



**PM Modi Ahead Of Budget: Highlights India-EU Free Trade Deal To Help Manufacturers Sell In 27 Nations**

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, speaking ahead of the Budget Session, highlighted the importance of the President's Address reflecting the trust of 140 crore Indians, and noted Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget for the ninth time. Modi discussed the India-EU free trade agreement, emphasizing opportunities for various sectors and the path toward Viksit Bharat 2047.

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PM Modi highlighted that Nirmala Sitharaman is set to create history by presenting the Union Budget for the ninth consecutive time. He said this is a proud moment for the country and a first in India's parliamentary history.

Big Opportunity for India-EU Trade Agreement Speaking on the India-European Union free trade agreement, PM Modi said the deal opens major opportunities for India's manufacturers, farmers, fishermen, youth, and service sector. He urged Indian producers to make full use of the expanded market and focus strongly on quality.

He said that with access to markets in 27 European countries, Indian products can reach buyers at competitive prices.

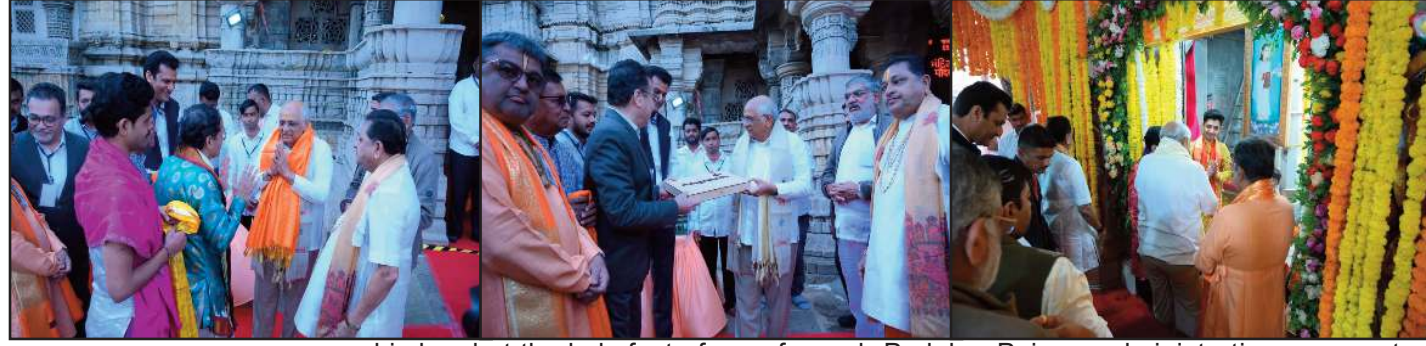
Emphasising quality, the Prime Minister said winning the trust of European consumers can create long-term benefits for Indian businesses. PM Modi said the government continues to follow its core approach of "reform, perform and transform," adding that the country is now moving at high speed on the path of reforms.

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**Economic Survey 2025-26 Projects 7.4% GDP Growth, Higher Momentum Seen Ahead of Budget**

(Gns). Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday tabled the Economic Survey 2025-26 in the Lok Sabha, projecting India's GDP growth at 7.4 per cent for the current financial year. The survey estimates that economic growth in 2026-27 could moderate slightly but remain strong, in the range of 6.8 to 7.2 per cent.

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pared under Chief Economic Adviser V Anantha Nageswaran, ahead of the Union Budget on February 1, 2026. As per convention, the Economic Survey was presented ahead of the Union Budget to provide Parliament with an assess-

ment of the economy's performance and challenges. The document reviews sectoral trends, fiscal policy direction and external sec-

tor dynamics, offering a backdrop for the Budget debate. The survey highlights stable macroeconomic fundamentals, noting that government-led reforms have helped strengthen the investment environment. It points to resilience in man-

ufacturing, services and capital formation as key drivers supporting growth. The outlook presented is more optimistic than projections by several international agencies.

Key indicators covered in the survey include GDP growth trends, inflation movements, fiscal policy stance, export-import performance, foreign exchange reserves, and social sector parameters such as employment, health and education. The report also identifies areas where further policy intervention may be required to sustain growth momentum. The projected 7.4 per cent growth for 2025-26 is higher than estimates in the previous Economic Survey, reflecting improved economic activity across sectors. The survey attributes this to a rebound in private investment and steady domestic demand.

**'Delayed but Welcome': Why M.K. Stalin Is Backing UGC's New Equity Rules for Campuses**

(Gns). Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has backed the UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2026, describing them as a "delayed but welcome" reform.

Stalin linked the new framework to long-standing concerns over caste bias, student suicides and alleged hostility towards marginalised groups in Indian campuses. The UGC Regulations 2026, notified on January 13, update earlier 2012 rules on caste-based discrimination. Colleges and universities must now set up dedicated equity committees and helplines, with Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan assuring balanced implementation. "The #UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2026 is a delayed but welcome step in reforming a higher education system scarred by deep rooted discrimination and institutional apathy. Since the BJP came to power at the Union

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level, there has been a visible rise in student suicides within Indian HEIs particularly among SC

and ST students. This has been accompanied by repeated attacks and harassment targeting students from South India, Kashmir, and minority communities. In this context, equity safeguards are not a matter of choice but an unavoidable necessity," Stalin posted on X. Stalin welcomed the stated goals of the UGC Regulations 2026, especially the focus on ending caste discrimination and formally including OBC stu-

dents. Stalin argued that the pushback against this framework recalls protests seen during the Mandal Commission reservations period. Stalin said opponents show a "regressive mindset" and warned against any effort to weaken the regulations. "The stated goals of dismantling caste discrimination and the inclusion of #OBCs within this framework, deserve support. As seen during the implementation of reservations based on the #MandalCommission recommendations, the present #UGC\_Rollback backlash is driven by the same regressive mindset. The Union Government must not allow such pressure to dilute these regulations or their core objectives," he said.

In Stalin's view, the UGC Regulations 2026 respond to serious trends in higher education. Stalin alleged a rise in suicides among SC and ST students since the BJP formed the Union government. Stalin also referred to reported harassment.

**Nitish Kumar announces next phase of 'Mahila Rozagaar Yojana', offers Rs 2 lakh additional funding**

(Gns). Taking a major step towards financial empowerment of women in Bihar, Nitish Kumar's cabinet on Thursday approved the second phase of 'Mahila Rozagaar Yojana' (Chief Minister Women Employment Scheme). In the first phase, 1.56 crore women benefitted from the scheme as financial assistance of Rs 10,000 was transferred to each beneficiary's bank account through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer). In the second phase, the government will provide an additional support of up to Rs 2 lakh to every woman to expand their businesses.

ment through a social media post on X, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar stated, "I am happy to inform you that action has now begun to provide additional financial assistance of up to Rs 2 lakh to the selected beneficiaries under the 'Mahila Rozagaar Yojana'.



This amount will be given in phases, provided that the previously given amount has been properly utilised for employment purposes. If the business is running well, a lump-sum amount may also be provided as required." He mentioned that the

department concerned has been instructed to ensure proper marketing arrangements for the goods produced by beneficiaries under the scheme. Additionally, these beneficiaries should be linked with the work of various government departments, such as garment production, Sudha milk sale centres, and Didi Ki Rasoi.

"The implementation of this scheme will not only further strengthen the position of women but will also provide them with better employment opportunities within the state, reducing the need for people to migrate outside the

state in search of work," he added. Nitish Kumar assured that the remaining applicants in both rural and urban areas will also receive the amount in their accounts through DBT as per rules in the near future.

The cabinet also approved the proposal to increase the amount of the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme starting from the financial year 2025-26. The scholarship amount was earlier fixed in 2011 and has now been doubled. This scholarship will be provided to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) students studying in government and recognised schools.

**UP cabinet amends Brick Kiln Rules, eases site norms**

(Gns). The Uttar Pradesh government on Thursday approved the first amendment to the Uttar Pradesh Brick Kiln Establishment Site Criteria Rules-2012 to promote brick manufacturing units. The decision was taken in the state cabinet meeting.

relax them. Dr Ravindra Pratap Singh, Chairman, UP Pollution Control Board, said the proposed amendment will reduce the distance between a brick kiln and a

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from the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, due to which they are not considered legal. With the implementation of the proposed amendment, these kilns will be considered legal if they can prove, through permissions/NOCs from the District Panchayat, Commercial Tax Department, Mining Department, or other departments, that they were established before 2012.

This will provide employment to approximately 30,000 to 40,000 people and ensure the availability of red bricks in sufficient quantities, providing affordable bricks to the general public for construction purposes.



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# Editorial

## New Chapter

The return of the last Israeli hostage's remains closes one of the most emotionally charged chapters of the Gaza war. For more than two years, the unresolved fate of captives shaped military decisions, froze diplomacy, and dominated domestic politics in Israel. With that chapter now ended, the conflict moves into a far more consequential ~ and far more uncertain ~ phase. This moment carries immense symbolic weight. For Israel, it marks the fulfilment of a national promise repeatedly invoked since the attacks of October 2023: that no citizen, living or dead, would be left behind.

That promise defined the moral architecture of the war. Its completion brings closure to families and removes a powerful constraint on political decision-making. But symbolism alone does not alter realities on the ground. What changes now is strategic space. With no hostages remaining in Gaza, the rationale for delaying the next stage of the ceasefire framework disappears. The focus shifts from recovery to reconstruction, from battlefield operations to political design. At the centre of this transition lies the reopening of the Rafah border crossing ~ Gaza's only gateway not directly controlled by Israel. Rafah's reopening is not merely a logistical step. It represents a redefinition of Gaza's future status. Humanitarian access, reconstruction materials, international monitoring, and regional involvement all depend on that corridor.

Without Rafah, Gaza remains sealed. With it, Gaza begins a slow and fragile return to external engagement. Yet the crossing also exposes the core dilemma of the post-war plan: security without Hamas. The next phase envisions a demilitarised Gaza, stripped of armed factions and overseen by an international stabilisation mechanism. On paper, the idea appears straightforward. In practice, it is unprecedented. Hamas is not simply an armed group operating within Gaza; it is woven into its governance, social networks, and internal enforcement structures. Disarming it requires dismantling a system of power embedded over nearly two decades. That task cannot be achieved by force alone.

Nor can it succeed without local legitimacy, regional backing and sustained international presence ~ all of which remain fragile or undefined. An external force may secure crossings and infrastructure, but it cannot easily substitute political authority on the ground. For Hamas, the end of the hostage issue removes its last significant leverage. What lies ahead is existential. Acceptance of demilitarisation would amount to surrender; rejection risks renewed isolation or conflict. The movement's response will determine whether the ceasefire evolves into stability or collapses under accumulated mistrust. For Israel, the challenge is different but no less severe.

Military objectives may have been met, but strategic victory requires something harder: an alternative governing order that does not regenerate the conditions that produced war in the first place. The return of the final hostage closes a painful chapter. But it also removes the final cause of delay. What follows will decide not how the war is remembered ~ but whether it truly ends.

# Diamond City Surat Set To Become a 'Zero Waste City'

**Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Recycling Plant To Ensure All City Construction Waste is Recycled and Reused On Site or at the Plant**  
**Target of 100% Construction Waste Recycling; Reduces Over 500 Tons of CO<sub>2</sub> Annually, Equivalent to Saving 250,000 kg of Coal**  
**Surat Municipal Corporation Becomes the First to Implement Clean Construction Guidelines**

**Surat, India's Role Model in Waste Management, Moves Towards a Circular Economy**  
 Gandhinagar, 29 January 2026: Surat city, once known mainly for its diamond and textile industries, is now emerging as a national leader in environmental conservation and scientific waste management. The city is steadily shaping an identity that goes beyond being the 'Diamond City', aiming to become a 'Zero Waste City'. As part of the 'Urban Development Year' declared by the state government, Surat Municipal Corporation has given pri-

ority to 'Green Growth' while advancing modern urban infrastructure.

As the city continues to develop rapidly, Surat is also leading nationwide in environmental responsibility. Over the next two years, the Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) has set a target to achieve 100% recycling of construction and demolition (C&D) waste generated in the city. A structured system is being put in place to ensure that construction waste is diverted directly to the planned site or to the plants, where it will be recycled and reused. SMC has established a Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Recycling Plant to scientifically collect, process, and reuse construction and demolition waste generated across the city. This initiative has emerged as a model for cities across India, while contributing to urban cleanliness, environmental protection, and the conservation of natural resources.

By achieving 100% recycling of construction waste, Surat's initiative goes beyond cleanliness and reflects a strong commitment to environmental responsibility. The recycling process helps reduce CO<sub>2</sub>

Central Governments, waste is being recycled and managed through scientific systems. A dedicated Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Recycling Plant has been established to convert con-

struction and demolition waste into useful products. A 300 MT-per-day plant, at Kosad, operates under the Public Participation (PPP) model. At present, around 80 metric tons of demolition waste is recycled daily. C&D waste is turned into paver blocks, while other construction waste is processed into high-quality products. In Clean City Surat, demolition waste is no longer merely waste; it has become a valuable resource. SMC has introduced Clean Construction

Guidelines, allowing citizens to register for construction waste collection from their homes via e-governance. In a path-breaking move, the Corporation has made it mandatory for government tenders to use up

Reuse of Bricks, Concrete, and Iron Pieces at the Kosad Plant  
 Since the Kosad plant became operational in 2018, SMC has steadily strengthened its collection system, gradually increasing the amount of solid construction and demolition waste gathered each year. The city collected 65,746 metric tons in 2018-19, 37,457 metric tons in 2019-20, 10,614 metric tons in 2020-21, 23,315 metric tons in 2021-22, 41,451 metric tons in 2022-23, 49,381 metric tons in 2023-24 and 58,106 metric tons in 2024-25. Instead of being sent to dumping sites, this waste is collected and recycled. At the plant, materials such as bricks, concrete, and iron pieces are scientifically processed to make them reusable. This process produces high-quality outputs, including crushed aggregates, recycled sand, paver blocks, and concrete bricks.



emissions of approximately over 500 tons every year, equivalent to saving 2,50,000 kg of coal. It has also reduced dependence on natural resources such as stone and sand. Surat has once again maintained its reputation as one of India's cleanest cities by securing the highest score nationwide in Swachh Survey-2024, consistently leading in the Super Swachh League with sustained efforts towards zero waste management. Under SMC guidance, and with the support of the State and

function of statehood, this is not compassion ~ it is neighbourho-

to 20% recycled material produced at the city's recycling plant. This policy not only boosts the market for recycled products but also strengthens the circular economy. The Clean Construction Guidelines are playing a key role in reducing air pollution in the city. Smart monitoring has reduced citizen complaints, while mandatory use of tarps, shades, sprinklers for dust control, and green nets at construction sites is making Surat cleaner, safer, and more livable.

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## tragic encounter between a citizen and federal agents.

(Gns).  
 The killing of Alex Pretti in Minneapolis has become more than a tragic encounter between a citizen and federal agents. It has evolved into a mirror reflecting America's deepest contradictions ~ between enforcement and restraint, authority and liberty, impatience and due process. The anger is understandable. A man with no criminal record, a lawful gun owner under state law, and a working professional ended up dead during a federal operation that was not even meant for him.

Conflicting official statements, disputed video evidence, and the subsequent smearing of the victim have only intensified public distrust. When citizens are asked not to believe what they can plainly see, confidence in institutions erodes rapidly. Immigration enforcement in the United States has long been a source of national paralysis. Polling consistently shows that roughly half of Americans support tougher action against those living in the country illegally. This sentiment is not rooted in hostility alone, but in frustration ~ a belief that laws exist largely on paper while enforcement collapses under legal, political and procedural weight.

Unlike most countries, the United States extends



expansive due-process protections even to those who entered unlawfully. Deportation proceedings can stretch for years, sometimes decades. Appeals multiply. Jurisdictions resist cooperation. Courts remain backlogged. As a result, individuals ordered removed often remain on American soil indefinitely. For voters who see borders as a basic

institutional failure. That frustration has created space for forceful executive action. When systems appear immobile, pressure builds for decisive intervention. But decisiveness, when detached from restraint, carries its own dangers. The Minneapolis operation exposes precisely that fault line.  
 Federal agents operating aggressively in civilian

neighbourhoods, without transparent coordination with local authorities, create conditions where routine encounters can escalate into lethal outcomes. Immigration enforcement is not counterterrorism. Treating it as such risks transforming administrative law into armed confrontation. At the same time, critics of enforcement cannot ignore political reality. A country cannot sustain open-ended illegality without consequence. Public tolerance erodes. Social trust frays. Governments that appear unable to enforce their own laws invite backlash far harsher than measured reform. The question, then, is not whether immigration law should be enforced ~ but how. When enforcement relies primarily on fear, secrecy, and confrontation, it inevitably collides with civil liberties.  
 When resistance relies solely on obstruction and moral outrage, it ignores

legitimate public concern. Both approaches deepen polarisation while solving nothing. The tragedy in Minneapolis illustrates what happens when structural dysfunction meets operational aggression. A broken deportation system places enormous pressure on officers in the field. Poorly designed tactics then transfer that pressure onto civilians. When something goes wrong, responsibility becomes fragmented, and truth politically malleable. Either America reforms immigration law honestly ~ clarifying who can stay, who cannot, and how removals are carried out ~ or it continues oscillating between paralysis and overreach. Without that reckoning, enforcement will remain explosive, protests will multiply, and tragedies like Minneapolis will cease to be aberrations ~ and begin to look like symptoms.

## NSDL standalone delivers 15.4% growth in total income in Q3FY26 YoY

January 29, 2026  
 The total income increased from Rs.172.2 cr (Q3FY25) to Rs.198.7 cr (Q3FY26) registering a growth of 15.4%.  
 The net profit after tax grew marginally by 0.5% from Rs.77.5 cr (Q3FY25) to Rs.77.9 cr (Q3FY26).  
 Net Beneficiary Owner (BO) market share increased from 8.84% in 9M FY 2025 to 15.89% in 9M FY 26.



admitted in Q3FY26 stood at 4,446, with overall market share 72.5% (equity) compared with Q3 FY 25 at 71.4%.  
 As of December 2025, our market share by total demat custody value stood at 86.2% of which market share of individual and

HUF stands at 66.5%.  
 No. of Depository Participants (DP) ~ 300 and DP service centres ~ 56,858 as of December 31, 2025. The Company has implemented the provisions of the new labour law, i.e., the Code on Social Security, 2020, and has recognized

its impact of Rs 0.61 cr on standalone basis and Rs 1.95 cr on consolidated basis during Q3 FY26.  
 Protean eGov Technologies Ltd. has acquired a 4.95% stake in one of our subsidiary NSDL Payments Bank Ltd for Rs 30.2 crore, aiming to boost its digital financial services, enhance fintech capabilities, and strengthen its role in India's digital public infrastructure. The Bank as of December 2025, has crossed Rs 475 cr of deposit balance with 37.5 lakhs depositors as on this date.  
 NSDL announced its unaudited consolidated and standalone financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2025.

## Karisma Kapoor and Akshay Kumar Bring Back the Magic of the 90s on Wheel of Fortune

Mumbai: Wheel of Fortune has been entertaining audiences, and the excitement level soared when Bollywood diva Karisma Kapoor graced the show alongside Anu Malik and Mouni Roy. Hosted by Akshay Kumar, this episode on Sony Entertainment Television became a memorable journey filled with nostalgia, laughter, and pure entertainment. The nostalgia deepened when Akshay shared a heartwarming moment, saying, "As you all know, she is my first heroine. I did my first film, my

first song with her. I want to tell you how beautiful you are." Karisma responded warmly, "Thank you." The celebrations didn't stop there. The iconic duo recreated the magic of their memorable song 'Deedar Ho Gaya Mujhko Pyaar Ho Gaya' from the film Deedar, marking 34 years of the film and thrilling fans. Another promo showcased their playful camaraderie, with



Akshay jokingly saying, "She owns a flat in every building in Bandra," to which Karisma promptly

replied, "Anything!" Joining in the banter, Anu Malik added, "Akshay never lies," while Karisma retorted teasingly, "You know, he owns all of Juhu!" Akshay further added Santa Cruz and Khar to the list, keeping the laughter going. With nostalgia, humor, and their iconic friendship, this episode of Wheel of Fortune promises to be a complete entertainer for the viewers. Wheel of Fortune, hosted by Akshay Kumar, airs from January 27th, Monday to Friday at 9:00 PM on Sony Entertainment Television and Sony LIV.

## HDB Financial Services Partners with Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India as Preferred Financier

29th January 2026 — HDB Financial Services, a leading Non-Banking Financial Company that caters to the growing needs of an Aspirational India, today announced a partnership with Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI), under which HDB Financial Services will serve as a preferred financing partner across HMSI's dealer network in India.  
 The partnership is designed to enhance customer convenience by offering flexible, affordable and quick financing solutions for the complete range of Honda's two-wheelers, addressing the needs of both mass and premium customer segments.  
 As part of this collaboration, customers can benefit from a simplified financing experience with customized loan-to-value

(LTV) offerings for individual customer profiles, minimal documentation based largely on basic KYC, and fast turnaround times.  
 First-level credit approvals are completed within 5-7 minutes, and the full financing process typically concludes within 20 minutes. A paperless customer journey is currently a work in progress.  
 Commenting on the partnership, Mr. Karthik Srinivasan, Chief Business Officer, HDB Financial Services, said, "This collaboration with Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India allows us to deepen our presence in India's rapidly growing two-wheeler segment. By combining our financing expertise with Honda's strong

market reach, we aim to deliver speed, simplicity and value to customers at the point of purchase."  
 Mr. Yogesh Mathur, Director - Sales and Marketing, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India, added, "This association with HDB Financial Services marks a significant milestone in Honda

Motorcycle & Scooter India's journey toward building a robust and future-ready financing ecosystem. By combining HMSI's deep understanding of customer needs with the strong financial expertise of HDB Financial Services, this partnership will help create seamless and accessible financing solutions for a diverse customer base across India. It further strengthens our commitment to delivering superior value, greater convenience, and enhanced trust, ensuring that more customers can experience Honda's mobility with ease and confidence."  
 Together, HDB Financial Services and HMSI aim to drive greater financial ease for customers, support business growth and reinforce their shared focus on trust, innovation and customer-centric solutions.



## Nourishment without fear

(Gns).  
 Food adulteration is one of the most insidious threats ~ a silent poison that creeps into our kitchens and onto our plates. We know the danger, yet see no clear answer except the impossible one: not to eat. But how long can society live in fear of its own food? The tragedy is sharpest for those among the poor who rely on cheap street meals, often their only affordable option, and are fed this poison day and night. What began decades ago as petty tampering for profit has now grown into a ruthless menace that erodes trust, endangers health, and strikes at the very foundation of food security. To dismiss it as unsolvable is to surrender to cynicism.

The menace is complex, but it is neither inevitable nor beyond remedy. The answers exist ~ they only demand collective will. The persistence of food adulteration is not accidental. It is driven by economic greed, enabled by systemic gaps,

water to milk, mixing cheaper oils into expensive ones, or colouring fruits to look fresh. Regulatory bodies, though vigilant, often struggle with limited manpower and sprawling supply chains that make constant monitoring nearly



and sustained by consumer ignorance. Producers and middlemen adulterate food to maximize profits, adding

using chemicals and dyes that mimic the texture, colour, and taste of genuine food, making detection difficult for the average consumer. The final enabler is the consumer's blind spot: many buyers remain unaware of adulteration or unsure how to report it, allowing the practice to thrive unchecked. This is the perception many of us share ~ that despite laws and agencies, the menace continues because enforcement is patchy and offenders often escape with impunity. The consequences are devastating. Milk is diluted not only with water but sometimes with detergents or starch, leading to digestive problems and long-term organ damage.  
 Meanwhile, adulteration methods have grown increasingly sophisticated,

## A FEW TRAINS WILL BE AFFECTED DUE TO BLOCK BETWEEN SAPHALE AND KELVE ROAD

Mumbai, Due to de-launching of girders on Bridge No. 114, a block will be undertaken between Saphale and Kelve Road as per the following schedule. On 31st January, 2026, the block will be from 02:15 hrs to 03:15 hrs on the UP line and from 01:45 hrs to 05:45 hrs on the DOWN line. On 1st February, 2026, the block will be from 00:30 hrs to 04:30 hrs on the UP line and from 00:30 hrs to 04:00 hrs on the DOWN line. Consequently, a few train services will be affected during the above period. According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer, Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details of affected trains are as under:

Cancellation of Trains:  
 1. Train No. 93006 Dahanu Road - Virar MEMU departing Dahanu Road at 07:00 hrs on 31st January, 2026.  
 2. Train No. 93001 Virar - Dahanu Road MEMU departing Virar at 04:50 hrs. on 31st January, 2026.  
 Regulation/ rescheduling of Trains:  
 1. Train No. 69141 Virar - Surat Memu journey commencing on 31st January, 2026 will be regulated by 30 minutes.  
 2. Train No. 19038 Barauni - Bandra Terminus Express Journey commencing on 30th January, 2026 will be regulated by 1 hour 30 minutes.  
 3. Train No. 22946 Okha-Mumbai Central Mail

Express will be regulated by 30 minutes for the journey commencing on 30th January, 2026, and by 1 hour 10 minutes for the journey commencing on 31st January, 2026.  
 4. Train No. 22904 Bhuj - Bandra Terminus Superfast Express journey commencing on 31st January, 2026 will be regulated by 1 hour 30 minutes.  
 5. Train No. 09052 Bhusaval - Dadar Special Express journey commencing on 31st January, 2026 will be regulated by 50 minutes.  
 6. Train No. 22928 Ahmedabad - Bandra Terminus Express journey commencing on 31st January, 2026 will be regulated by 45 minutes.  
 7. Train No. 19218 Veraval - Bandra Terminus Express journey commencing on 31st January, 2026 will be regulated by 45 minutes.

8. Train No. 12928 Ekta Nagar - Dadar Superfast Express journey commencing on 31st January, 2026 will be regulated by 40 minutes.  
 9. Train No. 14701 Shri Ganganagar - Bandra Terminus Express journey commencing on 30th January, 2026 will be regulated by 30 minutes.  
 10. Train No. 12902 Ahmedabad - Dadar Express journey commencing on 31st January, 2026 will be regulated by 30 minutes.  
 11. Train No. 12962 Indore - Mumbai Central Superfast Express journey commencing on 31st January, 2026 will be regulated by 30 minutes.

## Mamata Banerjee Hints At Foul Play, Seeks Supreme Court-Monitored Probe; Congress Follows Suit

(Gns). West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday expressed deep condolences after reports emerged about the death of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and NCP leader Ajit Pawar in a plane crash near Baramati. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expressed condolences and demanded a Supreme Court-supervised investigation into the reported plane crash near Baramati, involving Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, while the DGCA and AAI are set to investigate the incident. She also demanded a Supreme Court-supervised investigation into the incident, raising concerns over safety and possible foul play.

Banerjee questioned the overall security situation in the country and said even senior political leaders were not safe. "There is no safety or security for the people of this country, not even for political leaders. I do not know what stand other opposition parties are taking, but a few days ago I saw reports on social media claiming that Ajit Pawar was planning to leave the BJP. And now this

has happened. I want a proper investigation under the supervision of the Supreme Court," she said. Maharashtra Congress leader and former minister Dr Nitin Raut said the news was shocking and raised the possibility of sabotage. He urged authorities to investigate all angles and also cautioned political leaders against frequent use of helicopters and small aircraft. Banerjee, in a separate post on X, said she was "deeply shocked and stunned" by the reported demise of Ajit Pawar and the others on board the aircraft. She extended condolences to Pawar's family, including his uncle Sharad Pawar, and to his supporters and well-wishers. Meanwhile, sources said that a team from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is expected to visit the crash site.



Mamata Banerjee and Ajit Pawar. Banerjee questioned the overall security situation in the country and said even senior political leaders were not safe.

## UGC Row: Supreme Court Halts UGC Equity Rules, Asks Government To Rewrite Regulations

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natory. They also claimed that the regulations violated the Constitution as well as the University Grants Commission Act of 1956. What the Chief Justice Said Chief Justice Surya Kant said the unity of the country must be reflected in schools and universities. He cautioned that unclear regulations in sensitive areas like education could have serious consequences.

The CJ remarked that if the court does not intervene at this stage, the regulations could divide society and lead to long-term harm. He added that the goal should be to ensure fairness without creating new forms of exclusion. The court also asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to consider the formation of a committee of eminent jurists, academicians, and social experts to review the regulations so



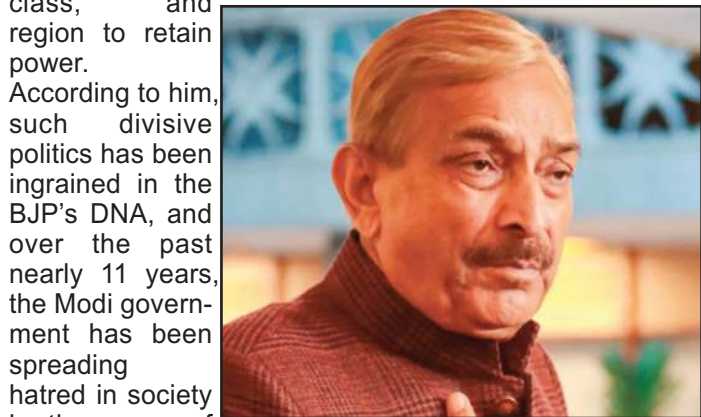
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## Pramod Tiwari welcomes stay on UGC Equity Regulations, accuses BJP of indulging in 'divide and rule' politics

(Gns). Deputy leader of Congress in the Rajya Sabha MP Pramod Tiwari has welcomed the interim order of the Supreme Court staying the implementation of the University Grants Commission's new Equity Regulations, 2026. He said the apex court's decision to put the new UGC regulations on hold and to constitute a committee of experts and scholars to examine the matter is a step in the right direction. He noted that until the committee submits its recommendations, the old UGC rules will continue to remain in force. Launching a sharp attack on the BJP-led Central government, Tiwari alleged that it is functioning in the spirit of the British-era policy of "divide and

rule". He claimed that the BJP government is deliberately dividing people on the basis of caste, religion, class, and region to retain power. According to him, such divisive politics has been ingrained in the BJP's DNA, and over the past nearly 11 years, the Modi government has been spreading hatred in society in the name of caste and religion. The Congress leader further alleged that while taking oath on the Constitution, the government has undermined constitutional values. It is now attempting to divert public attention from pressing

issues such as inflation, unemployment, rising prices of diesel, petrol and cooking gas, and unfulfilled promises like depositing Rs 15 lakh in people's accounts. Describing the Supreme Court's interim order as a "resounding slap" on the face of the Central government, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should apologise to the nation for the policies that, he alleged, have led to social and class conflicts. He added that it is the duty of any government to restore peace wherever there is unrest, but accused the BJP government of instead fuelling divisions for political gain. Tiwari claimed that the BJP is neither working in the interest of the country nor its citizens and is willing to go to any extent for the sake of power. He expressed the hope that the Supreme Court's decision would pave the way for social harmony, and he particularly welcomed the remarks of the Chief Justice of India, who, he said, raised serious questions about the "policy and intent" of the central government.



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## 'It Is an Accident, Not Politics': Sharad Pawar on Ajit Pawar Plane Crash

(Gns). Senior NCP leader Sharad Pawar on Tuesday appealed to political parties and the public to refrain from turning the death of Ajit Pawar into a political controversy, stressing that preliminary assessments point to a tragic accident. Ajit Pawar was killed earlier in the day when his aircraft crashed while attempting to land near Baramati, sending shockwaves across Maharashtra. Sharad Pawar said the incident has deeply affected not only the Pawar family but the entire state, and urged people to focus on mourning the loss and supporting those affected, rather than indulging in speculation. He acknowledged that questions were

being raised by several opposition leaders but cautioned against drawing conclusions before investigators complete their work. NCP leader Sharad Pawar appealed to political parties and the public to avoid turning Ajit Pawar's death into a political controversy, emphasizing it appeared to be a tragic accident near Baramati. He urged focusing on mourning, respecting the deceased, and avoiding speculation amidst calls for investigation from leaders like Mamata Banerjee and others. Responding to demands from leaders such as

Mamata Banerjee, Mallikarjun Kharge and Akhilesh Yadav for a detailed inquiry, Sharad Pawar said calls for investigation should not be used to fuel political narratives. He reiterated that, so far, there is no indication of any political conspiracy behind the crash. Pawar said he had met Vinayakrao earlier in the day and discussed the situation in detail. He also warned against the spread of misinformation, claiming that certain elements were deliberately trying to project the crash as politically motivated. "Some malicious forces are attempting to give this accident a political



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colour, which is completely baseless," he said. In a video message, the former Union minister described Ajit Pawar as a dedicated and hardworking public figure, saying the loss was irreplaceable. "The damage caused by this tragedy cannot be compensated easily. The grief is not limited to one family; it is shared by Maharashtra and many others," he said. Sharad Pawar concluded by urging restraint and sensitivity. "There is no politics involved here. This is a pure accident. I appeal to everyone not to politicise this tragedy," he said, underlining that respect for the dead and solidarity with the bereaved should remain the priority.

## Pakistan Cricket Divided Over Possible Withdrawal from T20 World Cup

(Gns). Pakistan's place at the upcoming T20 World Cup is suddenly uncertain, with sharp debate erupting at home. PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi has said participation is currently "on hold", even as several former captains, selectors and administrators urge the board not to withdraw and warn of long-term damage to Pakistan cricket. The dispute comes after the Pakistan Cricket Board backed Bangladesh in a disagreement with the International Cricket Council over World Cup venues. Pakistan supported shifting Bangladesh's matches from India, but the ICC rejected the demand. That stance has now escalated into talk of a possible

Pakistan pull-out, which many in local cricket circles oppose. Pakistan's participation in the upcoming T20 World Cup is uncertain, with PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi stating it's on hold, despite former players and administrators urging participation due to potential damage to Pakistan cricket; the decision follows Pakistan's support for Bangladesh in a venue dispute with the ICC. Former Pakistan Test captain Muhammad Hafeez has publicly argued that the national team must travel for the T20 World Cup. Ex-PCB Chairman Khalid

Mahmood and former board secretary Arif Ali Abbasi share that view. Both say they see no practical logic in skipping such a major event, especially when it risks Pakistan's wider cricket ties. Arif Ali Abbasi warned that refusing to play could damage relationships with global bodies and other boards. "I can understand Pakistan supporting

Bangladesh, but what purpose will PCB achieve by not sending its team apart from spoiling relations with the International Cricket Council and member boards," Abbasi said. Pakistan T20 World Cup participation, Sri Lanka schedule and regional impact Abbasi also highlighted the effect on neighbours if Pakistan stay away from the competition. "What about our relations with Sri Lanka? Obviously, Sri Lanka will suffer losses if Pakistan doesn't go as all our matches are in Sri Lanka, including matches with India," he said. Pakistan's full group schedule is currently listed there, away from Indian venues.



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## India sees sharp fall in inflation as rural stress eases: Economic Survey

(Gns). India has recorded one of the sharpest declines in headline inflation among major emerging economies, with domestic inflation averaging a historic low of 1.7 per cent during April-December 2025, according to the Economic Survey 2026. The moderation in inflation has been driven largely by a broad-based decline in food and fuel prices, which together account for over half of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) basket. The Survey noted that this disinflation has occurred alongside robust GDP growth of 8 per cent in the first half of FY26, underscoring the strength of India's macroeconomic fundamentals and its ability to manage price pressures without compromising

growth. Globally, inflationary pressures have eased across advanced and emerging economies, with global headline inflation falling from 8.7 per cent in 2022 to 4.2 per cent in 2025. Against this backdrop, India stood out for achieving a faster and deeper moderation in prices, sup-

ported by easing commodity costs, favourable domestic supply conditions, and proactive policy interventions. A key highlight of the Survey was the sharp decline in food inflation, which entered deflationary territory from June 2025. Prices of vegetables, pulses and key horticultural commodities such as

onions, tomatoes and potatoes fell steeply, aided by higher production, timely trade measures and strategic buffer stock management. Core inflation remained relatively stable, with a modest uptick attributed largely to rising prices of precious metals amid global uncertainty. Importantly, the easing of inflation has also translated into reduced rural stress. The Economic Survey observed that, unlike in 2023 and 2024, when rural inflation exceeded urban inflation, rural inflation declined in 2025 and remained lower than urban inflation, reflecting the sharp fall in food prices and offering relief to rural households.



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## Punjab Police, BSF foil major cross-border smuggling bid; 2.1 kg heroin, 21 pistols seized near Fazilka border

(Gns). In a major breakthrough in the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state, as directed by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Counter Intelligence (CI) Faridkot, in coordination with the Border Security Force (BSF), has successfully foiled a major cross-border smuggling attempt along the land border near Border Outpost (BOP) GG-3 at village Teja Rahela in Fazilka. The joint operation led to the recovery of 2.1 kg of heroin, 21 sophisticated pistols, and ammunition, state Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said here on Thursday. The recovered arms and ammunition include 11 Glock pistols with 22 magazines, one Beretta pistol

and narcotics into Indian territory. Alert BSF personnel fired several rounds to prevent the breach, following which a thorough joint search operation was conducted, leading to the recovery, he added. Sharing operational details, AIG CI Gursewak Singh Brar said that acting on reliable intelligence inputs, police teams along with BSF Fazilka planned a special ambush and executed a joint covert opera-

tion in the early hours of Thursday in the area of village Teja Rahela, Fazilka. During the operation, Pakistani smugglers attempted to push the consignment, but BSF troops responded swiftly and successfully thwarted the attempt, resulting in a substantial seizure of arms, ammunition, and narcotics from the spot. The AIG further stated that further investigations are underway to identify and trace local smugglers and to unravel the entire smuggling network involved in the cross-border operation. In this connection, FIR No. 01 dated 29-01-2026 has been registered under Sections 21-C and 29 of the NDPS Act and Section 25 of the Arms Act at Police Station SSO Fazilka.



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# Gujarat Science City Celebrates 77th Republic Day with Pride and Inspiration

Lucknow, 29 Jan 2026: Gujarat Science City, Ahmedabad, celebrated the 77th Republic Day of India with great pride and enthusiasm. As part of the celebrations, the National Flag was unfurled by Ms. P. Bharti, IAS, Secretary,

Republic Day. She stated that Republic Day inspires citizens to uphold the values of freedom, equality, and justice, while embracing science and innovation as strong pillars of national progress. She further added that

the year holds special historical significance as the nation is also commemorating 150 years of 'Vande Mataram'. 'Vande Mataram' is not merely a song, but a symbol of national awakening and collective resolve. Today, this spirit is reflected in our laboratories, classrooms, startups, and inno-

vation hubs. In the 21st century, science is the strength of the nation—it safeguards health, protects the environment, strengthens national security, and empowers the youth. Gujarat is steadily moving forward with new technolo-



Department of Science and Technology. The entire campus resonated with the National Anthem, creating an atmosphere filled with patriotism and national pride.

Addressing the gathering, Ms. P. Bharti extended her heartfelt greetings to all on the occasion of the 77th

gates, projects, and scientific energy to realize the vision of a developed India. On this occasion, Mr. Vimal K. Patel, Executive Director of the Gujarat Council of Science City, was also present. Highlighting the historical importance of Republic Day, he said that the Indian

attended by officers, staff members, invited guests, and a large number of visitors. The program served as a reminder of constitutional values and celebrated the vital contribution of science and technology to the nation's overall development.

Constitution guides society on the path of equality, liberty, and justice. He also emphasized the significant role of Gujarat Science City in promoting scientific temperament, research, and innovation in society. The celebration was

# Students of The Jain International School took an educational tour of the Legislative Assembly

Kanpur. Students of The Jain International School, Mainavati Marg located in the district visited the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly as part of an educational tour. On this occasion, the students paid a courtesy visit to the Assembly Speaker Shri Satish Mahana ji and got information from him about parliamentary functioning, legislative process and various aspects of the democratic system.

While interacting with the students, Assembly



Speaker Shri Mahana said that such educational tours increase the understanding and awareness of democracy, Constitution and parliamentary traditions among the students. He inspired

the students to become responsible citizens in future. During this visit, the students closely observed the proceedings of the Assembly, the structure of the House and the legisla-

tive process, which enriched their knowledge. The school management and teachers described this educational journey as useful for the all-round development of the students.

# Suspension bridge will be built from parking across Yamuna to Banke Bihari Temple

Action plan made on cable bridge, rope-way and ghat beautification at Jugal Ghat.

Mathura. The meeting was held at the regional office of Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YIDA) in the Geeta Shodh Sansthan building located in Vrindavan under the chairmanship of Shailija Kant Mishra, Vice President of Uttar Pradesh Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad. In the meeting, the proposed suspension bridge, construction of Yamuna ghats, proposed rope-way and other important points were discussed for easy movement of devotees from the proposed parking place across Yamuna to Thakur Banke Bihari Temple. In the meeting, along with the construction of cable bridge at Jugal Ghat, important discussions were held on parking system, public

facilities, traffic management and single lane system. Along with this, instructions were given to the Executive Engineer Irrigation to prepare an action plan to make the various ghats built on the banks of Yamuna river beautiful, attractive and organized. On this occasion, a presentation of the design of the proposed projects was presented by the concerned officials through a screen, in which detailed information about the outline and facilities of the construction was given. In the meeting, necessary guidelines were given while reviewing the progress of the above mentioned construction works and the future action plan. The administra-

tion is committed to providing better facilities to devotees, tourists and visitors.



In the meeting, Vice President of Uttar Pradesh Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad, Shailija Kant Mishra, District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh, Additional Chief Executive Officer of YIDA, Nagendra Pratap, Chief Executive Officer of Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad, Suraj Patel, Additional District Magistrate Namami Gange, Rajesh Kumar, Additional Municipal Commissioner CPPathak Executive Engineer Irrigation Rajesh Kumar, Executive Engineer Mathura-Vrindavan Development Authority Prashant Kumar and officials of Setu Nigam, Irrigation Department and other related departments were present.

# Brainstorming on 135 km zero emission nature awareness rally from Delhi to Vrindavan

Mathura. With the aim of turning environmental protection into a mass movement, extensive discussions were held in Vrindavan regarding the 135 km "zero emission" nature awareness cycle journey proposed by the Nature Welfare Council from Delhi to Vrindavan. This two-day cycle journey will make the general public aware of environmental protection through a total of 10 awareness points.

The newly appointed State Chairman, State Vice Chairman and various directors of the organization participated in this induction meeting held at Raas VIP Lounge in Vrindavan. The outline of the Yatra, organizational working style and practical implementation of the plans were discussed in detail in the meeting. Under the campaign, a target has been set to involve more than 500 cyclists and connect more than 1000 youth with the environmen-

tal message. Addressing the meeting, Central Chairman of Nature Welfare Council, Rahul Dwivedi said that only truthful, authentic and result-oriented working



Rahul Dwivedi, Central Chairman of Nature Welfare Council addressing

style can bring permanent change in a sensitive subject like environmental protection. He called upon all the officials and workers to work with organizational coordination, discipline and spirit of service.

During the workshop, it was also made clear that environmental protection can be successful only through continuous and coordinated efforts at the grassroots level and not limited to schemes only. In this sequence, it was agreed to carry forward environmental activities

through local participation by connecting every section of the society.

In the meeting, special emphasis was laid on the "Panchatva" concept of the organization, under

which the resolve to advance earth, water, air, energy and wildlife conservation through effective actions was reiterated. Apart from this, training related to coordination, work division, public relations and monitoring system was also given to the officials.

On this occasion, Dhara Dharma Abhiyan, Nature Awareness Cycle Rally (Delhi to Vrindavan), Gram Van Yojana, Terrace Garden Scheme and other environmental projects were also discussed.

Under these schemes, a primary outline for promoting tree plantation, water conservation, plastic free campaign, energy saving and nature-friendly lifestyle was prepared.

In the meeting, Vice Chairman Uddhayan Kulshrestha, Central Director Media Board Anurag Kulshrestha, Central Director Sudhir Sharma, Joint Secretary (Administration) Mrs. Geeta Verma, Central Member Ankur Singh, Director Delhi Mrs. Anita Nagpal, State Director Uttar Pradesh Ravi Sharma, State Member Ramkumar were present. Sharma, District Member Shri Harsh Thakur and many officials were present. Nature Welfare Council has appealed to all the environment lovers, social organizations and common citizens to join this nature awareness campaign and turn Panchatva conservation into a mass movement

# President Droupadi Murmu to inaugurate Bastar Pandum-2026 in

(Gns). President Droupadi Murmu, during her day-long visit to Chhattisgarh on February 7, will formally inaugurate Bastar Pandum-2026, the state-level tribal cultural festival, in Jagdalpur.

The President's presence is expected to lend national visibility to the event, positioning Bastar's indigenous heritage at the centre of India's cultural discourse.

Organised on the initiative of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Bastar Pandum is designed to showcase the region's diverse tribal traditions, including folk art, classical and community dances, music, traditional attire, rituals, crafts, cuisine and indigenous knowledge systems. The invitation for the inauguration was extended

by Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and was accepted by the President, reflecting institutional recognition of Bastar's cultural significance.

Conceived as a cultural revival initiative, Bastar Pandum draws inspiration from traditional community fairs and collective celebrations intrinsic to tribal life. The festival brings together a wide range of expressions rooted in everyday practices—folk theatre, songs, dances, literature, traditional ornaments, indigenous musical instruments, regional food and beverages, and forest-based medicinal knowledge.

By giving the festival an organised and competitive format, the state government seeks to ensure wider



participation, recognition and sustainability for tribal cultural practices. Over time, Bastar Pandum has emerged as a symbol of cultural reaffirmation, connecting ancestral traditions with contemporary platforms.

In Narayanpur district alone, 156 participants and

teams have been shortlisted for district-level competitions across multiple categories. These include 42 tribal dance teams, 20 tribal song teams, 27 theatre participants, as well as entries in traditional attire, crafts, painting, indigenous beverages, cuisine, musical instruments, literature and herbal medicine.

As Bastar Pandum-2026 prepares to unfold, it stands not merely as a cultural event but as a sustained effort to preserve intangible heritage and transmit it to future generations. With the President inaugurating the festival, Bastar Pandum is set to gain a stronger national footprint, affirming the artistic vitality, cultural dignity and contemporary relevance of tribal traditions in India's evolving cultural landscape.

# Tahri feast in memory of late Sahadev Mali



The confluence of journalism and politics gathered in the Press Club.

Lucknow. The banquet program organized in the Press Club premises under the joint aegis of UP Press Club and UP Working Journalist Union in the memory of senior journalist late Sahdev Mali, was concluded in an emotional and dignified atmosphere. Well-known personalities from the state's politics, administration and journalism world participated in the program and paid trib-

ute to late Sahdev Mali.

On this occasion, Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Brijesh Pathak, Minister of State Mayankeshwar Sharan Singh, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Sanjay Prasad, National Secretary of Samajwadi Party Arvind Singh Gop, State Secretary Deepak Ranjan, National General Secretary of Rashtriya Lok Dal Anil Dubey, former Rajya Sabha member Arvind Singh, Chairman of UP

Coordination Committee of Indo-American Chamber of Commerce Mukesh Singh, Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee spokesperson Anshu Awasthi, State General Secretary.

Mukesh Singh Chauhan and state spokesperson Sachin Rawat were specially present. A large number of senior journalists, correspondents and social workers including UP Working Journalists Union President Haseeb Siddiqui, General Secretary Devraj Singh,

Lucknow Unit President Shiv Sharan Singh and UP Press Club President Ravindra Singh participated in the program.

Highlighting the personality and work of late Sahadev Mali, the speakers said that he was the epitome of the values of journalism—truth, courage and impartiality. He said that Late Mali adopted journalism as his mission throughout his life and strongly provided a platform to the voice of the common people.

# KM Hospital and Veterinary is continuously providing free health services.

Hundreds of villagers benefited from the free health camp organized in villages Barauli and Jaunai. Villagers praised KM's service spirit

KM University committed to providing education and good health: Kishan Chaudhary

Mathura. KM Health Capital is making the villagers aware about good health by organizing free health camps from village to village. In this series, a camp was organized at Sadguru Inter College in Jaunai town of Jaint and Pradeep Mukhiya's house in village Barauli of Mahavan town, in which 300 villagers and 345 patients in Jaunai got their free health check-up done and received free medicines and Dr. Anuj Sharma of Veterinary College, Dr. Abhishek Sharma also treated the sick animals of the village free of cost.

A free health camp was organized from 9 am to 2

pm on Friday in which hundreds of patients benefited. Senior doctors of KM examined the patients in the health camp and distributed free medicines to them. About 300 patients were examined and treated free of cost in the camp organized today.

Dr. Ashish, Dr. Yashi Pandey, Dr. Ankita Singh, Dr. Priyanka, Dr. Gayatri, Dr. Rahul Verma of KM Hospital examined men, women and children of more than a dozen villages and distributed free medicines to them. Patients started coming to the camp since morning. In this camp, patients suffering from cold, diabetes, gynecological diseases, leucorrhoea, joint pain, childhood diseases and

eye diseases were examined and treated. Along with free medical consultation, medicines were also



The medical team of KM Hospital and the doctors of KM Veterinary College during consultation.

Chancellor Kishan Chaudhary says that KM University is committed to providing education and good health. KM is moving ahead with the wish that the young generation of Braj should not remain uneducated and my Braj people should always be healthy. The villagers of Mathura district should get the benefit of free medical treatment from time to time so that both their time and money can be saved. Earlier the villagers had to run to Noida, Bharatpur, Agra, but now KM is providing better health care available in Free health camps are being organized in rural areas of Mathura so that patients do not have to wander here and there due to lack of medical treatment. All the arrangements of the health camp were handled by publicity department manager Amin Khan and Deepak Kansal and other employees

# UGC's new regulations are completely anti-Sanatan dharma: Shankaracharya Swami Avimukteshwaranand

(Gns).

The new regulations of the University Grants Commission (UGC) have sparked a new controversy across the country. Shankaracharya Swami Avimukteshwaranand of Jyotishpeeth, who returned to Kashi from Prayagraj, has levelled serious allegations against the central government on Thursday regarding the UGC issue.

He alleged that the government wants to divide Sanatan Dharma and incite conflict between different castes, adding that "the new regulations are completely anti-Sanatan Dharma."

He claimed that there is no hope for justice under

the current government, and this is the message being sent to the entire country. "The whole country witnessed how young stu-

dent were humiliated by having their sacred threads (sikka) pulled. The true face of the government and the administration has



Regarding the UGC's new regulations, Swami Avimukteshwaranand said that "these rules have been deliberately introduced to

prevent discussion of the real shortcomings". He said, "In the system of Sanatan Dharma, castes were not created for conflict, but to secure the livelihood and balance of all sections of society. What does the government ultimately want to achieve in the country with this law?"

The Shankaracharya alleged that through the UGC, one caste has been pitted against another, which will increase conflict in society. "This will lead to increased internal conflict, and ultimately, the entire Hindu society will suffer. This is a law that divides the Hindu community itself," he alleged.