



**India, France elevate ties to special global strategic partnership**

**Modi said India will build a helicopter capable of reaching Everest**

**Rajpal Yadav walks out of Tihar Jail after court suspends sentence in cheque bounce cases**  
Mumbai(GNS)Actor Rajpal Yadav walked out of Tihar Jail on Tuesday evening after the Delhi High Court allowed his temporary release from jail in cheque bounce cases.



After all formalities were completed, Yadav walked out of the jail around 4.50 pm, a source said. He was granted relief after submitting Rs 1.5 crore to the complainant.

Speaking to reporters outside the jail, Yadav said he has received unwavering support from across the country.

In 2027, I will have completed 30 years of working in Bollywood. Everyone has been with me. That is why I could do 200-250 films," Yadav said.

The actor said he has always complied with the directions of the high court and would continue to do so, adding that he was available whenever required.

The love and backing of people from across the nation remain with him, and that if there are any allegations, he is ready to respond fully and transparently," Yadav said.

**Claim of giving poison-ous chemical Polonium to Punjab CM**

Mohali(GNS):Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has received a death threat. The Khalistan National Army, a pro-Khalistan organization, sent an email to the administration threatening that CM Mann had been infected with polonium by the heirs of Bhai Dilawar Singh. If he survives, he will be treated like former Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh.



CM Mann is admitted to Fortis Hospital in Mohali. The Khalistan National Army has threatened to bomb this hospital and 16 schools. Anit Bedi, director of Gyanjyoti School, provided a copy of the threat to Dainik Bhaskar.

**Former Assam Congress president to join BJP**

G u w a h a t i ( G N S ) Speculation about former Assam Congress President Bhupen Kumar Bora joining the BJP has finally been put to rest. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma visited Bora's home on Tuesday evening to meet with him. Following this, the Chief Minister held a press conference with Bora and announced that he would join the party on February 22nd. Bora had resigned from the Congress party a day earlier. He submitted his resignation letter to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday. In his resignation letter, Bora wrote that he was being ignored by the party leadership. However, confusion remained throughout the day regarding his resignation. Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (AICC) in-charge Jitendra Singh had said yesterday that Bora had withdrawn his resignation.

Mumbai(GNS) India and France on Tuesday elevated bilateral relations to a "Special Global Strategic Partnership" and announced a range of cooperation measures spanning innovation, technology, trade and cultural exchanges following talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron.

Addressing a joint press statement in Mumbai, Modi said the partnership reflected deep trust and would act as a force for "global stability and global progress" amid growing international uncertainty. The visit also produced an official list of outcomes detailing new insti-

tutional collaborations and economic agreements.

The two countries launched the India-France Year of Innovation 2026 to strengthen collaboration among startups, industries, students and researchers and transform the relationship into what the Prime Minister described as a "partnership of the people".

As part of the initiative, the sides agreed to establish an Indo-French Centre for AI in Health, an Indo-French Centre for Digital Science and Technology and a National Centre of Excellence for Skilling in Aeronautics while expanding cooperation in biotechnology, critical minerals



and advanced materials.

Modi welcomed Macron to India for the AI Impact Summit and said cooperation in emerging technologies and trusted digital systems would be a major pillar of future ties. Officials said the initiatives would also promote academic mobility, joint research and industry partnerships.

The two sides signed an agreement to prevent double taxation to facilitate investment and business mobility. Modi noted that India's recently concluded free trade agreement with the European Union would add fresh momentum to economic engagement with France.

The leaders also highlighted industrial collaboration,

including the inauguration of a helicopter assembly line in India for production of a high-altitude helicopter intended for global export.

The two countries discussed expanding economic ties and facilitating greater business engagement, including collaboration in critical minerals, clean energy transition and sustainable development. Both sides emphasised the need to improve market access and strengthen industrial partnerships as part of long-term economic cooperation.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, the leaders also exchanged views on regional and global developments and reaffirmed commitment to work together in multilateral forums on issues such as climate action and global governance reforms.

The visit also emphasised cultural engagement. India and France will cooperate on the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal and India plans to open a Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre in France to strengthen people-to-people ties.

Officials described the visit as a continuation of the "Horizon 2047" roadmap, intended to guide cooperation across technology, innovation and people-to-people engagement in the coming decades.

Recalling his visit to Marseille last year, Modi high-

lighted historical links between the nations and said the relationship had gained "unprecedented depth and energy". Macron is on a three-day visit to India from February 17 to 19 with engagements in Mumbai and New Delhi.

French President Emmanuel Macron began his Mumbai engagements on Tuesday with a morning jog along the city's iconic Marine Drive, accompanied by security personnel amid tight police arrangements. Later, Macron and First Lady Brigitte Macron paid floral tributes to victims of the November 2008 terror attacks at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in south Mumbai.

**Mohan Bhagwat said : Indian Muslims are also Hindus, they have to return home**

Lucknow(GNS)Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat said in Lucknow on Tuesday, "Muslims living in India are also Hindus; they did not come from Arabia. The process of homecoming must be accelerated. We must also take care of those who return to Hinduism."



Regarding the increasing infiltration, the RSS chief said, "Infiltrators must be detected, eliminated, and deported. They must not be given employment."

Regarding the declining population rate of Hindus, he said, "Hindus should have at least three children. Currently, the population rate is 2.1. It should be at least three. A society with an average of

fewer than three children is doomed in the future. Now, tell all the children who are getting married to have at least three children."

Dr. Bhagwat said that the purpose of marriage should be to move the world forward, not to satisfy lust. This feeling brings a sense of duty.

**SC expresses concern over lawyers using AI tools to draft petitions citing non-existent judgments**

New Delhi (GNS) Shocked by a non-existent judgment 'Mercy versus Mankind' cited in a petition, the Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed serious concern over the growing trend of some lawyers filing petitions drafted with the help of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools.

We are alarmed to reflect that some lawyers have started using AI to draft petitions. It is absolutely uncalled for," a Bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice BV Nagarathna and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said while hearing a PIL filed by



academician Roop Rekha Verma seeking guidelines on political speeches.

As Justice Nagarathna said she recently came across a non-existent citation, 'Mercy vs Mankind', CJI Kant said that in Justice Dipankar Datta's court, "not one but a series of such judg-

ments were cited". The case law relied upon was found to be fabricated, the CJI added.

Noting that at times, the judgments referred to were correct, but fake quotes were attributed to those verdicts, making it very difficult to verify the contents, Justice Nagarathna

said, "It creates an additional burden on judges."

Lamenting the decline in the art of legal drafting, Justice Bagchi said many special leave petitions (SLPs) comprised lengthy quotations from prior judgments, with little original articulation of legal grounds. As part of its efforts to speed up the justice delivery process, the Supreme Court has been using AI, particularly for translating its judgments and orders from English into Indian languages. It's also making an integrated use of AI and Machine Learning tools for case management.

**Two Pakistani minors who escaped from a Jammu juvenile center were caught in Punjab**

Jammu(GNS)Three minors, including two Pakistanis, escaped from the Juvenile Observation Center in Jammu's RS Pura sector on Monday evening.

On Tuesday, the Jammu and Kashmir Police arrested the two Pakistani youths in Ludhiana, Punjab. However, the local gangster who escaped with them remains at large.

Six police officers were also suspended today in connection with this incident. The incident of the



minors escaping from the center was recorded on CCTV. The 22-second video shows two minors fighting at around 5:15 pm.

Two employees of the center were standing nearby trying to reason with them. Just then, a minor wearing a cap came from behind

and fired a shot at one of the employees' heads. As soon as the shot was fired, both employees retreated.

The juvenile reloads the gun and attempts a second shot, but it fails. The man wearing the cap and the man in the white jacket attack the staff.

Three minors subsequently escaped from the juvenile center. The mother of one of the escaped minors is also missing. Police say the woman is also being searched for.

**Mamata Banerjee said, "The Election Commission has become a Tughlaqi Commission"**

Kolkata (GNS): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched a scathing attack on the Election Commission. In Kolkata on Tuesday, she called it a "Tughlaqi Commission" and alleged that millions of names were being removed from voter lists at the behest of the BJP.

Speaking to reporters at the state secretariat, Mamata said, 'A female employee of the BJP's IT cell removed the names of 58 lakh voters in Bengal using Artificial Intelligence (AI).'



Mamata Banerjee alleged that the Election Commission, under the BJP's direction, was removing the names of Bengal voters during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). She alleged that the Commission was usurping democratic rights and treating ordinary people like terrorists.

## Did the Zen-Ji of Bangladesh accept dynasticism?

Sanat Jain

Sheikh Hasina's government fell after the 2024 Zain-Ji rebellion in Bangladesh. New elections have now been held in Bangladesh. In this election, Tariq Rahman, a scion of Bangladesh's dynastic party, has emerged as the Prime Minister. The youth of Bangladesh overwhelmingly supported the dynastic party, bringing it to power. Following the rebellion, the interim government formed in Bangladesh under the leadership of Muhammad Yunus brought a degree of normalcy to Bangladesh. Both Tariq Rahman's parents have served as Prime Ministers. In 2007, he was accused of corruption and imprisoned. Sheikh Hasina's government had indicted him in several cases. When the interim government was formed in 2024 after the rebellion in

Bangladesh, the charges against him were dropped. In 2026, his party contested the elections and won a landslide victory. Elections concluded peacefully in Bangladesh on February 12th. Sheikh Hasina had been accused of rigging the elections. In comparison, no such allegations were seen in this election. The results achieved by the youth leadership, which was supposed to topple Sheikh Hasina's strong hold in 2024, have surprised everyone. Youth symbolize change. Bangladesh's youth accepted a dynastic party accused of corruption for stable governance. The trust they placed in Tariq Rahman, ignoring the allegations, clearly demonstrates that the younger generation, despite their enthusiasm, remains unperturbed. Current Prime Minister Tariq Rahman has not yet held any constitutional office, but he

is considered influential within the party. In 2007, Sheikh Hasina's government jailed him. Afterward, he left Bangladesh for London for treatment. Numerous allegations were leveled against him during Sheikh Hasina's tenure. When an interim government was formed in 2024, all decisions were reversed. He returned to Bangladesh after 17 years. This election reflected anger towards Sheikh Hasina and sympathy for Tariq Rahman. Political parties that were banned during Sheikh Hasina's government have assumed a new role in this election. Bangladesh is currently facing economic and diplomatic pressure. Bangladesh is included in the list of least developed countries and aims to exit this list. The Indian government has granted Sheikh Hasina asylum, which has led to tensions between India and Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh has drawn closer to the United States, China, and Pakistan. Current Prime Minister Rahman faces the biggest challenge of maintaining democracy. He also needs to overcome economic pressure. Bangladesh faces the challenge of balancing relations with the United States, China, and India. The youth who brought him to power are also hoping for respect and opportunities. It is hoped that the new government of Bangladesh will live up to the aspirations of the youth. If Tariq Rahman fails to deliver the expected results, the trust placed in him by the youth and the people of Bangladesh to secure him the position of Prime Minister will be lost. So, he won't be able to hold on to power for long. The younger generation doesn't wait around for long. The youth of Bangladesh have shown the world

that no matter how strong a government is, it can be removed. The impact of this election will certainly be felt in India as well. For the past 12 years, the current government has been leaving no stone unturned to attack the Gandhi family and the Congress party on the issue of dynasty politics. However, given the evolving situation in India, Rahul Gandhi has emerged as a completely influential figure. The Bangladesh election results will undoubtedly influence Indian politics. This cannot be denied. The activism of the Gen-G is growing in India as well, and its impact is now visible in India as well. Since before 1947, the citizens of India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan have shared a common culture and mindset. Whatever happens in Pakistan, Bangladesh, and India inevitably impacts the other country.

### Editorial

## Pakistan is again defeated

Pakistan's defeat against India was inevitable, but it was not expected that the match would be so one-sided and that the Pakistani team would repeatedly surrender. However, Sunil Gavaskar, the reigning world champion and legendary Indian batsman, had assessed that Team India was far superior. In the past two years, India has reached its peak. Pakistan could only win against them if all its players perform poorly. Gavaskar's assessment proved to be the "saraswati's words," and the "superior" team emerged victorious. India defeated Pakistan by 61 runs in a group match of the T20 World Cup. This is Pakistan's biggest, crushing defeat against India in the World Cup. Now, the win-loss ratio is 8-1 in India's favor. This means India has defeated Pakistan for the eighth time out of nine in the T20 World Cup. If we consider the World Cup matches as a whole, the two teams have played a total of 17 matches. Team India has won 16 of those matches. This is Team India's 16th consecutive victory in ICC matches. Our last defeat was in the 2023 ODI World Cup final. Since then, Team India has been "unbeatable." In T20s, it has defeated the reigning champions of Australia, South Africa, England, and New Zealand, and is currently the "world champion." India is ranked number one in T20s, while Pakistan is ranked 6-7. Team India scored 175 runs on the swinging, spinning, and turning pitch of Colombo, led by Ishan Kishan. He scored 77 runs off 40 balls, hitting 10 fours and three sixes. This is just a taste of Team India's game.

He was awarded Player of the Match. Congratulations. This is India's highest score against Pakistan in the World Cup. Even 150-160 runs on this pitch could have defeated the opposition. However, Pakistan managed only 114 runs and couldn't even play the full 20 overs. Our teammates Bumrah, Axar Patel, Varun Chakravarthy, and Hardik Pandya took two wickets each, while Kuldeep Yadav and Tilak Verma each took one wicket.



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## AI Impact 2026: Artificial Intelligence Knocking on the Doorstep of Human Civilization

Binod Lakiawala

"AI Impact 2026," held in New Delhi from February 16 to 20, 2026, is not just a technology conference, but the culmination of a new chapter in the history of human civilization. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated this grand event, it was not merely the lighting of a lamp, but the inauguration of a future in which machines will not be mere tools but will be participants in the very fabric of human decision-making, governance, economy, and consciousness. For a country with a vast population like India, this event is not a laboratory, but a testing ground, where the direction of millions of lives will be decided.

In his opening remarks, the Prime Minister described AI as the pivot of a "developed India," stating that artificial intelligence is not just a technology but a means to expand human potential. His statement was not symbolic, but strategic. India's population represents a burden on one hand, and an ocean of human capital on the other. AI Impact 2026 is a call to channel this ocean. This event is a platform for national aspiration, where India is pledging to become not just a consumer of technology but a global AI leader. India's position in the context of AI is unique. On the one hand, it has a large young population, on the other, a rapid expansion of digital infrastructure, and on the third, it has political will. Prime Minister Modi's "Mission AI" is not limited to laboratories, but extends to villages, farms, factories, schools, and governance systems. AI Impact 2026 is an effort to present this vision on a global platform.

But every technological revolution brings with it a storm of apprehension. The Industrial Revolution displaced the working class, the Information Revolution disrupted the centralization of knowledge, and now the AI ??revolution is challenging both human labor and human judgment. In a country like India, where unemployment is already a source of socio-economic tension, the advent of AI also signals a new uncertainty. Will machines swallow millions of jobs? Will human labor become irrelevant? Will decision-making be taken over by algorithms? These questions are not merely technical, but also philosophical and political. The central debate of AI Impact 2026 revolves around this dilemma—potential and doubt, success and crisis, development and displacement. Prime Minister Modi's inaugural address, acknowledging this dilemma, leaned toward optimism. He declared that AI will empower humans, not displace them. This statement is politically reassuring, but a policy revolution is necessary to translate it into social reality.

If India's vast population is trained, skilled, and digitally empowered, the AI ??revolution could make India a global power. However, if this population is cut off from technological change, it could also lead to a social explosion. AI Impact 2026 is an introspection of India, standing at this crossroads. The impact of AI on human resources is multifaceted. The role of AI is growing in all sectors—education, healthcare, agriculture, industry, administration, and the judicial system. In India, digital public infrastructure, Aadhaar, UPI, DigiLocker, and now AI-

based governance models are creating a new social contract. Modi's mission defines this contract as "digital citizenship." AI Impact 2026 is a global discussion on this digital citizenship. International experts are divided on the prospect of unemployment. Some believe that AI will eliminate millions of jobs, while others say it will create an equal number of new jobs. In India, this equation is more complex. There is a large concentration of informal sector, agriculture-based employment, and low-skilled workers. If AI enters these sectors without social protection, inequality will increase. AI Impact 2026 is delving into the question of how to adapt human resources to the AI ??era through skills reskilling, lifelong learning, and digital training.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the trinity of "skill, scale, and speed" at the inauguration. He argued that India must develop skills in AI, implement them at scale, and keep pace with global competition. This vision aspires to make India not just a technological powerhouse but also an ethical and humane AI leader. In the global context, AI has become a geopolitical weapon. The US, China, Europe, and other powers are viewing AI as a means of economic, military, and political dominance. India's role is no longer merely to be a balancer, but to offer an alternative model. In AI Impact 2026, India has prominently highlighted the concept of "human-centered AI." This concept seeks to link AI with human dignity, democracy, and social justice.

The potential for success is enormous. Precision farming in agriculture, a

diagnostic revolution in healthcare, personalized learning in education, transparency in governance, productivity in industry—these are all gifts of AI. In a country like India, where resources are scarce and overpopulated, AI can become a means for efficient use of resources. AI Impact 2026 is a platform to translate these possibilities into a policy roadmap.

But doubts run just as deep. Data privacy, algorithmic bias, the surveillance state, digital colonialism—these are the dark sides of the AI ??age. In a democracy like India, where the protection of civil rights is paramount, the uncontrolled use of AI could challenge democracy itself. Prime Minister Modi acknowledged this concern by emphasizing "trust and transparency" in his speech. AI Impact 2026, therefore, is not just a technical conference, but a dialogue of civilizations. This dialogue is between humans and machines, democracy and algorithms, markets and society, power and morality. India is present in this dialogue as a representative of an ancient civilization that considers technology a means, not an end.

The presence of international experts, policymakers, industry and academia at this event signals that AI is no longer a subject of any one country or company, but a shared future for humanity. Prime Minister Modi's inaugural address presents India as the moral leader of this shared future.

Ultimately, the question isn't whether AI will arrive, but how humanity will embrace it. This question is even more crucial for a country like India, where technology can be not just a convenience but also a tool for social justice.

## The Global Mahakumbh of AI in India – India AI Impact Summit: The Path to a New Technological Era

Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani

In the future, when AI will impact every aspect of human life, this Maha Kumbh will be remembered as the foundation stone of that transformative journey.

The India AI Impact Summit 2026 will showcase not only India's technological prowess but also its courage to reshape the global AI discourse. The India AI Impact Summit 2026, held from February 16 to 20, 2026, has placed India at the center of the global artificial intelligence landscape. This five-day mega event held in New Delhi has become not just a technology conference but a platform shaping the future world order. The AI ??Expo held alongside the summit, with participation from nearly 65 countries, the presence of over 600 startups, pavilions from 13 countries, over 2.5

lakh expected visitors, over 500 sessions, and over 3,250 speakers and panelists, is a significant global highlight. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that this event is a clear expression of India's technological confidence, diplomatic maturity, and innovation leadership. Over the past few years, two major discourses can be seen emerging globally regarding AI: on the one hand, disruptive risks, regulatory frameworks, and ethics; and on the other, innovation, inclusion, and growth. India is attempting to strike a balance between these two poles through this summit. While previous global discussions focused largely on risks and controls, New Delhi is attempting to shift the debate toward responsible, inclusive, and development-oriented AI. This shift is not just about rhetoric,

but about attitude—viewing AI as a vehicle for opportunity, not fear.

Friends, to understand this important summit, the summit was inaugurated on February 16th with the inauguration of the AI ??Expo by the Prime Minister of India at 5 p.m. At the opening ceremony, he described AI as a transformative force for humanity and stated that India's goal is not merely to be a consumer of technology, but to become an active participant in building a global AI architecture. His address clearly conveyed that India wants to advance AI by aligning it with democratic values, social justice, and sustainable development. The AI ??Expo is a vibrant and practical aspect of the summit, bringing together the world's leading technology companies, emerging startups, universities, research institutes, central ministries, state govern-

ments, and international partners. Pavilions from 13 countries, representing Australia, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Serbia, Estonia, Tajikistan, and the African region, reflect the spirit of global collaboration in the AI ??ecosystem. These pavilions have become not just exhibition spaces but also a major hub for technology partnerships, investment opportunities, and policy dialogue.

Friends, if we understand the outline of this summit, the second day of the summit on February 17th will focus on applied AI. Detailed discussions will be held on the use of AI in areas such as health, energy, education, agriculture, women's empowerment, and the empowerment of persons with disabilities. In the health sector, the possibilities of AI-based

diagnostics, telemedicine, and predictive analytics will be considered. In the energy sector, the use of AI in smart grids and carbon emission monitoring will be highlighted. In education, the possibilities of personalized learning and AI tutoring systems will be presented. Examples in agriculture could include precision farming, weather forecasting, and supply chain optimization. Key knowledge compendiums and casebooks will also be released on this day, serving as useful reference material for policymakers and industry. The Research Symposium and Industry Sessions on February 18th will bridge research and practical applications. Academics, researchers, and think tanks will present cutting-edge AI research, emerging methodologies, and evidence-based policy insights.

# Special Cell HQ, 'C4I' Central To Shah's Safe City Project

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Union home minister Amit Shah on Monday rolled out the first phase of the Safe City Project, which is set to reshape Delhi's internal security landscape by transitioning it into a smarter, more secure urban environment.

At the heart of the project, which is estimated to cost Rs 857 crore, is the deployment of a massive, AI-powered surveillance network comprising a modern integrated command, control, communication and computer centre (C4I) besides advanced policing setups. The C4I will serve as the sophisticated "nerve centre" for the city's security operations.

In the first phase, 10,000 cameras will link every corner of Delhi; 2,100 cameras have already gone live and the work of integrating more than 15,000



existing cameras with the system has been completed.

Speaking at the 79th raising day ceremony of Delhi Police, Shah detailed a futuristic roadmap transitioning from traditional policing methods to a high-tech, integrated surveillance

and legal framework. "This project will significantly enhance Delhi's security in the coming days," Shah said.

He also laid the foundation stones for 10 new Delhi Police projects aimed at creating a technologically advanced and impen-

etrable security umbrella for the capital. Among these is an integrated headquarters of the special cell being built at a cost of Rs 368 crore. This, the home minister said, will become the country's most modern centre for tackling narcotics and terrorism. "It will be equipped with a state-of-the-art indoor firing range, war room, cyber lab, training hall and various other modern facilities," he added.

Praising Delhi Police for its investigation into last Nov's car blast near Red Fort, Shah said it is important that Delhi's security meets the highest global standards. "Due to many national and international events that are held here, as well as the presence of the offices and residences of the PM and the President in the city, the responsibility of Delhi Police increases significantly.

## Research: Jamia, AUD sign MoU



**New Delhi, (GNS):** Jamia Millia Islamia and Dr. BR Ambedkar University, Delhi will now allow joint supervision of PhD scholars and undertake collaborative research activities as part of a partnership between the central and state university. The two institutions signed a MoU on Monday to formalise the collaboration.

The MoU was signed by Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, registrar, JMI, and Omkar Singh, registrar, AUD, in the presence of

vice-chancellors Mazhar Asif and Anu Singh Lather. The universities will undertake joint research projects, organise seminars, conferences and academic workshops, and collaborate on publishing books, monographs and seminar volumes.

The institutions will organise capacity-building programmes, facilitate exchange of faculty, staff and students, and share expertise in revising existing curricula to better respond to current industry demands.

## Only Delhi candidate to score perfect 100

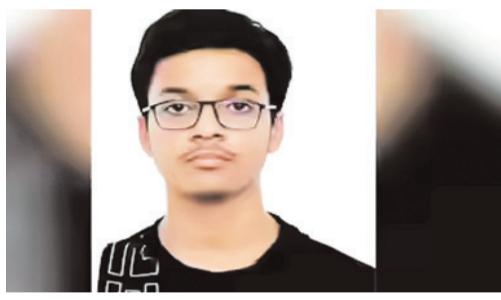
**Meet JEE Main 2026 topper Shreyas Mishra**

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Curiosity defined Shreyas Mishra's childhood. As a Class V student, the world around him seemed buzzing with questions.

Bridges, trains, monuments and machines weren't just everyday sights; they were puzzles to be understood. Why is a bridge shaped the way it is? Why are trains designed differently? Why hasn't the Ashokan iron pillar rusted?

Today, at a little over 17, Shreyas has turned that curiosity into an extraordinary achievement. He is among 12 candidates nationwide, and the only one from Delhi, to secure a perfect score of 100 in the engineering entrance exam, JEE Main 2026. The feat stands out even more considering the scale of the examination, with more than 13 lakh candidates appearing for its first edition this year. Shreyas says the milestone is the result of years of disciplined preparation. "I prepared for the exam since 2019, when I was in Class VI, and I used to put in 12-14 hours of study every day for it.

Apart from that, whenever I get



time, I pursue cricket and music," said the student of Kulachi Hansraj Model School in Ashok Vihar. Balancing rigorous study with personal interests, he credits consistency as the key to sustaining such an intense routine over the years.

Originally from Odisha, Shreyas's father Sumant Mishra moved to the capital 24 years ago in search of better job opportunities and now works as a cybersecurity consultant. His mother is an associate professor in the computer science department at a private university. The family lives in Noida Extension. His father enrolled him in speed mathematics and Abacus competitions during his childhood. The exposure sharpened his numerical skills and confidence.

## Gaps in mal birth control plan in focus at meet on strays

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Emphasising the need for strengthening the mal birth control (ABC) programme across cities, India4mals, a collective of mal welfarists, on Monday presented statistics, based on the 2019 livestock census and affidavits filed by chief secretaries in court, highlighting gaps in addressing the stray dog population.

Following the recent suo motu judgment of Supreme Court, a panel of experts, which included parliamentarians, legal professionals, activists, administrators and civil society representatives, addressed a press conference organised by the forum. They maintained that the issue is not mals versus humans, but one of governance, accountability and scientific policy implementation.

The panel reiterated that mass sheltering is neither sustainable nor humane, as directed by the court, and said funds proposed for building kennels could be better



utilised in other priority areas. Members jointly stressed that municipalities must shift from reactive measures, such as culling, to sterilisation, vaccination, accountability and public awareness.

Priyanka Chaturvedi, MP of the Shiv Sena UBT, called for the use of artificial intelligence and advanced technology to enhance transparency. She advocated auditing municipal expenditure, creating trans-

parent data dashboards, like those introduced by Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, and integrating AI tools to manage sterilisation, vaccination and complaint redressal systems. "This will ensure accountability of all stakeholders, including NGOs engaged in ABC sterilisation, in cases of poor performance," she said.

Anjali Gopalan, activist and a resident of Gulmohar Park, said meaningful progress requires political will. "In my area, we did not witness an increase in the dog population due to the coordinated effort by residents," she said. Citing the Netherlands as an example, she highlighted adoption drives and strict breeding controls. Some experts said Supreme Court's judgment had intensified polarisation between community mal caregivers and those seeking the permanent removal of street dogs. They said the divide led to violence against mals as well as feeders and caretakers.

Congress MP Renuka Chowdhury said that cruelty towards mals often precedes violence against humans. "Not all dogs bite, and there is an urgent need to strengthen and amend laws accordingly," she said. Referring to recent campaigns in which over 120-130 indie dogs were adopted, she said humane solutions are viable, when backed by intention. In Jan, Telangana reportedly saw a controversial wave of stray dog culling. Some estimates suggest hundreds were killed in a month. Reports also indicated the absence of ABC centres in several districts of the state. Chowdhury termed the situation "unfortunate" and said no policy direction ever endorsed such practices.

Advocate Poulomi Pavni Shukla questioned the allocation of funds for dog shelters when key human welfare sectors are under-funded. She cautioned that large-scale sheltering could trigger health crises for mals and humans.

## 2 senior officers shifted in major bureaucratic reshuffle

**New Delhi, (GNS):** In a major bureaucratic reshuffle, the Delhi Government transferred 72 senior officers, including IAS and DCS officials, with several being given additional charges across departments.

According to an order from the Services Department, 36 Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre IAS officers from different batches were either assigned new responsibilities or moved to other departments. The reshuffle also involved 36 officers from the Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Civil Services (DANICS).

Key appointments include Santosh D Vaidya (IAS, 1998), who has been appointed principal secretary (home) and will also hold additional charges of finance, planning and industries. Bipul Pathak (IAS, 1992), additional chief secretary (social welfare), has been given additional charge of the SC/ST/OBC Welfare Department.

In the health sector, Rupesh Kumar Thakur (IAS, 2006), CEO of the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, has



been appointed secretary (health and family welfare), replacing Nikhil Kumar (IAS, 2002), who will now serve as commissioner (trade and taxes).

The Education Department sees Sanjeev Ahuja (IAS, 2011) taking charge as the secretary (education) with additional responsibility for higher and technical education, while Pandurang Pole (IAS, 2004), outgoing education secretary, moves to the General Administration Department with the additional charge of

Labour Commissioner.

Other significant postings include Neeraj Semwal (IAS, 2003), revenue secretary-cum-divisional commissioner, who will additionally head the Power Department, and Padma Jaiswal (IAS, 2003), awaiting posting, appointed as special secretary of administrative reforms. Vijay Bidhuri (IAS, 2005), urban development secretary, will also hold the additional charge of the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, while Yashpal Garg (IAS, 2008) will serve as secretary (planning) and hold additional charge of Land and Building Department.

At the district level, Sunny Kumar Singh (IAS, 2018) will assume additional charge as special secretary power. Saloni Rai (IAS, 2016) will become the district magistrate of North Delhi, Hari Kallikkat (IAS, 2018) will take charge of West Delhi and Vishakha Yadav (IAS, 2020) will head Outer North Delhi once they formally join the government.

## Excise Inspector sacked after conviction in Rs7 lakh bribery case

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Inspector Sumitra Godara of the Excise and Taxation Department, who was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in a bribery case, has been dismissed from service by Excise and Taxation Commissioner Vinay Pratap Singh. A recommendation has also been sent to the state government for the dismissal of another convict, Excise and Taxation Officer (ETO) Roshan Lal, in the same case.

On January 9 last month, the court of Additional Sessions Judge Sunil Diwan sentenced ETO Roshan Lal, Inspector Sumitra Godara and a clerk to five years' imprisonment each after finding them guilty in the bribery case. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh each on the trio. Following the court's decision, Commissioner Vinay Pratap Singh ordered the dismissal of Inspector Sumitra Godara.

A senior official said the Commissioner has the authority to



dismiss an Inspector, while the recommendation for the ETO's dismissal has been forwarded to the state government. Officials indicated that dismissal of the ETO is also likely, as conviction in such cases leaves little administrative discretion.

The officials were arrested on May 9, 2022, by a team of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Karnal, for allegedly accepting a bribe to issue a GST number. The clerk was later arrested and an FIR registered at the Faridabad ACB police station.

## SC to hear appeal against Rs 150 crore fine on Noida, DJB

**Noida, (GNS):** Supreme Court will on Tuesday hear a plea by Noida Authority and Delhi Jal Board challenging National Green Tribunal's Rs 150-crore environmental compensation over alleged sewage discharge into the Kondli irrigation canal.

This will be the third listing since Jan 21 that the apex court took up the matter for hearing, but had to adjourn it as the state govt's counsel sought more time. After the hearing last month, the case was listed again on Feb 4.

The case took over from an NGT judgment from Aug 2022 in connection with an application filed by environmentalist Abhisht Kusum Gupta. After the tribunal imposed the Rs 150-crore environmental compensation on Noida Authority and



DJB, they moved SC against the order. While the Authority faces a penalty of Rs 100 crore, DJB has been asked to pay Rs 50 crore. The apex court, while stay-

ing NGT's direction, asked Noida to comply with the tribunal's directives set up functional STPs to arrest the flow of untreated water into the Kondli canal.

As part of SC's scrutiny, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) was asked to verify Noida's claims on sewage treatment and discharge of water into the canal. CPCB's findings showed uneven compliance across the city's eight operational STPs. It said only three STPs - 50 MLD in Sector 168, 80 MLD in Sector 123 and 54 MLD in Sector 54 - complied with discharge norms for monitored parameters prescribed by UP Pollution Control Board, while five were non-compliant on one or more parameters.

In an affidavit, CPCB told NGT that all eight STPs met discharge limits for pH and total suspended solids (TSS). However, only four were compliant on biochemical oxygen

demand (BOD) - a key indicator of organic pollution - and seven met the faecal coliform limit.

CPCB also assessed three in-situ wetlands built in the Noida drain. At the Sector 50/51 wetland, samples showed higher concentrations of COD, BOD, TSS, PO-P and NH<sub>3</sub>-N at the outlet. At the wetland near NSEZ, Dadri Crossing, samples showed higher COD and BOD at the outlet than the inlet. The wetland near Advant tower in Sector 142 showed removal efficiencies of 25.9% for BOD, 28.2% for COD and 35.4% for TSS.

The team further sampled the drain just before it discharged into the Yamuna, where results showed a high BOD concentration, indicating "the discharge of inadequately treated or untreated

wastewater in the drain".

On Dec 3 last year, SC asked CPCB to draw fresh samples from all eight STPs and the wetlands within two weeks, get them analysed and file a fresh report. It noted that the earlier material was unclear and may not have reflected ground reality because samples were collected on Oct 15, 2025, during an extended rainy season and high flows.

"The compliance affidavit submitted by Central Pollution Control Board discloses the analytical results of STPs of Noida in respect of samples drawn on Oct 15, 2025, by Shriram Institute for Industrial Research. However, it is not disclosed whether the analytical results, reflected in the table, are in conformity with the norms.

# CM pushes for infra projects worth 1,075cr in east Delhi

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Monday laid the foundation stone for infrastructure projects worth approximately Rs 1,075 crore in east Delhi, marking a push to upgrade roads and strengthen drainage systems in the trans-Yamuna areas. The projects, to be executed by PWD and the irrigation and flood control department, aim to ease traffic congestion and address long-standing waterlogging problems.

The largest financial component of the package is for strengthening and improving 236 roads at an estimated cost of Rs 782 crore. In addition, five foot overbridges will be constructed at a cost Rs 21 crore at busy intersections.

Nearly Rs 272 crore will be spent on reconstructing 10 drains



and improving three existing ones to increase discharge capacity. The irrigation and flood control department will also construct 24 boundary walls and develop 18 roads and bridges as part of efforts to strengthen embankments and improve structural resilience. During the monsoon season, several parts of

east Delhi face flooding and traffic disruptions.

By integrating road strengthening with drainage upgrades, the projects seek to prevent recurring damage to infrastructure because of water accumulation, the CMO said.

Addressing the gathering at Ramlila Ground in Vivek Vihar, Gupta said strong infrastructure is essential for balanced development and asserted that the projects will deliver visible improvement on the ground. The CM also emphasised time-bound implementation and directed officials to maintain quality standards and transparency in execution.

PWD minister Parvash Verma said the combined outlay of Rs 1,075 crore represents a significant infrastructure intervention on core civic concerns.

## Team at IGIA to aid global AI delegates

**New Delhi, (GNS):** As top executives from global AI giants and delegates attend the AI summit, special arrangements have been made at Delhi Airport to facilitate them. A team has been deployed to receive and assist delegates.

An airport official said Delhi International Airport Limited, in coordination with govt stakeholders, including ministry of external affairs, ministry of home affairs, ministry of electronics and information technology, Delhi govt, and CISF, put in place facilitation arrangements for visiting heads of state and delegations.

## Delhi Police through the ages: From Kotwals to modern, tech-based force

**New Delhi, (GNS):** As Delhi Police celebrates its 79th Raising Day, a look at the history of policing in the Capital shows that law enforcement in the city is nearly as old as Delhi itself. Historical sources trace the earliest form of organised policing to the medieval institution of the Kotwal.

According to records, Malikul Umara Faqrudin was appointed as the first Kotwal of Delhi in 1237 and served under three sultans - Balban, Kaikobad and Kaikhusrau. The Kotwal's headquarters is believed to have been located at Qila Rai Pithora, situated in present-day Mehrauli.

During the Mughal era, when Emperor Shahjahan shifted his capital to Delhi in 1648, Ghaznafar Khan became the first Kotwal of the newly established city while also holding the important position of Chief of Artillery. The institution of the Kotwal, however, came to an abrupt end following the



Revolt of 1857. Notably, the last Kotwal of Delhi was Gangadhar Nehru, grandfather of Jawaharlal Nehru.

The British period ushered in a more structured policing system with the enactment of the Indian Police Act of 1861. Delhi, which was initially under the control of the Punjab Police, gradually developed a defined administrative hierarchy by 1912, though the force remained modest in size.

## Experts, animal welfare bodies push for science-driven national policy to tackle stray dog menace



**New Delhi, (GNS):** A cross-sector press conference on stray dog management held today brought together animal welfare organisations, legal experts, residents' associations and public representatives to advocate for a science-driven national approach to address human-animal conflicts. The event highlighted the urgent need for humane management strategies, including sterilisation, vaccination and adoption, rather than culling.

Speaking at the conference, Congress MP Renuka Chowdhury stressed the importance of compassion in animal management, citing international examples. "All dogs

don't bite. And you have to understand the beneficial needs of a dog and the benefits it brings," she said. "Now, a country like Brazil has just passed legislation whereby any harm brought to dogs carries imprisonment of up to five years. It's a clear message that cruelty will not be tolerated," she said.

Chowdhury criticised administrative approaches in India, noting that many municipal corporations have relied on culling rather than the scientifically proven "sterilise and release" model. "Administratively, principal corporations have only taken steps to cull them and finish them.

## As AI-generated fake prescriptions trigger health alarm, chemists write to PM

**New Delhi, (GNS):** All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists has written to PM Modi, flagging what it called a "grave threat to public health" arising from the misuse of artificial intelligence tools to generate fake medical prescriptions and procure restricted medicines.

The move has come after Media exposed how AI platforms can be used to create fabricated prescriptions to buy antibiotics, psychotropic drugs and other restricted medicines with minimal checks.

In its letter, the national body of chemists alleged that certain online platforms are accepting such documents, enabling the unlawful sale of opioids, Schedule H and Schedule X medicines and even banned drugs. It stated that AI-generated prescriptions, often carrying fabricated hospital names and details, are being used to bypass safeguards. It argued that illegal and unregulated e-pharmacy platforms are operating under



the cover of GSR 817(E) and GSR 220(E) notifications and are misusing these provisions as a loophole to justify online sale of medicines without effective prescription verification or accountability.

The two notifications, issued under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, relate to the regulation of online sale and home delivery of medicines.

The organisation said that on online platforms, it is "practically impossible" to differentiate between genuine prescriptions and AI-generated fake documents. In contrast, it said, offline chemists retain human

oversight through physical verification, patient interaction and discretion to refuse dispensing when authenticity is doubtful.

The absence of such safeguards online, it warned, poses a serious risk in the context of antimicrobial resistance and the misuse of psychotropic drugs. The organisation urged the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation to immediately withdraw GSR 817(E) and GSR 220(E), shut down illegal and unregulated e-pharmacy platforms by blocking their websites and digital payment gateways, prohibit

the use of AI or any digital tool for generating medical prescriptions, and declare AI-generated prescriptions illegal and invalid nationwide. It also sought assurance that law-abiding offline chemists are not penalised for technological frauds and systemic failures beyond their control.

Rajiv Singhal, the organisation's general secretary said its intervention had been prompted by the regulatory vacuum highlighted in the Media investigation. "The misuse of AI-generated prescriptions, coupled with unregulated online dispensing, can seriously compromise patient safety and undermine the integrity of India's drug regulatory system. Strong and immediate regulatory action is essential," Singhal said. The development has piled pressure on regulators to address emerging risks posed by a new technology in drug dispensing, even as the debate intensifies over oversight of e-pharmacies and digital health platforms.

## MCD house nod for free CNG & electric cremation, gaushala bills

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Seeking to combine environmental reform with welfare measures, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on Monday approved free cremation at CNG and electric facilities, sanctioned Rs 15.3 crore for feeding impounded cattle housed in four gaushalas, and also initiated discussions on transitioning to a paperless system. The civic authority gave the administrative sanction for clearing pending dues and upcoming feeding charges to four gaushalas for the financial year 2025-26. The decisions were taken during MCD's monthly house meeting on Monday where several key proposals were passed.

According to data, the pending liability for feeding charges from April-Oct 2025 is about Rs 8.8 crore. The estimated expenditure for Nov 2025 to March 2026 is around Rs 6.5 crore.

Shri Krishan Gaushala (Surbhi), Sultanpur Dabas, has the highest combined liability at Rs 6.3 crore, followed by Dabar Hare Krishna Gaushala/Gausadan (Rs 3.6 crore), Gopal Gosadan, Harewali (Rs 2.9 crore), and Manav Gaushadan,



Rewla Khanpur (Rs 2.3 crore). The feeding charge is calculated at Rs 20 per cattle head per day. The house also approved a proposal to provide free cremation at CNG and electric crematoriums under its jurisdiction to help reduce smoke emissions and curb pollution, a move that was reported by Media last month.

Currently, wood-based cremation costs around Rs 700 per quintal of wood, with an average of three to four quintals used per body, pushing the total cost to

approximately Rs 2,100 to Rs 2,800. In comparison, CNG cremation costs about Rs 1,500, while electric cremation costs approximately Rs 500. Delhi has two electric crematoriums and eight CNG ones. Despite being more environmentally sustainable and relatively economical, these facilities remain underutilised, as many families continue to follow traditional wood-based cremation.

The house meeting also saw debate governance issues. Leader of Opposition and AAP leader Ankush Narang raised concerns that the financial approval limit of the MCD commissioner had reportedly been increased from Rs 5 crore to Rs 50 crore, arguing that this would reduce the powers of the house and elected councillors.

There was also discussion on shifting to a paperless system. Senior councillor Ritu Goel supported the move, saying that, in line with the Prime Minister's push for digital governance, MCD should reduce paper usage to help protect the environment.

## India AI Impact Summit 2026: Heading to Delhi's Bharat Mandapam? Here's how to avoid getting into traffic jam



**New Delhi, (GNS):** After Day 1 of the AI Summit, on-ground traffic patterns showed curbs were far more localised than initially feared. While around 51 roads were placed under the 'controlled' category and two under 'restricted', the major disruption

was largely limited to areas around the venue, with much of the city witnessing relatively smoother movement despite it being the first working day of the week. Ishita Jha gives you a ready reckoner of traffic restrictions in the coming days.

## Amit Shah lays stone for Delhi Police Special Cell headquarters

**New Delhi, (GNS):** On the occasion of 79th Raising Day ceremony of Delhi Police, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday laid the e-foundation stone of the Special Cell's integrated headquarters that will be built at a cost of approximate Rs 368 crore. The Special Cell Unit of the Delhi Police is a premier specialised unit for counter-terrorism, organised crime, narcotics trafficking and high-stakes cybercrimes.

Along with this, the Home Minister also laid the foundation stone for 10 more new projects for the force and also inaugurated the first phase of the Safe City Project, under which modern integrated command, control, communication and computer



centre (C4I) has been established at a cost of approximately Rs 857 crore. Shah mentioned that under the first phase of the programme to connect Delhi with 10,000 cameras, 2,100 cameras have already gone live, and the work of integrating more than 15,000 existing cameras with the system has also been completed.

Speaking on the Special cell headquarters, the Minister said it will be equipped with a state-of-the-art indoor firing range, war room, cyber lab, training hall and various modern facilities. It will serve as a model for police forces across the country.

Shah highlighted that the Special Cell of the Delhi Police has played a successful and significant role in investigating nar-

cotics syndicates, fake Indian currency notes, complex cybercrimes, organised crime and several major terrorist incidents not only in Delhi but across the country. In his keynote address on the Raising Day, Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golchha said the force remains fully prepared to handle any situation in the national capital. He said the priorities of the police include contributing to the vision of a "drug-free India," combating cyber terrorism and dismantling organised crime networks.

Golchha said nine gangsters were killed in encounters in 2025, and the Special Cell, with support from central agencies, is currently monitoring 32 gangsters who have fled abroad.