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## PM Modi Launches ₹8,260 Crore Projects In Uttarakhand, Aims to Make It A Global Spiritual Hub

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation for projects worth Rs 8,260 crore in Uttarakhand. This event coincided with the state's formation day. Modi expressed confidence that Uttarakhand could become the 'spiritual capital of the world' by focusing on eco-tourism, adventure tourism, and wellness centres. During Uttarakhand's Silver Jubilee celebration, Modi highlighted the state's spiritual strength. He stated, "Uttarakhand's real power is its spiritual strength. If it decides, it will become the spiritual centre of the world in a matter of a few years." He suggested connecting temples, ashrams, and meditation centres to a global network.

Narendra Modi inaugurated projects worth Rs 8,260 crore in Uttarakhand on the state's formation day, envisioning it as the 'spiritual capital of the world' by promoting eco-tourism and spiritual connectivity, while highlighting infrastructure developments over 25 years, including improvements in electricity production and road lengths. Modi remarked on Uttarakhand's progress over 25 years. He noted significant advancements across various sectors. "Uttarakhand has made all-round progress in different sectors in last 25 years," he said. The state's budget has grown from Rs 4,000 crore to over Rs 1 lakh crore during this period. The Prime Minister also mentioned improvements in infrastructure. Electricity

production has quadrupled, and road lengths have doubled over the past 25 years. These developments reflect the state's commit-

ties, energy solutions, urban development initiatives, sports infrastructure, and skill development programs.



ment to growth and modernisation.

The projects unveiled by Modi span multiple development areas. They include drinking water supply, irrigation systems, technical education facili-

ties. Among the inaugurated projects are Dehradun's water supply coverage for 23 zones under the AMRUT scheme and an electrical substation in Pithoragarh district. Additionally, solar power

plants are being installed on government buildings to promote renewable energy use.

Sports Infrastructure Enhancements

A notable addition to sports infrastructure is the AstroTurf Hockey Ground at Haldwani Stadium in

Nainital. This facility aims to boost sports activities and provide better training opportunities for athletes in the region.

Modi reiterated his belief in Uttarakhand's potential after visiting Baba Kedar. "When I said after having darshan of Baba

Kedar that this decade belongs to Uttarakhand, it wasn't merely a sentence but a belief in you," he stated. As Uttarakhand marks its 25th anniversary, Modi remains confident about its future prospects.

The Prime Minister's vision for Uttarakhand

emphasises leveraging its spiritual heritage while advancing infrastructural development. By integrating these aspects, he believes that Uttarakhand can achieve remarkable growth and recognition globally.

## Rajnath Singh Slams Rahul Gandhi Over 'Vote Chori' Claim, Says Congress Running Out Of Issues

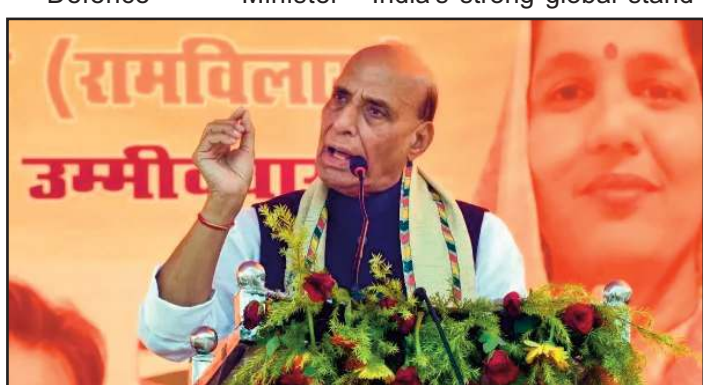
(Gns). Defence Minister

Rajnath Singh on Saturday dismissed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's allegation of "vote chori" as completely baseless, urging him to present any proof before the Election Commission instead of making unsubstantiated claims. Speaking at two election rallies in Rohtas district, Singh said the Congress party was running out of issues, leading its leaders to make false accusations.

"If Rahul Gandhi believes that votes are being stolen in Bihar, he should submit a formal complaint with evidence to the Election Commission. Instead, he continues to make unfounded allegations against a constitutional institution. He is simply

lying," Singh stated during his address.

Defence Minister



Rajnath Singh refuted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's allegations of vote theft as baseless, urging him to provide evidence to the Election Commission, while also criticizing the Congress for divisive politics and politicizing the defense forces. Singh reaffirmed the BJP's support for

reservations and praised the armed forces, asserting India's strong global stand-

ing in the defence forces. "Our defence forces stand above all divisions. He should not politicise or drag them into electoral debates," Singh said. Reaffirming the BJP's stance, Singh declared that the party firmly supports reservations. "We have extended reservations to the poor and other eligible sections of society," he said.

Praising the armed forces for their achievements under Operation Sindoor, Singh clarified that the mission has been "halted, not stopped," warned that India would respond decisively to any future threats. "If terrorists dare to attack India again, we will retaliate with full strength. India never provokes anyone, but if provoked, we will not spare them," he asserted.

## BJP spreads hatred to distract people from real issues: Rahul Gandhi

(Gns). Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, Sunday alleged that the BJP spreads hatred to distract the public from real issues and loot the nation's wealth. He claimed that the ruling party instils fear among people so that no one asks the right questions.

Addressing public rallies at Kishanganj and Purnea today, the final day of campaigning for the Bihar Assembly elections, the Congress leader claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi only talks to Adani and Ambani and meets people in suits and

boots. He never visits farmers, labourers, or young people, he alleged.

"If he ever met the farmers, workers, or youth of Bihar, they would tell him they need food-processing units, hospitals, and employment. Modi does not want to talk to the poor because they would ask why Bihar's youth are not getting jobs, why there aren't good colleges and universities in Bihar, and why young people are forced to migrate to other states for work," Gandhi

said.

He also alleged that Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has destroyed



employment in Bihar, while PM Modi has destroyed it across the country.

The Congress leader said, "Everything sold in Bihar today is made in

China, Vietnam, Bangladesh, or Korea. We want the products sold here to have the 'Made in Bihar' tag. You grow pineapples, mangoes, corn, and fox nuts (makhana), but in 20 years, Nitish Kumar has not set up even a single food-processing unit. Home Minister Amit Shah openly lies, saying there is no land in Bihar for industries, while Adani is given land at the rate of just one rupee per acre."

He promised that the INDIA bloc government in Bihar would improve education by opening more government schools and colleges.

## Amit Shah vows to make Bihar developed state, targets 'infiltrators' and Opposition

(Gns). Addressing public rallies at Sasaram and Arwal on Sunday, the final day of campaigning for the Bihar Assembly elections, Union Home Minister Amit Shah appealed to voters to keep the NDA in power to maintain and accelerate the pace of development in Bihar.

He urged the people of Sasaram and Arwal to prevent the RJD and the Congress from coming to power in Bihar, otherwise the state, which is progressing rapidly, could once again be ruined by lawlessness.

Shah promised that the NDA government would work to make Bihar a developed state over the next five years.

He announced that the government would grant a GI tag to Rohtas's Sonachoor rice to benefit

local farmers. The NDA government would also promote marketing for the region's famous Sona fish.

"Several districts of Bihar were once affected by Naxalism. The Naxals dreamed of a Red Corridor



stretching from Kathmandu to Tirupati. They tried to halt Bihar's development at gunpoint, but it has now been eliminated from the

state. By March 31, 2026, the entire country will be free of Naxalism," he added. He further said that Lalu Yadav and Rahul Gandhi want to build an "infiltrator corridor" while Prime Minister Narendra Modi aims to build industrial and defence corridors, set up arms factories, and sugar mills in Bihar.

He asserted that PM Modi has made the country secure, contrasting it with the period when Sonia Gandhi, Manmohan Singh, and Lalu Yadav were in power, during which, he claimed, terrorists frequently infiltrated from Pakistan.

"If in the future terrorists make such attempts, a bullet will be answered with a shell. This time, the shell that falls in Pakistan will not be foreign-made, but made in Bihar and Sasaram," he added.

## Why RSS operates without registration or taxation - Chief Mohan Bhagwat responds

(Gns). Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat has addressed ongoing questions about why the organisation is neither formally registered nor fully taxed. Speaking at an event in Bengaluru on Saturday, Bhagwat said the RSS operates differently from conventional institutions and that this approach has been consistent since its founding in 1925.

"Many things are not registered. Even Hindu dharma

is not registered," Bhagwat told the media. He added that the RSS has faced government bans three times in the past. This, in his view, demonstrates official recognition of its existence.

"If we were not there, whom did they ban?" he asked rhetorically.

Bhagwat pointed out that the RSS predates India's independence and questioned whether it could have been registered with the British government when it was established in 1925.

"After independence, registration was not made compulsory," he said.

The question of taxation was another topic Bhagwat addressed. He claimed that the income tax department and courts have recognised the RSS as "a body of individuals" rather than a conventional organisation seeking profit.

This classification, he said, has exempted it from paying taxes. Speaking the day before in Bengaluru, he

emphasised that the RSS's purpose is not political power, but "to organise Hindu society for the glory of the nation."

Bhagwat also reflected on the RSS's understanding of Hindu identity. According to him, all Indians are part of a shared cultural heritage, regardless of their religion. "There is no 'Ahindu' in India," he said, adding that the country's core culture is Hindu. And according to him, everyone including Muslims and Christians, shares common ancestors.

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Editorial

Quantum- AI convergence

For some years now, artificial intelligence has commanded the spotlight, reshaping industries, dazzling investors, and alarming policymakers in equal measure. But behind the noise of algorithms and chatbots, another technology is slowly assembling its pieces in near silence. Quantum computing, still in its infancy, could eventually change the nature of computation itself, and in doing so, redefine the boundaries of AI and every field it touches. Quantum technology is often described in paradoxes because it operates in a world of paradoxes. Its building blocks, qubits, do not behave like the tidy bits of classical computing.

They can exist in multiple states at once, enabling an exponential explosion in processing power. The result is a form of computation so advanced that problems requiring billions of years to solve today could, in theory, be cracked in seconds. Yet that potential remains trapped behind the glass walls of laboratories, where machines the size of rooms must be chilled to temperatures colder than outer space to stay stable. Still, even in this embryonic stage, the implications are profound. Quantum could revolutionise drug discovery by modelling molecular interactions beyond the reach of existing computers, paving the way for medicines tailored to individual bodies.

It could optimise logistics, chemical processes, or energy grids with unprecedented precision. In the realm of national security, it might render current encryption systems obsolete ~ a prospect already driving nations to hoard encrypted data for a future when quantum can break it open. In contrast, AI's appeal lies in immediacy. Its tools are accessible, its benefits tangible, and its risks already visible. Quantum, on the other hand, represents delayed disruption, a future that still feels speculative but is quietly approaching. The question is not whether it will arrive, but whether we will be ready when it does. Quantum computing may still be untested at scale, but its ripple effects could reshape economies, governance, and global digital sovereignty.

Both technologies, however, share a cautionary tale: the risk of hype overwhelming understanding. Just as inflated expectations once led to disillusionment with early AI, quantum too could suffer a credibility crisis if promises outpace progress. Yet, this moment of uncertainty may also be its strength, allowing scientists and policymakers to build safeguards before commercialisation begins. If AI challenged our notions of creativity and control, quantum could challenge our very sense of certainty.

Its logic defies intuition, its outcomes are probabilistic, and its potential to disrupt encryption and privacy will test how societies manage power in the digital age. Ultimately, quantum and AI are not rivals but partners in evolution. AI gave machines the ability to "think"; quantum may one day give them the power to "understand" complexity itself. When these forces converge, they could redefine computation, not as a faster process, but as a deeper one, to herald the dawn of a truly intelligent era.

PMAY emerges as India's template for the world

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Affordable housing is a solution for those who cannot afford to have a roof over their head unless it is subsidised or economised to suit their needs. This price-sensitive segment is always priced out due to higher investment needs that go beyond their loan eligibility. The aspiration of having their own house remains an unmet dream.

Global statistics indicate the number of homeless is increasing not only in underdeveloped and developing nations, but also in developed nations (New York and Los Angeles are two of the cities counted among the top to have large numbers of homeless people). Around 300 million people are homeless globally (according to the United Nations), which will reach 330 million by the end of 2025. Besides this, around 2.8 billion people lack access to adequate housing. More shockingly, around 15 million people worldwide are evicted each year, according to statistics. This number is further increased due to climate adversity and disasters. The world is therefore facing an unprecedented crisis of housing shortage. Housing, more than shelter, is the third skin of human beings, bringing safety, stability, and dignity to the occupier and, ultimately, to the nation through its sustainable foundation in a growing ecosystem. Though the housing problem is universal, its manifestations differ by context and country.

This urgency of affordable housing was critically underlined at the UN-Habitat Assembly in Nairobi on 29-30 May 2025, which adopted the strategic plan for 2026-29, prioritising

global needs and calling for coordinated action to treat 'access to housing' as a fundamental human right and a cornerstone of sustainable development. The plan seeks to ensure every person has a shelter with dignity and envisages scaling up affordable housing initiatives through innovative financing, public-private partnerships, and policy reform, and by expanding the social protection system to prevent homelessness, etc. In India, 18 lakh people are homeless, of whom 52 per cent are in urban areas, and around 7.3 crore lack access to adequate decent housing (IGH, 2018; Habitat, 2019). The situation is aggravated by population growth, poverty, income inequality, and unemployment-driven city-centric population concentration. The population growth in urban areas has outpaced the growth of urban housing inventories, leading to the discouraging situation of forcing them to live in marginalised spaces, informal settlements on the street side.

This rural-urban migration is a significant problem, particularly in developing countries, where opportunities and livelihoods are believed to be available in urban areas. Homelessness is not a problem that will be eradicated overnight; it requires coordinated action and commitment by all stakeholders. Communities can reverse these trends through positive development on the ground, addressing not only urban housing but also inclusive economic development. Accordingly, India, the most populous country in the world, viewed this as a hurdle to growth that required immediate attention. The



Prime Minister announced the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in two phases: PMAY-Urban on 25 June 2015 and PMAY-Gramin on 1 April 2016, with a vision to provide housing for all by 2022, which has now been extended till December 2025. The target beneficiaries shall be the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Low Income Groups (LIG) and Middle-Income Groups (MIG) in urban areas.

It has a historical connection to the Indira Awas Yojana, launched a few decades ago. PMAY (Urban) has four components: In-situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR), Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS), Affordable Housing Partnership (AHP) and Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC). The total planned outlay for PMAY (U) under PMAY 1.0 is Rs 8.39 lakh crores. A total of 1.12 crore houses have been sanctioned, and around 96 lakh have been delivered to beneficiaries. Under PMAY 2.0, an additional 10 lakh houses have been sanctioned. To date, out of the Rs 2.05 lakh crore committed, Rs 1.74 lakh crore in central assistance has been released.

a quick, progressive delivery of benefits. The state-wise statistics suggest that the most successful implementation of the PMAY benefit has been achieved by Uttar Pradesh in both the urban and rural schemes, at 98 and 95 per cent respectively.

But ironically, Maharashtra (39 per cent) and Andhra Pradesh (48 per cent) are lagging. The impact of PMAY is not limited to the national focus; it has crossed the geographical boundaries of our country. It has attracted international policymakers because of its innovative structure, which enhances financial efficiency to augment the country's growth. A house that provides a roof over our heads brings dignity to life by acting as a third skin for our bodies. Therefore, looking at the financial supply chain of this scheme with its structure of Subsidised Home loans under the credit-linked subsidy scheme (CLSS), allowing beneficiaries to avail interest subsidy on their home loan, reducing EMIs (by Rs 2000 to Rs 2500), matching the eligibility of EWS, LIG & MIG (Urban) consumers. In Beneficiary-Led Construction (BLD), the landowner received a sub-

sidy for their own home construction, making the dream a reality. In addition, under the Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) programme, private developers received government incentives to provide affordable housing at subsidised rates, mainly in urban areas.

Like PMAY Urban, PMAY Gramin also focused on Rural areas to build 3 crore houses through the Direct Benefit Transfer Process. To achieve women's empowerment, joint ownership was given greater importance. What attracted countries around the world to the scheme is not only that it addressed the home solution, but also created economic growth through employment generation in construction, steel, cement and associated industries. The private housing segment is under pressure from heavy price corrections (7 to 10 per cent) due to a massive number of inventories being made available by Government housing agencies such as CIDCO, MHADA, HUDCO, etc. Cities like Nagpur, Nashik, Surat, Indore, Raipur, Lucknow, Pune, Ahmedabad and Hyderabad are benefiting from AHP and government housing schemes. Private developers' monopoly over an arbitrary pricing mechanism is now indirectly regulated through this PMAY project, which has acted as a double-edged sword.

This will bring rationality to the cost structure in the housing market. The banking sector has seen strong business traction due to ample inventory and government-backed housing schemes, driving market demand amid the aspiration to own a home. Therefore, the domestic economy has received a reboot through one key initiative that addresses the bottom of the pyramid and nurtures their latent desire to succeed. In the international forum, the PMAY urban scheme is referred to as "one of the largest affordable housing programmes globally," indicating that global policymakers are watching us. The challenge perceived by the international community is the supply chain mechanism for delivering without any leakage. The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has drawn lessons on subsidy design, demand-side support, home-ownership bias, multiple verticals in one scheme, Digital monitoring through geo-tagging, and addressing the large-scale ambition of the individual and country at large.

Global bodies like UN-Habitat and the World Bank cite this scheme as an example of a successful public distribution system. Indonesia's slum upgrading and state-led models are often discussed alongside PMAY at UN-Habitat. Soon, African countries will adopt their own model based on the PMAY philosophy. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) researchers have cited PMAY as a benchmark for government-led reform in welfare delivery, through the exemplary utilisation of digital infrastructure and financial inclusion, and by fixing leakages not through threats but through system design, making the system a global template. Homelessness is not inevitable; with coordinated action and commitment, the international community can reverse these trends. As the world meets at the Second World Summit for Social Development in Doha this month, the message is clear: accelerating social progress requires that every person has access to a safe, secure, and dignified place to call home.

Differences and Diplomacy

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Much hullabaloo was made of Afghanistan's acting Foreign Minister, Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi's press conference at the Afghan Embassy, where women journalists were disallowed. While India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) clarified that it had no role in organizing the press interaction, there was widespread criticism of Delhi's supposed acquiescence of gender discrimination. Civil society, journalists, and opposition leaders, called out the Taliban government's discriminatory act.

Firstly, the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961) grants privileges and immunities that extend to invitations and accesses to embassies in any host country. So technically, the Afghanistan Embassy in Delhi was well within its right to filter the audience that it sought to engage with its Foreign Minister, however picky it was in making those choices. If gender was the discriminatory factor here, one can only imagine the sort of filters that an Embassy of say Israel, China, or North Korea, would deploy whilst planning engagement with their respective authority figures in Delhi. It is highly unlikely that a Tibetan or even a journalist from the Indian State of Arunachal Pradesh would get invited to the Chinese Embassy in Delhi.

Importantly, Muttaqi did make amends quickly and included women journalists in his second press conference. He unconvincedly attributed the earlier exclusion to "short notice." The implausible "short notice" notwithstanding, the fact that he denied the charges of gender discrimination and made the necessary inclusions subsequently must be lauded, especially

coming from a representative of a regressive, puritanical, and hyper-religious regime like the Taliban. If anything, Muttaqi chose to acquiesce to the "normalcy" of the host nation as opposed to insisting on the known sensibilities of his own government. The



diplomatic adjustment and compromise ultimately came from Muttaqi's side.

This subsequent correction does not condone the sweeping restrictions on women re-imposed by the Taliban in their second tenure. From banning education for a girl child beyond the sixth grade, banning employment in government or relief jobs, legal or political diminishment, or even restricting access to healthcare and social mobility ~ the psychological, physical, and social discrimination against women in Afghanistan is abysmal. It is at complete variance to the societal and constitutional status of women in India. But then India has had evolutionary changes and reforms over time, whereas the complex and perennially wounded history of Afghanistan has not been afforded the same progressive transformation. If the subcontinent's

fight against the British colonists was rooted in a secular movement (till a very late stage) and subsequent constitutionality, the local Afghan fight against the foreign powers, be it against the British, Soviets, or the Americans, was always rooted in feudal/tribal pride or religiosity (Jihad). There are civilisational (violent land of the "Great Game"), cultural-tribal, and even religious reasons for the Afghan narrative to remain unevolved, even today. However, diplomacy necessitates focusing on commonalities, rather than on differences, in the hope that the larger outcomes lead to betterment, even if they are still far from perfect. For India to only focus on Taliban's obvious wrongs would only perpetuate the divide and worsen portents, whereas engagement and interaction could lead to possibilities of positive changes for India (and Afghanistan), in every realm.

Even purely from realpolitik, a friendly Afghanistan denies Pakistan its long cherished "Strategic Depth" in Afghanistan. Besides obvious economic and strategic opportunities (e.g., gateway to Central Asia via the

Chabahar port in Iran) ~ the Indian footprint in Afghanistan cuts into the possible influence of China and positions Delhi as the global pointsman for Afghanistan to the rest of the world. The cultural and societal affinity towards India and Indians in

Aviv. Similarly, Delhi has strong relations with an undemocratic and authoritarian regime in Moscow; just as we may or may not have similarly warm relations in Bangladesh or Nepal, even with the democratic free will of its people (despite cultural, civilisational or religious commonalities). There is simply no alternative to engagement, even if one were to disagree on certain aspects of the other side. India needs to engage confidently with the conviction that it has had women Presidents, Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Foreign Secretaries, eminent Journalists and Editors (e.g., of this very publication), all on account of their merit.

India can teach by inspiring examples and not necessarily by preaching or denialism. If anything, in recent times it has conveniently forsaken engagement selectively with Pakistan (ironically not with China, its foremost enemy) as publicly decrying Pakistan has electoral gratification in domestic politics. However, when a financial "deal" is attractive (read, BCCI stakes), it readily plays cricket matches with Pakistan with public postures of no handshakes ~ this is convenient, partisan and amnesic nationalism, which is inconsistently flexed depending on situations.

If we can rightly thaw relations with the Taliban (whilst disagreeing with many of their moorings), we can similarly engage with other neighbours if we can conduct diplomacy shorn of the electoral lens. If engagement with Xi Jinping (despite the bloody Summer of 2020) and Taliban is kosher and conditional, it can also be with yet another troublesome neighbour across the Line

Indian way best for climate crisis

(Gns).

The global community is witnessing an alarming increase in frequency, intensity and scale of broken climate records, as the average global temperature is increasing at a rate of about 0.2 degrees Celsius per decade. Reports suggest that in 2025 alone, heatwaves in Europe killed thousands and wildfires caused more than 400,000 hectares of infrastructure damage, while the US lost a staggering \$15 billion to weather disasters till June 2025. Asia recorded warming at twice the global average, fuelling extreme weather events, causing severe strain on lives, economies and resources.

developed countries have failed to honour their finance and technology commitments, flattened the equity and differentiated responsibility principles in the Paris Climate Agreement and have largely ignored the voices of indigenous peoples calling for climate justice, resulting in the growing trust deficit in the negotiation process and incremental climate



outcomes. The technological innovations, action plans and increase in renewable capacities prove to be highly inadequate to curb temperature rise or help communities deal with climate impacts.

Global greenhouse gas emissions, as per the UN Emission Gap report, set a new record of 57.7 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2024, a 2.3 per cent increase from 2023 levels, with the power sector contributing the highest, as rampant fossil fuel use continues. If the dominant discourse considers nature and environment as merely exploitable resources and commodities, there is little hope of solving the climate crises. This is despite the limited time window to curb temperature levels within liveable limits of 1.5 degree C, as mentioned in the Paris Agreement. Going ahead, what is that fundamental thinking shift required for real, sustainable, transformative actions and who can provide that?

In our understanding,

One Family rather than focusing on a particular sect or faith, and minimalism based on responsible consumption and Nyay ~ justice for the needy and vulnerable. The Brihadaranyaka Upanishad talks of sarvātmabhāva, meaning one's identification with all while the Bhagavad Gita promotes collective action for environmental conservation for communities' own survival.

In application, the means of production and distribution revolved around nature conservation. Sustainable lifestyles involved reduced and moderate consumption, minimal wastage, material reuse, balanced diets, mindful living with more focus on the quality of life. By ascribing sacredness to all beings and ecosystems at large, the Bharatiya Sanatana outlook has ingrained sustainability as part of collective consciousness and wisdom. It is this traditional Indian worldview that needs to drive global climate and environmental agenda. In practice, this goes beyond focus on just nature-based solutions, environmental management.



## Kerala Govt Orders Probe After Students Sing RSS Song On Vande Bharat Express

Dinto K.P., Principal of Saraswathi Vidyaniethan Public School in Elamakkara, identified as the institution involved, maintained that the song was a Malayalam patriotic composition chosen voluntarily by the students and not directed by Southern Railway.



Meanwhile, the opposition Congress condemned the episode, demanding action against the school management for allegedly using children for "communal purposes." However the school authorities

## Ministry of Home Affairs and National Judicial Academy Bhopal hosts two-day National Conference on three New Criminal Laws

model rules / standard operating procedures for key technological innovations introduced under the new framework. These include e- Sakshya (electronic evidence), e-Summon (digital issuance and delivery of legal notices), community service (as an alternative sentencing mechanism), and Nyay Shruti (audio-visual systems for accessible justice delivery).



criminal justice system. Shri Mohan said that under the guidance of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, the country has ushered in a new era of speedy

tric and technology-enabled. He appreciated a key institutional contribution to the implementation of these laws from the National Judicial Academy Bhopal, which has drafted





## Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee Faces Rs 57 Lakh Theft From Inactive Bank Account

(Gns). Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee has reported a theft of Rs 57 lakh from his inactive bank account. This account was linked to his previous role as a West Bengal MLA. The police have initiated an investigation following a formal complaint by the bank authorities with Kolkata Police's cybercrime section. However, no arrests have been made yet, according to an official. "It is quite shocking... The account was opened when I was Asansol South MLA and remained dormant for several years after I became Serampore MP," Banerjee told PTI.

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vious role as a West Bengal MLA; Kolkata Police's cybercrime section is investigating the fraudu-

phone number to the account, diverting all OTPs and transaction details to themselves, he claimed.



lent activity allegedly involving fake documents and phone number manipulation.

The criminals allegedly used Banerjee's photograph along with fake Aadhaar and PAN cards to execute the fraudulent activity. They also added a

This allowed them to transfer the substantial amount from his account without detection.

"The criminals transferred Rs 57 lakh from my account. If this can happen to an MP, what will be the condition of a common man? How come these

people find out that I had such a significant amount of money in my account?" Banerjee asked.

Concerns Over Financial Security

A senior officer from Kolkata Police mentioned that they are actively investigating the case. They are examining all transactions and related details to trace the perpetrators. The incident raises concerns about financial security, especially when such breaches can occur even with high-profile individuals like MPs.

This case highlights vulnerabilities in banking systems and the need for enhanced security measures. It also underscores the importance of vigilance among account holders, regardless of their status or position.

## Shashi Tharoor defends Advani on Rath Yatra 'episode', cites Indira Gandhi's emergency, and Nehru's China setback

(Gns). Days after criticising the Nehru-Gandhi family using the same line of attack employed by the BJP — the dynastic politics — disgruntled Congress leader Shashi Tharoor has once again ignited a debate, this time over his ideological loyalty, by calling former deputy prime minister Lal Krishna Advani "a statesman."

Tharoor on Saturday took to social media platform X to wish Advani on his 98th birthday.

In the post, the Congress leader hailed the BJP veteran for his "unwavering commitment to public service, his modesty & decency, and his role in shaping the trajectory of modern India", calling him a "true statesman" whose life of service has been exemplary.

Interacting on his post, senior lawyer lawyer Sanjay Hegde said, "Sorry Mr Tharoor, unleashing the 'dragon seeds of hatred' (to

quote Khushwant Singh) in this country is not public service."

With the 'dragon seeds of hatred', Hegde was apparently referring to an

However, Tharoor surprisingly came to Advani's defence, saying the BJP veteran should not be judged by one episode, citing the example of



old episode where writer-journalist Khushwant Singh, during a public event, had said to Advani's face that he "sowed the dragon seeds of hatred in the country".

Singh was apparently referring to Advani's famous Rath Yatra which is alleged to have led to the demolition of the Babri Mosque in Ayodhya and subsequent riots.

Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi.

Responding to Hegde's reply to his birthday post, Tharoor said that he agreed emementsinnkleeith the lawyer's argument but asserted that "reducing his long years of service to one episode, however significant, is also unfair."

He continued, "The totality of Nehruji's career cannot

be judged by the China setback, nor Indira Gandhi's by the Emergency alone. I believe we should extend the same courtesy to Advani."

Lately, Tharoor has been at loggerheads with the Congress leadership. His unfiltered expression of "personal views" have often embarrassed the party.

Most recently, Tharoor wrote an article calling out the Nehru-Gandhi family over dynastic politics while leaving out references to the dynastic families within the BJP.

"The influence of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty — including independent India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, prime ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, and current opposition leader Rahul Gandhi and MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra — is bound up with the history of India's struggle for freedom.

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**A two-day program organized by the District Tuberculosis Department with the support of Mandona Rural Development Foundation.**

**If you cough for more than two weeks, get tested: DTO**

Mathura. A two-day awareness and nutritious food distribution program was organized by the District Tuberculosis Department in the district through Mandona Rural Development Foundation. Nutritious material was distributed to 550 tuberculosis patients in Govardhan, Barsana, Farah and Baldev areas. During the program, patients were motivated to become TB champions by following hygiene, taking medicines on time, getting their family members tested and sharing their experiences.

Director of the organi-

zation, Laxmikant Gaur said that the objective of the organization is not only to distribute material but also to provide social, mental and nutritional support to the patients. We have been working continuously in rural blocks for the last four years and our aim is that every patient completes the treatment and goes on to become a 'TB Champion' who inspires other patients. He also appealed to involve more and more people in the campaign to adopt tuberculosis patients. District Tuberculosis Officer Dr. Sanjeev Yadav said that community cooperation plays the most important role in eradicating TB. TB is completely curable,

but it is necessary to complete the treatment regularly. Nutritious food, awareness and timely testing are the pillars of



Making the villagers aware by the District Tuberculosis Department through Mandona Rural Development Foundation.

defeating this disease. So far, more than sixteen thousand tuberculosis patients have been registered in Mathura. On this occasion,

the organization and officials appealed that a financially capable person, organization or group can adopt a tuberculosis patient and cooperate in his nutrition, medication and mental support.

Get tested if symptoms appear

The Foundation and the Health Department appealed and made people aware that if anyone has symptoms like cough, fever or weight loss for more than two weeks, then get tested for TB immediately. TB testing and treatment is available completely free of cost. Dr. Chandravalli, Alok Tiwari, Nischal Diwaker, Shiv Kumar, Tejveer, Pankaj Yadav, Mukesh Kumar, Sanjay Sharma, Satyaveer, Anup, Prem Kumar, Rajesh Deepak etc. were present in the program and gave active support in the awareness campaign

## District Magistrate inspected CSC regarding farmer registry

Mathura. To ensure the benefits of government schemes to the farmers of the district, District Magistrate CP Singh inspected the Common Service Centers (CSC) late in the evening as part of the Farmer Registry Campaign. He inquired about the progress of registration of farmers and instructed the officials to ensure registration of as many farmers as possible. Farmer Registry campaign is being speeded up with the aim of reaching the benefits of government schemes to the farmers on time. On Saturday night at 10 pm, DM CP Singh conducted a surprise inspection of Hariom Jan Seva Kendra located in Block



District Magistrate CP Singh during inspection

Chaumuha. During this, he asked the center operator about the progress of farmer registry and also got

some farmers registered on the spot. The District Magistrate motivated the farmers to get farmer regis-

tration done. He instructed the revenue personnel and CSC operators to contact the farmers and get them registered, so that no farmer is deprived of the benefits of government schemes. Farmer Registry is very important for the farmers. Through this, they will be able to get direct benefits of government schemes, Kisan Samman Nidhi, subsidy and other assistance. The District Magistrate assigned the task of ensuring maximum registration to CSC operators and concerned officials. On this occasion SDM Chhata Vaibhav Gupta, Sachin Pawar Tehsildar Chhata, Abhimanyu Seth BDO Chaumuhan Chie

## Venkatesh Garg Held in Georgia, Bishnoi Gang Aide Bhanu Rana Nabbed in US

(Gns). Indian security agencies have successfully apprehended two of the nation's most notorious gangsters, who had been operating from abroad. Venkatesh Garg was captured in Georgia, while Bhanu Rana was detained in the United States. Rana is associated with the infamous Lawrence Bishnoi gang. Both individuals are expected to be deported to India shortly. Presently, more than 24 major Indian gangsters are overseas, recruiting and managing criminal networks.

Indian security agencies arrested Venkatesh Garg in Georgia and Bhanu Rana in the United States; Garg faces over ten criminal cases, and Rana is linked to the Lawrence Bishnoi

gang with a network across Haryana, Punjab, and Delhi.

Party (BSP) leader in Gurugram. Garg has been



The arrest operation has shed light on the methods employed by these criminals. Venkatesh Garg, a native of Narayangarh in Haryana, has over ten criminal cases against him in India. He fled to Georgia after being implicated in the murder of a Bahunjan Samaj

actively recruiting young individuals from Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi, and other northern states.

Garg has been running an extortion racket alongside Kapil Sangwan, another gangster residing overseas. In October, Delhi Police arrested four of

Sangwan's shooters involved in attacks on a builder's house and farmhouse. This highlights the extensive reach and influence of Garg's criminal operations.

Bhanu Rana has been living in the US for some time and is linked to the Bishnoi gang. Originally from Karnal, he has a long history of criminal activities with several cases registered against him. His network spans across Haryana, Punjab, and Delhi.

Rana's name surfaced during investigations into a grenade attack in Punjab. In June, Karnal's Special Task Force (STF) arrested two men found with hand grenades, pistols, and ammunition acting under Rana's instructions.

## Bihar will give mandate in favour of India bloc: Akhilesh Yadav in Odisha

(Gns). After hectic campaigning for INDIA bloc in Bihar, Samajwadi Party National President and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav on Sunday arrived to a warm welcome in Odisha.

Addressing a large rally in support of Samajwadi Party candidate Ramakant Hati in the Naupada Assembly by-election, Akhilesh Yadav appealed for a landslide victory for SP candidate.

Odisha State In-charge Shri Sunil Singh Sajjan was present on the occasion.

Speaking to the media, the SP chief said when he was welcomed with firecrackers, he felt like saying, "It feels like Diwali is still going on, and it should con-

tinue, because the verdict in Bihar has already been declared in favour of the Grand Alliance. This time,

nessed the BJP's naked dance. Police prevented people from voting. They were stopped at gunpoint.



the Diwali of prosperity will be celebrated there by lighting lanterns. Every village in Bihar will shine."

Yadav said attention must be paid to ensuring that there are no irregularities in the voter list during the elections. "We have wit-

They were not allowed to vote despite having the slip.

The BJP has machines at the polling booths that will create fake Aadhaar cards. The voter list should be such that the voter's photo can be identified. Efforts should be made to prevent

fake Aadhaar cards from being made. Aadhaar is used everywhere, including bank accounts, registries, and passports. Then why doesn't the Election Commission approve it in the SIR? It would be better if they created a metal Aadhaar card. Everyone should receive an Aadhaar card," he said.

The SP president said when people see VVPAT slips lying open in Bihar, they will be apprehensive about how the Election Commission will conduct fair elections.

In response to a question, he said that Uttar Pradesh has already revealed its election results in the last Lok Sabha elections.

## Shri Krishna Kripa Jee Geeta Parivar to organize Divine Geeta Prerna Utsav at Janeshwar Park

**- The message of "Let us be one, let us be noble" will be conveyed**

**- The knowledge of the Geeta will connect people, spreading the message of positivity and inspiration**

Lucknow, November 9, 2025:

With the aim of spreading the life-giving message of the Bhagavad Gita to everyone, the "Shri Krishna Kripa Jee Geeta Parivar, Uttar Pradesh," inspired by revered Geeta scholar Swami Shri Gyananand Ji Maharaj, will organize the "Divine Geeta Prerna Utsav" at Janeshwar Mishra Park in Lucknow, the capital, on November 23, 2025, from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. Honorable Sarsangchalak Dr. Mohan Bhagwat Ji will grace the event. The illustrious Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath Ji, will also be present.

In a press conference organized by the organiza-

tion on Sunday, the outline of the upcoming program, its objectives, and the growing reach of the "Jee Geeta"

efforts to spread the message of the Gita, and the key components of the Prerna Utsav to be held on



campaign across the country and the world were discussed in detail.

The press conference was attended by Shri Krishna Kripa Jiyo Geeta Parivar's General Secretary, Mr. Pradeep Mittal, and Uttar Pradesh Coordinator, Mr. Mani Prasad Mishra (Retd. IAS), along with other representatives. Speakers highlighted the organization's journey so far, its national and international

November 23rd.

Speakers stated, "The objective of 'Jiyo Geeta' is not merely a religious program, but a campaign to inculcate the essence of the Gita in every aspect of life." They added, "The Gita is not just a scripture, but the science of life. It brings values to children, positive energy to youth, love to families, and harmony to society."

They further explained that this event is an inspiring

step towards Gita Jayanti 2026. The organization wants everyone to know, understand, and implement the Gita in their lives. In line with this sentiment, the slogan of the 'Jiyo Geeta' Parivar is, "Let us be one, let us be noble."

The Divine Geeta Prerna Utsav, to be held on November 23rd at Janeshwar Mishra Park (Gate No. 6, Gomti Nagar Extension, Lucknow), will feature blessings from prominent saints of the nation, special Geeta recitations, inspirational discourses, and cultural performances. They stated that the true message of the Geeta lies in the promotion of morality, harmony, and positive thinking in society.

Speakers appealed to the media and society to join this campaign and advance the message of "reaching the knowledge of the Geeta in every sphere."

## New Executive Committee of the State Nurses Association of Uttar Pradesh Formed

Lucknow, today, November 9, 2025, Dr. Alok Saxena, Election Observer/Joint Director (Nursing), Directorate General of Health Services, Swasthya Bhawan, and Mr. Rajiv Chaudhary, Indesh Mani Tripathi, and Mr. Pawan Saxena, Principal Assistants, Directorate General of Health Services, Swasthya Bhawan, Lucknow, announced the newly elected Executive Committee of the State Nurses Association of Uttar Pradesh for 2025, and held a swearing-in ceremony for all at the Balrampur Hospital, Vigyan Bhawan, Lucknow. Mrs. Shirley Bhandari was

declared elected unopposed for the second con-

position of General Secretary for the fourteenth



secutive term as President. Mr. Ashok Kumar was elected unopposed for the

consecutive term. The entire Executive Committee was also elected unop-

posed. Geetanshu Verma Treasurer Rajendra Shukla Vice President Gorakhpur Satyendra Kumar Vice President Lucknow Radha Rani Verma Vice President Aligarh Satish Kumar Tyagi Vice President Agra Pawan Mishra Vice President Meerut Ram Gopal Joint Minister Firozabad Rama Singh Joint Minister Lucknow Shashi Lata Verma Joint Minister Sitapur Sagir Ahmed Joint Minister Kanpur Kamini Singh Joint Minister Moradabad and Vinay Kumar Singh Auditor Lucknow The entire executive was elected unopposed.