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## Centre's strides in toy manufacturing boosted India's quest for Aatmanirbharta: Modi

(Agency) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday highlighted that the Centre's strides in the toy manufacturing sector have boosted India's quest for 'Aatmanirbharta'. Responding to a post by Mann Ki Baat Updates handle on X, Modi in a post on X said, "It was during one of the #MannKiBaat episodes that we had talked about boosting toy manufacturing and powered by collective efforts across India, we've covered a lot of ground in that." "Our strides in the sector have boosted our quest for Aatmanirbharta and popularised traditions and enter-

prise," Modi further said in the post. Earlier, Mann Ki Baat Updates in a post on X along with a short video clip said, "Here's how PM @narendramodi's #MannKiBaat breathed new life into a 600-year-old craft of Etikoppaka toys, saving a treasured tradition and livelihood of many!" The Indian toy industry has now expanded its global footprint to more than 100 countries including the



US, the UK, Germany, Netherlands, Denmark and even China from where toys were imported in large quantities, a senior official of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) said. As part of its strong commitment to create a better ecosystem for the toy industry, the Government of India has identified the sector as one of the champion sectors, with a long-term vision to create a global

market for 'Made in India' toys. According to industry estimates, India's exports of toys, games and sports articles between 2014-15 to 2022-23 increased by 239 per cent, whereas the imports fell by 52 per cent. Further, the report presented the current market size of the industry is \$1.7 billion, and expected to reach \$4 billion by 2032 with a 10.5 per cent annual growth rate. The government has been encouraging toymakers to display their products at trade fairs such as IITF 2024 in Delhi which had elicited a good response.

## Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel unveils the statue of Jainacharya Shri Himachalsuriji near the Sardar Patel Memorial Building

Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Harsh Sanghavi Graces the Event. Gandhinagar, 20 January 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel unveiled the statue of Jainacharya Shri Himachalsuriji near the Sardar Patel Memorial Building in Shahibaug, Ahmedabad. On this occasion, the Chief Minister also inaugurated a plaque naming the circle as Jainacharya Shri Himachalsuriji Circle in the presence of the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Harsh Sanghavi. The Ahmedabad Municipal

Corporation has named two roads in the Shahibaug Ward of the Central Zone to honour Jainacharya Shri Himachalsuriji's contribution. The road from Madhuram Tower to Hathi Circle has been named Panyas Ratnakarvijay Marg. The road from Circuit House and Post Office Quarters to Silver Park

Society has been named Jainacharya Shri Himachalsuriji Marg. Plaques marking these new road names were unveiled during the event. Speaking at the ceremony, Muni Shri Vijay Ravishekharurishwarji expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel for hon-

ouring Jainacharya Shri Himachalsuriji. He highlighted the Acharya's welfare contributions, including the establishment of gaushalas, hospitals, Jain hostels, and schools in Mewar and Marwar. He further noted that naming the circle and roads near the Sardar Patel Memorial after the revered Acharya reflects the state government's respect for his legacy. The event was attended by Ahmedabad Mayor Smt. Pratibha Jain, MLA Smt. Darshana Vaghela, Shri Hasmukh Patel, Shri Dinesh Kushwaha, along with Jain devotees and followers.



## Trump Inauguration: EAM Jaishankar Carrying PM Modi's Letter For US President

(Agency) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is carrying a letter from Prime Minister Narendra Modi for US President Donald Trump, sources said on Monday. Jaishankar is representing PM Modi as his special envoy at President Trump's inaugural function on Monday, the sources said. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Photo Credit: x.com/@DrSJaishankar External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Trump is taking charge as the 47th President of the US. The external affairs minister's presence at the

presidential inauguration is in line with India's general practice to send special envoys to attend the swearing-in ceremony of heads of state and government, the sources said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended the swearing-in ceremony of Maldivian president in November 2023, the sources said citing past precedents. Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari attended the swearing-in ceremony of the Iranian president in July last year and MoS for external affairs Pabitra Margherita attended the oath taking ceremony of president of Indonesia and president of Mexico in October 2024, the sources said. In June 2022, the then MoS for external affairs Raj Kumar Ranjan Singh attended the swearing-in ceremony of the president of Philippines, they added.



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## Remarks against Shah: SC stays defamation case against Rahul in Ranchi court

(Agency) In a relief to the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, the Supreme Court on Monday stayed proceedings against him before a trial court in Ranchi, Jharkhand, in a criminal defamation case arising from his 2018 speech at AICC plenary session saying that the Union Home Minister Amit Shah was an "accused" in a murder case. Staying all the proceedings before the trial court in Ranchi till further orders, a bench of Justice Vikram Math and Justice Sandeep Mehta issued notice to the Jharkhand government and the Bharatiya Janata Party leader Navin Jha - the complainant before the trial court. "Issue notice to Jharkhand and complainant. All proceedings in the trial shall remain stayed

till further orders," the Court said in its order today. The court gave the state government and the complainant Jha, four weeks to respond to Rahul Gandhi's petition and two weeks to the Congress leader to file his rejoinder to the reply by the State government and the complainant. Rahul Gandhi has approached the Supreme Court against the 21/16 February 2024, Jharkhand High Court order rejecting his plea for the quashing of the defamation case

against him. The complaint initiating the defamation case arose from his speech on March 18, 2018, at the AICC plenary session. In the said speech, Rahul Gandhi was reported to have said, "The people of this country will accept a lying Bharatiya Janata Party leadership drunk with power because they know that what the Bharatiya Janata Party is designed for" and further, he had said, "They will, accept a man accused of murder as the President of Bharatiya Janata Party but the people will never accept the same in the Congress Party". Appearing for Rahul Gandhi, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi

told the bench that the complaint was filed by a third party and that is not permissible when it comes to the offence of defamation. "If you are not the person aggrieved, how can you have a proxy filing of complaint", Singhvi told the bench. Initially on July 7, 2018, Ranchi's magistrate court of Ajay Kumar Guria dismissed the complaint by Navin Jha. However, in a criminal revision plea, the Judicial Commissioner, Ranchi, by September 15, 2018, set aside the magistrate court's order. Subsequently, S.D.J.M. Ranchi on November 28, 2018, in a fresh order held that a prima facie case to be true against Rahul Gandhi under section 500 of the Indian Penal Code and directed for issuance of process.



## Boost manpower to accelerate projects: Yogi to UP govt officials

(Agency) Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has emphasised increasing manpower and ensuring accountability to accelerate development projects in the state. During a review meeting held at the Annex Bhawan auditorium in Gorakhpur on Monday, the chief minister assessed the progress of projects across key departments, including GDA, Municipal Corporation, Public Works Department, Irrigation Department, Jal Nigam, and GIDA. He instructed officials to ensure timely and high-quality completion of all projects, with a nodal officer assigned to each for progress monitoring and weekly updates to the

District Magistrate. "Additionally, the district magistrate or a senior officer must review all projects every 15 days while regular meetings should be held with public representatives to discuss progress and consider their suggestions. He reiterated the importance of public participation and directed officials to maintain regular communication with public representatives regarding ongoing development efforts. The chief minister also stressed the need for officials to address the griev-

ances of the citizens with sensitivity and urgency. He instructed them to promptly resolve complaints registered on the IGRS and CM Helpline while ensuring feedback is collected from complainants to enhance accountability and public trust. During the meeting, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath highlighted Gorakhpur's growing appeal as a hub for entrepreneurs in recent years. He directed officials to engage with entrepreneurs promptly and proactively to resolve their issues. Strengthening online

mechanisms in GIDA to address entrepreneurs' concerns and ensuring they benefit from government schemes were emphasized. The CM also urged practical engagement with bankers to increase the district's CD ratio from 58 to 75%. Reviewing law and order, the chief minister reiterated the government's zero-tolerance policy against crime and criminals and emphasised strict action against the mafia. The CM also instructed officials to identify and take decisive action against cow smugglers. To enhance public safety, he directed increased police and foot patrolling while improving the response time of PRVs.



## 'Gujarat School Safety Week 2025' Commences Across the State Today

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Provides Valuable Guidance to Students and Teachers As A Part of School Safety Week, Various Activities will be held in Schools across the State until January 25. Gandhinagar, 20 January 2025: The Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority (GSDMA) and the Education Department have jointly launched the 'School Safety Week-2025' initiative across the state, starting today. The week-long program was inaugurated with an inspiring message from Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, broadcast on BISAG's Vande Gujarat Channel-1. Through a video message, the Chief Minister offered motivational guidance to all primary school students and teachers in the

state. He emphasized the importance of instilling disaster management awareness among students and teachers in the successful celebration of the event. On this occasion, GSDMA Chief Executive Officer Shri Anupam Anand provided detailed insights about School Safety Week. He outlined the daily activities planned over the five-day program, which runs until January 25, focusing

on school safety measures. This week-long program will cover all 33,000 government primary schools in the state. Mega events, including mock drills on topics such as earthquakes, fire accidents, floods, and short circuits, will be conducted in approximately 3,000 schools with support from NDRF, SDRF, and the fire brigade. Health-related training and demonstrations will also be conducted in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross and 108 Emergency Ambulance Services. Additionally, other schools will host competitions such as drawing, essay writing, and elocution on disaster management topics. Awareness programs like rallies, video screenings, and poster exhibitions will also be organized.



Editorial

GIG ECONOMY

Not an employee. No Employer. No fixed working hours. Unlimited Income. Work flexibility. Freedom to work or not on any given day. These are the apparent and enviable characteristics of a gig worker.

The labour ministry defines a gig worker as "a person who engages in income-earning activities outside of a traditional employer-employee relationship, as well as in the informal sector".

The gig economy is facilitated by modern information technology, digitalization, use of computers, mobile phones, and mobile applications. It has rapidly grown over the years and is poised to grow much faster in the coming years.

It is likely to add 1.25 per cent to the GDP in the next eight to ten years. The gig economy's world market size as per UEF in 2024 was \$556.7 billion (equal to Rs. 47 lac crore).

The gig economy, particularly of the digital platform-induced urban concentrated (deeply prevalent in about 300 cities) gig work.

Firstly, the growth of the Indian economy has been jobless. The employment elasticity, (percentage change in employment in response to one percent change in economic growth) has been declining.

Thirdly, the production process has been capital-intensive and labour-saving naturally with the increasing profit maximization motive of business owners with the newfound support of economic policies.

The so-called flexibility and choice not to work on any day means choosing to starve. What a driver gets every day, taking a ride hailing service as an example, after the expenses including the cut by the platform, is the subsistence amount for the family.

Although legislations are brought in here and there (for example Karnataka and Rajasthan enactments and Social Security Code 2020), gig work is deliberately kept outside the employer-employee relationship.

With employment opportunities in other sectors getting bleak, and with increasing educated unemployment (28.7 per cent of unemployment among youth with graduate and above qualification in 2022; 11.5 per cent with secondary education; 6.1 per cent with elementary education and 3.2 per cent with below primary education), it seems higher the qualifications higher would be the unemployment.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Allocates Rs. 605.48 Crore In a Single Day for Improving Urban Amenities and Citizen Well-Being

CM Presents Various Development Works to Limbdi, Mandvi-Kutch, Mundra-Barai, Viramgam, Bardoli, Bilimora, Songadh, Valsad, Sanand, Halvad, Gandevi, Dharampur, Dahod, Khambhat, Dwarka, Padra, Babra, Mansa, Dhrangadhra Municipalities; Vadodara and Bhavnagar Municipal Corporations; and Bhavnagar and Rajkot Urban Development Authorities

₹40 Crore will be Allocated for New Gardens in 25 Municipalities to Enhance Environmental Cleanliness and City Beautification

₹39 Crore Approved for Library Construction in 13 Cities to Promote Reading and Awareness of Global Trends

₹33 Crore Allocated for Modernizing Existing Libraries in 22 Municipalities into Smart Libraries

₹493.48 Crore Allocated for Storm Water Drainage, Outgrowth Area Development, Shaheri Sadak Yojana, Private Society Public Participation Scheme, and Railway Overbridge

Gandhinagar, 20 January 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel has approved ₹605.48 crore in a single day for urban development projects across various Municipalities and

Municipal Corporations in the state, aiming to enhance urban public welfare and improve the ease of living for citizens.

The Chief Minister stated that this allocation, made under the Swarnim Jayanti Mukhyamantri Shaheri Vikas Yojana (SJMSVY) launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in 2010, will fund projects such as stormwater drainage, lake beautification, urban road schemes, water supply, outgrowth development, and railway overbridge construction.

The approved amount will benefit the municipalities of Limbdi, Mandvi-Kutch, Mundra-Barai, Viramgam, Bardoli, Bilimora, Valsad, Songadh, Sanand, Halvad, Gandevi, Dharampur, Dahod, Khambhat, Dwarka, Padra, Babra, Mansa, and Dhrangadhra. It will also extend to Vadodara and Bhavnagar Municipal Corporations, as well as Bhavnagar and Rajkot Urban Development Authorities, supporting various development works.

As part of this initiative, the Chief Minister has granted in-principle

approval for ₹40 crore to be allocated to 25 municipalities for the development of

Temple to Kasbawadi Railway Gate and on Dhanori Road in Gandevi;



new gardens aimed at promoting environmental preservation, purification, and city beautification, while providing recreational spaces for citizens. The Chief Minister has allocated ₹3 crore to each of the 13 municipalities, totalling ₹39 crore, for library construction to encourage reading. Additionally, in-principle approval has been granted for ₹1.50 crore each to establish smart libraries in 22 municipalities. A total of ₹15.72 crore has been approved for the development of outgrowth areas across several municipalities. This includes ₹4.49 crore for underground sewerage, CC roads, water lines, and street lighting in Halvad; ₹72.69 lakh for street lighting from Jalaram

₹4.62 crore for the construction of a railway under-bridge to track CC road in Dwarka Municipality; ₹1.90 crore for street lighting in Dharampur; and ₹3.77 crore for CC road works in Limbdi. Additionally, ₹112.53 crore has been allocated for water supply schemes to Khambhat and Dahod Municipalities. Of this, ₹66.11 crore has been approved for a new water supply network in Khambhat, and ₹56.42 crore for water supply works in Dahod. This funding will help construct a dedicated pipeline from the Pata Dungri Dam in Dahod and interconnect all waterworks in the municipality. Sanand, Viramgam Municipality, and Bhavnagar Urban

Development Authority have been allocated ₹26.35 crore for city and lake beautification projects. Of this, ₹13.50 crore has been earmarked for the beautification of key roads in Sanand Municipality, ₹6.42 crore for lake beautification in Viramgam Municipality, and ₹6.43 crore for the beautification of Ghogha Village Lake under the Bhavnagar Urban Development Authority. Additionally, ₹99.89 crore has been allocated to Bhavnagar Municipal Corporation for stormwater drainage works in the Karchaliya Para area, ₹16.86 crore to Mandvi-Kutch Municipality, and ₹1.64 crore to Mundra-Barai Municipality. The CM has also approved a grant of ₹15.29 crore for the construction of urban roads under Mukhyamantri Shaheri Sadak Yojana. The allocation includes ₹99.52 lakh for Bardoli, ₹29.74 lakh for Songadh, ₹1.02 crore for Valsad, ₹70.15 lakh for Bilimora, ₹40 lakh for Sanand Municipality, ₹42.90 lakh for Padra Municipality, ₹3.67 crore for Babra Municipality and ₹7.78 crore for Rajkot Urban Development Authority. Under Swarnim Jayanti Mukhyamantri Shaheri Vikas Yojana, ₹4.10 crore has been allocated for 27 works in Vadodara Municipal Corporation's North and South Zones, including CC roads and paver blocks. In

addition, ₹35.22 lakh has been allocated for Mansa Municipality under Private Society Public Participation Scheme.

Vadodara Municipal Corporation has been approved ₹104 crore for development works aimed at enhancing the distinctive identity of the city. The approved works include ₹40 crore for the modernization of the Lal Court building, ₹12 crore for a new foot overbridge near Kamatiabag, ₹2.50 crore for a yog centre and library at Gotri Lake, ₹2.50 crore for a yog centre and library at Harni Lake, ₹2 crore for the gates of the Navnath temples, ₹10 crore for the renovation of Gandhinagar Gruh, ₹20 crore for the Nagar Gruh at Sama, ₹10 crore for a walking bridge connecting Kamnath Temple and Kamatiabag, and the construction of an RCC cable walking bridge linking Pareswar Mahadev Temple to Gotri Garden. Additionally, the Chief Minister has approved ₹88.88 crore for railway overbridges in Dwarka and Dhrangadhra Municipalities to facilitate smoother and more manageable traffic. Of this, ₹49.87 crore has been given in-principle approval for Dwarka Municipality, and ₹39.01 crore for Dhrangadhra Municipality. These initiatives will improve urban infrastructure and welfare, providing better facilities for residents.

Trump's Return

(Agency) Donald Trump's return to the White House on Monday signals not just a political comeback but a tectonic shift in American politics. His rise to power for a second term, underlined by a decisive electoral victory, reflects the endurance of his brand of governance and its impact on the US political landscape.

This consolidation of power positions Mr Trump to push through bold, and at times controversial, policies. With a judiciary bolstered by his appointments and a Republican-led Congress, the traditional checks on presidential authority appear diminished, giving Mr Trump an extraordinary degree of latitude to de-reshape Washington. One of the most striking aspects of his return is the shift in how previously resistant sectors, such as Silicon Valley, now engage with him. Prominent industry leaders seeking his favour underscore the adaptability of power structures in the face of political realities.

leader but as a cultural force that commands loyalty across diverse demographics.



Economically, Mr Trump's second term presents both opportunities and risks. He has inherited a strong economy and a quieter southern border; these

provide a solid foundation. But his plans to impose tariffs and deport undocu-

national trading partners and unsettling global markets. However, these policies also resonate with a segment of Americans disillusioned by globalisation, further solidifying his appeal among traditionally underserved communities. Mr Trump's return is not without challenges. His confrontational style, coupled with proposals to purge federal agencies and target political opponents, could lead to significant polarisation and potential constitutional showdowns.

leadership has influenced the broader political discourse. His once-controversial positions on trade, immigration, and relations with China have now permeated bipartisan platforms, signalling a profound shift in policy priorities. Even his critics cannot ignore the lasting impact of his governance style and policy focus. Mr Trump's second term is poised to be as transformative as his first. His presidency reaffirms the power of populism and its ability to reshape not just political parties but the entire framework of governance. Whether one views his return as revitalisation or disruption, it is undeniable that the Trump era continues to define America's political trajectory.

MEA needs more hands on the diplomatic deck

(Agency) India, the world's most populous nation and the largest democracy, is emerging as a pivotal force in global affairs. As a leader of the Global South, India's growing economic might, strategic autonomy, and commitment to peace have earned it a central role in international diplomacy.

the intricacies of global security, the MEA is at the heart of India's international engagements. India's foreign policy has always been defined by strategic autonomy and a commitment to peace, underpinned by the Nehruvian tradition of non-alignment. Figures like Jawaharlal Nehru and V.K. Krishna Menon were instrumental in crafting India's independent foreign policy, promoting the values of non-violence and peace while simultaneously asserting India's interests.

depth required in an increasingly complex international environment has never been more urgent. Expanding the MEA to 5,000 personnel is not just a matter of numbers; it is about creating a foreign policy apparatus that can think strategically across multiple domains.

India's diplomacy must address a wide range of issues, from trade to defence, environmental sustainability to digital diplomacy, and global security to humanitarian aid. The expansion of the MEA must include experts in all these areas. Just as former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger reshaped American diplomacy during the Cold War with his strategic brilliance, India needs diplomats who can think longterm and craft policies that reflect India's evolving role in world affairs.

team that can anticipate global shifts, build alliances, and position the country to leverage emerging opportunities.

This requires not just an increase in numbers but also



an investment in strategic thinking and specialized knowledge. India needs diplomats who can engage with governments, businesses, think tanks, and civil society to shape global decisions in its favour. The necessity for expanding the MEA is not just about having more diplomats; it is about building a diplomatic workforce that reflects India's evolving global priorities. By doing so, India can ensure that its foreign policy is proactive, deeply informed, and forward-thinking.

regional powers all depend on the strength of its diplomatic team. As India seeks to position itself as a global power, it must be prepared to take on more responsibilities and influence decisions that will shape the future of the international system.

India's expanded diplomatic corps should also prioritize engagement with think tanks, academic institutions, and the media. The academic and research community has a critical role to play in shaping India's foreign policy by providing the intellectual foundation for strategic decisions. The MEA must collaborate with think tanks and universities – both in India and abroad – to ensure that foreign policy decisions are informed by the latest research and analysis.

shaping global perceptions and building relationships with the international public. Media professionals are critical to this process, and the MEA must work closely with them to communicate India's vision and policies effectively to global audiences. India's soft power – its culture, values, and democratic ideals – should be leveraged to ensure that India's voice is heard and respected worldwide. India's ambition to become a global power is well within reach, but it requires a diplomatic corps that can navigate the complexities of the modern world. The MEA must evolve to meet the growing demands of global leadership. By expanding the MEA, India will not only ensure that it is prepared to face the challenges of the future, but it will also ensure that the country's voice is heard in every corner of the world. India's historical commitment to non-alignment and peace must remain a guiding principle, but its foreign policy must also be shaped by new thinking and innovation to maintain its global standing. Only with a larger, more specialized, and visionary diplomatic team will India be able to fully realize its potential as a global leader in the 21st century.



# Police crackdown on protests against mining in Telangana

(Agency) Farmers and residents of Mylaram village in Nagarkurnool district of Telangana on Monday launched a relay hunger strike to protest against mining activities in the area as police arrested several people to crack down on the ongoing agitation. The police also detained human rights activist Prof Haragopal and Gaddam Laxman, president of the Civil Liberties Committee at Veldanda when they were on their way to Mylaram to support the protests by the villagers against mining in the area. The villagers of Mylaram in Balmoor Mandal had decided to launch a relay hunger strike to draw the attention of



Mylaram hill in the village vicinity.

The villagers and farmers, apprehensive about the adverse impact on the environment and their liveli-

hood are protesting against mining by private individuals by citing a resolution of authorities to the allegedly illegal quartz mining that was being carried out at the gram sabha which the protestors say was fake. Villagers complained that no public hearing was conducted before giving permission for mining. They

alleged that bribes were paid to the sarpanch and some youths to carry on the mining activities which had been stopped earlier. The villagers had placed thorny bushes on the roads leading to the village to prevent access to police. However, police swooped down at 4 am to arrest the protestors and foil their hunger strike. Following the arrests, several villagers including women took to the streets with pesticide bottles threatening to commit suicide. They demanded the immediate release of those arrested. Prof Haragopal who had expressed solidarity with Mylaram protests was also detained on his way to the village to initiate the relay hunger strike.

# Cong cites Bombay HC fake encounter probe report to flay Maha Govt

(Agency) Congress opposition leader and MLA Vijay Wadetiwar has criticised the BJP-led Mahayuti state government after a Bombay High Court inquiry report concluded that five policemen are responsible for the fake encounter of Akshay Shinde. The forensic report has stated that no fingerprints of rape-accused Akshay Shinde were found on the gun. Wadetiwar tweeted that the court had exposed the propaganda by the then BJP-led Mahayuti government on the eve of the 2024 Maharashtra assembly elections. "The court investigation has concluded that five policemen are responsible for the encounter case of Akshay Shinde, who was

an accused in the Badlapur rape case. Similarly, the

then Mahayuti government on the eve of the 2024



forensic report has stated that there are no fingerprints of Akshay Shinde on the gun. On the one hand, no action was taken against the BJP organisation leader in the Badlapur case, while on the other hand, the leader of an organisation related to the BJP was saved by staging a fake encounter of the accused Akshay Shinde. The fake narrative by the

Maharashtra assembly elections has been exposed by the Bombay High Court today," Wadetiwar tweeted through his X handle. "The responsibility for this encounter lies as much with the police as with the then Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Home Minister Devendra Fadnis because there was a navigation to take credit for

this police encounter to portray themselves as heroes who deliver instant justice," Wadetiwar tweeted, criticising the Mahayuti government. He alleged that the Mahayuti government had utilised the issue purely to harvest votes before the 2024 state assembly elections. Meanwhile, reacting to the Bombay High Court probe report, NCP chief and Deputy Chief Minister, Ajit Pawar, said, "I was watching the news on TV about this development. I will speak to the Home Ministry Secretary about this. After getting information about what exactly happened, what they investigated and what the final picture looks like, I will speak later".

# QURAN MEMORIZATION COMPETITION REACHES FINAL STAGE

Colombo: The final qualifiers for the second national Quran memorization competition commenced Saturday morning at the prestigious Galle Face Hall in Colombo. Organized by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Dawah, and Guidance - Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia, in collaboration with the Kingdom's Embassy in Colombo, this event marks a significant milestone in promoting Quranic activities globally. The competition is part of the Kingdom's broader efforts to support Islamic initiatives worldwide, building on its legacy of serving

Islam and Muslims. The Religious Attaché in India His Excellency Sheikh Badr Nasser Al Anaze

international cooperation in promoting Quranic values. As contestants gather

esteemed competition. The event's success is a testament to the Kingdom's commitment to



played a key role in representing the Ministry, underscoring the importance of

from across the nation, the Galle Face Hall provides a fitting backdrop for this

fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Quran.

# DM gave orders to cancel the allotment of district headquarters residence of all four SDMs of rural area.

New District Magistrate CP Singh has given orders to Nazarat in-charge City Magistrate to cancel the housing allotment. Mithura. All the SDMs of the district who were staying at the district headquarters for the night will now have to leave their homes. New DM CP Singh has given orders to the City Magistrate to cancel the allotment of the district headquarters residence of the four SDMs of the rural area. Along with assuming the responsibility of the district, within 24 hours of

taking charge, the new District Magistrate CP Singh has tightened the noose on the SDMs of all the tehsils of the rural areas of the district. Despite the arrangement of the government, orders have been given to cancel the allotment of district headquarters residence to all the SDMs living at the district headquarters except tehsil. Due

to this, Govardhan SDM Neelam Srivastava, SDM Shweta, SDM Mahavan Adesh Kumar and SDM Mont Joint Magistrate Abhinav J Jain will now have to leave their residence at the district headquarters. According to the government system, all SDMs are ordered to live at the tehsil headquarters, but instead of the tehsil,

the SDMs are allotted accommodation at the district headquarters. Since the Deputy District Magistrate resides in the Civil Line Colony located at the District Headquarters, he spends a lot of time in reaching his respective tehsil area, due to which the complainant public gets troubled. When it came to the notice of the District Officer that the SDM was living at the District Headquarters, he immediately ordered to cancel his house allotment



District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh

# Mathura Refinery celebrated 44th Refinery Day with great enthusiasm.

Refinery Executive Director and Refinery Head Ajay Kumar Tiwari hoisting the refinery flag and addressing the program.

Mithura(Ashfaq Chaudhary). Mathura Refinery celebrated its 44th Refinery Day on 19 January 2025 with great enthusiasm and excitement. The program started with the hoisting of the refinery flag by Ajay Kumar Tiwari, Executive Director and Refinery Head of Mathura Refinery. On this occasion, Bhaskar Hazarika, CGM (HR), VSuresh, CGM (TS & HSE), Sudhanshu Kumar, CGM (T), Devendra Kumar, President, and Mukesh Sharma, General Secretary, representatives of Mathura Refinery Employees Association and Officers Association were also present.

Chairman AS Sahni and Director (Refineries) Arvind Kumar extended greetings on the occasion of Mathura Refinery Day. During the programme, the Chairman's message was

were shared with everyone by SK Sawhney, DGM (TS). Congratulating those present on this momentous occasion, Shri Tiwari said that Mathura Refinery has achieved many achievements with the dedication and hard work of all past and present refinery personnel and now the time has come when we focus our efforts on the future.

Concentrate where we can make Mathura Refinery India's largest seen as a reliable and energy efficient refinery. He said that in 2024, Mathura Refinery left behind many records and created new standards in all areas with the unparalleled efforts of the refinery personnel and expressed hope that this will continue in the future also. Virtual inauguration was also done. Later, General Secretary of Indian Oil Employees Association Shri Mukesh Sharma and CEC of Indian Oil Officers Association Ashish Dahiya also addressed the gathering and congratulated everyone and inspired them to give their best in the coming years also. Of thanksgiving. Proposed by Gopinath, GM (HR). After this, in the evening a cultural program along with award ceremony of meritorious children was organized at the Community Centre, MR Nagar. The cultural presentations of children were greatly appreciated by the audience. On this occasion, a total of 66 meritorious children were honored by ED&RH and other senior officials of Mathura Refinery.



read by V Suresh, CGM (TS & HSE). The message of Director (Refineries) was read by Sudhanshu Kumar, CGM (T). Later, the achievements of Mathura Refinery for the past years

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# Complete Solution Day completed in Tehsil Mahavan, new District Magistrate listened to complaints, resolved them

Mithura. Complete Solution Day/Tehsil Day was organized in Tehsil Mahavan under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh. The District Magistrate instructed the concerned officers to resolve revenue related complaints in a quality and timely manner. The District Magistrate listened to the complaints of the public carefully and forwarded the complaints to the concerned officers and gave instructions for disposal. Deputy District Magistrate Mahavan Adesh Kumar said that today a total of 65 complaints were received in Mahavan tehsil on Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas, out of which 11 complaints were resolved on the spot. The remaining complaints have been forwarded to the concerned depart-

ments. The District Magistrate said that the people are supreme, our first priority is to solve the problems

Magistrate/Deputy District Magistrate Mont Abhinav J Jain while giving information said that under the direction

Administration Vijay Shankar Dubey informed that 6 complaints were received in Tehsil



District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh listening to the complaints of the people on Tehsil Day

of the people in a quality manner. The District Magistrate instructed the police officers that the police should have very simple and prosperous behavior towards the public. In the same sequence, Joint

of the District Magistrate, a complete resolution day was organized today in the auditorium of Mont Tehsil, in which 10 complaints were received and 2 complaints were resolved on the spot. Additional District Magistrate

Rinku Singh Rahi, Deputy District Magistrate Mahavan Adesh Kumar, Chief Medical Officer Ajay Kumar Verma, Area Officer Dharmendra Singh, Tehsildar Sushil Gupta and all the district level Officers were present.

# The new Divisional Commissioner took charge

Divisional responsibilities will be discharged as per the intention of the government, in a quality and timely manner: Shailendra Kumar Singh

Mithura. New Divisional Commissioner Shailendra Kumar Singh reached Agra Commissionerate on Monday and took charge as Divisional Commissioner. The new Divisional Commissioner was given a guard of honor on reaching the Commissionerate and was given a grand welcome by the Divisional officers by giving him a bouquet. Thereafter, the Divisional Commissioner got introduced to the officers present and visited the Commissionerate premises and inspected the functioning of all the offices.

the responsibility of done on priority for industry, tourism development

every effort to carry out the divisional responsibilities as Divisional Commissioner, taking the entire team along and establishing coordination with everyone, as per the intention of the government, in a quality and time bound manner. Regarding tourism, he said that the most important thing for any city to develop any area as a tourist city is infrastructure, work should be done to improve this area and create a feeling of security in the minds of the people. Will be done.



Former DM of Mathura and new Divisional Commissioner Shailendra Kumar Singh taking charge

and public access to government services. Divisional Commissioner Shailendra Kumar Singh said that my effort will be to take the district level problems of the division to the government level and to take the expectations of the government level to the district level. I will make

On this occasion, Additional Commissioner Shrimat Manjulata, Personal Assistant Padmchand Mishra, Senior Administrative Officer Govind Verma and all the officers of the Commissionerate were present

# Private doctor taking oath regarding tuberculosis awareness

TB patients must undergo NAT test: Dr. Gajendra

-Identification of TB patients in Mathura, tops in the state

- Members of Indian Medical Association Mathura took pledge to eradicate TB.

-In the last year, with the help of private doctors, Mathura achieved great success in eradicating TB, 112 percent patients were identified: Dr. Sanjeev Yadav.

Mithura. The Central and Uttar Pradesh governments are showing readiness to eradicate tuberculosis. Now various organizations are also coming forward to support them. In the same series, the IMA branch of Mathura district and Doctors for You organ-

ization organized a seminar for the private doctors for awareness of tuberculosis

Gupta has made an important appeal for tuberculosis control. He has urged private doctors to follow all the guidelines and identify and notify as many tuberculosis patients as possible. Dr.

Dr., Chairman of the TB and Chest Department of SN Medical

College and Chairman of the State TB Task Force, was present in the seminar. Gajendra Vikram Singh lectured on diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis. Addressing the private sector doctors, Dr. Singh said that every doctor should make efforts to do microbiological confirmations of every identified new tuberculosis patient. For this, NOT test must be done for all TB patients. IMA President Dr. Manoj

Dr. Anshul Khanna of Doctors for You organization, Dr. Shubham Ojha, Dr. Vijendra Tiwari, Dr. Vipin, Dr. Anil Chauhan, Dr. Devendra Aggarwal, Dr. Bhudev, Dr. Rohtash, IMA Secretary Dr. Yogesh, Senior doctors Dr. AK Verman, Dr. Mohit Gupta, Dr. Awadhesh Aggarwal, Dr. Meena Sood, Dr. S.P. Singh, Dr. BB Garg, Dr.

Ashish Gopal, Dr. Varsha Tiwari, Dr. S.B Agarwal, Dr. Sanjeev Jain, Saroj, Azam Khan, Lakhani, Anil Chauhan, Shiv Kumar, Akhilesh from District Tuberculosis Center, Mathura. Dixit participated.



Dr. Sanjeev Yadav

Dr. Gupta has also assured full cooperation of IMA.

Major success achieved in controlling tuberculosis in Mathura. District Tuberculosis Officer Dr. Sanjeev Yadav said that Mathura has achieved great success in controlling tuberculosis in the last year. With the help of private doctors, Mathura identified more tuberculosis patients than the target and stood first in the entire state by identifying 112 percent tuberculosis patients. The District Tuberculosis Officer said that this achievement