



PM Modi to Start Working from New Office on January 14 Makar Sankranti

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to move into a new office on Makar Sankranti, January 14, shifting the Prime Minister's Office from South Block to the newly built 'Seva Teerth' complex under the Central Vista Redevelopment Project, a move that ends the PMO's continuous presence in South Block since 1947 and reshapes the core of India's administrative zone.

The change comes as part of a larger redesign of central government spaces in New Delhi, with South and North Blocks set to be turned into a public museum named 'Yuge Yugeen Bharat Sangrahalaya', reflecting a move towards public access while key decision-making offices

relocate to a modern zone known as the Executive Enclave.

The 'Seva Teerth' complex has been planned to bring together the Prime Minister's Office, the Cabinet Secretariat and the National Security Council Secretariat, with each institution placed in its own separate building to streamline operations while keeping functions distinct, and the name underlines a theme of duty and public 'service' (seva) at the heart of its design.

The building that will now host the PMO is called 'Seva Teerth-1' and includes upgraded work areas along with large ceremonial halls, while 'Seva Teerth 2' already houses the Cabinet Secretariat after a shift in September

last year and 'Seva Teerth-3' has been planned to accommodate the office of the National Security Advisor under the same secure campus.

Cost, scale and layout of the Seva Teerth PMO complex

The entire Executive Enclave, including 'Seva Teerth', is being constructed by Larsen & Toubro at a cost of Rs 1,189 crore and covers 2,26,203 sq ft, and a separate official residence for the Prime Minister, temporarily labelled "Executive Enclave Part 2", is also rising nearby as part of the same redevelopment cluster.

Details of the new zone highlight the scale of the

project and its layout within the Central Vista area, with

Project Element Detail

2,26,203 sq ft

PMO building

'Seva Teerth-1'

Cabinet Secretariat building 'Seva Teerth 2'

NSCS / NSA building 'Seva Teerth-3'

Future museum 'Yuge Yugeen Bharat Sangrahalaya'

The transformation of South and North Blocks into 'Yuge Yugeen Bharat Sangrahalaya' is moving forward after an agreement signed on December 19, 2024, with France's Museum Development Agency for technical cooperation on planning and development,

Total project cost Rs 1,189 crore

Executive Enclave area

bringing foreign expertise into how the former government offices will be curated for visitors.

The shift to 'Seva Teerth' aligns with Prime Minister Modi's stated effort to reduce symbols of colonial rule in central Delhi, the same approach that saw Rajpath renamed Kartavya Path, and the new location and naming pattern underscore a preference for terms linked to duty, responsibility and public service within the Central Vista Redevelopment Project.

Alongside the Executive Enclave, the Union government is building a series of Common Central Secretariat buildings to

gather ministries that are now scattered across Delhi into fewer, purpose-built structures, and Kartavya Bhawan, inaugurated in August last year, already hosts several ministries as part of that administrative consolidation plan.

With the PMO moving into 'Seva Teerth-1', the Cabinet Secretariat settled in 'Seva Teerth 2', and the National Security Council Secretariat expected in 'Seva Teerth-3', the Central Vista Redevelopment Project advances another stage, reshaping where top decisions are taken while older colonial-era offices prepare for a new role as 'Yuge Yugeen Bharat Sangrahalaya'.



Growing resistance to antibiotic medicines is very serious threat to our society & to all of humanity: HM Shah

(Gns). Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is a 'silent disaster', to tackle it, a clear roadmap, timely treatment, and spreading awareness to every individual are essential.

Shah laid the foundation stone of the BSL-4 Bio-Containment Facility of the Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre in Gandhinagar, the capital of Gujarat.

Addressing the gathering, the Union Home Minister said, "The growing resistance to antibiotic medicines is a very serious threat to our society and to all of humanity. It is like a 'silent disaster'."

He said AMR is a major crisis for the entire society,

be to prevent infections and to keep antibiotics safe for

has been unprecedented growth in the field of biotechnology in over the past 11 years.

"We have achieved significant success in the bio sector and there is immense potential in this area," Shah said.

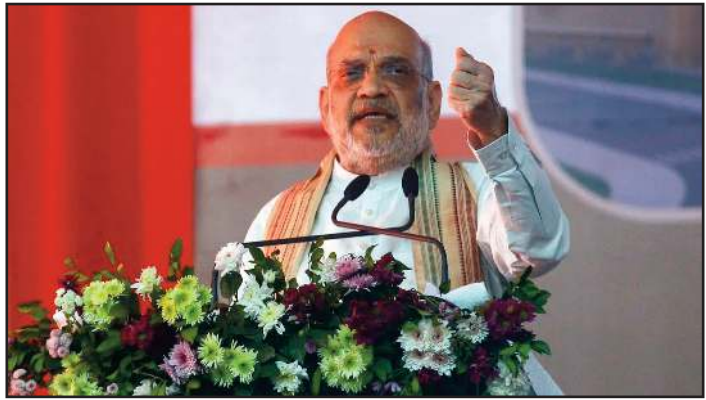
He noted in 2014, India's bio-economy was worth USD 10 billion, and by the end of the financial year 2024, it had grown to USD 166 billion.

Shah added that a 17-fold growth in just 10 years shows that India's youth and entrepreneurs can achieve great success in the bio-economy sector, provided they receive support from the government and the necessary infrastructure.

future generations," the Union Home Minister said.

Shah added that development and science are not against heritage; both are the needs of the nation's people, and both can move forward together.

The Minister noted there



and in the coming days it will also become a cause of widespread transmission affecting future generations.

"To tackle AMR, a clear roadmap, timely treatment, and spreading awareness to every individual are essential. Our goal should

Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany Mr. Friedrich Merz's India-Gujarat visit concludes

Governor and Chief Minister Gave A Warm Farewell to Mr. Friedrich Merz

Gandhinagar, 13 January 2026: The India-Gujarat visit of the Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Friedrich Merz, has been successfully completed.

After participating with Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi in various cultural and strategic programmes and in the India-German CEO Forum, he departed for Germany today from Ahmedabad Airport.

Governor Shri Acharya Devvrat, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, and other dignitaries gave a warm farewell to the



German Federal Chancellor Mr. Friedrich Merz.

On this occasion, Chief Secretary Shri M. K. Das,

Additional Chief Secretary of GAD Dr. Anju Sharma, City Police Commissioner Shri G. S. Malik, Chief Protocol Officer Shri

Jwalant Trivedi, District Collector Sujeet Kumar, and high-ranking officials including those from the MEA were present.

Union Budget 2026 FAQs: What It Is, Who Prepares It and Why It Matters Before Budget Day

(Gns). As the government prepares for the Union Budget, attention first turns to the Economic Survey, a key document that outlines how the Indian economy has performed and where it may be headed. Released annually by the Finance Ministry, the survey acts as a bridge between economic data and budgetary decisions.

Union Budget 2026 FAQs What It Is Who Prepares It and Why It Matters Before Budget Day

The Economic Survey, prepared annually by the Finance Ministry, assesses India's economic performance, providing data and analysis on GDP growth, inflation, and sector-wise

performance to guide policy decisions for the upcoming Union Budget. The 2026 survey, to be presented on January 29 by the Chief Economic Advisor, will be followed by the Union Budget presentation on February 1.

The Economic Survey is the government's annual assessment of India's economic performance. Prepared by the Finance Ministry, it reviews how the economy has fared over the previous year and highlights trends that may influence policy decisions in the upcoming Union

Budget.

Who prepares the Economic Survey?

The survey is compiled by the Department of Economic Affairs and overseen by the Chief Economic Advisor. Inputs are drawn from multiple government departments, research institutions and global agencies before the final document is approved.

Why is the Economic Survey released before the Union Budget?

The survey sets the economic context for the

Budget. It outlines growth trends, fiscal pressures and sector-wise performance, helping policymakers decide where spending or reforms may be needed.

What kind of information does the Survey include?

The report covers macroeconomic indicators such as GDP growth, inflation, fiscal deficit and revenue trends. It also examines how sectors like agriculture, industry and services have performed.

Beyond this, the survey looks at employment, education, healthcare, infrastructure, social welfare schemes and environmental challenges. Global economic factors that could affect India's outlook are also analysed.



Modi govt vengeful in targeting TN like perennial Corona, yet state leaps ahead: Chief Minister MK Stalin

(Gns). Likening the vengeful targeting of Tamil Nadu by the Modi government to the perennial attack of the Corona epidemic without respite, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Tuesday took pride in the state leapfrogging in growth and development despite the Union government's vindictive discrimination.

"When we took over the reins of governance, we were in the middle of the second wave of the Corona epidemic. Subsequently,

we faced the Union BJP government's vengeful discrimination against Tamil Nadu like the perennial corona epidemic and natural disasters. Overcoming the forces that place hurdles in its path, Tamil Nadu remains a frontrunner in the country. Data from Union ministries and rankings confirms this," he said in an epistle extending Pongal greetings to the party cadres and others.

Describing Pongal as the cultural expression of

Tamils, he said the festival is being celebrated by all, irrespective of caste, religion, wealth, or gender. The DMK units across the state are holding 'Dravida Pongal' in villages, while the Chief Minister himself celebrated 'Equality Pongal' at Kolathur, his assembly constituency. It was the late DMK patriarch and former Chief Minister M Karunanidhi who initiated and popularised the celebration of 'Equality Pongal' as a party programme.

"It was Dravidian icons 'Periyar' (social reformer EV Ramasamy), 'Anna' (DMK founder and former Chief Minister, and Kalaingar

(Karunanidhi), who were instrumental in redeeming Pongal, the distinctive Tamil festival, he said, adding that the DMK had been holding Pongal festivities for over 75 years, providing a platform for the traditional art and cultural forms of the land.

On Thursday, the first day of the Tamil month Thai and the commencement of the four-day festival, the Chief Minister is scheduled to inaugurate the bull-taming festival at Alanganallur near Madurai, famed for the sport, and in the evening launch the 'Chennai Sangamam', a confluence of traditional and folk arts across the city. Chennai Sangamam is the brainchild of DMK deputy general secretary Kanimozhi, MP, who is also the DMK Parliamentary Party Leader.ku



Holiday notice

There is a holiday in the office on the occasion of Makar Sankranti festival on January 14, so the newspaper of January 15 will not be available. The next newspaper will be received on Friday, January 16, 2026

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Karuna Abhiyan 2026

Date: 10th to 20th January 2026

A State Government initiative to Save the Lives of Birds and Animals.

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Call 24x7 helpline number **1926** (Forest) or **1962** (Animal Husbandry)
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get the link to contact the nearest center.

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Inform the Police Department or the Forest Department if you come across anyone selling Chinese Manja

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More than 950 treatment centers, 650 veterinary doctors and 8000 volunteers are dedicated to saving birds during this year's Karuna Abhiyan

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"Compassion for all living beings remains the core commitment of the state government."

Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Gujarat

Har Ghar Swadeshi, Ghar-Ghar Swadeshi

Forest and Environment Department, Government of Gujarat

Editorial

Trump's Global Aggression Escalates

Post his success in Venezuela, President Donald Trump assumes that the US has the capacity to intervene anywhere it desires, irrespective of a nation being a friend or foe, and can alter global and regional geopolitical dynamics at will. Few nations criticized the US action in Venezuela, though it violated international law. Venezuela was a success because its corrupt military leadership was possibly bought over by the CIA. It may not happen every time. Venezuela remains far from stable. Delcy Rodriguez, as acting President, is attempting to balance ever increasing demands and threats from Trump against pulls and pressures from various anti-US factions within.

She faces internal and external challenges and instead of supporting the transition in leadership, Trump is countering with additional demands. Rather than wait for Venezuela to stabilize, Trump has begun planning his next misadventure, hoping it would be as easy as Venezuela. He has begun claiming that Greenland is essential for security of the US and hence must form part of it. Defending his stance he has stated that if the US does not occupy it, Russia and China would do so soon. He has also issued threats of military intervention against Columbia, Cuba, Mexico and Iran.

Earlier he had demanded that Canada must be a part of the US, souring ties. For Trump, global bodies, rules-based order, and international law including respecting sovereignty of nations, mean nothing. His tariff wars and inflated ego have pushed his close allies away. His claims of having resolved multiple conflicts hence entitling him to the Nobel Peace Prize, have been contested by many, including India. After failing to end conflicts, Trump has shifted track to engaging militarily with nations which are of concern to the US, hoping this would garner him the award, as some of these nations are dictatorships with poor human rights record, while a majority export drugs to the West.

Trump's threats on Greenland will break the one organization that has bound Europe and the US for decades, NATO. It was NATO which stood with the US in Afghanistan. On the contrary, Trump claims that NATO is nothing without the US. He mentioned, "Russia and China have zero fear of NATO without the US." Trump and his advisors continue threatening military action on Greenland. It is also possible that his threat of controlling Greenland is to rattle Europe which has been standing in the way of him resolving the Ukraine war and assuring himself of the Nobel award. Trump's pushing Ukraine to accept his proposals are thwarted by Europe which backs President Zelenskyy's views. European leaders backed Trump's actions in Venezuela while criticizing his claims on Greenland, as it is closer home.

Europe is also considering opening direct lines of communication with Russia to end the conflict by nominating a special envoy, a channel which would be more appealing to Moscow as it is Europe that is far more affected than the US. This is bound to rattle Trump. Nations in the Americas now being threatened by Trump would have learned lessons from Venezuela and begin taking precautions. While Columbia has backed down and its President Gustavo Petro has spoken to Trump, others continue to defy. A failure as happened during Operation Eagle Claw, which was launched by Jimmy Carter to rescue US diplomats held hostage in Iran, would force Trump onto the defensive. In pursuit of Trump's military interventions, the UN is being discarded.

The UN Secretary General termed the attack on Venezuela as a 'dangerous precedent.' Marc Rubio stated defiantly "I don't care what the UN says." The US permanent representative to the UN stated in his briefing to the UNSC, "We are not occupying a country." This contrasts with what Trump said, "we will run Venezuela." The intent is evident, Trump will do what he desires, opening doors for other nations to follow suit. Trump's insistence on adhering to the Monroe doctrine which implies dominating the Americas and ensuring governments in this region do Washington's bidding may not be easily implementable. The US's multiple attempts to have Cuban leader Fidel Castro assassinated failed, and he ultimately died of natural causes, aged 90, in 2016. Cuba continues to defy the US.

Mexico has refused to fall into the US trap, though Trump threatens to deploy US troops on Mexican soil to target drug cartels. Iran is the only nation not in the Americas where Trump is threatening to intervene. This is for two reasons. Firstly, the failed Operation Eagle Claw remains a blot on the US military and secondly its ability to threaten Israel. Iran is currently in the throes of an internal uprising, which the US and Israel have been inciting, directly and indirectly. The U S had bombed Iran alongside Israel recently. It could repeat this. However, targeting its leadership with boots on the ground is another story. Its only hope is that the internal uprising forces the leadership to yield power, something possible but still some distance away.

The Iranian leadership has face d similar uprisings earlier and pulled through, though for different reasons. Will it survive the present is to be seen. Trump's intent appears to be to align with other major powers and divide the world into spheres of influence and control. Under this, Trump would control the Americas and Europe, China would dominate South and South East Asia, while Russia would manage Central Asia. It is possibly with this mind that Trump recently stated, "He (Xi) considers it (Taiwan) to be a part of China, and that's up to him what he's going to be doing," adding he would be unhappy if it did (attack and occupy Taiwan). In addition, Trump has approved the bill, 'Sanctioning Russia Act of 2025,' which gives him sweeping powers of enhancing tariffs up to 500 per cent on nations which procure Russian oil.

The nations he intends to target are China, India and Brazil, all members of BRICS, an organization which he visualizes as a threat since they seek to bypass the US dollar in global trade. India is in the crosshairs because it refuses to bend to Trump's demands and is the only nation whose economy has been growing despite his sanctions. Further the Indian leadership is unwilling to assuage Trump's ego. How far Trump will be able to go with his military intervention threats is to be seen. India must continue to hold firm, setting an example for others.

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah laid the Foundation Stone for the state-of-the-art Bio-Containment Facility “Bio Safety Level-4” Lab

The country's first state government-operated 'BSL-4' lab to be constructed in Gandhinagar at a cost of Rs. 362 crore

Gujarat Marks the Beginning of a New Era in India's Health Security and Bio-Safety: Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah

Union Home Minister

- This Lab Will Prove to Be India's Robust Security Shield and a Strong Fortress of Bio-Facilities to Combat Deadly Viruses

- The international-standard lab will open numerous avenues of opportunities for researchers and youth

- In the last decade, the country's bio-economy has grown from 10 billion dollars to over 166 billion dollars

- Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, India today is progressing by carrying 'science' and 'heritage' together

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel

- BSL-4 Lab Project Reflects Prime Minister's Vision of Health Care for All and Advanced Infrastructure Development

- Research conducted at the BSL-4 lab will become transformational translational research that will bring changes in diagnosis, treatment, and public health policies.

Minister of Science and Technology Shri Arjunbhai Modhwadia graces the event

Gandhinagar, 13 January 2026: Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of Gujarat's first state-of-the-art Bio-Containment Facility “Bio Safety Level-4” lab as well as the “Animal Bio-Safety Level” facility in Gandhinagar, in the presence of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel. On this occasion, Minister for Science and Technology Shri Arjun Modhwadia was also present.

During this ceremony, the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, granted a Letter of Intent (LoI) to the Gujarat Science and Technology Department to designate the “Bio Safety Level-4” facility of the Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC) as the 'National Centre for High Containment Pathogen Research Facility' under the Government of India's “BioE3 Policy”.

Union Home Minister stated that a new era has begun from Gujarat in the development of India's health security and bio-safety sector. After Pune, this is only the second such high-level lab in the country; however, due to the special initiative of the state government, this will become the country's first state government-operated BSL-4 lab, to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 362 crore. In the future, this lab will prove to be India's impregnable security shield and a strong fortress of bio-facilities to combat deadly viruses.

Reiterating Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision that 'science and technology should be the foundation pillar of national development', he said that this international-standard lab will open many avenues of opportunity for researchers and youth. Especially, this lab will accelerate the “One Health Mission” initiated by the Prime Minister to prevent diseases transmitted from animals to humans. In showing resilience against recent challenges such as Chandipura and Lumpy Skin Disease experienced by Gujarat, such a research-based permanent security arrangement was essential.

Presenting figures reflecting the revolutionary transformation in India's biotechnology sector, he

said that unprecedented progress has been made in the last 11 years. India's bio-economy, which stood at 10 billion dollars in 2014, has grown to over 166 billion dollars by 2024. Considering research as the 'soul of innovation', due to the infrastructural facilities provided by the central government, Indian scientists today are conducting world-class research in a highly secure environment.

Highlighting the growth in the startup and investment sectors, he said that in 2014 there were fewer than 500 startups in this field, which have now grown to more than 10,000. Similarly, the number of incubators has increased from 6 to 95, and incubation space has expanded from 60,000 square feet to 9 lakh square feet. Notably, private investment funding has increased from Rs. 10 crore to Rs. 7,000 crore, and the number of patent filings has risen from 125 to over 1,300, indicating that India's youth are now becoming 'job givers' rather than 'job seekers'. He stated that under the Government of India's “BioE3 Policy”, there is a resolve to take the country to greater heights in the biotechnology sector. India today is indigenously manufacturing vaccines for serious diseases such as Corona and cervical cancer. He called upon students and researchers, stating that the responsibility of ensuring India's health security now rests on their shoulders. This lab will be capable of bringing about many positive transformations in the health sector in the coming times.

He stated that under the leadership of the Prime Minister, India today is moving forward by carrying both 'development' and 'heritage' together. During the Corona period, Indian scientists developed vaccines in a short time, safeguarding 140 crore citizens and helping the world, based on the approach of making science and technology the foundation pillar of national development. With this lab, Indian scientists will no longer need to depend on foreign countries for sample testing, thereby fulfilling the resolve of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' in the health sector. He expressed confidence that by 2027, India will also be among the world's leading nations in the semiconductor and biotechnology sectors.

He expressed concern over the 'silent disaster' (AMR) arising from the misuse of antibiotics and urged students and researchers to protect the next generation through research. He called upon students studying in the biotech sector to make maximum use of national facilities to develop pharmaceutical formulations and vaccines beneficial to human life and to achieve the goal of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. This facility will emerge as a protective shield not only for Gujarat but for the entire country.

As the country moves towards 'Viksit Bharat' under the guidance of the Prime Minister, science such as biotechnology will provide us security, while heritage like the Somnath Swabhimana Parva will give us a proud identity. India today is building the edifice of modern science on the foundation of culture. This new research in the biotech sector will take the country's healthcare sector to new heights.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel described this project, which will make the country more secure against potential pandemics, as an important initiative of Prime Minister Shri

Narendra Modi's healthcare and modern infrastructure external institutions. The Chief Minister



development vision.

He said that the Prime Minister is a visionary leader who thinks ahead of time, and it is due to such vision that by operationalising the GBRC, the goal of self-reliance has been achieved so that diagnosis and research of serious health sector challenges such as viral outbreaks, genetic infections, and pandemics need not depend on

expressed confidence that with the operationalisation of the BSL-4 lab, research on high-risk viruses will be possible within the state, enabling timely, accurate, and reliable diagnosis, and strengthening and equipping the healthcare system further. He stated that GBRC is not only a research institution but also a nodal center of the state's biotech capacity, adding

(Gns).

For a country that prides itself on treating cricket as both sport and soft power, India is surprisingly careless when it comes to separating the two. The recent controversy over Bangladeshi cricketer Mustafizur Rahman's exclusion from the Kolkata Knight Riders IPL franchise should have been a routine sporting decision. Instead, it became a noisy referendum on patriotism, identity, and national loyalty. That slippage matters more than it appears. At the heart of the debate lies a simple but vital distinction. A national team represents a state.

A franchise team represents a city, a brand, and a business model. When a country chooses to boycott another nation's team after war, terror, or diplomatic breakdown, it is making a symbolic statement about state behaviour. But when

a privately owned franchise sidelines a foreign player

because of political pressure, it crosses into murkier territory. It turns an individual professional into a stand-in for an entire nation's politics. This is not an argument for ignoring real concerns about Bangladesh. India has legitimate anxieties about minority safety, hostile political rhetoric, and Dhaka's recent strategic signalling. These are serious issues that deserve firm diplomatic engagement.

But they are not advanced by targeting sportspersons who have no role in policy, power, or provocation. If anything, such gestures weaken

that the research conducted at the BSL-4 lab will directly translate into diagnosis, treatment, and public health policies as translational research. He stated that this BSL-4 facility will prove to be a milestone in realising the Prime Minister's resolve of Viksit Bharat @ 2047 through a healthy, secure, and self-reliant India.

While delivering the welcome address, Science and Technology Minister Shri Arjun Modhwadia stated that just as Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel contributed to transforming India's history and geography, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah have worked to change the destiny of modern India and Gujarat. Stating that Gujarat's first and the country's most important research facility will prove decisive in addressing global health challenges, the Minister said that the 'Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission'

(GSBTM) was established based on the vision of the then Chief Minister and present Prime Minister. As a result of that vision, Gujarat today has become the first state in Asia to have a dedicated biotech university. The research facility whose foundation stone was laid today is Gujarat's first such research facility designated by the Government of India.

This event was attended by Gandhinagar Mayor Smt. Miraben Patel, Members of Parliament Shri Hasmukh Patel, Shri Hari Patel, Shri Mayank Nayak, Members of the Legislative Assembly Smt. Ritaben Patel and Shri Alpesh Thakor, Secretary of Biotechnology, Government of India, Shri Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary of the Science and Technology Department Shri P. Bharati, Gandhinagar District Collector Shri Mehul Dave, along with various dignitaries, state government officials and staff. and citizens.

Politics on Pitch

India's position by making it appear impulsive rather than principled.

Franchise cricket has always been an experiment in coexistence. Players from rival nations share dressing rooms, celebrate each other's milestones, and perform for crowds that cheer skill over nationality.

This has never diluted national interest; it has strengthened India's image as a confident, open sporting culture. Undermining that space for political optics is a strategic self-goal. The reaction to the franchise decision also revealed an uncomfortable trend: the ease with which sport is now being weaponised for identity politics. When business deci-



Shakti Anand, Sneha Wagh & Manasi Salvi bring the family fanfare of COLORS' ‘Mahadev & Sons’ to Lucknow

Lucknow, 13 January 2025: The city of Nawabs rolled out a warm welcome for Shakti Anand, Sneha Wagh, and Manasi Salvi, along with Producer Saurabh Tewari, as they arrived in Lucknow to promote COLORS' recent family drama 'Mahadev & Sons', set in U.P.'s Hardoi.

'Kuch rishtey misaal ban jaate hain... aur kuch misaalon ka boj ban kar reh jaate hain'. Winning hearts of the viewers since its premiere, the story is backdropped to the extraordinary rise of Mahadev (Shakti Anand), an orphan who entered the powerful Bajpai household as a servant and emerged as one of the town's most respected and wealthy men. His forbidden love for Vidya (Sneha Wagh), his master's daughter, cost her everything - her home, her name, and her inheritance. Disowned and disgraced, the couple rebuilt their lives brick by brick, with discipline and tradition, choosing dignity over bitterness. What begins as a journey of sacrifice slowly grows into a close-knit, happy parivaar where days begin and end together with shared meals, temple visits, celebrations, and unspoken rituals that bind them as one. Mahadev is not just the head of the family but a doting husband and an involved, proud father (of three sons and two daughters), who believes that a family must work, worship, and celebrate together.

Living across from Mahadev & Sons, Vidya's elder sister Bhanu (Manasi Salvi) stands in opposition, her unresolved resentment casting a long shadow over this seemingly perfect world. Burdened by the price of his own love story

and terrified of history repeating itself, Mahadev draws one unbreakable line for his children: love marriages are forbidden. His rules keep the family together, but at a cost; his children obey him, yet silently yearn for choice, for voice, for love without fear. Will the love Mahadev once fought society for become the very force that tests his family's unity?

Producer Saurabh Tewari of Parin Multimedia Pvt. Ltd., whose longstanding collaboration with COLORS has brought 'Mahadev & Sons' to life, says, "It is an honour to usher in the new year with Mahadev & Sons on COLORS. For me, this is not just a show — it is a piece of my life. I was born and raised in Uttar Pradesh and spent significant time in and around Hardoi and Lucknow. The story draws from the people I observed growing up, the emotions I absorbed, and the relationships that shaped my understanding of family. Uttar Pradesh has its own

language of love, loyalty, pride, and conflict, and I wanted to bring that world to a national platform without losing its authenticity. Bringing the show back to UP feels like returning a story to its rightful home — to the mitti where it was

seeded. There is a deep sense of 'apnapan' in this land that I have carried with me all my life. This show is meant for families to sit together, see themselves in these characters, and find both reflection and comfort in their journey."

Taking on the mantle of the patriarch Mahadev, Shakti Anand says, "The kind of love people have shown for Mahadev & Sons has been very moving and I'm grateful for it. When viewers respond with such warmth, it tells you they have found the character relatable and emotionally honest. Mahadev is not a conventional TV patriarch; his authority comes from years of struggle, restraint, and lived experience. So, it genuinely warms my heart that a father's role has received this level of appreciation. Witnessing the excitement and affection among the people of Lucknow was truly incredible."

Speaking about her portrayal of Vidya, Sneha Wagh shared, "I often travel

to Uttar Pradesh, but this visit felt different and special. Vidya is an amalgam of all the loving mothers I have observed through my life — women who stand by love, absorb pain, soften conflicts, and hold families together with compassion.

These traits are so deeply rooted in Indian households. To receive such a heartfelt response for this portrayal has been fulfilling. Coming to the state where the seed

of Mahadev & Sons was first planted feels like a beautiful full-circle moment in my journey as an actor."

Reflecting on audience reactions to Bhanu, Manasi Salvi said, "As an actor, there is immense satisfaction in seeing viewers appreciate a grey character. Bhanu's pride is her strength and her downfall, and her anger comes from emotional wounds, not cruelty. To have audiences from the very state where this story is set acknowledge

and applaud that complexity feels like the ultimate compliment. I am grateful to viewers for embracing a story that speaks to every generation and offers something for every member of the family."

Catch Mahadev & Sons every Monday to Friday at 9:30 pm, only on COLORS and JiHotstar, and witness a family saga that tests loyalties, challenges traditions, and celebrates the enduring power of love.



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, in connection with the above work, a major block will be undertaken during the night of 15th/16th January, 2026,

WESTERN RAILWAY EXTENDS THE TRIPS OF SPECIAL TRAIN BETWEEN BANDRA TERMINUS - BHUJ

Mumbai, For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand, Western Railway has extended the trips of Train No. 09037/09038 Bandra Terminus – Bhuj Bi-Weekly Special Train on Special Fare.

According to a press

release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, Train No. 09037 Bandra Terminus – Bhuj Special has been extended up to 29th January, 2026. Similarly, Train No. 09038 Bhuj – Bandra Terminus Special has been extended up to 30th January,

2. Train No. 19418 Ahmedabad – Borivali Express, journey commencing on 15th January, 2026 will short terminate at Vasai Road

Short Termination of Trains:

1. Train No. 19426 Nandurbar – Borivali Express, journey commencing on 15th January, 2026 will short terminate at Vasai Road.

Re-scheduling of Trains:

1. Train No 22444

2. Train No. 19417 Borivali – Ahmedabad Express, journey commencing on 16th January, 2026 will short originate from Vasai Road.

2. The booking for extended trips of Train Nos. 09037 & 09038 will open from 14th January, 2026 at PRS counters and IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

Consumer Affairs Department Pushes Digital Reforms to Speed Up Consumer Justice in Eastern States

(Gns). The Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India, organised a Regional Workshop on Consumer Protection for Eastern States today in Patna, Bihar, bringing together key stakeholders from Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha to strengthen consumer grievance redressal and improve the functioning of Consumer Commissions.

The workshop focused on reducing case pendency, improving compliance of consumer commission orders, using digital tools for faster justice, and addressing emerging challenges such as dark patterns and unfair trade practices in digital market

Strong push for digital consumer justice

In her keynote address, Smt. Nidhi Khare highlighted the major reforms undertaken by the Department to modernise the consumer grievance redressal system across the country.

She underlined the growing role of the National Consumer Helpline (NCH



2.0) as a pre-litigation platform that provides multi-lingual access, online complaint filing and faster resolution through technology. The Secretary also detailed the nationwide rollout of E-Jagriti

(CONFONET 2.0) a single integrated digital platform for Consumer Commissions'-Jagriti brings together e-Daakhil, online case management, video conferencing, data dashboards and AI-based tools, creating an end-to-end digital workflow for

consumer cases.

She stated that E-Jagriti marks a shift from frag-

automated case tools and performance dashboards to reduce delays and ensure timely execution of orders. Focus on agriculture and price stability

Smt. Khare also spoke about the need to strengthen domestic production and procurement of pulses, noting a shift in household consumption from cereals towards pulses. Referring to Bihar's strong agricultural base, she highlighted the potential for expanding pulses cultivation and structured procurement, including dal-han procurement. She noted that India currently imports pulses such as arhar, chana and urad from countries like Myanmar, Australia and Brazil, and stressed the need to build domestic capacity.

She reiterated the Government's commitment to MSP-based procurement when market prices fall below MSP, while ensuring that farmers can benefit from higher market prices were available, thereby supporting farmer welfare and food security. Bihar welcomes digital governance reforms

Addressing the gathering, Shri Pratyaya Amrit, Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar, welcomed the focus on digital initiatives and said that such reforms are essential for future-ready governance. He emphasised that citizens must be seen not just as beneficiaries

2. Train No. 22953 Mumbai Central – Ahmedabad Express, journey commencing on 17th January, 2026 will depart at 05:40 hrs as per its schedule.

All trains in 16th/17th January, 2026 shall maintain their status quo.

Bandra Terminus – Kanpur Express, journey commencing on 16th January, 2026 will be rescheduled by 1 hour i.e it will depart at 06.10 hrs.

2. Train No. 22953 Mumbai Central – Ahmedabad Express, journey commencing on 16th January, 2026 will be rescheduled by 50 minutes i.e it will depart at 06.30 hrs.

3. Train No, 12902 Ahmedabad – Dadar Superfast Express, journey commencing on 15th January, 2026 will be rescheduled by 45 minutes i.e it will depart at 23.35 hrs.

4. Train No. 19218 Veraval – Bandra Terminus Express, journey commencing on 15th January, 2026 will be re-scheduled by 45 minutes i.e it will depart at 12:35 hrs.

The detailed list of sub-urban trains affected due to the block is furnished in Annexure-I. Detailed information to this effect is available with the concerned Station Masters. Passengers are requested to take note of the above changes and plan their journey accordingly.

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Govt is committed to providing quality healthcare to every citizen, especially in remote & island territories: Raksha Mantri

(Gns). "Government is committed to providing quality healthcare to every citizen of the country, especially those living in remote and island territories," said Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh as he virtually addressed, on January 13, 2026, a nearly week-long Joint Services Multi-Speciality Camp organised by the Indian Navy at the Indira Gandhi Hospital, Kavaratti in Lakshadweep, the first time in the islands. He described the initiative as a shining example of the Indian Navy's significant role in nation-building and humanitarian assistance beyond maritime security, adding that through the camp, the Tri-Services team of the Armed Forces Medical Services has brought advanced diagnostic facilities and specialist

care directly to the people's doorsteps, including services such as planned surger-

long-term health benefits for the island community. "We're working with the



ies and cataract operations.

Raksha Mantri noted that a comprehensive screening, early diagnosis, timely medical advice, medical interventions, and free distribution of medicines would contribute to

resolve of a Swasth Bharat.

We have not only promoted physical infrastructure in the health sector but have also taken care of the people's well-being through initiatives like Ayushman Bharat and Jan Aushadhi

Kendras," he added.

Formally inaugurating the camp, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi highlighted that the initiative is unique in three ways - 'synergy', with the camp representing a truly joint endeavour with professionals from all three Services and local administration; 'scope', considering the range of medical specialists from cardiology, ophthalmology, cataract surgery, nephrology, neurology, gastroenterology, dermatology and endocrinology; and 'scale', with the sheer numbers of medical professionals and support personnel deployed for this camp. He emphasised that such joint initiatives strengthen inter-service synergy and civil-military cooperation while contributing meaningfully to the welfare of citizens.

YUVA AI for All a significant step towards democratising access to AI Knowledge

(Gns). Commemorating National Youth Day on January 12, 2026, the Government of India reaffirmed its commitment to youth empowerment by spotlighting the newly launched National AI Literacy Program and its flagship YUVA AI FOR ALL course, bridging Swami Vivekananda's vision of enlightened youth with the tools for an AI-driven future.

The program was launched at the Rajasthan Regional AI Impact Summit held in Jaipur on January 6, 2026, by Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma, Chief Minister, Rajasthan; Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Minister for Electronics & IT, Railways and Information & Broadcasting; and Shri Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Electronics & IT and

Commerce & Industry. The National AI Literacy Program aligns with the Government's vision of a Viksit Bharat, the expansion of Digital Public Infrastructure, and India's commitment to inclusive, responsible, and democratic adoption of AI.

As a part of this Program, the YUVA AI FOR ALL foundational course was highlighted, to make AI literacy a core life skill, aligned with National Youth Day's focus on Yuva Shakti. With the course running time, clocked at a little over 4 hours, YUVA AI FOR ALL has been designed as an inclusive entry point to AI learning, requiring no prior technical background. The curriculum covered includes 'What is Artificial Intelligence,' The

Technology behind Artificial Intelligence, Using Artificial Intelligence to Learn, Create, think and plan, Artificial Intelligence Ethics and The Future of Artificial Intelligence'.

Speaking on creation of a nationwide movement of collective AI learning, Shri Vaishnav had stated "It is important that citizens, particularly the youth, whom we honour on National Youth Day, have a basic understanding of what AI is, how it works, where it is used, and also be able to use it responsibly in their lives. Particularly, small scale enterprises will reap the benefits of AI, if they are able to use AI in daily work and increase their productivity. With this objective, the National AI Literacy Program has been

launched and it is envisaged that this program will mobilize 10 Lakh learners in the next one year."

To be made available in 11 languages (Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil and Telugu), the YUVA AI FOR ALL course is free of any charge and available on leading learning platforms such as FutureSkills Prime, iGOTKarmayogi, DIKSHA and other popular ed-tech portals. On completion of the course, every learner will get an official certificate from the Government of India.

The YUVA AI for All National AI Literacy Program is a significant step towards democratising access to AI knowledge.

Press Conference on India-Led Responsible Nations Index

(Gns).

A press conference on the forthcoming launch of the Responsible Nations Index (RNI) was held today at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. The Index is being launched by the World Intellectual Foundation (WIF) in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Indian Institute of Management Mumbai (IIM Mumbai), and the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC).

Addressing the media, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Chairperson, World Intellectual Foundation; Justice (Retd.) Arun Kumar Mishra, Chairperson, Advisory Board, World Intellectual Foundation; Col. Akash Patil, Director, Dr.

Ambedkar International Centre; Shri Sudhanshu

globally anchored index designed to assess coun-



Mittal, Secretary, World Intellectual Foundation; Prof. Rajib Dasgupta, JNU; and Ms. Hemangi Sinha, Project Head, elaborated on the objectives, framework, and significance of the Responsible Nations Index.

The speakers stated that the Responsible Nations Index is India's first

ty.

It was informed that the Index is structured around three core dimensions, namely internal responsibility focusing on dignity, justice, and the well-being of citizens; environmental responsibility covering stewardship of natural resources and climate action; and external responsibility measuring a country's contribution to peace, cooperation, and global stability.

The Responsible Nations Index will be formally launched on 19 January 2026 at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, in the august presence of Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble Former President of India.

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports advises National Sports Federations to constitute 'Make in India in Sports' and 'International Relations' Committees

(Gns).

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has advised all recognised National Sports Federations (NSFs) to constitute dedicated Committees on International Relations and Make in India in Sports within their respective organisations.

Aimed at strengthening India's international engagement in sports, the International Relations Committee will monitor developments in relevant International Federations (IFs) and Continental Federations (CFs), including changes in competition rules and structures, governance frameworks, elections, and athlete-centric

programmes.

The Committee will also formulate a medium-term international cooperation plan covering bilateral and multilateral MOUs, joint training camps, exchange programmes, knowledge-sharing initiatives, and opportunities for hosting international sporting events in India.

It will ensure that all international engagements are aligned with Government of India policies, the Olympic Charter, and IF statutes, and adhere to principles of good governance, anti-doping compliance, and athlete safeguarding.

The Committee will fur-

ther strengthen collaboration with counterpart national federations and leading international sports

research and academic institutions to secure best-in-class training opportunities and sports science support for Indian athletes.

It will also coordinate with international federations and relevant bodies to ensure timely participation in bidding processes and share all proposals for hosting international events in India with the Ministry in advance, for information and, where required, prior consultation or clearance under extant guidelines.

The Make in India in

Sports Committee will be responsible for engaging with Indian manufacturers, start-ups, research institutions, and testing and standardisation bodies to facilitate product development, trials, and certification in the concerned sport, thereby promoting the domestic sports manufacturing ecosystem envisaged under Make in India.

The Committee will also prepare periodic reports on the adoption of indigenous solutions, highlighting progress made, constraints faced, and recommendations for consideration within the NSF, with specific reference to contributions towards Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

No Sex For Eight Years? Indore Man Allegedly Murders Wife For Refusing Intimacy

(Gns). In a shocking incident from Indore, Madhya Pradesh, police have arrested a 40-year-old man for allegedly murdering his wife after she refused to have physical relations with him for the past eight years.

Indore, Madhya Pradesh police arrested a 40-year-old mechanic for allegedly strangling his wife, whose death occurred on January 9, after eight years of sexual refusal; initially reported as a natural death, the post-mortem confirmed murder. The Aerodrome police station is investigating the case, which includes a confession from the husband and details about their relationship.

Switch To Shorts

The incident took place under the Aerodrome

police station limits and has left the local community in disbelief.

According to Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP)

Shrikrishna Lalchandani, the woman died on January 9, and her husband initially claimed it was a natural death. However, the post-mortem report later revealed that she had died due to strangulation, proving that she had been murdered.

Husband's False Story and Confession

After the woman's death, the accused took her body to the Government Maharaja Yashwantrao Hospital and told doctors that she had fallen and hit her head after a sudden

spike in blood pressure. His explanation raised suspicion among the medical staff, and a post-mortem



was ordered.

When the report confirmed that the cause of death was strangulation, the police interrogated the husband. During questioning, he broke down and confessed to killing his wife. The man, who works as a mechanic, told police that his wife had refused to have sex with him for the last eight years, which had caused frustration and

anger, ultimately leading him to commit the crime.

Police Investigation Underway

The accused was arrested on Sunday, and further investigation is ongoing. Police are now looking into the couple's relationship history and whether there were earlier complaints or disputes between them.

Authorities said that the case serves as a grim reminder of how unresolved domestic conflicts can escalate into violence. The body has been handed over to the woman's family after the post-mortem examination.

The police have assured that strict legal action will be taken against the accused as the investigation continues.

Encounter Breaks Out In Jammu And Kashmir's Kathua As Security Forces Launch Anti-Terror Operation

(Gns). Security forces in Jammu and Kashmir initiated an anti-terror operation in the Billawar area of Kathua district after terrorists, suspected to be from the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) group, opened fire on a patrolling team; the operation involves Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and paramilitary forces. The encounter, which began in the Najote forest area, is ongoing and aims to neutralize the terrorists while ensuring civilian safety, and this is the second major operation in Kathua district within a week.

The exchange of fire took place during a cordon-and-search operation launched by the forces following inputs about the presence of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terrorists in the region.

According to reports, the encounter began in the Najote forest area of

Billawar, about 10 kilometres from Kamadh Nallah in the Kahog forest belt. Officials said the terrorists



fired at the patrolling team after spotting their movement, prompting the forces to retaliate and tighten the cordon around the area.

Security personnel, including units from the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and paramilitary forces, have surrounded the dense forest area to prevent the terrorists from escaping. The operation is still underway, with additional reinforce-

ments rushed to the site. Officials said that a few rounds of gunfire were exchanged, and the forces

are proceeding cautiously due to the difficult terrain and low visibility in the forest region. The goal, they said, is to neutralise the hiding terrorists while minimizing risks to civilians and personnel.

The encounter site has been sealed off, and drone surveillance is being used to track movement in the area. Villagers living nearby have been advised to remain indoors until the

operation concludes.

Preliminary reports suggest that the terrorists involved are affiliated with the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) group, which has been active along the Jammu border region in recent months. Security agencies believe the militants may have crossed into Indian territory recently and were planning to target local security installations.

This is the second major operation in Kathua district within a week. Earlier, security forces had conducted a search in the same region after receiving intelligence about the movement of two to three armed militants.

Officials confirmed that the operation would continue until all threats are eliminated. "The area has been cordoned off, and our troops are working carefully to ensure the terrorists are neutralised," a senior police officer said.

Youth Day celebrated on the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda in Sanskriti University

Mathura. In Sanskriti University, the umbrella unit of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, a student festival was organized on the occasion of National Youth Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Chief guest, former Regional Co-Organization Minister, West Zone Advocate Rai Singh called upon the students to take inspiration from the life of Swami Vivekananda.

Chief guest Rai Singh threw light on the life character of Swami Vivekananda and appealed to assimilate his thoughts in life. He also informed that ABVP has been celebrating its foundation day on January 12 as National Youth Day. The program was inaugurated by chief guest Ed Rai Singh, special presence of BJP Braj region's regional minister Dr. Rajneesh Tyagi, key



Regional Minister of Braj region, Dr. Rajneesh Tyagi addressing the students on the Youth Day celebrated by the Umbrella Unit of Student Council in the auditorium of Sanskriti University.

speaker province co-minister Punit Kumar, district co-coordinator Priya Rajput, garlanding and island in front of the portrait of Goddess of Knowledge Maa Saraswati, the source of inspiration for the youth, Swami VivekanandaThe lighting was done.Fomer council worker and BJP regional minister Dr Rajneesh Tyagi said that Vivekananda becomes relevant in the current global situation. Genji has carried out coups in many countries of the world. Since the youth of India consider Swami Vivekananda as their order, foreign forces have not been successful in instigat-

important contribution of the youth in the country is to promote the feeling of nationalism and fulfill the vision of organized student power. He said that it is the resolve of Vidyarthi Parishad to create a sense of dedication towards the nation among the youth and to spread the message of Swami Vivekananda to every student, so that in the coming times, the youth can do the work of encouraging nationalism by eliminating the mentality of terrorism. The program was conducted by Tehsil Coordinator Shivam Bhardwaj. On this occasion, department organization minister Divyanshu Pachauri, district convenor Shiva Gautam, extension workers Raunak Pal, Shrivendra Thakur, Bhavishya Agarwal, Jatini Agarwal, Chetan Panchal etc. were present

ARTO took action against unauthorized operating buses

ARTO is making people aware about road safety rules

Mathura. Under the guidance of Deputy Transport Commissioner, Agra Zone, Agra, Rajesh Rajput, Senior Assistant Divisional Transport Officer, Satendra Kumar Singh, Assistant Divisional Transport Officer, Sandeep Choudhary, Passenger/Goods Tax Officer, Mathura, inspected buses and other passenger/goods vehicles operating unauthorized at Mant Toll Plaza, MathuraIn which challan/closure action was taken against the vehicles found guilty.Senior Assistant Divisional Transport Officer Enforcement Rajesh Rajput said that by implementing the standards of Motor Vehicles Act 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules in all the sleeper coach buses, the vehicle

owners will have to get the fitness certificate of their sleeper coach buses again and keep their vehicles as per the standardsInstructions were given.Apart from this, vehicle owners/drivers were made aware about the benefits of installing retro reflective tape in their vehicles and the drivers were made aware about the losses/accidents that may occur in fog/night conditions if retro reflective tape is not usedThe drivers were also told that for not using retro reflective tape/radium strip on the vehicles, they will have to pay a heavy fine of Rs 10,000, and they were also advised to drive safely at slow speed in fog. In the same sequence, a road safety awareness program was organized at Mahuvan



Satendra Kumar Singh, Assistant Divisional Transport Officer, Sandeep Choudhary, Passenger/Goods Tax Officer and others at Mont Toll Plaza. In the second picture, Ms. Pooja Singh administering the oath of road safety.

Toll Plaza by Ms. Pooja Singh Passenger/Goods Tax Officer, Mathura, in which the employees present at the toll plaza were trained in following traffic

rules, safe lane management, quick assistance in emergency and giving proper guidance to the driversMade aware in this regard and the said employees were administered road safety oath by Ms. Pooja SinghIn the same sequence, Mahavir Singh Yaduvanshi Director Braj Bihar Nautanki Art Institute Kosikalan Mathura, under the direction of Sandeep Choudhary Passenger/Goods Officer and Divisional Inspector (Provisional) Pradeep Yadav, conducted road tests at various places in the district such as New Bus Stand, Govardhan Square, Chardham Vrindavan and Transport Office Road in MathuraA street play related to security was organised.In which the general public/drivers were made aware of road safety rules through drama.

Mathura: Husband who conspired to murder wife arrested along with friend

Mathura. The Refinery police station has revealed the sensational murder of a woman that took place 15 days ago and has arrested the husband of the deceased and his vicious criminal partner. During the police encounter on Bareilly Highway Bypass late on Monday night, an accused was injured by a bullet in his leg, who has been admitted to the district hospital for treatment.

With the help of CCTV footage and technical evidence, the deceased was identified as Anita, wife of Rakesh, resident of

Fatehapura police station Baldev. On the accurate information of the informer, the Refinery police station laid siege near Bareilly Highway Bypass at around 9:45 pm on Monday night. Seeing themselves surrounded, the miscreants opened fire on the police. In retaliation, accused Lalit alias Mangal was injured by a bullet in his leg. The police arrested both the deceased's husband Rakesh and Lalit from the spot. During interrogation, it was revealed that Rakesh along with his friend Lalit had conspired to murder



Police team at the encounter site

his wife. On the night of 27th December, both of them reached Ranchi Bangar Road with Anita and strangled her to death with the strip attached to

the collar of Lalit's hood (jacket) in a deserted field. In order to hide the evidence, they threw the body in a wheat field and ran away.

According to SP City, the arrested accused Lalit alias Mangal is a history-sheeter criminal. 19 serious cases like robbery, attempt to murder, theft, Arms Act and Goonda Act are registered against him in various police stations of Mathura. Cases of murder and police encounter have also been registered against the deceased's husband Rakesh.

Office of the 'PSA' to the Government of India Marks Culmination of 'Inspiring Innovators' Skilling Initiative in Collaboration with Netflix Fund for Creative Equity

(Gns). The Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India, Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood joined Dr. L. Murugan, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting(MIB) and Parliamentary Affairs; Shri Sanjay Jaju, Secretary MIB; Netflix & Graphiti Studios team; innovators and students to mark the culmination of 'Inspiring Innovators – Naye Bharat Ki Nayi Pehchaaan', a skilling initiative developed in collaboration with the 'Netflix Fund for Creative Equity' on 13th January 2026 in New Delhi.

A group of people posing for a photoAI-generated content may be incorrect. Implemented in partner-

ship with Graphiti Studios, the initiative brings together

tion. These start-ups are featured through eight



India's innovation and creative ecosystems to promote socially relevant innovation through storytelling and hands-on skilling. The initiative showcases the contributions of eight Indian start-ups identified by OPSA for their work in driving social-impact innova-

short, animated films created by students from eight universities across India.

Speaking on the initiative, Prof. Sood said, "Inspiring Innovators was designed to highlight innovation with social relevance while also strengthening skills and knowledge path-

ways. By bringing together start-ups and students through a creative process, and with skilling support enabled through the Netflix Fund for Creative Equity and industry mentorship, the programme reflects a holistic approach to building India's innovation ecosystem - connecting policy intent with talent development and real-world application."

A person standing at a podiumAI-generated content may be incorrect.

The initiative provided hands-on creative experience to a cohort of 26 students from diverse regions of India. Fifty per cent of the participants were women, with several students coming from Tier-II

YLAC, Nipman Foundation, DEPwD & India Autism Center launch the Breaking Barriers Fellowship 2026

(Gns). 13 January 2026 ,Young Leaders for Active Citizenship (YLAC), the Nipman Foundation and the India Autism Center, in collaboration with the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), formally launched the Breaking Barriers Fellowship 2026, with the support of the United Nations in India.

The Breaking Barriers Fellowship is a first-of-its-kind national initiative designed to bring exceptional young professionals into institutions under DEPwD to support policy processes and advance the implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016. Speaking at the

launch, Rohit Kumar, Co-founder, YLAC, highlighted the role of young people in strengthening public sys-

rights and governance framework, there is growing emphasis on sustained policy support, research



tems, noting that "When you give young people platforms, it breaks cynicism and helps them move into policy spaces and create change."

As India continues to strengthen its disability

inputs, and coordination to complement the work of public institutions. The Fellowship has been designed to provide such support while also building a pipeline of young professionals with practical expo-

sure to disability governance and public systems.

Placement institutions include the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), the Office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD), the National Trust, the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PDUNIPPD), the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), and the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID).

Makar Sankranti Bank Holiday: Are Banks Open or Closed Today? State-Wise Holiday Details

(Gns). As harvest festivals are celebrated across India, bank customers may face multiple branch closures during mid-January 2026. With Lohri, Makar Sankranti and Pongal falling within a short span, banking operations in sev-

eral states will be affected, particularly between January 13 and January 17.

The Reserve Bank of India has notified these holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, making them applicable on a state-wise basis. Customers are advised to check local holi-

day lists and avoid planning urgent branch visits during this period.

In mid-January 2026, bank customers in India may face branch closures due to harvest festivals like Lohri, Makar Sankranti, and Pongal, with closures occurring between January

13 and 17, and Republic Day observed on January 26.

Banks remain closed in states where Makar Sankranti or its regional variants are officially observed as public holidays. This includes several western, southern.

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