search was on and that the animal had not been sighted so far.

Jaipur is the only city in the country to house three leopard safaris — the Nahargarh (Beed Papad), the Aamagarh, and the Jhalana Leopard Safari. Big cats from these areas, which have a fairly good number of these animals frequently stray into the city's residential areas.

## LG Kavinder Gupta attends 'Thiksey Gustor Festival' in Ladakh's ancient monastery



(Gns).

Lt Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, on Saturday attended the annual Thiksey Gustor Festival at the historic Thiksey Monastery, a vibrant celebration that upholds Ladakh's timeless spiritual and cultural heritage.

The Thiksey Gustor, renowned for its sacred masked dances (Chhams) and ancient monastic rituals, symbolises the victory of good over evil and spreads a universal message of peace, harmony, and compassion.

In his address, the Lt Governor observed that monastic festivals like Thiksey Gustor are living

testaments to Ladakh's rich cultural and spiritual legacy, embodying centuries-old traditions, beliefs, and social values.

"The vibrant culture of Ladakh, deeply rooted in Tibetan Buddhism, is a living tradition that touches every visitor to this land. Festivals like Thiksey Gustor are not mere spectacles — they are soulful expressions of our heritage and the enduring wisdom of our ancestors," the Lt Governor said.

He further underlined the pivotal role of monasteries in sustaining Ladakh's identity, noting that they serve as centres of faith, education, and community life. "Monks

not only embody but also impart the teachings of Lord Buddha—of ahimsa, compassion, and moral discipline—guiding society towards harmony and self-awareness.

Monasteries are the spiritual heartbeats of Ladakh, nurturing peace and collective consciousness," he added.

During the ceremony, the Lt Governor met His

Eminence Thiksey Rinpoche and received his blessings for lasting peace, prosperity, and development in Ladakh. He was accompanied by First Lady Bindu Gupta.

The Lt Governor also interacted with community members and spoke about Ladakh's developmental priorities, emphasising environmental preservation.



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**NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**


This is to inform all the Share Holders of The Bhuj Mercantile Co-op Bank Ltd., Ahmedabad that a Special General Body Meeting of Shareholders will be held at Lions Hall, Mithakhali Six Roads Ahmedabad on **26-11-2025** at **03:00 PM** to transact following Business concerning the Bank:

- To consider and approve the proposal Amalgamation of The Amod Nagric Co-operative Bank Ltd, Amod, Dist. Bharuch, Gujarat, into our bank as recommended by the Board of Directors of the bank and pass the necessary resolution to approve the Revised Scheme of Amalgamation and DDR Report (with clarifications) and to give necessary authorities to the Board of Directors / Chairman / CEO / General Manager.
- Any Other matter with the permission of the Chairman.


**Note:** 1. If Quorum is not present at the time appointed in the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned and will be held on the same date and same place at 03:30 pm as per the provision of Byelaws of the Bank / MSCS Rules.  
2. Any Shareholders asking further information may contact undersigned on or before 3 days of the meeting. As per provisions of the MSCS Act, all members should attend the meeting.

**Date: 09-11-2025**  
**Place: Ahmedabad**


**By the order of the Board of Directors**  
**Manoj A. Gor, I/c CEO**




**150<sup>th</sup>**  
150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of  
Bhagwan Birsa Munda






**Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh**




**Government of Gujarat**



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Ghar-Ghar Swadeshi"**



**Strength Through Nutrition,  
Progress Through Education**




**A commitment to the holistic development  
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like Doodh Sanjivani Scheme**

**Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**  
launched Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana in 2007 for  
the comprehensive development of tribal regions


**Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel**  
₹1 lakh crore has been allocated for  
Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana- II (2021-22 to 2025-26)

**Key Achievements in Educational Development and Nutrition (Year 2020-21 to 2024-25):**

- Under the Mission Schools of Excellence Initiative, 8,195 new classrooms have been constructed at an estimated cost of ₹ 1,633 crore, and 12,010 classrooms renovated at an estimated cost of ₹ 600 crore
- Every year, approximately 12 lakh tribal students receive scholarship and educational assistance of estimated ₹ 800 crore through various schemes
- Under Vidya Sadhana Scheme, 1.58 lakh tribal girls studying in Class 9 have been provided bicycles
- Under Doodh Sanjivani Scheme, approximately 7 lakh tribal children receive 200 ml of flavoured milk daily, with an estimated annual expenditure of ₹ 232.91 crore



**Tribal Development Department, Government of Gujarat**





## 11th edition of Indo-Sri Lanka exercise Mitra Shakti to be held in Belagavi from November 10

(Gns). India is all set to host the 11th edition of the annual Indo-Sri Lanka Exercise Mitra Shakti slated to be held at Foreign Training Node, Belagavi, from 10 to 23 November.

The main agenda of the Joint Exercise is to enhance joint military capability of both sides to undertake counter insurgency operations in a Sub Conventional scenario under Chapter VII of the United Nations Mandate.

In a post on X, ADGPI wrote, "The Indian Army is set to participate in the 11th edition of the annual Indo-Sri Lanka Exercise Mitra Shakti with the Sri Lanka Army at Foreign Training Node, Belagavi, from 10 to 23 November 2025."

"Exercise Mitra Shakti

2025 aims to enhance the operational synergy between the two armies in



conducting joint operations across urban and semi-urban terrain. The exercise underscores the shared commitment of India and Sri Lanka towards regional peace and security, while further strengthening Defence Cooperation, camaraderie and mutual

trust between the two forces,' the post read further.

nel was represented by a Battalion of Rajputana Rifles along with personnel from other arms and services. Meanwhile, the Sri Lankan contingent was represented by personnel from Gajaba Regiment of Sri Lankan Army.

Last year, both the sides engaged in tactical drills including Response to a Terrorist Action, Establishment of a Joint Command Post, Establishment of an Intelligence & Surveillance Centre, Securing of a Helipad/ Landing Site, Small Team Insertion & Extraction, Special Heliborne Operations, Cordon and Search Operations besides employment of Drones and Counter Drone Systems, among others.

Held annually, the exercise is conducted alternatively in each country, with the previous edition organised at Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka, in August, last year.

In the 10th edition of the exercise, Indian contingent comprising of 106 person-

## Congress leader alleges Parth Pawar's involvement in another land deal

(Gns). Maharashtra Pradesh Congress President Harshwardhan Sapkal alleged here on Saturday that Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's son, Parth Pawar, is also involved in another controversial land deal in addition to the already known Mundhwa land deal in Pune.

Parth Pawar, who owns a 99 per cent stake in Amadea Enterprises LLP, has not been named in any FIR related to the 40-acre Mundhwa land deal in Pune's Koregaon Park area so far.

Harshwardhan Sapkal accused Parth Pawar's company of committing another land scam in which his company allegedly misappropriated 35 hectares of

land earmarked for dairy development in Pune.

"Parth Pawar's misappropriation related to dairy land has recently come to light. More than 35 hectares of this land have already been sold. Even as it came to light that the company in Parth Pawar's name misappropriated

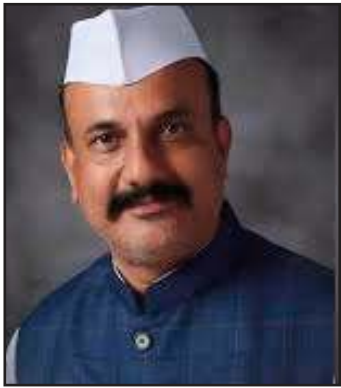
land earmarked for an IT Park in Pune, he took over another piece of government land meant for dairy development," Harshwardhan Sapkal said.

"Parth Pawar's company received credit from a sugar factory in Daund.

Funds were also obtained from some other places, including the Daund-based sugar factory, after which

Parth Pawar's company purchased these 35 hectares of land. We demand that this matter be investigated. All transactions should be investigated and appropriate action taken,"

Harshwardhan Sapkal said. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that 'I will not eat nor will I allow anybody else to eat', but exactly the opposite is going on. We demand that all transactions, including the dairy land scam, be investigated



## Seemanchal will be freed from infiltrators, vows Amit Shah in Bihar

(Gns). Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Saturday that in Bihar, it will not be infiltrators but the people of the state who will form the government and bring the NDA back to power for a developed Bihar.

Addressing a series of public meetings in Seemanchal region's Katihar, Purnia, and Supaul districts, Shah said the INDIA Alliance, which turns infiltrators into a vote bank, cannot bring prosperity to the state.

"These infiltrators snatch jobs meant for our youth, take a share of the rations meant for the poor, and endanger the security of the nation. Today, I say that we will not only drive out the infiltrators but also

demolish all the encroach- Infiltrators Yatra.' They



ments they have made and free the land of Seemanchal from their occupation," Shah said.

He asked the people of Seemanchal, "Tell me, should these infiltrators be removed from here or not?"

"Just recently, Rahul Gandhi and Lalu Yadav's son went on a 'Save the

(alliance of tricksters), and on the other, the NDA, united like the five Pandavas.

"Half of Bihar has already voted. In the first phase of polling, the parties of Lalu Yadav and Rahul Gandhi have been wiped out. The NDA is set to form the government in Bihar with more than 160 seats. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Bihar is rapidly moving forward to become a developed state," he said.

Recalling the lawlessness during the rule of Lalu Prasad Yadav and Rabri Devi, Shah said that during that period, MLAs were murdered in broad daylight and looting, murder, extortion, and kidnapping had become industries.

Shah said that in this election, there are two camps — on one side, a scattered 'Thagbandhan'

## Rajasthan launches LaabhCalc to help investors assess incentives under RIPS-2024

(Gns). Rajasthan's first Incentive Calculator, LaabhCalc, that helps investors estimate the benefits they can receive for setting up or expanding a business here, was launched by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma.

Since this would highlight the incentives and benefits being offered to investors, it would reshape and revolutionize the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS-2024) and usher in an era of transparency, efficiency, and investor empowerment, CM Sharma said.

"RIPS-'24 is the state government's flagship investment promotion scheme and was launched last year during the UK roadshow, he said.

The scheme aims to reduce the cost of doing business and attract investment in various sectors,



including renewable energy, tourism, and IT, among others.

Designed to enhance the ease of doing business, the LaabhCalc gives investors the choice to make informed decisions and allows them to compare and choose the most beneficial incentives available under RIPS 2024, an

official spokesman said, adding, "This will align the incentives with the investors' business goals."

In addition to this, LaabhCalc also offers a year-on-year projection of incentive disbursement, enabling investors to visualize the financial trajectory of their proposed projects, he said.

This predictive feature of LaabhCalc would provide the investors with greater assurance and precision for investment planning.

RIPS -2024 has been gaining acceptance and popularity amongst investors due to its remunerative incentives across

various sectors like Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM), Tourism, IT, and sunrise sectors, like Defense, Drones, Aero-Space, and Waste Recycling, amongst others.

Reflecting on the scheme's growing impact, the Industries and Commerce Department has disbursed incentives worth Rs 765.78 Crore during the year 2024-25.

Additionally, for their planned investments, investors can assess the improvements in key financial metrics like NPV and IRR. Through these measurable insights, this analytical feature not only emphasizes the fiscal benefits of investing in the state but also boosts investor confidence.

## Rahul Gandhi attacks MP govt over Sheopur mid-day meal outrage

(Gns).

Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Saturday slammed the Madhya Pradesh BJP government led by CM Dr Mohan Yadav over the alleged incident of young children being served mid-day meals on pieces of waste papers instead of plates or any other utensils at a school in Vijaypur in the Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh.

Gandhi said in a post in Hindi on X that the BJP state government had even stolen the plates of students. The Congress leader said he was heartbroken to see the video of the incident. He charged

that the same children carried the nation's future on their shoulders, yet were "not even getting a dignified plate".

He alleged that the BJP, which has been in power in MP for more than 20 years, had even "taken away the plates meant for children" and that its claims of development were "a deception". Gandhi said chief ministers and prime ministers should feel ashamed if the country's children and its future were being raised in such conditions.

Rahul Gandhi made the

allegations a few hours before reaching Bhopal in the afternoon.

From here, he went to



MP's famous hill station, Pachmarhi, reaching there at around 3.30 pm to address the district presidents of the Congress in the party's ongoing camp there under the 'Sangathan Srajan Abhiyaan' (Organization Rejuvenation

Campaign) at Hotel Highland.

The Sangathan Srajan Abhiyaan aims to strengthen the party's grassroots structure ahead of the 2028 state assembly polls.

Gandhi was given a rousing welcome on his arrival at Pachmarhi.

He is also scheduled to dine and interact with party presidents and leaders in Pachmarhi, and stay the night at the Ravishankar Bhavan, situated on a hill top in the picturesque tourist destination.

Rahul Gandhi will fly back to Bihar on Sunday to campaign for the second phase of the Assembly polls in that state scheduled on 11 November.

## Land deal cancelled as Ajit Pawar denies role; Sharad Pawar targets Fadnavis

(Gns).

The controversial Pune land deal allegedly involving Parth Pawar, the son of Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, was declared as cancelled on Friday night after Ajit Pawar met Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, after Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi raised the issue on Friday evening.

Shortly after meeting Fadnavis on Friday night, the Deputy Chief Minister said that his son Parth Pawar, who is also NCP founder Sharad Pawar's grandnephew, had told media persons he was not aware that the land purchased by his company in Pune belonged to the government. Ajit Pawar added that the Rs 300-crore land deal has now been cancelled, even as Congress leader Rahul Gandhi called the transaction a "theft of land reserved for Dalits."

The Deputy CM also said that his son has not been named in any First Information Report (FIR) so far, "because only those who signed the registration documents were booked".

"The land deal has been scrapped. All transactions have been cancelled. I always go by the rules. If anyone from my family or

close to me tries to do something wrong, I will never support it. I have

sons on Saturday in Nagpur, Fadnavis lashed out against the opposition and said,



gathered all the information about the case. I called the Chief Minister and told him that he can order a probe. A committee has been set up to probe into allegations in the concerned case. The report will be submitted in a month. An FIR has also been registered. Everything about who had put pressure on officers and who is involved in the deal will all be investigated. Whatever happened was not known to me," Ajit Pawar said.

Replying to opposition allegations, BJP leader and Maharashtra Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule told media persons that the FIR did not name Deputy CM Ajit Pawar's son Parth Pawar, because he was not present at the sub-registrar's office in Pune when the sale documents were signed.

Speaking to media per-

"Those who don't even understand what a First Information Report (FIR) is, are the ones making baseless allegations. We are not trying to protect anybody. We will take action against whoever is found to be involved."

"When an FIR is registered, it is filed against the parties directly involved. In this case, the FIR has been filed against the company and its authorised signatories. There was an agreement between the parties involved in the deal, but the exchange of money is still pending. However, the registry has already been completed. Both parties have now filed an application to cancel the registry," Fadnavis said.

"As per procedure, they are required to pay fees to cancel it, and accordingly, a notice has been issued to

## DMK not a party launched overnight to capture power: Stalin's veiled attack on Vijay

(Gns).

Unlike those who launch a party overnight with the dream of occupying the Chief Minister's gaddi, the DMK was not founded so but it had come to power following the party's hard work for 18 years, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin said on Saturday, in a veiled attack on Tamilaga Vetttri Kazhagam (TVK) president and actor Vijay.

"There is only one sun and one moon, and the DMK is only one. Such a movement can never

emerge in the land. Some ignoramus are day

dreaming that they could be victorious like the DMK without knowing even an iota of history.

Replicating the DMK's success requires hard work and knowledge," he said, inaugurating a 'Progressive Book Fair,'

organised by the DMK's

Youth Wing to commemorate the platinum jubilee of the DMK.

The TVK has declared Vijay as the Chief Ministerial candidate and the film star has reiterated that the electoral contest in 2026 assembly poll is only between the TVK and the DMK.

Not only that, the TVK chief remains a



harsh critic of the DMK's dynastic politics and continues to target the Stalin government on corruption and nepotism. Keeping the TVK cadre in good humour, he had asserted that the party would dethrone the DMK in the election.

The DMK was launched by 'Anna' CN Annadurai on September 17, 1949, after coming out of the rationalist non-Brahmin 'Dravidar Kazhagam', which was against electoral participation. The party dethroned the Congress and wrested power in 1967.

"While some attempt to intimidate us unaware of the fact that the DMK had come to power after 18 long years of sweat and blood of the leaders and cadre, who gave their life for the party. Countless public meetings, many magazines, books, dramas, films, orientation programmes, struggles and sacrifices. Also, betrayals.

"In those days, it was the salons, tea shops and cycle shops were the joints for political discourse and mobilisation with one person reading and others listening and discussing in between," the Chief Minister, also DMK president said, adding "the DMK has the credit of becoming the first regional party to come to power in State.

## MP: ASI's speeding jeep kills teacher, injures family in Neemuch

(Gns).

A college teacher was killed and his son critically injured after their motorcycle was hit by a speeding jeep driven by an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of MP Police, allegedly in an intoxicated condition, in the Neemuch district of Madhya Pradesh late at night on Friday.

As per the police, the mishap occurred near Bhadhabadia village on the Neemuch-Jawad road.

The ASI, Manoj Yadav, hit several bikes on the

road with his private Bolero jeep. In the mishap, Dasharath Singh (42), a college teacher, was killed, while his 10-year-old son

ter Jaya (6) also suffered injuries.

Another motorcyclist, identified as Bhupaal Singh (44), was also seriously injured as the ASI's jeep hit his bike too. A couple of more bikes were damaged, and some people sustained minor injuries in the same mishap.

The relatives of deceased Dasharath staged a protest after the mishap, demanding strict action against ASI Manoj Yadav and financial compensation to Dasharath's family.

