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Shri Narendra Modi  
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Shri Bhupendra Patel  
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Gujarat

Youth is empowered  
by good governance, Gujarat  
becomes the nation's Startup hub

"Through encouragement of Startups, the government has taken a revolutionary step towards making youth self-reliant." - Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Gujarat

## Mai Chai Wala Hu...: PM Modi In Assam Critiques Congress Over Culture, Tea And Fertiliser Reforms

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi used a visit to Assam to sharply criticise the Congress, accusing the party of backing anti-national thinking and blocking key reforms. Modi said the current government in Assam and at the Centre is working to fix problems which, according to Modi, were created by Congress rule. Modi recalled that several fertiliser plants across India, including those affecting farmers in Assam, had become inactive earlier. He said earlier governments left farmers struggling for urea, forcing long queues. Modi stated that the present administration is trying to revive such units and improve supply so that farmers can work with fewer hurdles.

During a visit to Assam, Prime Minister Narendra Modi criticised the Congress party for alleged supporting anti-national thinking and obstructing reforms; he highlighted actions by his government, including land rights for the tea community and efforts to revive fertiliser plants while accusing the Congress of disrespecting regional cultural icons and protecting illegal immigrants.

The Prime Minister targeted the Congress over Bharat Ratna for Bhupen Hazarika. Modi said people would remember that when his government decided to honour Bhupen Hazarika with the Bharat Ratna, the Congress objected. He added that the then Congress national president claimed Modi was giving the award to singers and dancers. Modi directly questioned this stand and stressed its cultural impact. Modi asked,



"Tell me, isn't this an insult to Bhupen Hazarika? Isn't this an insult to our culture?" Modi said such reactions from Congress showed disrespect towards regional icons and traditions that hold deep emo-

tional value in states like Assam. Modi also raised issues linked to Assam's tea community. He claimed Congress governments did not give land rights to people associated with tea cultivation for many years. Modi said the Bharatiya Janata Party government granted these rights, arguing that this change helped families gain dignity and a

firmer legal status. Modi further alleged that Congress settled illegal immigrants in Assam and now tries to shield them. He said this was why the party opposes SIR and the updating of the voter list. Modi argued that Congress leaders focused on vote-bank politics and, according to Modi, did not prioritise ordinary citizens or national interest.

Linking his own background with these themes, Modi again described personal responsibility for tea workers. "I am a tea seller. If I don't do it, who will?," said PM Modi. Modi added that a semiconductor unit set up by his government also faced resistance from Congress. Modi said the government is putting in every effort to correct earlier policy decisions.

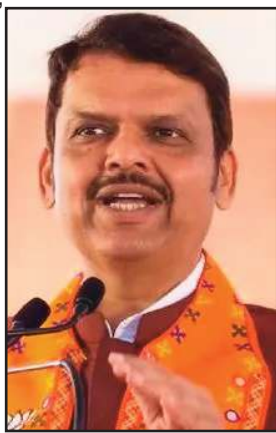
## CM Fadnavis Congratulates Mahayuti Leaders As BJP+ Gain Momentum In Maharashtra Municipal Council Polls 2025

(Gns). The ruling Mahayuti alliance is set to dominate the Maharashtra municipal council elections 2025, with early trends showing strong gains across the state. BJP leaders are claiming the party has emerged as the largest force, while allies Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar's NCP are also reporting solid performances. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis hailed the numbers as proof that voters backed the ruling front's agenda. Fadnavis said the alliance victory means development projects in Maharashtra will move ahead without interruption, and credited the outcome to coordinated efforts from party leaders and workers across different regions.

In the Maharashtra municipal council elections 2025, the Mahayuti alliance, including the BJP, Shiv Sena, and NCP, is projected to dominate, with BJP claiming a leading position and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis attributing the victory to the ruling front's agenda; counting is underway across 286 municipal councils and nagar panchayats. Maharashtra BJP leader Keshav Upadhye said the party had taken a clear edge in many districts as counting progressed. Upadhye cited early trends to claim the BJP was ahead in several

parts of the state in the local body elections, even as the official tally was still awaited from authorities. The state election commission has not yet released the final list of winners for the Maharashtra municipal council elections 2025. Results are being compiled for polls to the posts of president and members in 286 municipal councils and nagar panchayats. The process covers urban bodies spread across all major regions of Maharashtra. Maharashtra municipal council elections 2025:

Mahayuti performance and regional numbers Upadhye, who is the state BJP's chief spokesperson, highlighted the party's showing in Vidarbha. According to early figures shared by Upadhye, the BJP was leading in 58 out of 100 seats in the region, while the Shiv Sena was ahead in eight seats and the NCP in seven seats. Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde linked the outcome of the Maharashtra municipal council elections 2025 to the next round of civic polls. Shinde said the local body results offered a preview of what could follow in the municipal corporation elections scheduled on January 15, as counting of votes continued on Sunday.



## Atal Netrutva, Avirat Vikas : Good Governance Elevates Gujarat's Startup Ecosystem: SSIP 2.0 Policy and i-Hub Emerge as Game Changers

**SSIP 2.0 Policy:** State government extends support to 1,543 startups over last four years  
**Around 620 startups in the state** receive mentoring, incubation and support through i-Hub  
**Women Empowerment:** WEstart Initiative Supports 196 Women-Led Startups  
**i-Hub Startups Create 1,400 Jobs; Valuation Crosses More than ₹3,500 Crore**  
**Keepsake Automation Established by Manan Bateria with ₹15 Lakh Grant Support from the Government of Gujarat**

a pivotal role in building Viksit Bharat @2047. Advancing this vision, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel has strengthened Gujarat's startup ecosystem through initiatives such as the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP 2.0), setting a strong benchmark for good governance in entrepreneurship. As a result, Gujarat has emerged as a leading hub of entrepreneurship, securing the top position in the Startup Ranking for the fourth consecutive time. Under the Government of India's Startup India programme, the state has been recognised as the country's Best-Performer State, with around 16,700 startups currently operating

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Startup Ecosystem: SSIP 2.0 Provides holistic Mentorship from School to Higher Education To build a strong foundation for innovation among youth, the state government, under the leadership of the Chief Minister, has announced the SSIP 2.0 policy for the five-year period from 2022 to 2027. Under this policy, students from the school level to higher education are provided with appropriate guidance, encouragement, and financial support to nurture their creativity and innovation. A total allocation of ₹300 crore has been made under SSIP 2.0 for a five-year period, with an annual grant of ₹60 crore. Of this, ₹30 crore is allocated to technical education, ₹12 crore to i-Hub, ₹10 crore to higher education.



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







## Six Lions Saved from Being Hit by a Train Due to Alertness of Bhavnagar Division Loco Pilots

Bhavnagar Railway Division has been making continuous and effective efforts to ensure the safety of lions and other wildlife. As per divisional instructions, loco pilots operating trains are strictly adhering to pre-scribed speeds and performing their duties with special vigilance. Due to the alertness of the loco pilots of Bhavnagar Division and coordination with Forest Department trackers, a total of 159 lions were saved in the previous financial year 2024–25. In the current financial year 2025–26, 81 lions have been safely rescued so far.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager of Bhavnagar Division, Shri Atul Kumar Tripathi, informed that on

Kansiyanes section. Immediately thereafter, they safely brought Train No. 52955 Veraval–Junagadh Passenger to a

lions were safely moved away from the railway track. After the situation was found to be normal, permission was granted to the loco pilot to resume the journey, and the train was cautiously dispatched towards its destination.

Upon receiving information about the incident, Divisional Railway Manager Shri Dinesh Verma, Additional

Divisional Railway Manager Shri Himanshu Sharma, and other officers expressed appreciation for the commendable and sensitive action taken by the loco pilots.

halt by applying the emergency brake.

The loco pilot promptly informed Train Manager (Guard) Shri Vidyanand Kumar. With the assistance of Forest Department tracker Shri Rana Bhai, all the

21.12.2025 (Sunday), Loco Pilot Shri Anish Sheikh and Assistant Loco Pilot Shri Farman Hussain spotted six lions on the railway track between kilometer numbers 112/7–112/6 on the Sasangar–



## Suryakumar Yadav Or Any New Captain? India's T20 World Cup Squad To Be Announced Today

(Gns). As India get set to announce their squad for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, the spotlight is firmly on leadership rather than personnel alone. While the selection committee meets in Mumbai on Saturday, an undercurrent of debate surrounds captain Suryakumar Yadav and whether the upcoming global tournament could usher in a change at the top.

Despite India's remarkable run in T20 cricket - eight straight series wins and 14 successive series unbeaten - questions persist over Suryakumar's personal form. Now 35, the Indian skipper has endured a prolonged lean patch, stretching over a year, managing modest returns across more than 20 T20Is. Yet, the BCCI appears reluctant to disrupt stability so close to a home World Cup.

India's selection committee will meet in Mumbai to announce the squad for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, with focus on captaincy, currently held by Suryakumar Yadav, whose form is under scrutiny, also, Hardik Pandya and Shubman Gill are in consideration. India's Group A includes Pakistan, USA, Netherlands, and Namibia, with their first match against the USA on February 7 in Mumbai.

Switch To Shorts Suryakumar Yadav Ajit Agarkar

him firmly in the captaincy conversation. Vice-Captaincy



Suryakumar Yadav, Ajit Agarkar Will India Stick or Switch?

Officially, there is no indication of an immediate captaincy change. However, with the World Cup scheduled in India and Sri Lanka, selectors are aware that this tournament could represent Suryakumar's final outing as India's T20 leader. Any dip in form during the New Zealand series may intensify calls for a transition.

Hardik Pandya stands out as the most viable alternative should selectors decide to act. His match-winning 63 off 25 balls against South Africa in the fifth T20I showcased both leadership presence and finishing ability. While his bowling economy remains a concern, his impact role and experience in pressure situations keep

Uncertain

The vice-captaincy slot, currently held by Shubman Gill, is also under review. Gill's struggles in the shortest format have not gone unnoticed, and insiders suggest the selectors may keep the position open rather than committing to a long-term deputy. Former India batter Aakash Chopra has hinted that Gill could retain his place in the XI, but leadership responsibilities might be reassigned.

Squad Core Largely Settled

Away from leadership chatter, the playing group looks largely settled. Tilak Varma is almost assured of selection after a stellar T20I year, scoring 567 runs at an average of 47.25 and thriving in run chases. Abhishek Sharma's explosive form at the top has also sealed his spot, following a sensational run

marked by a strike rate above 190.

India's pace attack is expected to be led by Jasprit Bumrah and Arshdeep Singh, with Harshit Rana providing depth, while all-rounders Hardik Pandya and Shivam Dube add balance. The team management is also likely to persist with Sanju Samson and Jitesh Sharma as the two wicket-keeping options.

Selection Calls Still Pending

The final spots are being debated between Washington Sundar, Rinku Singh, and Shubman Gill, while Yashasvi Jaiswal remains a strong backup option, particularly if form or conditions demand flexibility.

Road to the World Cup India have been drawn in Group A with Pakistan, USA, Netherlands, and Namibia, and will open their campaign against the USA on February 7 in Mumbai. The New Zealand T20I series in January is expected to serve as a dress rehearsal - not just for combinations, but possibly for leadership as well.

For now, Suryakumar Yadav remains in charge. But with form, age, and future planning in play, the squad announcement may offer subtle clues on whether India are already preparing for life under a new T20 captain.

## PTI Chief and ex-Pakistan PM Imran Khan Calls For Nationwide Protest

(Gns). Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan and spouse Bushra Bibi have been handed 17-year jail terms in the Toshakhana 2 corruption case, linked to gifts received from Saudi Arabia in 2021. A day later, Khan, aged 73, urged a nationwide protest through a message released on X, challenging the verdict.

The Toshakhana 2 corruption case concerns accusations that Khan and Bushra misreported or misused valuable state gifts. These items allegedly came from the Saudi Arabian government in 2021. The gifts passed through the Toshakhana, a unit in Pakistan's Cabinet Division that records and stores presents for rulers and officials. Khan has remained in jail since August 2023.

Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan and his spouse Bushra Bibi received 17-year jail terms in the Toshakhana 2 corruption case regarding gifts from Saudi Arabia in 2021; Khan has since urged nationwide protests. The case, involving alleged misuse or misreporting of state

gifts, stems from items received while passing

martyrdom for the true freedom of Pakistan!"



through the Toshakhana unit of Pakistan's Cabinet Division.

Imran Khan's protest appeal surfaced in a video conversation with lawyers, later uploaded to his X account, previously called Twitter. Jail rules deny Khan internet access, so it is unclear who actually posted the clip. During the interaction, Khan asked supporters to mobilise on the streets and pressed a key provincial leader to organise.

"I have sent a message to (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister) Sohail Afridi to prepare for the street movement. The entire nation will have to rise for its rights," he said, adding, "Struggle is worship, and I am even ready to embrace

Imran Khan dismissed the Toshakhana 2 decision as part of a wider pattern and said lawyers will file an appeal in a high court. "Like the baseless decisions and sentences of the last three years, the Toshakhana-II decision is also nothing new to me. This decision was given in haste by the judge without any evidence and without fulfilling the legal requirements," Khan said.

The former prime minister also criticised Pakistan's military, accusing officials of mentally pressuring both Khan and Bushra inside jail. Khan claimed other prisoners can watch television but the couple are denied this access. Khan urged legal groups to respond. "For the

struggle to establish the supremacy of law and restore the Constitution, it is essential for the Justice Lawyers Forum and the lawyers' front to come to the forefront. Only the system of justice can protect the people. Without it, neither economic progress nor moral development is possible," he added.

Legal proceedings in the Toshakhana 2 corruption case have stretched across several stages. In 2024, the Islamabad High Court granted Bushra bail in this matter. Khan later received bail as well. Despite that relief, both were indicted again in December 2025 in the same case, which has now resulted in fresh convictions and sentences.

Khan's call for mass protests and a broader "street movement" places added pressure on Pakistan's institutions as the Toshakhana 2 corruption case continues. Support from political workers, the Justice Lawyers Forum and other lawyers' groups may decide how strongly this challenge plays out on the ground and within the courts.

## Celebration of World Meditation Day at Mahatma Mandir

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel urges turning yoga and meditation into a mass movement for a healthy, balanced society

First convocation ceremony of yoga coaches and trainers of the Gujarat State Yog Board concludes; Chief Minister presents certificates

A collective meditation session takes place in the presence of Pujya Shree Shivkrupanand Swamiji of Himalayan Samarpan Meditation

Gandhinagar, 21 December 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel urged transforming the ancient practice of yoga and meditation into a mass movement for a healthy and balanced society.

In this context, CM said that the goal of Viksit Bharat@2047, given by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, can be realized only through meditation and yoga, by building society and the nation with peace of mind and a healthy, disease-free lifestyle.

The Chief Minister was

addressing the gathering at the first convocation ceremony of coaches and train-

stressful times.

India is a nation that offers spiritual guidance to



ers of the Gujarat State Yog Board, organised along with the celebration of World Meditation Day.

Congratulating the yoga trainers, he said yoga builds physical strength while meditation enhances mental focus, with the discipline needed for yoga arising from the strong decision-making power gained through meditation.

Describing meditation as a blessing rooted in India's ancient tradition, CM said that it is especially relevant for mental peace in today's fast-paced and

the world, and the Chief Minister expressed pride that, due to the global recognition given to yoga by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, June 21 is celebrated as International Day of Yoga.

He further added that the Prime Minister has described yoga as a simple and traditional means of health protection, promoting regular yoga, pranayama, and meditation to stay free from diseases and ailments.

He emphasized that Ayushman Bharat is a vital

## Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan participates in World Meditation Day celebrations at Kanha Shanti Vanam, Telangana

Meditation vital for inner peace and social harmony: Vice-President

True development includes emotional and spiritual well-being: Vice-President

India's spiritual traditions guide the world: Vice-President

Vice-President appreciates Daaji's contribution to spreading meditation globally

(Gns). The Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, today participated at the World Meditation Day celebrations at Kanha Shanti Vanam in Telangana and highlighted the timeless relevance of meditation in fostering inner peace, emotional well-being and social harmony.

Addressing the gathering, the Vice-President said that meditation is a universal practice that transcends cultural, geographical and religious boundaries. He described it as a path to mental clarity, emotional stability and inner transformation, and noted that World Meditation Day provides an opportunity to recognise its growing

importance in modern life.

The Vice-President recalled India's role in co-

meditation in Bharat has long been regarded as an ancient science of the mind



sponsoring the United Nations General Assembly resolution declaring 21 December as World Meditation Day, describing it as a global recognition of the power of meditation to promote mental well-being and spiritual growth. He also appreciated the contribution of Daaji in spreading the practice of meditation globally. He added that India, with its centuries-old traditions of meditation, yoga and spiritual inquiry, continues to offer enduring wisdom to the world.

Highlighting India's civilisational heritage, Shri Radhakrishnan said that

and spirit, nurtured by sages and seers. Drawing upon teachings from the Bhagavad Gita and the Tamil spiritual classic Thirumantiram, he emphasised that mastery of the mind through meditation leads to inner harmony, self-realisation and ethical living.

The Vice-President underlined that meditation has a vital role to play in the journey towards Viksit Bharat@2047. He said that national development must encompass not only economic progress but also emotional well-being and spiritual upliftment, and that

healthcare initiative for building a long and healthy India, offering treatment even when serious illnesses occur despite yoga-based health protection.

On this occasion, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel emphasized that in today's competitive era, yoga and meditation enhance concentration, decision-making, and inner peace without any cost or side effects.

During the event Chief Minister presented certificates to the yoga trainers.

Shri Shishpal Rajput, Chairman of the Gujarat State Yog Board, welcomed the gathering and shared insights about the Board's activities, their relevance, and the role of yoga trainers in building a healthy nation through a healthy state.

The event was attended by Gandhinagar Mayor Smt. Mira Patel, MLA Smt. Rita Patel, office-bearers of the Gujarat province of Himalayan Samarpan Meditation, yoga trainers, and a large number of citizens.

## Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) celebrates World Meditation Day, Highlighting Scientific Role of Meditation in Stress Management

regulates emotional responses. An fMRI study

the Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi, encouraged



has demonstrated significant deactivation of the amygdala during loud Om chanting compared to the resting state. He further cited findings from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, indicating that Yoga Nidra produces measurable changes in brain activity associated with deep relaxation and emotional regulation, thereby reducing stress and systemic inflammation.

Representing the spiritual lineage of meditation, Swami Muktimayananda of

effective tools to enhance mental and emotional resilience. The event concluded with a collective pledge to incorporate meditation into daily life to promote the vision of a "Healthy Mind, Healthy India."

The event was attended by Shri Atul Chawla from Vishvas Meditation, New Delhi; Dr. I. N. Acharya, Programme Officer, MDNIY; and Md. Taiyab Alam, Communication & Documentation Officer, MDNIY. Around 700 participants, including Yoga enthusiasts, students, faculty members, and officials from various departments, took part in the programme.

It may be noted that the United Nations General Assembly last year proclaimed 21 December as World Meditation Day, reaffirming the right of every individual to enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. This initiative aligns with the Ministry of Ayush's ongoing efforts to integrate traditional Indian wisdom with modern lifestyle practices for a healthier society.



# Don't ignore even mild shortness of breath, cautions epidemiologist

(Gns). Renowned Epidemiologist and Advisor to the National Communicable Diseases Control Programme Dr Naresh Purohit, has cautioned against the general tendency to ignore shortness of breath, even mild or occasional breathlessness, specifically during winter chill.

"This is not something to ignore, brushing aside as a sign of tiredness or ageing," he remarked.

Dr Purohit, who is also Principal Investigator for the Association of Studies in Respiratory Care, said in a release – "During the winter chill, most people miss shortness of breath and brush it aside as a sign of tiredness or ageing. Many people assume it is normal to feel breathless

after climbing stairs or walking a short distance, especially during seasonal

diagnosed in many parts of Rajasthan", the Epidemiologist has stated.



changes. However, even mild or occasional breathlessness can be an early sign of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, commonly known as COPD. This condition is far more common than people realise and remains under-

The winter chill also makes people's nasal passages a most suitable abode for respiratory viruses and bacteria, which show the most activation during this season. These microscopic invaders thrive in the low humidity, making

our respiratory tracts a welcoming haven, he elaborated.

Hence, there was a significant surge in patients of sneezing, coughing, and respiratory illness in the region, Dr Purohit stated, quoting health authorities.

"The cold air that we are inhaling sometimes does not get humidified and warmed up enough, and therefore reaches the lungs directly. So cold air reaching the lungs directly can sometimes cause bronchoconstriction and bronchospasm that could result in asthma. That means narrowing of the airways because of cold air being breathed in, resulting in asthma like situation," he explained

Quoting his recent research study in the Indian

# IndiGo issues travel advisory as fog disrupts flights over Bengaluru, Amritsar

(Gns). IndiGo on Sunday issued a travel advisory warning passengers about flight disruptions caused by dense fog and low visibility over Bengaluru and Amritsar.

The airline said it is closely monitoring weather conditions and providing full support to ensure safe and smooth travel for its passengers.

In its advisory, IndiGo stated, "Low visibility and fog over #Bangalore and #Amritsar have impacted flight schedules. We're keeping a close watch on the weather and doing our best to get you where you need to be, safely and smoothly."

The advisory urged travellers to stay up to date on their flight status via the airline's official channels. "We request that you stay updated on your flight status bit.ly/3ZWAQXd. Please be assured that our teams are here to assist you at every step and provide full support," the advisory further read.

sorry further read. "Here's hoping clearer

airlines before heading to the airport.



skies help us serve you better soon and thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time," it added.

Meanwhile, West Bengal's Bagdogra Airport also reported that flights to and from the city may be affected due to dense fog. Authorities said conditions are expected to improve in the next few hours and advised passengers to check with their respective

A statement from Bagdogra Airport read, "Due to dense fog and low visibility, flights to and from Bagdogra may be affected. Conditions are expected to improve in the next few hours. Passengers are advised to check flight status with their airline before coming to the airport."

Earlier on Sunday, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) issued an advisory noting that fog conditions in

parts of northern India are affecting visibility and may lead to delays or changes in flight operations at select airports.

Passengers have been advised to check flight updates with their respective airlines through official channels and to allow extra time for travel to airports and completion of necessary formalities.

"Fog conditions in parts of Northern India are affecting visibility and may lead to delays or changes in flight operations at select airports. Passengers are advised to check flight updates with their airlines through official channels and allow extra time for airport travel and formalities," AAI's advisory read.

To assist travellers during adverse weather, AAI has deployed passenger assistance teams at affected airports to provide guidance and on-ground support, ensuring smooth operations and passenger safety amid dense fog conditions.

# Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar's statue damaged in Kokera

**Area police pacifying attracted people**  
Mathura. On Sunday, unruly elements damaged the Ambedkar statue in village Kokera under Chhata Kotwali. As soon as the information about the incident was received, the Area Officer Umbrella SDM Umbrella Tehsildar and local police reached the spot and took stock. Hundreds of villagers also gathered at the spot and started expressing their anger. Seeing the seriousness of the matter, the police administration has registered a case under relevant sections.

the area. The right hand of the statue installed in Ambedkar Park was broken, about which the villagers

aging the statue, but an attempt was made to disturb social harmony. As soon as information about



came to know when they reached the park this morning. As soon as the incident came to light, an atmosphere of tension was created in the village. As soon as the news of the statue being damaged spread, hundreds of villagers gathered in Ambedkar Park and started demanding strict action against the culprits. The villagers said that this was not just a case of dam-

the incident was received, the police and administration came into action. On information, area officer Bhushan Verma, Kotwali in-charge Kamlesh Singh reached the spot with heavy police force Dr. Bhim Rao Redkar. The officials controlled the situation by talking to the villagers and appealed to maintain peace. The police inspected the incident site and collected evidence and assured of action against unknown anarchists. Deputy District Magistrate Vaibhav Gupta, who reached the spot, said that prima facie it appears to be the handiwork of mischievous elements. The matter is being investigated seriously and the culprits will not be spared at any cost. He also assured that the new statue will be installed within two days, so that the faith and respect of the villagers can be restored. After the assurance from the administration, the anger of the villagers calmed down to some extent, although there is still resentment in the village regarding the incident. The police interrogated at the local level and were able to identify the accused juti

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# Cabinet Minister inaugurates 39th cricket tournament

Mathura. Sugarcane Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government, Chaudhary Lakshminarayan inaugurated the 39th cricket tournament on Sunday at the grounds of Hindu Inter College, Nandgaon Road, Kosikalan. This tournament is being organized under the aegis of Golden Cricket Club. Minister Choudhary Lakshminarayan along with his representative Nardev Choudhary, Manager Choudhary Virendra Advocate and Vivek Choudhary inaugurated the tournament by cutting the ribbon. On this occasion,



he met the players of both the batting and bowling

teams after tossing the toss. The Cabinet Minister said that he organizes this tournament every year in memory of his father. He urged the players to play cricket with the spirit of the game. This cricket tournament will start from 21st December and continue till 4th January. At the conclusion, prizes will be awarded to the winning and runner-up teams. After the inauguration, the Cabinet Minister himself started the match by playing ball

# Rijiju to offer Chadar at Ajmer Dargah Sharif on behalf of PM Modi

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sent a ceremonial Chadar to be laid on the sacred tomb of Sufi Saint Khwaja Moinuddin Hasan Chisti during the 814th annual Urs at the Dargah Sharif in Ajmer on Monday.

Union Minister for Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju will offer the velvet Chadar at the shrine of Garib Nawaz on behalf of the Prime Minister. The Prime

Minister has already handed over the chadar to the

Union Minister at a brief ceremony in New Delhi.



Rijiju will reach Ajmer around 11:30 am on Monday, perform ziyarat, offer the Chadar, read out PM Modi's ceremonial message, and also participate in other traditional rituals at the Dargah Sharif.

He will proceed to Jaipur around 2:30 pm.

The Urs ceremonies began with the traditional flag hoisting on December 17. The core rituals will conclude on December 30.

# Walayar mob lynching: Chhattisgarh native's family demands Rs 25 lakh compensation; says will not accept body

(Gns). The family of a Chhattisgarh native, who was beaten to death in Kerala's Palakkad district, on suspicion of theft, has demanded that a case under the SC/ST Atrocities Prevention Act and sections related to mob lynching be filed in the murder.

The family of Ram Narayan Bhaiyar has also demanded compensation of RS. 25 lakh. They said the body will not be taken over until the demand is met. The family clarified they will remain in Kerala until their demand is met.

The brutal murder that took place on Wednesday evening shocked the state. Ram Narayan was detained and beaten by a

mob on the charge of theft at Walayar in Palakkad. Ram Narayan collapsed and vomited blood after

was also recorded. The arrested are Anu, Prasad, Murali, Ananthan and Vibin, natives of Attappallam. The



being beaten and later died. The Walayar police have taken 15 people, natives of Mathalikadu, Attappallam, into custody in the incident. The arrest of five people

police said that although he was intoxicated, there was no evidence that he had stolen anything.

The autopsy report revealed the extent of the

# First FCI grain-laden goods train from Punjab arrives at Anantnag in Kashmir

The first-ever Food Corporation of India (FCI) food grain freight train, consisting of 21 wagons, successfully arrived at the Anantnag (Kashmir) Goods Terminal from Ajitwal Goods Shed in the Firozpur Division in Punjab on Sunday.

This marks a historic day for the people of the Kashmir Valley, as the Railways and the Food Corporation of India have jointly initiated this food grain freight train service to Kashmir. This is a significant step towards strengthening the food supply chain and promoting economic development in the future, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager,

Uchit Singhal said. The grain-laden freight train reached Kashmir from

will reach Kashmir directly by rail from various parts of the country. This will direct-



Punjab without any hindrance and in a much shorter time compared to road transport.

Similarly, in the future, grains and other food items

ly benefit local traders and the general public.

Commenting on the FCI's initiative and the timely and safe arrival of the food grain freight train

in Anantnag, Singhal said, "This is a moment of pride for the Railways. This freight train will act as an economic bridge between Punjab and Kashmir. In the coming times, the operation of FCI food grain freight trains by the Railways will play a major role in providing infrastructural support to the economy."

Highlighting the advantages, he further added that it takes less time for the movement of goods and food grains compared to road transport, and this initiative will also reduce traffic congestion on the busy National Highway 44. Rail transport facilitates better and more efficient supply

# At least 10 killed in shooting near Johannesburg in South Africa

(Gns). At least 10 people were killed and another 10 injured after unidentified gunmen opened fire in a village on the outskirts of Johannesburg, South African police said. Emergency services and law enforcement officials responded to the scene, where multiple victims were found with gunshot wounds. According to police



spokesperson Brigadier Athlenda Mathe, the shoot-

ing took place at the KwaNoxolo Tavern in the Tambo section of Bekkersdal in West Rand. Mathe said that in addition to those targeted at the tavern, some of the victims were shot at random while they were on the street by unidentified gunmen.

Authorities have launched a full-scale investigation into the incident. Gauteng

Acting Police Commissioner Fred Kekana said, "We are still busy obtaining statements. Our national crime and management team has arrived."

He added that multiple specialised units had been deployed to the scene. "The provincial crime scene management team has arrived, and a team from the local criminal record centre is here, so is our serious crime investigating team, crime intelligence, and the provincial crime detective team is on scene," he said.

Police said the motive behind the attack remains unclear, and the suspect has not yet been identified.

There have been multiple mass shootings in the country in last few years. This shooting act marks the second such incident reported in South Africa this month. On 06 December, twelve people were killed after gunmen opened fire at a hostel in Pretoria.

# Bangladesh: 10 arrested over killing of Hindu youth Dipu Chandra Das in Mymensingh

(Gns). In connection with the brutal murder of Dipu Chandra Das, a 27-year-old Hindu youth, at least ten people have been arrested in

individuals in connection with the beating murder of Dipu Chandra Das (27), a Sanatan Hindu youth, in Baluka, Mymensingh."

include Md. Limon Sarkar (19), Md. Tarek Hossain (19), Md. Manik Mia (20), Ershad Ali (39), Nijum Uddin (20), Alomgir Hossain (38) and Md. Miraj Hossain Akon (46). The individuals arrested by the police include Md. Azmol Hasan Sagir (26), Md. Shahin Mia (19) and Md. Nazmul.

Dipu Chandra Das death

Reportedly, Dipu Chandra Das was attacked by a mob over allegations of blasphemy, and his body was set on fire. He later died from his injuries. The incident triggered widespread outrage and condemnation across the country, particularly among minority rights groups.

Mymensingh, Bangladesh. The Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) apprehended seven suspects, while the police arrested three others, under coordinated operations at multiple locations.

Muhammad Yunus, the Chief Adviser of the Interim government of Bangladesh, confirmed the development in a post on X. The post read, "10 Arrested in Mymensingh Hindu Youth Beating Murder Case: Law enforcement agencies have arrested ten



Bangladesh lynching: Seven arrested in Mymensingh after Hindu youth beaten to death by mob

Details of the arrested Those arrested by RAB