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Significant stride in Indian space sector: PM on heaviest satellite launch by Isro's Bahubali

NEW DELHI (Gns). PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday congratulated Isro after its 'Bahubali' rocket LVM-M6 successfully placed US's new-generation BlueBird Block-2 communication satellite, weighing 6,100 kg, into orbit. It was the heaviest payload to be placed into the low earth orbit (LEO) in LVM3's launch history -- the previous heaviest was the LVM3-M5 communication satellite 03, weighing about 4,400 kg, that was placed into the geosynchronous transfer orbit (GTO) on November 2.

ISRO's Heaviest Launch Yet: Five Reasons Why BlueBird-2 Marks India's Big Leap In Global Space Race

"A significant stride in India's space sector. The

successful LVM3-M6 launch, placing the heaviest satellite ever launched from Indian soil, the space-craft of USA, BlueBird Block-2, into its intended orbit, marks a proud milestone in India's space journey," PM Modi said in a post on X. The mission marks the 6th operational flight of the LVM3 launch vehicle. It also represents a significant leap in telecommunications technology, as the US payload is designed to provide high-speed 4G and 5G connectivity directly to smartphones. BlueBird Block-2 is the second important US satellite launch from India this year after the Indo-US joint mission's NISAR, the world's costliest (around \$1.5 billion) and most advanced Earth-imaging satellite.

As of late Dec 2025, Isro has launched at least 234 satellites for the US. Since 2015, when India launched the first commercial US satellites on board PSLV-C30, American satellites make up the largest portion of the total 434 foreign satellites launched by Isro, contributing significantly to the nearly \$143 million in



foreign exchange revenue generated by these launch-

es. Space minister Jitendra Singh also congratulated Isro on the successful launch. "I think it is the moment of glory for the country. It has been possible because of the progress of the last 10 to 12 years (under the PM Narendra Modi-led government). Even though the American satellites were being launched from Sriharikota earlier as well, today's launch has demonstrated to the world that we have the capacity to launch a satellite as heavy as

6,000 kgs," he said. Placing a 6-tonne-class satellite into LEO is significant because payload mass has become a key indicator for constellation efficiency in the direct-to-device and hybrid satellite-terrestrial era. Heavier satellites enable higher payload consolidation, fewer orbital assets, simplified phasing, and lower per-user costs when serving mass-market connectivity. From an operator's perspective, this reduces both capital intensity and

operational complexity. India's demonstrated ability to support such missions meaningfully alters how global satcom players model constellation architecture, insurance exposure, and launch diversification. Commenting on the broader significance, Subba Rao, president of Space Industry Association India, said: "This mission demonstrates that India is now part of the core commercial LEO deployment landscape. The importance lies not only in launch suc-

cess, but in what it signals about India's industrial readiness, reliability, and ability to support constellations at scale over time. That confidence is what global operators ultimately build around." Several industrial units from the Indian private industry have contributed significantly to LVM3 rocket success. Ananth Technologies Pvt Ltd (ATL), a long-standing partner of the Indian Space Programme, said, "It is proud to have contributed

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah addresses the passing-out parade ceremony of Haryana Police in Panchkula

(Gns). Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah today addressed the passing-out parade ceremony of Haryana Police in Panchkula. On this occasion, Haryana Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini, Chief Secretary, Director General of Police, and several other dignitaries were present.

Union Home Minister said that the important responsibility of protecting Haryana and the country's capital adjacent to it now rests on the young police personnel trained with trust, efficiency, and technology. He said that in today's 93rd batch of 5,161 jawans, women have taken the lead position. Shri Shah said that when the country's young daughters stand in

the first line of defence, the confidence in the nation's security increases manifold.

under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, this is the



The Home Minister said that this is the first batch in which 85 percent of the youth are graduates or double graduates, who are joining the Haryana Police today. He added that this is the first batch whose average age is the lowest—at 26 years.

Shri Amit Shah said that

period when the archaic laws made by the British are being replaced, and through the new criminal justice system—the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam—the work of delivering justice to the

people of the country is being carried out. He said that this is the first batch of Haryana Police that has received training in the three new criminal laws and is now taking up duties under them. Shri Shah said that police academy in Ambala was established in 1966. From then until today, all the batches that have passed out have studied and learned the laws made by the British. This is the first batch that has been trained in the new laws enacted by the Parliament of India and will now proceed to serve the people. He added that in 2023, the Haryana Police was awarded the President's Colour by the President in recognition of its continuous and commendable journey of outstanding performance. Today.

Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan interacts with SHG Members via Video Conferencing

(Gns). Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan today chaired a national-level interaction through video conferencing with Self Help Group (SHG) members to deliberate on the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Act, 2025. The interaction saw massive participation — over 35,29,049 participants from

2,55,407 villages, across 4,912 blocks under 622 districts nationwide. The focus of the interaction was on informing members about the provisions made under the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 and understand the perspective of the community.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Rural Development &



Communications, Shri Kamlesh Paswan, Minister of State for Rural Development, SHG women, Senior Officials from Ministry of Rural

Development, SMD/CEOs from State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs), and other stakeholders across the country.

While addressing the virtual meeting, Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh

Chouhan said the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 is envisaged as a transformative legislation for India's rural economy, with the potential to generate sustained employment and create resilient villages. He informed that at least one-third of all beneficiaries under the Act will be women, with special Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Cards issued to single women to ensure priority in work allocation.

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Ghar-Ghar Swadeshi

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Gujarat

Gujarat's Outstanding Achievement:

Under 'PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana'

5 Lakh+ Homes are now Energised by Solar Power

With a 25% contribution, Gujarat stands First in the Nation

Through the 'PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana', Gujarat has set a new benchmark on the path to energy self-reliance. Till date, under various schemes, more than **11 lakh** rooftop solar installations have been commissioned in Gujarat, creating a total solar capacity of **6,315 MW**.

Objectives of the Scheme

- Up to **300 units** of free electricity every month under the 'PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana'
- A **national commitment to extend the benefits of solar energy to 1 crore families** across the country

Subsidies

For Residential use ₹78,000* For 3 kW and above	For Group Housing Societies ₹18,000* Per kW
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Good Governance Day – 25th December 2025

Unveiling of Progressive Policies

- Gujarat Integrated Renewable Energy Policy 2025
- Gujarat Pump Storage Project Policy 2025
- Gujarat Green Hydrogen Policy 2025

MoUs to Strengthen Capacity by GETRI

- IIMA: Management and business ecosystem
- IITGN: Energy generation, storage, and distribution
- NFSU: Cyber security and power sector
- GERMI & PDEU: Energy storage and EV charging
- EDII & Directorate of Training: Green employment

"Gujarat has achieved new milestones in the renewable energy sector. Our objective is not merely electricity generation, but to provide future generations with a pollution-free and energy self-reliant future," - **Shri Harsh Sanghavi**, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Gujarat

Editorial

Cautious Solidarity

Europe's decision to extend a Euro 90 billion loan to Ukraine, while stopping short of using frozen Russian assets, reveals a European Union that is determined to stay the course yet deeply cautious about how far it is willing to go. The agreement delivers immediate relief to Kyiv at a moment when its finances are under severe strain, but it also exposes the limits of Europe's collective resolve when principle collides with risk. The loan is, first and foremost, a political act.

It keeps Ukraine solvent, sustains its military production, and reassures a war-weary continent that Europe can still get its act together. In that sense, the outcome matters more than the mechanism. Unity, after all, is a strategic asset. Had the bloc fractured over the question of Russian assets, the damage to its credibility would have far outweighed the benefits of a more radical funding choice. Yet the reluctance to touch frozen Russian money is telling. The assets exist, they are substantial, and their use would have carried powerful symbolic weight: making the aggressor pay directly for the consequences of war. Instead, European leaders opted for shared borrowing, effectively socialising the cost among their own taxpayers.

This choice reflects not moral hesitation but legal and financial anxiety. Seizing or repurposing sovereign assets risks years of litigation, market unease, and retaliation that could rebound on Europe's own financial centres. The compromise highlights a deeper tension in Europe's approach to the war. Strategically, there is broad agreement that Ukraine must not lose. Tactically, there is persistent caution about setting precedents that could weaken the global financial order on which Europe itself depends. The loan bridges this gap temporarily, but it does not resolve it. There is also an uncomfortable time horizon embedded in the deal. Leaders speak of meeting Ukraine's needs for the next two years, as if the conflict can be neatly planned in budget cycles. Wars rarely cooperate with such assumptions. By opting for loans rather than asset-backed funding, Europe is effectively betting that future political and economic conditions will make today's liabilities manageable.

That is a calculated gamble, not a guaranteed outcome. Meanwhile, hints of renewed engagement with Moscow suggest another layer of complexity. Financial support for Ukraine and diplomatic outreach to Russia are not mutually exclusive, but they pull in different directions. One signals endurance; the other signals openness to negotiation. Together, they reflect a Europe searching for leverage without escalation, influence without rupture. In the end, this agreement is less a triumph than a holding action. It prevents immediate crisis, preserves unity, and buys time for diplomacy and strategy to evolve. But it also postpones a fundamental reckoning: whether Europe is prepared to fully weaponise economic power in defence of its security order, or whether it will continue to fight this war financially with one hand tied behind its back. For now, Europe has chosen caution wrapped in solidarity. Whether that will be enough ~ financially, strategically, and morally ~ remains an open question.

Nature should be mankind's temple

As I stood watching the overwhelming rush of people gathered d for religious rituals in many temples, what struck me most was not devotion, but the silent suffering hidden beneath the noise – the rows of goats waiting to be sacrificed in the name of faith, their lives valued not as sentient beings but as symbols of offerings. The scene felt less like worship and more like a marketplace where emotions, beliefs, and animal lives were traded. The eyes of those innocent animals seemed to ask a question many of us avoid – does God truly require blood to bless us, or have we mistaken tradition for spirituality? During festive season, what should be a moment of inner reflection, gratitude, and spiritual discipline often turns into a noisy display of power, wealth, and status.

The huge crowds, endless loudspeakers, expensive decorations, and long queues of people desperately waiting for blessings make us question whether faith is being practiced – or traded. Vendors, pandal committees, and event organizers earn enormous amounts of money in the name of the goddess, while the original meaning of worship – compassion, simplicity, self-discipline, and reverence – slowly fades into the background. For thousands of years, the worship of an invisible god often receives more preference than the worship of nature – the visible and tangible source of life. The idea of an invisible god offers mystery, fear, hope, and the promise of something beyond ordinary human existence.

People find comfort in believing that there is a powerful, unseen force controlling fate, justice, protection, punishment,

and life after death – concepts that visible nature does not directly offer. Nature is the first teacher, provider, and protector: it gives us water to drink, food to eat, air to breathe, soil to grow crops, and ecosystems that sustain every form of life. It does not speak, judge, or reward in the way religious beliefs interpret a supernatural god. Additionally, organized religions have played a major role in shaping societies, culture, rituals, and moral systems, creating a sense of identity that goes beyond physical reality. Over time, nature was once worshipped by early civilizations because survival depended on respecting natural cycles.

Rivers were goddesses, trees were living spirits, mountains were temples, and animals were companions – not commodities. That gradually lost significance because human beings became more disconnected from the natural world through urbanization, technology, and structured belief systems. Now, instead of protecting this divine creation, we destroy parts of it to prove our faith.



To me, religious gatherings have always represented unity, shared beliefs, and collective devotion – but I also feel there is a beautiful opportunity to bring these gatherings closer to the worship of nature, which is also God's creation.

Instead of focusing solely on rituals like animal sacrifice, we could slowly introduce practices that honour life and support the environment.

For example, the same devotion people express through offerings could be redirected toward planting trees, feeding the hungry, protecting animals, improving the education system, conserving water, or cleaning the surroundings before and after the festival. The energy, enthusiasm, and togetherness seen in religious celebrations could become a powerful force for environmental care. Our lives depend entirely on nature. The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the wood and bricks that build our shelter – all come from nature's generous hands. Yet, while we take so much, we often forget to give back. If nature provides us with crops, cotton,

animals, water, and oxygen, then protecting forests, conserving soil, reducing cruelty, planting trees, and using resources wisely becomes a sacred duty. Just as we maintain a temple with respect, the earth too deserves care and reverence, because it is the very source of our survival. When we align our religious values with environmental responsibility, we strengthen the bond between faith and life – reminding ourselves that true devotion is not only prayer, but also the conscious act of giving back to the nature that sustains us.

Nature proves its existence every day through sunlight, rain, wind, mountains, rivers, forests, and the breath we take without thinking. Worshipping nature teaches humility, interconnectedness, gratitude, responsibility, and harmony rather than fear, blind obedience, or ritualistic duty. At a time when the environment is suffering, species are disappearing, and climate change threatens humanity, honouring nature is not just a spiritual choice but a moral necessity. If we truly worship

nature, we must protect forests instead of cutting them for greed, because forests purify the air, protect soil, maintain rainfall, and shelter countless species. Instead of polluting rivers with chemicals, plastics, and ritual waste, we should treat rivers as sacred lifelines – by reducing waste, avoiding harmful detergents, creating waste-treatment facilities, and restoring native vegetation along riverbanks.

Worshipping nature also means respecting animals-not merely avoiding cruelty, but protecting their habitats, preventing illegal hunting, and supporting ethical and sustainable farming. Caring for nature can be as simple as planting a tree, growing vegetables in one's garden, practicing rainwater harvesting, reducing plastic use, composting household waste, or cycling instead of driving short distances. Schools and communities can create butterfly gardens, seed banks, rooftop gardens, and sacred groves – just as ancient cultures did as act of devotion. Even urban areas can honour nature by creating parks, wetlands, and green corridors so birds, insects, and animals can coexist with humans. When we nourish the soil, conserve water, protect wildlife, and grow more greenery, we do not just offer worship – we repair the damage caused by human neglect. So, the goal is not to stop using nature, because survival depends on it; the goal is to use nature with respect, balance, and responsibility. If we treat nature like a partner rather than a resource to exploit, we ensure that future generations will also have food to eat, air to breathe, clean water to drink, and a healthy planet to live on.

owners in Delhi reportedly lack valid PUC certificates. Giving them one day to comply is not environmental urgency, it is administrative shock therapy. For gig workers, delivery drivers, tradespeople, and small business owners, a vehicle is not a lifestyle choice; it is a livelihood. Denying fuel does not clean the air if it simply pushes economic activity into chaos or informality. This approach also confuses enforcement with outcomes. If denying fuel were enough, Delhi's air would have improved long ago. The city already cycles through GRAP restrictions, construction bans, work-from-home mandates, and vehicle limits every winter. Yet the crisis returns, because the underlying system has not

reduced traffic emissions not by sudden cut-offs, but by implementing gradual reforms.

Tokyo reduced vehicle emissions not through blanket bans, but by removing dependence on personal vehicles. Extensive and efficient public transport, strict inspection standards and long-term planning reduced traffic organically. Restrictions were embedded within a system that already worked for consumers. Cleaner air followed not from sudden cut-offs, but from sustained investment in alternatives. Delhi, by contrast, is still catching up. Bus availability remains insufficient. Last-mile connectivity is unreliable. EV adoption is encouraged rhetorically but

Cannabis Shift



long restricted from certain tax deductions due to the Schedule I classification, now gain a measure of financial legitimacy. This reframing allows for regulatory oversight that encourages innovation and responsible commercial growth rather than clandestine or semi-legal operations. Yet the order is not without controversy. Republican lawmakers caution that easing restrictions could normalise cannabis use, potentially undermining public health and productivity.

They point to lingering uncertainties around cognitive impairment, concentration, and long-term mental health impacts. These criticisms highlight a persistent tension in drug policy: whether to prioritise strict deterrence or adopt evi-

dence-based, harm-reduction approaches. The answer, it seems, lies in cautious pragmatism rather than ideological rigidity. Importantly, the executive decision reframes cannabis as a public health issue rather than a moral one. By likening it to prescription painkillers ~ legal, medically useful, but with inherent risks ~ the administration positions cannabis within a framework of controlled use and research-based policy. This represents a substantial departure from decades of absolutist rhetoric that equated marijuana with the most dangerous narcotics.

WESTERN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION WORK

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), Western Railway, Mumbai-400 020 invites **E-Tender Notice No: Dy.CE(C)/CCG/353**. **Name of Work:** Construction of Island Platform with Covered, New Service Buildings, CC Aprons with Track work, General Electrical Work and other Miscellaneous works at Vasai Road stations in connection with Vasai Road - Development of New Coaching terminus of Platform return trains. **NIT Value:** ₹ 93,60,19,612.84. **EMD:** ₹ 48,30,100/- **e-Bid opening Date:** Till 14.01.2026, 15:00 hrs. **e-Bid opening Date:** On 14.01.2026 at 15:30 hrs. For further details please visit our website www.irps.gov.in 0924

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Gujarat Crosses 5 Lakh Rooftop Solar Installations, Achieves 1,879 MW Capacity — Success Stories to Shine at VGRC Rajkot

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Gandhinagar, Gujarat has achieved a historic milestone in renewable energy by installing over 5 lakh rooftop solar systems, delivering an aggregate installed capacity of 1,879 megawatts. This landmark achievement under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojna, launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, underscores Gujarat's leadership in rooftop solar adoption and will be the central highlight at the upcoming Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (VGRC) in Rajkot.

In addition, Gujarat has cumulatively achieved installation of over 11 lakh solar rooftops under various schemes so far, further

cementing its position as the nation's renewable energy frontrunner.

This achievement reflects the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the commitment of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, whose proactive policies and citizen-first approach have made Gujarat a national leader in renewable energy.

Gujarat continues to hold the No. 1 position in rooftop solar installations nationwide, reaffirming its leadership in renewable energy. The state has already achieved 50 percent of its ambitious target of installing 10 lakh residential rooftop solar systems by March 2027, marking a significant milestone in its clean energy journey.

So far, residential consumers have availed subsidies worth ₹3,778 crore under the scheme, making rooftop solar both accessible and affordable, and further strengthening

Gujarat's role as a pioneer in sustainable energy adoption.

Under the guidance of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, Gujarat has introduced a series of citizen-friendly measures to simplify rooftop solar adoption.

The state provides ₹2,950 assistance towards regulatory charges for systems up to 6 kW, has waived network strengthening charges for the same category, and exempted consumers from the

requirement of net metering agreements. Additionally, there is no load limit for residential solar installations, with ₹78,000 for systems above 3 kW capacity. These measures have made rooftop solar installations more accessible, affordable, and convenient for citizens across Gujarat.

Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Patel stated, "The current era is defined by solar, wind, and hybrid renewable energy, alongside green growth powered by green hydrogen. Gujarat has long envisioned and prepared for this transition, and today the state contributes a sig-

nificant share to India's overall renewable energy capacity. In particular, Gujarat leads the nation in the solar rooftop scheme, setting benchmarks for sustainable progress. This achievement has been possible under the visionary guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, whose commitment to renewable energy and sustainable development has inspired and enabled Gujarat to turn its vision into reality."

At the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference scheduled in Rajkot from 10th January, Gujarat will showcase inspiring rooftop solar success stories — from households that have reduced electricity costs to communities contributing surplus power to the grid.

These stories will demonstrate how the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojna is transforming lives and empowering citizens.



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changed. A useful comparison comes from cities that

constrained by charging gaps and policy uncertainty. Instead of making cleaner choices easier, policy keeps narrowing choices altogether. There is also a risk policymakers underestimate: displacement.

When compliance becomes unpredictable, behaviour does not disappear; it adapts. Vehicles refuel outside city limits. Certificates become a paperwork game. Pollution shifts rather than shrinks. Clean air cannot be enforced like a toll booth. None of this argues for leniency toward polluters. It argues for smarter design. If the goal is to reduce polluting vehicles, then invest first in mobility alternatives, upgrade testing to reflect real-world emissions, and use pricing and incentives that reward cleaner behavior. Enforcement should reinforce reform, not replace it. Automation can deny fuel. Only policy can deliver clean air. Delhi needs less autopilot and more consideration of how consumers actually navigate the city. If Delhi wants cleaner air, it should start by making buses and metros frequent, PUC testing credible, and electric vehicles cheaper, not by turning petrol pumps into punishment booths.

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Good Governance Day



Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Gujarat

Good Governance Gains New Dimensions

AB PMJAY-MA Yojna

- Gujarat continues to lead in claim payments to beneficiaries

Revenue Reforms

- Revenue laws simplified.
- Over 17.9 lakh applications processed on the iORA portal in three years

Women Empowerment

- In two years, the number of "Lakhpati Didis" in the state has crossed 5.96 lakh

Government Support for Startups

- Under the Student Startup and Innovation Policy 2.0, more than 1,500 startups have received assistance from the state government in the last four years

Mukhyamantri Paushtik Alpahar Yojana

- More than 40 lakh children in the state are receiving both education and nutrition.
- The Gujarat Government is realizing Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of "Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi"

Daytime Electricity for Farmers

- Through the Kisan Suryodaya Yojana, more than 19 lakh farmers in the state benefit from daytime electricity

"Good governance is the foundation for a strong and prosperous Gujarat."
- Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat

State Government Always Committed to Protecting Gujarat's Forests and the Aravalli Hills: Forest Minister Shri Arjun Modhwadia

No Mining or Commercial Activities Have Ever Been Permitted in the Aravalli Mountain Range and Will Not Be Allowed in the Future Either: Minister of Forests and Environment

* The state government will strictly comply with the orders of the Supreme Court for the conservation of the Aravalli mountain range

* Under the 'Aravalli Green Wall Project', plantation of 86.84 lakh trees has been carried out over 4,426 hectares during the current year

* Tree plantation and conservation activities will also be undertaken over 4,890 hectares in the coming year

Gandhinagar, 24 December 2025 : Gujarat's Minister of Forests and Environment Shri Arjun Modhwadia, reaffirmed the state government's firm commitment to the conser-

vation and sustainable development of the Aravalli hills, stating that the Government of Gujarat remains fully dedicated to



safeguarding the state's forest areas and environmentally sensitive regions. The Aravalli mountain range, spread across various districts of Gujarat, and its forest areas have never been granted permission for mining by the state government to date, and such activities will not be permitted in the future either. He stated, in accor-

dance with the directives of the Supreme Court, the Government of Gujarat is implementing all aspects related to the new definition more mountains with a height of more than 100 metres will also be considered an integral part of the Aravalli mountain range. He emphasised that mining will be completely prohibited by the state government in 'core and inviolate' zones such as protected areas, eco-sensitive zones, reserve areas, wetlands, and CAMPA plantation sites across the state. The primary objective of the state government is to ensure environmental conservation alongside development, so that future generations inherit a safe and green Gujarat. The Aravalli mountain range is not merely a collection of rocks, but serves as a natural barrier preventing the advance of the desert.

and conservation of the Aravalli hills. As per this, all landforms having a height of 100 metres or more above the local ground level have been defined as 'mountains', so that no legal loopholes remain. In addition, all areas up to 500 metres between two or

Woman Shot Dead After Divorce-Related Argument in Bengaluru

(Gns).

A domestic dispute linked to an ongoing divorce case ended in tragedy in Bengaluru on Tuesday evening, after a man allegedly shot his wife dead near a hotel in Basaveshwaranagar before surrendering to the police.

The incident occurred around 6.30 pm near the West Inn Hotel, where the woman was confronted by her estranged husband shortly after returning from court proceedings related to their divorce. The accused has been identified as Bala Murugan, while the victim was Bhuvaneshwari.

On Tuesday evening in Bengaluru, a man named Bala Murugan allegedly shot and killed his estranged wife, Bhuvaneshwari, near a hotel in Basaveshwaranagar after a domestic dispute that stemmed from their ongoing divorce case; Murugan later surrendered to the police. The couple, originally from Tamil Nadu, had been living separately due to marital issues, and the police investigation is underway.

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Police said the couple, natives of Tamil Nadu, had been living separately for some time due to prolonged marital discord and were in the process of legally dissolving their marriage. Investigators believe tensions surrounding the divorce led to a heated argument between the two when they crossed paths near the hotel. During the confrontation, Bala Murugan allegedly pulled out a firearm and opened fire. Bhuvaneshwari was reportedly shot four times, sustaining bullet injuries to her



head and hand. She collapsed at the scene and died due to severe blood loss before medical help could arrive.

Following the shooting, the accused is said to have gone straight to a police station, where he surrendered. He has since been taken into custody.

Police confirmed that Bala Murugan works as a software engineer, while Bhuvaneshwari was employed with a bank. A detailed investigation is now under way to determine the sequence of events leading up to the shooting, as well as to verify whether the firearm used was legally licensed.

Days after IndiGo crisis, Centre gives nod to two new domestic airlines

(Gns). Days after the IndiGo crisis, the Narendra Modi-led NDA government has given initial clearance to two new domestic airlines to begin operations. Over the past week, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu met teams from three upcoming domestic airlines — Shankh Air, AI Hind Air, and FlyExpress.



While the Uttar Pradesh-based Shankh Air has already received the no-objection certificate, AI Hind Air and FlyExpress were given the nod this week.

Naidu said that the Civil Aviation Ministry has been encouraging more airlines in the Indian Aviation mar-

ket, which is currently dominated by IndiGo with over 60 per cent market share.

"It has been the endeavour of the ministry to encourage more airlines in the Indian Aviation sector, which is amongst the fastest-growing aviation markets in the world owing to the policies of the government of Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi," Naidu said in a post on Tuesday night. He emphasised that government schemes like UDAN have enabled smaller carriers—Star Air, India One Air, Fly91, etc.—to play an important role in the regional connectivity within the country. He also added that there is more scope for further growth.

RK Business Group selected 35 students of Sanskriti University



Officials of the company and placement department of Sanskriti University along with the students of Sanskriti University selected by RK Business Group, a reputed company associated with railway catering.

Mathura. 35 students of Hotel Management and BBA, MBA of Sanskriti University have been selected by RK Business Group, a reputed company related to railway catering, to give them jobs at good pay scale. Expressing happiness over this selection of students during campus placement, the university administration has congratulated the selected stu-

dents. Anand Kumar Tiwari of Culture Placement Cell said that RK Group has emerged as the backbone of the railway culinary industry. The company has selected 10 MBA students, 15 Hotel Management and 10 BBA students from Sanskriti University for its company. While giving information about the company.

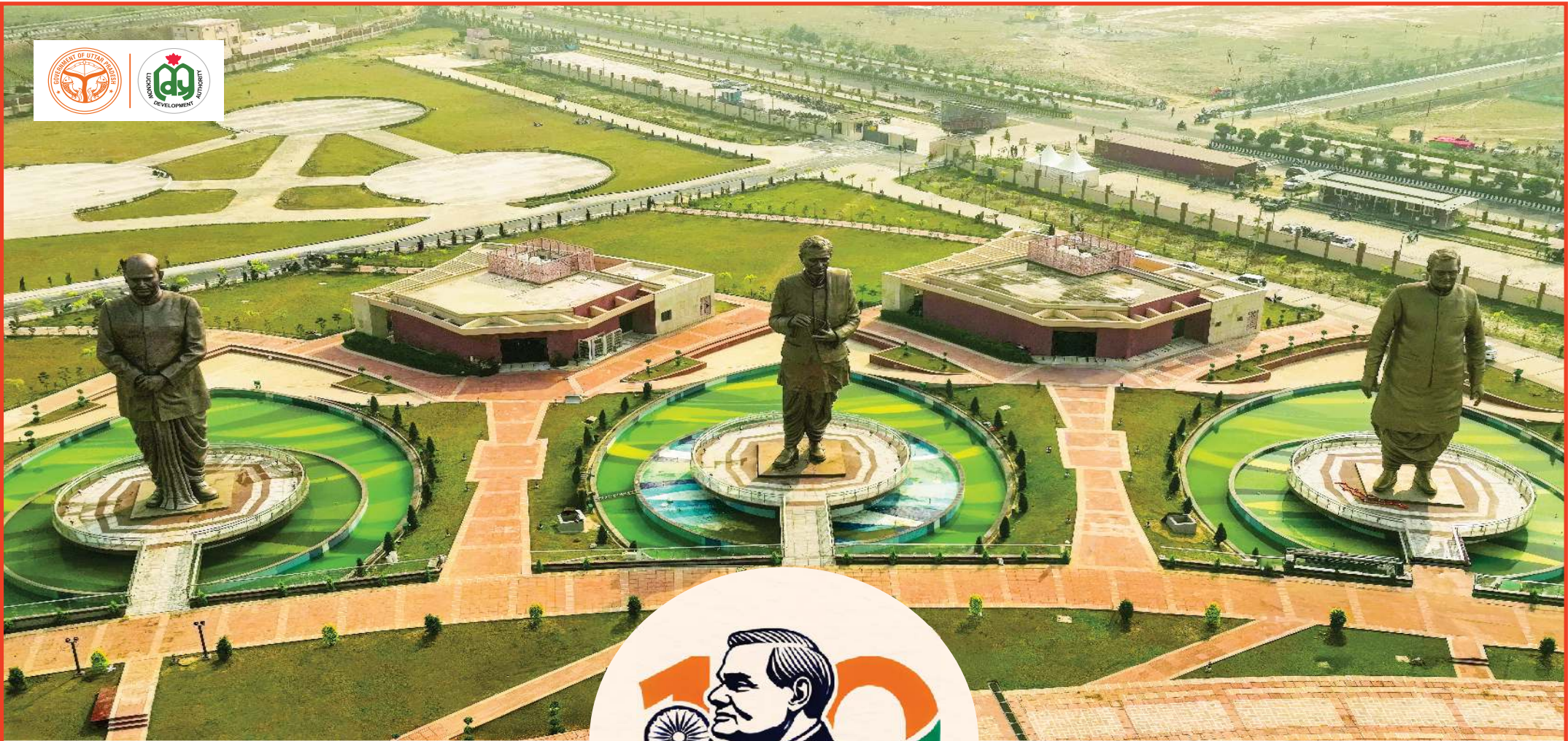
City Kotwali police caught four interstate vehicle thieves



CO City Aashna Choudhary giving information, accused caught by Kotwali police

Mathura. Taking major action, the city Kotwali police has arrested four interstate vehicle thieves. Police have also recovered seven stolen motorcycles from their possession. This action was taken on Wednesday on the information of an informer from the unpaved road near Alwar bridgeInspector Crime of City Kotwali Sunil Kumar, Inspector of Police Sunil Kumar Joshi, Inspector of Police Vipin Tomar, Inspector of Police Inderjeet Singh, Inspector

of Police Mushtaq Mehendi, Inspector of Police Rampal Singh along with his police team, as per the information of the informer, laid siege to Jaideep on the unpaved road leading to the railway line near Alwar bridge, about 150 steps away from Ajay Hotelalias Jai (19 years), Kanhaiya (24 years), Vivek Kumar (22 years) and Vivek alias Kalua (19 years) were caughtAll the arrested accused are residents of the police station highway area.



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