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President Murmu confers Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar on Veer Bal Diwas

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President Droupadi Murmu conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar on children for their exceptional achievements in the fields, including bravery, sports, art and culture, and science and technology, at a ceremony held here on Friday. She expressed confidence that these awards will inspire all children across the country.

She presented awards to 17 children—seven boys and 10 girls—from 14 states, recognising achievements in art, sports, culture, and innovation. The event coincided with Veer Bal Diwas, honouring the courage of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's sons—Sahibzada Ajit Singh, Sahibzada Jujhar Singh, Sahibzada Zorawar Singh, and Sahibzada Fateh Singh.

BJP-Shinde Sena Finalise Seat-Sharing For BMC Polls: BJP To Contest On 140, Shiv Sena Gets 87

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The Bharatiya Janata Party and Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena have agreed on a Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation seat-sharing plan after several days of talks. Sources said the BJP will contest 140 wards, while the Shinde-led Sena will field candidates in 87 wards for the BMC elections.

The arrangement has been decided among Mahayuti partners and aims to project unity before voting. Internal discussions within the alliance reportedly focused on balancing strength in Mumbai, where the BMC elections are seen as a key test for both parties and their local leadership.

Sharad Pawar-led NCP leader Jayant Patil meets Uddhav Thackeray for alliance talks

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Senior Sharad Pawar-led NCP leader met Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray here on Friday at his Bandra East 'Matoshree' residence to explore the possibility of an alliance to contest the forthcoming Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation election scheduled to be held on January 15, 2026.

After a two-hour-long detailed discussion, senior Sharad Pawar-led NCP leader Jayant Patil told media persons that "Our discussions are going on. I came to discuss an alliance with Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray. A lot of discussions took place, though we have not

To commemorate their sacrifice, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced in 2022 that December 26 would be observed annually as Veer Bal Diwas.

Congratulating the recipients of the Puraskar, the President said the award-winning children have brought pride to their families, their communities, and the entire country. She stated that this award has been presented to them for their encouragement.

Addressing the gathering, President Murmu said, "About 320 years ago, Guru Gobind Singh Ji—the tenth Guru of the Sikh faith and revered by all Indians—and his four sons made supreme sacrifices while fighting in support of truth and justice. The bravery of the two youngest Sahibzadas is honoured

and respected both in India and abroad." She remembered with reverence the great child heroes who laid down their lives with pride for truth and justice.

exceptional talent in various fields such as bravery, art and culture, environment, innovation, science and technology, social service, and sports.

The President expressed confidence that the greatness of a country is certain when its children are filled with patriotism and high ideals. She was happy to note that the children have showcased their

lives of others with their bravery and intelligence, deserve all the praise they receive. Nine-year-old daughter Vyoma Priya and eleven-year-old brave son Kamlesh Kumar lost their lives while saving the lives of others with their courage," she said.

She also praised 10-year-old Shravan Singh,

who, amidst the risks associated with war during Operation Sindoora, regularly delivered water, milk, and lassi to the Indian soldiers stationed at the border near his home, whereas the differently abled daughter, Shivani Hosuru Uppara, has achieved extraordinary accomplishments in the world of sports, overcoming

economic and physical limitations.

Praising Vaibhav Suryavanshi, who has made a name for himself in the highly competitive and talent-filled world of cricket and has set many records, President Murmu expressed confidence that brave and talented children like them will continue to do

good work and make India's future bright.

The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is the highest civilian honour for children in India. It is awarded annually to children in the age group of 5-18 years for their exceptional abilities and outstanding achievements in seven categories.



Mahayuti partners finalized a seat-sharing arrangement for the upcoming BMC elections in Mumbai, aiming to project unity, with the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation vote scheduled for January 15 and counting on January 16 under the Maharashtra State Election Commission's supervision; the BJP, Shiv Sena, and NCP performed well in recent local polls.



gested unrest within the alliance, yet both parties publicly rejected those claims. According to sources, an agreement on 200 seats came first, with negotiations continuing over the remaining 27 seats.

Tension reports also prompted Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to intervene earlier and support Shinde's Shiv Sena. Fadnavis had asked BJP leaders not to criticise the ally in public. While addressing journalists on Friday, Fadnavis again stressed the strength of the partnership and played down talk of rifts. "The BJP and Shiv Sena are united. Everything is going on smoothly.

Before this final formula, BJP and Shinde Sena leaders held a series of long meetings over seat distribution. Reports had suggested that the Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat and Aatmanirbhar Bharat would gain new momentum through this fair by strengthening the contribution of tribal industries, traditional arts and crafts, and MSMEs. Describing Gujarat's successful role in effectively implementing the Prime Minister's vision of self-reliance and swadeshi, the Chief Minister said that the state government has transformed youth from job seekers into job providers through the promotion of self-help women's groups, startups, and skill development centres. He also expressed pride in the Rs. 2 lakh crore Janjati Kalyan Yojana launched by the Prime Minister for the holistic development of Gujarat's tribal community, which has lived for centuries with hard work, honesty, and self-respect, stating that it has become a guiding force for tribal development across the

country. State Tribal Development Minister Shri Naresh Patel stated that

concern for the tribal community and congratulated the state government for the creation of the new Ambika taluka.

President of the Samast Adivas Samaj, Dr. Pradeep Garasia, while providing details of the Tribal Trade Fair, stated that at a time when the state government is promoting the adoption of swadeshi, this fair has around 400 stalls. The objective is to promote Vocal for Local, natural farming, and tribal food treasures, enabling entrepreneurs to achieve self-employment. He also stated that there are plans to establish an eco-friendly business centre.

This event was attended by Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes Shri Antra Singh Arya, Chairperson of the ST Welfare Parliamentary Committee Dr. Faggan Singh Kulaste, District Panchayat President Smt. Bhavini Patel, Bardoli MP Shri Prabhukhai Vasava, Valsad MP Shri Dhavalbhai Patel, MLAs Shri Ganpatinh Vasava, Shri Ishwarbhai Parmar, Shri Kunvarji Halpati, Shri Sandipbhai Desai, Shri Vijaybhai Patel, Shri Mukeshbhai Patel, Shri Mohanbhai Konkani, social leader Shri Mansinhbhai Patel, and District Development Officer Shivani Goyal, along with other dignitaries.

today is a moment of pride for all, adding that the development journey initiated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat is being carried forward seamlessly under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel. He further that the Tribal Trade Fair seeks to preserve tribal culture while creating opportunities for tribal youth in industry and business, thereby generating employment at the local level, and urged all stakeholders to actively participate in efforts that help tribal youth build skills and progress.

Mahuva MLA Shri Mohan Dhodia stated that the government has reached the doorstep of the tribal community to encourage and empower it, describing the fair as a valuable opportunity to promote tribal entrepreneurs.

He added that the government has shown genuine

interest in the welfare of the tribal community.



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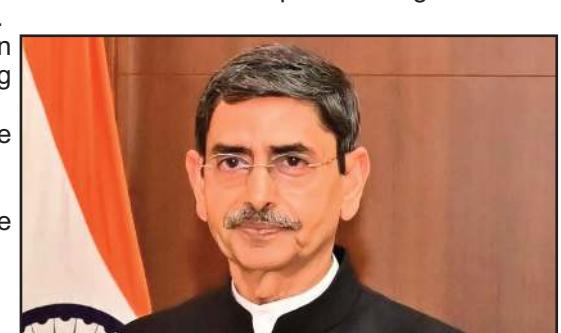
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change," he said in a response to a question at a media briefing at his Chambers at the Secretariat.

"The session is being convened after the prior approval from the Governor," he added.

"The Governor has to deliver the address prepared by the government," he said. Earlier this year, at the first session of 2025 in January, Governor Ravi had staged a walkout within three minutes of entering the Assembly hall without reading the customary address in protest against the

the Lok Bhavan, in a statement, charged the Speaker, the leader of the House, and the Chief Minister with 'cussedly' turning down his appeal to sing the national anthem. "The Constitution of Bharat and the national anthem were insulted once again in the assembly," the Lok Bhavan alleged in a post on its 'X' handle.

The Assembly passed a resolution not to take the remarks of the Governor on record, and Appavu read the Tamil version of the Governor's address. It marked a new low in the turf war between the Raj Bhavan and the elected DMK Government of Stalin.

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प्राप्त करने के लिए आज ही
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Editorial

Defining Aravallis

The renewed debate over the Aravalli hills exposes a familiar fault line in India's environmental governance: the tension between ecological complexity and administrative simplicity. What appears, on the surface, to be a technical redefinition of hills is in fact a decision with profound implications for land use, climate resilience, and the survival of fragile ecosystems in north-western India. The Aravallis are among the oldest mountain systems on Earth, but their importance today lies not in dramatic peaks or dense forests. Much of their ecological value resides in low, scrub-covered ridges and shallow undulations that slow desertification, recharge aquifers, and act as a climatic buffer against the advancing Thar.

These understated landscapes rarely fit popular notions of "hills," yet they quietly sustain agriculture, groundwater and habitability across Rajasthan, Haryana, and Delhi. By tying protection to a minimum elevation threshold, policymakers risk mistaking visibility for value. A hill system is not a stack of discrete high points; it is a continuous geological and ecological fabric. Once that continuity is broken on paper, it becomes easier to fragment it on the ground ~ through mining, construction and infrastructure projects that may individually seem minor but collectively erode the system's resilience. Environmental damage in such landscapes is rarely sudden or spectacular. It accumulates slowly, revealing its costs only when groundwater tables fall, heatwaves intensify and dust storms grow more frequent.

The government argues that a uniform, objective definition brings regulatory clarity and does not automatically open the floodgates to mining. In principle, consistency across states is desirable. Yet environmental regulation is not the same as taxation or land records. Nature does not conform neatly to round numbers or legal thresholds. A definition that prioritises ease of enforcement over ecological function may simplify rules but complicate the future. Public protests signal a deeper unease: that environmental decisions are increasingly framed through narrow technical lenses, with insufficient weight given to cumulative impact and local knowledge. Farmers, residents, and activists are not merely opposing development; they are questioning a model that treats landscapes as interchangeable once they fall outside a formal category. Their insistence that the Aravallis be defined by geology, hydrology and their ecological role reflects a demand for science-led policy rather than checklist governance.

The involvement of the Supreme Court of India adds gravity to the issue. Judicial endorsement confers legitimacy, but it also places a responsibility to ensure that definitions do not unintentionally weaken environmental safeguards. Courts have historically played a crucial role in protecting common natural assets; this moment tests whether that tradition can adapt to subtler, less visible forms of ecological risk. Ultimately, the Aravalli controversy is not just about hills. It is about how India chooses to value landscapes that are ecologically vital but aesthetically modest. Protecting them requires moving beyond height-based formulas toward a functional understanding of nature ~ one that recognises that what looks insignificant today may be indispensable tomorrow.

Recalibrating MGNREGA

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The Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeekika Mission (Gramin) Act (VB-G RAM G), which replaces the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), received the President's assent on Sunday, 21 December, marking the formal transition to a new rural employment framework. The allegation that these changes amount to the "dismantling" of MGNREGA stems from an unwillingness to distinguish sentiment from performance.

Welfare laws do not enjoy moral immunity because of their vintage or

their acronym; they must be assessed by whether they deliver what they promise, at scale, in the conditions that actually obtain rather than those that policymakers nostalgically invoke. The performance and governance gaps in MGNREGA must be studied. The programme's most basic assurance of guaranteed employment had steadily drifted from its statutory intent. Data from the Ministry of Rural Development show that in FY 2024-25 only about 7-8 per cent of registered households completed the full 100 days of work, while average employment per household remained under

50 days, virtually flat across phases of stress, recovery, and growth. This was not a function of tight budgets as annual allocations had crossed Rs 1 lakh crore in recent years, but of design and delivery failures, where a legal entitlement repeatedly failed to become lived access for most beneficiaries.

Those gaps were compounded by governance weaknesses. Repeated observations by the Comptroller and Auditor General and social audits documented a pattern of irregularities: inflated muster rolls, payments against non-existent works, unauthorised use of

machinery in violation of labour norms, and weak recovery of detected fraud. In FY 2024-25 alone, officially recorded financial irregularities were close to Rs 200 crore, while recoveries remained negligible, eroding the credibility of what was conceived as a rights-based safety net. What does the new law change? The VB-G RAM G Act responds to these structural problems by reshaping how rural employment is guaranteed, planned, and financed. The move to norm-based budgeting replaces an open-ended, reactive regime with one that ties allocations to execution capacity.

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As the clock strikes twelve, the "ping" of timely approvals from Home Credit becomes the turning point in these interconnected stories addressing both immediate needs and long-term aspirations.

Through a fast-paced montage, stalled moments transform into fresh starts. Ravi gets his new wheels, Gaurav launches his business, Aarav upgrades his tech, and Preeti renovates her space. The story concludes with a shared moment of hope, proving that with the right support, every resolution is achievable.

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tions are meant to be kept, whether it's replacing an old, worn-out phone, renovating an old space, starting a dream business, or owning a two-wheeler. Beyond financial support, our focus is on instilling pride and confidence in every customer we serve while walking alongside as a trusted financial partner and make every #ZindagiHit."

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GIDC Device Park & VGRC: Fuelling Gujarat's High-Growth Medical Sector

Partnering in Growth: How VGRC Rajkot Will Facilitate Investment in New Medical Device Ecosystem

Gandhinagar, 26 December: The Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) is set to establish a new, sector-specific Medical Device Park at Nagalpar in Rajkot. This initiative aims to create a comprehensive ecosystem for the medical device industry, supporting manufacturing, research, and global export.

New Medical Device park Launch

The GIDC's new Medical Device Park in Nagalpar will be spread across 336 acres. It is

turing, and eventually exporting products worldwide.

Location and Connectivity

The Nagalpar location offers excellent logistics and connectivity. It is strategically near major ports like Pipavav (125 Km), Kandla (198 Km), and Mundra (243 Km). Rajkot Airport connects the Saurashtra region to major Indian cities like Mumbai, Delhi, and Bengaluru, facilitating domestic and international travel. The park is just 9 km from NH27, a major national highway linking cities across India, including Ahmedabad, Jaipur, and Delhi.

Plug & Play Utilities

The park will offer comprehensive, ready-to-use infrastructure designed to meet the needs of manufacturers. These facilities

will be available within the estate and include a reli-

Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) is also made to

efficient logistics, a Common Warehouse and

reinforcing its leadership in India's high-growth medical device manufacturing sector.

The upcoming Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (VGRC) in Rajkot is a dynamic platform to capitalize on the massive investment opportunity presented by the new Medical Device Park at Nagalpar. As Gujarat's orthopaedic and surgical device manufacturing, Rajkot will host this conference to specifically highlight the Kutch and Saurashtra regions' strengths in sectors like Engineering, Ports & Logistics, and Agro & Food Processing. Join global investors and key government officials at VGRC on January 2026, forge strategic partnerships, secure land allocations, and be at the forefront of India's medical device market.

able water supply system with a proposed capacity of 3.5 million liters per day (MLD). A provision for dedicated Solid Waste Management and a

ensure sustainable operations. Additionally, land has been reserved for a proposed 66 KV substation to provide uninterrupted power supply. To support

Logistics Centre is also planned.

The development of the Nagalpar Medical Device Park underscores Gujarat's commitment to

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Relations between India and Bangladesh are entering one of their most fragile phases in decades, not because of a single diplomatic dispute but due to the dangerous interaction of street violence, political uncertainty, and hardening narratives on both sides of the border. What is unfolding is less a breakdown of policy than a collapse of trust. For India, the instinctive response has been moral outrage mixed with political mobilisation. That is understandable. No democracy can remain unmoved when violence appears to target

minorities in a neighbouring country with which it shares

interim leadership, headed by Muhammad Yunus,

history, culture, and blood ties. But when outrage spills onto the streets, hardens television narratives and turns into symbolic protests at diplomatic premises, it begins to blur the line between principled concern and political signalling. In Dhaka, such scenes are easily repackaged as proof of Indian interference. Bangladesh's

faces an unenviable task, one it has so far made a hash of. It must restore law and order, reassure minorities, and prepare the ground for elections, all while lacking an electoral mandate. Its condemnations of violence sound right, but repeated failures to prevent mob attacks and protect institutions have weakened its authority.

Flipkart deepens role in building India's future-ready skilling ecosystem with NCVET, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship

Lucknow, 26 December 2025: Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has entered into an agreement with the

nationally benchmarked standards that strengthen workforce employability and contribute to sustained economic growth.

National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) to strengthen India's skilling ecosystem and support the government's Skill India Mission with a focus on creating nationally recognised, industry-led pathways for India's fast-growing e-commerce and logistics workforce. The agreement took place at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi, in the presence of senior representatives from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and NCVET. Ms. Debasree Mukherjee, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Chairperson, NCVET, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, alongside Mr. Rajneesh Kumar, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Flipkart Group; Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Gaba, Executive Member, NCVET and Lt. Col. Vikram Singh Bhati, Director, NCVET were present amongst dignitaries.

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Innovation Meets Aspiration: Home Credit India Debuts AI-Generated Film to Kickstart the New Year

26 December 2025: Home Credit India, a leading consumer finance company, today announced the launch of its first AI-powered campaign - #SapnoKaNayaSaal. An extension of its brand thought, #ZindagiHit!, this campaign marks a significant milestone for Home Credit India in innovation by integrating with ARM Worldwide to develop a cinematic film which reflects on the year gone by while ushering in a future full of hope. The film positions the brand as a tech-forward, trusted enabler, ready to support the diverse aspirations of customers nationwide, anytime, anywhere.

The new campaign is LIVE across digital platforms including Home Credit India's social channels such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube & LinkedIn. The #SapnoKaNayaSaal campaign encourages the spirit of gratitude by acknowl-

edging every big-small achievement of the year gone by, while empowering its customers to turn their New Year resolution into reality by leveraging a range of easy and accessible credit solutions.

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Merry Christmas To All, Including Dead Terrorists: Trump After Launching Strikes On ISIS In Nigeria

(Gns). US President Donald Trump on Thursday announced that his army has launched a "deadly" strike against the terror organisation Islamic State in northwest Nigeria.

In a social media post on Truth Social, the US President said that the US was carrying out an attack on terrorists over the alleged killings of Christians.

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Merry Christmas To All Including Dead Terrorists Trump After Launching Strikes On ISIS In Nigeria

Five Killed as Rescue Helicopter Crashes Near Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania

(Gns). At least five people were reported dead after a helicopter crashed on Mount Kilimanjaro during a medical rescue mission near Barafu Camp, a staging point for summit attempts, with officials confirming the aircraft went down on Wednesday in a high-altitude zone.

A helicopter crashed on Mount Kilimanjaro near Barafu Camp during a medical rescue mission, resulting in the deaths of five people, including a guide, a doctor, a pilot, and two tourists; the crash occurred between 4,670 and 4,700 meters above sea level.

Initial reports from the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority stated that the helicopter came down in a

remote section of the mountain, between 4,670 and 4,700 metres above sea level, an area widely used by climbers as they prepare for the final push to the peak.

Local outlets

Mwananchi newspaper and

East Africa TV reported that

the flight had been dis-

patched to evacuate a per-

son needing urgent medical

attention, but instead ended

fatally, with Kilimanjaro

regional police chief Simon

Maigwa stating that the

dead included a mountain

guide, a doctor, the pilot,

and two foreign tourists

whose nationalities were

not made public.

Authorities indicated

that the crash site lay close

to Barafu Camp, one of the

last major overnight stops

for trekkers heading

towards the summit, under-

lining the risks linked to flying

and operating rescue

missions in thin air and

unpredictable mountain

weather conditions.

Mount Kilimanjaro heli-

copter crash: mountain pro-

file and tourism data

Mount Kilimanjaro rises

to almost 6,000 metres, or

around 20,000 feet, and

draws climbers from many

countries, with tourism data

suggesting that each year

about 50,000 visitors

attempt to reach the summit,

making the mountain one of

Africa's busiest adventure

tourism locations.

Officials had not

released any findings on

the cause of the Mount

Kilimanjaro helicopter crash

and an investigation was

expected to analyse flight

operations, weather, alti-

tude effects, and technical

factors, with results likely to

be watched closely by

Tanzania's aviation and

mountain tourism sectors.

and MERRY CHRISTMAS to all, including the dead terrorists, of which there will be many more if their slaughter of Christians continues," Trump added.

As per the US National Counterterrorism Centre, "ISIS-West Africa (ISIS-WA) was formed in 2015 when Boko Haram pledged allegiance to ISIS. The branch, as per the United States, attacks regional military targets and civilian defence forces and frequently attacks government personnel and infrastructure, and Christians."

The US Central Command (CENTCOM) on December 19 said that US and Jordanian forces carried out large-scale air strikes against the Islamic State terror group in Syria. It attacked over 70 ISIS targets with more than 100 precision-guided munitions.

a powerful and deadly strike against ISIS Terrorist scum in Northwest Nigeria, who have been terrorizing and viciously killing, primarily, innocent Christians, at levels not seen for many years, and even centuries! I have previously warned these terrorists that if they

tonight, there was," he stated.

"The Department of War

executed numerous perfect

strikes, as only the United

States is capable of doing.

Under my leadership, our

country will not allow radical

Islamic terrorism to prosper.

May God bless our military,

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"Tonight, at my direction as Commander in Chief, the United States launched

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Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Inaugurates Kreeda Bharati's Akhil Bharatiya Convention in Ahmedabad

From Ancient Times, Sports Are an Integral Part of India's Culture and Lifestyle: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel

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- Kreeda Bharati is an organisation that contributes to nation-building through sports by preserving traditional games

- As part of the Olympic 2036 run-up, the state government is committed to organising around five world-class sporting events in the coming times

- Prime Minister's Vision of Healthy and Fit Citizens for Building Viksit Bharat Realised in Gujarat through Khet Mahakumbh

Players and Volunteers from Across the Country to Participate in Three-Day Krida Bharati Convention

Release of the Krida Jyot souvenir book by the Chief Minister

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been rising steadily.

The Khet Mahakumbh, which began in 2010 with the participation of 16 lakh people, recorded participation of 72 lakh people in its 2025 edition. Moreover, owing to the success of the Khet Mahakumbh, around 16 talented players from Gujarat have gone on to represent the state and the country in national and international sports events.

Referring to ancient scriptures, the Chief Minister highlighted that sports have been an integral part of India's culture and lifestyle since ancient times, with classical texts emphasising physical training, skill development through the 64 arts, and competitive sporting traditions, reflecting a deep-rooted spirit of sportsmanship in Indian civilisation.

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Minister Narendra Modi, the nation now collectively observes Veer Bal Diwas every year on 26 December, ensuring that the inspiring legacy of the Sahibzadas and Mata Gujri Ji occupies a rightful place in the national consciousness.

He also urged the youth to draw inspiration from the lives and supreme sacrifice of the Sahibzadas and to uphold the values of courage, truth, righteousness, integrity, and selfless service. He emphasised that their faith and valour serve as a guiding light for young Indians to contribute positively to society and the nation while remaining firmly rooted in India's rich cultural and moral heritage.

Veer Bal Diwas is not merely a date on the calendar but a profound reminder of the unparalleled courage displayed by Sahibzada Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahibzada Baba Fateh Singh Ji, who, despite their

their faith — a sacrifice without parallel in world history.

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LG Ladakh Kavinder Gupta pays homage to Sahibzadas on Veer Bal Diwas

Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, on Friday visited Gurdwara Pather Sahib on the occasion of Veer Bal Diwas to pay homage to the unparalleled courage and supreme sacrifice of Sahibzada Baba Zorawar Singh Ji, Sahibzada Baba Fateh Singh Ji, and Mata Gujri Ji.

The Lt Governor bowed in reverence to the extraordinary bravery, unwavering faith, and martyrdom of the Sahibzadas, the revered sons of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and Mata Gujri Ji, whose sacrifices remain an eternal testament to courage, devotion to dharma, and righteousness.

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Mathura. Last night, a joint team of Govardhan Police and SOG arrested cyber criminal Kaif carrying a reward of Rs 25,000 after an encounter. In retaliatory firing, the accused was shot in the leg, after which he was admitted to the hospital.

The arrested accused Kaif, son of Hanni, resident of Devseras (Govardhan), is a vicious cyber criminal. According to the police, this gang used to hide in the forests and fields of Devseras and target people from different states of the country using fake SIM cards. Sometimes the thugs used to break into people's bank accounts by

Mathura encounter: Cyber criminal worth Rs 25,000 arrested



Govardhan Police and SOG team at the encounter site.

posing as officials and sometimes by posing as acquaintances. In the previous operations conducted on the instructions of SSP Mathura, many cyber criminals have been sent to jail. But Kaif had dodged the police and gone to other states and was running his

fraud network from there. At around 8:10 pm on Thursday night, SOG and Govardhan police received information that Kaif was coming from Gatholi towards Devseras on an unnumbered bike. The police laid siege near the first bridge of Bombay.

Seeing himself surrounded, Kaif started firing at the police. In retaliatory firing by the police, a bullet hit his leg, due to which he fell and was arrested. Police recovered an unnumbered Splendor motorcycle, one country-made pistol, two live and two spent cartridges from the possession of the accused. Since 2022 till now, many cases have been registered against Kaif in Govardhan police station under serious sections of assault, fraud and IT Act. The police was searching for him since the recent case. Officials said that this campaign against cyber criminals will continue.

'Restrain SL from imposing a Unitary State and depriving Tamils of autonomy': PMK president Anbumani's plea to PM

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With the Sri Lankan government of Anura Dissanayake attempting to change the Constitution of the island nation into a unitary state, Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) president and former Union Minister Anbumani on Friday appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to restrain Colombo, as this would deprive the ethnic minority Tamils of self-governance and meaningful autonomy.

In a letter to the Prime Minister, he said the developments in Sri Lanka, particularly the continued and systematic efforts to deny any political power and self-governance to the Tamil people, are fundamentally contrary to the

values India has consistently championed across the world.

"The root cause of Sri Lanka's ethnic conflict lies in the systematic denial of political power to the Tamil national community, who once played a decisive role in the governance of the island, and were compelled to resist when subjected to domination and marginalisation. The present attempt by the Sinhala majoritarian forces appears to be driven by the mistaken belief that the defeat of the LTTE has eliminated the Tamil aspirations

Tamils have faced sustained discrimination on ethnic and linguistic lines since the island nation attained Independence in 1948, and 30 per cent of officials were Tamils, he pointed out, which had drastically changed after the Sinhala only Act in 1956, marking the institutionalised discrimination, reducing Tamils as second class citizens. While the 1987 Indo-Lanka Accord provided provincial autonomy, which has been undone by the 13th Amendment.

Anbumani requested the PM to advise Colombo to undertake Constitutional reforms that guarantee a federal system that grants self-rule to the Tamils.

Eelam Tamils. Such a development would be deeply destabilising and detrimental to Sri Lanka's future. India cannot remain a passive spectator to this unfolding situation," he said.



Kushwaha snaps at media amid rumours of rift within RLM

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Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) chief and Rajya Sabha member Upendra Kushwaha appeared visibly upset on Friday as discussions intensified in Bihar's political circles over the future of the RLM in recent days.

The speculation gained further momentum when three of the four Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) MLAs, Madhav Anand, Rameshwar Mahato, and Alok Singh, skipped a 'Litti Chokha' party hosted at Kushwaha's Patna residence. Instead, the three legislators travelled to New Delhi, where they met BJP National Working President Nitin Nabin on Wednesday.

During a media interaction on Friday, Kushwaha dismissed the issue and avoided entertaining questions related to it. However, when the matter was

repeatedly raised, he countered with a question, saying, "Who told you that they didn't come to the Litti Party?"

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The speculation intensified further after photographs of the three RLM MLAs meeting BJP National Executive President Nitin Nabin were shared on social media. Leaders from both the opposition and ruling parties seized upon the issue, suggesting that Kushwaha's own MLAs had a valid passport nor visa. For this reason, along with action under the NDPS Act, legal action is also being taken against him under the Foreigners Act. Havendra Mishra team in-charge in Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) team, U.N. Gaurav Sharma ANTF Operational Unit Agra Zone Agra. Mr. Sudhir Kumar ANTF Operational Unit Agra Zone Agra. Honorable Ajit Singh ANTF Operational Unit Agra Zone Agra. Constable Wasim Akram ANTF Operational Unit Agra Zone Agra. Private Limited Driver Mukesh Chandra ANTF Operational Unit Agra Zone Agra etc. were included.

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Mathura/Agra. Uttar Pradesh Police's Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) has achieved a major success against drug trafficking and busted an internationally active heroin smuggling gang. The ANTF Operational Unit of Agra Zone has arrested a Nigerian citizen from Delhi in this case, who was supplying heroin in many districts including Mathura. Let it be known that this entire case started on 8 October 2025 from Naujheel police station area of Mathura.

During investigation, the accused revealed that heroin was supplied to them by a Nigerian national, who was operating the entire network while living in Delhi. Was. The ANTF team identified the main supplier based on technical surveillance, mobile data analysis and other physical evidence. The main accused was identified as Ike Prince (41), son of Ike Chukku, living in Fatehpur Beri, Asola area of Delhi.

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