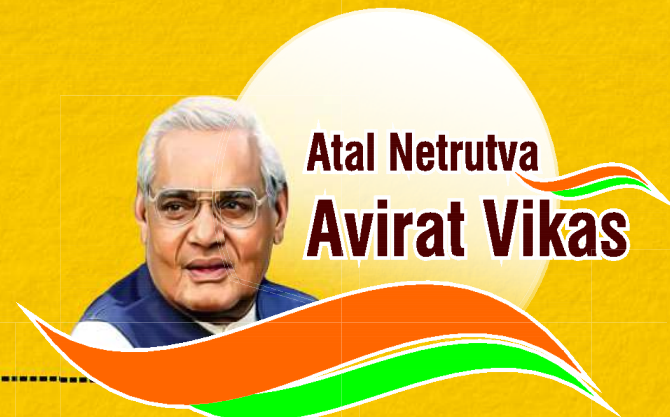




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Mukhyamantri Paushtik Alpahar Yojana
More than 40 lakh children of the state are receiving education along with nutrition.



"The government is committed to ensuring that every child in the state remains educated and well-nourished." - Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Gujarat

PM Modi highlights Piyush Goyal's vision on India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday drew attention to a comprehensive article by Union Minister Piyush Goyal that sheds light on the expanding role of India's Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) in driving economic growth and improving the lives of millions.

"In this insightful article, Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal explains that India's FTAs today go well beyond tariff reductions, forming part of a broader mission to strengthen the economy and improve the lives of millions," PM Modi said in a post on the social media platform X.

In his write-up, Minister Goyal elaborates that India's FTAs are now a pivotal tool for inclusive growth, extending benefits across various segments

of society. He highlighted the India-New Zealand FTA as a landmark

By creating greater opportunities for small businesses, students, women, farm-

groups in the economy. It is expected to ease market access, boost exports, and



achievement, noting it as India's first women-led FTA, with nearly the entire negotiating team composed of women.

Calling the #IndiaNZFTA "a win-win deal," Goyal wrote, "This trade deal marks a significant leap in PM Narendra Modi ji's trade diplomacy,

ers, and youth across India, the FTA will open new avenues for growth and cooperation."

The India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement represents a strategic effort to deepen bilateral trade, promote sustainable development, and empower historically underrepresented

encourage innovation and entrepreneurship.

Prime Minister Modi's endorsement of Goyal's article signals the government's dedication to trade policies that strengthen economic ties while fostering social inclusion and gender representation in critical negotiations.

As India broadens its global trade engagement,

the India-New Zealand FTA sets a precedent for future

agreements that balance economic advancement

with inclusive development.

President of India addresses ib centenary endowment lecture on the subject 'people-centric national security: community participation in building viksit bharat'

Security is among the key drivers of economic investment and growth: president droupadi murmu
By placing citizen welfare and public participation at the heart of our strategy, we can empower our citizens to become effective sources of intelligence and security: president droupadi murmu (Gns).

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, addressed the IB Centenary Endowment Lecture on the subject 'People-Centric National Security: Community Participation in Building

Viksit Bharat' in New Delhi today (December 23, 2025).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that it is a matter of pride after Independence, IB has been playing a stellar role in providing security to the people of India and assuring the unity and integrity of the Nation.

The President said that the theme for this lecture 'People-Centric National Security: Community Participation in Building Viksit Bharat' is of immedi-

ate as well as long-term significance for our country. All institutions concerned, including IB, should spread awareness among our people that national security is the responsibility of every citizen. Alert citizens can provide formidable support to the efforts of government agencies engaged in national security. When organised as communities, our citizens can achieve great synergy and support the government's initiatives



for national security. Our Constitution enumerates the Fundamental Duties of citizens. Many of these duties relate to wider dimensions of national security. Students, teachers, media, resident welfare associations, civil society organizations and several other communities can propagate these duties.

The President said that community participation strengthens national security. There are numerous examples of alert citizens helping professional forces with their inputs in averting security crises.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's Name Rises as Potential PM, Sparks Debate in Congress

(Gns). Robert Vadra backed growing calls within Congress for Priyanka Gandhi Vadra to take a larger role, even as BJP leaders claimed the party was split between camps loyal to Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi. The row followed Congress MP Imran Masood pitching Priyanka Gandhi Vadra as the party's Prime Ministerial face and drawing sharp political reactions.

Vadra, who is married to Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, responded to Masood's comments by stressing that public attention should remain on people's day-to-day problems. At the same time, Vadra acknowledged

persistent appeals for Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and even for Vadra, to enter active politics, feeding speculation about internal debates in the party leadership.

Reacting to Congress MP Imran Masood's pitch to make Priyanka Gandhi Vadra the PM face of the party, her husband, Robert Vadra, said that "there are demands from everywhere". "There are demands from everywhere that Priyanka should come forward. There are also demands that I should enter politics. But right now, we should focus on the real issues

that concern the people," he said.

Masood on Tuesday said that if Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were made the

Prime Minister, she would give a strong response like her grandmother and former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Speaking to ANI, Imran Masood said, "... Is Priyanka Gandhi the Prime Minister? Make her the Prime Minister and see how she will retaliate like Indira Gandhi. She is Priyanka Gandhi. She has Gandhi added behind her name. She is the granddaughter of Indira Gandhi, who inflicted so much dam-

age on Pakistan that those wounds still haven't healed. Make her the Prime Minister and see how she will retaliate. You won't dare to do that."

When asked what it would mean for Priyanka's brother and Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi, Masood said, "Rahul Gandhi will act too, they are not separate. Rahul and Priyanka are like two eyes on the same face, the grandchildren of Indira Gandhi." As the statement caused an uproar, Masood later said, "The BJP has nothing else to talk about... Rahul Gandhi is my and Priyanka Gandhi's neta...I only said she is second Indira Gandhi..."



AIADMK to contest lion's share of 170 seats in TN assembly polls, earmarks 23 for BJP

(Gns). With the BJP initiating seat-sharing talks with the AIADMK, the Dravidian major, heading the NDA in Tamil Nadu, has made it clear to its national ally that it wants to contest a lion's share of 170 of the total 234 seats in the 2026 assembly election, which is a few months away.

According to sources, at a meeting here with the AIADMK delegation led by party general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami (EPS), visiting Union Minister Piyush Goyal, who is also the saffron party's election in-charge for the state, was presented with a list earmarking the quantum of seats for the NDA

constituents. This is the first meeting on seat-sharing in the NDA initiated by the BJP. Goyal was accompanied by Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal besides leaders from the state unit.

The AIADMK, which had commenced the distribution of applications for ticket aspirants, has arrogated to itself 170 seats, leaving 23 each for the BJP and the PMK, a potential partner, and 18 for others, the sources added. This might not be palatable for the BJP, which had

been demaning 40 to 60 seats. Further, EPS had reportedly informed Goyal that it was up to the BJP to accommodate rebel

AIADMK leader and former Deputy CM, O Panneerselvam (OPS) and Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) leader TTV Dhinakaran. Both were part of the NDA in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections

but have deserted the alliance after the AIADMK's re-entry into the saffron alliance as their hopes of the BJP facilitating their home coming into the AIADMK proved futile.

After the meeting with EPS and the AIADMK team, Goyal told the media that the NDA would face the assembly elections under the leadership of EPS and defeat the DMK-led alliance. "Removing the corrupt DMK from power is the task before us. We will face the elections with confidence under the leadership of AEAPS and the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The NDA will have a resounding victory," he asserted.



Permanent Cure For Bangladesh Issue Is Surgery: Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma

(Gns).

In a stark warning over escalating unrest in Bangladesh, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma stated on Monday that diplomatic solutions are failing and a permanent resolution might require "surgery." Speaking exclusively at News18's Rising Assam Conclave, Sarma emphasized the direct threat posed to India's Northeast, particularly highlighting the vulnerability of the strategic Siliguri Corridor, or 'Chicken Neck'.

"The 'Chicken Neck' is our biggest strategic concern and an unfinished agenda," Sarma asserted. He pointed out that this narrow stretch, connecting the Northeast to mainland India, is flanked by Bangladesh on both sides.

Sarma suggested that India may eventually need to secure 20-22 kilometers of land, through diplomacy or other means, to safeguard this critical link.

"When medicine fails, surgery becomes necessary," he said, using a medical analogy to describe the deteriorating situation.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma warned that diplomatic solutions are failing amid escalating unrest in Bangladesh, potentially necessitating intervention to safeguard the 'Chicken Neck' corridor and address demographic shifts in Assam. Sarma expressed concerns over

targeted violence against minorities, the rise of Bangladeshi-origin population in Assam, and predicted governance complexi-



ties by the 2027 census due to changing demographics.

Sarma launched a sharp critique of Bangladesh's current political climate, predicting the interim government under Mohammed Yunus would not endure. He alleged the regime has fostered conditions deeply

alarming for India's border states. While elections could offer a reprieve, he cautioned that the present challenges are unprecedented.

Reflecting on history, the Chief Minister questioned decisions made during the 1971 Indo-Pak war implying a missed opportunity to permanently address the Chicken Neck issue under then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. He further blamed Congress-era Partition policies for creating long-term demographic crises, claiming many Bangladeshi Hindus would have chosen India if given a choice.

The CM voiced grave concerns over targeted violence against minorities in Bangladesh and its ripple effects.

Telangana SIT to sent notice to KCR on phone tapping

(Gns).

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) investigating the phone-tapping case is all set to issue notices to former chief minister K Chandrasekhra Rao and former finance minister T Harish Rao. The notices are likely to be issued after the winter session of the state Legislative Assembly in December.

BJP leader and Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, said the phone-tapping case was dragging on so long that television serials that had started during this period wound up their episodes by this time.

The investigators would now be probing the angle of

who ordered the phone tapping during the BRS regime. The former head of the

Special Intelligence Bureau (SIB), T Prabhakar Rao, who remains in police custody after the Supreme Court extended it, named former DGP Mahender Reddy and senior officer Anil Kumar

during his interrogation. The newly constituted SIT, headed by Hyderabad police commissioner VC Sajjanar, has already recorded the statements of former DGP Mahender Reddy and also former chief secretary Somesh Kumar. Prabhakar Rao had

said the phone tapping was done over suspicion that the individuals, including

opposition leaders, had links with Maoists.

Meanwhile, the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, welcomed the decision to question the former chief minister, K Chandrasekhra Rao. He said, "I welcome the SIT's decision to issue notices to BRS chief KCR and BRS working president KTR in the phone tapping case. Not only did they order the tapping of the phones of many leaders,



including myself, but they also sowed discord in numerous families and ultimately went so far as to tap the phones of daughters-in-law and sons-in-law, thereby corrupting the esteemed SIB system."

He added, "There are also allegations that they misused the SIB system. There are also allegations that they misused the SIB to blackmail and extort money from contractors and leaders. A thorough investigation must be conducted in those as well." However, the BJP leader questioned the progress of the investigations in the long-drawn case, drawing a parallel with episodes of TV serials.

Editorial

Citizenship Under Scrutiny

The forced removal of a pregnant Indian citizen to Bangladesh on mere suspicion exposes a dangerous erosion of due process at the heart of the state's immigration machinery. When citizenship can be questioned not through evidence but through accent, language, or religious identity, the problem is no longer illegal migration alone ~ it becomes one of constitutional fidelity. India's eastern border has always been porous, shaped by history rather than hard lines on a map. Movement across it predates Partition and continues to be driven by work, family ties, and, at times, fear. Managing such migration is undoubtedly complex.

But complexity cannot justify shortcuts that bypass verification protocols or reduce citizenship to a matter of police discretion. When deportation precedes investigation, the burden of proof is unfairly shifted onto the individual, often the poorest and least equipped to defend themselves. What is most disturbing in recent cases is not merely administrative error but the pattern it suggests. Bengali-speaking Muslims ~ whose presence in Murshidabad, Birbhum and other parts of West Bengal even predates the 1757 Battle of Plassey ~ appear disproportionately vulnerable to detention, even when they are long-term citizens. Language, in this context, becomes evidence; identity, a liability. This creates a chilling precedent in a multilingual country where internal migration is both legal and essential to urban economies. If workers from one state can be expelled without confirmation from their home administration, no migrant labourer is truly secure. The humanitarian consequences are immediate and brutal. Families are separated across borders, children are detained, and livelihoods vanish overnight.

For women, especially those pregnant or caring for young children, detention and expulsion carry risks that go far beyond legal inconvenience. The psychological trauma of imprisonment in a foreign land, coupled with uncertainty about one's legal status, leaves scars that court orders cannot easily erase. Judicial intervention, when it comes, often arrives late and only for a few. Courts may grant temporary relief on humanitarian grounds, but they cannot reunite families instantly, recover lost income, or restore dignity. Nor can they compensate for months spent in limbo because an administrative safeguard was ignored. Justice delayed in such cases is not just justice denied; it is justice diminished. At a policy level, the silence around numbers and procedures is telling. Without transparent data on detentions and deportations, accountability becomes impossible. Immigration enforcement, by its nature, involves the exercise of immense state power.

In a democracy, such power demands visibility, clear rules, and independent oversight. Otherwise, enforcement risks becoming indistinguishable from coercion. India's Constitution does not condition citizenship on language, religion, or the ability to instantly produce paperwork. It guarantees equality before the law and protection against arbitrary action. Upholding these principles is not incompatible with border management; it is essential to it. A system that mistakes its own citizens for outsiders corrodes the very idea of the nation it claims to defend.

Atal Netrutva, Avirat Vikas : Mukhyamantri Paushtik Alpahar Yojana Ensures Nutrition Alongside Education for Over 40 Lakh Students in the State

Government of Gujarat's Sensitive Initiative Strengthens Children's Holistic Development: Principal of Ahmadpur Primary School Under this scheme, children are provided with Sukhdi, Chana Chaat, Mixed Pulses, and Millet-based snacks

Through this scheme, Government of Gujarat is realising the Prime Minister's vision of "Padhai Bhi, Poshan Bhi."

Gandhinagar, 23 December 2025 : To promote the values of good governance across the country, 25 December, the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, is observed as "Good Governance Day." Guided by these principles, the Government of Gujarat, under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri

Bhupendra Patel, has launched several initiatives aimed at the holistic welfare of citizens. One such significant initiative is the Mukhyamantri Paushtik Alpahar Yojana, which strengthens children's education by ensuring adequate nutrition. At present, more than 40 lakh students across Gujarat are benefiting from this scheme.

Emphasising the importance of nutrition alongside children's education, the Chief Minister stated, "Along with the mid-day meal in government schools, this initiative provides fresh and nutritious breakfast. As a result, students' interest in government schools has increased, along with a significant improvement in their nutritional levels. The state government also

remains firmly committed to ensuring that government schools are adequately equipped with essential facilities, including modern classrooms, drinking water, electricity, toilets, sanitation, and transportation."

The Mukhyamantri Paushtik Alpahar Yojana Gives New Direction to Good Governance

During his three-year tenure, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel has established new benchmarks of Sushasan, Seva (Service), and Vikas by implementing welfare-oriented schemes that ensure holistic development and strengthen good gover-



nance in the state. Notably, the Chief Minister launched this scheme on 11 December 2024. The primary objective of this scheme, introduced under the Suposhit Gujarat Mission, is to ensure that students in government and grant-in-aid primary schools receive nutritious breakfast in addition to the mid-day meal provided under the PM Poshan Yojana.

Mukhyamantri Paushtik Alpahar Yojana: Over 40 Lakh Students benefit from Calorie and protein-rich Snacks

All students enrolled in schools covered under the PM Poshan Yojana regularly receive benefits under

the Mukhyamantri Paushtik Alpahar Yojana. Under this scheme, students are provided with nutritious food containing an average of 200 kilocalories and 6 grams of protein. At present, more than 40 lakh students from 32,265 primary schools across the state are receiving calorie and protein-rich nutrition.

Significant Improvement in Students' School Attendance and Nutritional Levels

Students of Ahmadpur Primary School in Dehgam taluka of Gandhinagar are benefiting from this initiative. Explaining how the scheme has proved beneficial for children, the school principal, Shri Hasmukh Patel, stated since the launch of the Mukhyamantri Paushtik Alpahar Yojana, there has

been a marked improvement in both students' school attendance and their nutritional levels. In rural areas, parents often leave early for daily labour, resulting in children frequently coming to school without a proper meal. Prior to the introduction of this scheme, many students attended school irregularly and showed limited interest in their studies. Following its implementation, regular attendance has increased significantly. Furthermore, the number of malnourished children has declined considerably, while the inclusion of pulses in the supplementary nutrition has supported their physical development. This sensitive initiative of the Government of Gujarat is playing a vital role in ensuring the holistic develop-

Winds blow in Bangladesh

(Gns).

The death of Sharif Osman Hadi in Singapore, where he had been taken for treatment after being shot in an assassination attempt, resulted in violence across Bangladesh. Hadi was an anti-Indian activist and convenor of the Inqilab Moncho, a group formed in the wake of the 2024 student-led uprising of the Sheikh Hasina regime. Expectedly, the blame for the killing shifted to India. This incident comes about two months before Bangladesh is to go to polls to elect a new government.

Since the exit of the Hasina regime, relations between India and Bangladesh have been deteriorating as caretaker chief Mohammed Yunus has sought to improve ties with India's adversaries. He has also advocated for a SAARC, sans India. The

Bangladesh Awami League, led by Sheikh Hasina, who continues to reside in India, has been banned from forthcoming polls while she has been sentenced to death over her role in curbing the student protests. Her trial has been negatively commented upon by global human rights bodies. Her party, the largest in the country, has threatened to protest, which could increase violence levels as elections draw close.

Current protests, apart from torching major media houses, Prothom Alo and the Daily Star, assumed to be pro-India, also attempted to target the Indian embassy and consulates within the country. In addition, a Hindu youth, 25-year-old Dipu Chandra Das was lynched and his body set ablaze while the residence of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Chhayanaut, a hub for Bengali arts, was damaged. Places were

specifically selected to project an anti-India sentiment. While protestors were prevented from entering Indian consular assets, work in them came to a standstill.

The Indian government summoned the Bangladesh High Commissioner and registered a protest. The

ed Hadi's funeral. Its foreign office announced it has asked India's cooperation to prevent the escape to India of the suspects (Hadi's killers) involved,' implying an Indian hand. In the same voice it has demanded India repatriate Sheikh Hasina. This added



Bangladesh army chief telephonically assured his Indian counterpart that their army would protect Indian assets. It is possible that Hadi was killed by either the ISI or by anti-India elements within Bangladesh to enhance anti-India sentiments. This would also ensure that the next government continues with the same policy while protests by the Awami League against their ban collapse. It could also be an excuse to delay elections. Without naming anyone Yunus had mentioned, "The objective of the conspirators (killing Hadi) is to derail the election."

It was with this intent that Yunus hailed Hadi as a martyr and claimed the killers were linked to the Awami League and had fled to India. The interim government declared a day's state mourning and announced the conduct of special prayers in honour of Hadi. Yunus along with his advisory council members and the army chief attend-

ed to public anger against India. An anti-India narrative is also being played out by Pakistan's ISI in Bangladesh, targeting youth, largely unaware of the atrocities committed by Pakistan during the freedom struggle.

The theme has been that India has exploited Bangladesh and unduly interfered in its internal matters throughout the rule of the Awami League. It is also pushing for increased radicalization. The official blaming of India for Hadi's killing would play into the hands of anti-India political parties including the Jamaat-e-Islami. Distrust has risen to levels where the Indian army is establishing posts to monitor the Indo-Bangladesh border especially in the vulnerable Chicken's Neck region. This was unheard off till last year. The anti-India wave, including projection of a larger Bangladesh, which includes parts of Indian territory, is being fuelled by the Yunus government to

divert attention from its failures. Bangladesh's economy is sinking, unemployment rising, inflation increasing and the government is unable to meet basic demands of the public.

Yunus was selected to head the interim government to transform the country and improve its economy. However, the reverse has happened. By worsening ties with Delhi, cooperation in all fields came to a standstill. Facing failure, Yunus began playing the anti-India card by moving closer to Pakistan and China, hoping to force Delhi to accede to his requests. It did not happen. China will only provide loans at high rates of interest while Pakistan has nothing to offer except anti-India narratives while it exploits Bangladesh territory for expanding insurgencies in India's North East and use the country as an additional route of infiltration for Kashmiri terrorists. Increased visits to the country by Pakistan's military and ISI officials add credence to this.

Banking on the US will only be effective till they exploit Bangladesh to support pro-democracy resistance movements in Myanmar as a counter to Chinese influence. After that Bangladesh will be left to fend for itself. The only nation which Bangladesh can historically bank upon is India India's growth was carrying Bangladesh. India was Bangladesh's second-largest trading partner with trade at USD 12 billion. Bangladesh exploited Indian markets, its ports, territory for exportsto Nepal and Bhutan and obtained food essentials and medical supplies at discounted

rates. India was always the first responder whenever Bangladesh faced a natural disaster. The ongoing anti-India wave is far more damaging for Bangladesh. All claims of a greater Bangladesh mean nothing, as it lacks resources and military power to achieve this.

The over 4,100-km long border implies the nation is surrounded on three sides by India, while this is also a challenge for Indian security forces. The Bangladesh leadership is repeating Pakistan's narrative. The Pakistan economy is in tatters, surviving on loans from the IMF and other global institutions, inflation is high, unemployment on the rise, while internally there is a battle for power with Asim Munir taking control of all institutions. Gulf nations are returning, Pakistani nationals while refusing to grant fresh visas. Internally, Pakistan's western provinces face major security upheavals.

To divert minds of its people, Pakistani narratives highlight fake Indian atrocities in Kashmir, targeting of minorities, the stalled Indus Water Treaty and Delhi's refusal to discuss Kashmir. The public is pushed into believing that all their problems emanate from India. This enables the military and political leadership to empty the country's coffers and exploit its gullible populace. Bangladesh is adopting the same playbook. Unless the public understands the game being played by the Yunus government, the country will continue to sink. If it has to restore its economy, it needs India. Accusing India would only be detrimental.

"I genuinely feel like I have one more child now," says Mahhi Vij on her bond with Rishita Kothari in COLORS' 'Seher Hone Ko Hai'

Sometimes the magic of television isn't written in scripts, it's formed in bonds that feel like family. That rare magic is currently unfolding in COLORS' newest offering, 'Seher Hone Ko Hai', where the mother-daughter bond between Kausar (Mahhi Vij) and Seher (Rishita Kothari) is not just being performed, but truly lived.

Set against the culturally rich, emotionally layered backdrop of a Lucknow household, the family drama tells the story of Kausar, a mother who refuses to let destiny repeat its cruelties. Having once buried her own dream of becoming a doctor, she is now fiercely determined that her daughter Seher will not be denied the future she deserves. Off-screen, the maa-beti chemistry that viewers are already falling in love with has spilled into reality.

Mahhi shares, "From the very first day Rishita and I met, there was an instant connection. We both

That bond only grew stronger from there. My mother loves cooking for Rishita; we eat together on



What people see on screen is exactly who we are off-screen. While shooting our first pivotal scene, both of us teared up, and even now, at regular moments, we still get emotional because the story is very emotional. If I'm away, I keep thinking, 'Has she eaten? Is she shooting? Is she tired? Is she okay?' And the moment she wraps her scenes, she comes looking for me first - that's how close we've become."

As the track moves into deeper emotional territory, with Kausar standing stronger than ever for Seher's future, this real-life bond is set to intensify the drama, and viewers might just witness a turning point that neither Kausar nor Seher saw coming.

Watch 'Seher Hone Ko Hai' Monday to Friday at 10:00 PM on COLORS

Union Bank of India Reduces Interest Rates on Home, Vehicle and Personal Loans

December 23, 2025: Union Bank of India has announced a reduction in interest rates on select retail loan products, effective 18 December 2025, compared to its earlier applicable rates. The bank is among the first in the sector to react to recent monetary easing, lowering interest rates across Home Loans, Vehicle Loans, and Personal Loans to enhance affordability for retail borrowers.

Under the revised rate structure, home loan interest rates have been reduced by 30 basis points,



and will now start at 7.15% per annum, as against the earlier rate of 7.45% p.a. Vehicle loan interest rates have been cut by 40 basis points, and will now start at 7.50% p.a., compared to the previous benchmark rate of 7.90% p.a. Personal loan interest rates have seen a sharper reduction of 160 basis points, with rates now starting at 8.75% p.a., down from the earlier rate of 10.35% p.a. In addition to the base

rate reduction, Union Bank of India is offering an additional concession of 0.10% per annum on eligible Green Finance Home Loans and Vehicle Loans.

The revision comes against the backdrop of easing monetary conditions during the year. The Reserve Bank of India reduced the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.25% on December 5, 2025, marking the fourth rate cut in 2025 and taking the cumu-

lative reduction for the year to 125 basis points. The Union government had also eased GST norms for automotive sector.

With this revision, Union Bank of India aims to support homebuyers, vehicle purchasers and personal loan customers by lowering borrowing costs while continuing to maintain prudent lending standards. The revised rates are applicable from 18 December 2025 and are subject to customer eligibility, credit profile and other applicable terms and conditions.

Measured Relief

(Gns).

The latest inflation numbers from the United States offer a moment of relief in a debate that has been politically charged and economically fraught for years. A slower pace of price increases in November suggests that some of the pressures weighing on households may finally be easing. But beneath the headline figure lies a more complicated story ~ one that cautions against premature celebration or sweeping policy conclusions. On the surface, the moderation in inflation appears broad-based.

Prices for discretionary services such as hotels, along with everyday essentials like milk and clothing, showed signs of cooling. Most notably, housing-related costs ~ long the most stubborn and anxiety-inducing component of household budgets ~ registered an unusual slowdown. Given the heavy weight

that rents and shelter carry in inflation calculations, this shift alone explains much of the softer reading. Yet this apparent progress comes with caveats. The inflation report was delayed due to a government shutdown, disrupting data collection and leaving gaps that complicate interpretation.

Without a complete and uninterrupted series of figures, it is difficult to distinguish a genuine trend from a statistical blip. Seasonal retail discounts ahead of the holiday shopping season may also have temporarily pushed prices

down, a factor that could reverse once demand normalises. For monetary policymakers, the numbers widen the narrow corridor they have been navigating. Inflation remains above the level typically considered healthy, but its direction now offers greater flexibility. A sustained easing would strengthen the case for further interest rate cuts, especially if core components continue to soften. However, acting too aggressively on incomplete data risks misjudging the underlying momentum of the economy.

The political implications are equally significant. Cost-of-living pressures have become a defining issue for voters, and any sign of easing is quickly claimed as validation by

those in power. Assertions that inflation has been "stopped" may resonate rhetorically, but they gloss over unresolved risks. Tariffs imposed earlier in the year have already raised prices for several categories of goods, and even selective rollbacks do not guarantee that supply chains will revert smoothly. Trade-related costs often filter through slowly, resurfacing months after policy announcements fade from headlines. Labour markets pose another challenge. Restrictions on immigration may tighten the supply of workers in labour-intensive sectors such as agriculture, construction, and hospitality.

While politically popular with some constituencies, such constraints tend to push wages ~ and eventually prices ~ higher. If labour shortages intensify, they could offset recent gains on the inflation front. In essence,



Modification in tatkal booking system

Mumbai, Western Railway will be implementing an important modification in the Tatkal booking system in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Railway Board. Tatkal tickets will now be issued only after authentication of a system-generated One Time Password (OTP). This OTP will be sent to the mobile number furnished by the passenger at the time of booking and the ticket will be issued only after suc-

cessful validation of the OTP. According to press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer, Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, OTP-based Tatkal authentication system has already been implemented in 21 WR originating trains. Now, the OTP-based Tatkal authentication system has been extended to four more trains mentioned below with effect from 24th December 2025.

1. Train No. 14702 Bandra Terminus - Shri Ganganagar Express.
 2. Train No. 19037 Bandra Terminus - Barauni Express.
 3. Train No. 19483 Ahmedabad - Saharsa Express.
 4. Train No. 22956 Bhuj – Bandra Terminus Express.
- The new system will be applicable for Tatkal bookings made through computerized PRS counters, authorized agents, IRCTC

website and IRCTC mobile app. The objective of this change is to ensure transparent Tatkal bookings and to facilitate genuine passengers in getting better access to Tatkal tickets. Passengers are advised to provide a valid, accessible mobile number at the time of booking to ensure smooth completion of the OTP verification process. Western Railway urges all passengers to take note of this important change.

WR's major block in connection with work of 6th line over kandivali – borivali section

Mumbai, To carry out the work in connection with the 6th line on Kandivali and Borivali section, a Block of 30 days is being undertaken from the night of 20th/21st December, 2025 and will continue up to 18th January, 2026.

According to a press release issued by the Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, a major

Non-Interlocking Block will be undertaken for the commissioning of Electronic Interlocking (EI) panel at Borivali on UP & DOWN Slow lines on 26th and 27th December, 2025 from 23:00 hrs to 07:00 hrs. Also, a speed restriction will be imposed on Down Fast line between Kandivali and Dahisar from 23:00 hrs on 26th December, 2025 till midnight of 27th and 28th December, 2025.

Due to the block, some suburban services will remain cancelled and also some of the Borivali/Andheri trains will run upto Goregaon. The Trains affected due to the block are furnished in the annexures. Annexure-I: Trains to be run up to Goregaon and reverse during the block on 26th/27th December, 2025. Annexure-II: Cancellation of trains on

26th/27th December, 2025. Annexure-III: Cancellation of trains on 27th December, 2025. Note:- Subsequent repercuSSION to suburban locals will be notified in due course. For 31st December, 2025 all efforts are being made to ensure no unusual cancellations for the convenience for New Year celebrations.

The salient features of the viksit bharat – guarantee for rozgar and ajeevika mission (garmin): vb-g ram g act, 2025

(i) PREAMBLE: An Act to establish a rural development framework aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, by providing a statutory guarantee of one hundred and twenty-five days of wage employment in every financial year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to undertake unskilled manual work; to promote empowerment, growth, convergence and saturation for a prosperous and resilient rural Bharat; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(ii) ENHANCED LIVELIHOOD GUARANTEE IN ALIGNMENT WITH VISION OF VIKSIT BHARAT: Every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work shall have a statutory wage employment guarantee of One hundred and twenty-five days in every financial year.

(iii) WORKS TO BE TAKEN UP UNDER THE Act: All works and projects undertaken under the legislation shall form the Viksit Bharat National Rural Infrastructure Stack, with priority to water security through water-related works, core infrastructure, livelihood-related infrastructure and works for the mitigation of extreme weather events.

(iv) PLANNING OF WORKS: Planning for works shall be undertaken through Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans prepared

by the Gram Panchayats and integrated with national spatial planning systems, including PM Gati-Shakti. Varying developmental needs of the Panchayats based on their geographical locations, advancement towards urbanisation etc, will be factored in while planning.

(v) TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FARM LABOUR AVAILABILITY DURING PEAK AGRICULTURAL SEASONS: In view of the enhanced wage employment guarantee for the rural workforce, it is also crucial to ensure the availability of farm labour, especially during the peak agricultural season. In this context, the Act shall have a provision to empower the States to notify in advance the periods aggregating to sixty days in a financial year, covering peak sowing and harvesting seasons, during which execution of works under this Act, shall not be undertaken.

(vi) NATURE OF THE SCHEME: The Scheme shall be implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. As specified in the Act, the States shall notify the scheme within a period of six months from the date of commencement of the Act.

(vii) FUNDING PATTERN: The fund-sharing pattern between the Central Government and the State/Union Territory (UT) Governments shall be 90:10 for the North Eastern States and Himalayan States/Union Territories (UTs), and 60:40 for all other States/Union Territory

(UTs) with legislature. (viii) NORMATIVE ALLOCATION TO STATES: The Central Government shall make normative allocation to each State based on a composite index comprising objective parameters and expenditure in excess of the approved normative allocation shall be the responsibility of the State Government. (ix) SPECIAL RELAXATIONS: Special relaxations shall be permissible during natural calamities or extraordinary circumstances as decided by the Central Government, enabling temporary modifications to the provisions for timely response and relief. (x) IMPLEMENTATION STRUCTURE: A National-Level Steering Committee shall exercise overall oversight of the Scheme and shall be responsible for the approval of Normative Allocations and such other functions as may be prescribed. A State Steering Committee shall have jurisdiction over the implementation of the Scheme within the State and shall provide state-specific oversight, supervision, and policy guidance in accordance with the directions issued at the national level.

(xi) THE DISTRICT PROGRAMME COORDINATOR : The District Programme Coordinator shall be the authority responsible for the planning, implementation, monitoring, and coordination of all activities under the Scheme at the district level, including coordination with

all relevant line departments and authorities. The Programme Officer at the block level shall be responsible for the administration of the Scheme, including the processing and management of employment demands, management and supervision of work-sites, and facilitation of participatory planning processes, as may be prescribed. The Gram Panchayat shall be responsible for the issuance of Grameen Rozgar Guarantee Cards, the preparation of the Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans, and such other functions as prescribed in the Act. (xii) ROLE OF PANCHAYAT RAJ INSTITUTION: The Gram Panchayat has the primary implementation role, responsible for registering workers, issuing Grameen Rozgar Guarantee cards, and executing at least 50% of the works based on priority of works. The Gram Sabha shall also conduct regular Social Audits. The Intermediate (Block) Panchayats shall focus on block-level planning, consolidation of proposals, and facilitating convergence. The District Panchayats, through a dedicated Steering Committee, shall hold overall supervisory and monitoring responsibility, assisting the District Programme Coordinator (DPC) in preparing aggregate District Plans. (xiii) WAGE RATE: The wage rates for manual work shall be specified by the Central Government for the purpose of the legislation. Until such time as separate

Vice-President Addresses the Flagship National Conclave on AI Evolution – The Mahakumbh of AI in New Delhi

AI Must Be Used Positively and Ethically for Human Welfare, Stresses Vice-President
Vice-President Releases AI Curricula; Says AI Should Be Part of School and College Curriculum
Educational Institutions Must Evolve as AI Knowledge Hubs: Vice-President
India Will Guide the World in Responsible AI Development: Vice-President (Gns).

The Vice-President of India Shri C.P.Radhakrishnan today participated in the Flagship National Conclave on “AI Evolution – The Mahakumbh of AI”, organised by Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University in collaboration with the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Outlook magazine, at Dr

Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

Addressing the gathering, the Vice-President highlighted that Artificial Intelligence is no longer a concept of the future but a reality of the present, influencing diverse sectors including healthcare diagnostics, climate modelling, governance, education, finance and national security, and reshaping how societies grow and how individuals live and work.

The Vice-President said that there is no need to be pessimistic about modern scientific and technological developments. Drawing a parallel with the advent of computers, which initially faced resistance but went on to reshape the world, he

observed that every technological advancement brings both positive and negative aspects. He stressed that the responsi-



bility lies in finding ways to harness technology in a positive and constructive manner.

The Vice-President said that India has emerged among the leading nations in Artificial Intelligence. Emphasising that the world is changing rapidly, he cau-

tioned against stagnation and urged that India must not miss the race to keep pace with well-developed countries in the field of Artificial Intelligence.

The Vice-President also expressed satisfaction at launching the AI curricula on the occasion. He underlined that Artificial Intelligence should be an integral part of the curriculum in schools and colleges, adding that early exposure to AI would equip students with critical thinking, problem-solving skills and future-ready competencies essential for a technology-driven world. He further stressed that educational institutions must evolve continuously to keep pace with rapid technological changes and emerge as centres of excellence and innovation.

Encouraging Participation witnessed in 14th Round of Commercial Coal Blocks Auction; 49 bids received for 24 Coal Blocks

(Gns). The Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal, today opened the bids for the 14th round of Commercial Coal Blocks' Auction, witnessing encouraging participation from industry stakeholders. Bids were received for 24 coal blocks out of the 41 blocks offered in this round, reflecting sustained industry interest in India's commercial coal mining framework.

The online bids were decrypted and opened electronically in the presence of the bidders. Subsequently, sealed envelopes containing offline bid documents were

also opened in the presence of bidders. The Entire process was displayed lived on the screen for the bidders, ensuring complete trans-

parency. Under this round, 49 bids have been received against 24 coal blocks out of 41 coal blocks.

A total of 11 companies participated in the auction process, including five new entrants bidding for the first time under the commercial coal mining regime. The partici-

pation of new companies in commercial coal block auctions highlights growing confidence in the policy framework and the expand-



ing opportunities within India's coal sector. The coal sector remains a key driver of economic momentum as India advances towards becoming the

world's third-largest economy.

The bids will now be evaluated by a multi-disciplinary Technical Evaluation Committee. Technically Qualified Bidders will be shortlisted for participation in the electronic auction to be conducted on the MSTC portal.

The continued response to commercial coal block auctions underscores the coal sector's pivotal role in supporting industrial growth, strengthening energy security, and contributing to India's journey towards becoming the world's third-largest economy.

MoSPI organises Pre-release Consultative Workshop on the Base Revision of GDP, CPI and IIP on 23rd December 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

(Gns). The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) organised the Second Pre-release Consultative Workshop on the Base Revision of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Index of Industrial Production (IIP) on 23rd December, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The First Pre-release Consultative Workshop was held on 26th November, 2026 at Mumbai.

The primary objective of the workshop was to strengthen transparency, foster informed dialogue and ensure broad-based consultation before the release of the revised series of GDP, CPI, and IIP by way of sharing proposed methodological and structural improvements with the participants. New series of National Accounts and IIP with FY 2022-23 as base year are scheduled to be released on 27th February, 2026 and 28th May, 2026

respectively, whereas the new series of CPI with base year 2024 is scheduled to be released 12th February, 2026.

Inaugural session of the

banking sector, subject-matter specialists, users of core statistics, and senior officials from the Central and State Governments.

In his inaugural address,



Workshop was graced by the distinguished dignitaries, including Shri Suman K. Bery, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog as the Chief Guest, Dr. Saurabh Garg, Secretary, MoSPI, Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor and Shri N. K. Santoshi, Director General (Central Statistics), MoSPI. The workshop brought together a wide spectrum of participants, including eminent economists, experts from financial institutions and the

Shri Suman K. Bery, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog and the Chief Guest of the event emphasized the importance of engaging with various data users and stakeholders to address the issues regarding reliability and credibility of statistics produced by MoSPI and added that the pre-release consultative workshop is a welcome step in that direction. As the country is transitioning towards upper middle-income country in short to medium term, he opined the need of

accurate data for tracking this progress.

Dr. Saurabh Garg, Secretary, MoSPI, in his address, highlighted the importance of data-driven decision making for realizing the goal of 'Viksit Bharat 2047'. Delineating the salient features of the revised series, he highlighted the use of Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises for measuring the informal sector; use of Double Deflation and Volume or Single Extrapolation in place Single Deflation; use of new data sources like Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Public Finance Management System (PFMS) which are available at a relatively shorter time lag; integration of Supply and Use Table (SUT) framework with National Accounts Framework to address the issue of statistical discrepancy; real time data collection and enhanced coverage of rural and urban markets for CPI; and, compilation of IIP at more granular level.

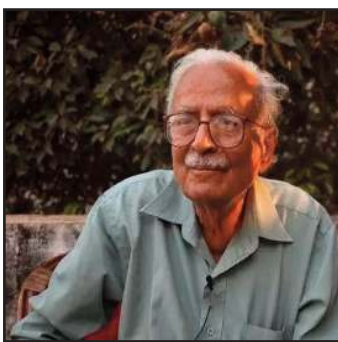
Vinod Kumar Shukla, Jnanpith laureate and quiet giant of Hindi literature, dies at 89

(Gns). Vinod Kumar Shukla, one of Hindi literature's most original and understated voices and a recipient of the Jnanpith Award, passed away on Tuesday at the AIIMS Raipur after a prolonged illness. He was 89.

Shukla had been admitted to the hospital on December 2 following respiratory complications and was on ventilator support when he died, family sources said.

Born on January 1, 1937, in Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh, Shukla combined a lifelong commitment to teaching with an unwavering dedication to literary creation. His writing, marked by simplicity, restraint, and a deep emotional undercurrent, set him

apart in an era often dominated by rhetorical flourish. Over decades, he emerged as a poet, novelist and short-story writer whose



work quietly reshaped the contours of modern Hindi literature.

In 2024, Shukla was awarded the 59th Jnanpith Award for his outstanding contribution to Indian letters. The honour carried special significance, as he became the first writer from

Chhattisgarh and the 12th Hindi author to receive the country's highest literary recognition.

Shukla's first poem, Lagbhag Jai Hind, was published in 1971. His novels—'Naukar Ki Kameez', 'Deewar Mein Ek Khidki Rehti Thi' and 'Khilega To Dekhenge'—are regarded as landmarks for their nuanced portrayal of ordinary lives and quiet existential tensions. 'Naukar Ki Kameez' was adapted into a film by noted filmmaker Mani Kaul, while 'Deewar Mein Ek Khidki Rehti Thi' earned him the Sahitya Akademi Award.

Critics have often noted that Shukla's strength lay in his ability to express complex inner worlds through unadorned language. His

works brought a fresh sensibility to Indian fiction, blending the rhythms of everyday life with subtle philosophical enquiry.

During his long literary career, Shukla received several major honours, including the Sahitya Akademi Award, Raza Award, Shikhar Samman, and the Maithilisharan Gupt Samman. In 2021, the Sahitya Akademi conferred on him its highest distinction, naming him an Honorary Fellow.

Vinod Kumar Shukla's death leaves a profound void in the world of Hindi literature. His writing—quiet, humane, and enduring—will continue to speak to generations of readers, affirming the power of simplicity and sensitivity in storytelling.

Trump Unveils New Class of Warship Named After Himself

(Gns). Trump is hoping to leave his mark on the US Navy with many US ships named after prominent political figures FILE December 12 2025

US President Donald Trump on Monday unveiled plans for a new class of Navy ship named after himself.

President Donald Trump announced plans for a new class of Navy ship, the Trump-class vessels, starting with two ships and potentially expanding to 25, which will be called the Golden Fleet. The first ship will be called USS Defiant, and the US Navy will lead the design, with Trump, US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, Navy Secretary John Phelan, and US Secretary of State Marco Rubio present. Trump aims to boost US shipbuilding, concerned by China's

expanding fleet, and the ships may have atomic weapons.

While speaking at his Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida, the president claimed the "Trump-class"

will be called the "USS Defiant."

"The US Navy will lead the design of the these ships along with me, because I'm a very aesthetic person," Trump said at



Navy vessels "will be the largest battleship in the history of our country."

The new initiative will start with two "Trump-class" vessels before being expanded to up to 25 new watercraft, which is being dubbed the "Golden Fleet." The first "Trump-class" ship

the event, with US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, Navy Secretary John Phelan and US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in attendance.

Trump wants to boost US shipbuilding as China expands fleet

The president vowed to

"restore America as a major shipbuilding power." The US has grown concerned by China's ever-expanding maritime fleet.

Trump said the ships could be equipped with atomic weapons.

The ships are the latest attempt by the US president to leave his mark on the US Armed Forces. Trump has never served in the military.

Naval ships are frequently named after prominent political figures, such as the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier. There are currently not any warships named after Trump.

Trump has previously complained of "rusty" US Navy ships. During his confirmation hearing in February, Navy Secretary Phelan said Trump asked him what he is going to do about corroded US ships.

Union Health Minister Nadda lays foundation stone of country's first PPP model medical college

(Gns). Pointing out that Madhya Pradesh has provided leadership to the country in the field of health, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda expressed happiness on Tuesday that through innovative thinking and public participation, the first medical college in the country based on the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model is being started in MP.

Nadda was speaking at the foundation stone laying event of the Medical College in Dhar district of MP. Later in the day, Nadda also laid the foundation stone of another medical college to be built in Betul district of MP.

At the function in Dhar, Nadda noted that the foundation stone laying cere-

mony of the medical college on PPP mode in Dhar is a historic occasion for

Nadda emphasised that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra



the country, and Madhya Pradesh has led the country in this matter.

The Dhar Medical College would be built on 25 acres of land at a cost of Rs 260 crore under an agreement with the 'Swami Vivekanand Shiksha Dham Foundation'.

Modi, a major transformation has taken place in the country's healthcare system. "Now, the country is emphasising preventive care over curative treatment, focusing on prevention and lifestyle changes before the onset of illness", he pointed out. He

informed that 181,000 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs are operational across the country for holistic medicine.

The Union Minister said that in 2014, the country had 387 medical colleges and 51,000 MBBS seats, while today there are 819 medical colleges and 129,000 MBBS seats. He informed that PM Modi has set a target of increasing the number of seats by 75,000 before 2030.

Nadda informed that the foundation stone for medical colleges in Katni and Panna in Madhya Pradesh will also be laid next month. The Union Minister congratulated Sunita Kapoor and Shruti Kapoor of the 'Vivekananda Knowledge Foundation' for starting a medical college and hospital on a Public-Private

Kerala CMO interfering in Sabarimala SIT probe through two IPS officers: VD Satheesan

(Gns). Senior Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Kerala Assembly V D Satheesan on Tuesday made serious allegations against Kerala Chief Minister's Office (CMO). He said the CMO is putting pressure on the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Sabarimala gold heist case through two senior IPS officers.

Speaking to media persons in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday, he alleged that the two senior IPS officers, at the behest of the CMO, are exerting intense pressure on the SIT probing the case. "Two senior IPS officers are putting a lot of pressure on the SIT at the behest of the Chief Minister's Office. Out of

propriety, I will not mention their names. Please do not compel me to name them. The two officers assigned by the CMO are putting undue pressure on the SIT and trying to influence the probe. Both of them should be withdrawn from the case, otherwise the names of the two senior IPS officers will be revealed," Satheesan said.

He said the Congress is closely monitoring the probe and would point out any lapses in the investigation. "This is a case of looting Ayyappan's gold. The investigation should proceed honestly. We will monitor the investigation carefully. We will point out wherever there is a lapse.

The court has given a clear opinion on the slow progress of the investigation. It is expected that the investigation will proceed in the right earnest with the



court's intervention. Let's move forward. I do not express any distrust in the SIT yet. There is pressure on them. There was pressure before Vasu was arrested. But they overcame it. We believe that the big sharks will be brought to justice," he said

Satheesan further said that the Congress was the

first to demand a CBI investigation in the gold loot case, but did not insist on it, because the high court took the matter seriously. "We were the ones who had demanded a CBI investigation in the Sabarimala gold robbery case. The reason we did not insist on it is because the Kerala High Court took the matter seriously. If the court had not intervened, this theft would have continued. The theft in 2019 would have happened in 2024 as well. The SIT was appointed with the direct intervention of the High Court. That is why we supported it," he said

The Congress leader further said that during the local body elections, the investigation slowed down under pressure from the CMO.

Imported liquor recovered from Duster car passing through the highway

66 bottles recovered from the chamber built in the trunk of the car, a smuggler arrested

Mathura. Under the special enforcement campaign being run against illegal liquor smuggling in Mathura district, the Excise Department and the Police Department have achieved another major success. In this action, a large consignment of imported liquor has been recovered from a special secret container made in the trunk of the car.

White colored Duster coming from Haryana, during intensive vehicle checking in front of ATVs on National Highway NH-19 at night by Inspector Nihant Yadav and the joint team of

Highway Police under the direction of District Excise



Accused in police custody

gled liquor was recovered from a chamber built in the

Officer Upendra Singh of Mathura Excise Department.

The car (HR 26 CT 2433) was stopped. During the search, illegally smug-

trunk of the car. The team recovered 60 bottles of Red Label brand and six bottles of Black Dog brand, which were not marked for sale, from the spot and arrested

one person. The estimated market value of the recovered illegal liquor is said to be around Rs 1.25 lakh. The Excise Department has taken possession of the vehicle used in illegal liquor and smuggling and has lodged an FIR against the accused under relevant sections. Preliminary investigation has revealed that the liquor was being smuggled at interstate level for the purpose of illegal sale. The administration has clarified that the enforcement campaign against smuggling and sale of illicit liquor will continue with full vigor and strict action will be taken against persons involved in such illegal acts

Cyber criminal with reward of Rs 25,000 arrested in encounter

Mathura. SOG and Govardhan Police team arrested an interstate cyber criminal carrying a reward of Rs 25,000 during an encounter in the Govardhan police station area in the early hours of Tuesday. The accused was injured in the encounter, who has been sent to the hospital for treatment, while one of his associates fled from the spot taking advantage of the darkness.

SP Dehat Suresh Chand Rawat said that last night the SOG team and Govardhan police station were checking. Meanwhile, information was received from the informer that a cyber criminal with a reward of Rs 25,000 was about to pass through

Sarkwa bypass. On information, the police team



Police team at the encounter site

encounter, another associate of the accused took

village Devseras, police station Govardhan. Police have recovered a motorcycle without number plate, a pistol, two live cartridges and two spent cartridges from his possession. According to police records, accused Shahid has more than 15 criminal cases registered against him including fraud, robbery, attempt to murder, Arms Act, NDPS Act and IT Act in other districts including Mathura. He was involved in cyber crimes for a long time and the police was looking for him. Efforts are on to arrest the accused. Police say that information about other criminal history of the accused is also being collected

Samajwadi Party Mahila Sabha protested, submitted memorandum to City Magistrate

Touching veil and niqab without permission is not only a violation of women's modesty but also a crime: Dr. Shabnam Qureshi

Mathura. Today, State Secretary of Samajwadi Party Mahila Sabha, Dr.Under the joint leadership of Shabnam Qureshi and District President Babita Yadav, the City Magistrate in the name of His Excellency the President was accused by the Chief Minister of Bihar Government Nitish Kumar of forcefully putting his hand on the veil of a woman on a public platform in a program and in support of this act, Cabinet Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government Sanjay NishadAnd strongly condemning the statement given against the dignity of women by Government of India Minister Girraj Singh, they marched in protest, raised slogans and submitted a memorandum to the District Magistrate demanding registration of a case



Samajwadi Party Mahila Sabha members protesting

against Nitish Kumar and the two BJP ministers. SP State Secretary Dr. Shabnam Qureshi said about this obscene action of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar that this insult is not only of Dr. Nusrat Jahan but it is an insult of every woman power of the country, whether it is any religion, hijab, dupatta or saree, everyone should be respected. Touching the veil and niqab without permission is not only a viola-

tion of the modesty of women but is also a crime. Touching a woman's body or behaving obscenely without her permission hurts her honor. When a Chief Minister and Cabinet Minister will have obscene thoughts towards women, then what will happen to the thinking of the common man. The honor of women is not safe in this BJP government. A case should be registered against such a minister and both the minis-

ters who have obscene thoughts towards women should resign from the ministerial post and insult women in the name of religion will not be tolerated at all.

District President Babita Yadav said that such statements reflect the corrupt mentality towards women. Touching a woman's veil and niqab cannot be considered by a civilized society. No matter how much it is condemned, it is less. Samajwadi Mahila Sabha strongly condemns this act.

In the protest, State Secretary of Samajwadi Mahila Sabha Dr. Shabnam Qureshi, District President Babita Yadav, Seema Yadav, Poonam Singh, Sunita Yadav, Naresh Yadav, Metropolitan President of Baba Saheb Ambedkar Vahini Ramesh Saini, Zafaruddin, Mukesh Chand, Ramprakash Yadav Mukesh Saini, Baby, Sunita, Gunjan Chaudhary, Shabbir Qureshi, Feru Singhetc. were present.

Red Fort blast 2025: How an explosion unravelled a larger plot and wider terror network

(Gns).

Security personnel and forensic teams near the Red Fort area in Delhi following the November 10 car bomb blast (left), and the entrance of Al-Falah University, which came under scrutiny during the investigation into the terror module linked to the attack (right). (Photo: IANS)

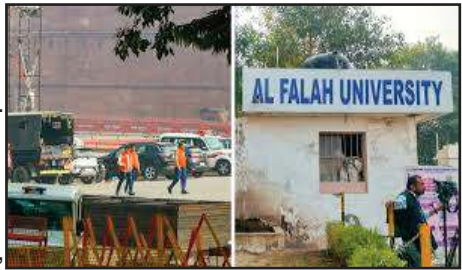
When a car bomb went off near the Red Fort in Delhi on November 10,

2025, killing at least 15 people, it appeared at first to be a sudden and shocking breach of security in the heart of the capital.

But the explosion did not come out of nowhere.

By the time the blast took place, security agencies had already spent weeks tracking a Jaish-e-Mohammad-linked network,

making arrests and seizing weapons and explosives



across Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh.

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