



## Pm Modi will inaugurate the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference in Rajkot on 11 January: Deputy Chief Minister Shri Harsh Sanghavi

**Deputy Chief Minister addresses journalists at the Collector Office in Rajkot VGRC will bring large-scale investment to Saurashtra-Kutch region: Shri Harsh Sanghavi**  
**Gujarat Government's Proactive Approach to Resolving Entrepreneurs' Issues Through Direct Meetings: In-charge Minister Shri Jitubhai Vaghani\***  
Rajkot, 5 January 2026: Deputy Chief Minister Shri Harsh Sanghavi stated at a press conference at the Rajkot District Collector Office that, following the guidance of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, a coordination meeting with industrialists from

Saurashtra-Kutch region was held today in Rajkot to promptly resolve the issues and representations of small and large industrialists, enabling further investment and industrial growth. Group meetings with all departments were also conducted.

He stated that Rajkot is Gujarat's growth engine in the manufacturing sector, and to attract more investment from India and abroad, the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (VGRC) has been organised in Rajkot under the guidance of Chief Minister. He added that the first edition of VGRC was earlier held

successfully in Mehsana. He said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will



inaugurate the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference on 11 January

at Marwadi University in Rajkot, and expressed confidence that the confer-

ence will bring large-scale investment to Saurashtra and Kutch regions.

He said that Rajkot is making rapid progress across manufacturing and other sectors, and to further accelerate development and make it easier for traders, industrialists, and manufacturers to work, the meeting was organised today. He stated that under various Gujarat Government industrial policies, incentive assistance worth Rs. 956.51 crore was distributed today from Rajkot to 10,435 industrialists. Approval letters worth over Rs. 661 crore under schemes

including the Textile Incentive to Industries, Environmental Infrastructure Facilities Scheme, and small industry schemes will be distributed to 137 industrialists from Saurashtra-Kutch. He added that Gujarat is the fastest state in providing incentives, with the Industries Department working round the clock to speed up the process. Under the leadership of Prime Minister, Gujarat has attracted the highest investment in the country. He expressed confidence

that, under Chief Minister's leadership and with public cooperation, the state will continue to draw maximum investment and move steadily on the path of development.

In-charge Minister Shri Jitubhai Vaghani stated that industrialists and traders play a vital role in strengthening the state's economy through diverse products and business activities. He appreciated today's meeting with industrialists, held under the leadership of Chief Minister and Deputy Chief

Minister, aimed at resolving industrialists' issues on the spot and promptly addressing policy-related matters at the state level.

The event was attended by Additional Chief Secretary of the Revenue Department Dr. Jayanti Ravi, Principal Secretary of the Industries and Mines Department Ms. Mamta Verma, MLAs Shri Uday Kangad, Dr. Darshita Shah, Shri Durlabhji Dethariya, District Collector Dr. Om Prakash, other leaders and other senior officials.

## UP CM Yogi Adityanath Gifts Ram Mandir Model to Prime Minister Modi During Delhi Visit

(Gns).  
The Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Monday for detailed talks. Both leaders focused on Uttar Pradesh's development roadmap, governance standards and the long-term vision for growth across the state.

Officials later said the conversation between Narendra Modi and Yogi Adityanath lasted for about an hour. During this interaction, they reviewed ongoing projects, discussed future strategies, and examined how to quicken implementation of key programmes across Uttar Pradesh.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath

met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi to discuss Uttar Pradesh's development roadmap, infrastructure expansion, welfare schemes, and administrative improvements, reviewing ongoing projects and future strategies.

Adityanath presented Modi with a Ram Mandir replica created by Kunj Bihari ji during their meeting.

Yogi Adityanath PM Modi meeting focus on development roadmap

According to government sources, the meeting

was described as constructive, with development placed at the centre. Infrastructure expansion, welfare schemes and



improvement in administrative delivery reportedly featured prominently, as the state government aimed to align policies with national priorities.

The Prime Minister's Office confirmed on X that Yogi Adityanath met

Narendra Modi in New Delhi. The post carried two photographs that showed their interaction during the discussions. Officials indicated that direction received during this hour-long meeting would help the Uttar Pradesh administration bring its development agenda closer to Narendra Modi's stated vision.

Yogi Adityanath PM Modi meeting spotlight on X and Ram Mandir replica

After leaving the meeting venue, Yogi Adityanath shared an update on X about the interaction with Narendra Modi. Yogi Adityanath wrote that the Prime Minister's vision continues to guide the state's progress

## BJP's fundamental character is anti-democratic: Akhilesh Yadav

(Gns).  
Samajwadi Party National President Akhilesh Yadav on Monday said that the fundamental character of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is anti-democratic.

Alleging misuse of power, Yadav said, "The BJP is misusing its authority through the ongoing Socio-Economic Survey (SES). The NRC process is conducted by the Ministry of Home Affairs, but the government is using the Election Commission to carry out NRC-related work through the SES."

On Monday, hundreds of workers, leaders, youth, intellectuals, doctors, pro-

fessors, and religious figures from various districts met Akhilesh Yadav at the Samajwadi Party state



headquarters in Lucknow to extend New Year greetings and pledged to form a Samajwadi Party government in the state in 2027.

Yadav said that the BJP represents negative ideologies and does not respect

the Constitution or democracy. He alleged that the party makes false promises to the people and keeps the public in constant distress. "Since the BJP government came to power, people have been made to stand in queues," he said.

He further stated that the Samajwadi Party follows the path shown by the Constitution and is always ready to protect democracy. Describing the 2027 Assembly election as crucial, Yadav said the BJP government has

ruined Uttar Pradesh. "To stop the destruction and ensure the development of the state, a Samajwadi Party government must be formed," he added.

Yadav also accused the BJP government of betraying farmers, youth, women, and traders. He said that inflation, unemployment, corruption, injustice, and atrocities are at their peak under the BJP rule.

"The public is fed up with the misgovernance of the BJP government and is troubled by its dishonesty and plunder. The people will defeat the BJP in 2027 and put an end to its misrule," he asserted.

## Party workers must work hard to retain power in 2027: UP BJP President

(Gns).  
Uttar Pradesh BJP President and Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary on Monday said that to realise the goal of a developed India by 2047, all party workers must move forward with the resolve to retain the BJP government in the state in the 2027 Assembly elections.

On his arrival in Gorakhpur, the newly elected BJP state president was accorded a grand welcome by party office-bearers and a large number of workers. Overwhelmed by the reception, Chaudhary said party workers were paramount to him.

Addressing a welcome and felicitation ceremony and a meeting of the Gorakhpur region, Chaudhary said he had no words to express his grati-

tude for the love, affection and warm welcome extended by the workers. He said he felt proud and emotional to be among them.

Recalling his political journey, the BJP state president said the party had made him a councillor in 1989 and Deputy Mayor in 1990, and had fielded him as a Lok Sabha candidate nine times. He added that the party had entrusted him with the responsibility of serving as Union Minister of State for Finance for a second term and has now given him the significant responsibility of leading the BJP in Uttar Pradesh.

Chaudhary said party

workers are the strength of the BJP and the organisation is its identity. "It is our responsibility to further



strengthen the organisation at the booth level," he said.

"To realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a developed India, we must ensure a bigger victory for the BJP in the 2027 Assembly elections than in 2017. A strong and prosperous Uttar Pradesh

is essential to fulfil the vision of a developed India, and this is possible only under a BJP government," he said.

The state BJP president said Gorakhpur holds immense religious and political significance. "From this land, Yogi Adityanath has served as Chief Minister for two terms. He has transformed a backward state into a developed one, giving Uttar Pradesh a new identity in the country. Gorakhpur is also home to important religious institutions such as the Guru Gorakhnath Temple and Gita Press," he said.

Chaudhary added that there was a time when India's voice was ignored globally, but today, under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, the world listens to India seriously.

## 5.1-Magnitude Earthquake Hits Assam, Tremors Felt Across Northeast India

(Gns).  
A 5.1-magnitude earthquake struck Assam and parts of Northeast India in the early hours of January 5, 2026, triggering panic among residents who rushed out of their homes after being awakened by strong tremors.

According to the National Center for Seismology (NCS), the earthquake occurred at 4:17 am, with the epicentre located near Morigaon district in central Assam. The tremor originated at a depth of 50 kilometres, which

experts say generally reduces surface-level damage while allowing seismic waves to be felt across a wider region.

On January 5, 2026, a 5.1-magnitude earthquake struck Assam and Northeast India at 4:17 am, with its epicenter near Morigaon; the National Center for Seismology reported no immediate casualties, and authorities

continue monitoring for aftershocks near the Kopili fault system.

People in Morigaon and neighbouring districts

hours. Many residents left their homes in alarm and waited outside until the tremors subsided. The earthquake was felt across several parts of central Assam, though authorities said the situation remained under control.

Emergency services and district administrations confirmed that no casualties or property damage had been reported immediately after the quake. Officials continued to monitor developments as a precaution, given the region's seismic sensitivity.



## Amit Shah kicks off Pongal celebrations with 'Modi Pongal' in TN

(Gns).  
In an effort at making Prime Minister Narendra Modi closer to Tamil culture and shedding the saffron party's northern tag, Union Home Minister Amit Shah kicked off the Pongal celebrations with his participation at the 'Modi Pongal' organised by the BJP state unit at Trichy on Monday.

Attired in the traditional Tamil dress code of white dhoti and shirt with an

angavastram (long towel), Shah took part in the 'Modi Pongal' in which women cooked Pongal (rice with jaggery, milk and ghee) in 1008 clay pots. According to the BJP Women's Wing, the organisers of the event held at Mannarpuram in the city had drawn more than 2000 women.

Pongal, the single most important festival celebrated for five days in

Tamil Nadu in the second week of January, is considered the cultural expres-



sion of the Tamils. The saffron party has taken up the

festival as a tool to reach out to a wider section. For, the DMK has been holding 'Equality Pongal' across the state on the first day of the festival on January 14, the first day of the Tamil month 'Thai'. Along with Shah, Union Minister L Murugan, State BJP president Nainar Nagendran, women's wing national president Vanathi Sreenivasan and MLA, K Annamalai participated in the programme.



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## Editorial

### Too Costly

A new political slogan is travelling fast across wealthy democracies: affordability. It is invoked with urgency, often paired with the language of crisis. Voters are told that prices are out of control, that everyday life has become unmanageable, and that something fundamental has gone wrong. The claim resonates emotionally. But as with many powerful political narratives, the truth is more complicated than the slogan suggests. Prices have undeniably risen in recent years, sometimes sharply.

Housing costs in major cities, childcare, healthcare, and food have all become more expensive, creating visible pressure points in household budgets. These increases are felt acutely because they affect items people buy frequently or cannot avoid. Yet when examined in aggregate, incomes in most advanced economies have risen faster than inflation over the same period. Measured broadly, purchasing power has not collapsed. In many cases, it has improved. This gap between economic data and public sentiment reveals something important about how people experience the economy.

Affordability is not assessed through national averages or wage indices. It is judged through lived encounters: the rent renewal that jumps unexpectedly, the grocery bill that feels higher than last month, the price of entry into home ownership that seems permanently out of reach. People anchor their sense of well-being to specific prices, not to abstract comparisons of income growth. Politics thrives in this space between perception and reality. Calls to "fix" affordability often begin by correctly identifying local distortions ~ shortages, regulatory bottlenecks, or supply constraints that push prices higher than they need to be.

But these insights are frequently followed by policy prescriptions that promise immediate relief while ignoring longer-term consequences. Price caps, subsidies without supply reform, or pressure on independent institutions may feel decisive, but they often worsen the very shortages they aim to address. The deeper tension lies in contradictory public demands. Voters want higher wages, but also lower prices. They want rising asset values for what they already own, and falling prices for what they hope their children can buy. They want protection from market volatility, yet also expect abundance, choice and innovation. These goals cannot all be met simultaneously without trade-offs. Affordability, then, is not a single economic condition but a political mirror.

It reflects anxieties about fairness, opportunity and security more than it does absolute living standards. The danger is not that these concerns are illegitimate, but that they are channelled into policies that confuse symptoms with causes. The challenge for governments is to resist slogans and confront structure: boosting supply where shortages exist, removing barriers that inflate costs, and being honest about the limits of what policy can deliver without unintended damage. Otherwise, affordability risks becoming not a solution to economic frustration, but a slogan that deepens it.

## Morbi accounts for up to 90% of India's total ceramic exports

**Morbi Ceramic Cluster to Be Showcased as a Special Zone at VGRC Kutch-Saurashtra Region**

**Morbi's ceramic industry provides direct and indirect employment to approximately 9 lakh people**

**Morbi Poised to Emerge as a Leading District of Gujarat in the Polypack Industry**

Gandhinagar, 05 January 2026: Under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, Gujarat is gearing up for the second edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (VGRC) Kutch-Saurashtra region, to be held in Rajkot on 11 and 12 January 2026, with various programmes across the state. Among these, Morbi district has emerged as a key pillar of India's ceramic economy, accounting for nearly 90% of Gujarat's total ceramic production and ranking second globally.

Morbi's Journey from Potter's Wheel to Global Ceramic Hub

Morbi has today emerged as an important centre of the ceramic industry in India and abroad. In the early days, traditional pottery was practiced here, producing earthen pots, lamps, roof

tiles, and household clay utensils. The quality of the local clay and the skill of artisans gave Morbi's products a distinct identity. Subsequently, the wall clock industry was also established here.

With time, during the 1970-80s, the production of roof tiles and glazed tiles began, and gradually Morbi moved towards a modern ceramic industry. New technology, advanced machinery, and an entrepreneurial vision gave the city a new identity. Today, Morbi is globally renowned for the production of floor tiles, wall tiles, and vitrified tiles. Morbi's ceramic journey stands as an excellent example of progress rooted in tradition.

Morbi district of Gujarat emerges as India's ceramic hub

As part of VGRC, a special showcase of the Morbi ceramic cluster will be presented, highlighting advanced ceramics, value-added products, energy-efficient technologies, and the progress of the new Ceramics Park. The state government is proactively strengthening technology upgradation, automation,

renewable energy adoption, waste recycling, and logistics support for industries. Driven by the enterprise of Morbi's entrepreneurs, supportive government policies, and a strong commitment to quality, Morbi has emerged as a source of national pride in India's



ceramic sector.

Morbi's ceramic industry provides employment to approximately 9 lakh people

The ceramic cluster of Morbi district is the world's second-largest cluster producing ceramic products. There are an estimated 1,200 ceramic units located in Morbi district, with a total annual production of approximately 60 lakh tonnes. These units provide direct and indirect employment to an estimated 9 lakh people.

Various government assistance schemes

extended to beneficiaries over the last two years

Over the last two years, extensive and effective financial assistance has been provided in Morbi district under various government assistance schemes of the state government, which is proving to be a sig-



to public welfare and its vision of holistic development.

Contribution of approximately 80 to 90 percent in India's total ceramic exports

Morbi's ceramic industry is becoming a strong identity of Gujarat and India in

Morbi can also become the state's leading district in the polypack industry

Like the ceramic sector, Morbi district can also emerge as a leading district in the polypack industry in the near future. At present, a total of 150 PP woven product units are operational in Morbi district. Morbi's polypack industry currently produces approximately 5 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of PP woven fabric annually, with an estimated total annual turnover of ₹5,500 crore. The polypack industry presently provides direct and indirect employment to an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 people in Morbi.

Morbi district's wall clock industry holds a major share in India's wall clock production

Along with ceramics and polypack, Morbi has also developed a large wall clock and gift article industry, which accounts for the biggest share of India's wall clock production. There are approximately 150 to 200 wall clock units in Morbi district. This industry provides direct and indirect employment to an estimated 10,000 to 12,000 people, of whom 60% are women.

Made in Gujarat" brand.

## Urban Disconnect



urban address as politically permanent. Millions who migrate from villages for work consciously retain their voter registration in their native places, where family ties, land, and local influence still matter more than the anonymity of the city. In that sense, the draft rolls are reflecting a choice as much as an omission. The city functions as an economic space, while the village remains the political anchor.

When door-to-door verification takes place in urban booth areas during working hours, migrant

workers are often absent, rentals change hands quickly, and documentation trails reality. What follows is administrative logic, not exclusionary design. What the revision process is also revealing is the scale of a long-ignored contradiction in voter behaviour. For years, electoral rolls quietly absorbed duplication created by migration, as individuals remained registered in their native villages while living and working elsewhere. That arrangement was politically convenient and administratively tolerated, but it was never legal-

ly sustainable. The current exercise is, at its core, an attempt to realign the rolls with the principle of single, place-based electoral registration. The political consequences, however, are real.

Urban electoral strength depends not only on voter preference but on voter presence on the rolls. When large numbers are flagged for deletion in cities, established assumptions of political parties like the BJP about urban voting behaviour are unsettled. Parties with dense booth-level networks and constant voter engagement are better equipped to guide people through correction mechanisms. Those relying on past majorities or broad sentiment discover that organisational slack can quickly translate into electoral risk. Seen this way, the deletions do not represent exclusion but consolidation.

They mark the point

where administrative practice is finally catching up with social reality. Migrant voters are not being denied participation; they are being asked, perhaps for the first time, to make a clear choice about where their political citizenship resides. The discomfort this creates for urban centric parties like the BJP is understandable, but it is also unavoidable. But its outcomes underline a deeper institutional reality: India's political geography still lags behind its economic geography. Cities absorb labour at scale, but aren't sites of political belonging for millions who live and work within them. As migration reshapes India's cities, electoral politics will increasingly reflect this tension between economic movement and political rootedness. The draft rolls merely reflect where the vote truly belongs despite social mobility

## Development - World Bank and IMF

The artificial classifications of the World Bank and IMF at best serve their limited institutional purposes ~ to determine for eligibility of poorer developing countries for concessional loans, favourable trade terms etc., and for phasing these countries in or out of aid windows. They may provide a framework for organising global macroeconomic data but suffer from many serious flaws. They ignore inequality ~ the USA has a high per capita income of \$84000, but is a highly unequal country where the richest 1 per cent of households own almost 30 per cent of the nation's total wealth, while the bottom 50 per cent hold only about 3 per cent.

The top 10% own more than two-thirds of total wealth, and this share has increased steadily over the decades. In contrast, Japan, also an advanced economy, has low inequality. In our dream of Viksit Bharat, do we want an unequal society where a million billionaires account for 80 per cent of the nation's GDP? The classifications also ignore social outcomes ~ South Africa and Vietnam have similar income levels but vastly different inequality and employment structures. They ignore human development and economic structures, and cannot distinguish between a diversified modern manufacturing economy with a high skill base like China, an upper middle-income country, from Saudi Arabia, a high-income rentier state that is dependent on a single commodity, oil, and has very narrow domestic skill base.

A singly-commodity export dependent country has very different development prospects from a diversified economy, even though both may be at the same income levels. There are many such examples ~ South Korea vs. Kuwait, Norway vs. Qatar ~ all high-income countries yet vastly

different in diversification and skill. Nobody would advocate an economic structure like that of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait or Qatar for a Viksit Bharat. Vulnerability to external shocks, productivity growth and income and employ-



ment are all structural features invisible in income averages. They also ignore the capacity of the states to deliver public goods such as access to quality healthcare, education, social protection, etc. that depend not just on income but on state capacity and policy choices, which often lag income growth.

This brings us to the fundamental question, what exactly is development and what kind of development do we want for Viksit Bharat? True development must be multidimensional, encompassing not just purchasing power but health, education, opportunity, job, dignity, security, inclusion, and a whole lot of other things. Income of course is important as higher income levels are strongly correlated with better health outcomes, higher educational attainment, and greater state capacity. Even the UNDP's widely-reported Human Development Index (HDI) which gives equal weightages to income, health and education is imperfect because of this strong correlation ~ it automatically favours countries with higher income. As a single-number summary, income remains one of the most powerful predictors of

average living standards, and is necessary for development, but not a sufficient condition. Further, the Western concept of equating money with well-being is not relevant for India and many other countries.

Income gains do not

automatically translate into improved well-being without adequate investments in human capital and building institutional capacity. True development will shift the focus away from income growth to build a diversified, resilient, inclusive economy, not bound by the narrow definitions of outdated institutions like the UN, World Bank or IMF which have outlived their utility and are unfit to address the realities and complexities of a world that is unrecognisable to the one in which they were created. A State's performance is judged by the coverage and efficiency in its delivery of public goods, and for that we need not be a high-income country. It depends more on the state's capacity and vision more than income.

Poverty still prevails in India, but absolute poverty seen in the 1970-films of Mrinal Sen or Ritwik Ghatak is certainly a thing of the past. Nobody dies of hunger in today's India, thanks to the food security provided by the State. The quality of education in public schools falls way short of expectation, but almost all children attend schools where they get at least one nutritious meal every day. Quality of public health

delivery is way below optimal, but everybody has access to healthcare and thanks to Ayushman Bharat, families do not fall into poverty due to medical expenditure. Welfare benefits reach every household without leakage, law and order is generally stable, and good quality roads and electricity are available even in the remotest villages.

By and large, institutions function as they should, elections are fair and free, and press is freer than in most countries. All these have been achieved at a low-income level, demonstrating that income is a weak proxy for the well-being of citizens. Developed countries also offer all these and quality is an equal concern with them too. The UK National Health Service is in a deep crisis where patients wait for weeks if not months to get an appointment. The public healthcare systems in the USA, many European countries, or South Korea are under deep stress due to inadequate finance, as are their public transportation systems which are "on the edge of a cliff" due to shrinking funding. The abrupt collapse of institutional mechanisms being seen in the USA now make our systems feel vastly superior.

One may then question why we should be considered undeveloped just because our per capita income is low? Of course, this is not to say that we have no problem ~ starting with unemployment and issues of quality, the inventory of our problems would be a long list, but addressing them is aspirational and a continuous, ongoing process. While sustained high growth and continuous rise in per capita income remain central to the idea of Viksit Bharat, the idea of Vikas must go much beyond these. It must be the vision of a future in

## Why Republicans are fleeing Congress

(Gns).

The midterm elections for Congress won't take place until November, but already a record number of members have declared their intention not to run ~ a total of 43 in the House, plus 10 senators. Perhaps the most high-profile person to depart, Republican Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, announced her intention in November not just to retire but to resign from Congress entirely on Jan. 5 ~ a full year before her term was set to expire.

There are political dynamics that explain this rush to the exits, including frustrations with gridlock and President Donald Trump's lacklustre approval ratings, which could hurt Republicans at the ballot box. Rather than get swept away by a prospective "blue wave" favouring Democrats ~ or possibly daunted by the monumental effort it would take to survive ~ many Republicans have decided to fold up the beach chair and head home before the wave crashes. As of now, two dozen Republican House members have either resigned from the House or announced their intent to not run for re-election in 2026. With only two exceptions ~ Republicans in 2018 and 2020 ~ this is more departures from

either party at this point in the election calendar than any other cycle over the past 20 years.

There is also growing concern within the House Republican caucus that Greene's announcement is a canary in the coal mine and that multiple resignations will follow. As a political scientist who studies Congress and politicians' reelection strategies, I'm not surprised to see many House members leaving ahead of what's shaping up to be a difficult midterm for the GOP. Still, the sheer numbers of people not running tells us something about broader dissatisfaction with Washington. Many planned departures are true retirements involving older and more experienced members. For example, 78-year-old Democratic congressman Jerry Nadler is retiring after 34 years, following mounting pressure from upstart challengers and a growing consensus among Democrats that it's time for older politicians to step aside.

Nancy Pelosi, the former speaker who will turn

86 in March, is also retiring. Sometimes, members of Congress depart for the same reasons other workers might leave any job. Like many Americans, members of Congress might find something more attractive elsewhere.

Retiring members are attractive hires for lobbying firms and corporations, thanks to their insider knowledge and connections within the institution. These firms usually offer much higher salaries than members are used to in Congress, which may explain why

more than half of all living former members are lobbyists of some kind.

Other members remain ambitious for elective office and decide to use their position in Congress as a springboard for another position. Members of the House regularly retire to run for a Senate seat, such as, in this cycle, Democratic Rep. Haley Stevens of Michigan. Others run for executive offices, including governor, such as Republican Rep. Nancy Mace of South Carolina. But some are leaving Congress due to growing frustration with the job and an inability to get

things done. Specifically, many retiring members cite growing dysfunction within their own party, or in Congress as a whole, as the reason they're moving on. In a statement announcing his departure in June, Sen. Thom Tillis R-N.C., mused that "between spending another six years navigating the political theatre and partisan gridlock in Washington or spending that time with my family," it was "not a hard choice" to leave the Senate.

In addition, there are a few other factors that can help explain why so many Republicans in particular are heading for the exits leading up to 2026. The shifting of boundaries that has come with the mid-decade redistricting process in several states this year has scrambled members' priorities. Unfamiliar districts can drive incumbents to early retirement by severing their connection with well-established constituencies. In Texas, six Republicans and three Democrats ~ nearly a quarter of the state's entire House delegation ~ are either retiring or running for other offices, due in part to that state's new gerrymander for 2026. All decisions about retirement and re-election are sifted through the filter of electoral, and partisan considerations.

## WR COLLECTS OVER ₹155 CRORE AS FINE THROUGH INTENSIVE TICKET CHECKING DRIVES DURING THE PERIOD FROM APRIL TO DECEMBER 2025

**Almost Rs/-3 Crore Recovered as fine from AC Suburban locals**

In order to ensure hassle-free, comfortable travel & better services to all bonafide passengers over Western Railway, intensive ticket checking drives are carried out continuously over Mumbai suburban, Mail/Express as well as passenger trains & holiday special trains, so as to curb the menace of ticketless/irregular passengers. The highly motivated ticket checking team under the supervision of Senior Commercial Officers of Western Railway organized several ticket checking drives during the period from April to December 2025, thereby recovering an amount to the tune of ₹155.46 crore, which is around 49% higher than the corresponding period

last year, which also includes ₹41.26 crore from an amount of ₹15.54 crore was recovered through



Mumbai Suburban section.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer, Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, in the month of December itself,

detection of 2.51 lakh ticketless/irregular passengers, including unbooked luggage cases, registering an increase of around 42% over the previous year's December figure. Also, in

the month of December 2025, WR realised fines amounting to ₹ 3.95 crore through detection of 92 thousand cases. To prevent unauthorized entry in AC local trains, frequent surprise ticket checking drives are also being carried out. As a result of focused drives in AC locals, almost 91 thousand unauthorized passengers were penalized during April to December 2025 and ₹2.97 Crs. collected as fine, which is about 97% higher than the corresponding period last year. Such remarkable results are a testament to the dedication of Western Railway's commitment to curb unauthorized travel, enhance passenger experience and safeguard public revenue

Western Railway appeals to the general public to travel with proper and valid tickets.

## 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 construction of the 6th line between Kandivali and Borivali section, Western Railway has undertaken a block of 30 days from the night of 20th/21st December, 2025, which will

continue up to 18th January, 2026. Due to this block, a few Western Railway trains will be affected.

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

during the night of 06th/07th January, 2026 for the insertion of Point No. 103 on the UP Fast Line at Kandivali. The block will be undertaken on the UP Fast Line from 00:00 hrs to 05:30 hrs and on the DOWN Fast Line from 01:00 hrs to 04:30 hrs.

Due to the above blocks and suspension of the 5th line, some suburban services will remain cancelled, while certain Mail/Express trains will be regulated enroute. The detailed list of trains affected due to the block is furnished in Annexure-I & II.

## Kannan Pattambi, Veteran Malayalam Actor and Film Production Controller, Passes Away At 62

(Gns). Malayalam film actor and production controller Kannan Pattambi passed away on 4 January 2026 at around 11:40 pm, according to a social media post by his sibling, filmmaker Major Ravi. Pattambi was widely respected in the Malayalam film industry for his work both in front of and behind the camera.

The funeral was scheduled for 4:00 pm on 5 January 2026 at the family home in Njangattiri, Pattambi, in Palakkad district. Industry colleagues, friends, and admirers were expected to attend to pay their respects to the veteran actor and production professional.

Malayalam film actor and production controller Kannan Pattambi passed away on January 4, 2026, and his funeral was held on January 5, 2026, at his home in Pattambi, Palakkad district. He was known for his roles in films like Pulimurugan and as a production controller for directors including Major Ravi.



Born in 1964 in Pattambi, Palakkad district, Kerala, Kannan Pattambi appeared in several Malayalam films over the years, often in supporting roles that strengthened ensemble casts. His

notable filmography includes Pulimurugan, Punaradhivasam, Ananthabhadram, Odiyan,

Keerthichakra, Vettam, Crazy Gopalan, Kandahar, Tantra, and 12th Man. He earned recognition for his versatility and ability to contribute meaningfully to both commercial blockbusters and content-driven cinema.

In addition to acting, Pattambi had a distinguished career as a production controller, working on films directed by Major Ravi, Shaji Kailas, V. K. Prakash, and Santosh Sivan, among others. He

also took on responsibilities as an executive producer, coordinating complex production logistics and ensuring smooth film shoots.

Kannan Pattambi's death marks the loss of a familiar face and trusted professional in Malayalam cinema. His dual contributions as an actor and production controller created lasting links across films, directors, and production teams. From Pulimurugan to 12th Man, his body of work reflects a long-standing and multifaceted engagement with the Malayalam film industry, leaving behind a legacy that will be remembered by colleagues and fans alike.

## AAP MLAs Protest in Delhi Assembly, Atishi Pushes for Urgent Action on Air Pollution Crisis

(Gns). MLAs of the Aam Aadmi Party on Monday staged a protest inside the Delhi Assembly, flagging the worsening air pollution situation in the national capital.

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLAs protested in the Delhi Assembly, led by Atishi, highlighting worsening air pollution and its impact on public health, demanding stricter pollution control measures, and advocating for a coordinated approach with neighboring states, while the Air Quality Index (AQI) remained poor in several areas.

The demonstration was led by Leader of Opposition Atishi, who accused the

authorities of failing to respond with urgency to a public health emergency that affects millions of residents.



Leading the protest, Atishi said Delhi's toxic air posed a serious threat to children, senior citizens and people suffering from respiratory illnesses. She

underlined that rising pollution levels were not merely an environmental issue but a health crisis that required immediate and coordinated

en long-term health outcomes for citizens.

AAP demands stronger, coordinated measures

AAP leaders called on the government to implement stricter curbs on vehicular emissions, industrial pollution and unchecked construction activity. They also pressed for a coordinated approach with neighbouring states to tackle stubble burning, which continues to contribute significantly to winter smog in Delhi. The party maintained that piecemeal actions would not be enough and urged authorities to act decisively before conditions deteriorate further.

## Air India CEO Under Review as Tata Group Assesses Likely Leadership Change

(Gns). Tata Sons is weighing a change at the top of Air India as questions grow over performance and future direction. Group chairman N Chandrasekaran has begun sounding out potential replacements, even though current Air India CEO Campbell Wilson has a contract that runs until June 2027.

According to people cited in a report by The Economic Times, Chandrasekaran has already spoken with chief executives of at least two

major airlines based in the UK and the US. These conversations form part of a broader review of the Air India CEO role and the wider leadership structure across Tata's aviation portfolio.

Tata Sons is considering leadership changes at Air India, with Chairman N Chandrasekaran evaluating potential replacements for current CEO Campbell Wilson, whose contract runs until June 2027, due to concerns over performance and financial results, including a combined loss of Rs 10,859 crore for Air

India and Air India Express in FY25.

According to media reports, similar assessments are taking place at Air India Express, where CEO Alope Singh's term is also due to end in 2027. Tata Sons is said to be evaluating what kind of leadership is needed across all its airline businesses as they move from consolidation and integration towards the next growth phase.

Media reports quoted by the newspaper said Chandrasekaran, who also serves as Air India chair-

man, is dissatisfied with the speed of change visible to passengers and staff. The on-ground transformation and execution of plans are reportedly not matching expectations, prompting closer scrutiny of the Air India CEO position and the wider management team.

Air India's leadership has been under sharper scrutiny since a crash near Ahmedabad last year that killed 260 people. A preliminary investigation did not find defects in the aircraft or in Air India's engineering systems.

## Nagpur Murder Case: 22-Year-Old Ritik Patel Killed After Dispute in Kalamna

(Gns). A 22-year-old man died after a violent assault in Nagpur's Kalamna area, with police arresting six accused, including one minor. Officers said the incident started with a late-night dispute on Saturday and turned into a deadly group attack involving sticks, iron rods and knives.

The victim, identified as Ritik Patel, was outside his house on Saturday night, speaking with friend Tanshu Nagpure. A local resident, Mustafa alias Golu, who knew both, allegedly approached and asked them to drink alcohol. Police said the pair refused, which apparently angered Golu.

In Nagpur's Kalamna area, a 22-year-old man, Ritik Patel, died from

injuries sustained during a group assault involving sticks and knives; police arrested six individuals,

an argument reportedly began over personal issues, including girlfriends and financial matters. The quar-



including a minor, in connection with the murder following a dispute involving alcohol, girlfriends, and money.

Investigators said Golu allegedly forced Ritik and Tanshu to sit on a motorcycle and took them towards Kanji House Chowk in Mangalwari. During the ride,

rel grew tense, and Golu eventually dropped both men midway before leaving the spot.

Nagpur murder case: events leading to the Kalamna assault

Police said that soon afterwards, one of Golu's brothers allegedly phoned Tanshu and issued threats.

When Ritik returned home, Ritik told neighbour Salim about the confrontation. Salim then offered to talk to the other side and settle the matter, according to the police version of events.

Officers stated that Golu, the brothers and some associates allegedly misjudged this attempt as a challenge. The group is accused of reaching the area armed with sticks, iron rods and knives before launching a targeted attack. Ritik's family members tried to intervene during the clash and were also hit.

Nagpur murder case: attack details and injuries

According to police, Ritik was struck several times on the back of the head with weapons during the assault.

## Andhra NRI Software Engineer, Wife Die in Washington Accident Days After India Visit

(Gns). A Telugu couple from Palakollu in Andhra Pradesh has died in a road crash in the United States, leaving relatives in deep shock. Krishna Kishore and Asha were killed in Washington, while their two children were badly hurt. The family had returned to the US only ten days after visiting India.

According to information shared with relatives, Krishna Kishore, 45, worked as a software engineer in the US. Asha, 40, and Krishna Kishore were travelling with their son and daughter when their vehicle crashed in Washington. Both parents died at the scene. The children suffered serious injuries and were rushed to a nearby hospital.

Krishna Kishore, 45, a

software engineer, and Asha, 40, both from Palakollu, Andhra Pradesh, died in a car crash in Washington, US; their two children were injured, and the family had recently visited India for a trip with relatives.

Relatives in Palakollu said the trip to India had been long planned. Just ten days earlier, Krishna Kishore, Asha and the children had been in Palakollu, meeting extended family and friends. The visit was meant to give the children time with grandparents and cousins after a gap of several years.

The family then began their journey back to the United States, with a layover in Dubai. During the stopover, they welcomed

the New Year together. Pictures from the trip, now shared among relatives, show the family smiling at gatherings in Palakollu and at the Dubai airport before boarding the connecting



flight.

Community response to Telugu couple accident US

News of the crash has left Palakollu residents struggling to accept the loss. Friends remember seeing the family off at the end of the visit. One close family friend in Palakollu said, "They were so happy

during their visit just a few days ago. To hear this news now is beyond devastating," describing the disbelief felt across the town.

Members of the Telugu community in Washington, along with the Telugu Association of North America (TANA), are coordinating support. Local volunteers are helping the injured children with practical needs and communication. TANA is also working with relatives in India on arrangements for repatriating the bodies of Krishna Kishore and Asha to Palakollu.

Family members in India remain focused on the condition of the two children, who are still in hospital in the US. Relatives are waiting for medical updates from American doctors and officials.

## SC Denies Bail To Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam In 2020 Delhi Riot Case

(Gns). The Supreme Court on Monday denied bail to Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam in the 2020 Delhi riots conspiracy case.

However, the apex court has granted bail to other accused in the case - Gulfisha Fatima, Meera Haider, Shifa Ur Rehman, Mohd. Saleem Khan and Shadab Ahmed.

The Supreme Court will deliver its verdict on January 5 regarding the bail pleas of Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam, and others accused in the 2020 Delhi riots conspiracy case, who are charged under the UAPA and IPC. The court heard arguments from both sides, including the Delhi Police and defense lawyers, with the riots stemming from protests against the CAA

and NRC, resulting in 53 deaths and over 700 injuries.

A bench comprising Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice NV Anjaria observed that the evidence presented by the prosecution suggests a prima facie case against Khalid and Imam under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The judges noted that the materials disclosed a "central and formative role" played by the two, suggesting their involvement went beyond isolated incidents to a level of strategic planning and mobilization, Bar and Bench reported.

"The threshold under Section 43D(5) of the UAPA stands attracted," the Court noted, referring to the strict legal bar that makes bail dif-

ficult under anti-terror laws.

However, the bench clarified that this is not a permanent door-closure; both Khalid and Imam may renew their bail applications in one year or after the examination of protected witnesses is completed.

The Court simultaneously granted bail to Gulfisha Fatima, Meera Haider, Shifa Ur Rehman, Mohd.

Saleem Khan, and Shadab Ahmed. The Court emphasized that it had avoided a collective judgment, instead analyzing the individual role attributed to each person.

Those released must adhere to twelve specific bail conditions, with the Court warning that any misuse of this liberty would lead

to immediate cancellation.

The judgment also addressed a critical legal argument regarding trial delays. Justice Aravind Kumar stated that in UAPA cases, a delay in the trial process does not serve as a "trump card" that automatically overrides the law's strict safeguards against bail. He further clarified that "terrorist acts" under the law should not be viewed narrowly; the definition includes not only blatant violence but also actions that disrupt essential services or threaten the nation's economy.

The Delhi Police had strongly opposed the release of all accused, arguing that the February 2020 violence-which claimed 53 lives-was not a spontaneous outburst but a "pre-planned.

## Gas Leak Triggers Fire at ONGC Oil Well, Entire Andhra Pradesh Village Evacuated

(Gns). A gas leak at an Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) oil well in Irusumanda village, Andhra Pradesh's Konaseema district, caused a fire during repair work, leading to the evacuation of the village and power restrictions in nearby areas.

The oil well, operated by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, is located in Irusumanda village in the Razole area of Konaseema. Officials said the well had temporarily halted production and repair work was underway using a workover rig. During the operation, a sudden blowout released a huge volume of gas mixed with crude oil, shooting high into the air.

According to local offi-

cials, the leaked gas soon caught fire, with flames erupting at the site and alarming villagers and authorities alike. Thick

announcements through loudspeakers, instructing residents of three surrounding villages to avoid using electricity, switching



clouds of gas and smoke spread rapidly across Irusumanda and nearby areas, enveloping the region like dense fog.

As a precaution, authorities made repeated

on electrical appliances, or lighting stoves. The advisory was aimed at preventing any additional ignition sources while the gas leak and fire were being tackled. Villagers evacuated as

tension grips area

Panchayat officials and the local administration urged residents to leave the area immediately. Many villagers evacuated their homes in haste, while several also moved their cattle to safer locations. The atmosphere remained tense as people waited for updates on when it would be safe to return.

Emergency response and monitoring continue

ONGC personnel rushed to the spot to control the leak and contain the fire. The affected area has been cordoned off, and emergency measures are in place to ensure public safety. Senior district officials, along with ONGC authorities, are stationed at the site.

## Indore Water Contamination: 142 Patients In Hospitals; 20 New Diarrhoea Cases Found

(Gns). As many as 142 persons are currently hospitalised, including 11 in ICUs, amid an outbreak of diarrhoea caused by contaminated drinking water in Indore, while 20 new patients were detected during screening of over 9,000 people in the Bhagirathpura area, the ground zero of infection. Health teams examined 9,416 individuals from 2,354 households during an ongoing survey in Bhagirathpura, where six persons have lost their lives due to contaminated water, and identified 20 fresh cases, officials said on Sunday.

The outbreak is under control now, they added. Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr Madhav Prasad Haasani said a

team from the Kolkata-based National Institute for Research in Bacterial Infections (NIRBI) has



arrived in Indore to probe the health crisis. He said experts from NIRBI are providing technical support to the health department to contain the outbreak.

The administration has confirmed six deaths so far. Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava had put the death toll at 10, whereas

locals claimed that 16 persons, including a six-month-old child, died due to the diarrhoea outbreak.

Amid the outrage over deaths, the Congress staged bell-ringing protests across Madhya Pradesh demanding the resignation of senior minister Kailash Vijayvargiya over the usage of the word "ghanta" while responding to reporters' questions about the developments in Indore.

Vijayvargiya sparked a

row on the night of December 31 when he responded with the expression "ghanta" to a question by reporters on camera when asked about the water contamination crisis.

The Congress demanded a judicial inquiry and sacking of Vijayvargiya, who holds the Urban Development and Housing portfolios, since Bhagirathpura is part of his Indore-1 assembly constituency.

State Congress president Jitu Patwari threatened to launch an agitation on January 11 if the party's demands for rectification measures were not met.

He demanded registration of a culpable homicide case against Indore Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava and civic officials concerned.

## CDO held a meeting with the Road Safety Committee, ARTO made drivers aware

Mathura. Under the Road Safety Month, a seminar was organized by Sandeep Chaudhary Passenger Tax Officer under the direction of ARTO Rajesh Rajput with truck union officials and drivers. PTO made everyone aware about 100% adherence to road safety rules and regulations, expressway speed limit, and also administered the oath of road safety. PTO also advised to have two drivers on long distance journeys and also advised not to travel in fog in the morning.

On the other hand, ARTO Rajesh Rajput issued challans for 79 vehicles speeding on the expressway and also gave strict instructions to the drivers to follow the speed limit at the toll. At ARTO

office, Township Mathura, ARTO Rajesh Rajput and Neetu Singh distributed



CDO Manish Meena making ARTO Rajesh Rajput and Neetu Singh aware in INSET during the meeting.

pamphlets to the vehicle owners/drivers and other visitors who came to the office for fitness and made them aware about road safety rules and also elaborated on what precautions should be taken while traveling during fogAlso told

from.Information was also given about the importance of Golden Hour after the

accident.A meeting of the District Road Safety Committee was held today under the chairmanship of Chief Development Officer Manish Meena, in which the Chief Development Officer directed that the e-rickshaws operating unau-

thorized on the land identified near Vaishno Devi Temple in Vrindavan area should be stopped by the Transport and Police/Traffic DepartmentWill be visited and monitoring will also be done through CCTV cameras.Rotation wise duty will also be done by police constables at the said site. Apart from this, the Chief Development Officer directed the officials of YIDA and NHAI to install signages as per the standards on the black spots, which should be clearly visible. Regarding school vehicles, sir instructed that by organizing fitness camps, school vehicles should be made fit as per the standards and programs should be organized in schools under the National Road Safety Month.

## DPRO conducted surprise inspection of village Sahar of Chaumuhan

Expressed displeasure over bad tiles being installed in Panchayat Secretariat

Mathura. On Monday, District Panchayat Raj Officer Dhananjay Jaiswal conducted a surprise inspection of Gram Panchayat Sahar of Chaumuhan block. Expressing displeasure over the bad tiles being installed in the under construction Panchayat Secretariat in Sahar, the District Panchayat Raj Officer directed the concerned contractor to replace the bad tiles with good quality tiles. The DPRO took information



from the Secretary about the income of the sweet water RO plant installed in the Gram Panchayat and directed that the income earned from the RO plant

should be deposited in the account of the Gram Panchayat. He instructed the Panchayat Secretary to ensure that cleanliness tax is collected from the shops

located in the Gram Panchayat area and deposited in the Panchayat fund. DPRO Dhananjay Jaiswal appealed to the villagers to make the Gram Panchayat clean and neat. He made the villagers aware about the ill effects of plastic and also asked them to make the state of Braj plastic free. On this occasion, Assistant Block Development Officer Panchayat Navesh Kumar Suman, Panchayat Secretary Gopal Prasad, Principal Representative Vinod Kumar Soni, Premchand Sagar etc. were present

## Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Records Strong Momentum with 4.46 Lakh Unit Sales in December 2025Registers 45% YOY growth, driven by customer trust and commitment

January 05, 2026: Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) reported total sales of 4,46,048 units in December 2025, reflecting strong demand and the company's ongoing efforts to make mobility safer, cleaner, and more accessible for millions of customers. This includes 3,92,306 units in domestic sales and 53,742 units in exports.HMSI registered a 45% year-on-year (YOY) growth compared to December 2024. This performance reflects strong demand across domestic and international markets for HMSI's product portfolio. For the Year-to-Date (YTD) period of FY26 (April–December 2025), HMSI recorded total sales of 46,78,814 units. This includes 42,04,420 units sold domestically and 4,74,394 units exported, recording a 3% YOY

growth compared to December 2024.HMSI's Key Highlights of December 2025:Road safety: Aligned with its

campaigns across various locations including New Delhi, Jaipur, Solapur, Meerut, Bhopal, Ranchi, Rajkot, Goa, Calicut,

aged responsible riding and community awareness to create safer roads for all. Additionally, HMSI hosted a Road Safety Convention in Raipur, engaging educators to instil safe riding habits among children, building a culture of safety from an early age.Network expansion: Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India also expanded its presence with new authorized dealerships in Auraiya, Bengaluru, Delhi and Jhargram. The dealerships are supported by a specially trained sales and service team, ensuring personalized guidance and support, reflecting its commitment to customer-centric mobility solutions. As HMSI moves forward, its focus remains clear - delivering mobility that empowers customers, prioritizes safety, and contributes to a sustainable future.



vision of "Safety for Everyone," HMSI organized nationwide road safety

Rajahmundry, Ludhiana, Samastipur and Hassan. These campaigns encour-

## Deputy Chief Minister Shri Harsh Sanghvi's interaction with leading industrialists of Saurashtra-Kutch Region in Rajkot

**Deputy Chief Minister appeals to industrialists to participate in the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference**

**Under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, the Gujarat Government always stands with industries for the purpose of holistic development of the state: Shri Harsh Sanghavi**

**Deputy Chief Minister Distributes Rs. 956.51 Crore in Incentives to 10,435 Entrepreneurs; Distributes Approval Letters Worth Over Rs. 671 Crore to 137 Industrialists**

**VGRC to Become the Gateway to a New Era for the Industrial Sector of the Saurashtra-Kutch Region: In-charge Minister Shri Jitubhai Vaghani**

(Gns). Deputy Chief Minister Shri Harsh Sanghvi today interacted with leading industrialists of Saurashtra-Kutch region in

Rajkot. On the occasion, he reaffirmed that with the objective of the state's holistic development, the Government of Gujarat, under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, continues to extend full support to the industrial sector. He also urged industrialists to enhance investments in the state and contribute to accelerating Gujarat's development by actively leveraging platforms such as the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference.

On this occasion, incentive assistance worth Rs. 956.51 crore was distributed to 10,435 industrial entrepreneurs by the Deputy Chief Minister, and

approval letters worth more than Rs. 671 crore were distributed to 137 industries under various schemes of the Industries Department.



Addressing industrialists at the interaction programme held at the Rajkot District Collector Office, Shri Harsh Sanghvi said that when industrialists take risks and invest to fulfil the aspirations of thousands and lakhs of youth, the state government is equally committed to supporting them. With a proac-

tive approach, the government is continuously working to resolve industry-related issues so that businesses can invest easily, increase production, and grow. He said that Rajkot is Gujarat's growth engine and is rapidly advancing in investment, infrastructure, and industrial development. In the coming days, VGRC will be held in Rajkot and will be inaugurated on 11 January by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The conference will provide a major platform and strong momentum to industries in Rajkot and the entire Saurashtra-Kutch region.

Referring to the government's efforts to develop small industries, he said that MSMEs play a vital role in development. Therefore, under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, the state

## Complete Solution Day organized in Tehsil Chhata

**District Magistrate and SSP heard public complaints, resolved three on the spot**

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar heard the complaints of the complainants on the occasion of Total Solution Day organized in Tehsil Chhata. During the Total Solution Day, a complaint was presented by the advocates of Umbrella Bar against Accountant Jagveer Prasad, on which the District Magistrate instructed Deputy District Magistrate Umbrella Vaibhav Gupta to ensure necessary action immediately.

The Deputy District Magistrate informed that the concerned accountant has been removed from the post. In the same sequence,

the advocates demanded the demolition of a dilapidated water tank, on which the District Magistrate directed Deputy District Magistrate Chhata to take cognizance of the matter and ensure that necessary action is taken.

During the Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas, some media personnel, while presenting videos related to the Kotedar, complained that the Kotedar was distributing less ration to the beneficiaries than the prescribed quantity. On this, Deputy District Magistrate Chhata Vaibhav Gupta issued a notice to the District Supply Officer and Supply Inspector Chhata and gave instructions to take action against the concerned tenant as per rules.

During the hearing, villagers complained to the Senior Superintendent of



District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar listening to the complaints of the complainants.

Police that meat was being sold illegally in the Umbrella area. On this, the Senior Superintendent of Police instructed the police station in-charge Chhata and officials of the Food Safety and Drug Department to investigate and ensure immediate action.

During the Total Resolution Day, a total of 53 complaints were

received in Tehsil Chhata, out of which three complaints were resolved on the spot. Deputy District Magistrate Mant Ritu Sirohi informed that 40 complaints were received in Mant tehsil. Tehsildar Govardhan Sushil Gupta said that 24 complaints were received in Govardhan tehsil, out of which three were resolved on the spot. Deputy District Magistrate Mahavan Kanchan has informed that 20 complaints have been received in Tehsil Diya. Deputy District Magistrate Sadar/Joint Magistrate Abhinav J Jain informed that 12 complaints were received in Sadar Tehsil, out of which 01 complaint was resolved on the spot and the remaining complaints will be investigated and resolved in a quality manner

## Jaipuria Institute of Management, Lucknow inaugurates Winter School 2026 on 'Advanced Research Methods'

Lucknow, 5 January 2026: January 5th – 10th 2026, Jaipuria Institute of Management, Lucknow, formally inaugurated Winter School 2026 – Expanding Research Capabilities: A Deep Dive into Research Methods with a ceremonial inaugural session and the auspicious Lighting of the Lamp, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge, inquiry, and academic excellence.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Prof. M. P. Gupta, Director, IIM Lucknow, as the Chief Guest, along with the presence of Deans, faculty members, doctoral scholars, researchers, academicians, and participants attending in both offline and online modes. In his inaugural address, Prof. M. P. Gupta emphasized the growing importance of robust research design, methodological rigor, and

the use of advanced analytical tools in producing impactful and globally relevant research.

The Winter School 2026



is a six-day intensive academic programme designed to strengthen participants' research competencies across qualitative, quantitative, experimental, and mixed-method research paradigms. Over the course of the pro-

gramme, participants will engage in structured lectures, practical demonstrations, and hands-on sessions led by distinguished

academicians and industry experts from leading institutions. In the coming days, the Winter School will cover a wide range of critical research themes, including data collection and cleaning, hypothesis develop-

ment and testing, experimental research design, and qualitative research methods. Participants will also gain in-depth exposure to PLS-SEM using SmartPLS 4.0, conceptual framework development, interpretive structural modelling, critical discourse analysis, and multi-criteria decision-making approaches.

Specialized sessions will focus on contemporary academic publishing practices, including the role of artificial intelligence in research publishing and insights into the submission-to-acceptance process, offering participants practical guidance on publishing in high-impact journals.

The programme features sessions by eminent scholars such as Dr. Jogendra Kumar Nayak (IIT Roorkee), Dr. Satish S.

## Develop Ladakh as high-value tourism destination like Bhutan: Chief Secretary

(Gns).

The Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Ashish Kundra, on Monday stressed developing Ladakh as a high-value, sustainable tourism destination on the lines of Bhutan, focusing on quality tourism and high-spending visitors rather than mass tourism, while preserving the fragile ecology and cultural heritage of the region.

Kundra was holding an interactive session with JKAS cadre officers posted in Leh district. The interaction aimed at fostering open dialogue, understanding ground realities, and strengthening people-centric governance in the region.

Emphasising a non-hierarchical and open work cul-

ture, Kundra urged officers not to be constrained by rigid administrative structures but to think independently and innovatively in addressing public issues.

He laid strong emphasis on regular field visits, stating that unless officers reach villages and remote areas, it is difficult to fully understand the grievances and basic needs of the people. He highlighted issues such as mobile connectivity, access to essential services, and infrastructure gaps, and noted that local officers, being well-acquainted with the terrain and culture, are best positioned to bring meaningful change in their respective areas.

Stressing youth outreach, the Chief Secretary

underlined that the youth will shape the future of Ladakh and should be



encouraged to explore opportunities beyond conventional government jobs. He advocated promoting entrepreneurship, innovation, and skill development, particularly in sectors aligned with Ladakh's unique strengths.

Kundra highlighted the important role of Leh

Municipality in maintaining cleanliness, noting that Leh serves as the gateway to Ladakh and leaves a lasting first impression on visitors. He called for collective efforts to keep the city clean, organised, and welcoming. He emphasised the need for balanced and unified development of both Leh and Kargil districts, stating that inclusive growth across the Union Territory remains a core objective of the administration.

During the interaction, JKAS officers highlighted Ladakh's unique and valuable assets such as pashmina, orchards, sea buckthorn, and the potential for youth entrepreneurship in pashmina-related activities, aviation, hospitality.