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President of india presents sixth national water awards and jal sanchay-jan bhagidari awards

Effective water management is possible only with the participation of individuals, families, society, and the government: president

droupadi murmu (Gns). Smt. Droupadi Murmu pre-

sented the sixth National Water Awards and Jal Sanchay-Jan Bhagidari Awards at a function held in Delhi today (November 18, 2025). Speaking on the occa- underlined that climate

sion, the President said change is affecting the that the story of human civilization is the story of cumstances, the governgroups settling in river val- ment and the public should leys, along seashores, and work together to ensure around various water water availability and water sources. In our tradition, security. rivers, lakes, and other water sources are revered. happy to note that under In our national song, the the first word Bankim Chandra Bhagidari

abundant water resources." recharge structures have culation, many industrial This fact reflects the priority of water for our country.

The President said that efficient water use is a The President of India, global imperative. Efficient water use is even more crucial for our country because our water resources are limited compared to the population. Per capita water availability is a major challenge. She water cycle. In such cir-

> President was The Sanchay-Jan Jal

Chatterjee wrote is Sujalam. launched last year, more She noted that, along with sised on prioritization of tion while minimizing water that tribal communities ed and conserved through This means "blessed with than 35 lakh groundwater water treatment and recir-



The President said that by adopting circular water economy systems, all industries and other stakeholders can make effective

units have achieved the target of zero fluid discharge. She stated that such efforts are useful for water management and conservation.

The Congress MP fur-

water conservation and consistent management at the level of central and state governments, district administrations, village panchayats, and municipal bodies. She was happy to note that numerous educational institutions, citizen groups, and non-governmental organizations are also contributing in this direction. She advised farmers and entrepreneurs to adopt innovative methods of maximizing produc-

consumption. She high- treat all natural resources, the power of the people. lighted that rational citizens including water, with great who enthusiastically contribute individually are also the most efficient use of important stakeholders in water resources should be the water-prosperity value chain. Effective water management is possible only with the participation of individuals, families, society, and the government.

The President said that while using water, everyone should remember that awareness in our country's water recharge through we are using a very valuable asset. She underlined

respect. She stressed that an integral part of the lifestyle of all our citizens. She advised everyone to remain constantly vigilant about water conservation, both individually and collectively. She said that it is crucial to spread water public Water can only be harvest-

The National Water Awards aim to create awareness among the people about the importance of water and motivate them to adopt the best water usage practices. The Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) initiative has been leading to the emergence of diverse, scalable, and replicable models for artificial groundconsciousness. community participation and convergence

Railways reduces bulk cement freight charges km. Now, the rate is com- cement. The Tank Container ther support this shift toward

225 km, or 228 km," he said. is a proud "Make in India"

oped across the country," bulk cement from manufac-

end-to-end logistics for bulk ronmentally friendly. To fur-

tonnes.

Unveiling the rationalisation of rates for bulk cement in containers and the policy for bulk cement terminals, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Tuesday said these reforms will bring down the cost of cement for the middle class and poor families as they build their dream homes.

The policy is part of the Railways Reforms for Cement Transportation.

The new rate structure has been simplified and rationalised by introducing charges based on the actual tonnage, calculated as the Gross Tonne Kilometre (GTKM) of the train.

To enhance Ease of Doing Business, the previous distance and weight slabs have been removed. Under the revised system, freight is charged at a flat rate of Rs 0.90 per tonne per kilometre for the actual distance covered.

Describing this moment a game changer, Vaishnaw said as per the new policy, distance and weight slabs have been removed, adding that the network is now almost 100 new rate has been rationalised to Rs 0.90 per tonne than 1,300 Amrit Stations consumption. per kilometre at flat Gross are currently being devel-Tonne KM.

"Previously, freight rates were in slabs. One rate applied to a plant terminal at 200 km, and another rate for a plant terminal at 210 installed at 10 km, 50 km, cement transportation and

The Railway Minister

said tank containers will be

an end-to-end, pollution-

free logistics solution for

India is now the world's

"The rail network expan-

bulk cement transportation.

second-largest freight carri-

er, having surpassed the US,

sion has increased from 4

km per day (during 2004-

14) to 12-14 km per day,

making it over three times

faster. The broad-gauge rail

per cent electrified. More

the Union Minister added.

The policy promotes the

use of tank containers to

support efficient multimodal,

he said.

pletely flat: 90 paise/GTKM, is an effective end-to-end whether the terminal is logistics solution for bulk

product. It is designed with

standard dimensions of 20 ft

× 8 ft × 8.5 ft, offering a pay-

load capacity of 26 tonnes

and a gross weight of 31

efficient operations with a

loading and unloading time

of just 25-30 minutes. Its

design makes it ideal for

seamless multimodal trans-

portation-moving easily

from train to trailer and back

to train—enabling smooth

delivery from the point of

production to the point of

The transportation

turing plants to terminals

near consumption centers

using specialised wagons is

both cost-effective and envi-

Each container allows

efficient logistics, Indian Railways will facilitate the development of bulk cement terminals across the country under the "Bulk Cement Terminal" policy, enabling smoother handling, storage, and distribution of cement. The bulk cement termi-

nals will be constructed, operated, and maintained with direct connectivity to the railway network to ensure seamless logistics. These terminals will be equipped with essential facilities such as hoppers, silos, bagging plants, and other related infrastructure to support efficient handling, storage, and distribution of bulk cement.

The policy offers several key benefits, including a substantial reduction in cement transportation costs and a significantly smaller carbon footprint compared to road transport, thereby supporting environmental sustainability and reducing road congestion.

It enables the movement of large volumes of cement in a single consignment and minimises packaging requirements while reducing material losses from spillage. Additionally, the policy ensures faster turnaround times through mechanised loading and unloading, enhancing overall efficiency in cement logistics.

Shashi Tharoor Praises PM Modi Again, Sparks Anger in Congress

after publicly appreciating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech at a private event in Delhi. Congress MP Shashi

Tharoor praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech at a Delhi event, which focused on national development and cultural revival, prompting internal unease within the Congress party and raising questions about his political alignment, especially concerning his past remarks and association with the G23 group. His comments shared

Tharoor has once again reopened discussions with- mindset. triggered internal unease in his party about his ideological direction and long

questions over his proximity opment, cultural revival and Congress MP Shashi to the ruling side and the need to shed a colonial

He wrote that PM Modi highlighted how



term political stance.

Tharoor Describes PM's Address as Inspiring and Forward Looking

Tharoor said he attended an invitation only event where the Prime Minister on social media renewed focused on national devel-

should no longer see itself as an "emerging market" but an "emerging model" and credited the nation for staying strong during the pandemic and coping with global uncertainty linked to the Ukraine conflict.

ther quoted the Prime Minister saying he has been accused of being in "election mode" throughout his tenure but was actually operating in an "emotional mode" driven by public concerns

Tharoor noted that the address framed development as a fusion of economic ambition and cultural restoration.

Appreciating the vision presented, he shared, "On the whole, the address served as an economic outlook and a cultural call to action, urging the nation to be restless for progress. Glad to have been in the audience..."

At Moscow meet, Jaishankar calls for reforms to SCO's working methods, reiterates India's zero-tolerance policy on terrorism

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of Government meeting in Moscow, External Affairs (EAM) Minister Jaishankar on Tuesday said that there should be zero tolerance towards terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, calling for the reform in the grouping's

working methods. Speaking at the SCO Jaishankar reminded member countries that the SCO was founded to combat the three evils of terrorism, separatism and extremism.

He noted that these threats have become even more serious in the years that have passed, and added: "It is imperative that the world displays zero tolerance towards terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

Jaishankar asserted



that there can be no justification, no looking away and no whitewashing. "As India has demonstrated, we have the right to defend our people against terrorism and will exercise it," he stated.

The EAM further said changing global landscape, develop an expanded agenda and reform its working methods.

tively and fully to these and the SCO Startup

objectives...," he added.

Earlier during speech, Jaishankar highlighted India's commitment to the SCO, saying, "We have provided cancer treatment equipment to some SCO members. Similarly, India's supplies of vaccines that India believes that the and essential medicines SCO must adapt to the reflected that commitment during difficult times."

He said that India's initiatives, such as the SCO Special Working Group on "We will contribute posi- Startups and Innovation, Forum are good examples of that. "They're aimed at promoting innovation and creativity, especially targeting the younger generation...," he said.

Speaking on trade and economic issues, the External Affairs Minister said, "We assess the global economic situation to be particularly uncertain and volatile currently."

He said supply side risks have been aggravated by demand side complexities.

"There is consequently an urgent requirement to derisk and diversify. This is best done by as many of us forging the widest possible economic links. For that to happen, it is essential that this process be fair, transparent and equitable. India's endeavours to conclude free trade arrangements with many of you relevant," are Jaishankar added.ku















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Rajasthan to host tourism pre-summit on **November 27 ahead of Pravasi Rajasthani Divas** portfolio, will be the special will be followed by brainglobal tourism map.

Ahead of the Pravasi Rajasthani Divas celebration on December 10, 2025, and the Film the state government will organise a Tourism Pre-Summit on November 27 aimed at bringing together leading minds from the tourism sector to explore how Rajasthan can be positioned as a year-round boost tourist destination.

Chief Minister Bhajan filmmakers Lal Sharma will grace the choose inaugural session as the Rajasthan who also holds the Tourism

guest.

Tourism Promotion Policy of the state are expected to be unveiled at the These policies aim to tourism and encourage

as chief guest, while Deputy their canvas for shooting, Chief Minister Diya Kumari, an official spokesman said. The inaugural session

storming sessions in which The new Tourism Policy experts from the industry and stakeholders

will discuss a wide range of themes—from film tourism and digital marketing to homestays, rural tourism, and investment opportunities.

Renowned film television Rajeev actor Khandelwal will speak on the role of cinema in spot-

lighting Rajasthan on the

EaseMyTrip President Preeti Satyanarayan will offer insights into digital marketing strategies that can elevate Rajasthan's global presence.

Co-creator of Devyani Homestay Bhatnagar will highlight the growing potential of homestays in strengthening domestic tourism, while Clarks Group of Hotels Managing Director Apoorva Kumar will discuss how tourism can drive economic growth and attract sustainable investments



was his interrogation which

Editorial

Troubled times for Sheikh Hasina

Sheikh Hasina, the former Prime Minister of Bangladesh, has been sentenced to death for crimes against humanity during the 2024 student protests. However, she remains in India, beyond the reach of Bangladeshi authorities. This situation has led to Dhaka demanding her extradition from India, leaving Hasina's fate dependent on New Delhi's next steps.

In December 2024, Bangladesh formally requested India's assistance in extraditing Hasina. She had fled to New Delhi after student-led protests ended her 15-year rule. The request came shortly after a visit by India's foreign secretary to Bangladesh, where both nations expressed a desire for constructive relations.

Following her sentencing for crimes against humanity during 2024 protests, Sheikh Hasina remains in India. Bangladesh has requested her extradition, highlighting the need for judicial proceedings.

Muhammad Yunus, head of Bangladesh's interim government, urged India to return Hasina for trial. "We sent a note verbale to the Indian government saying that the Bangladesh government wants [Hasina] back here for judicial process," stated Touhid Hossain. The interim administration confirmed sending a formal request to Indian authorities and expressed readiness to follow up if necessary.

The extradition treaty between India and Bangladesh signed in January 2013 when Hasina was in power allows for refusal if the request is deemed politically motivated. Article 6 of the treaty states that extradition may be denied if the offence is of a political character However, certain crimes like murder are not considered political offences under this treaty.

India's Position on Extradition

India has acknowledged receiving Bangladesh's extradition request but has not disclosed its next move. Randhir Jaiswal from India's Ministry of External Affairs confirmed receipt of the request but refrained from commenting further. He noted that Hasina had arrived in India at short notice for safety reasons and continues to stav there.

India's Ministry of External Affairs stated its commitment to engaging constructively with all stakeholders in Bangladesh. "As a close neighbour, India remains committed to the best interests of the people of Bangladesh,' it said, emphasising peace and stability.

Delhi blast is an indicator that India's war on terror is nowhere near concludin

It is well known that

The Delhi blast is an indicator that India's war on terror is nowhere near concluding, despite conveying strong messages Islamabad by means of military strikes. Till the Red Fort blast, terrorism was largely restricted to Kashmir, at least in the past decade. Continuing counterterrorist operations in Kashmir have proved that terrorism can only be contained, not eradicated. However, the positive aspect is that numbers of local militants in Kashmir are receding, while overground workers providing support remain at large. These are now the target of

intelligence agencies.

In addition, as the recent Delhi blast proved, radicalization is again raising its ugly head and that too across the country. Home-grown terrorism is a global concern. Intelligence agencies in western countries spend vast resources monitoring those suspected of terrorist leanings. 'Lone wolf 'attacks by radicalized members have been replaced by modules, capable of much greater destruction. The module busted in Andhra Pradesh, involving a doctor from Gujarat, had planned to use Ricin to poison water and temple prasad in multiple cities. This could have

resulted in high casualties and increased demands for

retaliation. The problem for intelligence agencies is compounded by the fact that some of these modules comprise educated and respected members of society, whose handlers are located abroad and their organizations funded by the hawala route. Most modules are small and their members know each other well, hence are closely knit. There were a few radicalized engineers from Kerala joining ISIS but never doctors. Communications of the module with handlers abroad are by secure apps that cannot be easily monitored. Modules are spread across the country and in many cases lie dormant unless instructed by their

handlers to act. They remain outside the radar based on their profession and standing within society. Added is the aspect that they collect material for their nefarious activities slowly, avoiding suspicion. It is not easy for security agencies to break into these modules unless a member makes a mistake. In the current case, Dr Adil Ahmad Rather was arrested for allegedly putting up posters supporting the teroutfit Jaish-e-Mohammed in Srinagar. It

for fully preparing the explosives for maximum damage. The level of coordination amongst members of the module was evident in the manner in which the car used for the blast was obtained. Coordination between different agencies and state police is what led to success. This is essential as inputs in one region

parts of the country.

these modules are manprovided insights on the aged by Pakistan's ISI. module. Being educated, but not trained terrorists, which is the world's only they are not mentally intelligence agency sponstrong, hence lack the abilsoring terrorism in neighity to withstand detailed bouring countries. Military interrogation and succumb action, including causing high levels of degradation, has done little to deter it from continuing its nefarious activities. While intelligence agencies, working in coordination, have busted

soon under pressure. This enables security agencies to act quickly to break these modules. The arrest of Rather led to the closing in on the Faridabad a collection of modules in module resulting in one of its members triggering the recent months, an odd inciblast, aware that intellident, such as the Delhi gence agencies were hot in blast slipped through. This pursuit. This is ascertained will happen, but the saving by the hurried nature of the grace is that the incident explosion, implying that was largely unplanned and there was insufficient time casualties Maximum inputs of the investigation must be shared with the public as public support is essential for locating and busting modules in the future. Blocking of hawala channels stopped stone throwing in J and K and ended the power of the Hurriyat to instigate violence and harindicate linkages to other

It is now emerging as the source of funding for despite being claimed by

contained.

The tragic explosion at a police station in Srinagar,

terrorist modules spread across the country. This source of funding needs to be investigated. It may not be fully blocked but reduction itself will render many modules inoperable. While agencies are working to radicalization counter measures, it is not easy. There are many Indian students studying in Muslim majority countries including Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Turkey. Pakistan as an education destination is no longer permitted; however their agents operate in these countries aiming to radicalize students. Even within India, there are institutes where it happens and needs to be under

observation. Reaction by the government indicated caution. Jumping to conclusions and blaming Pakistan even before investigations are complete would not bode well globally, especially as the perpetrators were home-grown terrorists. Unless linkages are clearly established it is best to avoid blaming others. However, Pakistan's own actions indicated fear within their military establishment as well as desperation to cover their tracks. DGISPR's paid handles jumped into the fray trying to cover the ISI's tracks by insisting that the blast was a 'false flag' operation conducted to influence elections in Bihar. On the contrary, the blast in the Islamabad court a day later, suspicious activities.

concerning is how such

long-term

the TTP (Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan) was blamed on India and Afghanistan.

Sadly, while terrorists or radicalized members of society have no religion, their actions tend to lower the standing of members of their community at large. who are largely viewed with suspicion. This will lead to alienation despite awareness that the numbers radicalized are just miniscule. It will only benefit groups working against the state. While terrorism in J and K recedes, incidents like Delhi are likely to occur in other parts of the country. Added are concerns of attacks on places of worship and drone strikes on security institutions to create chaos and trigger communal violence.

Security agencies need to remain on their toes to thwart them. While security agencies may block multiple attacks, one incident slipping through their fingers is enough for blame games. Finally, the nation must stand tall in the face of such incidents and stop blaming the government or intelligence Blame games only benefit the adversary and provide additional incentive to members of radicalized modules. The government, on its part, must share as many details as possible with members of the opposition as also the national public. This will enhance trust and provide inputs on

demand for change

Mamdani's vision of affordability rooted remarkable ascent to the mayorship of New York City has already become one of the most significant political stories of the year, not only for its symbolic value but also for what it reveals about the shifting mood of the American electorate. His victory is historic on several fronts: he is the youngest mayor the city has elected in a century, the first Muslim and first Indian-origin leader of America's largest metropolis, and a politician whose progressive agenda stands in sharp contrast to the right-leaning national climate shaped by Donald

Yet beyond these symbolic markers, Mamdani's New York, and California win signals a deeper transformation underway in American politics ~ an unmistakable reflection of discontent with Trump's policies, a clear generational shift in urban governance, and a warning that the Republican Party can no longer ignore. What stands out most is that both Mamdani and Trump fought their political battles on the same issue ~ the cost-ofliving crisis gripping the United States. Inflation, housing unaffordability, and economic anxiety have reshaped the American political imagination, pushing voters to seek real solutions rather than ideological theatrics. Trump continues to insist that tariff wars and aggressive protectionism will relieve pressure on the American middle class, claiming that foreign competitors and liberal policies

are to blame for hardship. Mamdani, in contrast, proposes a radically different diagnosis: that inequality, corporate concentration, and a governance model skewed toward elites lie at the heart of the crisis. His response is a suite of socialist-leaning measures ~ rent freezes, city-run grocery stores, fare-free buses, universal childcare, and higher taxes on millionaires. Whether these ideas ultimately succeed is an open question, but their electoral appeal is undeniable. among younger voters. Mamdani, just months ago dismissed as a fringe protest candidate, managed to galvanise millions roots in Gumla, and his

in public service rather than private profit. His victory exposes something Republicans have feared privately but rarely admit publicly: Trump is losing ground. Off-year

elections

resonated deeply in a city that thrives on diversity. He spoke about discrimination, Islamophobia, and the experience of being made invisible, and he did so with honesty and vulnerability rather than defensiveness. For many voters across



across New Jersey, Virginia, have highlighted an unmistakable pattern of voter rejection of Trump-backed candidates. Exit polls reveal that a meaningful share of Americans cast their ballots not to support a particular candidate but to oppose Trump himself. The poor performance of his endorsed candidates contradicts his claim that he was "not on the ballot," because in the eyes of many voters, Trumpism was. The defeats reflect widespread dissatisfaction not only with the economic situation but also with the polarised rhetoric and combative governance style that have come to define the Trump presidency. Republican strategists already recognise that the party risks serious setbacks in the 2026 mid-term elections if it continues to follow Trump's political instincts – particularly on

economic issues. It is equally important to understand that Mamdani's victory is not merely a rejection of Trump, but a reflection of profound changes taking place in American urban politics. His campaign was unlike anything New York had seen: digital-first, multilingual, humorous, and firmly rooted in working-class struggles. His TikTok and Instagram presence made him a household name Meanwhile, his embrace of his Shia Muslim identity, his South Asian

of New Yorkers around a family's pluralistic traditions

communities ~ Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu ~ his willingness to speak frankly about identity signalled authenticity in an

age of political cynicism.

At the same time, Mamdani's rise has sharpened fissures within New York. Polls show that large sections of the population, especially wealthier residents, are considering leaving the city due to fears of higher taxation and progressive economic policies. Some parts of the police force are witnessing resignations, and conservative commentators already predict an administrative crisis. Trump and his allies have seized on these anxieties, painting Mamdani as an extremist who will drive the nation's largest city into chaos. Trump has threatened to withhold federal funding from New York ~ move that could spark legal battles and further deepen American polarization.

Republican rhetoric has grown especially charged because Mamdani appointed an all-women transition team led by a Pakistani-origin progressive, Lina Khan, triggered Islamophobic, xenophobic, and racist reactions from certain corners of the pro-Trump ecosystem. For the MAGA base, the sight of an Indian-origin Muslim mayor and a Pakistani-origin transition team co-chair symbolises a loss of cultural control, fuelling conspiratorial narratives about out-

siders taking over tradition-

al American institutions. Yet

even this backlash under-

scores why Mamdani's vic-

tory matters. It demonstrates that in a diverse democracy, identity can be a source of strength rather than limitation. It also illustrates that

younger, multicultural coalitions are increasingly asserting their place in American public life, refusing to remain politically invisible. Mamdani's win represents not the triumph of a particular community, but the collective assertion of constituencies ~ immigrants, working-class residents, renters, minorities who have long felt neglected by both parties. His victory speech, invoking Nehru's "Tryst with Destiny," was a symbolic reminder that history often turns on the courage of those willing to imagine a new political future. For many New Yorkers, Mamdani embodies that possibility. Of course, the real test begins now. Governing New York is a far more complex challenge than winning an elec-

The city's \$116-billion budget, its policing dilemmas, its affordability crisis, and its strained infrastructure will require pragmatic solutions rather than ideological enthusiasm alone. Mamdani has promised to fight for working people every day, but such promises will eventually collide with the realities of municipal finance, federal-state politics, and entrenched interests. Critics warn that his agenda risks triggering an exodus of wealthy taxpayers whose contributions are essential to funding public services.

Supporters argue that the status quo is already untenable, and that bold experimentation is the only path forward. For now, it is too early to judge him; the success or failure of his policies will only become clear in the years ahead. What is undeniably clear, however, is that American politics stands at a threshold. Mamdani's victory is a signal ~ not just to Trump and the Republican Party, but to America at large ~ that voters are hungry for alternatives, weary of polarization, and increasingly drawn to leaders who speak to their lived realities. politics in America. What

which claimed nine lives and left dozens injured The tragic explosion at a mechanisms and profes- ardous materials. This is police station in Srinagar, sional training. This inci- not carelessness at the dent exposes how every- individual level; it is an which claimed nine lives day administrative tasks institutional gap. Equally and left dozens injured, is a sobering reminder of a percan turn deadly when critisistent and largely unadcal safety procedures are lapses tend to fade from dressed vulnerability within treated casually or imple- public memory without mented inconsistently. The prompting India's internal security apparatus: the handling key issue here is not mere- reforms. After every accily the presence of explo- dental blast ~ whether in a sives at a police facility. police armoury, a scrap

and storage of seized explosives. What should have been a routine administrative process ~ moving confiscated materials for forensic examination, although why material seized in Faridabad had to be examined in Srinagar remains unexplained turned into a catastrophe because of a preventable lapse. It is important to emphasise what this incident is not. It is not a terror attack, nor is it part of a coordinated assault on security forces. But the absence of malicious intent does not diminish the scale

of the tragedy. In some ways, accidents of this nature reveal deeper systemic weaknesses than adversarial strikes do. When the institutions tasked with preventing violence inadvertently enable it through negligence, the consequences raise profound questions about safety standards, oversight

Police stations across the country routinely hold seized ammunition, detonators and improvised devices.

The problem lies in out-

dated or inconsistent protocols governing how such material is stored, transported and handled. Many policemen and forensic assistants receive minimal specialised training, often learning on the job in environments that lack dedicated infrastructure for hazyard or a warehouse ~ the official response is predictable: an inquiry, condolences, and promises of corrective action. But comprehensive, system-wide upgrades are rarely implemented. The fact that body parts were found hundreds of metres from the site reflects the magnitude of the mishandling.

Such an event should force a radical rethinking of procedures. There is also a cultural challenge. India's

policing system, burdened with personnel shortages and excessive workloads, often treats bomb disposal and explosive management as niche skills rather than essential components of public safety. Modern policing demands a shift from ad hoc handling to specialised protocols ~ supported by dedicated storage units, protective gear, clear chain-of-custody procedures and regular training Beyond the technical aspects, there is a matter of accountability. Losing officers, forensic staff and civilian helpers to administrative mishaps is simply unacceptable.

Those occupying leadership roles must ensure that inquiries translate into enforceable reforms. This is a moral obligation as much as a professional one. The Srinagar blast should not be remembered merely as an unfortunate accident. It must serve as a turning point that galvanises India's security institutions to treat explosive safety with the seriousness it deserves. If this tragedy can prompt that long-overdue transformation, then the lives lost will not entirely have been in vain.

dramatic falling-out between two high-profile personalities (Gns).

The open rupture between US President Donald Trump and key MAGA figure Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene is more than dramatic falling-out between two high-profile personalities. It is a revealing moment for a political movement built on loyalty, spectacle, and grievance and one that rarely tolerates internal dissent. When the President brands one of his most committed defenders "wacky" and a "traitor," and she in turn accuses him of trying to suppress a push for transparency, it exposes a deeper instability at the heart of populist

makes this feud so striking

is its context. one of Mr

Trump's most ardent loyalists standing by him through tumult of the 2021 Capitol riot aftermath amplifying his attacks on opponents, and voting reliably with his agenda

For such a figure to now be on the receiving end of presidential fury signals a fundamental shift: the boundaries of loyalty have tightened even further, and questioning the leader -

power ~ has become a Ms Greene has been ground for political excommunication. The trigger appears to Ms

Greene's criticism of the administration's direction, especially her insistence that

Epstein files be released in

Her argument taps directly into the scepticism that energises much of the American right: a belief that entrenched elites have long even on issues central to operated without scrutiny, ment's ethos - is treated as the movement's narrative and that sunlight is both a of confronting hidden moral imperative and a

political necessity. By suggesting that Mr Trump is discouraging Republicans from supporting the release, she has crossed into territory that challenges his self-styled image as a warrior against institutional secrecy. Mr Trump's response has been predictably explosive. He has attacked her motives, belittled her personality, and promised to back any challenger willing to take her on. In doing so, he reinforces an unapologetically personalised political culture where loyalty flows only in one direction and where criticism – however aligned it may be with the movebetrayal.

STATION REDEVELOPMENT WORK OF LUCKNOW JUNCTION

ongoing work for redevelopment & major upgrada- Western Railway, Shri tion work of Lucknow Vineet Abhishek, the Junction, a block will be details of the train affected undertaken from 20th 22nd November to December, 2025.

Mumbai, In view of the release issued by Chief Trains: Public Relations Officer of due to the block are as under:

Short According to a press Termination/Origination of tion instead of Lucknow Jn.

Train No. 20921 Terminus Bandra Lucknow Weekly Express, journey commencing from 22nd November, 2025 to 20th December, 2025 will terminate at Aishbagh sta-

Similarly, Train No. 20922 Lucknow - Bandra Terminus Weekly Express, journey commencing from 23rd November, 2025 to 21st December, 2025 will depart from Aishbagh station instead of Lucknow Jn.

Woman Bites Off Ex-Boyfriend's Tongue After He Tries to Kiss Her

A disturbing incident ried and was said to be was reported from Kanpur involved in an affair with the where a woman bit off a woman. Police stated that portion of her former he had been troubled by boyfriend's tongue after he her decision to move on allegedly molested and forced a kiss on her near a family's approval.

In Kanpur, a woman bit off a portion of her former boyfriend, tongue after he allegedly molested and attempted to kiss her; the man was reportedly unhappy with her decision to get married, her choice to marry another the police have registered a person selected by her par-

35 year old Champi, is mar- against her wishes, which and get married with her

Background of the Relationship

According to officials, Champi's, the woman had ended all communication becoming engaged. Investigators said that Champi was unhappy with ents. He allegedly kept of it was severed. The man, identified as attempting to meet her

led to rising tension between them.

Incident Near the Pond On Monday afternoon, the woman had gone to a pond alone. Police reported that Champi spotted her and followed her to the location. He then allegedly held her and molested her. Despite her resistance and efforts to push him away, he continued forcing himself and attempted to kiss her. During the struggle, she reportedly bit his tongue so hard that a piece

Aftermath and Police being taken.'

Champi's Hearing screams, local residents rushed to the spot. His family was informed and he was immediately taken to the Community Health Center. Following initial treatment, doctors referred him to a larger medical facility in Kanpur for further

Deputy Commissioner of Police Dinesh Tripathi confirmed that a case has been registered and said, "a case had been registered against the man and further legal action was

Prashant Kishor Back with Another Claim: "Nitish Kumar, Give Rs 2 Lakh to Women, I'll Leave Politics"

politician Prashant Kishor he claimed was a pre-elechas issued a new political dare to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar after his Jan Suraai Party faced a major loss in women in Bihar. He the recently completed Bihar Assembly election.

Prashant Kishor, after my remark on his Jan Suraaj Party's loss in the Bihar Assembly elections, challenged Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to fulfill a pre-election promise of transferring ₹2 lakh to 1.5 crore women, pledging to quit politics if Kumar does so. Kishor also alleged the buying votes, I will JD(U) won by buying votes, while the NDA is set to form the next government.

Kishor admitted that his party failed in its first electoral performance and accepted full responsibility while saying that the promise of change could not be achieved this time.

Fresh dare to Nitish Kumar government Kishor declared that he

will walk away from politics assessment, he said that should be made clear Poll strategist turned if Nitish Kumar fulfils what

> said, "People are talking a lot about JD(U) winning 25 seats - I still stand by it. If Nitish Kumar transfers the ₹2 lakh he promised to 1.5 crore women and proves he didn't win by definitely quit politics without any ifs and buts." This statement

connects to his earlier claim ahead of polling where he had predicted that JD(U) would not cross 25

seats in the election. Allegations linked to vote buying

JD(U) would have ended at just 25 seats had money tion assurance of transfer- not been given to thouring two lakh rupees to sands of people in every each of one point five crore constituency. Kishor stated,



"Between Nitish Kumar and his victory, there is only one thing, buying of 60,000 votes in each assembly whether it was a vote purchase or part of a selfemployment programme." Facing defeat and plan-

ning a comeback While Nitish Kumar's

party secured 85 out of the 101 seats it contested and BJP won 89 seats, Kishor's outfit could not claim a single victory out of the 243 constituencies it contested. Speaking about the result and the future of his political journey, he said, "We received a setback, but we will rectify the mistakes, build ourselves and come back stronger... there is no going back for us."

NDA prepares to return to power

Voting for the 243 seat Bihar Assembly concluded in two phases and the results were announced on November 14. Following a strong mandate, the NDA is preparing to form the next government in Bihar on Reiterating his earlier constituency at ₹10,000. It November 20,

A literary evening was made memorable by the echo of soulful poetic expressions

A successful multilingual poetry conference and book launch



Various quests and writers participating in the multilingual Kavi Sammelan organised by Rashtriya Kavi Sangam at Mumbai Press Club and various guests releasing the book "Syahi Ka Sipahi".

November. Under the joint auspices of Rashtriya Kavi Sangam, Hindi Sahitya Bharati "Women's Cell," and Sahityam organizations, a national multilinpoetry conference titled "ABHIVYAKTI KE SWAR" was successfully organized on Monday, 17th November, 2025, in the auditorium of the Mumbai Press Club at Azad Maidan, Mumbai. The melodious echo of soulful poetic expressions from various genres made this literary evening memorable.

In this prestigious Kavi Sammelan, about 30 writers including senior lyricist Devmani Pandey, Santosh Kumar Jha, began with the lighting of

Laxmi Seema Trivedi, Archana Jha, Raju Mishra, Ashwini Umeed Lakhnavi, Pallavi Rani, Anuj Verma, Archana Verma Singh, Kalpana Mhapuskar, Akshita Goyal and Latika Shinde mesmerized the audience with their soulful and interesting poetic compositions in Hindi, Marathi, Awadhi, Bengali and Maithili languages. The ceremony

Hemant Sharma, Anjani poets were welcomed by ure Naveen Chaturvedi. Dwivedi, Mrs. Reema Rai Singh, Official Language Officer Omprakash Tiwari, Kiran President of Rashtriya of Tiwari, Anil Gaur, Dr. Kavi Sangam, Mumbai, Sadanand Chitale and Roshni Kiran, Anupama and the event's chief coor- renowned social worker Kadwad, Taj Mohammad dinator. The dignitaries Taj, Ashu Sharma, Jagriti present on stage also Yadav, released the fourth poetry Ojaswini, Rita Kushwaha, collection, "Syahi Ka Sipahi," by Mr. Santosh Kumar Jha, Chairman and Managing Director of Konkan Railway. The ceremony was presided over by senior cine lyricist Mr. Devmani Pandey and gracefully hosted by senior poet Dr. Varsha Mahesh. Senior announcer Anand Prakash Singh of All India Radio, Mumbai, senior fulfilling their hospitality, poet Mrs. Kamlesh Pathak, expressed their gratitude Smt. Ragini Virendra Shah, to all the guests and Gajanan Mahatpurkar, Dr. lamps and garlanding a President of Hindi Sahitya authors. Kripashankar Mishra, Mrs. portrait of Goddess Bharati Women's Cell,

Ragini Shah, Arun Shekhar, Saraswati. The guests & Mumbai, senior literary fig-Konkan Mahendra Surana were also present on stage, sharing their thoughts with everyone. As the chief guest, Konkan Railway Chairman and Managing Director Santosh Kumar Jha, in his address praised all the authors and highlighted the eternal importance of literature in society. At the end of the ceremony, Naveen Chaturvedi and Mrs. Reema Rai Singh, while

VMMC-Safdarjung Hospital and CCRAS-CARI Ink MoU to Boost Integrative Menopause Care Research Speaking at the ceremo-

(Gns).

In a significant step toward strengthening integrative healthcare for women, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College (VMMC) & Safdarjung Hospital today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI), under the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of Ayush. The collaboration aims to advance scientific, evidence-based Ayurveda research focused

Women going through menopause commonly experience symptoms such as hot flushes, insomnia, fatigue, vaginal dryness, mood fluctuations, anxiety, and memory concerns. Growing interest in safe and supportive treatment options has led many to seek holistic approaches, including Ayurveda. The MoU marks a major step toward developing validated integrative protocols that blend traditional wisdom with modern med-

improving menopause care.

ny, Dr. Sandeep Bansal, VMMC Director, Safdarjung Hospital, said that Ayurveda-based therapies, when used judiciously alongside allopathic treatment, can offer transformative benefits to menopausal women. He noted that certain Ayurvedic medicines containing metals must be taken strictly under expert supervision to ensure safety and efficacy.

Institute Incharge, ČARI, enhance public care," he highlighted that CCRAS, as added.

the apex research body of the Ministry of Ayush, has been committed to promoting scientific research in Ayurveda for decades. He noted that the Ayurveda Unit at Safdarjung Hospital has been functional since 1996, contributing significantly to patient care and collaborative research. "Evidencebased Ayurveda is gaining global acceptance, and this partnership will further strengthen integrative Dr. Hemanta Panigrahi, research methods and

Food Safety on Wheels took samples of food items from shops.

Assistant Commissioner Food Dhirendra Pratap Singh during food sampling.

Mathura. As part of the awareness campaign, the Food Safety Department informed the local people about adulteration testing through Food Safety on Wheels (Food Mobile Laboratory) Krishnanagar and tested samples from 19 different shops. Gave instructions to food vendors to improve. Food Safety Officer Bharat Singh gave home remedies for testing food items at home through a food



Made people aware. Instructions were given to food vendors that license and registration is necessary for food business. Do not use synthetic colours. Instructions were also given to maintain cleanliness and hygienic condition of the kitchen and food preparation Instructions were given to surveys, the contest was use head cap, face mask, being said to be very tough, apron, hand gloves etc., but the results changed all cover prepared food items the estimates. display and license/registration.

According to Assistant Commissioner Food Dhirendra Pratap Singh, a campaign is being run to make people aware

ical practice. **Provez Alam Bhutto raised questions on Bihar elec**tion results, appealed to Congress workers to rally a detailed and impartial

Jaunpur

Senior Congress Party leader and Eden Public School manager Provez Alam Bhutto has raised serious questions regarding the results of Bihar Assembly elections. He said that NDA's victory beyond expectations has created many doubts among the general public. Before the elections, in area. media reports and many

Bhutto said the issues

such as vote theft, unemsocial inequality—were resonating on the ground

leading to a large section of the peolooking ple towards the Grand Alliance with hope. Despite the huge crowd in the rallies and the hard work of the workers

such results are

shocking.

He also raised questions on the trans- definitely open," he said. parency of the Election

ployment, migration and analysis of these results is very important.

Encouraging the workamong the people of Bihar, ers, Provez Alam Bhutto been and will remain a secsaid that there is

no need to be disappointed by the defeat. "Time heals every wound. We

have to move forward with strength. The top leadership of the Congress is fully active and the path of change will

raised by Rahul Gandhi— Commission and said that the country's progress is progressive thinking.

possible without change. Emotional slogans do not do any good to the country. India has always ular nation, but creating an atmosphere of hatred by some people is not in the national interest. The Constitution has given equal rights to all citizens and in a democracy the people form the govern-

In the end he expressed confidence that the people will come forward towards positive change and the Bhutto further said that country will again adopt

ment.

Student Madhav Chaturvedi with the Indian flag in front of Swami Vivekananda Memorial in Kanyakumari

Chaturvedi with the Indian flag in front of Swami Vivekananda Memorial in Kanyakumari after completing the cycle journey. Residents of Indraprastha Anand Apartment, Indira Nagar welcoming cyclist Madhav Chaturvedi with flower garlands.

Lucknow. Young student Madhav Chaturvedi has created history as the only days after completing the journey, was warmly wel-

Let us tell you that Madhav, the grandson of Pratap Chandra Chaturvedi, who lives in Indraprastha stands, railway stations, Anand Apartment, Indira

from Montfort College, Madhav Chaturvedi said

graduate studies in MSc the Ministry of Youth Sports, Kashmir on 31 October and Counseling Psychology Government of India. reached Kanyakumari on



Bangalore. Madhav has a that 150 youth from across

the country had participatgreat passion for cycling since the beginning. He ed in this cycle journey, out has participated in many of which 50 youth completcompetitions. 'Ride for ed the entire journey. Three Unity' cycle journey was youths from Uttar Pradesh organized from Kashmir to participated, out of which (Madhav Kanyakumari on the 150th only he birth anniversary of Sardar Chaturvedi) completed this Vallabhbhai Patel under the cycle journey. The yatra Fit India Movement run by started from Jammu and

16 November. Madhav told that he credits his success to his recently deceased grandmother. Would like to thank Mrs. Chaturvedi, mother Mrs. Tanuja and father Mr. Harsh Chaturvedi, without whose encouragement and support this was not possi-After completing the journey, Madhav was warmly welcomed by the

local residents on reaching his home, Indraprastha Anand Apartment, Indira Nagar. The young man became emotional after meeting family members and residents. On this occasion, local residents MK Aggarwal, Dr. Naveen Kumar Mittal, Anupama Srivastava, Aggarwal, Suraj Singh, Jitendra Singh, Dr. Nandani, Mohini Chaturvedi, Kadil Kukreja welcomed this youth by garlanding him

New initiative of Uttar Pradesh Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad, suggestions will be collected from devotees through QR code Chief Executive Officer is to make the public also Giving information

Now devotees of Lord Krishna will become partners in planning the

Made them aware. 19 sam-

development of Braj. the birthplace of Lord modern development with religious importance. Uttar Pradesh Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad has taken the initiative to directly connect upgrade the facilities in country of which the tourists and send their suggestions to transport system in Braj

Deendayal Parishad.

Krishna and rich in unique Patel, said that Braj is | cultural heritage, is now not only the new birth becoming a confluence of and pastime place of Lord Shri Krishna, but the culture, music, art, Raas-festival, temple tradition and religious importance of the the devotees with this ancient ponds attract process of development to the devotees of the

and the the area and to preserve worldDoes.Every year the antiquity and sanctity crores of devotees of Braj. Under this, the come here and experi-Council is implementing a ence the divine experiquick code based sugges- ence. Due to increasing tion system, with the help pilgrimage and tourism activities, the need for devotees coming for Braj modern facilities, cleanli-Darshan will be able to ness and expansion of

has also increased.

about this new initiative, Suraj Patel said that in Chief Executive Officer of recent years, Uttar Mathura. Braj region, Uttar Pradesh Braj Teerth Pradesh Braj Teerth Vikas Vikas Parishad, Suraj Parishad is working on



many important projects like road development, renovation of ghats, pond revival, parking expansion, lighting system improvement and beautification of pilgrimage places. Now the initiative of the council

a partner in Braj development schemes. With this objective in mind, the Council is working on a plan to understand the actual needs of the devotees coming to Braj and include them in the schemes. Pilgrims and local citizens can share their opinions and suggestions in this initiative for the development of Braj. He has appealed to the devotees, tourists and local citizens to scan the code and give suggestions so that the coordination of the spiritual splendor and modern facilities of Braj can be further strengthened. For this, quick code boards will be installed at places like temples, bus

successful competitor from the state in the cycle journey from Kashmir to Kanyakumari while participating in the 'Ride for Unity' organized on the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Madhav, who reached home after 16

comed by the local people. main roads, parikrama etc. Nagar, is pursuing post-

Chief

India-US partnership is strong, stable and expanding across strategic and economic sectors: Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal

Trade negotiations must remain fair and balanced to protect domestic stakeholders: Shri Piyush Goyal

Strong fundamentals driving India's rise from 'Fragile Five' to top five economies: Shri Piyush Goyal

(Gns). Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, while the Indo addressing American Chamber of Commerce in New Delhi today, emphasised that the India-US partnership remains strong, stable and continuously expanding across strategic and economic sectors. He said there is no cause for concern regarding the bilateral relationship and reiterated that the friendship between the two nations stands on firm pillars of democracy, diversity and a shared

developmental vision. Shri Goyal stated that

the United States views has moved from being towards Amrit Bharat 2047 India as a trusted partner, among the "Fragile Five" to is and both countries remain becoming one of the top committed to expanding trade and commerce. He noted that a comprehensive



India-US relationship comprises several elements that may progress at different speeds. He added that negotiations are a continuous process and India must safeguard its interests while balancing the sensitivities of farmers, fishermen, small industries and businesses.

Shri Goyal said India

five global economies in the last 10-12 years. He proiected that India is on track argest economy

> by 2027. He cited strong banking systems. low inflation, controlled fiscal deficits, growing consumer sentiment and infrastructure expansion supported by GST reforms

as key contributors to India's robust economic fundamentals.

Referring to the Prime Minister's vision, Shri Goyal recalled the statement that India is not merely an emerging market but an emerging model of development. He outlined the pillars on which India's journey

progressing strong macroeconomic fundamentals, inclusive and sustainable growth, a welfare-driven development model covering 140 crore citizens, the strength of a vibrant democracy and the power of India's demographic divi-

dend led by a skilled and

talented youth.

He noted that India produces 2.4 million STEM graduates every year and continues to deepen partnerships with several developed countries through Free Trade Agreements, either concluded or under negotiation. He said India is an aspirational nation where every child today gets access to basic needs such as food, clothing, housing, healthcare, education, electricity, clean water and digital connectivity challenges that were widespread in earlier decades.

Second regional meeting of Urban Development Ministers held in Hyderabad

Cities are the mirrors of the Viksit Bharat: Shri Manohar Lal

Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal encouraged ministers and senior officials to adopt dumpsites to reach 100%

remediation (Gns).

The second regional meeting Urban **Development Ministers was** held in Hyderabad on November 18, 2025 under the chairmanship of Shri Manohar Lal, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs.

The national level meetthe Urban of Development Ministers held on July 17, 2025 in New Delhi laid the foundation of this consultation at the regional level. The deliberations centered around key issues, challenges, and opportunities in Bengaluru October'25.

The meeting was by Shri attended Anumula Revanth Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Minister in charge of Municipal Administration and Urban Development of Telangana, Shri D. Sridhar Babu, Minister for

Electronics Communications,

Information

Industries & Commerce, and Legislative Affairs, Telangana, Shri Kanubhai Desai, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister of Gujarat, Shri Dr Ponguru Narayana, Hon'ble Minister of Andhra Pradesh, along The

urban development to chart with senior officers from the a collective way forward on respective State governlines with the first regional ments, and participating meeting which was held in Union Territories. The 30th meeting was also attended



Technology, by the Secretary, Ministry of Housing of Urban Affairs along with other senior offi-

The inaugural regional meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India in collaboration with the Urban Municipal Administration & Development Department, Urban Development of Government of Telangana. meeting

Secretaries, Principal Secretaries Secretaries from the South-West States and Union Territories, viz, Andhra Pradesh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Telangana. In the opening remarks. Hon'ble Union Minister said "Cities are the mirrors of the Viksit Bharat." The deliber-

Development Ministers and

senior level officials includ-

Additional

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ations took place in two parallel sessions- the first focusing on Telangana Rising 2047 vision showcasing Hyderabad's urban priorities, and the second reviewing the progress of central schemes and interventions across the participating States and Union

C-DOT signs MoU with Andhra Pradesh Government to participate in Amaravati Quantum Valley (AQV) initiative

C-DOT seeks to set up Centre of Excellence (COE) in AQV

Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Pradesh Government to participate in Amaravati Quantum Valley (AQV) initiative. The Centre for Development of

premier telecom R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications, Government of engaged in the design, development of indigenous telecom solutions and deployment of cutting-edge communication technologies to meet the country's

strategic and socio-eco-

nomic needs. C-DOT has

now pioneered develop-

ment of Quantum Security

Telematics (C-DOT) is the

solutions already seen widespread installations at multiple places including premier

academic institutes (Government as well Private), Government R & D labs, actual network carrying live traffic etc.

Andhra Pradesh

Government has taken

a giant step in shaping India's quantum future with the initiative of setting up Amaravati Quantum Valley (AQV). The project is located Amaravati and involves partnerships, infrastructure, and training programs. The Amaravati Quantum Valley aims to create an integrated quantum

ecosystem uniting hardware

manufacturing, software

development, talent nurtur-

Through this partnership between AP Govt and C-DOT, C-DOT proposes to



set up Excellence (CoE) Quantum Communication & Security Solutions, along with allied areas like Privacy Enhancement technologies (PETs), in Amaravati Quantum Valley, Andhra Pradesh. C-DOT will focus Quantum

Communication solutions at

C-DOT's expertise in the quantum communication field will help in providing the necessary resources and skill development to emerging players in India. It will support research and testing in the NQM (National Quantum Mission) aligned areas of Quantum Security Solutions, along with the development of PETs to ensure compliance with MeitY's Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) framework. It will also focus on cost-effective sub-component development for quantum communication systems and establish an integrated testbed for quantum security, thereby strengthening the AQV mandate, fostering a quantum-safe ecosystem, and enhancing digital privacy and data protection across

Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar and Governor of Punjab Shri Gulab Chand Kataria presided over function at Amritsar to celebrate five years of Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)

The Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA), one of the world's largest community-driven drug demand reduction movements. today completed five successful years with a grand national celebration at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. The event, attended by over 10,000 participants including school and college students, BSF personnel, Self-Help Groups, spiritual organisations, youth clubs and NGOs, was graced by Governor of Hon'ble Punjab Shri Gulab Chand Kataria and Hon'ble Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr.

A special message from Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was read out, in which he congratulated all stakeholders and emphasised that a Nasha Mukt Bharat can be achieved only through col-

Virendra Kumar.

lective resolve, continuous one App. societal efforts and the active participation of every for Social Justice and citizen, especially the youth. Empowerment Dr. Virendra

winners. Master Volunteers. ipants at the function.

Hon'ble Union Minister During the programme, Kumar administered oath

Olympians, competition to more than 10,000 partic-



drug addict persons who have rehabilitated and outstanding contributors in the field of de-addiction were felicitated.

Four new digital initiatives launched at the function by Hon'ble Governor of Punjab Shri Gulab Chand Kataria to further strengthen NMBA. This included launch of three portals and sion, the Hon'ble Governor

Organised by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in collaboration with Government of Punjab, the celebration unprecedented nationwide participation of over six crore persons through

physical and virtual modes. Speaking on the occa-

of Punjab and the Union Minister lauded the transformation of NMBA into a true Jan Andolan through the collective efforts of citizens, youth, women, educational institutions and spiritual organisations. The Union Minister reiterated the Government's unwavering commitment to eradicate substance abuse and build a healthy, aware and empowered India.

States and UTs Gear Up NMBA National **Culminating Event**

Events were held in all States and Union Territories at more than 2,10,000 locations which included over 2,000 locations through district administrations/municipali-

over 6,100 higher educational institutions, 35,000+ schools, more than 1.35 lakh SHG/ASHA groups and various government departments.

India-Germany High Defence Committee meeting held in New Delhi

Detence emphasise on the need for a closer defence partnership and industry

collaboration (Gns) Defence Secretary Shri

Rajesh Kumar Singh cochaired the India-Germany High Defence Committee meeting with the State Secretary, German Ministry of Defence Mr Jens Plötner in New Delhi on November 18, 2025. They discussed a exchanged views on the range of bilateral security and defence issues including priority areas for codevelopment & co-produc-

tion of defence equipment. The co-chairs reaffirmed commitment to enhance military-to-military coopera- combat exercise) and tion with a focus on devel- MILAN (multinational naval

pillar of the Strategic in 2026. Secretary, German Ministry of Partnership between India They also and Germany.

Responder'



regional security situation and discussed intensifying bilateral exchanges including institution of military exercises. Germany will be participating in TARANG SHAKTI (multinational air oping defence ties as a key exercise) which is planned

Security Provider' for countries in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). The Defence Secretary informed the visiting German delegation that India's approach to the region is guided by its vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement of Security and

Regions). India has been India is the 'First working closely with countries in the IOR on a range of areas from development partnership, defence and maritime security, capacity building and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief. The German side acknowledged India's role in the Indian Ocean Region.

The two sides emphasised on the need for a closer defence partnership and connecting the industries of both nations, especially in the field of niche

technology. have a long-standing relationship, which is underpinned by common values and shared goals. Both countries are celebrating 25 years of 'Strategic

Doctors with degrees from Pak, Bangladesh, UAE, China under scanner!

In the aftermath of the Red Fort blast case, central investigative agencies, including the CBI, Delhi Police and the NIA, are gathering information on doctors who obtained their degrees from Pakistan, Bangladesh, the UAE, and China, sources said on Tuesday.

The agencies plan to India and Germany question these doctors to determine if they had any knowledge of the alleged "Doctor Terror Module" or were in contact with its members.

> All institutes, nursing homes, and hospitals have been directed to provide details of doctors on their payrolls, particularly those

grounds in the four specified countries This newspaper has accessed a copy of the letter sent to hospital authorities.

"Kindly provide details of the doctors working in your hospital who obtained have degrees from Pakistan,

Bangladesh, UAE, and China, in view of the prevailing situation following the bomb blast at

Kindly treat this as most urgent," the letter stated.

with educational back- advised the CBI and other



Pak, Bangladesh, UAE, China under scanner!

Red Fort on 10.11.2025. agencies to collect this data from the Delhi Medical Council (DMC), which is Some hospitals have the official government

body for maintaining such records.

"Agencies will question all doctors who completed their degrees from these four countries. Their criminal records and financial transactions will be thoroughly checked," a source close to the investigation

said. To date, the NIA has arrested two individuals in connection with the case. Amir Rashid Ali, an aide to the main accused, Dr. Umar Nabi, was the first to be arrested on November 16. Jasir Bilal Wani, also known as Danish, a resident of Kashmir, was arrested on November 17 from Srinagar in Jammu & Kashmir.

Punjab State Veterinary

Inspectors Association.

During the meeting, the

Department noted that the

number of animals receiv-

ing treatment at the state's

22 Veterinary Polyclinics is

increasing, leading to a

shortage of staff.

Husbandry

Animal

Growth Across Partnership' this year. India Re-Elected to Codex Executive Committee; Secures **Unanimous Mandate for Collaborative Global Food Governance**

India Reaffirms Collaborative Leadership at CAC48: Focus on Efficiency, Data, and **Equitable Standard**

India has concluded a productive session at the 48th Codex Alimentarius (CAC48), Commission securing a unanimous mandate that highlight its commitment to collaborative global food governance, focusing on efficiency, data management, and the development of equitable standards.

The Indian delegation representatives from the the technical and trade pri-Ministry of Health and orities of the Asian conti-Family Welfare and technical expert organizations, highest level. achieved several key

strategic outcomes.

The most notable out-

India, as Member Asia, come was the re-election of strongly contributed to dis-India to the Executive cussions on Codex efficien-Committee (CCEXEC) for cy and future challenges. the Asia region. This unani- India particularly empha-

ing the CCEXEC89 session, the efficiency of Codex operations, particularly in relation to document translation.

The delegation was

active in defending national and regional interests, highlighting the necessity to consider regional data when developing standards. India played a critical role in advancing several global standards, ensuring their relevance and utility for the The Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV), where India chaired the working groups for both standards, saw the adoption of the Standard for fresh dates at Step 8, a standard vital for harmonizing trade practices and enhancing product quality

Punjab Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema on Tuesday said Finance the Department has approved the proposal for the Phase-Wise Recruitment of 345 Veterinary Inspectors in the

Husbandry

Department. Revealing this in a press communiqué issued here, Finance Minister Cheema said that the Animal Husbandry Department currently has a total of 2,010 approved posts for Veterinary Inspectors, and

out of the approved posts, 345 positions are currently vacant, with 1,665 being He said that the Finance

the filling of these 345 2026-27. vacant posts in a phased

Finance Department approves phase-wise recruit-

ment of 345 veterinary inspectors in Punjab

The finance minister, manner, with 150 posts to who is also chairman of the be filled in the first phase Cabinet Sub-Committee



during the current fiscal formed to resolve the year 2025-26, and the employees' issues, said the remaining 195 posts will be need to fill existing vacanfilled in the second phase cies were highlighted durduring the next fiscal year ing a meeting with the 1,489 animal dispensaries.

Veterinary

Hailing the move to fill all 345 vacant posts as a major stride in maintaining seamless and efficient animal health services for Punjab's livestock keepers, Finance Minister Cheema said the Animal Husbandry Department has been delivering its services through the state's vast network, comprising 22 Polyclinics, 1,367 animal hospitals, and

sized the focus on updating led by Shri Rajit Punhani, mous decision by the glob-Chief Executive Officer of al membership confirms and developing databases the Food Safety and India's collaborative leader-Standards Authority of ship role until the end of India (FSSAI), alongside CAC50 (2027), ensuring

> nent are represented at the Earlier in the week, dur-

on food additives, pesticide residues, veterinary drugs, methods of analysis, and contaminants in food. India also supported the use of technologies, modern Artificial including Intelligence (AI), to improve

region. for this globally significant

Department has approved