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# Nitish Kumar's NDA to Take Charge in Bihar, Oath Ceremony Likely on November 19-20

expected within the next three days, with preparaoath-taking ceremony.

The new Bihar government is anticipated to form Majority in the Assembly within three days, with the oath-taking ceremony potentially on November 19 or 20, contingent on Prime The BJP won 89 seats, Minister Narendra Modi's while Nitish Kumar led availability. The NDA secured 202 out of 243 85. Lok Janshakti Party seats, with BJP winning 89 and Janata Dal United 85, while the opposition Paswan won 19 seats, Mahagathbandhan led by Hindustani Awam Morcha

the event is likely to take seats, and Rashtriya Lok place on either November 19 or 20, and the final confirmation will be based on four more.

the availability of Prime The formation of the Minister Narendra Modi. new Bihar government is The NDA has returned to power with an overwhelming mandate, significantly tions underway for the improving upon its previous performance in 2020.

NDA Achieves Strong

The NDA secured 202 seats out of 243, marking a decisive victory in the state. Janata Dal United bagged (Ram Vilas) headed by Union Minister Chirag RJD secured only 35 seats. led by Union Minister Jitan According to sources, Ram Manjhi secured five Morcha of Rajya Sabha MP Upendra Kushwaha added



Opposition Faces Major Setback

The Mahagathbandhan bloc, led by the RJD, managed only 35 seats. The seats compared to 19 in

RJD itself won just 25 seats, marking its second poorest performance since 2010. Congress secured six the previous election. CPI Participation ML won two seats, CPI M won one, while CPI failed Hyderabad MP Asaduddin voted across two phases voting percentage in the

Other Parties and Voter Mukesh

AIMIM,

Owaisi, secured five seats. on November 6 and

Sahani led November 11, recording

Vikassheel Insaan Party over 66 percent turnout failed to win any. Bihar which stands as the highest state since 1951.

tives aimed at public good

It is the responsibility of the

media, he said, to ensure

that accurate information

about these initiatives

reaches the public so that

citizens can benefit from

## Promoting transparency in press will keep democracy vibrant and alive: Himachal Min Dharmani

Pradesh Himachal Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani, while presiding over the state-level function of National Press Day here on Sunday, said that the day serves as a reminder of both the freedom and the responsibilities of the press, and its indispensable role in building a transparent

and accountable society. He said that the press forms the backbone of a healthy democracy, and promoting transparency within the media will ensure that democratic values The minister stressed that the media must continue to highlight important public issues and amplify the voic-

es of underprivileged communities. Dharmani noted that in

the age of Information Technology, the media faces unprecedented challenges. Technologies such

ing society. In this context, he said, the media's role in shaping national discourse becomes even more significant.

hood and directly influenc-

He added that under the



remain vibrant and alive. as artificial intelligence and deepfakes have enabled misinformation to spread rapidly, blurring the line ment has launched various between truth and false- welfare schemes and initia-

leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the state govern-

Speaking at the event, Principal Advisor (Media) to the Chief Minister, Naresh Chauhan, said that the media serves as a crucial link between the government and the people. Journalists, he said, must disseminate information on public welfare programmes and convey public concerns to the government. He emphasised the need for publishing fact-based news and called for introspection within the profes-

### Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah to chair the 32nd meeting of Northern Zonal Council on Monday in Faridabad, Haryana

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given the vision of **TEAM BHARAT** and the Zonal Councils have been significantly contributing in this direction

With the belief that strong states make a strong nation, the Zonal Councils provide a structured mechanism and an important platform for dialogue and discussion on issues affecting two or more states or the centre

and the states

(Gns) Union Home Minister Minister Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah will chair the 32nd meeting of the Northern Zonal Council on Monday, 17th November, 2025, in Faridabad, Haryana. The Northern Zonal Council comprises the states/UTs of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, and Chandigarh. Senior officials from the Government of India, state governments, and Union Territories will organized by the Inter-State Council Secretariat,

Under Sections 15 to 22

the Government of Haryana

Act, 1956, five Zonal Zonal Council meeting for ous fields. With the coop-Councils, including Northern Zonal Council, were established. Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah is the chairperson of the Northern

further deliberation.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given the vision of TEAM BHARAT and the Zonal Councils have been significantly contributing in this direction. With the



Minister of Haryana is its vice-chairperson. The Chief Minister of one member Zonal Councils provide a the Governor nominates two ministers as members of the council. Each Zonal Council has also formed a permaalso participate in the meet- nent committee at the level ing. This meeting is being of Chief Secretaries. Issues proposed by the states are initially presented to the per-Ministry of Home Affairs, manent committee of the Government of India, with concerned Zonal Council for discussion. After consideration by the permanent committee, the remaining issues of the States Reorganisation are then presented to the and cooperation in vari-

belief that strong states make a strong nation, the state (rotating every year) structured mechanism for acts as the vice-chairperson. dialogue and discussion From each member state, on issues affecting two or more states or the centre and states, and through this, serve as an important platform to enhance mutual cooperation.

The role of the Zonal Councils is advisory, however, over the past few years, these councils have proven to be an important factor in promoting healthy bonds of mutual understanding

eration of all state governments, central ministries, and departments, a total of 63 meetings of various Zonal Councils and their permanent committees have been held in the last eleven years. The Zonal Councils

provide an excellent forum for resolving and progressing issues and disputes between the Centre and the Member States/UTs, among the Member States/UTs, and within the zone. The Zonal Councils also discuss broad issues of national importance, including the speedy investigation of cases of sexual offenses against women and children and the implementation of Fast Track Special Courts (FTSC) for their swift disposal; providing brickand-mortar banking facilities within the designated area of every village; implementation of the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS-112); and various regional-level common interest issues such as strengthening nutrition, education, health, electricity, urban planning, and the cooperative system.

### **Bhagwat Reasserts: 'RSS Runs on Guru Dakshina and Dedication'** Bhagwat explained in Development Foundation, world increasingly looks towards India for answers

(Gns).

chief Mohan Bhagwat on Saturday once again addressed a question that has long followed the organisation - how is Sangh funded? the Speaking in Jaipur, Bhagwat reiterated that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh is sustained chiefly through Guru Dakshina, while the voluntary contributions of its own members.

He said the explanation had been given countless ice. times, yet "some people still find it difficult to believe that the Sangh runs purely on the dedication and contributions of swayamsevaks.'

RSS chief Mohan

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Jaipur that the Rashtriya when he noted that all Swayamsevak Sangh is major questions about the

primarily funded by Guru Dakshina, the voluntary contributions of its members. and emphasized the organization's reliance on volun-

cussing global role and the importance of selfless serv-

Resurface Bhagwat was delivering the Deendayal Memorial

Lecture, hosted by the Ekatma Manavdarshan Research and

RSS had been challenges. The country, he answered repeatedly - except the one about finances.

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operates through the "spirit of dedicadedication tion" of volunteers. also dis-"People find it hard India's to accept that members run the Sangh at their own expense," he said,

emphasising that Guru

'India Growing Mile by Turning to India's global

He insisted that

organisation

ing "inch by inch" but "mile by mile." He added that India possesses both the intellectual resources and the respect needed to play a

to pressing international

said, is no longer progress-

vital role in global problemsolving. Thoughts

Nationalism and Conflict Reflecting on the history

of global conflicts, Bhagwat Dakshina is offered out of said wars often arise from commitment, not obligation. nationalism taken to extremes. Although world leaders have discussed internationalism as a corstanding, Bhagwat said the rective.

## Letter to NIA: Marandi alleges deep col**lusion between former DGP and gang**

as its host.

BJP state president and Leader of the Opposition Babulal Marandi has written to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), organised crimes urging a full investigation He alleged that into what he described as a the gang's activideep criminal nexus involving former Jharkhand DGP Anurag Gupta and gangster Sujit Sinha's organised syndicate.

In his letter to the NIA Director General, Marandi

banner of the Koyalanchal district, allegedly sourced had exposed "disturbing" Shanti Samiti, which he from Pakistan. He also

termed a front for extortion, arms trade and other pose national security threat because of suspected links with international networks.

He claimed the Sinha procuring group was said the Sinha gang has weapons dropped through been operating under the drones in Punjab's Moga UAPA by the Ranchi police

referred to the

gang's suspected association with international criminal Prince operator Khan. According to him, these developments demand an investigation beyond the scope of the

state police. recent arrest of Sinha's wife, Riya Sinha, under the digital communications between her and the former DGP. He alleged that chats, call logs and other data point to a pattern of collaboration.

Marandi further alleged that Gupta played a direct role in steering the gang's operations, including the creation and functioning of the KSS as a channel for The BJP leader said the extortion. He claimed Gupta received a share of the money collected through criminal activities.









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## **UP CM reviews development works in Sambhal**

Uttar Pradesh Chief Sunday said the government has prioritised the development of Sambhal and directed state and district officials to develop Sambhal in a phased man-

Holding a review meeting in Sambhal on Sunday, the CM inquired about the progress of the ongoing development works in the

He also reviewed the

age sites and wells. In the the CM instructed. Minister Yogi Adityanath on second phase, focus on

restore the ancient pilgrim- and-sound sound projects," The Chief Minister also



law and order in Sambhal. development works such called for prompt action on "In the first phase, as a museum and light- the construction of a dis-

trict court, prison, and PAC barracks in Sambhal. He reviewed the work of several departments, includ-Revenue, Home, Justice, Charitable Works, Public Works, Tourism-Culture, and Urban Development. The Chief Minister stat-

ed that there are 68 pilgrimage sites and 19 wells in Sambhal. The state government is working to restore and identify these pilgrimage sites. The Chief Minister directed the local administration to expedite these projects.

### **Editorial**

### Caste enumeration

India's decision to conduct a full caste census in 2027 marks a profound turning point in how the nation confronts its most enduring social hierarchy. For the first time in nearly a century, the state will attempt to record every caste and sub-caste across the country, an exercise that promises to illuminate long-suppressed inequalities but also risks hardening the very divisions it seeks to address. The debate around caste enumeration is as complex as the system itself. Advocates of the census argue that a democracy cannot claim to ensure equality while operating with data blindness. For decades, reservations in education and public employment have relied on assumptions drawn from colonial-era classifications and partial surveys.

The absence of comprehensive, verifiable data has allowed privilege to masquerade as disadvantage and left many genuinely deprived communities undercounted or ignored. A full census, supporters say, would bring transparency and accountability, making welfare more targeted and evidence-based. Yet, this optimism is tempered by a deeper concern – that by formally listing and classifying citizens once again, India might reinforce the very identities it hopes to transcend. Critics warn that counting castes will bureaucratise inequality, turning social justice into a contest of entitlements. In a polity where electoral strategies already hinge on caste coalitions, new data could easily become ammunition for vote-bank politics rather than instruments of reform.

Enumeration, after all, does not merely record reality: it shapes it. Once tabulated, caste identities risk becoming even more rigid, legitimised by the authority of the state. The moral tension here is unmistakable. India's founding vision, articulated by B.R. Ambedkar was not of a nation endlessly managing caste, but of one that would ultimately abolish it. However, seven decades after Independence, caste continues to dictate access to opportunity, dignity, and power. Ignoring it in the name of idealism does not erase it; it merely hides its workings from scrutiny. Recognising caste through data is therefore not an endorsement of hierarchy, but an acknowledgment that inequality cannot be undone by silence. The real challenge lies in what follows the counting.

A meaningful caste census must go beyond mere enumeration to integrate economic, educational, and geographic indicators. Only then can it help design policies that uplift individuals based on deprivation rather than identity alone. Used wisely, it could move India toward a more rights-based, inclusive welfare system Used recklessly, it could deepen resentment and fragment the social fabric further. India now stands at a delicate crossroads: between illumination and entrenchment between data as a tool of justice and data as a weapon of division. The 2027 caste census, if conducted with vision and restraint, could become a milestone in social equity. But if reduced to arithmetic politics, it risks counting inequality without ever confronting it.

### **Plutocracy Gone Crazy**

Elon Musk, the world's with a market capitalisation richest person, is slated to of Rs.20 lakh crore (US\$229 get richer. With a current billion), Reliance Industries worth of nearly US\$500 billion (roughly Rs 44 lakh crore), Musk has been voted ject to his achieving certain tough targets. To put things in perspective the Indian budget for 2025-26, which caters to the needs of 145 crore people, was only Rs 50.65 lakh crore (US\$575 billion). According to Forbes, the richest Indian, Mukesh Ambani, was the 17th in the list of world's rich people, and had a net worth of US\$109 billion i.e., Rs 9.6

lakh crore.

The market capitalisation of Nvidia Corporation, a US company manufacturing graphics processing unit (GPUs), systems on chips (SoCs), and application programming interfaces (APIs), is US\$4.57 trillion (Rs.402 lakh crore) ~ slightly more formed exceedingly well; than India's GDP. Currently, sales, profits and share all the world's ten most valuable companies, have market caps exceeding US\$1 trillion. There has been a quantum increase in the wealth of tech companies, tech corporates have creatand their owners since ed wealth for society e.g., 2020; the richest person in numerous job and business 2020 was Jeff Bezos of Amazon with wealth of US\$113 billion, and the tivity in all sectors. So far so largest corporate was Apple with a market capitalisation of US\$2.25 trillion. Back in fifty years have witnessed a 2015, the richest man was Bill Gates, with a worth of US\$79.2 billion and Apple had the highest market capitalisation of US\$598 billion.

that the size of tech biggies has skyrocketed over the started replacing humans, years, with their top bosses even in tasks involving raking in the moolah by the thinking and reasoning. bucketful. This trend is reflected in India too, though the rise in market capitalisation of corporates, and net worth of the rich, has not been so pronounced, probably because we do not have a person retiring from tech companies of a similar Government service had to gigantic scale. Currently, wait for months for his pen-

Thus, it would appear

company; in 2020 the market capitalisation of RIL was a pay package of US\$1 tril- Rs 12.6 lakh crore, and in lion (roughly Rs 88 lakh 2015 the market capitalisacrore) by Tesla shareholders, tion of RIL was Rs 2.92 lakh over the next ten years, sub- crore; TCS was the most

Ltd. is India's most valuable



with a market cap of Rs 5.12 lakh crore.

The reason for runaway appreciation in the value of large corporates the world over is that they have perprices, all have increased precipitously. Consequently, the wealth of their shareholders has increased rapidly. Undeniably, these large opportunities in the IT sector, as also, enhanced producgood; but we are at a crucial crossroads now. The last persistent change in the corporate and government working environment; earlier machines were used as a substitute for animal and human labour, but now computers have increasingly

Initially, computers were used for low-intelligence, repetitive tasks like payroll maintenance, for which they were eminently suited. For example, in the bad old days,

during the same period. Overall female WPR grew from 19.2 per cent to 33.8 per cent. The September 2025 data also fit neatly into this upward trajectory. Uttar Pradesh has long been a canvas of contrasts. On the one hand the biggest political and social movements and reforms originated here, churning out women of substance who led India's freedom struggle and fight against patriarchy and misogyny,

The latest PLFS month-

Women Uplifts

Signals

ly bulletin (Sep, 2025) high-

lights that "Rising LFPR of

Overall Female LFPR for

Third Consecutive Month"

and claims "Sustained

Growth in Rural Female

Strengthening Economic

Inclusion." The bulletin

details trends in the Labour

Force Participation Rate

(LFPR), Worker Population

Ratio (WPR), and unem-

ployment rate. At first

glance, these headlines

suggest that more women

are joining the workforce

and that India's rural econ-

omy is becoming more

inclusive. However, such

optimism needs to be

the labour force has

undoubtedly risen over the

past few years. Rural

women's WPR increased

from 17.1 per cent in 2017-

18 to 38.1 per cent in 2023-

24, while urban female par-

ticipation rose from 20.1

per cent to 36.3 per cent

Female participation in

viewed in context.

Rural

WPR

but on the other hand women of UP had to suffer subjugation and secondclass treatment due to the capitulation of our political sion and provident fund dues, because the army of Government clerks was unable to handle the voluminous data of millions of employees; but after com-

the

employee

database in fine fettle, and a retiree receives all his payments the day he retires. However, on the flip side, computers have made most

offs in the US tech sector.

The advent of Al-enabled

humanoid robots, promised

by Musk, would mean that

all tasks, even those involv-

ing complex decision-mak-

ing, can be automated, and

completed, without human

interference. With higher-

order machines controlling

lower order machines, the

need for humans in a futuris-

tic office, or factory, will be

tion; last month, Elon Musk

posted on X: "Al and robots

will replace all jobs. Working

will be optional, like growing

instead of buying them from

the store." Realising that the

disruptive effect of Tesla's

own vegetables,

This is not science fic-

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puterisation, a few computer

operators, and some few

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ministerial staff redundant: CAD/CAM, and allied technologies, have done the same, for workers on the shopfloor. Next on the scene was artificial intelligence (AI) which has taken away entry level accounting, customer service, reporting, and administrative support jobs. Significantly, in the first ten months of 2025, AI has been responsible for 11 lakh lay-

Going even further, Musk make Pierre

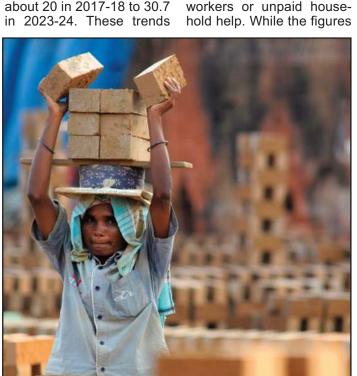
**Numbers may not tell whole story** 

However, the rising labour force participation rate does not necessarily imply economic empowerment. **Economists** Maitreesh Ghatak, Jitendra Singh, and Mrinalini Jha (The India Forum, "Quantity vs Quality: Long-term Trends in Job Creation in the Indian Labour Market") show that much of India's post-2017 employment growth has come from selfemployment, particularly unpaid family work, while the share of regular salaried jobs has declined.

Real earnings for the

self-employed have largely stagnated or fallen. They argue that rising participation in precarious and lowearning work reflects necessity-driven entry into the workforce, rather than a broader expansion of quality employment opportunities for women. The percentage of women workers employed as regular waged workers fell from 21 per cent in 2017-18 to 15.9 p er cent in 2023 Correspondingly, the percentage of unpaid household helpers increased from 31.7 to 36.7 per cent. Additionally, the percentage of female workers

employed as own-account are forced to enter the workers increased from about 20 in 2017-18 to 30.7



hold separately for women in urban and rural areas as well. Regular waged work is generally considered the best form of employment, because it is associated with job and wage security.

These can point at a situation where there are no new jobs being created, as a result of which women

can point at an increase in employment and decrease in unemployment, a disaggregation suggests that India has not been able to adhere to the ILO agenda of decent work. Decent work developed to provide productive opportunities as a process of poverty reduction. The four pillars of

workforce as own-account

rights at work, and social dialogue - seem to be lacking in the trends where women are often distress driven into employment. As a result, much of the work women undertake may be insecure, low-paid, and lacking the protections and opportunities necessary for sustainable livelihoods. This pattern is not new. Between 1999-2000 and 2004-05, rural female labour force participation recorded an unusually sharp rise, a surge documented by Vinoj Abraham (EPW, "Employment Growth in Rural India: Distress-Driven?") and also analyzed by Himanshu "Employment (EPW, Trends in India: A Reexamination"). The increase coincided with a period of agrarian distress, low productivity, and widespread indebtedness. The sharp rise was largely distress-driven, a response to economic necessity rather than genuine empowerment. Many women, including older members of households, took up selfemployment or low-paying work to supplement family

decent work - employment

creation, social protection,

income. Seen in this light the PLFS headlines tell only part of the story. Rising female participation may in fact indicate household distress, limited income diversification, and lack of productive non-farm jobs. The data, rather than signaling empowerment, could be pointing to a silent economic strain, where women are working more, but earning

little and with no security. The Economic Survey, 2025 also hailed the increase in Female LFPR as a "significant move toward independent work and entrepreneurship" because there has b e en an increase in self-employment among women particularly in rural areas. However, studies have previously stated that self employment women in the post liberalisation period is not a result of new productive opportunities, but of a lack of proper employment opportunities. While it is true that employment of women has increased, we should also address the failure to meet the ILO agenda of Decent work, especially in the context of achieving equitable gender employment.

## Empowered women show the way in UP

system before a vote bank. One stark reality that cast a long shadow over women in UP was a blanket ban on night shifts that confined

them to the daylight hours, symbolizing not just legal hurdles but a deeper societal cage. Before 2017, under the ironclad grip of Section 66(1)(b) of the Factories Act, 1948, no woman could step into a factory after 7 p.m., regardless of her willingness or Al-enabled robot Optimus on the job market was sure

to draw the ire of lawmakers, Musk was quick to add that Optimus would soon eradicate global poverty, and make top-class medical care available to everyone. Tesla shareholders, and acolytes like New Yorkbased financial analyst Dan Ives, who see Musk as a modern day Albert Finstein a Thomas Edison," support Musk's vision. Musk's one trillion pay package is contingent upon Tesla selling one million Optimus robots, the in the next decade. Though not produced commercially so far, demo The narrative was one of limitation: women could not venture out after 5 p.m.

models of Optimus have been seen handing out candy on Halloween, performing Kung Fu with Jared Leto, the American actor and musician, and dancing onstage at Tesla's recent shareholder meeting. According to Musk, Tesla's Optimus robot will retail for US\$20,000 to US\$30,000, which is the price of a midsized car, and will have five times the productivity of a human being, because Optimus would be able to work 24X7. Thus, Musk predicted that aided by the Optimus robot, the global economy will grow by a factor of ten, or even one hun-

claimed that Optimus could change the way we live; for example, Optimus would jails redundant, because the robot could "follow you around and stop you from doing crime." As regards displaced workers, Musk suggested that they could be pensioned off on a fixed sum, a Universal Basic Income (UBI); a sentiment echoed by his fellow robber barons, Sam Altman (CEO of Open AI), Chris Hughes (co-founder of Facebook) Omidyar (founder of eBay). None of these plutocrats have bothered to think about the comprehensive or long-term effects of their innovations;

for example.



This nationwide edict, born from post-independence protective intent, the core is the "Kavach" morphed into a barrier, stifling women's economic mobility in a state where industries in Noida, Kanpur and Lucknow churned through the night. Women, eager for better wages and flexible hours, found themselves sidelined, their ambitions dimmed by dusk. This was Uttar Pradesh before Yogi Adityanath assumed the mantle of for collective vigilance. Chief Minister in 2017 – a state where female labour force participation lanshutdowns. guished at a mere 14.7 per This is not mere policy; cent in 2011-12, far below it's a revolution, transformnational average, according to National Sample Survey Office data.

government, has shattered the ban. Women can now work night shifts from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. across all factories, including the 29 categories UP was synonymous with that were once off-limits. chaos - mafia dons like But this is not a thoughtless leap – it is calculated empowerment, anchored in consent, doubled wages and ironclad safety. Explicit written consent is mandato- surged: in 2016, under the

without risking their safety.

November 2025, and the

landscape has flipped. The

Uttar Pradesh Factories

Amendment Act by the Yogi

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Fast-forward

ry, registered with the state labour department, ensuring there is no coercion. At protocol - a fortress of security. Factories must install CCTV with 24/7 monitoring, deploy trained guards, and provide GPStracked, door-to-door transport. Restrooms and routes are surveilled, welfare amenities like food, water, and medical aid are nonnegotiable and no shift runs with fewer than four women Violations invite heavy penalties, from fines to

ing UP from a state of prohibitions to one of possibilities. As one Noida factory owner put it, "Women are lining up – it's not just jobs; it's dignity with a paycheck. The shift echoes a broader metamorphosis under Yogi: from fear to freedom, where women's night-time toil signals not vulnerability but victory. This evolution is no accident; it is the fr uit of a zero -tolerance law-andorder overhaul that has made such boldness feasible. When Yoqi took office, Atiq Ahmed and Mukhtar Ansari held sway, their tentacles in politics, crime and even women's subjugation. Crimes against women

Samajwadi Party regime, UP reported 4,161 rapes and 16,199 molestations, as per NCRB data, with conviction rates a dismal 2-3 per cent. The SP's tenure was

marred by patronage: crim-

inals were shielded as vote banks, with leaders like Mulayam Singh Yadav infamously declaring, "Boys will be boys - they make mistakes," opposing death for penalties rapists. Akhilesh Yadav's government was accused of diluting cases – rapists roamed free, emboldened by political cover. Even today, Akhilesh critiques safety reforms as "showmanship," allegedly prioritizing minority vote banks over justice, as seen in their defense of accused in high-profile cases. Contrast this with Yogi's iron fist. Over 200 encounter killings, thousands of mafia arrests and a bulldozer policy against illicit assets have reclaimed streets. Women's safety metrics tell the tale: UP's conviction rate for crimes against women hit 71 per cent in 2022 - four times the national 18 per cent average - and has held steady, topping NCRB charts for four years. In 2022 alone, there were 13,099 convictions from 37,551 cases, over a third of India's total. Initiatives such as Mission Shakti deploying 1,694 Anti-Romeo squads, 9,000 women police beats and helplines - have slashed reporting-to-conviction

Rape cases dropped 11.6 per cent from 2019-20, molestation rates fell to 9 per cent. Yogi's "zero tolerance" is not rhetoric; its results, enabling women to clock in at midnight without dread. This security

bedrock has unlocked gender justice, a cornerstone of the CM's vision. The night shift policy is not isolated; it is part of a tapestry weaving equality into UP's fabric. Women's workforce participation climbed to 21.7 per cent by 2022-23 as per a Periodic Labour Force Survey, buoyed by skill programs and incentives. It is a big step: from SP-era indifference where Akhilesh Yadav arrogantly dismissed safety pleas from women journalists with "you're safe, why worry?" - to proactive empowerment.

Yogi's UP frames night work as choice, not charity, challenging patriarchal norms. Economically, it means doubled earnings. Socially, it dismantles the "after 5 p.m. taboo." fostering respect. This is empowerment in action, women as economic pillars, not protected relics. Yogi's progressivism shines brighter against SP's regressive shadow. The SP opposed the 2019 Triple Talaq Bill labeling it "anti-Muslim" despite its aim to criminalize instant divorce, leaving women destitute. They resisted the Women's Reservation Bill, trying to stall 33 per cent quotas in legislatures for vote-bank math. Akhilesh Yadav and others called the Uniform Civil Code "divisive," ignoring how it could end polygamy and halala, practices trapping women.

Even now, they shield accused rapists in cases of their own leaders, prioritizing caste alliances over justice. This women-first ethos mirrors the BJP's national blueprint under PM Narendra Modi, where policies orbit around "Nari Shakti." From Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) -

## **BLO commits suicide in Kerala's Kannur**

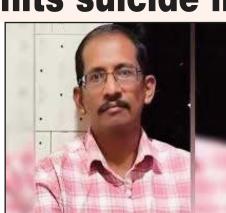
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A Booth Level Officer (BLO) at Ettukudukka near Payyannur in Kerala's Kannur district committed suicide on Sunday.

Aneesh George, BLO of booth 18 of Payyanur constituency, was found hanging this morning. The family alleged that work pressure related to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls duties led to his suicide

Aneesh George, a peon at Kunnaru UP School, was currently working as a booth-level officer. It is reported that Aneesh had told his family and friends about the extreme stress at



work. The State Election Commission has sought a report from the District Collector. However, the State Election Commission said that the commission has not received any complaint regarding work pres-

sure so far. The Election Commissioner added that there is no need for work as the BLOs were

not given any other

work for 31 days. In this connection, the CPM has come out with strong criticism against the Central Election

Commission over the suicide of BLO Aneesh George. MV Jayarajan said that holding local body elections and updating the voter list simultaneously is putting a lot of pressure on the employees.

Meanwhile, Congress has alleged that BLO Aneesh George was threatened by the CPM It is alleged that he committed suicide out of this. The Congress has reportedly filed a complaint with the Election Commission. The Congress has demanded that the Election Commission conduct an investigation into the suicide of Aneesh.

The Payyannur police have registered a case of unnatural Meanwhile, BLOs across the state will abstain from duties on Monday following the suicide of BLO Aneesh George.

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## Chirag Paswan To Be Bihar's Deputy CM? Woman Murdered By Fiancé In Bhavnagar,

Democratic Alliance (NDA) is on the verge of forming a new government in Bihar following a decisive victory. Speculation surrounds the composition of this government, with sources suggesting that Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal United (JDU) might retain the Chief Member Minister's Meanwhile, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) are expected to secure one Deputy Chief Minister post each.

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is set to form a new government in Bihar, with Nitish Kumar's JDU possibly retaining Chief the Minister's position, while the BJP and LJP are Chief Minister posts; the four.

swearing-in ceremony is anticipated within three to four days.

Distribution Power Strategy

NDA each partner received five to six assembly seats per position. Parliament. This formula might extend to cabinet positions. potentially

granting JDU 14 berths due to its 84 MLAs. The BJP emerged as the largest party within the NDA. securing 89 seats. Other alliance members include JDU with 85 seats. LJP(RV) with Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) with five, and expected to secure Deputy Rashtriya Lok Morcha with Details

The swearing-in ceremony for Bihar's new government is anticipated with-During ticket allocation, in three to four days.

> However, discussions are ongoing select "auspicious" date for this event. ΑII alliance partners will be accommodated based on

seat count to ensure balanced power-sharing in the new administration.

On Saturday, NDA leaders visited Nitish Kumar at official residence. Among them was Union Minister Chirag Paswan, who congratulated Kumar on the victory. Paswan stated that the win disproves opposition claims of a rift win, also visited Kumar.

Swearing-In Ceremony between him and Kumar. He highlighted mutual support during the campaign, particularly in Alauli.

Paswan's Chirag Statement

Minister and Union LJP(RV) leader Chirag Paswan tweeted after meeting Nitish Kumar: "After the Bihar Assembly Election results today, met with the Chief Minister of Bihar Nitish Kumar and extended hearty congratulations and best wishes to him for the NDA's resounding majority."

Following internal discussions, the NDA plans a joint legislative party meeting to formally choose its leader. This leader will then claim the mandate to form Bihar's next government. Ram Kripal Yadav, a BJP leader whose political career revived with a Danapur assembly seat

# **Gujarat, Before Their Wedding Ceremony**

A tragic incident unfolded in Bhavnagar, Gujarat,

where a 23-year-old woman was allegedly murdered by her fiancé just an hour before their wedding. The couple, who had been living together for over a year despite family objections, were set to marry on Saturday night. The victim, Soni Himmat Rathod, and the accused, Sajan Baraiya, had completed most prewedding rituals.

The altercation reportedly began over a saree and money shortly before the ceremony. In a fit of anger, Sajan allegedly attacked Soni with an iron pipe and then fatally struck her head against a wall. Deputy Superintendent of Police R.R. Singhal stated that the accused also damaged the house before flee-

In Bhavnagar, Gujarat, a promptly after receiving



Rathod, was allegedly murdered by her fiancé, Sajan Baraiya, an hour before their wedding following an argument over a saree and money; authorities are searching for to one-and-a-half years," Baraiya and investigating said the case. The incident Superintendent Singhal. occurred near Tekri Chowk in the Prabhudas Lake area. ding.

dent and have initiated a thorough investigation. A murder case has been filed, and efforts are underway to locate Sajan. "They had been living together for one Deputy "Yesterday was their wedSoni's body for postmortem examination as part of their investigation process. This tragic event has shocked the local community, highlighting the volatility that can arise from domestic disputes.

Community Reaction The incident took place near Tekri Chowk in the Prabhudas Lake area, leaving residents in disbelief. The couple's relationship had faced familial opposition, yet they continued to live together until unfortunate event this

occurred.

As authorities continue their search for Sajan Baraiya, they urge anyone with information to come forward. This case underscores the importance of addressing issues before they escalate

# **Pakistan's 27th Amendment: Power Shift to Military Under Asim Munir?**

Pakistan's political system has entered a new phase after parliament approved sweeping constitutional changes that significantly increase the authority of General Asim Munir.

Pakistan's parliament approved significant constitutional changes increasing General Asim Munir's authority, formally introducing the Chief of Defence Forces and granting him command over the armed forces and control of the Strategic Plans Division, consolidating control of nuclear weapons. This has raised concerns about the shift of power, legal immunity, the nuclear command

with analysts warning of institutional collapse. Switch To Shorts

The move which restructures the defence leadership and limits judicial oversight, has triggered wide domestic and international concern due to its long term implications for

military power and nuclear control.

Creation of the Chief of Defence Forces and New **Constitutional Powers** 

The 27th Constitutional Amendment has formally structure, and the future of introduced the post of Chief

ing the chief of army staff to al recognition for the air hold dual authority over the armed forces. The new law

> grants General Munir command of the army, air force and navy, along with complete control of the national defence and security framework. It also

legalises his field marshal title and grants lifelong legal immunity against prosecution or removal by any court.

Prime Minister Shehbaz defended the amendment by stating, "This isn't just about the governance, of Defence Forces, allow- army chief, it's constitution-

force and navy too. What's wrong with that? Nations honour their heroes. We know how to respect ours."

Strategic and Nuclear **Decision Making** One of the most critical

Impact on Pakistan's

outcomes of the amendment is the shift of authority over Pakistan's Strategic Plans Division, which manages nuclear weapons and delivery systems. The change consoli-

dates control of approximately 170 nuclear warheads under a single office. Security experts warn that this concentration weakens internal checks and reduces confidence in Pakistan's nuclear com-

### Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan Presents **Manorama News Newsmaker Award 2024 to Union** Minister of State Shri Suresh Gopi in New Delhi Minister of State for highlighting positive develthat in this age of artificial

Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan **Praises Shri Suresh Gopi for his** success in both Cinema and **Politics** 

**Vice-President Emphasizes** Media's Role in Highlighting **Positive Developments to** Inspire Nation's Youth

Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan Stresses Journalism's Responsibility as the Voice of the Voiceless and Emphasizes Media's Duty in Combating **Fake News and Deepfakes** 

The Vice-President of C. Shri India, Radhakrishnan, graced the Manorama News Newsmaker Award 2024 ceremony held today in New Delhi as the Chief Guest. He presented the prestigious award to Shri Gopi,

Tourism and Petroleum & opments in the nation to Natural Gas and acclaimed inspire the youth and film actor.

In his address

the Vice-President highlighted the unique challenges of cinema and politics, praising Shri Suresh Gopi for his outstanding success in both fields. The Vice-President fondly recalled his

recent visit to Fatima Mata invitation of Shri Suresh Gopi, an alumnus of the also Minister's enduring connection to his roots.

He emphasized the discourse.The Union media's essential role in President further stated

stressed journalism's College, Kollam — at the responsibility in giving a voice to the voiceless. He highlighted college. He remarked that media's crucial role in crethis gesture reflects the ating a drug-free society by spreading awareness and shaping responsible public Vice-

intelligence and deepfakes, it is becoming increasingly difficult to separate truth from fake news. He emphasized that the press and media must play a very responsible role in our democracy.

Vice-President Tamil poet recalled Thiruvalluvar's immortal words, "If a man speaks the truth with a pure heart, he stands higher than those who perform lifelong penance or give away billions in charity. He urged the Press to follow Thiruvalluvar's words of eternal wisdom.

Recognizing Manorama Group's endurlegacy,

## **Delhi Car Blast Aftermath: Lal Quila Metro Station Reopens Fully As City Returns To Normal**

Metro Station has now lar reopened completely for who rely on this public movement. All entry route for daily travand exit gates at the station el. are fully operational again, restoring regular metro blast near the Red services in the area. The reopening marks an important step toward stabilizing 13 lives, the Lal daily life in a part of the city Quila that was shaken by the explosion.

In the days following the checks and restricted movement. However, as the investigation continues, the Delhi Metro Rail (DMRC) Corporation

passengers

Following a car Fort on November 10, that claimed Metro Station in Delhi has fully reopened,

restoring regular metro November 10 attack, the services after the incident, atmosphere around the where a white Hyundai i20 Red Fort had been tense, driven by Umar Un Nabi with extensive security exploded. The investigation continues, uncovering potential terror links, while security remains high.

Markets surrounding the Lal Quila Metro Station announced on X (formerly have also resumed opera- November 10 claimed 13 Twitter) that "All the gates tions. Though business lives and caused extensive accused.

of Lal Quila Metro Station activity is slowly picking up, damage to several vehicles Delhi is gradually return- are now open for com- an underlying sense of cau- parked near the site. ing to normalcy after the muters: Delhi Metro." This tion remains among shop- Investigators have condeadly car blast near the announcement has helped keepers, commuters and firmed that the explosion Red Fort, as the Lal Quila ease the concerns of regu- visitors. People returning to involved a white Hyundai



the area for work or shopping are moving with increased alertness, even as they attempt to bring back a sense of routine. The restored footfall indicates that Delhi is gradually regaining its rhythm despite the lingering shock.

The car blast on

i20 driven by Umar Un Nabi, the prime accused. He died in what officials have described as a suicide attack outside the Lal Quila Metro Station. His identification was confirmed through DNA analysis carried out by forensic teams.

tion has exposed deeper terror links, with several other accused individualsbelieved to be medical professionals associated with a terror module operating secretly from Faridabad, Haryana-already detained by authorities. Security agencies continue to examine CCTV footage, forensic evidence, and communica-

The ongoing investiga-

(Gns). tion trails connected to the

### SVCC and Conayur São Paulo Host 3rd International Ayurveda Conference Showcasing India-Brazil Collaboration in Traditional Medicine (ICCR), commemorated 40 Traditional Medicine, to be Kotecha, emphasized that

Conference marks 40 years of ayurveda in Brazil and reinforces bilateral partnership in advancing traditional healthcare

Ayurveda's global expansion to be snowcased at upcoming 2nd **WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine in New** Delhi

"Ayurveda reflects the philosophy of inclusivity, compassion, and balance," says Secretary Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha

Traditional systems are increasingly finding scientific expression, enriching global healthcare dialogue: Ambassador Dinesh Bhatia

The 3rd International Ayurveda Conference was jointly organized by the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) and Conayur, São Paulo, Brazil, from November 14-15, 2025. The two-day event, held under the aegis of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations

years of Ayurveda in Brazil held in New Delhi from 17th and brought together experts, to 19th December 2025 practitioners, scholars, and

deliberations centered on the theme "Diversity and Inclusion Ayurveda: Caring for Everybody and Every Being.

The conference was inaugurated Ambassador India to Brazil, H.E

Shri Dinesh Bhatia, who highlighted the growing collaboration between India and Brazil in traditional systems of healthcare. He observed that Ayurveda's global relevance is being reinforced through advancing scientific research and international collaboration, which will further find expression at the

The

South

American country to officially recognize Ayurveda and referred to the visit of recent Brazil's Vice

President, Geraldo Alckmin, to the All India Institute Ayurveda, New

Delhi, as a landmark in strengthening bilateral cooperation. Commending SVCC for its continued dedication to promoting Ayurveda and culture, Indian Ambassador conveyed appreciation to the Ministry of Ayush for supporting such initiatives.

Delivering the keynote forthcoming WHO-Ministry address, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush Global Summit on of Ayush, Dr. (Vaidya) Rajesh

Avurveda embodies inclusivity, compassion, and the Ambassador holistic equilibrium of body, students from across Latin acknowledged Brazil's pio- mind, and environment. He America and India. The neering contribution as the highlighted the strong India-Brazil partnership in traditional medicine, reinforced through a Memorandum of Understanding between the respective Ministries of Health and through institutional collaborations involving the National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, and

Brazilian universities. Dr. Kotecha lauded the teachers, researchers, and practitioners who have advanced Ayurveda in Brazil over the past four decades. On behalf of the Union Minister of Ayush, Shri Prataprao Jadhav, he reiterated India's commitment, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, to deepen cooperation between the two nations in advancing evidence-based traditional medicine.

## **Gen Z Protests Spread Across Mexico After Mayor's Murder Sparks National Outrage**

led by "Generation Z," to protest against escalating violence following the recent public assassination of an anticrime mayor. In Mexico City, a small group of masked protesters dismantled barriers around the National Palace, where President Claudia Sheinbaum resides. This action led to a confrontation with riot police who used tear gas, as

Mexico City's public safety secretary, Pablo nation of Uruapan Mayor Vazquez, revealed in a Carlos Manzo, thousands press briefing that 100 of Mexicans, mainly from police officers sustained Generation Z, protested injuries, with 40 needing against escalating violence hospital care. Additionally, on Saturday, leading to 20 civilians were injured clashes with police in

reported by Reuters wit-

Thousands of people Vazquez informed local both officers and civilians; rallied across Mexico on media outlet Milenio. He 20 were arrested. Protests also mentioned that 20 indi- occurred across Mexico, viduals were arrested and with the government ques-

protests, Mexico City and injuries to Manzo's



another 20 faced administrative charges.

Following the assassi-

tioning the motives and suggesting political adversaries organized demonstrations.

**Demonstrations** occurred Mexican cities, including

in various Michoacan's western state. wide advocating for social Here, outrage surged over and political reforms. Uruapan Mayor Carlos

murder November 1. He was shot dead during a public Day of the Dead celebration. Protesters in Mexico City directed their anger at Sheinbaum's party, chanting "Out, Morena" and demanding stronger government action against crime and violence. group

"Generation Z Mexico," which initiated the protests, circulated a "manifesto" on social media declaring itself non-partisan. It represents Mexican youth frustrated with violence, corruption, power abuse. Generation Z includes those born between 1997 and 2012 and has inspired similar movements world-

#### **Commerce Secretary reviews the India-Eurasian Economic Union** (EAEU) Free Trade Agreement negotiations in Moscow In the meeting with Leaders' guidance, the diversification, strengthen-

Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal has reviewed the progress of India-Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) Free Trade Agreement negotiations in series of meetings Commerce Moscow. Secretary met the Minister in charge of Trade of the Eurasian Economic Commission, Mr. Andrey Slepnev, the Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation, Mr. Mikhail Yurin, and also addressed a business networking plenary with members of Indian and Russian indus-

The discussions built upon the outcomes of the India-Russia Working Group on Trade and Economic Cooperation, and technological collabowith a continued focus on

ensuring regulatory pre- Commerce

ing resilient supply chains, Minister Slepnev, the services and investment dictability and promoting reviewed the next steps for ined as



partnership. These efforts goods. The Terms of Reference signed on 20 reflect the Leaders' direction to reach USD 100 bil-August 2025 outline an 18lion in bilateral trade by month work plan aimed at 2030 and to expand Indian diversifying markets for exports through industrial Indian businesses, including MSMEs, farmers and fishermen. In line with the ration.

Secretary tracks will also be examthe process In his discussions with

Deputy Minister Yurin, the Commerce Secretary explored ways to enhance trade diversification, supply-chain resilience and cooperation in critical minerals. Both sides discussed a time-bound pathway across key sectors such as pharmaceuticals, telecom equipment, machinery, leather, automobiles and chemicals. Quarterly regulator-to-regulator engagement was agreed upon to address certification requirements, listings of agricultural and marine businesses, prevention of monopolistic practices and other non-tariff issues.

Transformation,

### **IICA hosts insightful session on Digital Governance and** Cybersecurity with, Special DG, BISAG-N, MeitY, Sh. Vinay Thakur

Session highlights India's leading Digital Public Infrastructure and the growing need for robust cybersecurity frameworks Future-ready digital skills and secure technologies are essential for driving India's socio-economic progress: DG & CEO, IICA

Sh. Vinay Thakur underscores the enabling role of technology as a tool of social inclusion, transparency and economic acceleration (Gns).

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) organized an illuminating and highly impactful session with the Special Director General, BISAG-N, Ministry of Electronics & Technology, Information former Managing Director, NICSI, Sh. Vinay Thakur, a national expert in digital governance and cybersecurity. Sh. Thakur

Architecture, Cloud Deployment, Cyber Security and the emerging field of Post Quantum Cryptography (PQC).

The session opened with a warm welcome by the Director General &

skills and secure technologies in shaping India's socio-economic progress.

Digital who emphasized the impor-

Solution tance of future-ready digital

In his address, Sh Thakur placed special focus on the scale, strength, and evolution of India's Digital Public Infrastructure

delivered a comprehensive Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, (DPI) - considered one of the most advanced in the world. He highlighted how initiatives such as:

Aadhaar, Payments Interface (UPI), DigiLocker, BharatNet, Co-WIN, UMANG, MeghRaj Cloud and GIS-based platforms of BISAG-N have collectively transformed governance, public service delivery and citizen empowerment. He emphasised that these achievements are a direct reflection of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visionary Digital India movement, which aims to build a digitally empowered society knowledge economy. Thakur emphasized how the Prime Minister's leadership has enabled technology to become a tool for social inclusion, transparency and econom-

# **USI Hosts Third Annual Indian Military Heritage Festival in New Delhi**

Two-Day IMHF Strengthens **Public Understanding of** India's Military Heritage and **Security Thought** 

The United Service Institution of India (USI) hosted the Third Annual Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF) at its New Delhi campus November 14-15, 2025, bringing together senior military leaders, policymakers, diplomats, scholars, authors, think-tanks, industry representatives and the public. The festival was inaugurated by Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth and saw the participation of Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan. The festival provided a vibrant space to showcase India's military heritage, engage on contemporary

strategic & security issues Distinguished dignitaries between senior journalist and highlight emerging such as the Governor of ideas shaping the country's Tamil Nadu Shri R.N. Ravi defence ecosystem.

The Third Annual Edition featured an exhibition of iconic military paintings by Lt Col Raj Arul (Retd) and the release of notable publications,

including The

Sukraniti: Statecraft and Warcraft by Col PK Gautam of Honours Awards of the Indian Armed Forces by Dr AK Mishra, and 75 Years of India's Contribution UN to Peacekeeping by Maj Gen Future. The day concluded PK Goswami, VSM (Retd). with a special conversation

and Shri Sambhaji Raje

Chhatrapati graced also the occasion. Across Day sessions

delved themes including Operation Sindoor: Catalysing Aatmanirbhar Bharat, The Forgot,

Foundations India's Strategic and Autonomy, Future Conflicts and Strategic Horizons, Contested Partitions and Technology and Strategy: Adapting Warfare for the

Ms Suhasini Haidar and Ambassador Rajiv Sikri, IFS (Retd), on India's evolving foreign policy in Rising India Engages the World.

On Day 2, sessions explored Great Indian Military Leaders and Military Systems, Taming Waves, the Military Biographies, Tussles over Tibet, Assam's Modern Journey, Bangladesh, Valour and Honour: Indian Army through the Ages and Lessons from the 1965 Indo-Pak War. Discussions also covered heritage conservation at Raigad, landmark judgments on women in the armed forces, Asian strategic thought and fiction as a tool of historical mem-

### MoS for Corporate Affairs & Road Transport and Highways Shri Harsh Malhotra hosted Namo Run on Road Safety theme as part of Sansad Khel Mahotsav 2025 - East Delhi at Yamuna Sports Complex

The Namo Run was flagged off by the Chief Guest Mrs Rekha Gupta, Chief Minister, Delhi Over 6000 Participants Join Namo Run, Highlighting Commitment to Sports, Youth **Empowerment, Fitness and Road Safety** (Gns).

Minister of State for

Corporate Affairs & Road Transport and Highways Shri Harsh Malhotra hosted a Namo Run on Road Safety theme as part of Sansad Khel Mahotsav 2025 -East Delhi at Yamuna Sports Complex, Surajmal Vihar. The Namo Run was flagged off by the Chief Guest Mrs Rekha Gupta, Chief Minister, Delhi. Over participants were present in the Namo Run. The run was organized on the theme of road safety, emphasizing the importance of responsible behavior on the roads and promoting a culture of safety and awareness. The participants, who gathered to support the cause and make a they took part in the run.

Prime Minister Narendra promotes excellence, and future.

Modi Ji's vision for the provides opportunities for youth of India, who he believes have the potential

young athletes to excel.

Shri Malhotra stated that to drive the country's growth the Namo Run is a signifiand development and would cant step towards promot-



play a pivotal role in the ambitious vision of Viksit Bharat@2047. Shri Narendra Modi Ji has been a strong advocate for sports and fitness, emphasizing the importance of physical activity in building a healthy and productive nation. Also, Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision is not just about promoting sports, but about harnessing the energy and creativity of the youth to statement about the impor- build a better future for India tance of fitness, ranging and the Namo Run is a tesfrom school children to sen- tament to the government's ior citizens, showed great commitment to promote statement about the impor- committed to promote enthusiasm and energy as sports and fitness in the tance of fitness and respon- sports and fitness in the Shri Malhotra stated that sports ecosystem that has motivated him to frethe Namo Run is in line with encourages participation, quently host such events in

ing fitness, road safety, and community engagement and has brought together fitness enthusiasts, sports aficionados, and community leaders together. The massive turnout with participants showing great enthusiasm and energy, promoted not only fitness and road safety but also provided a platform for people to come together and celebrate their love for sports. Further, the zeal and zest of the participants who gathered to support the cause and make a the Modi government is country and creating a sible behavior on the roads country and events like the

Delhi Chief Minister and the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports were joined by dignitaries, prominent including East Delhi MLAs, who showed their support for the FIT India movement and the Namo Run. In her address, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta emphasized the importance of fitness and road safety, urging participants to make a conscious effort to follow traffic rules and promote a healthy lifestyle. She also highlighted the government's initiatives to promote sports and fitness in the city and encouraged participants to take advantage of these programs.

Shri Harsh Malhotra thanked the participants, dignitaries, and volunteers for their support in making the event a grand success and stated that the Namo Run reflects the impact of sports on the society. The event showed that when people come together with a common goal, they can make a difference and create a positive impact and Namo Run will continue to play a crucial role in achieving this goal.

Vridavan under the leader-

## **NSG** team collects samples from explosion site in Srinagar's Nowgam police station

A forensic experts' team the National Security Guard (NSG) on Sunday visited Srinagar's Nowgam police station to examine the site of Friday night's deadly explosion that claimed nine lives and left thirty-two others injured.

The elite NSG experts collected samples from the explosion spot and interacted with local police officers. They conducted a detailed technical inspection of the debris, impact zone, and surrounding structures to determine the nature and cause of the blast. The team is also expected to assist local law enforcement agencies in evidence collection and forensic

J&K DGP Nalin Prabhat reviewed kinetic and non-

assessment.

overall security situation in example of a father, who North Kashmir's Kupwara. tried to immolate himself He stressed vigilance, bet- after his two sons were ter coordination and strong measures to maintain Kulgam district. peace and protect civil-

The DGP also visited the family of Inspector Shah Asrarul-Haq, who was killed in blast the

and offered condolences. He praised his courage and assured full support to the bereaved family.

Peoples Democratic (PDP) Mehbooba Mufti has cautioned authorities against 'high-handedness' while probing the white collar terror module, citing the ities to just see them which

picked up by police in the

In a post on X, Mehbooba said, "Bilal Wani an anguished father from Wanpora Qazigund has set himself on fire after his son Jasir Bilal & brother Naveel Wani were detained by the police a few days ago.

Petrified about their safety

he pleaded with the author-

& is in critical condition. This level of high handedness only deepens wounds and breeds despair. When young men are picked up randomly we risk driving an entire generation into fear, frustration & ultimately towards darker paths". Police have picked up

was denied. He has been

referred to SMHS Srinagar

many people for questioning after the Red Fort terror blast in which 13 people were killed when an i20 car exploded near the traffic crossing, killing its driver, Dr Umar Nabi.

Meanwhile, the police conducted verification of records of fertiliser and chemical shops across the Kashmir valley to ensure that its sale and purchase was carried out strictly in line with the existing regu-

### Sanatan Ekta Padyatra ended with Banke Bihari Darshan, crowd gathered in public meeting started for the last stop

Jagatguru Rambhadracharya, Devaki Nandan Thakur, Gyananand Ji Maharaj, Sutikshna Ji Maharaj, film actor Govind, District Panchayat President Kishan Choudhary Namdev sitting on the stage in the meeting organized near Chardham Maidan, scene of Hindu unity in Namdev inset. National Highway seen

completely bathed in saffron Banke is the abode of Bihariji,

everything is great: MP Chief Minister Now stop Om Shanti, start Om **Kranti Kranti:** 

Rambhadracharya

whether the road or the house,

Mathura. Sanatan Hindu Padyatra Baba Pandit Bageshwar Dhirendra Krishna Shastri reached Vrindavan. On the last day of the 10 day Sanatan Ekta Padyatra, as soon as Lord Shri Banke Bihari ji entered the city, Baba Bageshwar and all the saints along with him prostrated themselves. All the saints including Baba Bageshwar applied the sacred Raj of Vrindavan on their foreheads and hugged each other and wished them success in the journey. This moment of entering Vrindavan Dham was so emotional that tears of

joy came out of Bageshwar

Maharaj's eyes. Badrinath

Wale Maharaj and Raju

also appeared emotional. Minister Mohan Yadav, who

accompanying in the pady- participated in Sanatan atra for the last 10 days, Ekta Patra today. MP Chief



The glow of spiritual joy and immense devotion was clearly visible in the eyes of all the saints. The local devotees welcomed the saints and religious leaders gathered from all over the country in the religious meeting held at the Chardham temple ground at the Vrindavan turn of the Padyatra and made the atmosphere full of devotion by chanting 'Jai Shri Radhe Jai Shri Krishna'. The yatra came to an end after a grand ceremony by offering the religious flag to Thakur Banke Bihari. The conclusion of the 150 km long yatra was so grand that the renowned saint-mahant had the dignified presence on the stage adorned with MP Chief Minister, politicians and film stars.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Das Maharaj, who were Minister Mohan Yadav also Highway, the padyatra

joined the padyatra in the middle, walked for some time and then sat on the road and had food with Dhirendra Shastri. Many saints and saints including Jagatguru

Rambhadracharya, Devki Thakur, Nandan Gyananand Ji Maharaj, Sutikshna Ji Maharaj, film actor Govind Namdev, District Panchayat President Kishan Choudhary also arrived. police Heavy force remained deployed at Chhatikara intersection. In the morning itself, the Commissioner of Agra Division along with DIG, DM and SSP and police officers reached Vrindavan and were keeping an eye on every activity. After stopping at Radha Madhav Temple on the National

ship of Acharya Dhirendra Krishna Shastri at 9 am on Sunday morning. The enthusiasm of lakhs of ing at the inauguration of a Sanatani people participat- Kendriya Vidyalaya at ing in the padyatra that started on Sunday morning was extremely high. The pedestrians are moving for- to ward with a resounding offered by the Department atmosphere of cheers, reinforcing the trend of Hindutva. Along with Acharya Dhirendra Krishna Shastri, a large number of saints and religious leaders are moving forward with enthusiasm. The National Highway is seen completely bathed in saffron colour. Gradually the Padyatra is moving towards Vrindavan and the number of Ayurveda Conference was Sanatanis participating in the Padyatra is also continuously increasing. Although the march is progressing slowly. But, the participants in the padyatra reached the pandal near Sanatani Chardham temple. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Moham Yadav also participated in the padyatra. Tasted the food while sitting on the road with Pandit Dhirendra Shastri. Sadhus and saints from many states of the country have also reached Vrindavan Dham. During this, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said that this is the abode of ...

Jitendra Singh on Sunday called upon the students and faculty to avail the number of technology incentives and dedicated schemes being pushed by Modi government through the Ministry of Science & Technology to groom, identify, and encourage the potential for innovation and Startups among school children, so that they could be channelised and mentored from

an early age. The Minister was speak-Ramkot in Kathua.

He exhorted parents of students aged 10-17 years avail scholarships of Science & Technology

and Grant Schemes like Department of Science and



Dr. Jitendra Singh calls on students to

which a financial support of students aged 17-22 years. talented students.

benefits of the INSPIRE sciences and research. Scholarship (SHE) of the

Rs 10,000 is awarded to selected students to promote innovation and cre- Rs 20,000 mentorship ative thinking and attract

Under the scheme, Rs 60,000 per year, including a grant, is provided to encourage undergraduate Dr Jitendra Singh also and postgraduate students urged them to avail the to pursue careers in basic

The Minister added that

avail scholarships introduced by Modi govt the benefits of the Vigyan Union Minister Dr. INSPIRE-MANAK, under Technology for meritorious Jyoti Scheme for young girls from class IX to class XII should also be availed. Under this initiative, the Union government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, provides handholding and mentoring support for higher studies and careers in science and technology, encouraging girl students to pursue education and careers in STEM, especially in underrepresented

> areas. The establishment of the Kendriya Vidhyalaya at Ramkot will boost education in the area and provide uninterrupted, quality education to the children of local residents, as well as the wards of security personnel posted in the Ramkot area, the Union

## **Ayurveda Conference celebrates 40 years** of traditional healthcare system in Brazil

(Gns). Marking 40 years of practice of the traditional Indian healthcare system in Brazil, 3rd International iointly organised by the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) and Conayur, São Paulo, Brazil, from

The conference featured thematic lectures, plenary sessions, and a general assembly focusing on critical issues including ancestral knowledge, diversity and inclusion in Ayurveda, and the professional regulation of Ayurveda in Brazil.

November 14 – 15, 2025.

The two-day programme included lectures such as "Daivavyapashraya: Healing of the Soul - A Bridge between the Ganges and the West" by Paulo Bastos Gonçalves, "From Journey Santetti, and "Ayurveda as a Path of Healing" by Dr. Rita

to Ākāśa: The day, which was held under Subtle the aegis of the Indian Transformation" by Vanessa Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

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Beatriz Tocantins, among several others.

The conference also witnessed roundtable deliberations to create a roadmap of the next 40 years for Ayurveda in the Latin American nation, according to an official document from the Ministry of Ayush. Dinesh Bhatia, Ambassador of India to Brazil, inaugurated the

conference on the opening

practitioners, scholars, and students from across Latin America and India, the discussions centred on the "Diversity and theme Inclusion in Ayurveda: Caring for Everybody and Every

The Indian delegate, in his speech, acknowledged that Brazil was the first South American country to officially recognise the ancient Indian medicine system and referred to the recent visit of Brazil's Vice President, Geraldo Alckmin, to the All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi, as a landmark in strengthening bilateral cooperation.

Delivering the keynote address, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Dr Rajesh Kotecha, emphasised that Ayurveda embodies inclusivity, compassion, and the holistic equilibrium of body, mind, and environment. He highlighted the strong India-Brazil partnership in traditional medicine, reinforced through a Memorandum of Understanding between the respective Ministries of Health and through institutional collaborations involving the National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, Brazilian universities.