



'Great Respect, He's a Fantastic Man, Friend of Mine': Trump Lauds PM Modi, Sees Good India US Trade Deal

(Gns). US President Donald Trump struck a notably warm and personal tone while speaking about Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the World Economic Forum in Davos, expressing confidence that India and the United States would eventually find common ground on a trade agreement.

At the World Economic Forum in Davos, U.S. President Donald Trump praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, expressing optimism about a trade deal despite existing tensions and warning about potential tariffs tied to India's Russian oil purchases.

BMC Lottery Decides: Next Mumbai Mayor to Be Woman from General Category

(Gns). Mumbai is set to get a woman mayor from the General category, after a reservation lottery fixed leadership for all 29 municipal corporations in Maharashtra. The outcome has already triggered political anger, with the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) alleging bias in the allocation.

The Urban Development Department conducted the lottery to assign reservation categories for each civic body's top post for the coming term. Through this draw, officials decided which categories, such as General, OBC, SC or ST, would occupy mayoral

positions in every corporation.

Mumbai will have a woman mayor from the General category following which has led to Shiv Sena (UBT) alleging bias in the allocation for the next term.

Maharashtra mayoral reservation and Mumbai's



a reservation lottery conducted by the Urban Development Department, Shiv Sena (UBT) leaders questioned why

General category outcome

is

unresolved issues

include U.S. demands for

India to open its agricultural

markets.

In his only on-camera

interaction with an Indian

journalist at the summit,

Trump praised Modi as

both a trusted friend and a

respected leader, even as

trade tensions between the

two countries continue to

simmer.

Trump's Personal

Praise For PM Modi

Speaking to Moneycontrol on the

sidelines of the Davos meet,

Trump made his admiration for the Indian Prime

Minister clear, highlighting

their personal rapport.

"I have great respect for your Prime Minister. He's a fantastic man and a friend of mine," Trump said.

The comments stood

out against the backdrop of strained economic ties, signalling that despite policy

disagreements, the personal

relationship between the

two leaders remains cordial.

When asked directly about the

prospects of a trade

agreement, Trump sounded

optimistic, adding, "We

are going to have a good

deal."

Earlier this month,

Trump publicly linked

India's trade treatment with

its purchases of Russian oil,

suggesting that New Delhi

had already adjusted its import strategy to accommodate US concerns.

"They wanted to make

me happy," Trump said at the

time, adding, "Basically,

Modi is a very good man.

He knew I was not happy,

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Seat-sharing talks gain momentum in NDA for TN assembly poll, Modi to kick off election campaign near Chennai

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Seat-sharing talks in the NDA in Tamil Nadu for the upcoming assembly polls gained momentum with Prime Minister Narendra Modi scheduled to kick off the alliance poll campaign at a massive rally tomorrow (Friday) at Madurantakam, 87 km south of Chennai.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal, BJP in-charge for Tamil Nadu, accompanied by a party delegation comprising his ministerial col-

leagues L Murugan and state president Nainar Nagenthiran, called on AIADMK general secretary

Edappadi K Palaniswami at his residence in Chennai on Thursday. Senior AIADMK leaders were also present on the occasion, and the

discussion revolved around

the potential winnable seats that the BJP wants for itself.

Though the AIADMK revived its ties with the BJP and re-entered the NDA in April last, the alliance so far has not held a grand show, giving a head start for the election. Neither the AIADMK nor the BJP has finalised the seat-sharing deal. With TTV Dinakaran's Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) back in the NDA fold, efforts are on to rope in

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The political rumblings over the incident involving the stopping of the palanquin of Shankaracharya Swami Avimuktешwaranand Saraswati of Jyotish Peeth at the Prayagraj Magh Mela have intensified.

Samajwadi Party (SP) National President Akhilesh Yadav targeted the BJP government, stating, "When those in power start acting unrighteously, that is

the Kali Yuga."

Posting on his social media account on Thursday, Akhilesh Yadav alleged that the BJP and its allies are insulting Sanatan Dharma with their "anti-religious" mindset, causing resentment throughout the Sanatani community. He said that not only ordinary people but even BJP saints and

supporters are ashamed of the government's actions.

In his statement, Akhilesh Yadav said that even the junior employees who are being forced to commit acts of disrespect towards the saints and sadhus are

internally disturbed by this. He claimed that there is anger among the employees as well, but they are remaining silent due to the compulsion of their jobs.

He said that if the BJP is not "true to Sanatan Dharma, then what can be expected of them regarding anyone else?" He linked the entire incident to the respect of saints and sadhus and accused the government of adopting an insensitive attitude.



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Editorial

Economic Reliance

India enters every Budget season with renewed confidence in its economic trajectory. Strong growth projections, resilient domestic demand and macroeconomic stability reinforce the belief that the economy is on firm footing. Yet, beneath this optimism lies a persistent structural weakness that rarely receives sustained attention: India continues to rely on imports in sectors where domestic capacity should exist. This dependence is not the result of natural scarcity. It is largely shaped by policy choices. The contradiction is most visible in agriculture.

India ranks among the world's largest producers of foodgrains, yet remains heavily dependent on imports for edible oils and periodically for pulses and animal feed. At the same time, public agencies struggle to manage excess stocks of rice and wheat that exceed domestic consumption needs. Surplus and shortage coexist, not because of ecological limits, but because incentives influence what farmers choose to grow. Farmers respond rationally to policy signals. Crops backed by assured procurement and predictable pricing become safe options. Crops exposed to export bans, sudden import duty cuts or shifting trade rules become risky. When prices rise one season only for markets to be abruptly closed the next, producers learn that profits may be temporary while losses can be permanent. Over time, cultivation shifts toward stability rather than strategic requirement. This dynamic creates dependence long before imports enter the picture.

Trade merely fills gaps created by domestic disincentives. Public resources are then spent twice ~ first on procuring, transporting, and storing surplus grain, and again on managing shortages through tariff changes and emergency imports. The fiscal burden persists because the incentive structure remains unchanged. There is also a deeper developmental cost. Staple grains require limited coordination beyond the farm gate. In contrast, oilseeds, pulses, and protein crops depend on stronger seed systems, storage infrastructure, processing capacity, and market integration. These activities generate higher incomes per hectare and build links with allied industries. In economic terms, they carry greater complexity ~ and complexity underpins sustainable growth. India's challenge lies in the mismatch between complexity and policy certainty.

The strongest assurances exist for the simplest products, while sectors that require investment and coordination face the greatest uncertainty. When uncertainty collides with complexity, diversification stalls, learning slows and import dependence deepens. Reducing this dependence does not require dismantling food security systems or ignoring inflation risks. What is required is credibility. Farmers do not need permanently high prices; they need confidence that rules will not change unpredictably between sowing and harvest. The Budget can signal a shift by moving away from perpetual surplus management toward stable diversification incentives. Transparent, rule-based trade interventions and consistent long-term support for high-value crops would gradually reshape production decisions. Import dependence is often portrayed as an external vulnerability. In reality, it is largely an internal outcome ~ created not by economic limits, but by policy habits. Correcting it begins not with protectionism, but with consistency.

Flipkart Deepens Marketplace Governance Framework to Strengthen Trust, Accountability, and Platform Integrity

Lucknow, 22 January 2026: Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, continues to invest in and strengthen its compliance governance framework to ensure fairness, authenticity, and trust across the platform. These systems are designed to operate with consistent standards, internal control, and audit-ready processes across the organisation. This proactive, layered approach is critical for governing a marketplace with millions of listings and over 1.4 million sellers. By combining sophisticated technology, structured human oversight, and formalized compliance policies, Flipkart maintains a trusted, well-governed environment, enabling genuine businesses to thrive and ensuring customers receive safe, quality products.

Flipkart's first line of defense is a standardized, risk-based onboarding and monitoring system designed to prevent non-compliant and fraudulent sellers from entering or operating on the platform.

Advanced Seller Vetting

New sellers onboarding with Flipkart are vetted using a risk-based model that moves beyond document submission. In addition to GSTIN and PAN checks, the onboarding system verifies the seller's device, address, and pin-code against historic fraud patterns using internal data models. All GST details undergo two-factor authentication, helping prevent misuse of credentials.

Institutionalizing the Seller Compliance and Transparency Framework Across the Marketplace

Central to this framework is the institutionalization of transparency as a seller's right of due process. At the point of onboarding, sellers receive a detailed

(Gns).

In an increasingly digital society, a single careless click can cost an individual their savings, identity and peace of mind. Phishing scams – fraudulent messages designed to impersonate banks, companies, or trusted individuals – are rising sharply across emails, text messages, and social media platforms. Despite frequent warnings, many users continue to fall victim, often because they are told what is dangerous but not why. Most internet users have encountered alerts such as "Suspicious link detected" or "This message may be unsafe." While these warnings are meant to protect users, they rarely explain the underlying risk.

As a result, people may

Understanding phishing threats is vital

ignore the alert, assume it is a technical error, or proceed out of urgency. This gap between detection and understanding has become a critical weakness in the fight against online fraud. Phishing is a form of cyber-crime in which attackers trick users into revealing sensitive information, including passwords, one-time passwords (OTPs) and banking details. These messages are often carefully crafted to appear legitimate – a notification from a bank, a delivery update or even a job offer. The growing sophistication of such scams makes them difficult to identify at a glance. Contrary to popular belief, falling for phishing is not a sign of carelessness or lack of intelligence. Fraudsters rely on psychological

manipulation rather than technical complexity. By creating urgency, fear or a sense of authority, they push recipients to act

Cybersecurity experts now emphasize the importance of explaining why a message is considered dangerous. Modern security

systems by making their decisions transparent. Third, it enhances prevention by turning users into active participants in their own protection. While technology plays a vital role, individual caution remains essential. Users should avoid clicking on links from unknown sources, carefully verify sender details, never share OTPs or passwords, and be wary of messages demanding immediate action. When in doubt, it is safer to visit official websites directly or contact customer support through verified channels. As phishing techniques continue to evolve, awareness remains the strongest defence. Understanding why a message is dangerous is far more powerful than simply being told it is.

Over time, this approach helps individuals recognize common scam patterns independently, reducing reliance solely on automated tools. Awareness strengthens digital safety in three important ways. First, it builds long-term awareness by educating users about how scams operate. Second, it increases trust in



systems are increasingly incorporating reason-based detection, which not only flags suspicious content but also highlights specific red flags. These may quickly.

Messages warning that an account will be blocked or demanding immediate action are designed to override rational judgement.

Parliament must reform for a stronger democracy

senior, and prominent members, irrespective of the parties they belong to, are missing from debates, leaving critical discussions to a handful of participants – sometimes only those listed as speakers are present. This is an act of misuse of democracy. Attendance must be made visible and enforceable. A simple way to do it could be to display the number of members present, along with their names, on the chamber screen during live telecasts. It is the right of the voters to know whether their elected representatives are fulfilling their duty and attending Parliament regularly.

Bills should be passed when there is a stipulated Quorum in the House. Financial incentives such as daily allowances and perks could be conditional on attendance. Chronic absenteeism without a valid reason must carry serious consequences, such as being barred from attending the rest of the

session and disqualified from contesting the next election, etc. After all, public office is a responsibility, not a privilege. Attendance alone is not enough; the quality of debate must improve. Mostly, discussions are reduced to political point scoring, with



Some members speak in regional languages during parliamentary proceedings, making it difficult for most viewers to follow live telecasts. It is therefore desirable that those proficient in Hindi or English use these languages, as this not only ensures clear understanding but also allows the members' views to be appreciated both by colleagues in the House and by the public watching on television. Parliamentary discipline has deteriorated in recent years, with frequent walkouts, shouting, cross-talk, personal comments directed at colleagues, and the display of placards before television cameras. The recent trend has been to obstruct even the speech of the President of India and the budget speech by the Finance Minister, which is highly unethical.

Using mobile phones

during proceedings further erodes the seriousness of debate and is unacceptable in a forum requiring dignity and discipline. Their attention must be on legislative business. To restore credibility, a stronger and enforceable code of conduct is required. Penalties must be imposed on those who indulge in unruly behaviour. To protect public trust, MPs could refrain from voting on matters that affect their personal interests, which could help restore decorum, integrity, and trust in parliamentary proceedings. Parliament could be made transparent, disciplined, and accountable with the help of modern technology. An e-Parliament system could be introduced, providing public access to information about attendance, punishments, and speeches of the MPs. AI-powered monitoring could track the participation and contribution of the MPs to evaluate their performance.

A feedback mechanism could also be incorporated to rate the usefulness of debates by voters. This would shift the focus of MPs from mere electoral popularity to actual legislative effectiveness. Beyond behaviour and technology, structural reforms are essential. In the early decades (1950s-60s),

Parliament sat for 120-135 days annually. In recent years, sittings have reduced to around 55-70 days per year. PRS Legislative Research and former Speakers have recommended a minimum of 120 sitting days, which could be adopted, to ensure adequate time for debate and legislation. The Speaker should have the authority to enforce discipline in the House. These reforms are not about punishing MPs, but about restoring the dignity and decorum of the Parliament. Citizens want their representatives to attend sessions, debate responsibly, and pass laws that benefit people.

The entire democratic system loses credibility when Parliament functions chaotically. It can be restored by enforcing attendance, improving debate quality, strengthening ethics, embracing technology, and maintaining structural discipline. Democracy is not just about elections; it is more about responsible representation. An MP's role does not end with winning votes – it begins there with the responsibility of shaping laws and policies. Therefore, reforms in parliamentary functioning are not optional; they are essential for the survival of democracy itself.

Reforming the judiciary

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The first hearing in any rights dispute is the one the public never sees: who gets to become a judge. In India, judicial appointments are often discussed as an internal tussle ~ court versus government, collegium versus executive, transparency versus independence. But that framing misses the point. Judicial selection is not a technocratic HR process. It is human rights infrastructure. It decides whose liberty is protected, whose protest is restrained, whose land is taken, whose equality is affirmed, whose dignity is recognised, and whose suffering is ignored.

When appointments are opaque, delayed, or shaped by hidden vetoes, the damage is not abstract because it is borne by undertrials, by

survivors of violence waiting for a trial date, by communities challenging discrimination, and by citizens seeking constitutional remedies. This matters now because international standards increasingly emphasize that judicial selection must be transparent, merit-based, independent, and nondiscriminatory. The UN Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary stress selection on "integrity and ability" and the duty of states to provide adequate resources for courts to function. The UN Human Rights Committee has also linked fair trial guarantees to the reality ~

not just the form ~ of an independent and impartial tribunal.

As the UN Special Rapporteur prepares a thematic report on principles of judicial appointments for the Human Rights Council's 62nd session (June 2026), India has an opportunity to



show that independence and accountability are not enemies, and that transparency can strengthen ~ not weaken ~ judicial legitimacy. India's higher judiciary appointments operate through the collegium system, a judge-made framework that evolved through landmark Supreme Court decisions and later survived the failed National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) experiment. The result is a paradox: a system meant to protect courts from executive capture, but which often remains internally closed and socially narrow ~ while still being vulnerable to informal executive veto through delay, selective vetting, and control of timelines.

solved decision-making and toward whoever can stall the process without accountability. When that happens, independence becomes a slogan, not a lived reality. The most measurable symptom is vacancies. Official government data shows that as on 24 December 2025, High Courts had a sanctioned strength of 1122 judges, but a working strength of 821 – leaving 301 vacancies.

The Supreme Court had a sanctioned strength of 34, with 33 working and 1 vacancy. Those are not just numbers; they are the architecture of delay. Fewer judges mean longer cause lists, more adjournments, and slower constitutional review. The backlog

becomes self-perpetuating: judges are overworked, time for detailed hearings shrinks, and courts increasingly manage crises rather than resolve them. And the crisis is even starker below. The National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) shows hundreds of millions of cases pending across the system (with a large share older than a year).

A recent report citing the government in Parliament put vacancies in district and subordinate courts at 4,855 out of a sanctioned strength of 25,886, alongside over 4.8 crore pending cases as of 1 December 2025. It is hard to speak credibly about "access to justice" when the system is structurally short-staffed. The second symptom is opacity, especially around "adverse material" and intelligence inputs. A striking public illustration is the Supreme Court collegium's statement of 18 January 2023 concerning the reconsideration of the proposal to appoint advocate Saurabh Kirpal as a judge of the Delhi High Court. The collegium noted the recommendation had been pending for over five years, and recorded objections reportedly raised through intelligence and executive communications ~ ranging from the nationality of the candidate's partner to the fact that the candidate was open about his sexual orientation.



munication. Sellers also have visibility into listing takedowns via reason codes on their dashboards, with the opportunity to contest claims with proof of authorization or purchase. The framework is governed through dedicated compliance, trust and safety, and marketplace risk teams with structured reporting to senior leadership.

Flipkart's governance systems are focused on early interception rather than merely reactive takedowns. Between October 2024 and October 2025, more than 10 million listings were actioned for counterfeit or compliance policy violations at the source, and 13,000 sellers were removed from the platform.

Furthermore, Flipkart's 'Brand Assure' program empowers trademark-registered brand owners to flag non-authorized listings or sellers, with the Trust & Safety team reviewing reported incidents in real time. As of December 2025, the program has onboarded over 11,000 brands and helped them resolve thousands of infringement incidents,

Western railway announces temporary changes in terminal & coach composition of two key trains

Mumbai, **Karnavati Express to Originate/Terminate at Bandra Terminus:** Vande Bharat Express to Run with 20-Coach Rake. For the information of passengers Western Railway notifies temporary operational changes involving (i) shifting the terminal of Train No. 12933/12934 Mumbai Central – Vatva / Ahmedabad – Mumbai Central Karnavati Express from Mumbai Central to Bandra Terminus, and (ii) temporary augmentation of

coaches in Train No. 22961/22962 Mumbai Central – Ahmedabad – Mumbai Central Vande Bharat Express from 16 to 20 coaches. According to a press release issued by the Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, Train No. 22961/22962 Mumbai Central – Ahmedabad – Mumbai Central Vande Bharat Express will be temporarily augmented with four additional coaches and will run with a 20-coach

rake with effect from Journey Commencing on 26.01.2026 to 07.03.2026. Shri Vineet further stated that Train No. 12933/12934 Bandra Terminus – Vatva / Ahmedabad – Bandra Terminus Karnavati Express will originate/terminate at Bandra Terminus instead of Mumbai Central on a temporary basis with effect from Journey Commencing on 26.01.2026 to 07.03.2026. Train No. 12933 will depart from Bandra Terminus at

13:55 hrs, while Train No. 12934 will arrive Bandra Terminus at 12:30 hrs; there is no change in the rest of the timings between Borivali and Vatva / Ahmedabad.

Passengers are requested to take note of the above changes and plan their journey accordingly. For detailed information regarding timings, halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

Western railway to run three pairs of special trains to various destinations

Mumbai, For the convenience of passengers and to clear extra rush of passengers, Western Railway will run 03 pairs of weekly special trains on special fare.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer, Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details of these trains are as under:

1) Train No. 09035/09036 Bandra Terminus – Udhna Bi-Weekly Special [20 Trips]

Train No. 09035 Bandra Terminus – Udhna Special will depart from Bandra Terminus every Friday & Saturday at 09:00 hrs and will reach Udhna at 15:05 hrs, the same day. This train will run from 30th January to 28th February, 2026. Similarly, Train No. 09036 Udhna – Bandra Terminus Special will depart from Udhna every Thursday & Friday at 15:45 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 21:35 hrs, the same day. This train will run

from 29th January to 27th February, 2026.

Enroute, this train will halt at Andheri, Borivali, Vasai Road, Virar, Vaitarna, Saphale, Kelve Road, Palghar, Boisar, Vangaon, Dahanu Road, Ghodbawal, Bori Road, Umbargam Road, Sanjan, Bhilad, Karmambeli, Vapi, Valsad, Bilmora and Navsari stations in both directions. Train No. 09035 will have additional halt at Bhayandar and Train No. 09036 will have additional halt at Atul, Pardi and Udvada stations.

This train comprises of Sleeper Class and General Second Class coaches.

2) Train No. 09561/09562 Bandra Terminus – Okha Weekly Special [10 Trips]

Train No. 09561 Bandra Terminus – Okha Special will depart from Bandra Terminus every Wednesday at 05:50 hrs and will reach Okha at 22:50 hrs, the same day. This train will run from 28th January to 25th February, 2026. Similarly, Train No.

09562 Okha – Bandra Terminus Special will depart from Okha every Tuesday at 10:20 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 04:20 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 27th January to 24th February, 2026.

Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Virangam, Surendranagar, Rajkot, Hapa, Jamnagar, Khamalia and Dwaraka stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC - 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, AC 3 Tier (Economy), Sleeper Class and General Second Class coaches.

3) Train No. 09005/09006 Bandra Terminus – Bhiwani Superfast Weekly Special [10 Trips]

Train No. 09005 Bandra Terminus – Bhiwani Special will depart from Bandra Terminus every Wednesday at 11:00 hrs and will reach Bhiwani at 13:00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 28th January to 25th February, 2026. Similarly, Train No.

2026. Similarly, Train No. 09006 Bhiwani – Bandra Terminus Special will depart from Bhiwani every Thursday at 14:35 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 16:10 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 29th January to 26th February, 2026.

Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Palghar, Vapi, Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Mandsor, Nimach, Chittaurgarh, Bhilwara, Bijnor, Nasirabad, Ajmer, Kishangarh, Jaipur, Dausa, Alwar, Rewari, Kosli and Charkhi Dadri stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC - 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class coaches.

The booking for Train No. 09035, 09036, 09561, 09562 & 09005 is open at all PRS counters & on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

Reaction of AAP State President Isudan Gadhvi on the atrocities committed on Shankaracharya Shri Avimuktешwaranandji

Atrocities on Shankaracharya are similar to an insult to Hindu society and Sanatan Dharma by the BJP: Isudan Gadhvi
Hindu society and Aam Aadmi Party do not support the attack on Shankaracharya: Isudan Gadhvi

BJP, in the name of Hindutva, is using the government system to carry out violence and pressure: Isudan Gadhvi
Demand for legal action by Aam Aadmi Party for the honor of Shankaracharya: Isudan Gadhvi

BJP is no longer a party, it has become a corporate company selling certificates: Isudan Gadhvi
Stopping Shankaracharya from bathing is an insult to Sanatan tradition: Isudan Gadhvi
Isudan Gadhvi appeals to RSS-VHP-Bajrang Dal to

raise their voice on the issue of atrocities on Shankaracharya Ahmedabad / Gujarat committed by pulling their disciples by the hair have hurt the sentiments of all Hindus. These atrocities against Shankaracharya and his disciples are not merely a personal attack, but a severe blow to the universally accepted values of Hindu society and Sanatan tradition. The BJP has now become a corporate company in the name of Hindutva and nationalism. The BJP has started playing with people's sentiments in the name of Mother Cow, Hindu culture, and Sanatan Dharma. Are they now asking even Shankaracharya for certificates of Hindu faith? Who are you? First show your own certificate of nationalism. The Aam Aadmi Party has registered protests at various places in support of

Shankaracharya. AAP leader Isudan Gadhvi further stated that I request RSS, Bajrang Dal, and VHP that when the BJP is committing atrocities on our Shankaracharyas, you too should unite and raise your voice in support of Shankaracharyaji. Today it is one Shankaracharya, tomorrow there will be another, and then all of us will also have to give certificates of being Hindus. This is not only an attack on Shankaracharya, but an attack on our Hindu faith and on future generations as well. I request all social organizations, saints, artists, and all followers of Sanatan Dharma to raise their voice together in support of Shankaracharyaji.

Aam Aadmi Party Gujarat

Rajasthan: Reckless Driving Kills IAF Aspirant In Jaipur; Driver Absconds

(Gns). In a shocking incident, an 18-year-old girl was killed in a hit-and-run incident on a Jaipur expressway on Wednesday in Rajasthan. She was preparing for the Indian Air Force physical examination, according to a report in the IANS.

The victim identified as Anaya Sharma was jogging on the Shanti Bagh stretch of the expressway before the speeding SUV hit her from the behind. She suffered severe injuries. The teenager was rushed to the hospital where she breathed her last during the treatment.

An 18-year-old girl, Anaya Sharma, was killed in a hit-and-run incident on the Jaipur expressway in

Rajasthan on Wednesday while jogging; the driver of

was living in Jaipur with her sister. The driver of the car was hit and run. The driver of the black Mahindra Thar SUV fled the scene and a case has been registered at Kardhani Police Station.

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Anaya Sharma was a resident of Jhunjhunu and escaped from the spot after the incident, the police said. A case has been registered at Kardhani Police Station.

The reckless driver hit another vehicle before fleeing the spot. He abandoned the Thar SUV near Dadi ka Phatak and escaped on

However, the body was handed over to the victim's family after the post-mortem. It was taken to her native for the last rites.

Meanwhile, the hunt to nab the culprit is on. Special teams have been formed to catch the absconder. The cops are looking into the CCTV footage, technical surveillance, and other evidence to identify the accused.

The incident has triggered massive outrage among the citizens who demand a strict action against the absconder whose reckless driving took a life. However, the cops have assured the public that stringent action will be taken against him

India sends 7.5 tonnes of life-saving cancer medicines to Afghanistan

(Gns). As part of healthcare cooperation between India and Afghanistan, New Delhi has sent 7.5 tonnes of life-saving cancer medicines to Kabul to address the needs of cancer patients in Afghanistan.

In a post on X, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal on Thursday said, "India delivers 7.5 tonnes of life-saving cancer medicines to Kabul to address the urgent needs of cancer patients. India remains committed to supporting the friendly people of Afghanistan."

In December, Afghanistan's Minister of

Public Health, Mawlawi Noor Jalal Jalali, held a

boosting health cooperation, sharing expertise



meeting with Minister of Health and Family Welfare JP Nadda in New Delhi and discussed ways to enhance bilateral cooperation in the healthcare sector.

The talks focused on

Afghan patients, and support for health facilities were also discussed," Afghanistan's Ministry of Public Health posted on X.

Jalali thanked India for its recent support in the health sector and outlined additional needs to improve Afghanistan's healthcare system.

During the meeting, Nadda reaffirmed New Delhi's commitment to supporting the Afghan people, including through the supply of medicines and vaccines. He confirmed that a CT scan machine, along with medicines and vaccines, would soon be sent to a children's hospital in Kabul.

Grassroots artistes to showcase UP's cultural diversity during UP Diwas in Lucknow

(Gns). As Uttar Pradesh prepares to celebrate Uttar Pradesh Diwas, the state's

ing cultural traditions.

The journey of these artistes has unfolded through a carefully struc-



cultural landscape is set to take centre stage in Lucknow with a unique initiative that brings together talent from the grassroots to the capital.

Preliminary rounds were held between January 10 and 15, at the gram sabha, panchayat, block, and tehsil levels, followed by district-level competitions from January 17 to 19. The process culminated on January 22 with divisional-level competitions, where participants from all 18 divi-

sions of the state competed for a place at the state-level celebrations.

UP Tourism and Culture



Minister Jaiveer Singh said here on Thursday that the initiative reflects the government's commitment to taking culture beyond elite stages and giving genuine grassroots talent a voice.

Congratulating the winners of the state-level cultural competition 'Hamari Sanskriti – Hamari Pehchaan' (Sanskruti Utsav 2025-26), he said the platform has enabled young

artistes from Uttar Pradesh—adolescents aged 14 to 20 years and youth aged 21 to 25 years—

to showcase their abilities in disciplines such as vocal and instrumental music, classical and semi-classical dance, folk dance, theatre, light music, tribal and folk instruments, and poetry recitation.

Selected participants will be honoured and awarded during Uttar Pradesh Diwas celebrations from January 24 to 26, 2026, at Rashtriya Prerna Sthal.

After Killing Husband With Lover, She Spent the Night Watching Porn Beside His Body: Inside Andhra Murder Case

(Gns). In Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, police arrested Lakshmi Madhuri for allegedly killing her husband, Lokam Shiva Nagaraju, with her lover Gopi's help in Chiluvuru village, after marital disputes. Madhuri reportedly seduced Nagaraju, then Gopi suffocated him, followed by Madhuri watching pornographic videos near the body and falsely claiming a heart attack before neighbours grew suspicious.

Investigators say the crime was carefully planned and carried out inside the couple's home in Chiluvuru village, followed by behaviour that further alarmed authorities. Murder Planned Inside the House

According to police, the accused, Lakshmi Madhuri, in

conspired to kill her husband Lokam Shiva Nagaraju, an onion trader, after ongoing marital disputes. On the night of the

identified as Gopi, arrived at the house to assist in the act. Investigators stated that Gopi restrained Nagaraju

by sitting on his chest, while Madhuri used a pillow to suffocate him. Police believe the combined assault led to Nagaraju's death on the spot.

The claim did not convince those around her. Neighbours and acquaintances were aware of frequent quarrels between the couple and Madhuri's alleged extramarital relationship.

After ensuring that he was no longer alive, Gopi reportedly left the house, leaving Madhuri alone with

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