



## Cynicism has no place in India's democratic progress: PM Modi

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said cynicism has no place in India's democratic progress.

Responding to an article written by Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri in an English daily, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in a post on X said, "India welcomes robust, evidence-based criticism that strengthens policy and protects reform."

"Cynicism has no place in our democratic progress! This write-up by Union Minister Shri @HardeepSPuri reflects constructive debate that can prove to be a boon for this new year," the PMO further said in the post on X.

Earlier, Puri said India's democracy benefits by criticism, but not by motivated fatalism by some "experts," who seem more guided by their politics rather than academic rigour.

"As we step into 2026, public debate in India should begin with a little New Year discipline, not by packaging insinuations, assumptions and shoot and scoot assertions as economic analysis," the minister said in a post on X.

Puri further stated that in recent years, a genre of commentary has emerged that reduces the work of reform to caricature, treats every imperfect transition as proof of permanent failure.

"The refrain is familiar and sweeping: India's data sets are unreliable, economic growth is not benefit-

ing the poor, there is crony capitalism, India cannot manufacture at scale, etc," the minister remarked.

He further stated that each of the above assertions do not stand the scrutiny of facts.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has chosen the harder path of execution, and it is the results, audited in numbers and felt in households, that will outlast any brief for despair," Puri added.

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scrutiny, even sharp criticism, but we should also insist that the argument carries responsibility. A republic of over 1.4 billion

through the unglamorous grind of design, implementation, correction, and scale. A New Year is also a moment to separate scepticism from pessimism," he observed.

"In recent years, a genre of commentary has emerged that reduces the

work of reform to caricature, treats every imperfect transition as proof of permanent failure, and offers a familiar consolation: India

is supposedly doomed by its own policymakers. That posture weakens trust in statistics and markets, encourages fatalism among entrepreneurs and investors, and hands outside actors a ready-made script for pressuring India in negotiations. Expertise must remain answerable to facts," Puri further stated.

"It is worrying to note that a few commentators, who boast of a strong professional and academic background, have resorted to such posturing. Some,

whom I have known personally and who have anchored their identity and credibility in India, are now trying to make a career out of badmouthing the country," he added.

The minister further highlighted that the charge that India's datasets are uniquely unreliable sits uneasily with the direction of travel. The GST created a national invoice trail and a compliance culture that simply did not exist a decade ago. Digital payments created another audit footprint. In November 2025, UPI recorded 20 billion transactions worth over Rs 26 lakh crore. These are large, verifiable systems, and they expand the space for measurement, cross-

checks, and course correction.

"Measured outcomes in welfare and inclusion further puncture this fatalism. NITI Aayog's National Multidimensional Poverty Index shows almost 24 crore Indians moved out of multidimensional poverty between 2013-14 and 2022-23, with the incidence falling from nearly 30 per cent to about 11 per cent."

"Direct Benefit Transfer tightened delivery, with cumulative transfers crossing Rs 45 lakh crore in 2025 and savings of more than Rs 3.5 lakh crore through leakage reduction over the DBT period. Financial inclusion is now a mass infrastructure, with over 56 crore Jan Dhan accounts," he added.



## Prime Minister's Vision of 'Health and Wellness for All' Gains Further Momentum

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel inaugurates the cancer screening van received as a donation by the Indian Red Cross Society, Bhavnagar, in Gandhinagar.

Gandhinagar, 08 January 2026: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel inaugurated the Cancer Screening Van - Asha Van, in Gandhinagar, which is vital for early primary detection of cancer.

This Asha Van has been donated to the Bhavnagar



branch of the Indian Red Cross Society by Jenburkt Pharmaceutical. The van is equipped with EVA-Pro diagnostics, a mammography unit, and expert tele-

liver cancer, breast and prostate cancer will be possible on-site through this van using ultra-modern instrumentation. This Asha Van will help strengthen Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's goal of "Health and Wellness for All" at the rural level.

This event was attended by MD of Jenburkt Pharma Shri Ashish Bhuta and office bearers of the Indian Red Cross Society, Bhavnagar branch, were present.

## "Swabhiman Parv" Commences at Somnath

Grand Commencement of 72-Hour Continuous Omkar Chanting at Somnath Mahadev Temple

Union Minister Shri Gajendrasinh Shekhawat ji, Spokesperson Minister Shri Jitubhai Vaghani, and Education Minister Dr. Pradyuman Vaja graces the event

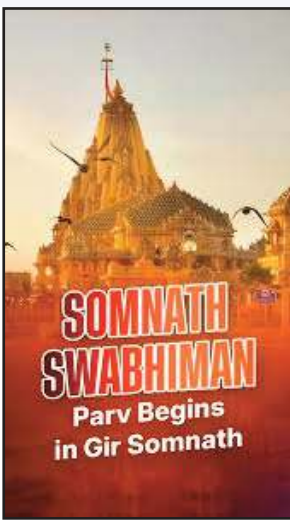
Omkar Chanting by 2,500 Rishi Kumars Creates Spiritual Aura Along the Arabian Sea Coast

Along with Somnath Mahadev, Shiva temples across the country resonated with Omkar mantra chanting

Gandhinagar, 8 January 2026: At Somnath, the first of the twelve Jyotirlingas and a symbol of national pride, Somnath Swabhiman Parv is being celebrated under the chair-

manship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. As part of the celebrations, a grand and divine 72-hour uninterrupted Omkar mantra chanting began before Somnath Mahadev on the morning of January 8.

In the presence of Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat 'Somnath Swabhiman Parv' was inaugurated. Along with Agriculture Minister Shri Jitubhai Vaghani,



Education Minister Shri Dr. Pradyuman Vaja, and Junagadh MP Shri Rajesh Chudasama.

The Omkar sound reflects inner awareness and awakens higher consciousness. Under 'Somnath Swabhiman Parv', around 2,500 Rishi Kumars from across Gujarat began 72 hours of uninterrupted Omkar chanting at Somnath, starting with a grand first session.

At the same time, Omkar chanting was also held in Shiva temples across Saurashtra, Kutch, Gujarat, and other parts of the country.

The continuous chanting of the Omkar mantra by the Rishi Kumars filled the atmosphere with spiritual energy.

Pilgrims joined the Omkar chanting with the Rishi Kumars in deep devotion. Union Minister Shri Gajendra Shekhawat, Minister Shri Jitubhai Vaghani, Education Minister Dr. Pradyuman Vaja, and other dignitaries also took part in the chanting and encouraged Shiva devotees to participate.

## Akhilesh Yadav slams ED raid on IPAC as political maneuver ahead of Bengal poll

In a statement shared via his WhatsApp channel, Yadav questioned the timing of the investigative agency's move, noting that it occurred just as the state prepares to enter a high-stakes electoral cycle.

(Gns). Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday launched a

sharp attack on the Union government, alleging that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) raid at the office of political consultancy firm Indian Political Action Committee (IPAC) in West Bengal is a "pressure tactic" designed to influence the upcoming state Assembly elections.

In a statement shared via his WhatsApp channel, Yadav questioned the timing of the investigative agency's move, noting that it occurred just as the state prepares to enter a high-stakes electoral cycle. "Even before the West Bengal Assembly elections start, the ED has once again knocked at the door," Yadav stated,

adding that the agency had "raided the premises of IPAC, the agency working for West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee." Highlighting the gravity of the incident, the SP leader claimed that Banerjee personally visited the IPAC headquarters following the raid.

## Mumbai Development Debate Returns as Mahayuti and MVA Face Off Ahead of BMC Polls

(Gns). Mumbai, often described as India's financial capital, is once again at the centre of a political debate over development

as parties gear up for the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) polls. Supporters of the ruling Mahayuti alliance argue that major infrastructure projects move faster under Devendra Fadnavis led governments, while critics

accuse the Mahavikas Aghadi MVA of slowing or stalling key works when in power. With the BMC election approaching, both sides are using Mumbai's development record as a key political weapon.

Mumbai Development Debate Returns as Mahayuti and MVA Face Off Ahead of BMC Polls

Mumbai's development timeline is often debated, with supporters of the Mahayuti alliance, led by

Devendra Fadnavis, highlighting infrastructure progress, while critics of the Mahavikas Aghadi point to project delays, particularly concerning the Metro 3 car shed issue and welfare schemes during the lockdown period.

Leaders backing the Mahayuti maintain that their governments revive Mumbai's image as dhavanari Mumbai, a city that moves with speed and purpose. They argue that delays in roads, Metro corridors and connectivity projects directly affect crores of commuters and businesses. According to them, interruptions in work are often driven by political rivalry rather than technical, environmental or financial constraints.

Mahayuti vs MVA

Mumbai development record

Between 2014 and 2019, when Devendra Fadnavis served as Chief Minister,



several long pending infrastructure proposals moved from files to execution. Projects stalled for years received approvals, Metro corridors expanded, planning for the coastal road progressed and construction began on the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link, later named Atal Setu. Supporters describe this phase as one of Mumbai's most decisive infrastructure pushes in recent decades.

Those backing the Fadnavis government say administrative clearances were quicker and decision making was decisive, helping shape a broader vision for transport and connectivity. They argue that the pace set during this period became evident when political leadership later changed, pointing to shifting timelines for tunnels, bridges and the underground Metro 3.

Under Uddhav Thackeray leadership

Critics of the 2019 to 2022 Uddhav Thackeray led Mahavikas Aghadi government allege that development momentum slowed considerably.

They describe the coalition as being driven by power sharing rather than execution, claiming that infrastructure slipped down the priority list as internal coordination became central.

## Mamata Banerjee To Be Arrested? ED Seeks Calcutta HC Permission For Action Against Bengal CM After I-PAC Raid

(Gns). The Enforcement Directorate has moved the Calcutta High Court after West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee reached the home of Pratik Jain during an ongoing money laundering raid.

The agency wants court permission to file a petition, claiming interference with its investigation and seeking protection to carry out searches without obstruction.

The matter was mentioned before Justice Suvera Ghosh, where the Enforcement Directorate counsel flagged Banerjee's presence at the search site. According to the submission based on the PTI report, the agency has

requested formal leave to place its complaint on record so the money laundering probe can continue smoothly.

Mamata Banerjee interfered with their money laundering investigation by visiting Pratik Jain's home and the I-PAC office during



The Enforcement Directorate (ED) approached the Calcutta High Court, alleging that West Bengal Chief Minister

raids at six locations in West Bengal and four in Delhi. The ED claims Banerjee's actions obstructed the probe under

the Prevention of Money Laundering Act and has requested permission to formally file a complaint.

On the same day, the Enforcement Directorate said it carried out coordinated searches at 10 premises linked to its West Bengal money laundering case. Six locations were in West Bengal and four in Delhi. The list included the Kolkata office of Indian Political Action Committee and the residence of I-PAC co-founder and director Pratik Jain.

The Enforcement Directorate described the operations as part of an ongoing Prevention of Money Laundering Act investigation.

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Editorial

Societal Oversight

The murder of a young man from the Northeast in a northern Indian city is not just a crime; it is a mirror held up to a society that still struggles to recognise all its citizens as its own. The shock lies not only in the violence itself, but in how familiar the conditions around it feel to those who come from India’s eastern frontiers. The slurs, the stares, the casual questioning of identity ~ these are not exceptions. They are routine. For decades, people from the Northeast have lived with a quiet, grinding burden: the need to constantly explain themselves. Where are you from? Are you Chinese?

Are you Nepali? Are you even Indian? These questions are asked with a confidence that would be comical if it were not so corrosive. They reveal a disturbing truth ~ that for many, the idea of India still stops at the Siliguri Corridor. This ignorance is not innocent. It is sustained by an education system that treats the Northeast as an afterthought, by media that parachutes in only during conflict, and by a political imagination that sees the region either as a security problem or an exotic postcard. When a population is reduced to stereotype, it becomes easier to deny its humanity.

And when humanity is denied, violence finds permission. What makes such incidents especially painful is their banality. There is no grand ideology required, no elaborate conspiracy. A remark, a taunt, an argument ~ and suddenly a life is gone. This is not the violence of riots or mass movements. It is the violence of everyday prejudice, acted out in narrow lanes and crowded markets, far from the glare of cameras. That is what should unsettle us most. Migration is often held up as proof of integration. Young people from the Northeast study, work and build lives across the country. They speak local languages, adapt to local customs, contribute to local economies.

Yet, they remain perpetual outsiders. The promise of mobility has not translated into the promise of belonging. Instead, it has exposed them to new vulnerabilities, far from the protection of familiar communities. There is also a cruel irony at play. India prides itself on diversity ~ of language, food, dress, belief. But diversity is celebrated only when it is decorative. When it challenges the dominant image of what an “Indian” looks like, it is met with discomfort, suspicion, even hostility.

The same difference that is applauded on cultural stages becomes a liability on the street. If we are honest, this is a failure of the national project. Unity cannot be built on maps alone. It has to live in everyday interactions ~ in classrooms, workplaces, neighbourhoods. It requires curiosity instead of contempt, learning instead of labelling. A young man should never have to assert his nationality with his dying breath. That sentence alone should shame us into reflection. Until the Northeast is woven into the Indian story not as a margin but as a centre, such tragedies will keep returning.

Somnath Swabhiman Parv – A Symbol of India’s Self-Respect

**Baanstambh at Somnath Temple Symbolises India’s Scientific Vision, Geographical Insight, and Unwavering Self-Confidence**

**Baanstambh Inscription Mentions No Landmass Exists Southward from Somnath Till the End of the Earth**  
**Somnath Swabhiman Parv Showcases Historic Insights for Participating Visitors**

Gandhinagar, 08 January 2026: The Somnath Swabhiman Parv, to be held under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, will serve as a national resolve linking India’s ancient and unbroken cultural legacy with the present and the future. Alongside the grandeur of the Somnath Temple, centuries of history are deeply interwoven. In India’s cultural and spiritual consciousness, the Somnath Temple is not merely a place of worship, but a living symbol of enduring faith, national identity, and cultural resurgence.

Organised at the Somnath Temple, a vibrant centre of India’s ancient

civilisation, spiritual tradition, and national pride, the Somnath Swabhiman Parv is a powerful expression of



India’s historical self-respect and cultural resurgence. In the context of this Parv, the special historical and symbolic significance of the Baanstambh located within the temple premises comes to the fore.

Facing the Arabian Sea within the Somnath Temple premises, the Baanstambh symbolises ancient India’s scientific thinking, geographical knowledge, and firm self-confidence. According to the Sanskrit

Knowledge Seekers Searching on Google for the Book ‘Somanatha-The Shrine Eternal’

**People are searching to learn more about the book mentioned by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his article**

**The book, written on the occasion of the Somnath Temple’s reconstruction, chronicles the history of our cultural and spiritual identity.**

Gandhinagar, 08 January 2026: It has been a thousand years since the attack on the Somnath Temple by the invader Mahmud of Ghazni. This assault by a foreign invader was akin to a direct strike on India’s identity. In the context of this thousand-year history, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi mentioned a special book in his article, prompting curious readers to search for it on Google.

This book is “Somanatha-The Shrine Eternal”, written by K. M. Munshi in 1951. It provides a historical and religious overview of the Somnath Temple. Following its mention by the Prime Minister, the book has become a focal point of discussion and reading, making it par-

ticularly intriguing to explore.

Gujaratis need no introduction to K. M. Munshi, a beacon of Gujarat’s pride. Beyond being a political leader, he was an accomplished writer. His works primarily focused on history, culture, and related subjects. Gujaratis are generally not very accustomed to reading books in English, yet even in English, much has been written about Gujarat and its history, and K. M. Munshi stands out as one of the foremost contributors.

Reading his works, such as Patan ni Prabhuta, Jai Somnath, Gujarat No Nath, Bhagna Paduka, and Krishnavatara Parts 1 to 7, offers not only insights into Gujarat’s history but also fascinating details about religious figures across different periods and regions.

In “Somanatha-The Shrine Eternal”, K. M. Munshi presents a historical and archaeological account of the Shri Somnath Temple, describing it as a symbol of India’s identity. The book explains

why this temple holds immense significance as a part of India’s cultural heritage. With the Somnath Swabhiman Parv currently being celebrated at Somnath, gaining an understanding of this book becomes especially relevant.

The book was published under Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan’s ‘Books University’ series, with the primary objective of blending the fundamental values of Indian culture with modern knowledge.

Munshiji wrote the first edition of this book in May 1951 on the occasion of the temple’s reconstruction and the consecration of the Jyotirlinga. The author himself acknowledges that, without claiming scholarly expertise, he completed the book in a very short time as a deeply devoted individual and a seeker of history, to present the history of Somnath to the people.

The purpose of this book is to impart higher learning and instil values. Through it, an effort is made to uphold human dignity and establish a moral order, enabling individuals to truly embody the divine.

The book is primarily divided into four parts:

The first part covers the mythological narratives and history of Somnath; The second part, Romance in Stone, explores architecture carved in stone; The third part presents evidence uncovered through archaeological excavations; The fourth part provides details from the writings of Muslim historians and various inscriptions.

The author describes Somnath as the Lord of the Soma and discusses the historical significance of the Prabhas region. Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, the temple—rebuilt repeatedly after destruc-

tion—has remained invincible. The book also mentions the sacred site associated with Lord Krishna’s cremation.

The book provides a detailed account of the invasions on Somnath—from the destruction by Mahmud of Ghazni in 1025 to the turbulent periods under Alauddin Khilji and Aurangzeb. Munshi portrays this devastation not merely as the ruin of a structure, but as a blow to the nation’s spirit.

A significant portion of the book focuses on Somnath’s modern revival. On November 13, 1947, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel took a solemn vow at the sea-facing ruins of the temple, which K. M. Munshi described as the restoration of India’s pride.

The book also includes reports of scientific excavations conducted by B. K. Thapar. This section connects the layers of ancient temples, inscriptions, and sculptures uncovered from the earth, offering valuable insights into the temple’s ancient architecture, mak-

ing it highly useful for students of history.

The new editions of the book describe the progress of the construction of the new temple, now known as Kailash Mahameru Prasad, which stands 155 feet tall. The book includes numerous sketches and photographs that vividly showcase Somnath’s artistic grandeur.

“Somanatha-The Shrine Eternal” is not merely a history book; it symbolises the unbroken faith of the Indian people.

According to Munshiji, Somnath is the Anant Jyoti, connecting India to its cultural roots across generations and inspiring a life lived with pride.

Just as the Ganga River rises in the mountains, flows through countless bends, and reaches the sea while preserving its sanctity, the history of Somnath, despite enduring struggles, has upheld its dignity and remained eternal—a truth vividly portrayed in this book.

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Grand Cultural Programme at Somnath Mahadev Temple Enchants Devotees with Soulful Shiva Worship Songs

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**Minister Shri Jitu Vaghani, Dr. Praduman Vaja, and Shri Kaushik Vekariya marks their presence in the cultural program**

**“Nagar Mein Jogi Aaya... Agad Bam, Agad Bam... Har Har Mahadev...”- Resonance of Devotional Songs Echoes Across the Somnath Jyotirlinga Temple**  
**Kirtidan Gadhvi, Jigardan Gadhvi, and Umesh Barot Showcase Cultural and**



**Sanatan Dharma Spirit Through Music; Sairam Dave Presents Literary Performance**  
Gandhinagar, 08 January 2026: On the first day of the Somnath Swabhiman Parv, a grand cultural programme was held at the premises of the Somnath Mahadev Temple. The event was graced by the presence of Spokesperson Minister Jitubhai Vaghani, Dr. Pradyuman Vaja, and Shri Kaushik Vekariya, among

other dignitaries.

During the cultural programme, renowned Gujarati artists Kirtidan Gadhvi, Jigardan Gadhavi, and Umesh Barot captivated the audience with devotional songs and bhajans dedicated to Somnath Mahadev. Their soulful performances beautifully reflected our culture, heritage, and Sanatan Dharma, filling the atmosphere with Shiva devotion. The audience joined in with claps

and chants, fully immersed in the music. Sairam Dave presented a literary narration highlighting the establishment of Somnath Mahadev, foreign invasions, the valor of our warriors, and the enduring strength of the Somnath temple as a symbol of our historic heritage.

The combination of soulful music, beautifully illuminated temple premises, and the divine Somnath Jyotirlinga created a truly spiritual atmosphere. Along

with devotional songs dedicated to Lord Shiva, the artists also presented lively garba performances.

The event was attended by Member of Parliament Shri Rajesh Chudasama, MLA Shri Bhagvan Barad, former MP Shri Mohan Kundariya, Secretaries Alok Pandey, Shri T. Nagarajan, Shri Dilip Rana, and Somnath Collector Shri I.A. Upadhyay, among others.

Grounded Ambitions

ty? The renewed interest in domestic passenger aircraft manufacturing is driven by necessity as much as pride. Global supply bottlenecks have exposed how

growing as fast as India’s. The logic for local production appears compelling ~ industrial jobs, technological depth, and a measure of strategic autonomy. But



fragile dependence on external suppliers can be, particularly for a market

history suggests that translating demand into a viable aircraft programme is far more difficult than placing orders.

India’s past efforts underline this challenge. Licensed passenger aircraft production in the early years built assembly capability but little design depth, while indigenous programmes targeting 15- to 90-seat regional aircraft struggled to move beyond prototypes and certification delays. Even today, discussions centre on short-haul, 70-100 seat platforms suited to domestic routes, not large mainline jets. These experiences suggest that the bottleneck has never been intent or engineering skill, but the absence of a mature supply chain, certification muscle, and assured scale.

Commercial aircraft manufacturing is unforgiv-

ing. It demands not only advanced engineering, but also a dense network of suppliers, globally accepted safety certification, deep capital buffers, and guaranteed long-term orders. Countries that succeed do so after decades of cumulative investment and costly learning curves. India is only now beginning to generate the sustained domestic demand that makes such ventures plausible, but demand alone does not create an ecosystem.

Partnership-based manufacturing is often presented as a shortcut. Such arrangements can deliver early gains in assembly, training, and limited localisation, but they rarely confer full technological control. When critical components and certification pathways remain external, vulnerability persists, and any commercial or geopolitical disruption can quickly expose these limits. There is also a danger in mistaking aircraft shortages for the core problem. India’s aviation stress is systemic. Pilot availability, crew planning, maintenance capacity, and regulatory oversight are already under strain.

Recent disruptions caused by planning failures rather than fleet size underscore this reality. Without strengthening these foundations, adding locally built aircraft risks compounding operational fragility. A more credible path lies in sequencing ambition.

Perils and promises

that while the new scheme offers tantalizing upgrades, it risks unraveling the very fabric of rural security if not navigated with caution.

To grasp the magnitude of this change, one must juxtapose the foundational architectures of MGNREGA and VB-G

G. MGNREGA, enacted in 2005, was revolutionary in its demand-driven ethos. It operated on a simple, enforceable principle: rural workers could request employment at their local panchayat and

the state had to provide it within 15 days or compensate them for the delay. Funding was overwhelmingly central, with the Union

government covering 100 per cent of unskilled wages and a significant portion of materials, ensuring that the scheme could expand organically with need.

This bottom-up model targeted the poorest. Most desperate households naturally sought it out, turning it into a counter-cyclical buffer against economic shocks like droughts or



(Gns). In the vast expanse of India’s rural heartland, where the rhythm of life still pulses to the beat of monsoons and harvests, a seismic policy shift is underway. For two decades, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) stood as a beacon of hope for millions, enshrining the right to work as a fundamental entitlement. It was more than a programme; it was a lifeline, guaranteeing 100 days of unskilled manual labor to any rural household that demanded it, backed by the threat of unemployment allowances if the state failed to deliver.

Now, with the advent of the Viksit Bharat-Guaranteee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) or VB-G RAM G, the government has boldly repealed MGNREGA, signaling a departure from a reactive safety net to a proactive engine of development. This transition, hailed by proponents as a modernization drive aligned with India’s ambitions for a ‘Viksit Bharat’ by 2047, has sparked intense debate. At its core lies a tension between empowering the rural poor through immediate relief and channeling their labour toward enduring national infrastructure. As we dissect this pivot, it becomes clear



## ‘We’re Going to Make a Lot of Money’: Trump on US Control of Venezuela’s Oil

(Gns). The United States is signalling plans for extended control of Venezuela’s huge oil reserves after recent military strikes and the detention of President Nicolás Maduro. US President Donald Trump has argued that directing Venezuelan oil output could bring major financial gains for Washington while placing the Latin American state under American supervision for many years.

Venezuela’s reserves are central to this strategy. The country holds about 303 billion barrels of proven crude, or roughly 17 per cent of global reserves, according to the Associated Press. Despite this scale, years of sanctions, weak investment and mismanagement mean Venezuela currently supplies only around one per cent of the world’s oil.

The United States is planning long-term control of Venezuela’s oil reserves, holding about 303 billion

barrels of crude, or 17 per cent of global reserves, fol-



lowing military strikes and the detention of President Nicolás Maduro; President Donald Trump stated that US energy firms would restore Venezuela’s oil infrastructure while overseeing sales and sharing earnings, potentially leading to indefinite control under a managed system.

In an interview with The New York Times, Trump indicated that US involvement in Venezuela will not end soon. Asked whether American oversight might

last months or a year, Trump replied that it could

continue “much longer.” Trump also said Washington has built a working relationship with interim authorities led by Delcy Rodríguez.

Trump has claimed that US energy firms would restore Venezuela’s damaged oil infrastructure without asking American taxpayers to cover costs. Trump argued that this structure could help push down international oil prices, create income for the US government and

inject critical funds into Venezuela’s struggling economy at the same time.

Venezuela oil exports under US and Washington supervision

“We will rebuild it in a very profitable way,” Trump said, explaining that the US would handle extraction and sales of Venezuelan oil while sharing part of the earnings with Venezuela. Senior US officials have echoed Trump’s comments, saying American control over Venezuelan oil exports could last indefinitely under a managed system.

Officials in Washington are also weighing partial relaxation of sanctions on Venezuela’s oil industry. The aim is to restart shut production and exports, but under strict US oversight. Plans include allowing some operations to resume while ensuring that decisions on sales, pricing and destinations remain under American direction for the foreseeable future.

## Russian Submarine Escorts Oil Tanker To Avoid U.S. Blockade Near Venezuela

(Gns). In the latest development, tension between the U.S. and Russia has grown because Russia sent a submarine to protect an oil tanker that the U.S. Coast Guard was following near Venezuela.

Tensions between the U.S. and Russia have escalated after Russia deployed a submarine to protect an oil tanker, formerly called Bella 1, near Venezuela, which the U.S. Coast Guard was monitoring due to suspicion of violating sanctions against countries like Russia and Venezuela.

The tanker, which is old and empty, was trying to stay away from American patrols. These patrols are meant to stop ships connected to countries that the U.S. has placed trade restrictions on.

The tanker, once called Bella 1, went to Venezuela to pick up oil but couldn’t complete the job. Even though it had no oil on board, U.S. officials began following it because they think it’s part of a group of ships that secretly move and sell oil for countries

under sanctions. These ships often use hidden or illegal routes to sell oil without permission.

According to reports,



the Bella 1 attempted to escape a U.S. boarding operation in December and sailed out into the Atlantic Ocean. However, since the Coast Guard continued to monitor it, the crew took steps to disguise the ship. They painted a Russian flag on its hull, changed its name to Marinera, and updated its registration papers to show Russian ownership. These moves appeared to be an attempt to seek protection under Russia’s flag and discourage further pursuit.

U.S. Pursuit Sparks Diplomatic Tension

Russia has reportedly expressed concern about the U.S. actions, especially the ongoing chase of tankers linked to its oil

trade oil freely.

Meanwhile, the U.S. continues to view such ships as part of a wider effort to bypass restrictions on sanctioned nations, including Russia and Venezuela. American naval forces have stepped up patrols in the Atlantic to track these vessels, many of which frequently change their names, ownership records, and flags to avoid detection.

This latest incident adds to the already tense relationship between the U.S. and Russia. What began as an attempt to intercept a single tanker has now become another point of conflict between the two countries.

Analysts believe the confrontation highlights the growing competition at sea, where both powers are using military presence and trade rules to assert control. As the Marinera continues its journey under Russian protection, it remains unclear how the situation will end - but it has clearly deepened mistrust between Washington and Moscow.

trade. Moscow is believed to have asked Washington to stop following the vessel, which has now moved away from Venezuelan waters. Russian officials have also claimed that the tanker is a civilian vessel and that the U.S. has no legal reason to intercept it.

Experts say Russia’s decision to send a submarine to accompany the tanker is unusual and shows how seriously the country views these maritime confrontations. It also signals Moscow’s growing frustration over U.S. sanctions that limit its ability to

## CM Omar Abdullah launches JK e-Pathshala, declares 14 districts of J&K fully literate

(Gns). Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday launched JK e-Pathshala — Direct to Home Channel-53, a dedicated educational television channel aimed at supporting school education, particularly for students in far-flung and remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir, marking a major technological intervention in the education sector.

The Chief Minister also launched two newly established digital studios, announced 14 of the 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir as fully literate, and dedicated 1,010 works completed under Samagra Shiksha during the year 2025–26 to the people.

Addressing the gathering after the launch at the Convention Centre here, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said that JK e-Pathshala represents a new beginning in the use of technology for strengthening school education.

Congratulating the School Education Department for the initiative, the Chief Minister said that if used effectively, technology can truly change the

lives of children. However, he made it clear that digital platforms are meant to supplement classroom teach-



ing, not replace teachers.

“This channel is not to replace the classroom or the teacher. A teacher and a classroom can never be replaced. Technology is meant to fill gaps and support learning,” he said, adding that the personal bond between a teacher and a student can never be created by any device or screen.

“Good teachers help even the weakest students cross the limits of their abilities. No technology can compete with a good teacher,” he said.

The Chief Minister stressed the need to continuously upgrade teachers’

skills and encourage them to use technology as a support tool. He also underlined the importance of

quality and regularly updated content on JK e-Pathshala and sought regular feedback from students and teachers to ensure the channel remains relevant and effective.

Highlighting the unique geographical and climatic challenges of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in its remote districts, the Chief Minister said that the channel would be especially beneficial for students living in isolated areas. “Our students can study in school and then continue learning at home through these channels,” he said. He also spoke about

responsible use of digital screens, encouraging students to use mobile devices for educational and knowledge-based content while discouraging excessive gaming and non-productive activities.

Stressing the importance of reading habits, the Chief Minister urged parents and teachers to instil in children the habit of reading books, newspapers, and magazines. “If we open the world of books for our children, we open a whole new world for them,” he said.

The Chief Minister expressed hope that JK e-Pathshala would be the beginning of a larger digital education ecosystem in J&K. He said that in the future, dedicated channels for each class could be introduced to ensure adequate learning time for every grade.

“No matter how advanced technology becomes, physical teachers will never be replaced,” he asserted, calling upon all stakeholders to work together for building a brighter future for the children of Jammu and Kashmir.

## Environmental Stalwart Dr Madhav Gadgil Dies at 83 in Pune

(Gns). Senior ecologist, environmentalist and writer Dr. Madhav Gadgil (83), who authored the landmark report on the conservation of the Western Ghats, passed away in Pune on Wednesday night.

Dr. Gadgil was a former member of the Prime Minister’s Scientific Advisory Council and headed the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP) in 2010. The report prepared by the panel under his leadership came to be widely known as the Gadgil Commission Report.

Dr. Madhav Gadgil, the 83-year-old ecologist and

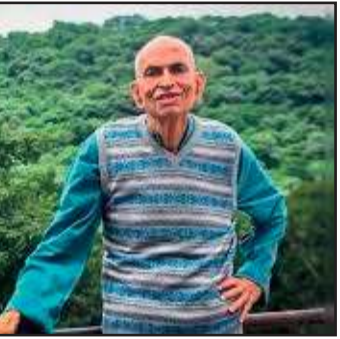
author of the Western Ghats conservation report, passed away in Pune; he led the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel in 2010 and also served on several national bodies.

Dr Madhav Gadgil Architect of Western Ghats Conservation Report No More

Born on May 24, 1942, in Pune, Dr. Gadgil completed his BSc in Zoology from Fergusson College, Pune. He went on to earn his MSc from

Harvard University in 1965 and later obtained a PhD in Biology from Harvard in 1969.

After returning to India in 1971, he joined the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, in 1973.



He served the institution for nearly three decades and held several key positions

before retiring in 2004.

Dr. Gadgil also served in various national bodies, including as a member of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and the National Advisory Council (NAC).

A talented sportsperson in his younger days, Dr. Gadgil set records in the high jump at the Maharashtra State Junior level and at Pune University in 1959 and 1961. He also represented Pune University at the All India Inter-University athletics competitions.

## ‘Not Mohan Baigan, But It’s Mohun Bagan’: TMC Slams BJP For Mispronouncing Bengal’s Century-Old Football Club

(Gns). A video clip of Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has gone viral after he accidentally mispronounced the names of Bengal’s two legendary football clubs - Mohun Bagan and East Bengal. The incident quickly turned political, with the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) mocking the minister and accusing the BJP of showing disrespect to

A viral video clip shows Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya mispronouncing the names of Bengal’s football clubs Mohun Bagan and East Bengal, leading to criticism from the Trinamool Congress (TMC), and drawing strong reactions from fans. The incident, which occurred ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to West Bengal, has ignited political debate around cultural sensitivity, referencing Mohun Bagan’s

historical significance since 1889.

In the short clip, which was shared by the TMC on social media platform X

BJP ahead of the Prime Minister’s upcoming visit to West Bengal.

In a strongly worded post, the party said that the



(formerly Twitter), the minister is seen referring to the clubs as “Mohan Baigan” and “East Baigan.” The mispronunciation immediately drew strong reactions from football fans and political leaders across the state.

TMC Takes a Dig at BJP The TMC was quick to use the video to attack the

Union Sports Minister from Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s cabinet could not even pronounce the names of Bengal’s century-old football institutions with respect.

The party’s post sarcastically explained that it is “Mohun Bagan,” not “Mohan Baigan,” and “East Bengal,” not “East Baigan.”

## Karnataka at 3% Fiscal Deficit: What It Means for State Spending and Borrowing

(Gns). Karnataka has reached the 3 percent fiscal deficit limit allowed under the Fiscal Responsibility Act, as higher borrowings support expenditure promised in the 2025-26 budget. Earlier, the state had projected a fiscal deficit of 2.95 percent of gross state domestic product (GSDP), estimated at Rs 90,428 crore.

The tighter fiscal space comes just as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah prepares for what will be a record 17th state budget, expected either in late February or the first week of March. Officials note that the upcoming budget will need to balance growing expenditure demands with limited fiscal room.

Karnataka has reached the 3 percent fiscal deficit limit for the 2025-26 budget, projected at Rs 90,428 crore, attributed to revenue shortfalls and increased borrowing, with the upcoming budget facing a balancing act between expenditure demands and fiscal constraints.

Finance department officials attribute the rise in the deficit to revenue shortfalls, with income growth lagging behind committed spending. The mid-term fiscal plan indicates that actual revenue collections have been lower than anticipated, even as costs for welfare schemes and guarantee programmes across departments continue to rise.

As a result, borrowing levels have increased. “We have begun preparations for this year’s budget, and the Chief Minister will have to decide on the approach for the next fiscal,” said Ritesh Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary (Finance). He added that

borrowings are expected to rise as the year progresses.

“While borrowings may touch Rs 93,000 crore in

the fourth quarter, and this year may mark the highest share yet.”

Singh noted that states



the upcoming quarter, as projected by a Reserve Bank of India (RBI) report, this is not alarming or unusual,” Singh explained. “Each year, our fiscal deficit and borrowings grow. Traditionally, 75 percent of annual borrowing happens

following different strategies to manage cash flow depending on past dues and pending bills. “Some states carry a two-month overhang from the previous fiscal year and may need to borrow heavily in the first quarter. Karnataka’s situa-

tion is more controlled.”

State Finance Management

Officials in the finance department emphasise that Karnataka maintains limited payment backlogs at the start of a new financial year. “Our overhang is around two weeks in the first quarter, and overall financial management has been prudent,” they said. Borrowings remain aligned with legal limits and planned expenditure.

Budgetary Implications With the fiscal deficit at the statutory ceiling, the 2025-26 budget will require careful balancing between welfare guarantees, routine administration, and debt management. Officials insist that while pressures are evident, all borrowing and spending decisions remain within the legal framework.

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## ED officer, who investigated diplomatic gold smuggling case, sacked for bribery, leaking raid information

(Gns). Enforcement Directorate (ED) Deputy Director P Radhakrishnan, who investigated crucial cases, including the diplomatic gold smuggling case, has been removed from service over bribery and leaking raid information.

The Union Finance Ministry issued an order giving him compulsory retirement based on complaints of bribery and leaking of official information. The President signed the order last Friday as part of the extraordinary step taken by the Union government against corruption and malfeasance.

P Radhakrishnan, a native of Thiruvananthapuram, was the officer who led the investigation into the controversial diplomatic gold smuggling case. However, serious allegations were leveled against him, including that he tried to settle the case when the investigation reached a crucial stage. It has been reported that BJP leaders had alleged at that time that he had colluded in sabotaging the investigation and leaking raid information.

The sudden halt to the investigation that had reached the Chief Minister's

office had led to major controversies. The main allegation made at the time was that the investigation's lack



of progress after the arrest of Swapna Suresh, M Sivashankar and others was part of a compromise.

Despite being promoted and transferred to Chennai, to complete the investigation of the case, he remained in Kochi. Later, he looked into some matters, including the Karuvannur bank fraud case, but was not given any major responsibilities. Meanwhile, an internal investigation conducted by the Ministry of Finance found that there was merit in the complaints against him, including allegations of bribery and information leakage. Based on this, it was recommended that he be dismissed from service.

P Radhakrishnan has been subjected to a rare disciplinary procedure against senior officials in the

leadership of the administration had raised serious doubts. There were intelligence reports that there had been a failure to collect many crucial pieces of evidence and that he had helped the accused destroy evidence by leaking information through intermediaries before the raid was conducted. It is learnt that the BJP state leadership had approached the Union Finance Ministry several times with complaints that the investigation into the case was being sabotaged. They had alleged that the case was sabotaged due to an unholy collusion between some officials of the investigating agencies and some in the ruling party. Swapna Suresh had later revealed that a bribe of Rs 30 crore was taken to settle the gold smuggling case. It was in the backdrop of these allegations that the Intelligence Bureau conducted a detailed investigation and filed a report against Radhakrishnan. Such strict action against top officials of the ED itself is being seen as a move by the central government to restore the credibility of the force.

central government service. The compulsory retirement was carried out under Fundamental Rule 56(j), a provision that empowers the central government to remove officials from service for alleged corruption or inefficiency in the public interest. P Radhakrishnan played a major role in the investigation of the diplomatic gold smuggling case. He was at the forefront of interrogating and arresting former principal secretary to the Chief Minister M Sivashankar and Swapna Suresh. However, the unexpected slowdown at a time when it seemed that the investigation would extend to the UAE consulate and the top political

## Ashiana Station House Officer takes strict stance, hooliganism will not be tolerated in the area, Immediate FIR ordered against the accused

Lucknow. In the case of alleged death threats made by goons against the chairman of the weekly market committee, the Ashiana Station House Officer (SHO) has not only ordered immediate action but has also demonstrated his deep sensitivity towards maintaining peace and order and respecting public sentiment in the area. This action is a testament to the proactive and decisive work style for which he is known throughout the region.

Following a written complaint from Mohammad Nadeem Siddiqui, the committee chairman and his team met with the SHO today. During the meeting, the SHO, without any delay, issued instructions for immediate action. He clearly instructed the Bangla Bazaar outpost in-charge

to register a case immediately and ensure strict and lawful action against the accused goons.

The SHO raised an important and sensitive issue with the market committee. He stated that the area has been extremely peaceful and a VIP area for many years. The sudden establishment of the market has given rise to various concerns and objections among local residents regarding overcrowding and disorder.

Demonstrating his foresight, the SHO clearly told the committee chairman that no one creating a disturbance or disrupting the peace would be tolerated.

He urged the committee to operate the market in a peaceful manner and in cooperation with the local



residents.

The market committee fully agreed with the SHO's constructive and balanced approach. The committee assured him that there would be no further disturbances in the market. They

pledged that if anyone creates a disturbance, the committee itself would take action first and then hand them over to the police.

The SHO also assured the committee that they would be given proper guidance and full cooperation in accordance with the orders of senior officers. He emphasized that if the local residents raise any objections, a solution would be found through dialogue, keeping their interests in mind. Thus, the station house officer has successfully demonstrated his promptness in taking strict action against the bullies in a single case and his sincerity and commitment to protecting the peaceful lives of the general public. This action highlights his work ethic and leadership abilities.

## Rajnikant Dubey becomes the voice of lawyers in the Bar Council elections!

**Rajnikant Dubey: Identity through struggle, not promises, but intentions!**

Correspondent, Lucknow. Rajnikant Dubey, who fights for the rights of lawyers and challenges the political maneuvering of the Bar Council, is in the fray. Whenever the disappointing story of candidates winning the Uttar Pradesh Bar Council elections, becoming government lawyers, and abandoning grassroots issues is repeated, this face has emerged with the resolve to break all these conventions.

The race for candidates in the Uttar Pradesh Bar Council elections is underway, but as always, after a barrage of grand promises, lawyers are left with only disappointment.

This is the pain that

Rajnikant Dubey has made lawyers last time is proof of



his issue. He has directly attacked the anomaly where lawyers win elections but abandon their members' issues and turn towards power by becoming government lawyers.

The fact that all seven winning lawyers from the capital became government

this bitter reality, due to which the issues of the lawyers remained unresolved.

Key demands include 33% reservation for women, ensuring adequate representation for women lawyers, and providing financial support to junior

lawyers, securing government assistance so that new lawyers can practice law with ease. He also raised the issue of the Chief Minister's unfulfilled promise of assistance. Improving the economic condition of lawyers is another priority.

In this election atmosphere, Rajnikant Dubey has made a big and courageous announcement. He has clearly stated that whether the issues of lawyers are small or big... all issues are his own issues. Dubey has firmly resolved to stand by all the burning issues, such as 33% reservation and the economic condition of lawyers. He has promised to fulfill all the promises in his manifesto with complete honesty after winning

tion of the repair work, people have breathed a sigh of relief, and there is hope for a return to normalcy in the area.

Thanks to the coordinated efforts of the Water Corporation, the Water Supply Department, and Suez, the Tedhi Pulia area is once again moving towards normalcy, assuring citizens of safe travel and improved facilities.

## Repair of Road Collapse at Tedhi Pulia Completed; Suez's Prompt Action Paves the Way for Traffic Restoration

Lucknow: The repair work of the road collapse in the Tedhi Pulia area has been successfully completed by the Suez team, adhering to all safety standards. The road collapse was caused by work related to the renovation of the sewer pipeline in the Vikas Nagar area, which was being carried out by another contracting agency and involved temporarily blocking the water flow.

Suez's Public Relations Officer, Akshat Saxena, stated that the repair work was carried out with utmost caution and using all necessary safety equipment. He said, "The sinkhole at Tedhi Pulia was quite deep, so our team worked while strictly following all safety protocols. The completion of the repairs has brought significant relief to the residents of Jankipuram Sector H, Sector I, Sector F,

Gudamba, and 60 Feet Road. More than 10,000 families have been relieved of this problem, and it is expected that traffic will return to normal in the coming days."

According to local residents, traffic in the Tedhi Pulia market and surrounding areas was disrupted for several weeks due to the road collapse, affecting daily life and business activities. With the comple-

## Congress to launches "MNREGA Bachao Sangram" in Rajasthan on Saturday

(Gns). The principal Opposition party, Congress, has announced the launch of a statewide campaign — "MNREGA Bachao Sangram" — in Rajasthan from January 10 to defend the Right to Employment for the rural poor.

The decision, on the directives from the AICC, was taken at a meeting of the extended state executive of the party here Thursday that was presided over by PCC president Govind Singh Dotasra and attended by the LoP Rajasthan, Tika Ram Jolly, former Speaker Dr CP Joshi and many prominent state leaders.

Announcing a detailed

schedule of the campaign after the meeting, Dotasra said that a number of pro-

Besides this, the party cadres will go door to door to evoke awareness over



grammes will be held from state level to the district and block level throughout Rajasthan between January 10 and February 6.

the importance and impact of this anti-poor move taken by the Modi government. Booth level incharge of the party would also be

given the task to work as MNREGA Warrior".

Party MPs, MLAs, office bearers and members of the executive committee and other party functionaries who attended the meeting were directed to work proactively to make the agitation a grand success.

It meant to protest the Modi government's act of killing the mega programme that was brought and promulgated by the then Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh on proposal of the Sonia Gandhi led erstwhile NAC. This action has robbed the poor of their livelihood and the right to employment, Dotasra said.

## District Magistrate took the meeting of District Health Committee

Mathura. The meeting of the District Health Committee was held under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh. In the meeting, the District Magistrate took information regarding Janani Suraksha Yojana. In relation to the Janani Suraksha Yojana, the District Magistrate gave instructions to ensure timely payment to the beneficiaries in all the community health units of the district including District Women's Hospital, District Hospital.

During the meeting, the progress of OPD was reviewed by the District Magistrate and the concerned officers were directed not to show any laxity in

providing better, quality and prompt health services to the general public. Various

pregnant women for maternal and child health, regular monitoring of newborns



points were reviewed in the meeting in which instructions were given to ensure 100% vaccination and to update all the records related to vaccination online. Emphasis was laid on ensuring proper care of

and reducing infant mortality rate. Instructions were given to promote TB testing, be vigilant against seasonal diseases like dengue and chikungunya and ensure timely treatment. The District Magistrate also

directed the hospital management to start facilities like CT/MRI in the district hospitals. Instructions were given to ensure timely availability of medical equipment and essential medicines. Instructions were given to strengthen the treatment arrangements in Primary and Community Health Centers (PHC/CHC) so that the common people do not have to wander elsewhere unnecessarily. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Radhavallabh, CMS District Hospital ACMO Neeraj Aggarwal were present in the meeting.

## Inauguration of the 58th two-day conference of Uttar Pradesh Secondary Education Association

**Education union leaders and teachers welcoming MP Hema Malini on the stage**

**the two-day conference was inaugurated by Union Minister of State along with MP Hema and Mangalayatan Vice Chancellor.**

MathuraThe 58th two-day conference of Uttar Pradesh Secondary Education Association was inaugurated by the chief guest, Honorable MP Smt. hema Malini ji by lighting the lamp in front of Mother Saraswati and garlanding Lord Krishna. Along with this, the students of Kishori Raman Girls Inter College sang Saraswati Vandana and everyone saluted Mother Sharda. on this occasion, State President Suresh Kumar Tripathi, Leader of Teachers Team Dhruv Tripathi, Kishori Raman College teacher and program coordinator Sanjay Pachauri and College Principal and co-coordinator Muralidhar Sharma etc. welcomed the chief guest MP Smt. hema Malini by giving her flowers and corsages and welcome by the girl studentsIt was

done by singing.Teachers from different districts of

Because somewhere art is also achieved with the



Teachers welcoming Union Minister of State SP Baghel

the state participated enthusiastically in this conference. the 48th Rajyagna Annual Number Book of Uttar Pradesh Secondary Association was also released by the Chief Guest MP Smt. Hema Malini.

Uttar Pradesh Secondary Association State President Suresh Kumar Tripathi said that from time to time, guest Mrs. Hema Malini has given education related help and blessings to many schools of the district. He described the MP as a world renowned artist as well as a best teacher.

coordination of education. Tripathi ji, on behalf of the entire teacher community present, expressed his gratitude to guest MP Smt. Hema Malini that she herself has stood with the teachers as a voice.

Guest MP Smt. Hema Malini, while addressing the gathering with Radhe-Radhe, felt honored and proud while welcoming and congratulating the entire teacher community who have come from different areas of the state. He further said that teachers are the foundation of the society and the architects of the future of the nation. It is

## Bar Association honored Upmanyu, Alka and other distinguished people

**Bar Association President Pradeep Sharma, Secretary Shiv Kumar Sharma honored Mr. Upmanyu, Mrs. Alka and other distinguished people by giving them citations and appreciation letters in the Bar Office.**

Mathura. National Vice President of NUJI and Braj Press Club President Dr. Kamakant Upmanyu Advocate, Special DCC POC SO Smt. Alka Upmanyu, former Assistant Commissioner Cell Tax and Advocate Ponia and other distinguished people were honored with citation by Mathura Bar Association. Mathura Bar Association President Pradeep

Sharma, Secretary Shiv Kumar Sharma honored Mr. Upmanyu, Mrs. Alka and other distinguished people in the Bar office by giving them citations and

for getting a big water cooler installed in the Mathura court premises, cement bench for the litigants to sit and the directory published by the



appreciation letters. In the appreciation letter given to Shriupmanyu by the Bar Association, he has provided special support

Mathura Bar Association. For this, he was given a certificate of appreciationWas praised and honored.

Manveer Singh and Muralidhar remained shy. On this occasion, leader of teacher group M.L. C.dhruv Kumar Tripathi, Kunwar Narendra Singh, Jagveer Kishore Jain, Janardan Sharma, Pramod Mishra, District President Virendra Upadhyay. District Minister Anil Singh Chhonkar, Umesh Saraswat, DrMukesh Sharma, Treasurer Mukesh Sharma, Balkishan Chaturvedi and Pankaj Pachauri etc. were present.