



## India acts on its own terms today, says Rajnath Singh at Sardar Sabha

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said Operation Sindoor demonstrated India's resolve to respond decisively when provoked, stressing that while the nation advocates peace and goodwill, it will not hesitate to act firmly against those who threaten its security.

Singh was addressing Sardar Sabha in Vadodra, Gujarat as part of the 'Unity March' organised by Mera Yuva (MY) Bharat under

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

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Commending the courage and dedication of the Armed Forces for the successful execution of Operation Sindoor, Singh said that the world is today acknowledging the bravery and capabilities of Indian soldiers. He added that the operation sent a clear message that "we're a peace-loving nation which never provokes any country, but if

provoked, does not spare those who try to cast an evil eye".

Minister said that the Government is following the path shown by him, as a



Describing Sardar Patel as a key contributor in uniting the nation, the Union

result of which, India, once surrounded by doubts, is today communicating with

the world on its own terms.

He stated that, unlike the past, the world now listens to what India has to say on international platforms. "India is marching ahead towards becoming a major economic and strategic power. This is due to the immense contribution of Sardar Patel," he added.

Stating that before 2014, India was ranked 11th in the world in terms of economic size, Singh said that

today, it has reached the fourth position, poised to soon join the top three economies. He added that the Government has been working with the goal of 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance', while carrying forward Sardar Patel's legacy of an independent nation through political and geographical unity.

"Our government is binding India with a fabric of

cultural, social, spiritual, and economic unity. We are moving forward with the vision of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. We aim to build a Viksit Bharat by 2047," he said.

The defence minister added that the Government is carrying forward the national security vision of Sardar Patel who had emphasised on defence modernisation and indigenous production of

weapons and ammunition.

"Today, due to the 'Make-in-India' initiative, we are becoming Aatmanirbhar in defence production, while exporting military equipment to friendly countries. Our defence exports have increased nearly 34-fold in the last 11 years. We aim to achieve defence production worth Rs 3 lakh crore and defence exports worth Rs 50,000 crore by 2029," he said.

## UP SIR: BLOs wrongly placed most voter enumeration forms in 'third option' category: SP

(Gns).

The Samajwadi Party has demanded that the Election Commission of India (ECI) should check all enumeration forms submitted by BLOs in Uttar Pradesh as they have put the voters' forms in the "Third Option" section while they are eligible for the "First Option" or "Second Option" category during the SpecialIntensive Revision( SIR) process.

On the instructions of Samajwadi Party National President Akhilesh Yadav, party's Uttar Pradesh President Shyam Lal Pal has given a memorandum to the UP Chief Electoral Officer( CEO) here on Tuesday demanding that in all the Legislative Assemblies of the Barabanki district, the submission of counting forms of most of the voters in the "Third Option" should be investigated and the counting forms should be edited as per the standard and submitted in the "First Option" or "Second Option".

Besides the missing voters of polling station number 211 in the City West Legislative Assembly of Prayagraj should be searched and the complaints of the Mirzapur, Bhadohi, Raebareli, Bulandshahr districts should be taken into account and action should

list, they have submitted them to the BLO," says the memorandum0.

The state SP chief said in polling station number

disappeared. These counting forms were not uploaded and are not available with the ERO either.

An immediate investigation should be conducted and the counting forms should be submitted.

In the Mirzapur assembly constituency, at polling station numbers 29, 32, 33, 35 and 50, 83, 84, 91, the enumeration forms have not been given to Samajwadi Party supporting voters by the BLO. All such forms have been termed missing.

In the Unchahar assembly seat in the Rae Bareli district, the BLOs are not giving the receipt of the enumeration form to the voters for polling station number 329 to 338 due to which the voters could not ascertain if their forms have been submitted.

In the Bulandshahr assembly constituency, at polling station number 2 and 6, the BLOs did not submit the enumeration forms of Samajwadi Party supporting voters and alleged that these forms have been given to a BJP leader. The matter is serious, immediate action should be taken by taking cognizance.

211 of the Allahabad West Assembly constituency, there were 1,501 voters in the 2003 voter list. A second voter list has since been uploaded, which includes only 696 voters. 805 voters have gone missing from this polling station, causing a lot of inconvenience to the voters.

In the Bhadohi Sadar assembly constituency, 154 counting forms were filled by the voters and submitted to the BLO at polling station numbers 22 and 23. Now these counting forms have



## Lok Sabha to Debate Vande Mataram on Dec 8; Electoral Reforms Scheduled for Dec 9: Rijiju

(Gns).

The Lok Sabha is set to hold a debate on the 150th anniversary of National Song 'Vande Mataram' on Monday, December 8, 2025, followed by discussions on electoral reforms on Tuesday and Wednesday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will open the debate on 'Vande Mataram'. Each subject has been given 10 hours of discussion time, with scope for extension if members agree.

The schedule comes after days of disruptions in both Houses over demands to discuss the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. An all-party meeting and a Business Advisory Committee meeting, both led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, worked out the plan. The moves indicate a possible end to the stand-off between the Opposition and the government.

The Lok Sabha will debate the 150th anniversary of 'Vande Mataram' on December 8, 2025, opened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, followed by discussions on electoral reforms on December 9 and 10, after meetings led by Speaker Om Birla and involving Congress and Parliamentary Affairs

Minister Kiren Rijiju.

Congress' chief whip K. Suresh said that the debate on electoral reforms would run across two days, after

ties and the committee. "During the All Party Meeting chaired by Speaker Lok Sabha today, it has been decided to hold

would be discussed on the floor.

Earlier that day, Kiren Rijiju met floor leaders but did not commit to any date for an electoral reforms debate at that stage. Rijiju argued that the Opposition could not decide the government's timetable. Rijiju is learnt to have said the SIR exercise fell under the Election Commission's administrative authority, and that the government did not control that process.

According to Rijiju's position, the government is open to a wide discussion on electoral reforms, since that lies within its policy domain. However, a stand-alone debate on the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls was not accepted. The Opposition has continued to press for a formal assurance that SIR will be addressed during the broader electoral reforms discussion.

The Lok Sabha had already been adjourned for two straight days because of Opposition protests over the SIR exercise, which is underway in 12 states and Union Territories. With a structured timetable now set for debates on 'Vande Mataram' and on electoral reforms, both sides appear to have a route to air their



the discussion on 'Vande Mataram'. "The BAC meeting discussed the debates to be held on Vande Mataram and electoral reforms, (with) opposition's SIR discussion debate clubbed under electoral reforms. On Monday (December 8, 2025), the House will take up the debate on Vande Mataram and then on Tuesday (December 9) and Wednesday (December 10), the House will debate electoral reforms," K. Suresh told reporters.

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India on Tuesday rejected Islamabad's claim that New Delhi denied overflight clearance to Pakistan air-



craft carrying humanitarian assistance to Sri Lanka, describing it as yet another attempt to spread anti-India misinformation.

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Pakistani aircraft carrying humanitarian assistance to Sri Lanka was received by the High Commission of India in Islamabad at around 1300 hrs on December 1."

He said that in view of the urgency of humanitarian assistance, New Delhi processed the request expeditiously the same day and granted the overflight permission as per the itinerary proposed at 1730 hrs on December 1.

## "Cops Pushed My Brother to Murder Him": Woman Who Married Lover's Body Alleges in Nanded Dishonour Killing

(Gns).

A 21-year-old woman in Maharashtra's Nanded district alleged that two police officers abetted the murder of her lover, Saksham Tate (20), a day after she married his corpse. Police have arrested her brothers, Himesh and Sahil, and father, Gajanan, in connection with Tate's murder, which is believed to be a result of caste differences. An inquiry will be conducted by an Additional SP-rank officer.

Superintendent of Police Abinash Kumar said an inquiry will be conducted into the allegations by an Additional SP-rank officer. Videos of Aanchal Mamidwar's act at the deceased's home and her call for her kin to be hanged for the killing went viral on social media.

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Mamidwar (45), in connection with the murder of Saksham Tate (20), which was prima facie a fallout of caste differences between the victim and Aanchal. "On the day of murder, my brother Himesh took me to

Itwara police station in Nanded in the morning and asked me to file a complaint against Saksham," she told PTI Videos.

Aanchal said she refused to file fake complaints. "Two police officials provoked him (Himesh), saying that he should go kill the man, whom I love, rather than getting into a fight with other people," Aanchal said, adding that Himesh challenged them to visit the police station after killing Saksham.



देश-दुनिया के नवीनतम समाचार  
प्राप्त करने के लिए आज ही  
गरवी गुजरात हिंदी चैनल देखिये



## Editorial

### Guffawing Little Ones

Each winter, as a dense grey veil settles over Delhi, the familiar rituals begin. Schools scramble to adjust timetables, construction sites fall silent, and anxious parents weigh the impossible choice between sending their children outdoors or confining them to cramped rooms. What has changed in recent years is the scale of the fear. This is no longer about seasonal discomfort. It is about a generation of children whose bodies are being shaped, and in many cases scarred, by the air they breathe.

Paediatricians across the National Capital Region have been sounding the alarm for years, but the surge in respiratory illnesses this season feels especially grim. Waiting rooms are overflowing with infants who wheeze through the night, toddlers who vomit from violent coughing bouts, and adolescents who cannot play a simple game of football without triggering breathlessness. Doctors describe a dramatic rise in cases: what used to be an occasional spike in winter has now become a predictable medical emergency. The numbers behind this crisis are stark. Air quality readings routinely cross thresholds at which even healthy adults are expected to feel adverse effects.

For children, whose lungs and immune systems are still forming, the consequences are far more severe. Prolonged exposure to fine particulate matter does not just trigger short-term infections ~ it alters developmental pathways. Studies increasingly point to long-term risks, from reduced lung capacity to chronic respiratory diseases in adulthood. In other words, today's pollution is shaping tomorrow's public-health burden. What makes this tragedy particularly cruel is that it unfolds unevenly. Families with resources can seal their homes, buy air purifiers, or briefly relocate. For the city's working-class residents ~ those living in single-room homes along busy roads, or in settlements where indoor fumes combine with outdoor smog ~ there is no escape. Their children endure an unrelenting assault on their lungs, one that will likely define their health trajectories for life.

Governments respond each year with a familiar playbook: halting construction, restricting certain vehicles, or experimenting with temporary engineering fixes. These measures may offer marginal relief, although even that is doubtful, but they do not confront the structural roots of the crisis. Crop-burning persists, industrial emissions remain difficult to regulate, and the city's dependence on private vehicles continues to grow. Policymakers often argue that solutions require coordination across states and sectors. That may be true, but it cannot justify inertia when children's health is at stake. What Delhi faces today is not merely an environmental challenge; it is a profound ethical one. A regime that came to power with a promise to fix things but cannot guarantee breathable air to its youngest citizens has lost its claim to basic governance. The question is no longer whether we can afford long-term solutions. It is whether we can afford the consequences of continuing without them. The cost is already being paid ~ every time a child struggles for breath.

### Wealthy secures ₹130 crore in funding led by Bertelsmann India Investments to scale its AI-powered platform for mutual fund distributors

Kanpur, 2 Dec : The Kanpur branch of Wealthy.in, India's leading wealth-tech platform for mutual-fund distributors and wealth management professionals, has raised ₹130 crore in a Series B round led by Bertelsmann India Investments. The round also saw participation from existing investor Alphawave Global, new investor Shepherd's Hill, and a group of prominent tech entrepreneurs.

Founded by IIT-IIM alumni Aditya Agarwal and Prashant Gupta, Wealthy's platform processes over ₹300 crore in monthly transactions and works with a network of more than 6,000 mutual fund distributors serving over 100,000 clients across 1,000+ towns. It has also emerged as India's second-largest recruiter of distributors, onboarding more than 350 every month. Client assets worth ₹5,000 crore are currently being managed on the platform.

Wealthy.in's Series A was led by Alphawave Global in 2022 and in the last three years the company's AUM has grown from ₹200 crore to ₹5,000 crore underlying the rapid expansion of business. Wealthy has 20 offices across India, with a strong presence in major cities including Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Surat, Jaipur, Gurugram, Delhi, Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Lucknow, Kanpur, and Kolkata ~ supported by a 250+ member team.

The fresh capital will accelerate Wealthy's mission to empower India's rapidly growing mutual fund distributors (MFDs) with advanced AI-powered tools and digital infrastructure, transforming how Indian investors save, invest, and build long-term financial wealth.



Lucknow, Prayagraj, and Varanasi. Across these four branches, the team has grown to over 20 members, working with 613 distributors in the region and onboarding more than 8,000 customers in the last 14 months.

With mutual fund AUM at 75 lakh crore and India's wealth management market projected to double to 200 lakh crores by FY29, independent MFDs have become the backbone and growth engine of the retail wealth industry. Their numbers have doubled to nearly 2 lakh in the last five years, as investors increasingly prefer independent distributors who are unaffiliated with product manufacturers and can offer unbiased guidance.

Yet, most lack the digital infrastructure, tools, and product access needed to compete with institutional players. MFDs continue to spend nearly 70% of their time on manual processes such as KYC and compliance, limiting their ability to scale and focus on client engagement.

"India has a fundamental advice gap that technology alone cannot solve.

(Gns). President Trump's administration recently leaked a 28-point peace plan that has been dominating headlines across the globe. The Ukrainian President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in his initial address to the nation on the plan, said that Ukraine faces an impossible choice. It could either keep its national dignity and keep fighting or risk losing a major partner. The war is currently on a slow grind with missiles and drones dominating the battlefield. After discussions with his allies and advisors, Zelenskyy mentioned a broad acceptance of the plan. Discussions between the US and Ukraine on key aspects are currently on. The ground reality is that Russia is making slow gains while destroying Ukraine's energy infrastructure steadily, especially as winter is round the bend.

Western sanctions, including on its oil exports have not had the desired results on the battlefield. On the contrary, Ukraine is finding it difficult to replace its frontline troops as those eligible are fleeing to Europe. Europe, which claims to stand by Ukraine, is unable to meet Kyiv's demands for weapons and ammunition as it has limited manufacturing capacity. The US also cannot produce at the rate at which Ukraine is expending them. The threat of the US withdrawing support from Ukraine, unless it signed the agreement, compelled Kyiv and its European allies to have a rethink. Broadly the peace plan revolves around Ukraine sacrificing land, which Zelenskyy had thus far refused, freezing frontlines in certain areas,

capping Ukraine's military power, reconstruction of Ukraine partially by using Russian assets blocked in the West, sharing of power resources, security guarantees while discarding membership of NATO and reintegration of Russia in the global financial and economic architecture, alongside lifting of sanctions.

Ukraine would be permitted to join the EU, but never NATO, and would be forced to hold fresh elections. This implies that Zelenskyy would no longer remain President as his popularity is at an ebb due to corruption charges. In other words, Russia would dominate Ukraine. Initially rejected by Europe and Ukraine, it does appear that they are accepting the peace plan after reducing the proposals to 19, removing some contentious subjects including Ukraine not joining NATO, which may not be acceptable to Russia. Questions being raised are whether this plan will work in the long term and what would be the global impact of the peace deal being accepted. Finally, will it benefit India? Moscow has yet to agree to the terms and conditions, though inputs mention that most of the points in the initial plan were sourced from Vladimir Putin's terms for peace, though disagreed by the US. A Washington announcement mentioned that Steve Witkoff, Trump's special envoy and his son-in-law Jared Kushner, would visit Moscow to meet Putin, while Army Secretary Daniel Driscoll would visit Kyiv and obtain approval from Zelenskyy.

needed technology investment that was missing from the ecosystem. We've built a mobile-first, India-made solution designed specifically for how Indians invest and how Indian advisors work. Our platform combines the irreplaceable value of human advice with AI-powered tools, enabling wealth partners to deliver institutional-quality service at scale. This is how we'll bridge the advice gap and bring sophisticated wealth management to millions."

According to RBI data on Household Flow of Financial Assets, equity mutual funds attracted ₹4.66 lakh crore in net inflows in FY25—an increase of more than seven times in the last five years. While existing portfolios continue to compound with market gains, new wealth creation is increasingly flowing through managed investment vehicles like mutual funds.

### Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's appeal for a presidential pardon is more than a personal legal manoeuvre.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's appeal for a presidential pardon is more than a personal legal manoeuvre. It is a political act with consequences that may reshape Israel's already fragile balance between democratic norms and the power of elected office. The request, framed as a call for national reconciliation, comes after five years of a corruption trial that has divided the country and defined much of its recent political discourse. Yet, the timing and framing of this plea cannot be separated from the climate in which it lands: an

Israel still haunted by domestic polarisation, a grinding conflict in Gaza, and unresolved tensions over judicial reform.

Mr Netanyahu's argument ~ that ending the trial would douse internal flames and restore unity ~ rests on an inversion of responsibility. Rather than admit that the country's divisions stem partly from his own political tactics over the past decade, he now casts the judicial process itself as the source of disunity. By insisting that the "national interest demanded otherwise," he elevates his personal predicament to a matter of state stability. This rhetorical packaging may resonate with his base, but it raises an uncomfortable

## Will the Ukraine war end?

A leaked recording doing the rounds reveals Witkoff briefing a Russian official on how to sell the Ukraine deal. A lingering thought is that if Moscow is



being forced to fund partial reconstruction of Ukraine as it was responsible for the devastation, should Israel also be compelled to finance reconstruction of Gaza? While circumstances may be different, the fact is that destruction at the scale done by Israel is questionable. In 1994, the US, Russia and UK inked the Budapest memorandum which guaranteed Ukraine security in the event of it giving up erstwhile the USSR's nuclear weapons based on its soil. The agreement, a political one, assured Ukraine's independence, sovereignty

and borders but stopped short of being a defence treaty. It was violated by Russia in 2014, when it took over Crimea and again in 2022 when it launched its

current offensive.

In 2014, the world was silent, while it supported Ukraine with military hardware this time. It is not known if the offer of security would be similar to the US-Japan, US-South Korea or US-Philippines guarantees. The peace agreement mentions that Ukraine would pay for US guarantees. Whether US troops would be stationed in Ukraine is also unknown. Will it prevent Russia from violating it on some pretext and will the US be willing to get involved sometime in the future are matters of conjecture. Similarly, will

Europe be willing to risk its troops, thereby enlarging the conflict is another question. Will Russia accept European peacekeepers or demand they come from nations closely aligned to it remains to be seen? While the US and Europe remained embroiled in Ukraine, China has begun flexing its military muscle in the South China Sea.

It is inching forward against Taiwan. Japan sounded the warning bell with its PM Sanae Takaichi mentioning in the Diet that any Chinese assault on Taiwan could constitute a 'survival-threatening situation for Japan.' The Russia-China-Iran-North Korea alliance has been growing under the tutelage of China, which can be a threat to western domination. In the China-Russia relationship, China is the dominating partner as it continues funding the conflict by procuring cheap Russian oil, which the US fears to stop, as China possesses the power to hit back by curbing exports of rare earth minerals and stalling procurement of American soybeans. The US needs to re-shift focus on China, rather than giving it a wide berth. For this,

Europe needs to be at peace. By drawing Russia back into Western-led financial institutions and re-converting the G7 into the G8, Washington hopes to move Moscow away from China. Lifting of sanctions on sale of Russian oil, a key demand by Putin, could make the Russian economy bounce back and Moscow tilt towards the West.

To enable the US to concentrate on China, Ukraine must be partially sacrificed on the altar. For India, which continues to maintain close ties with Moscow, inking armament deals and procuring Russian oil, the peace deal followed by lifting of sanctions on Russia would be beneficial. Putin would be in New Delhi in the coming days where several agreements, including on defence, are expected to be inked. The Russian views on the peace deal are also likely to be shared. How much will be made public is unknown. The ultimate incentive for Trump is to seal his Nobel award. Presently, this is just the beginning of the process. How it will proceed is anybody's guess. A positive indicator would be that after initial acceptance of the plan a ceasefire would be announced.

## 14th convocation of GLA today, 5548 students will get degrees

**Registrar Ashok Kumar Singh taking stock of the preparations for the 4th convocation of GLA University, Mathura. University officials are also present.**

**In the ceremony, medals will be awarded to 21 gold and 21 silver medalists and degrees to 5548 successful students of various courses.**

Mathura: The 14th convocation of GLA University, Mathura (Uttar Pradesh) will be held today (Wednesday). For this, all preparations have been completed after rehearsal on Tuesday.

Registrar Ashok Kumar Singh said that the chief guest of the ceremony was Union Minister of State, Finance Ministry, Pankaj Chaudhary and the special guest was Padmashree HC Verma, former professor of Physics Department, IIT Kanpur and Cipla Health Ltd. The Managing Director and CEO of Mumbai will be Shivam Puri. The convocation will be presided over by Chancellor Narayan Das Agarwal. The Registrar informed that the process of approval for medal and degree recipients has been completed in the Executive Council meeting. The list of winners of special medals including gold medals has been finalized. In the ceremony, 21 gold and 21 silver medalists will be awarded medals and 5548 degrees



### The guest will be welcomed grandly.

Chief guest at the convocation was Union Minister of State for Finance, Pankaj Choudhary and special guest was Padmashree HC Verma, former professor of Physics Department, IIT Kanpur and Cipla Health Ltd. Mumbai Managing Director and CEO Shivam Puri is coming to a big program of the University for the first time, hence preparations have been made to give him a grand welcome. On the last day, Registrar Ashok Kumar Singh reached the spot and took stock of the preparations. On this occasion, Dr. Vinay Tomar, DrVijay Dwivedi etc. were present.

including 1166 degrees of Center of Distance Online Education will be awarded. He also informed that special guests will be awarded honorary degrees on the stage. Vice Chancellor Prof. Anoop Kumar Gupta, Registrar Ashok Kumar Singh and other officials of GLA University also rehearsed their respective roles and scripts.

A look at students' degrees

GLA University, Mathura (Uttar Pradesh)By the year

2025, PhD's 69, B.Sc. B.Tech Biotechnology,24, B.Tech Civil Engineering 39, Electrical Engineering 32, Electronics 5, Mechanical Engineering 41, ME Automobile & Mechatronics 2, B.Tech Electronics & Communication Eng. 23, EC CS 34 & VLSI 9, Computer Science K 1138, B.Tech Hons CS 28, CS AIML 153, CS CCV 25, CS DA 34, CS CSF 24, CS IIoT 7, BCA 476 & Hons 37, BPharm 77, B.Ed 20, BA LLB. Honors 42, B.Com

LLB Honors 12, MSc Agriculture Agronomy, Entomology and GPB 3,MSc Biotech 10, Micro & Immunology 5, MSc Chemistry 11, Mathematics 4, Physics 3, MTech CE Structural & Transportation 4, MTech CS 7, EE 2, EC 2, MTech ME Production 3, MBA 604, MBA-BA 25, Honors 30, FMB 33, Integrated 8, LSCM 27, MCA 240, MPharm Pharmacology & ampThe degrees of 25 Pharmaceuotics, LLM BFIL and 14 CDPL students have been approved.Apart from this, 12 Diploma Chemical, Diploma Civil Engg. Diploma certificates will be awarded to 29 students of K, 79 of Diploma CS, 68 of Diploma EE, 15 of Diploma EC, 116 of Diploma ME, 7 of Diploma in Library Information Science and 45 students of Diploma in Pharmacy.

## Pardon Politics

able question: when does the demand for unity become a pretext to override legal accountability? Israel's presidency, tradi-



tionally a largely ceremonial institution, suddenly finds itself thrust into a decision with profound implications. The Basic Law gives the president broad clemency powers,

and past rulings have allowed pre-conviction pardons in exceptional cases. But using that discretion for a sitting Prime Minister on

active trial would push the boundaries of precedent.

President Isaac Herzog must now navigate not only legal interpretations and institutional responsibilities but also the intense politi-

cal and societal pressures that accompany any decision touching Mr Netanyahu's fate.

For many Israelis, especially those who mobilised against the judicial overhaul last year, the pardon request feels like a continuation of the same struggle: an attempt to weaken judicial independence under the guise of protecting national cohesion. They worry that granting clemency before a verdict would signal that political power can bend institutions to its will. In a country that has long taken pride in the principle that even the highest officeholders can be tried, a pardon could appear as a retreat from that ethos. Yet Israel is also a nation accus-

tomed to crisis governance, where calls for unity often carry genuine weight.

Mr Netanyahu's supporters argue that a protracted trial distracts from urgent strategic challenges and that resolving it swiftly could provide much-needed focus. But democracies do not gain strength by bypassing due process. They gain strength when accountability is upheld even during turbulence. The pardon request thus forces Israel to confront a defining choice: whether its institutions exist to restrain political power, or whether political power can reshape those institutions when it becomes inconvenient. The answer, whichever way it tilts, will mark a turning point in the country's



## WR ENSURES COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY & FACILITY ARRANGEMENTS AT DADAR STATION ON MAHAPARINIRVAN DIWAS

Western Railway has made extensive arrangements for the safety, convenience and crowd management of the large number of followers arriving at Dadar station on the occasion of Mahaparinirvan Diwas of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar on 6th December, 2025. Almost 700 GRP and RPF personnel's will be deployed round-the-clock across platforms, bridges, entry-exit gates and railway premises of Dadar station. The station is under continuous surveillance through 160 CCTV cameras and staff has been deployed to monitor the CCTV control room 24x7. In addition to this, security

is being strengthened with the help of state-of-the-art video analytics facilities such as FRS (face recognition system), People Density analysis, Left-Over Luggage detection and line-crossing alerts etc. According to the press release issued by Public Relations Department, Western Railway, Help Desks which will function 24x7 will be set up at Dadar station for assisting the visitors and followers visiting Chaityabhoomi. RPF, GRP and ticket checking staff deployed at these Help Desks will provide visitors with guidance regarding Chaityabhoomi, Rajgruha, train timings and other necessary information.

Additionally, continuous anti-sabotage checks will be carried out by the RPF Dog Squad, Quick Response Team and GRP Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS) team using modern equipment. To ensure effective crowd management, Western Railway has implemented barricading and rope-based segregation at crowd-prone areas such as BMC FOB and Tilak FOB. Controlled diversions have also been arranged at entry and exit points. Clear directional signage has been installed across all bridges and gates to facilitate smooth movement. For medical support, 24x7 facilities

including doctors, first aid and ambulance services has been arranged at Dadar station. Lighting across WR's Dadar station premises has been reinforced and additional lights have been installed in low-illumination areas to ensure proper visibility. Western Railway appeals to all followers to maintain patience and cooperate during their travel. Western Railway remains fully committed to providing essential facilities, timely guidance and necessary assistance to ensure a safe, smooth and well-organized experience for all visitors on the occasion of Mahaparinirvan Diwas.

## Supreme Court Gives CBI Full Charge of Nationwide 'Digital Arrest' Scam Probe

(Gns). The Supreme Court has asked the Central Bureau of Investigation to take full charge of the 'digital arrest' scam probe across India, treating the cyber fraud as a nationwide threat. The court said a single central investigation is needed because cases span many states and show complex methods.

The Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, said the CBI will act as the first and main agency for every case linked to the digital arrest fraud. The court allowed the CBI to register and investigate linked offences anywhere, so that no state boundary weakens action.

The Supreme Court has directed the CBI to spearhead the investigation into the 'digital arrest' scam across India, treating it as a national-level threat by centralizing investigations and allowing CBI to probe offenses under the IT Act, with RBI and DoT also involved.

CBI mandate and digital arrest scam probe expansion

In a key direction, the court let the CBI use powers under the Prevention of Corruption Act to check whether any bankers helped create or run bank accounts used for these scams. The court also allowed the CBI to seek help from Interpol whenever cross-border links appear in the investigations.

The scam itself involves callers posing as police, tax, or regulatory officials, then scaring victims with fake

criminal cases and forcing them into video calls or chat rooms. Victims are



told they are under "digital arrest" and made to transfer large sums, with senior citizens frequently targeted. Regulatory role of RBI in digital arrest scam

The Supreme Court added the Reserve Bank of India as a party to the suo motu case and asked for technical help from the banking regulator. The Bench asked RBI to propose time-bound plans to use Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for identifying suspicious accounts and freezing suspected crime proceeds automatically.

The court said all authorities must cooperate with CBI requests under the IT Intermediary Rules, 2021, so that information moves quickly. States that have not given general consent to the CBI were told to still permit investigations into offences under the IT Act within their borders, specifically for this scam network.

DoT, SIM control and telecom checks for digital arrest scam

The Department of

Telecommunications was told to submit a detailed plan for stricter control over

cific operational direction for ongoing cases, stating: "Authorities must preserve mobile phone data from all devices seized in cyber-crime-related FIRs. All States and Union Territories must hand over FIRs registered under the IT Act, 2021, related to the digital arrest scam, to the CBI," the court said.

The judges noted that after the court started hearing the matter on its own, many victims reported similar fraud attempts and police registered numerous FIRs in different regions. These fresh complaints, according to the Bench, highlighted how widespread the scam had become and how fast it was evolving.

CJI Surya Kant observed, "The gravity and scale of the crime can be gauged from the fact that in most states, senior citizens have been targeted by fraudsters using various methods. Every cybercrime case, especially those involving senior citizens, needs a thorough investigation. But the digital arrest scam demands immediate attention from the country's premier investigating agency."

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States/UTs Share FIRs, set up cyber units, allow CBI probes under IT Act

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## EC Scrapped Citizenship Act Reference From SIR Order Despite Commissioner's 'Harassment' Warning

(Gns). A controversy has erupted surrounding the Election Commission's (EC) nationwide Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, after a last-minute change reportedly scrubbed key references to the Citizenship Act from the final order. The Indian Express reported.

Documents reviewed by The Indian Express reveal that hours before the order's release on June 24, Election Commissioner Sukhbir Singh Sandhu had expressed strong caution regarding the drive. Sandhu's initial concern, noted in the draft order, centered on preventing the

harassment of vulnerable voters.

The Election Commission (EC) issued a

final directive, despite initial concerns about potential voter harassment raised by Election Commissioner



revised order for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, omitting key references to the Citizenship Act from the

Sukhbir Singh Sandhu. Switch To Shorts Last-Minute EC Change Removes Citizenship Act Mention From SIR Order

He specifically wrote that the verification process, which mandates all electors submit forms and some provide extra documentation, must ensure that "genuine voters/citizens, particularly old, sick, PwD, poor and other vulnerable groups do not feel harassed."

The draft was swiftly approved by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar via WhatsApp, citing the urgency for the rollout.

However, the final directive issued that evening omitted a critical component of the draft. The original text had explicitly linked the SIR to the 2003 amendments to the Citizenship

## Russia sees world turning 'Multipolar', looks to India as anchor

(Gns). As President Vladimir Putin prepares for a two-day state visit to New Delhi beginning December 4, Russia signalled a sweeping ambition to reshape its partnership with India for what it describes as an emerging multipolar world, one defined, Moscow implied, as much by American unpredictability as by the rise of new centres of power.

In a wide-ranging conversation with Indian journalists on Tuesday, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov cast India as a "great friend" and a pivotal actor in a world where "rule of law has been ruined, trade norms broken", and the promise of globalisation weakened.

He suggested that Russia and India, long-time strategic partners, could work together "to stabilise the whole world" as global power diffuses. "Something new is coming to the world," he said at an event hosted by the Russian agency Sputnik. "A vision of a multi-polar order."

His remarks came ahead of Putin's first trip to India in several years, an event Moscow says will draw "global attention" as the two countries prepare to sign a slate of agreements spanning defense, nuclear energy and trade. Peskov repeatedly stressed that the India-Russia relationship needs to be shielded from outside influence, clearly underlining Washington's growing pressure on New Delhi over its energy purchases from Moscow.

"We are very sensitive to any interference by third countries," Peskov said, adding that Russia "cannot interfere" in India's tariff tensions with the United States but views them as a factor in how it structures its own partnership with New Delhi. "We have to create an architecture free of any influence from any third country."

His comments followed a year in which the United

States imposed a punitive 50 per cent tariff on certain

and more on "advanced technological know-how"



Indian goods, citing India's discounted imports of Russian crude amid Western sanctions on Moscow. Nevertheless, Peskov praised India's tradition of strategic autonomy. "We admire India's sovereignty in defining its national interests," he said.

One of the most closely watched items on the agenda is the possible Indian acquisition of Russia's Su-57 fifth-generation stealth fighter, a proposal long discussed but not advanced. "The SU-57 is the best plane in the world," Peskov said, stressing that, "It will be on the agenda."

The comment comes as India's parallel negotiations with the United States for the F-35 have faltered over technology-transfer concerns. A Su-57 deal, if concluded, would give India access to advanced stealth technologies and potentially offer co-production or deeper integration into joint development, long-sought goals for New Delhi.

Also expected on the table are additional S-400 air-defence systems and a new Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Support pact, which would grant each country access to the other's military bases and ports, expanding India's reach from the Indo-Pacific to the Arctic and giving Russia a firmer logistical foothold in the Indian Ocean. Russia, Peskov said, still accounts for 36 per cent of India's military inventory, and both sides are now focused less on transactional arms sales

and co-development of complex systems.

Civil nuclear cooperation, a key pillar of the relationship since the Kudankulam project, is to be elevated sharply. Peskov said Russia is "the best manufacturer of small nuclear reactors," calling its experience "of real value" as India expands its own SMR program. Rosatom and India's Department of Atomic Energy are advancing work on larger VVER-1200 reactors as well as small modular units that could anchor the next generation of India's civilian nuclear capacity.

Officials say the agenda reflects a push toward serial construction and higher localisation of components, a long-standing Indian goal. Bilateral trade has soared past USD 63 billion, the highest on record, largely driven by India's imports of discounted Russian oil, gold and minerals.

Both sides aim to reach USD100 billion by 2030. But the trade is sharply imbalanced. "We are selling much more than we are buying from India," Peskov acknowledged. To address that gap, Moscow plans to convene a new forum of Russian importers to expand Indian exports in services, investments and goods. At the heart of the economic discussion is a shared concern over American and European sanctions, which Peskov called "illegal" because they lack UN approval. Russia, he said, is determined to construct a trad-

ing order "secure from third-party interference," a goal that has accelerated a shift toward rupee-rouble settlements and broader de-dollarisation.

"The share of the US dollar is reducing," he said. "Not as fast, but it is a trend." The International North-South Transport Corridor, linking India to Russia via Iran, is central to that effort, expected to move millions of tonnes of cargo once fully operational. Asked about instability across South Asia, from youth unrest to political upheaval, Peskov said Russia is prepared to assist "in whatever way we can" to promote peace and prosperity. On Afghanistan, he noted that Moscow has increased engagement with the Taliban government. "Afghanistan has a de facto government," he said.

"We understand that we have counterparts there, and we have joint interests in the region." Officials say the topic is likely to be a quiet but important element of the Modi-Putin discussions, with both countries concerned about terrorism spill-over, narcotics flows and the vacuum left by the US withdrawal.

Since the signing of the Strategic Partnership in 2000 and its elevation in 2010, India and Russia have framed their ties as a political constant amid geopolitical upheavals. Peskov leaned heavily on that narrative, saying the relationship is "not merely a set of protocols" but grounded in longstanding mutual trust.

Whether that legacy can carry the partnership through a period of U.S.-China rivalry, financial sanctions, and divergent economic trajectories is now one of the most consequential questions facing New Delhi's foreign policy. As Putin prepares to land in India, both sides appear intent on signalling that their partnership, forged in an earlier era, is being recalibrated to survive the next one.

## "If You Don't Want Sanchar Saathi, Delete It": Jyotiraditya Scindia on App Privacy Row

(Gns). Union minister for communications Jyotiraditya Scindia addressed growing concerns around the government's directive to pre-install the Sanchar Saathi app on all new smartphones. He maintained that the app is optional and can be removed at the user's discretion, even if it comes pre-loaded.

Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia stated the Sanchar Saathi app, pre-installed on new smartphones, is optional and removable; the initiative aims at enhancing digital security. The app, designed to verify device authenticity and track lost phones, has drawn criticism from privacy advocates, while BJP MP Shashank Mani Tripathi defends it for strengthening citizen protection and preventing cyber attacks.

App Is Optional, Says Scindia

Speaking to ANI on Tuesday, Scindia said, "If you don't want Sanchar Saathi, you can delete it. It is optional." He added that the government's role is

only to introduce the tool across the country and that "keeping it in their devices



or not, is up to the user." He described the initiative as a step towards greater "digital security."

The government has promoted Sanchar Saathi as a tool to verify the authenticity of devices and help track lost phones, but the move has sparked protests from privacy advocates and political opponents who likened it to intrusive surveillance.

Opposition Flags Surveillance Fear

Congress MP Renuka Chowdhury filed an adjournment motion in the Rajya Sabha seeking priority discussion on what the

party has called a "Big Brother" policy. Several activists have warned that

mandatory pre-installation could enable widespread monitoring of users and their data. BJP Defends Pre-Install Push

BJP MP Shashank Mani Tripathi supported the Department of Telecommunications, insisting that the app strengthens citizen protection. "I'm from IIT, so I understand the types of cyber attacks that are taking place... This communication app will enhance people's sense of security. Our data won't escape, and every aspect of citizen protection that should be

ensured will be digitally protected. I welcome this," ANI quoted him as saying.

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"I struggled to breathe and had to take my prescribed medication. Before I could recover, he continued

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states. The KPCC leadership is learnt to have handed over the complaint to the state police chief.

The fresh complaint has

surfaced a day before the principal district and sessions court here is set to consider

Mamkootathil's anticipatory bail plea in another sexual case.

Earlier, on November 27, the police booked Mamkootathil after the survivor approached Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan with a complaint.

Based on her statement, the Valiyamala police registered an FIR the next day, listing charges that include rape, causing miscarriage

without consent, criminal intimidation, and offences related to the unauthorised recording and sharing of private images.

The woman alleged that Mamkootathil repeatedly assaulted her, including after she became pregnant, and threatened her with a private video to ensure silence. Malayalam television channels had aired multiple audio clips and chat records in which women claimed coercion and misconduct, leading Rahul to resign as Youth Congress president in August this year.



## J&K BJP asks Nadda to review admission of 42 Muslim MBBS students in Vaishnodevi Board run institute

(Gns). A BJP delegation from Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday met Union minister for Health JP Nadda and urged him to review the controversial admission of 42 Muslim MBBS candidates in the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence (SMVDIME), Katra, that has 50 seats. The institute is run by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB). The delegation comprised J&K BJP President and MP (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma, Union Minister in PMO Dr. Jitendra Singh, Leader of opposition Sunil Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Rajya Sabha) Ghulam Ali Khatana, MLAs Dr. Devinder Manyal, Sham Lal Sharma and RS Pathania. According to a BJP statement, they conveyed to Nadda the deep resentment brewing among devotees and civil society groups over the composition of the first batch of 50 MBBS seats. They said that 42 out of the 50 seats have been allotted to non-Hindu candidates, a development that has triggered strong reactions among devotees of Mata Vaishno Devi and among those who have contributed financially to the shrine. The delegation informed the Minister that various social and religious organizations were holding protests, expressing dissatisfaction and demanding transparency and corrective measures in the admission process. They cautioned that if the issue is not addressed promptly, a large-scale agitation could emerge in the coming days, potentially disturbing the peaceful environment of the region. These party leaders said that while the BJP respects the merit-based and constitutional framework of medical admissions, it is equally important to acknowledge the sentiments of millions of devotees associated with the shrine. They urged the Union Health Minister to understand the gravity of the situation and intervene appropriately so that a solution can be found that respects the emotional connection devotees have with SMVD institutions.



## 435 HRTC routes to be closed, private buses to fill gaps: Himachal CM

(Gns). Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said on Tuesday in the State Legislative Assembly being held at Dharamshala that under a rationalization plan, the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) will close 435 loss-making bus routes. He informed that the corporation incurs a monthly loss of Rs 70 crore and an annual loss of Rs 840 crore, with the total deficit exceeding Rs 2,200 crore. The government provides an annual grant of Rs 780 crore to the corporation. The Chief Minister said only those routes where extra buses were running and causing consistent losses have been closed. "The government is planning to hand over these routes to the private sector to regulate bus services more efficiently. A policy for private buses is being developed, along with the issuance of student cards to track the actual number of students traveling on each route. Based on this, the need for HRTC services on each route will be reviewed," he added. In response to the main question, Education Minister Rohit Thakur said the Kandhar-Baga bus service will operate only up to Chandigarh for now and will not be restored to Delhi, as the route beyond Chandigarh was running at a loss and adequate private buses are already available. HRTC currently has liabilities exceeding Rs 1,300 crore.

## All India Muslim Intellectuals Society Hosts "Payam-e-Insaniyat" Dialogue

**Love and Compassion are the Central Tenets of Every Faith" – Father Donald D'Souza**  
Lucknow: In a powerful display of unity and shared purpose, the All India Muslim Intellectual Society (AIMIS) hosted an evening of dialogue on the theme "Payam-e-Insaniyat aur hamari zimmedari" (The Message of Humanity and Our Responsibility) at the Sangam Banquet, opposite the Governor House, on Saturday. The event emerged as a significant confluence of thought leaders from across the religious and professional spectrum, all pledging to promote peace and communal harmony. The hall was packed with over 50 renowned speakers, including prominent religious leaders, senior jurists, high-ranking government officials, eminent doctors, academics, and social activists, who unanimously passed a resolution to become "architects of dialogue" and "guardians of pluralism" in today's socio-political climate. The event saw participation from a veritable who's who of Uttar Pradesh's intellectual and spiritual circles. The list of speakers included: · Hazrat Maulana Syed Bilal Abdul Hayi Hasani Nadwi, President, All India · Rev. Father Donald D'Souza, Chancellor, Catholic Diocese of Lucknow · Pandit Shri Guru Dev Acharya Ji, Hindu Religious Leader · Prof. M.L. Bhatt, Director, Kalyan Singh lies in "unity in diversity" and pledged to protect this pluralism from the poisons of stereotype, suspicion, and hatred. This, they stated, involves rejecting the politicization of differences and celebrating each other's festivals with equal joy. 3. To Reclaim our Narratives: A strong consensus emerged on the need to champion the untold stories of communal harmony—of Hindus protecting mosques, Muslims guarding temples, Sikhs serving langar to all, and Christians educating children of all faiths—and to amplify these narratives over the discordant voices of division. The event also featured a keynote address by Hazrat Maulana Khalid Rasheed Farangi Mahali, Chairman of the Islamic Center of India, who set the tone for the evening. Emphasizing the Islamic principles of justice and compassion, Maulana Farangi Mahali stated, "The core teaching of Islam is 'Rahmatul-lil-Alameen'—to be a mercy to all creation. Our faith commands us to be just, kind, and exemplary neighbors. Initiatives like Payam-e-Insaniyat are not merely social gatherings; they are a religious obligation for every peace-loving Indian to foster mutual respect and protect the nation's social fabric.



**Rahul Gupta awarded PhD for research on direct taxes**  
Lucknow. Rahul Gupta has been awarded a PhD for his important research on direct taxes in India and their impact on the Indian economy. He conducted an analytical study on direct taxes in India and their impact on the Indian economy, examining the relevant regulations and their relevance to the Indian economy. Gupta, who completed the research under the guidance of Professor Gajraj Singh at Sathya Sai University, told reporters that his research will prove very useful for economic researchers and economic experts. Analytical study on direct taxes in India and their impact on the Indian economy



## 700+ drugmakers under probe over cough-syrup deaths: Health Minister

(Gns). The government intensified its crackdown on cough syrup manufacturers after 26 children died in Madhya Pradesh due to contaminated syrups. Over 700 manufacturers were audited, and central and state regulators conducted increased surveillance, the Rajya Sabha was informed on Tuesday. In a written reply, Union Minister Anupriya Patel said, "More than 700 cough syrup manufacturers have been subjected to an intense audit in coordination with state authorities. Increased market surveillance sampling of syrup formulations by Central and State drug regulators has also been done." The minister added that in addition to the existing requirements of testing the raw materials used by the drug makers, the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) has mandated testing for toxic substances, such as Diethylene Glycol (DEG) and Ethylene Glycol (EG), in oral liquids before market release. Responding to the query regarding the probe conducted by the authorities, Patel informed that the government undertook a detailed investigation of the reported cases and deaths. From a total of 19 drug samples reportedly consumed by the affected children, 4 samples were found to be of substandard quality, Patel highlighted. These samples were collected from the treating private practitioners and nearby retail stores, the minister added.

## Rajasthan to reline Ferozepur Feeder of Indira Gang Canal for Rs 647.62 crore

(Gns). The Ferozepur Feeder of the Indira Gang Canal System will be relined and re-constructed for Rs 647.62 crore. Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma will lay the foundation stone for the work at a ceremony scheduled to be held in Sriganganagar on December 5. The proposed works under the project, being shared by Rajasthan and Punjab, include Cement Concrete (CC) canal lining between RD 0 and 168.230, reconstruction of two head regulators, one cross regulator, 19 VRB/DRB, and 3 These works would pave the way for fetching surplus water from the Harike Barrage to the Ferozepur Feeder. This would enhance the availability of water in the system, which in turn would benefit farmers in 3.14 lakh hectare command area under the Gang Canal, mainly in the Sriganganagar and Hanumangarh districts, an official spokesman said. The cost of the project would also be shared by Punjab and Rajasthan. While Rajasthan would contribute Rs 268.50 crore Punjab would bear the remaining cost of Rs 379.12 Crore.



## District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh honored 171 BLOs

Mathura. Under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh, a meeting was held in the auditorium of Tehsil Mahavan regarding the special intensive revision campaign-2026. Additional District Magistrate Judicial Surendra Kumar, Deputy District Magistrate Mahavan Kanchan, Tehsildar Mahavan, all the BLOs of Mahavan area, supervisors and other officers and employees were present in the meeting. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh honored 171 BLOs who did excellent work in the auditorium of Tehsil Mahavan. 100% work has been completed by all the 171 BLOs, in view of which the District Magistrate extended hearty congratulations and best wishes to everyone. The District Magistrate also inspired other BLOs to complete the work of special intensive review without any stress. He requested the BLOs who completed the work that all of you should cooperate with your fellow BLOs, so that their work can also be completed soon. He said that you all should work with a team spirit. All the officers and employees engaged in the special intensive revision campaign were motivated by the District Magistrate to work with full devotion and determination. The District Magistrate said that BLOs should immediately collect the counting forms from the voters of their respective areas and ensure digitization. All the officers are working with full dedication as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India. BLOs, supervisors, teachers, students, Anganwadi workers etc. are providing their full support. The District Magistrate said that it is the responsibility of the voter to provide his complete information in the counting form. The District Magistrate has informed that the work of digitization of 77.12 percent counting forms in Tehsil Chhata, 82.44 percent in Mant, 72.23 percent in Govardhan, 59.02 percent in Baldev. The total death percentage of the district is 2.11. The District Magistrate has informed that 3292 are unknown/absent in Tehsil Chhata, 3908 in Mant, 11943 in Govardhan, 1208 in Mathura and 4007 in Baldev. The total absentee/unknown percentage of the district is 1.25. The District Magistrate has informed that 27169 people have been permanently transferred in Tehsil Chhata, 24741 in Mant, 20513 in Govardhan, 18495 in Mathura and 22733 in Baldev. The total permanently transferred percentage of the district is 5.84. The District Magistrate has informed that 3655 are already enrolled in Tehsil Chhata, 2752 in Mant, 2610 in Govardhan, 1973 in Mathura and 2698 in Baldev. The total already enrolled percentage of the district is 0.7



District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh encouraging the honored BLO

## Important MoU signed between Sanskriti University and Geeta Research Institute

Mathura. An important MoU was signed between Sanskriti University and Geeta Research Institute and Rasleela Academy Vrindavan. On behalf of Sanskriti University, Registrar Manish Mishra and Director of Geeta Shodh Sansthan Dinesh Khanna finalized this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by signing their signatures. According to this agreement, Geeta Shodh Sansthan will jointly work on Braj culture, Rasleela and teaching and learning of Geeta. In accordance with the Indian knowledge tradition, in future, students of Sanskrit University will be provided training by Geeta Shodh Sansthan and Rasleela Academy for staging Rasleela and theatrical presentations. Research work, thesis and academic projects on Gita will be conducted jointly by both the institutions. Mutual cooperation in teaching-training, exchange of teachers and academic expertise will be ensured between the two institutions. Both the institutions will work jointly for the preservation and promotion of culture, art and traditional styles of Braj. Students of Sanskrit University will be given an educational tour to Geeta Research Institute. They will participate in seminars, lectures and other programs organized here. Similarly, professors and scholars of Sanskriti University will also participate in the activities at Geeta Research Institute, Vrindavan. Expressing his reaction on this agreement, Chancellor of Sanskriti University, Dr.Sachin Gupta and Dinesh Khanna, director of Geeta Shodh



Chancellor of Sanskriti University Dr. Sachin Gupta, Director of Geeta Research Institute Dinesh Khanna, Vice Chancellor of Sanskriti University Prof. displaying the MoU signed between Geeta Shodh Sansthan and the university at Sanskriti University. MB Chetty, Braj culture expert Dr. Umesh Chandra Sharma, Coordinator of the institute Chandra Pratap Singh Sikarwar and Geeta Pracharak Mahesh Chandra Sharma, Vishnu Goyal of Braj Kala Kendra.

## India-Maldives Joint Military Exercise Ekuverin 2024 begins in Thiruvananthapuram

(Gns). Photo: SNS The 14th edition of the Joint Military Exercise Ekuverin between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) started at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, on Tuesday. The exercise will be conducted from 2-15 December. The Indian Army contingent of 45 personnel, represented by a battalion of the Garhwal Rifles, is participating alongside an equal-strength Maldivian contingent represented by the MNDF. Ekuverin in Dhivehi translates to 'Friends', underscoring the deep-rooted bonds of friendship, mutual trust and military cooperation between the two nations. both countries since 2009, Exercise EKUVERIN continues to be a shining example of India's Neighbourhood First Policy and its commitment to partnerships with friendly nations. Giving the details, the army spokesperson said that the two-week-long exercise aims to enhance interoperability and operational synergy in Counter-Insurgency and Counter-Terrorism operations across jungle, semi-urban and coastal terrain. It will witness participation of troops from both sides sharing best practices, tactical drills and joint operational planning to strengthen their capability to respond to common security challenges in the region. Conducted alternately in building enduring defence

