



## President Droupadi Murmu to present 6th National Water Awards on Nov 18

(Agency) President Droupadi Murmu will present the 6th National Water Awards 2024 at a ceremony scheduled on November 18 at Vigyan Bhawan here, the Ministry of Jal Shakti announced on Tuesday.

Union Minister of Jal Shakti C R Paatil declared the list of 46 winners, including joint awardees, during a press conference held at Shram Shakti Bhawan. The awards, instituted by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR), recognise outstanding efforts in water conservation and management across ten categories.

"Maharashtra has been named the Best State, followed by Gujarat and

Haryana," the ministry said in a press statement.

Under the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 1.0 (JSJB) initiative, states are divided into five zones, and the districts are encouraged to construct a minimum of 10,000 artificial recharge and storage structures. This number is 3,000 for the districts in North-Eastern and Hilly States, while it is 10,000 for Municipal Corporations nationwide. The structures include those for rooftop rainwater harvesting, as well as the rejuvenation of lakes, ponds, and stepwells.

To strengthen urban water conservation efforts, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs partnered with the Ministry of Jal Shakti. Through this collaboration, Urban Local

Bodies are motivated to construct at least 2,000

Districts, six municipal corporations, one urban local



recharge structures each.

A total of 100 awards have been announced this year. These include three top-performing states, 67

body (ULB), two partner ministries/Departments, two industries, three NGOs, two philanthropists, and 14 nodal officers.

A total of 751 applications were received through the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal of the Ministry of Home Affairs. After evaluation and field verification by the Central Water Commission (CWC) and the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), 46 winners were selected for

their exemplary initiatives.

Among the key awardees, Rajnandgaon in Chhattisgarh, Khargone in Madhya Pradesh, Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh, Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu, and Sepahijala in Tripura were recognised as the best-performing districts.

Navi Mumbai in

Maharashtra topped among urban local bodies, while IIT Gandhinagar in Gujarat and ICAR-CCARI, Goa shared the award for best institution.

The Best Village Panchayat award went jointly to Dubbiganipalli in Andhra Pradesh and Payam in Kerala.

Launched in 2018, the National Water Awards aim to encourage community participation and sustainable water management, supporting the government's vision of a 'Jal Samridh Bharat' under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

## PM Modi's Bhutan visit yields key agreements on energy, connectivity, and culture

(Agency) Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bhutan has resulted in several significant agreements and announcements, further strengthening the bilateral relationship between India and Bhutan.

During his ongoing visit, Modi inaugurated the 1,020 MW Punatsangchu-II Hydroelectric Project, a joint initiative between India and Bhutan, marking a major milestone in energy cooperation.

The key announcements include the resumption of work on the 1,200

MW Punatsangchu-II Hydroelectric Project's main dam structure. It was

Varanasi, promoting cultural ties.

An Immigration Check



also decided that India will grant land for a Bhutanese temple and guest house in

Post will be established in Hatisar, near Gelephu, enhancing connectivity.

India will also provide a Rs 4,000 crore Line of Credit to Bhutan, supporting its development.

Memoranda of Understanding signed include a pact aiming to boost collaboration in solar, wind, biomass, energy storage, and green hydrogen. An MoU focusing on joint initiatives in healthcare, including telemedicine and research, was also signed, while a pact was inked between PEMA Secretariat, Bhutan, and NIMHANS in which India will enhance mental health capacity building.

## Himachal's border tourism surges 3.5 times after govt-Army initiative

(Agency) Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that the border tourism initiative, launched jointly by the state government and the Indian Army, has shown remarkable results.

"Tourist inflow in the border regions has increased sharply—from around 21,000 visitors in 2024 to over 70,000 in 2025, marking a three-and-a-half-fold rise," said Sukhu. He informed this during a meeting held with senior officers of the Indian Army's Central Command on Tuesday.

He directed officials to ensure smooth facilities for tourists visiting these regions to further enhance their experience.

While reviewing various projects being implemented by the Army in Himachal Pradesh, the Chief Minister

is planning to set up wind turbine projects at 20 locations in the border areas, for which a detailed project

trifly 120 to 160 households.

Sukhu also stated that the state government has written to the Union Government regarding the resumption of trade activities through Shipki La and that positive indications have been received. Owing to the consistent efforts of the state government, both India and China have agreed to reopen border trade through the Lipulekh Pass, Shipki-La Pass and Nathu-La Pass.

He further reviewed the progress of the proposed airport at Rangrik and urged Army officials to expedite work on the project, stating that it would provide a major boost to tourism and connectivity in the region.ku



assured the Army of the state government's full cooperation in the execution of its projects.

It was informed during the meeting that the Army

report has already been prepared. The project is expected to generate between 68,000 and 80,000 kWh of energy annually—enough to elec-

## DMK's SIR protest a diversionary tactic, Stalin's Kolathur constituency has 4,379 fake voters: Nirmala Sitharaman

(Agency) Debunking the protests by the ruling DMK and its allies across Tamil Nadu against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls as a diversionary tactic to conceal the Stalin government's failure, BJP leader and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday claimed that the Chief Minister's assembly constituency in Chennai itself had 4,379 fake voters. "The SIR exercise is being carried out to remove fake voters only. But Chief Minister MK Stalin is deriding it as a conspiracy. Even in his Kolathur constituency, there are 4,379 fake voters. Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi doesn't even know what the SIR is about,

and the DMK protest is an attempt to hoodwink the

people," she said, addressing the media, after participating in the Zonal Core-Committee meeting of the BJP in Coimbatore.

"No genuine voter will be removed and disenfranchised," she asserted, and asked the opposition parties whether no SIR had been held earlier. "SIR had been held 10 times before the year 2000 and thrice after that. While SIR is a revision, Udhayanidhi claims it is a 'restriction' and the DMK

paints a picture as though the BJP had imposed it. It

had happened when the DMK was sharing power at the Centre," countered the Finance Minister, defending the SIR exercise.

Maintaining that the Election Commission is constitutionally mandated under Articles 324 and 329 to revise the electoral rolls ahead of every election, she said, "Of the 4,379 fake voters in Kolathur, 933 had bogus addresses and 30 shared the same address. There are over 7 lakh duplicate

voters, 20 lakh fake entries, and 35 lakh migrated voters, taking the total number of ineligible entries in the State to 68 lakh." She then asked, "Should not such fake voters and ineligible entries be removed?"

The Finance Minister accused the DMK and other opposition parties of weakening statutory and constitutional institutions, saying they blame the EVMs whenever the BJP wins and are now targeting the EC. Responding to a question on Rahul Gandhi's 'Vote Chori' expose, she dismissed the Congress leader's claims, saying, "He shouts 'Vote Chori' by twisting facts, be it Bihar, Haryana, or Maharashtra. It is a fear of losing the elections."



## HPU inks MoU with Indian Army to promote joint research and innovation

(Agency) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on Tuesday between Himachal Pradesh University (HPU), Shimla, and the Indian Army to promote collaborative research and development initiatives.

The signing ceremony was held in the presence of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. Brigadier Anurag Pandey signed the MoU on behalf of the Indian Army, while Professor Mahavir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, represented HPU.

The Chief Minister said



that the agreement marked the beginning of a synergistic partnership between the Indian Army and HPU aimed at advancing joint research and development in diverse domains.

The collaboration will

focus on several key areas, including joint historical research on Indo-Tibet linkages, economic and developmental studies in the border regions of Himachal Pradesh to promote investment and sustainable

growth, and the exploration and deployment of drone technology and counter-drone systems. It will also cover the development and implementation of cybersecurity best practices and initiatives to promote green energy and environmental sustainability.

In addition, the MoU emphasises strategic and mass communication initiatives for effective information dissemination, exchange of faculty and staff for academic and research cooperation, and the organisation of joint seminars, workshops and training programmes.

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## Editorial

### Complimentary AI

A quiet technological revolution is unfolding in India. Over the past few weeks, millions of Indian mobile users have begun receiving free access to advanced artificial intelligence tools bundled with their data packs. What appears at first glance to be a wave of corporate generosity is in fact a calculated global play for the world's largest untapped AI user base. India's unique combination of low data costs, a young digital population, and a competitive telecom market makes it irresistible to global technology firms. For them, India offers what few other markets can: scale, openness, and diversity.

Nearly every new technology of the past two decades – social media, e-commerce, digital payments – has tested its mass adoption potential here. AI, it seems, is the next frontier. The logic is simple. The more people use AI-powered chatbots, search companions, and creative assistants, the more data these systems can learn from. India's multilingual, socially diverse, and economically varied user base offers the richest possible training ground for such systems. Every query typed in a local dialect, every voice note transcribed from a regional accent, every document refined or translated by an AI tool strengthens the algorithms that underpin the global AI ecosystem. Yet, there is a deeper layer to this experiment. By giving AI access away for free ~ or nearly so ~ global firms are betting that India's digital population can be "trained" just as effectively as their machines. Once daily life becomes intertwined with these tools, habits will form, and switching away later will feel inconvenient, even unnatural.

The initial phase is about trust and dependence; the next will inevitably be about monetisation. What seems like a gift today is, in truth, an early negotiation for tomorrow's control over digital habits and identities. This raises uncomfortable but necessary questions about data sovereignty and user awareness. India's existing data protection framework, though progressive on paper, has yet to evolve into a fully enforceable digital rights regime. Until it does, the average citizen remains vulnerable to opaque data collection practices. The convenience of "free" AI comes with a hidden cost: the silent export of personal data that fuels corporate innovation elsewhere. The challenge, therefore, is not to resist technological change but to govern it wisely.

India cannot afford to smother innovation through overregulation, nor can it allow a digital gold rush that leaves its citizens' privacy unguarded. What is needed is a nimble, layered regulatory approach, one that encourages experimentation while insisting on transparency and accountability from AI providers. If managed thoughtfully, India's AI moment could mirror its earlier triumphs in mobile and fintech adoption, empowering millions while contributing to global innovation. But if left unchecked, it risks turning the country into the world's largest unpaid data lab. The line between empowerment and exploitation will depend on how India chooses to draw it – now, while the technology is still free.

## Uttar Pradesh becomes a growth hotspot for PBPartners: 74% jump in Health Insurance business, 143% rise in PoSP partner network

Key developments unveiled at the press conference:

- ~Lucknow health insurance business up 52% YoY; UP business overall surges 74%
- ~Agent network up 56% in Lucknow (1,000+) and 143% across UP (5,000+)
- ~10,000+ partners nationwide earn annual commissions via Guaranteed Renewal Program
- ~30,000+ queries resolved via PBP Mitra helpline; 10,000+ handled monthly
- ~Experience Centres active in Lucknow & Varanasi; launching in Kanpur next
- ~Top partners rewarded through PBP One Clubs — perks, recognition & trips to Thailand, Moscow & London

PBPartners, Policybazaar's PoSP arm, hosted a press meet in Lucknow to share its stellar growth and expansion in Uttar Pradesh. With rising consumer awareness and a rapidly expanding agent network, Uttar Pradesh has emerged as a key growth pillar for PBPartners.

The event was graced by Mr. Neeraj Adhana, National Sales Head – Health Insurance, PBPartners, and Mr. Pankaj Kumar Upadhyay, Regional Head – Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand, PBPartners. They discussed the company's deepening regional presence, strong business growth, and innovations designed to empower agent partners and customers alike.

UP emerges as a key Health Insurance market for PBPartners

In Lucknow, PB Partners operates across 225 pin codes with over 1,000 partners, marking a 56% increase in the partner base compared to FY2024-25. Across Uttar Pradesh,

(Agency)

When a Hyderabad-based paediatrician took on billion-rupee beverage brands over their misuse of the term "ORS," it sounded like a medical dispute. It is much more than that. It is a story about how weak labelling rules and regulatory flip-flops can put lives at risk, and how, in the name of "consumer choice," companies often mislead rather than empower. Earlier this month, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued a decisive order: no food or beverage company may use the term "ORS" in product names, labels, or trademarks, even as a prefix or suffix.

For many doctors who have long fought misleading "hydration" drinks, this was a breakthrough moment. Why it matters is simple. Real ORS, oral rehydration solution, saves lives. It is a precisely balanced mix of glucose and salts recommended by the World Health Organization to treat dehydration, especially in children. But many drinks sold under the "ORS" label in Indian pharmacies and supermarkets contain up to ten times more sugar than the WHO formula. Rather than dehydrating children, these drinks can worsen dehydration, disrupt electrolyte balance and can lead to life threatening complications. Doctors across India have seen it firsthand.

At Delhi's Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, a four-year-old child arrived dangerously dehydrated after being given "ORS water" for two days. Tests showed high sugar and low sodium levels, the parents had unknowingly used a sweetened drink sold online as

an "ORS substitute." In such cases, the difference between life and death comes down to whether parents can trust the label on a bottle. For years, companies have taken advantage of regulatory ambiguity. Earlier FSSAI circulars allowed manufacturers to use "ORS" with prefixes or suffixes if they carried disclaimers. But these half-measures left room for abuse. Shiny packaging, familiar medical language, and placement in pharmacy aisles created an illusion of safety. When parents saw "ORS" in bold letters, they assumed it was the same lifesaving formula recommended by doctors.

It wasn't. That is what makes the FSSAI's October directive both necessary and overdue. However, in classic Indian fashion, it didn't take long for the issue to get tangled in red tape. Soon after the order, the Delhi High Court temporarily stayed its implementation following a petition by a Johnson & Johnson subsidiary JNTL Consumer Health that sells popular "ORS" beverages, arguing that the regulator acted "in haste" and without consultation, citing stock worth up to Rs 180 crore. This legal tug-of-war reveals a deeper flaw in India's regulatory culture: we oscillate between extremes. Either the state turns a blind eye to misleading marketing, or it swings the hammer so suddenly that compliance chaos follows.

Neither approach serves consumers. What India needs is a system that enforces clarity, not confusion, where brands can innovate without misleading consumers, and parents can trust the prod-

ucts sold in their local pharmacies. What India needs is balanced, smart regulation that promotes clarity without crushing innovation. Instead of sweeping bans or drawn-out courtroom battles, there are practical, low-cost fixes that can make a real difference. Regulators should enforce transparent labelling, a distinct colour band or symbol, say, a blue strip marked "FSSAI Certified Medical ORS," to help consumers instantly identify genuine medical-grade solutions.

Supermarkets and pharmacies should be required to move sugary "hydration" drinks out of medical aisles and into regular beverage sections. This simple fix



would prevent confusion without punishing the companies that make legitimate products. Next the government should initiate national awareness campaigns

## Isolation must force India to prepare herself better

(Agency)

There has been a vast change between Donald Trump's first and second tenures in his approach to global issues. In his first tenure Trump termed China and Russia as his strategic rivals. His 2017 National Security Strategy mentioned, "China and Russia challenge American power, influence and interests, attempting to erode American security and prosperity." He pushed for an enhanced role of the Quad, considering India as essential for containing China.

Trump's then Secretary of State Rex Tillerson mentioned, "We need to collaborate with India to ensure that the Indo-Pacific is increasingly a place of peace, stability, and growing prosperity – so that it does not become a region of disorder, conflict and predatory economics." This was expected to continue in Trump's second term. Prime Minister Modi met Trump at the White House soon after he assumed office and the visit was claimed to be a success. The US government readout of the meeting said, "The leaders reaffirmed that a close partnership between the US and India is central to a free, open, peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific region."

It added, "The US appreciates India's role as a developmental, humanitarian assistance and net security provider in the Indian Ocean Region." Since then, a lot has changed. Trump's emphasis has shifted towards trade deficits and the US mainland. His desperation for a Nobel peace award and his exalted ego have impacted his assessment. American allies have also not been spared from his trade battles, and are being considered trade adversaries. Talks are on hold with Canada while India, Europe and his Asian allies face high tariffs, unless they meet Trump's terms and conditions. The highest tariffs presently are on India and Brazil at 50 per cent.

ties with India began deteriorating post Operation Sindoor when Trump announced that he had ended the conflict. India rebutted his claims. Trade deficits with India and its



preferring Russian oil to US shale oil, led to increased tariffs and punitive sanctions. Trade talks are ongoing, moving at their own pace, with India refusing to give in on its redlines – agriculture and dairy products. PM Modi has avoided meeting Trump to prevent a contentious discussion on Operation Sindoor and trade. Adding to Indian concerns was Trump's re-set of ties with China. He described his short meeting with Xi at the airport in Busan, South Korea, on the sidelines of the APEC summit as 'amazing' terming it as '12 out of 10.'

For Trump, losing Chinese markets for its agricultural products, lifting restrictions imposed on imports of rare earth minerals and curbing movement of opioid fentanyl into America were priorities. To get China to accept his demands he reduced tariffs. Trump also mentioned that procurement of Russian oil, the very reason for additional sanctions on India, was not discussed with Xi. He added that neither was a Taiwan raised, though he mentioned that China promised not to occupy it by force during his tenure. Trump termed the meeting as that of the 'G2,' implying the world's top two economies. This conveyed a reset in ties. Many believe Trump surrendered to Xi to safeguard US interests, a change from his

much like those for BIS hallmark or handwashing, to educate parents about the difference between WHO approved ORS drink and commercial energy drink. And rather than waiting for heavy-handed crackdowns, responsible manufacturers should be encouraged to adopt a voluntary code of conduct on ORS labelling and marketing, co-monitored by FSSAI.

That would build trust, cut down on compliance disputes and prove that collaboration between industry and regulators can protect consumer choice better than bans ever could. At its core, this issue is not about banning products. It is about truth in labeling. Consumers deserve trans-

earlier confrontational approach.

A free, open Indo-Pacific has been forgotten and so has the Quad. Where does this leave India? India has been balancing its ties with

parency, especially when their health is at stake. Clear and consistent regulation doesn't just protect patients but also responsible manufacturers who abide by the rules and sell genuine medical-grade products. When bad actors exploit grey areas, everyone pays the price; consumers lose trust, and public confidence erodes. Protecting consumers from misleading labels should not be controversial, it's the bare minimum a functional regulatory system should guarantee. India's children deserve better than sugary shortcuts disguised as medicine. Ensuring that "ORS" means what it says isn't just good regulation; it's good sense.

to the US readout of the Modi-Trump meeting of Feb this year, which mentioned, "Prime Minister Modi looks forward to hosting President Trump in New Delhi for the Quad leaders' Summit." India will now have to handle its security concerns on its own, not that it did not do so earlier, but is also unlikely to gain US support. With China dominating relations with Russia, India will be far more alone. Further, it is possible that the US and China, terming themselves as the G2, may divide regions as specific 'spheres of influence,' where evidently Asia would be China's domain and it would seek to ensure that India does not remain a challenger.

The importance for India to enhance domestic defence production cannot be understated. Simultaneously, India must enhance military capabilities to meet its security challenges, despite thawing of ties with China. Deterrence is essential. A crucial step has been the induction of the 800 km range BrahMos missile and the ongoing restructuring of its army. It must also enhance defence ties with other allies including European countries and Israel. Economically India would face hurdles. In the APEC summit, Xi mentioned, "We must have the courage to remove barriers, keep global industrial and supply chains stable and unimpeded." This implied that China would resist shifting of supply chains as they would continue to provide it leverage. Whether the China+1 strategy remain in place, especially as the US reduces tariffs on China and seeks to re-set ties, is unknown.

A silver lining is that US-China relations have many stumbling blocks – trade deficits, Chinese support to its industry enabling lower costs, competition over technology dominance and conflicts in the South China Sea, being some. India has to wait and watch as any of these could reverse their relationship.

The Quad leaders' summit in India this year is unlikely. This is in contrast

seeking features and riders like Unlimited Restoration, Premium Lock, OPD, PED



with over 5,000 partners. This marks a remarkable 143% year-on-year growth in its partner network. The brand now aims to more than double its footprint, targeting 10,000 partners by FY2025–26.

Within Uttar Pradesh, cities like Indira Nagar, Gomti Nagar, Rajajipuram, Niralanagar, and Vikas Nagar have emerged as key growth centers, reflecting heightened customer awareness and engagement.

"These figures demonstrate not just a growing market, but also the effectiveness of PBPartners' initiatives in empowering local entrepreneurs and strengthening regional insurance ecosystems," said Mr. Neeraj Adhana, National Sales Head - Health Insurance, PBPartners

Rising awareness spurs demand for personalised Health Insurance Plans in UP

Neeraj Adhana highlighted, "As awareness deepens, customers are making more thoughtful insurance choices, preferring personalised and comprehensive solutions over standard offerings. Our customers are increasingly

ing agent partners and building long-term trust. Through this program, they earn guaranteed renewal commissions, backed by a formal certificate of assurance. Over 10,000+ agent partners across India continue to receive these commissions every year, even if they aren't actively selling."

Empowering agent partners with smart tools, prompt support, and rewards

With different initiatives, PBPartners is making it easier for agent partners to succeed and serve customers better across Bharat.

- PBP Mitra – Partner Helpline: A dedicated toll-free support line (1800 120 800) that resolves queries quickly and reliably. With 30,000+ queries resolved to date and 10,000+ handled monthly, it ensures PoSP partners have the help they need for smooth day-to-day operations.
- PBP One – Loyalty & Rewards Clubs: Introduction of all-new Monthly and Annual Clubs

## Beyond the Balcony

have contributed to unsafe practices, poor infrastructure, and substandard maintenance across count-



less residential societies. The consequences are not merely inconvenient – they are dangerous, dehumanising, and emblematic of a deeper civic malaise. Many societies, particularly those built in earlier phases

of urban expansion, lack even the most basic amenities. Lifts are absent in multi-storey buildings, staircases are narrow and slippery, and room sizes have shrunk to the point of congestion. Club houses and indoor recreational facilities are either non-existent or lie in disrepair. Fire safety systems are inadequate or entirely missing, and periodic checks of electrical wiring, grounding, and load distribution are rarely undertaken. The consequences of such negligence are not hypothetical. In recent months alone, several major fire incidents have been reported across cities like Noida, Ghaziabad, and Mumbai ~

each one a grim reminder of the price of apathy. In September 2025, a fire at Sunworld Vanalika Society in Noida destroyed property worth lakhs, while in October, a blaze at Divya Apartments in Ghaziabad necessitated the evacuation of 20 families. These are not isolated events but part of a disturbing pattern that underscores systemic failure. According to data from the National Crime Records Bureau, over 7,400 people lost their lives in fire accidents in 2022, with more than half of these fatalities occurring in residential buildings.

In 2019, the figure stood at 6,329 deaths from residential fires resulting in lost

lives, shattered families and a collective failure to prioritise safety. Yet, despite repeated tragedies, there is little evidence of a coordinated response from either builders or local administrations. Fire-fighting systems remain rudimentary, evacuation protocols are virtually non-existent, and disaster management plans are more theoretical than operational. Earthquake resilience is another area of concern. Most societies have not undergone structural audits to assess their ability to withstand seismic activity, and disaster preparedness remains a neglected domain.



## Western railway to run two pairs of special train between bandra terminus – palitana/bhavnagar terminus

Mumbai, For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season of Jain Parna Utsav, Western Railway will run Special Trains on Special fare between Bandra Terminus – Palitana/Bhavnagar Terminus stations.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer, Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, details of the trains are as under:

1. Train No. 09229/09230 Bandra Terminus – Palitana/Bhavnagar Terminus Special [02 Trips] Train No. 09229 Bandra Terminus – Palitana Special will depart from Bandra Terminus on Thursday, 20th

November, 2025 at 14:30 hrs and will reach Palitana at 06:00 hrs, the next day. Similarly, Train No. 09230 Bhavnagar Terminus – Bandra Terminus Special will depart from Bhavnagar Terminus on Wednesday, 19th November, 2025 at 21:20 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 11:20 hrs, the next day.

Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Navsari, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Anand, Ahmedabad, Botad, Dhola, Songadh and Sihor (Gujarat) stations in both directions. Train No. 09230 Bhavnagar Terminus – Bandra Terminus Special will have an additional halt at Bhavnagar Para station.

This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier,

Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

2. Train No. 09231/09232 Bandra Terminus – Palitana/Bhavnagar Terminus Special [02 Trips] Train No. 09231 Bandra Terminus – Bhavnagar Terminus Special will depart from Bandra Terminus on Saturday, 22nd November, 2025 at 12:45 hrs and will reach Bhavnagar Terminus at 04:45 hrs, the next day. Similarly, Train No. 09232 Palitana – Bandra Terminus Special will depart from Palitana on Friday, 21st November, 2025 at 20:00 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 10:00 hrs, the next day.

Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Navsari, Surat,

Bharuch, Vadodara, Anand, Ahmedabad, Botad, Dhola, Songadh and Sihor (Gujarat) stations in both directions. Train No. 09231 Bandra Terminus – Bhavnagar Terminus Special will have an additional halt at Bhavnagar Para station.

This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

The booking for Train No. 09229, 09230, 09231 & 09232 will open from 13th November, 2025 at all PRS counters & on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit [www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in).

## IAF Sukhoi-30 MKI fails to take off after emergency landing in Dehradun Airport

(Agency) The Indian Air Force Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter jet that had to make emergency landing at Dehradun's Jolly Grant Airport on Monday due to technical snag has failed to take off on Tuesday.

According to an Airport Authority official, a team of Indian Air Force (IAF) engineers has been working to plug the snag and it's likely to return on Wednesday.

The IAF Sukhoi fighter jet had to make an emergency landing after taking off from Bareilly base station due to leakage of fuel from one of its engines. According to the officials at the Jolly Grant Airport, as oil leakage started from the aircraft's engines during the flight the pilot quickly assessed the risk and decided to make land and sent a message to the Jolly

Grant Airport authorities. Golly Grant Airport

behind the emergency landing. The IAF experts



Director BCH Negi told The Statesman, "We received the message of IAF Sukhoi-30 emergency landing on Monday afternoon owing to some technical snag. However, I don't know the exact issue

and engineers have been working to repair it since Monday. It seems work is done and the aircraft will fly back tomorrow and it could fly in the night."

According to the airport director of the IAF, the air-

craft was stationed at a safe place within a short distance from the terminal, in front of the VIP guest house after its landing. Following the arrival of a team of engineers from Bareilly, work began to fix the technical fault developed by the fighter aircraft.

What is noteworthy is that the Jolly Grant Airport has been able to facilitate landing and takeoff of the IAF fighter aircraft for nearly seven years. The first flight of a Sukhoi jet took off from here in April 2018 and the exercise continued for a few days to ensure full viability of the airport to host fighter aircrafts IAF. However, this is the first time that a Sukhoi fighter aircraft made an emergency landing at the Dehradun airport owing to technical malfunction.

## Tata Power launched EZ Home Automation Solutions in Lucknow, providing a smarter, safer, and more sustainable lifestyle to city homes.

A dedicated Experience Center was launched at the Lucknow Technical Store, where consumers can experience next-generation home automation solutions firsthand.

A wide range of advanced technologies such as smart sockets, touch-panel switches, retrofittable converters, motion sensors, and more were showcased.

Features such as real-time energy monitoring, automated scheduling, overload protection, and robust offline features ensure improved energy efficiency, greater control, and savings on electricity bills.

Lucknow, November 11, 2025: Tata Power, one of India's leading integrated energy companies, has launched its state-of-the-art EZ Home Automation Solutions in Lucknow. This initiative marks another sig-

nificant step towards making daily life more convenient and smarter through technology and sustainability. With the opening of the

a single app. This solution not only enhances comfort, safety, and efficiency in homes, but also helps reduce carbon footprints.

ing urban infrastructure, as well as semi-urban areas that aspire to adopt a modern, connected lifestyle.

The newly inaugurated Experience Center at the Lucknow Technical Store, located opposite the new High Court, is a one-stop destination for city residents to view, understand, and customize cutting-edge home automation solutions as per their needs. This facility is supported by Tata Power's reliable service network. As Lucknow becomes a confluence of tradition and modernity, this launch further strengthens Tata Power's commitment to providing future-ready and energy-efficient solutions to the city's homes.

Through EZ Home Automation, Tata Power is empowering Lucknow to adopt a modern, connected, and sustainable lifestyle, building on the company's legacy of trust and innovation.

EZ Home Experience Center in the city, Lucknow residents can now experience smart home innovations that bring together simplicity, convenience, and energy efficiency.

Powered by Tata Power's trusted legacy and innovation, EZ Home Automation offers consumers easy control over lighting, temperature, security, and energy usage from

Features like real-time energy monitoring, automatic scheduling, overload protection, and offline functionality allow consumers to experience smart and secure living while saving electricity.

The EZ Home range includes smart sockets, touch panel switches, retrofittable converters, and motion sensors, perfect for Lucknow's rapidly develop-



**Nephrologist Dr. Ashish Sharma and Urologist Dr. Shivkumar Chahar seeing patients in the free health camp.**

urine infection, prostate, urinary incontinence, kidney stones, dialysis patients and kidney infections were seen in the free health camp. The people present at the camp

Bhardwaj said that my dream of serving the people of Brij is being fulfilled, I am very happy to see the patients in the Free Kidney Health Camp, waiting for their turn outside the OPD of Dr. Ashish Sharma and Dr. Shivkumar Chahar. The Kidney Disease Department of Sims Hospital is the best Renal Sciences Center in the Brij region. World-class treatment for all kidney related diseases is available here. Sims Hospital has experienced doctors and state-of-the-art equipment for world-class treatment of all diseases 24 hours a day. If you have sims then it is possible

## Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra to hold Kalash Yatra before flag hoisting and puja at Ram temple

(Agency)

The flag-hoisting ceremony at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple complex will begin on November 21 with prayers at various temples but before that Kalash Yatra will be organised.

To ensure the flag-hoisting ceremony is conducted with due rites and celebration, the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra will also seek the blessings of the holy river Saryu. The Kalash Yatra will be held from the Kachha Ghat on the banks



of the Saryu River to the Ram Temple on November 20.

The Kalash Yatra will begin from the Kachha Ghat on the banks of the

Saryu River. Thereafter, the Kalash Yatra will proceed from the Kachha Ghat to the Naya Ghat Police Post, Veena Chowk, Chhoti Devkali, and then to the

Post Office intersection. From there, it will proceed via Mat Gajendra Square, Totradimath, Union Bank, Ramkot Barrier, and Crossing 2 to enter the Ram Temple.

The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra has also fixed the number of women participating in the Kalash Yatra.

Although the main flag-hoisting ceremony of Shri Ram Temple is on 25 November, the flag-hoisting festival will start from 20 November itself with Kalash Yatra.

## Bajrang Dal activists assault Muslim gym trainer in Indore; police jail victim despite no complaint from girl

(Agency)

Bajrang Dal activists in Indore allegedly thrashed a Muslim gym trainer who was travelling in a car with a girl.

The police later booked the trainer and sent him to jail on Tuesday, despite the girl not filing any complaint against him.

The incident occurred late Monday night in the Bhanwarkuan area of Indore.

The gym trainer, identified as Shadab Mansuri, was reportedly driving with



a girl said to be a Hindu.

Several Bajrang Dal activists intercepted their car, dragged Shadab out,

and assaulted him even as the girl pleaded with them to stop.

The assailants then took

## NIA takes over probe into Delhi blast case; toll rises to 13

(Agency)

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday took over the investigation into the explosion near the Red Fort in the national capital, even as the death toll in the incident rose to 13.

Police sources claimed it was a "fidayeen attack" and was planned by those associated with the Jaish-e-Mohammed. They said the car was driven by Dr Umar Mohammad, who planned the attack along with two of his associates.

The case was officially handed over to the federal anti-terror agency at the direction of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

"The death toll in the incident has risen to 13," a Delhi Police official said.

"The development follows the emergence of links between the Delhi blast and a recently busted terror module in Faridabad on November 9. The investigation had so far been a joint effort by the Delhi Police Special Cell, district police, and the Jammu and Kashmir police," an investigation official said on condition of anonymity.

The probe was intensified after the Delhi Police registered an FIR invoking stringent sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act related to terrorist acts and their pun-

ishment, along with the Explosive Substances Act.

Meanwhile, sources claimed Umar planned the



Charges of murder and attempt to murder have also been included.

"A case has been registered under Sections 16 and 18 of the UAPA, along with various sections of the Explosives Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at the Kotwali Police Station.

"A significant part of the probe has focused on tracing the movements of the suspects through the city's CCTV network. Nearly 200 police personnel examined footage from multiple routes, including from the Badarpur Border to the Sunehri Masjid near Red Fort, and from Outer Ring Road to Kashmere Gate. This digital dragnet has led investigators to question approximately 13 individuals who have come under suspicion," another official said.

attack in panic after the arrests made in Faridabad by the J&K Police. Along with his associates, he placed a detonator in the car and carried out this terror act. ANFO (Ammonium Nitrate Fuel Oil) was used in the attack.

"The investigators have examined more than 4,000 CCTV cameras, as well as the dump data of cell phones which were active in areas to identify the suspects," they said.

According to police sources, the investigation has revealed a chain of ownership for the car, which was initially sold by a man named Salman to another individual, Devender, in March 2025. The car then changed hands from Devender to a person named Aamir on October 29. It was subsequently passed on to Dr.

Umar Mohammad, with a man called Tariq also being privy to this exchange.

Both Aamir and Tariq are currently being questioned by the Delhi Police team as the probe continues.

A senior official of the Delhi Police said the driver of the i20 car, seen in a video captured shortly before the explosion, wearing a mask, is suspected to be Dr Mohammed Umar, a key member of a terror module who was already known to be absconding.

A DNA test of the family members of Umar will be conducted to confirm whether he was indeed Umar. Investigators are also working to identify the other suspects who were believed to be in the car at the moment of the blast, he added.

On Tuesday, the family of Umar was detained by the J&K Police for questioning.

The investigation has revealed that the I-20 car was parked near the Red Fort parking lot until three hours before the blast. An analysis of CCTV footage showed that the car was parked at 3:19 PM and exited the parking area three hours later at 6:48 PM. The vehicle left at a time when the area was particularly crowded.

## Major relief for Agra's Yamuna belt as 55,000 homes will receive clean drinking water

(Agency)

To permanently resolve the long-standing drinking water crisis in the Yamuna-side areas of Agra, the Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam has begun constructing a massive 85 Million Liters per Day (MLD) intake well in the Yamuna at Poiya Ghat, along with a 55 MLD Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Once operational, this project will ensure a morning and evening supply of treated Yamuna water to 55,000 households in the region.

Under the project, an 85 MLD intake well will be set up in the Yamuna near Poiya Ghat towards Khandouli. The structure will sit 3 to 7 meters inside the river, depending on suitable soil conditions. Jal Nigam teams have already

started soil sampling and will begin structural work where the strata are strongest, officials said

on schedule, Jal Nigam has fast-tracked the laying of a 231-kilometer pipeline, with household connections



here on Tuesday.

Only half a kilometer away from the intake point, a 55 MLD Water Treatment Plant will be built. Raw water will be pumped directly from the intake well to the plant, treated, and then supplied as clean drinking water to Yamuna-side colonies.

To complete the project

being installed in parallel.

The target is to complete the project within one to one-and-a-half years, after which residents will no longer depend on tanker water or face seasonal shortages.

Several newer localities on the Yamuna belt have suffered severe shortages due to a lack of pipeline

networks, especially in summer. Residents were forced to rely on private tanker suppliers, who often overcharged. Complaints flooded Nagar Nigam and the District Collectorate on a daily basis.

Taking serious note, the UP Government launched this new Drinking Water Scheme (Phase I and II) to eliminate the crisis permanently.

Agra Divisional Commissioner Shailendra Singh said the government is committed to delivering basic civic amenities and improving the quality of life for every citizen.

He confirmed that the progress of this major water-supply project, covering 55,000 homes, is reviewed every week to ensure speedy completion.



## Centre must take responsibility for failure to safeguard nation's security: Maha Congress

"The Delhi blast is a cowardly attack on our country. Modi has misled the country. The Central government has failed in safeguarding the country's security and it must take responsibility for this failure," Patole said.

Mumbai, Centre must take responsibility for failure to safeguard nation's security: Maha Congress Congress leader Nana Patole Maharashtra Congress leader Nana Patole told media persons on Tuesday that the Central government should take responsibility for the failure to safeguard the country's security."The Delhi blast is a cowardly attack on our country. Modi has misled the country.

The Central government has failed in safeguarding

the country's security and it must take responsibility for



this failure," Patole said.

"The Union home minister is busy with the Bihar election campaign. This incident is the failure of the Modi government. The BJP fooled the people of this country by showing a 56-

inch chest and giving false

assurances that they can

only secure this country to come to power. Now, Kashmir is unsafe, Delhi is unsafe. So, where did the 56-inch chest go? The truth behind the false assurances has been exposed. This incident is a cowardly

attack on our country. We condemn it," The Congress leader said.

"We don't want to do politics with this issue. I know what BJP's answer will be. There are BJP governments in Delhi and the Centre. So, where did these terrorists come from? All these questions have come up. This is not the first such incident. Pulwana happened and then the Pahalgam attack happened. On both occasions, the Congress was with the government. But the way the government played politics after the Pahalgam incident and the way the people were told after 'Operation Sindhoor' that there would be no more terror attacks, has got exposed," Patole said

## Timeless Ritual, Now in a New Look: Aroma Magic Relaunches Its Signature Essential Oils and Introduces Peptide Potion & Vita Boost for Salon Professionals

Lucknow, November 11, 2025 – Blossom Kochhar Aroma Magic, the premier aromatherapy company in India, proudly announced the relaunch of its iconic range of essential oils, now presented in an all-new, elegant avatar. Dr. Blossom Kochhar, Founder and Chairperson of Blossom Kochhar Group of Companies, while addressing a press conference in Lucknow, spoke about the essential oils and also introduced the newly launched Peptide Potion and Vita Boost kits, designed for advanced facials in salons. "Essential oils are said to be the soul of plants—highly concentrated molecules extracted from various parts of the plants like leaves, fruits, flowers, and seeds. Our essential oils are more than just beauty or wellness products," said Dr. Blossom Kochhar. "They have amazing abilities to calm, beautify, energize, balance, and harmonize the human mind, body, and soul."

She also announced the launch of new facial kits for salon professionals in Lucknow and highlighted the use of the Peptide



Potion kit and Vita Boost facial kit. Explaining the kits, Dr. Blossom Kochhar said, "The Peptide & Ceramide Potion Advanced Serum Mask Kit is my unique signature offering and a special creation for the salon and spa industries. Peptides help build proteins, improve skin elasticity, and boost cell regeneration, enhancing the client's skin in just a few steps. I always love to launch my new products in Lucknow because we get such a wonderful response from here. Today, I am addressing salon professionals and introducing this kit so that they can give exceptional facials to their clients."

The Multi-Peptide & Ceramide Complex makes skin more supple by minimizing fine lines and wrinkles. It boosts hydration and supports collagen production, making it an exceptional anti-aging facial treatment.

While the look of essential oils has evolved, the soul of the product remains unchanged—100% pure, therapeutic-grade essential oils, crafted with love, care, and nature's finest extractions. Fifteen oils are now available in new 10 ml packaging and include Lavender, Basil, Sandalwood, Rose, Neroli, Lemongrass, Tea Tree, Ylang Ylang, and more.

ABOUT DR. BLOSSOM

KOCHHAR

Dr. Blossom Kochhar is a pioneer aromatherapist and Chairperson of the Blossom Kochhar Group of Companies – Blossom Kochhar Aroma Magic, known for its all-natural aromatherapy-based personal care products, and Blossom Kochhar College of Creative Arts & Design (BKCCAD), a premier institution nurturing the next generation of beauty professionals.

Dr. Kochhar also serves as the Chairperson of the Beauty & Wellness Sector, where she continues to influence the industry with her insights, ethics, and passion.

ABOUT BLOSSOM KOCHHAR AROMA MAGIC

Blossom Kochhar Aroma Magic, with a legacy of 32 years, offers over 170+ signature aromatherapy-based skin, hair, and wellness products. These products are available in more than 100 cities across India, and every product is completely cruelty-free and eco-friendly. All essential oils used are organic, staying true to the brand's Earth-to-Bottle promise.

## Team Lucknow showed example of humanity



Flagged off a vehicle loaded with relief material for Uttarakhand flood victims

Lucknow, 10 November 2025 (Correspondent): To help the people affected by the floods in Uttarakhand, Team Lucknow took a commendable initiative and sent a

train of relief material.

This relief material included warm clothes, blankets, and essential items.

At 9:30 pm, Team Lucknow members flagged off the relief material under

the leadership of founder

Murtaza Ali. On this occasion, all the members of Team Lucknow including Abdul Wahid, Zubair Ahmed were present.

Team Lucknow said the initiative is an effort to

"carry forward the message of humanity", and the campaign will continue in the future to help the needy.

Team Lucknow founder Murtaza Ali and members flagging off a vehicle loaded with relief material.

## Aumryx from Sanskriti University Wins TiE Uttar Pradesh Start-up Competition 2025 at IIT Kanpu

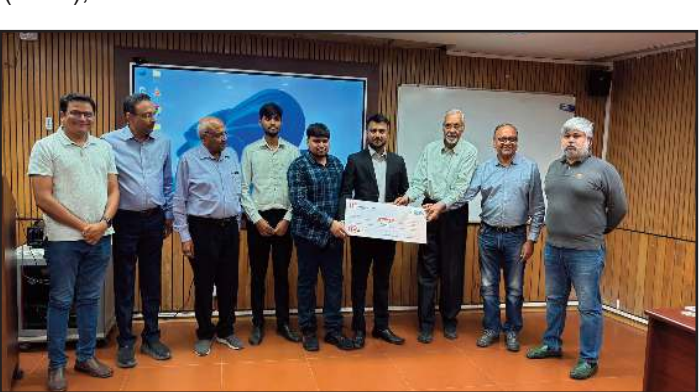
Kanpur / Mathura, November 2025:

In a landmark achievement for innovation and entrepreneurship, Team Aumryx from Sanskriti University emerged as the Winner of the TiE Uttar Pradesh Start-up Competition 2025, hosted under the TiE University Global Pitch Competition (TiE-U Chapter) at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur.

The competition served as a premier platform for showcasing breakthrough ideas by young innovators from across Uttar Pradesh. Team Aumryx captured the judges' attention with its cutting-edge cybersecurity innovation — Aumryx's SD-WAN DDoS Defender, an AI-powered and blockchain-backed network protection system designed to defend modern enterprises from online threats

and Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks.

Led by Varun Kumar (CEO), Yash Shrivastava



(CTO), Rajan Sharma (CFO), and Suraj (Product Manager), the team presented a robust business and technical model combining Artificial Intelligence for real-time threat detection and Blockchain for secure incident logging. The system provides affordable, plug-and-play protection for small and medium enterprises, fin-

tech firms, and telecom networks—making enterprise-grade cybersecurity accessible to all.

"Winning at IIT Kanpur under the TiE University platform is a proud moment for us and for Sanskriti University," said Yash Shrivastava, CTO of Aumryx. "Our vision is to redefine cybersecurity by making it smart, scalable, and self-learning. TiE-U has given us not just recognition but the mentorship and confidence to scale

this innovation nationwide."

Varun Kumar, CEO of Aumryx, added,

"This victory reflects the power of teamwork and innovation. Aumryx represents Sanskriti University's commitment to practical research, and we are proud to bring this recognition home."

Judges and mentors from TiE Uttar Pradesh commended the team for their technical excellence, market understanding, and scalability potential, recognizing Aumryx as one of the most promising next-generation cybersecurity startups emerging from the academic ecosystem.

The event was a collaboration between TiE Uttar Pradesh, TiE University Global, and IIT Kanpur, aiming to promote entrepreneurship, mentorship, and innovation among student founders across India.

## Mayawati reviews party's activity in Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh

(Agency) Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) National President Mayawati held a detailed review meeting on Wednesday with the party units of Punjab, Haryana, and Chandigarh. Earlier, on November 7, she conducted a similar review meeting with the party units of Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Odisha.

During these meetings, Mayawati reviewed the progress made by the party in strengthening its organization at the grassroots level and expanding its social base across all communities. She directed party leaders to address the shortcomings identified during previous sessions and to intensify their efforts to advance the BSP's

movement and ideology.

In her address to the party leaders, the BSP chief expressed deep concern over widespread poverty and unemployment prevalent in the country, which, she said, have hit the poor and working-class Bahujan families the hardest. These marginalized sections, she noted, are forced to wander in search of livelihood while both the Central and state governments remain more focused on narrow political interests than on genuinely addressing these critical

issues.

She reminded that the Constitution mandates governments to ensure



employment opportunities and welfare-oriented governance for all citizens. "It is the constitutional responsibility of the government to provide a livelihood and basic facilities to the people. Unfortunately, both Central and state administrations have failed to fulfill these

obligations sincerely," she added.

Referring to the states of Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Punjab, Haryana, and Chandigarh, Mayawati urged their respective governments to conduct an honest self-assessment of their performance and their adherence to the oaths they took upon assuming office. "Winning elections should not be the only objective of politics; serving the people with honesty and ensuring their welfare must be the real goal," she said.

The BSP chief highlighted the growing discontent among farmers and the poor, especially in Punjab and Haryana. Despite political change in Punjab, she said.

## Central Vigilance Commissioner visits PNB to unveil the Bank's key digital initiatives towards strengthening transparency

November 11, 2025: Punjab National Bank (PNB) marked a significant milestone yesterday in its journey towards enhanced vigilance and transparency during the visit of the Hon'ble Central Vigilance Commissioner, Shri Praveen Kumar Srivastava, at its Corporate Office.

As part of the event, the 5th Edition of "PNB's Vigilance Manual 2025" and the September 2025 issue of the quarterly magazine "PNB Vigil" were unveiled. The event was also graced by the presence of MD&CEO Shri Ashok Chandra, ED Shri Bibhu Prasad Mahapatra, CVO Shri Raghvendra Kumar, and other senior bank officials. Additionally, the Bank launched several key initiatives, including the End-to-End Digitization of the Staff Accountability Portal, Conduct Risk Framework (for employees), and the Digital Solution for the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar NIDHI (PM SVANidhi). These initiatives reaffirm PNB's commitment to leveraging technology to foster efficiency, and accountability across its operations.

The event also featured the felicitation of Vigilance Warriors, recognising the exemplary efforts of employees who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in upholding the Bank's ethical values.

Shri Praveen Kumar Srivastava, Hon'ble Central Vigilance Commissioner,

qualitative, sustainable, and inclusive growth anchored in integrity, ethics, and



said: "The well-being of our society, the growth of our economy, and the creation of livelihoods are closely tied to the support and financing provided by banks like Punjab National Bank. The goal is to build a culture of vigilance where actions are driven not by fear of punishment, but by the commitment to do what is right. This culture benefits the individual, the organisation, and society at large, contributing to the growth of the bank, the economy, and ultimately, the nation, as we work toward a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047."

Shri Ashok Chandra, MD&CEO, PNB, said: "As India charts its path to becoming a developed nation by 2047, the responsibility on us grows manifold. We are committed to driving

transparency. Vigilance, especially preventive vigilance, plays a vital role in ensuring that progress remains aligned with strong governance and accountability. Guided by these values, PNB remains dedicated to supporting India's development journey through trust and ethical excellence."

Shri Raghvendra Kumar, Chief Vigilance Officer, PNB, said: "The launch of these digital initiatives reflects our unwavering commitment to building a culture of transparency and responsibility. By integrating technology with our vigilance framework, we are not only enhancing operational efficiency but also ensuring that reliability remains the cornerstone of every process within the Bank."

## Vindhyavasini Mata gave blessings, slogan echoed with Dr. Virendra Pratap Singh Yadav in Mirzapur – "Mirzapur ki Hunkar, Dr. Virendra Yadav this time"



Mirzapur, correspondent Mirzapur.

Dr. Virendra Pratap Singh Yadav, candidate for the post of member of Bar Council, Uttar Pradesh, dur-

ing his Purvanchal tour today, met the advocates in Tehsil Handia of Allahabad and Mirzapur Civil Court in the district. During this time he received support and



blessings from his colleagues.

Before the program, Dr. Yadav worshiped Mata Vindhyavasini at Vindhyavasini Dham and

wished for the progress of the advocate society of the state and a smooth justice system.

Specially present on this occasion were –

Vaidya Ajay Verma, Manoj Yadav, Rahul Saroj, R.N. Manav, Upendra, Sunil Kumar Yadav (head), Shyam Sundar Shukla, Keola Shankar Bind, former president Bhagelu Ram Yadav, Pushpraj Bhaskar, Arjun Prasad Yadav, Sunil Prakash Yadav, Subhash Yadav, Faiyaz Alam, Saroj, Pannalal Patel, Arvind Kumar Singh, Nilesh Shukla, Kripa Shankar Pandey, Rupesh Srivastava and a large number of advocates and senior members of the society were present.

Local advocates enthusiastically welcomed Dr. Virendra Yadav and said, "This time the voice of the advocates – Dr. Virendra Pratap Singh Yadav".

## GOC-in-C southern command reviews operational readiness of army unit

(Agency) General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command, Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth on Tuesday reviewed the operational preparedness of the Konark Corps during the war game "Akhand Prahar," conducted as a key component of the Tri-Services exercise Trishul.

The exercise is aimed to validate the Army's capability to conduct integrated, multi-domain operations in synergy with the Indian Air Force.

Combined Arms manoeuvres showcasing seamless inter-service coordination, refinement of



Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs), and the employment of next-generation battlefield technologies, including drones and counter-drone systems were witnessed by the senior army officer.

The war game also served as a real-time test-

ing ground for evaluating newly inducted platforms and indigenous innovations under field conditions.

Seth also reviewed the battlefield innovations of the Battle Axe Division and Konark Corps, which included indigenously produced drones, counter-drone equipment, and advanced force protection measures.

These initiatives reflect the growing emphasis on self-reliance and the Indian Army's commitment to fostering innovation at the formation level.