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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 along with a sector have boosted India's short video clip quest for 'Aatmanirbharta'.

Responding to a post by Mann Ki Baat Updates handle on X, Modi in a post on di's X said, "It was during one of the #MannKiBaat breathed new episodes that we had talked about boosting toy year-old craft manufacturing and pow- of Etikoppaka ered by collective efforts toys, saving a across India, we've cov- treasured tradition and

"Our strides in the sector

prise." Modi further said in US, the UK, Germany, market for 'Made in India'

said, "Here's PM@narendramo-

#MannKiBaat life into a 600-

ered a lot of ground in that." livelihood of many!" The Indian toy industry

have boosted our quest for has now expanded its glob- tor as one of the champion Aatmanirbharta and popu- al footprint to more than sectors, with a long-term larised traditions and enter- 100 countries including the vision to create a global elicited a good response.

Netherlands, Denmark and Earlier, Mann Ki Baat even China from where Updates in a post on X toys were imported in large

> quantities, senior official Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) said. As part of

its strong commitment to create a better

ecosystem for the tov industry, the Government of India has identified the sec-

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

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

Himachalsuriji's contribu- road names were unveiled

Jainacharya

Minister of State for Corporation has named two Society has been named Home Affairs Shri Harsh roads in the Shahibaug Sanghavi Graces the Ward of the Central Zone to Himachalsuri honour Jainacharya Shri Plaques marking these new

Event Gandhinagar, 2025: Chief January 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

tions: The road from during the event. Madhuram Tower to Hathi Circle has been named Panyas Ratnakarvijay Marg. Ravishekharsurishwarji House and Post Office Chief Minister

Speaking at the ceremony, Muni Shri Vijay The road from Circuit expressed gratitude to Quarters to Silver Park Bhupendra Patel for hon- lowers

Himachalsuriji. He highlighted the Acharya's welfare contributions, including establishment of the 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 fol-

### **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

**External Affairs Minister** S Jaishankar

Credit: Photo x.com/@DrSJaishankar **External Affairs Minister** S Jaishankar

minister's presence at the the sources said.

presidential inauguration is in line with India's general Rajnath Singh attended the

Defence

Minister



practice to send special Trump is taking charge envoys to attend the swearas the 47th President of the ing-in ceremony of heads

swearing-in ceremony of the president of Nigeria in May 2023 while then attended the swearing-in US. The external affairs of state and government, Minister of Earth Sciences ceremony of the president

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

In June 2022, the then MoS for external affairs Raj Kumar Ranjan Singh Kiren Rijiju attended the of Philippines, they added.

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

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has emphasised increasing manpower and ensuring accountability to accelerate development projects in the

During a review meeting held at the Annexy 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 highquality completion of all projects, with a nodal officer assigned to each for

meetings should held with

public representatives to discuss progress and consider their suggestions. He reiter-

ated the importance of public participation and directed officials to maintain regular communication with representatives regarding ongoing development efforts.

The chief minister also progress monitoring and stressed the need for offiweekly updates to the cials to address the griev-

'Additionally, the district sensitivity and urgency. He magistrate or a senior offi- instructed them to promptly cer must review all projects resolve complaints regisevery 15 days while regular tered 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

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 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.

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

In a relief to the Congress leader Rahul 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 Vikran Math and Justice Sandeep Mehta issued notice to the Jharkhand government and the Bharativa Janata Party leader Navin Jha - the complainant before the trial

"Issue notice 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 Gandhi, the Supreme Court 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

approached the Supreme

Rahul Gandhi has

the complainant.

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against him. The complaint told the bench that the 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 Party Janata 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 Court against the 21/16 February 2024, Jharkhand Congress Party". Appearing for Rahul High Court order rejecting Gandhi, senior advocate his plea for the quashing of defamation case Abhishek Manu Singhvi

complaint was filed by a third party and that is not permissible when it comes to the offence of defama-

"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 Commissioner, Judicial 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.

Bhupendra Patel Provides importance of instilling dis- of the event. Valuable Guidance to aster management aware-

**Commences Across the State Today** 

**Students and Teachers** As A Part of School Safety Week, Various Activities will be held in Schools across the State until January 25

Gandhinagar, 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 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

Chief Minister Shri state. He emphasized the the successful celebration



'Gujarat School Safety Week 2025'

ness among students and urged schools to organize various activities, including mock drills, demonstrations, and training sessions, during the week. He also extended his best wishes to day program, which runs exhibitions will also be

GSDMA Chief Executive Officer Shri Anupam Anand provided detailed insights about School Safety Week. He outlined the daily activities planned over the fiveall schools and GSDMA for 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 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 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. A utopian situation indeed! But the details show there is more to it than meets the eye. Undoubtedly, the gig economy has grown splendidly fast and is growing faster. It is already contributing a big sum to the GDP, to the exchequer, and more so to gig platforms (the details as we proceed further). But all this, to call a spade a spade, is at the cost of exploiting the gig workers. The gig workers, for example, are the food delivery boys and girls from Swiggy and Zomato-like digital platforms, the drivers of Uber, Ola, or similar ride-hailing services, or Amazon or other e-commerce delivery persons.

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". Similar is the NITI Aayog's view which stresses gig work to be outside the traditional employer-employee arrangement. Gig workers can be broadly classified into platform and no-platform-based workers. Pla - t form workers are those whose work is based on online software apps or digital platforms. The non-platform gig workers are generally casual wage workers and own-account workers in the conventional sectors, working part-time or full-time.

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. Some 7.7 million workers (2.6 per cent of non-agricultural workers or 1.5 per cent of the workforce) were engaged in gig work in India by 2020-21 as per NITI Aayog's estimate although the accuracy of data is not quaranteed. The actual number could be more than double this number as per other estimates. The number is likely to reach 23.5 million (6.7 per cent non-agricultural and 7 per cent of the total) by 2029-30. The Boston Consulting Group puts the number of gig workers in India at 15 million in 2021 and estimates it to increase to 90

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) and it is likely to reach \$1,847 billion (Rs.158 lac crore, or more if the rupee-dollar exchange rate increases) by 2032. The digital platforms are growing fast ~ 140 in 2010 to 777 in 2020 as per a ILO 2027 report. Undoubtedly, the gig economy, the offspring of new technology, and new modes of production and distribution, is booming and changing economic and social relations in tandem. The resultant outcomes - the challenges and opportunities, are not difficult to discern given the trends, experiences, and accumulated evidence of the gig economy, particularly of the digital platforminduced urban concentrated (deeply prevalent in about 300 cities) gig work. While technology is the facilitator and the medium for the gig economy its true begetter is the neoliberal economic policy and the fertile ground it created for the fast growth of the gig economy. Some key policy effects unmistakably drive home the point.

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. For instance between 2000 and 2012 employment grew by 1.6 per cent against the increase in Gross Value Added of 6.2 per cent. While the GVA further increased to 6.7 per cent between 2012 and 2019 employment grew at 0.01 per cent as per ILO-IHD's India Employment Report 2024. Secondly, employment growth was of poor quality; 90 er cent of the workforce is informally employed. Due to the nature of employment growth since 2019, informal employment in total has been increasing. More casualization is observable, the gig work inclusive.

Thirdly, the production process has been capitalintensive and labour-saving naturally with the increasing profit maximization motive of business owners with the newfound support of economic policies. Fourthly, as the ILO report notes, "digitalization and introduction of new technologies are changing the structure of industrial employment. There has been a rapid introduction of digitally mediated gig and platform work, which are algorithmically controlled by the platforms and have brought about new features in control of the labour process Increasingly, platform and gig work have been expanding, but it is, to a large extent, the extension of informal work, with hardly any social security provisions." So, a gig worker's life is neither free from bondage nor secure as is made out to be

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. That means no freedom to not work. Since the job is algorithmically controlled and monitored, the incentives, disincentives and penalties are promptly applied. The lives of other gig workers like food delivery or Amazon-like platform delivery partners are no different. They get insufficient incomes, and work 12 hours a day or more. They have no provident fund facility, no health insurance like ESI and no other social security benefit employers provide in the organized sector. There is no employer at all who can be made responsible for providing these things.

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. Digital platforms that provide employment continue to be recognized as Aggregators while the workers are treated as contractors. This is not an unintended outcome of technology and changed production relations alone but the fruition of liberal economic policy, to say it at the cost of repetition. The government gradually withdraws from its role in economic activity firmly believing the theoretical underpinning of the market forces' doctrine: "Business is the business of the business; the government has no business to be in business".

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

**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 Development Urban **Authorities** 

₹40 Crore will be New Allocated for Gardens 25 in **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 in Libraries 22 Municipalities into Smart Libraries

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

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

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, under-

lined by a decisive electoral

endurance of his brand of

governance and its impact

on the US political land-

scape. What began in 2015

as an unorthodox cam-

paign has now crystallised

into a dominant movement

that redefines modern con-

servatism and challenges

long-standing norms in

governance. Unlike his first

term, Mr Trump now com-

mands a Republican Party

have been replaced by loy-

alists eager to implement

The party's sceptics

reshaped in his image.

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his agenda without hesita- ence, not just as a political

victory, reflects

(Agency)

CM Presents Various 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 Yojana Shaheri Vikas (SJMSVY) launched by Minister Prime 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. The CM has prioritized the provision of essential physical infrastructure facilities such as water, electricity, sewerage, and roads for citizens. His approach also emphasizes promoting reading to enhance aware-

tainability and global trends. As part of this initiative, the Chief Minister has granted in-principle

tion. This consolidation of

power positions Mr Trump

to push through bold, and

at times controversial,

policies. With a judiciary

bolstered by his appoint-

ments and a Republican-

led Congress, the tradi-

tional checks on presiden-

tial authority appear dimin-

ished, giving Mr Trump an

extraordinary degree of

lati tu de to 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

laders seeking his favour

of power structures in the

face of political realities.

This pragmatic alignment

reflects a broader accept-

ance of Mr Trump's influ-

ness of environmental sus-

approval for ₹40 crore to be allocated to 25 municipali-

to Kasbawadi Railway Gate and on ties for the development of 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

₹4.62 crore for the construction of a railway underbridge 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 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, Municipality, and street lighting from Jalaram Bhavnagar Urban

Development 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 Municipality, Viramgam 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 Municipality, Sanand ₹42.90 lakh for Padra Municipality, ₹3.67 crore for Babra Municipality and ₹7.78 crore for Rajkot Development Urban 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

been allocated for Mansa Municipality under Private Society Public Participation Scheme.

Municipal Vadodara 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 Kamatibag, ₹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 Kamatibag, and the construction of an RCC cable walking bridge linking Pareshwar 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

leader but as a cultural provide a solid foundation. force that commands loyal-

But his plans to impose tarty across diverse demo- iffs and deport undocu-



underscore the adaptability graphics. Economically,

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

mented immigrants could destabilise markets and inflation. His reignite emphasis on nationalist face of entrenched bureaueconomic policies, while appealing to his base, risks tices. Perhaps most

kets. 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 significonstitutional

national trading partners

and unsettling global mar-

Yet, this very approach has become a hallmark of his leadership ~ one that his supporters view as necessary disruption in the cracy and perceived injuscreating friction with inter- notable is how Mr Trump's

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 reafcant polarisation and firms 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 trajecto-

# 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. Yet, despite these achievements, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) which plays a critical role in shaping and executing its foreign policy remains underresourced. With only about 850 diplomats, the MEA is woefully inadequate to handle the complex and diverse challenges that India faces on the global stage. For India to fulfill its potential as a global leader, it is essential to

strengthen its diplomatic infrastructure by expanding the MEA to at least 5,000 personnel, matching the scale of India's ambitions and its position as a major international power. he scale of India's ambition on the world stage demands a cor-

responding strengthening of its foreign policy machinery. As the world's largest democracy and secondlargest economy, India's diplomatic requirements have evolved significantly.

From engaging in trade

negotiations to navigating

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 to peace, commitment underpinned by the Nehruvian tradition of nonalignment. Figures like Jawaharlal Nehru and V.K. Krishna Menon were instrumental in crafting India's independent foreign policy, promoting the values of nonviolence and peace while simultaneously asserting India's interests. Their vision of a non-aligned India that could act as a bridge between competing superpowers remains foundational to Indian diplomacy.

But as the global landscape shifts, it is time to ensure that India's foreign policy is both deeply rooted in its historical values and equipped to handle modern complexities. For India to maintain and expand its role in international affairs, its foreign policy apparatus needs an overhaul. While the U.S., China, and Russia deploy thousands of foreign policy experts to manage their global influence, India has only a fraction of that number. The need for a diplomatic corps that can shape global

discussions and provide the

intellectual and strategic

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 diploma-

cy 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. India's current diplomatic corps, while skilled, lacks the bandwidth to address such a wide array of issues effectively. India's foreign policy is not only about reacting to global events but about anticipating the future. For India to successfully compete with the

U.S., Russia, and China, it

must develop a diplomatic

leverage emerging opportunities. This requires not just an

tion as a global leader in the

fight against climate change,

its role in multilateral organi-

zations such as the United

Nations, and its growing

partnerships with global and



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 analysis. 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, that its foreign policy remains deeply informed, and forand ward-thinking. India's posi-

team that can anticipate regional powers all depend global shifts, build alliances, on the strength of its diploand position the country to matic 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

Think tanks can provide critical insights into emerging global trends, from shifting geopolitical dynamics to new economic policies. By drawing on the expertise of these institutions, India can ensure adaptable. Moreover, public diplomacy has become an increasingly important tool for global influence. India's foreign policy cannot only be about government-to-government negotiations. It must also be about century.

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

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her conviction in the 2024 year before their relation- succumbed to multiple

organ failure on October 25,

2022. Kerala police arrest-

ed her on October 31, 2022.

ple charges under the

Indian Penal Code (IPC),

including murder (Section

302), abduction with intent

to commit murder (Section

364), administering poison

(Section 328), and obstruc-

tion of justice (Section 203).

Greeshma sought leniency,

citing her academic

achievements, her lack of

prior criminal history, and

being her parents' only

daughter. However, the

court rejected her plea,

stating that her actions

were premeditated and

betrayed Sharon's trust

The court also dismissed

her claims of physical

abuse by Sharon, stating

there was no evidence to

defense,

her

Greeshma faced multi-

#### A FEW TRAINS TO BE AFFECTED ON THE NIGHTS OF 24th/25th & 25th/26th JANUARY, 2025 DUE TO WORK OF RE-BUILDING OF ABUTMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 20 BETWEEN MAHIM AND BANDRA

Western Railway will undertake major blocks on the intervening nights of 24th/25th 2025 January (Friday/Saturday) and 25th/26th January 2025 (Saturday/Sunday) in connection with rebuilding of south abutment of Bridge No. 20 between Mahim and stations. 24th/25th January 2025, the block will be from 23:00 hrs to 08:30 hrs on UP & Down Slow lines and from 00:30 hrs to 06:30 hrs on Down Fast line. Similarly, on 25th/26th January 2025, the block will be from 23:00 hrs to 08:30 hrs on UP & Down Slow and Down Fast lines and from 23:00 hrs to 07:30 hrs on UP Fast line.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, during the execution of work suburban Details of the same are as below:-

Repercussions on 24th January (Friday/Saturday):-

Last Slow service towards Virar will depart Churchgate at 23:58 hrs.

All Slow services departing Churchgate after 23.00 hrs on Friday, will run on Fast Line between Central & Santacruz and hence will not halt at Mahalaxmi, Churchgate - Bhayandar ex Lower Parel, Prabhadevi, Churchgate at 22:26 hrs. Matunga Road, Mahim and Khar Road stations.

Similarly, after 23:00 hrs, all Slow services departing Virar, Bhayandar and Borivali will be run on the line between Santacruz and Mumbai Central, hence will not halt at Khar Road, Mahim, Matunga Road, Prabhadevi, Parel and Lower Mahalaxmi stations.

work, services between Churchgate and Dadar will be operated on Fast lines.

Western & Harbour lines.

On 25th January, 2025 i.e. Saturday early morning, from Bhayandar and Borivali will run up to Andheri only.

for Churchgate after block Duronto Express of 26th will depart from Virar at January, 2025 will remain 05:47 hrs and reach cancelled. Churchgate at 07:05 hrs.

First Down Fast line

06:14 hrs. First Down Slow line service after block will depart from Churchgate at 08:03 hrs.

On Friday/Saturday approx. 127 Suburban services will remain cancelled & 60 services will remain partially cancelled.

Repercussions on 25th /26th January 2025 (Saturday/Sunday):-During the execution of

work, services between Churchgate and Dadar will operate on Fast lines.

On Saturday night/ Sunday morning, both Slow and Fast services originating from Virar, Nallasopara, Vasai Road, Bhayandar and Borivali will run up to Andheri.

Some Western Central Railway services between Goregaon and services will be affected. Bandra will be operated on Harbour lines.

The last local on UP Fast line will be Virar-Churchgate ex Virar at 22:07 hrs and on UP Slow line will be Borivali -Churchgate ex Borivali at

The last local on the DOWN Fast line will be Churchgate - Borivali ex Churchgate at 22:33 hrs and the last on DOWN lines will be Slow These trains will be extended up to Virar.

The first train after block on the DOWN Fast line will be Churchgate - Virar ex Churchgate at 08:35 hrs and the first train on DOWN line will Slow Churchgate -Borivali ex Churchgate at 08:35 hrs. The first train after block

on the UP Fast line will be Virar - Churchgate ex Virar During the execution of at 07:38 hrs and the first train on the UP Slow line will be Virar - Churchgate ex Virar at 07:35 hrs. On Saturday/Sunday

Central Railway services approx. 150 Suburban Borivali between Goregaon and services will remain can-Bandra will be operated on celled & 90 services will remain partially cancelled.

Cancellation of Trains:-1. Train No. 12267 Slow & Fast services origi- Mumbai Central - Hapa Virar, Duronto Express of 25th Nallasopara, Vasai Road, January, 2025 will remain cancelled.

Train No. 12268 First Fast train service Hapa- Mumbai Central

CHANGE IN TERMINAL OF A FEW TRAINS

Mumbai Central - Indore service after block will Duronto Express of 25th depart from Churchgate at January, 2025 will remain

> cancelled. Train No. 12228 Indore - Mumbai Central Duronto Express of 26th January, 2025 will remain cancelled.

Short Termination/Origination of

Trains:-1. Train No. 09052 Bhusaval - Dadar Special

of 25th January, 2025 will short terminate at Borivali and remain partially cancelled between Borivali and Dadar. Train No. 12927

Dadar Ekta Nagar Superfast Express of 25th January, 2025 will short originate from Borivali and remain partially cancelled between Dadar and Borivali.

Train No. 19003 3 Bhusaval Dadar Khandesh Express of 26th January, 2025 will short originate from Borivali and remain partially cancelled Dadar between and Borivali.

Train No. 19015 4. Porbandar Dadar Saurashtra Express of 26th January, 2025 will short originate from Borivali and remain partially cancelled between Dadar and Borivali.

5. Train No. 22946 Okha – Mumbai Central Saurashtra Mail of 25th January, 2025 will short terminate at Borivali and remain partially cancelled between Borivali and Mumbai Central.

6. Train No. 12902 Ahmedabad – Dadar Gujarat Mail of 25th January, 2025 will short terminate at Palghar and remain partially cancelled between Palghar and Dadar.

Train No. 59024 Valsad - Mumbai Central Passenger of 26th January. 2025 will short terminate at Borivali and remain partialcancelled between and Mumbai Central.

Train No. 59045 8. Mumbai Central - Vapi Hapa - Mumbai Central Biden issued preemptive porters' efforts to overturn core" and "dangerous," has demic-related Passenger of 26th January, 2025 will short originate from Borivali and remain partially cancelled between Mumbai Central and Borivali.

Train No. 12904 Amritsar – Mumbai Central Golden Temple Mail of 24th January, 2025 will short ter-Train No. 12227 remain partially cancelled note of the same.

between Andheri Mumbai Central.

10. Train No. 19016 Porbandar – Dadar Saurashtra Express of 24th January, 2025 will short terminate at Borivali and remain partially cancelled between Borivali and Dadar. Rescheduling

Train No. 20901 Central Mumbai Gandhinagar Capital Vande Bharat Express of 25th January, 2025 will be rescheduled and depart at 06:15 hrs from Mumbai Central.

/Regulation of Trains:-

2. Train No. 20901 Mumbai Central Gandhinagar Capital Vande Bharat Express of 26th January, 2025 will be rescheduled and depart at 08:15 hrs from Mumbai Central.

Train No. 22953 3. Mumbai Central Ahmedabad Gujarat Superfast Express of 25th January, 2025 will be rescheduled and depart at 06:40 hrs from Mumbai Central.

Train No. 22953 4. Central Mumbai Ahmedabad Gujarat Superfast Express of 26th January, 2025 will be both rescheduled and depart at 08:15 hrs from Mumbai Central.

5. Train No. 12928 Ekta Nagar - Dadar teams from January 2025 Express of 25th January, to December 2027, with an 2025 will be rescheduled annual commitment of Rs 5 and depart at 23:25 hrs crore over three years. from Ekta Nagar. Train No. 14707 in Kho Kho 6.

Dadar Lalgarh Ranakapur Express of 25th January, 2025 will be rescheduled and depart at 10:00 hrs from Lalgarh. Train No. 12962

Indore – Mumbai Central Avantika Express of 25th January, 2025 will be the rescheduled and depart at #khokhoworldcup2025. 19:40 hrs from Indore.

Train No. 12956 Jaipur - Mumbai Central Superfast Express of 25th January, 2025 will be rescheduled and depart at 16:30 hrs from Jaipur.

9. lated by 45-50 minutes.

10. Train No. 12952 New Delhi - Mumbai Central Rajdhani Express of 25th January, 2025 will be regulated by 20-25 minutes.

Passengers are minate at Andheri and requested to kindly take

#### ING / TERMINATING FROM AHMEDABAD STATION Vadodara – Ahmedabad Ahmedabad – Anand

from Vatva station at 23.10

In view of the ongoing redevelopment

work at Ahmedabad station, Western Railway has decided to change terminal of a few trains which are Mumbai originating/terminating from Ahmedabad station to Express will short termi- hrs. Vatva/Maninagar station nate at Vatva station at

on temporary basis w.e.f. 20.50 hrs. 23rd January, 2025.

According to a press Mumbai release issued by Chief Ahmedabad Express will hrs. Public Relations Officer of short terminate at Vatva Western Railway, Shri station at 02.45 hrs. Vineet Abhishek, the

details of these trains are

Trains Terminating at Vatva station:

Train No. 12933 1. Central Ahmedabad Karnavati

Train No. 19417 Central – Train No. 19035

Express will short termi- MEMU will short originate Short nate at Vatva station at 20.35 hrs.

Train No. 69101 Vadodara – Ahmedabad MEMU will short terminate at Vatva station at 09.35 Train No. 69113

Vadodara – Ahmedabad MEMU will short terminate at Vatva station at 22.55

Trains Short Originating from Vatva station:

Train No. 69116

Train No. 69130 Ahmedabad - Anand MEMU will short originate

from Vatva station at 18.35 **Trains Short Originating** 

from Maninagar station: Train No. 19036

Ahmedabad - Vadodara Express will originate from Maninagar station at 18.35

# U'khand cabinet grants final nod to **UCC** rules; implementation on R-Day

Uttarakhand cleared Cabinet has granted its much awaited final nod to the draft rules draft rule of the of the Uniform Civil Code UCC brought (UCC). This has cleared the before deck for likely implementa- Monday's cabi-

Pushkar Singh Dhami cabinet on Monday moved to UCC rules. a step forward as it cleared the lone agenda of the day ment after the for likely implementation of cabinet meeting the country's first UCC on CM Dhami said "In 2024

chief minister himself it 2022 electoral promise

tion of the UCC on January net meeting was held only for granting stamp In his state-

made to the people enacting the UCC. Since then, enacted we were making arduous efforts to expedite procedural formalities and implement the law as early as possible. It's a matter of for

Uttarakhand that we will be the first state to implement UCC. republic day. Led by the our government fulfilled the Now all preparations are

over and we will implement it soon." It's notable that UCC

Uttarakhand government will impose a blanket ban on the practices like halala and iddat. Remarriage will not be permitted if either husband or wife are alive. The new personal law in the state emphasises that no condition, irrespective of the religion or community, can stop a woman from remarrying after divorce.

### Who Is Greeshma? Kerala's Youngest Woman **Sentenced To Death For Killing Boyfriend Sharon Raj**

Vizhinjam Santhakumari ship soured. According to

for both Greeshma and wanted to end the relation-

Rafeeka were delivered by ship after her family

Neyyattinkara Additional arranged her marriage with

District Judge A M Basheer. another man from Kerala.

been in a close relationship that Greeshma attempted

with Sharon, a final-year to conceal the poison bottle

BSc Radiology student at as Sharon's health deterio-

Sharon.

Greeshma, a 24-yearold woman from Kerala, murder case. The verdicts prosecutors, Greeshma has been sentenced to death for murdering her boyfriend, Sharon Raj, making her the youngest woman in the state to receive such a verdict. The court found her guilty of luring her boyfriend, Sharon Rai, into consuming a pesticide-laced ayurvedic drink in 2022 under the pretext of intimacy, which ultimately led to his death.

This makes Greeshma the second woman in the state to receive a death sentence. The first woman to be sentenced to death was involved in the high-Vidhukumaran Thampy murder case in Kollam, sentenced in March 2006. In addition to Greeshma, Rafeeka Beevi was the second woman to be sentenced to death after

Odisha Governor Kambhampati Hari Babu and Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi extended their congratulations to sage highlighted the teams for their achievements. The Odisha government has pledged athletes. financial support for the

Historic Achievements

Indian national Kho Kho

Governor Hari Babu expressed his admiration on X, stating, "Honble Governor @DrHariBabuK congratulated both Indian womens & mens Kho Kho teams for making history by winning first-ever

**Indian Teams' Victory in Kho Kho World Cup** This remarkable victory teamwork that led to their India's historic win on a sets a new standard of success. excellence & inspires I generations. #KKWC2025." His mes-

So, who is Greeshma?

literature at a private col-

lege in Tamil Nadu's

Kanyakumari district, had

Greeshma, who studied

praised women's team, saying, "Congratulations to the Indian womens team on their historic victory in the

This remarkable achievement is a testament to their exceptional skill, unwavering determination, and outstanding teamwork. Wishing them continued success and many more triumphs in the future." His words under- of this victory for India's

She then conspired with

her uncle, Nirmalakumaran

Nair, and her mother to kill

the same college, for over a rated, and he ultimately support the allegations.

The court also revealed

significance of this achievement for future Chief Minister Majhi the first-ever #KhoKhoWorldCup.

Inspiration for India's

**Sports** Suryabanshi Suraj commented on the significance scored the dedication and youth. He stated that

**Odisha Governor and Chief Minister Celebrate** global stage serves as a source of pride and inspira-

> tion. Suraj noted that India has made history by defeating Nepal in both men's and women's categories, achieving a double victory in this inaugural event. The first-ever Kho Kho World Cup commenced on January 13 at New Delhi's

Indira Gandhi Stadium.

This event marked a signif-

icant milestone for the sport,

India's

showcasing

prowess and dedication to excellence in Kho Kho. The achievements of both teams have set a high benchmark for future competitions. Their victories not only bring glory to India but also inspire young athletes across the nation to pursue

### **Ahead Of Inauguration, Joe Biden Issues Pardons To** Trump Critics To Guard Them From Potential 'Revenge'

Train No. 12268 move, US President Joe accountable for his sup- to Trump as "fascist to the edly blamed Fauci for pan-Duronto Express of 25th pardons on Monday to sev-January, 2025 will be regueral critics of Donald Trump aiming to protect them from "revenge" and "unjustified and politically motivated prosecutions" incoming administration.

> Among those pardoned are Dr Anthony Fauci, the former director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and Biden's chief medical adviser; retired General Mark Milley, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and members and staff of the House committee that investigated the January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol.

Biden's decision comes as President-elect Donald Trump, who is set to be inaugurated later today, the 2020 presidential elec-

against those who have ed prosecutions." In an unprecedented attempted to hold him

Milley, who has referred been a frequent target



"Our nation owes these public servants a debt of gratitude for their tireless commitment to our country," Biden said in a statement. "These public servants have served our pivotal role in coordinating nation with honour and dis- the US government's tinction and do not deserve response to the Covid-19 to be the targets of unjustihas promised to take action fied and politically motivat- criticism from the right for ing his second term.

Republican attacks, particularly for his comments on Trump's conduct surrounding the January 6 insurrection. Trump had called Milley a "traitor." Dr Fauci, who played a

pandemic, has faced fierce

policies such as mask mandates. Trump had repeataccusing him of undermining his administration.

Members of the January 6 committee, including former Representative Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger, Republicans, were also pardoned.

Trump had previously suggested that these lawmakers should be jailed for their involvement in investigating him and the Capitol riot, which injured 140 police officers and temporarily halted the counting of Electoral College votes.

None of these individuals have been charged with crimes, but they were believed to be among the targets of Trump's promised "retribution" against his political opponents dur-

### Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India launches New 2025 Livo

'Live Life, Livo Style'

20 January 2025: Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) today launched the new OBD2B compliant Livo. Designed for young urban commuters, the new Livo offers a bold design along with cuttingedge technology enhance the riding experience. The prices of the 2025 Honda Livo start at Rs. 83,080 ex-showroom

Delhi. Introducing the updated Livo, Mr. Tsutsumu Otani, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India, said, "We are happy to announce the launch of the new 2025 Livo. At Honda, we are committed to setting new standards in the commuter motorcycle segment. The 2025 Livo reflects our dedication to delivering a premium experience for our We believe that it will be a Siren Blue.

customers in the 110cc category with its vibrant styling and new features. We are confident that the new Livo will strongly cater to the diverse needs of Indian rid-Commenting on the

launch, Mr. Yogesh Mathur,

Director, Sales Honda Marketing, Motorcycle & Scooter India, said, "The Honda Livo has been a trusted choice for our customers and with the 2025 model, we aim to further strengthen its position in the market. The integration of OBD2B technology underscores Honda's commitment to sustainability and compliance with evolving regulations. By enhancing both technology and aesthetics, we aim to offer our customers a motorcycle that seamlessly combines innovation and practicality.

trusted companion for rid-Livo Style.

Design and Advanced Technology Designed with a blend



of sportiness and practicality, the updated Livo gets stand-out elements including a muscular fuel tank with chiseled tank shrouds, and striking graphics on the body panels. It will be available in two variants, Drum and Disc, with three colour options - Pearl Igneous Black with Orange Stripes, Pearl Igneous Black with Blue Stripes and Pearl

The new Livo now feaers across India to Live Life, tures a Fully Digital instrument cluster, which pro-New Livo: Vibrant vides a host of information including real-time mileage distance to empty, service due indicator, gear position indicator and Eco indicator. Adding safety element, this commuter motorcycle con-

> Powering the Livo is a 109.51cc, single-cylinder, fuel-injected engine that is now OBD2B compliant to meet the upcoming govern-

tinues to get a side stand

engine cut off feature.

#### Change of Name

have changed my name from RAIYANI JANKRUTBEN JAYESHKUMAR, to RAIYANI JANKRUTBEN JAYESHBHAL 7, Patel Nagar, behind siddhnath Temple, Zanzarda Road, JUNAGADH. GUJARAT 362001

# Police crackdown on protests against mining in Telangana

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 in Balmoor Mandal had decided to ers, apprehensive about no public hearing was conlaunch a relay hunger strike the adverse impact on the ducted before giving per-

was being carried out at the als by citing a resolution of

authorities to the allegedly hood are protesting against alleged that bribes were illegal quartz mining that mining by private individu-



Mylaram hill in the village vicinity.

the gram sabha which the protestors say was fake. The villagers and farm- Villagers complained that to draw the attention of environment and their liveli- mission for mining. They the relay hunger strike.

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

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

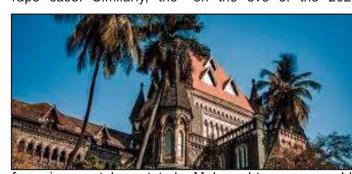
(Agency)

Congress opposition leader and MLA Vijay Wadettiwar 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 rapeaccused Akshay Shinde were found on the gun.

Wadettiwar 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

an accused in the Badlapur then Mahayuti government this police encounter to rape case. Similarly, the on the eve of the 2024



that there are no finger- elections prints of Akshay Shinde on exposed by the Bombay the gun. On the one hand, High no action was taken against the BJP organisation leader in the Badlapur case, while on the other this encounter lies as much hand, the leader of an with the police as with the organisation related to the then Chief Minister Eknath BJP was saved by staging a fake encounter of the accused Akshay Shinde. because there was a com-

forensic report has stated Maharashtra has Court Wadettiwar through his X handle.

"The responsibility for Shinde and Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis Akshay Shinde, who was The fake narrative by the petition to take credit for

portray themselves as heroes who deliver instant justice," Wadettiwar 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 COMPETI-**TION REACHES FINAL STAGE

qualifiers for the second Religious Attaché in India 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 played a key role in repreinitiatives worldwide, build-

His Excellency Sheikh Badr Nasser Al Anazee

Colombo: The final Islam and Muslims. The international cooperation esteemed in promoting Quranic values.

The event's success is a testament to As contestants gather Kingdom's commitment to



senting the Ministry, under-

Galle Face Hall provides a standing and appreciation ing on its legacy of serving scoring the importance of fitting backdrop for this of the Quran.

from across the nation, the fostering a deeper under-

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

Complete ments. Magistrate Chandra Prakash

Singh. The District Magistrate instructed the concerned officers to resolve revenue related complaints in a quality and timely man-District ner. The 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 Mahayan Adesh Kumar said that today a total of 65 com-

Mahavan tehsil plaints were resolved on the should have very simple and spot. The remaining com- prosperous plaints have been forwarded towards the public. In the

The Solution Day/Tehsil Day was Magistrate said that the peoorganized in Tehsil Mahavan ple are supreme, our first pri-

District Magistrate/Deputy District Administration Magistrate Mont Abhinav J Jain while giving information under the chairmanship of ority is to solve the problems said that under the direction



District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh listening to Police/Deputy Inspector the complaints of the people on Tehsil Day

The new Divisional Commissioner took charge

plaints were received in of the people in a quality of the District Magistrate, a on manner. The District complete resolution day was Samadhan Magistrate instructed the organized today in the audi-Diwas, out of which 11 com- police officers that the police torium of Mont Tehsil, in which 10 complaints were behavior received and 2 complaints were resolved on the spot. to the concerned depart- same sequence, Joint Additional District Magistrate

Shankar Dubey informed that 6 complaints were Tehsil received in Govardhan, out of which 1

complaint was resolved on the spot. Deputy District Magistrate Chhata Shweta said that 12 complaints were received in Chhata Tehsil and Deputy District Magistrate Sadar Vaibhav Gupta said that 12 complaints were received in Tehsil Sadar, out of which 1 complaint was resolved on the spot. On Mahavan Tehsil Day, District Magistrate Chand Prakash Singh, Senior Superintendent General Shailesh Kumar

Pandey, Joint 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 levelOfficers were present.

#### DM gave orders to cancel the allotment of district headquarters residence of all four SDMs of rural area. New District Magistrate taking charge, the new to this, Govardhan SDM the SDMs are alloted District Magistrate CP Neelam Srivastava, accommodation at the dis-

CP Singh has given orders competition. to Nazarat in-charge City Magistrate to cancel the housing allotment.

Mathura. 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

Singh has tightened the Umbrella noose on the SDMs of all the

rural areas of the district. Despite the arrangement of the government, orders have been given to cancel

tehsils of the

district, within 24 hours of quarters except tehsil. Due but instead of the tehsil,

SDM Mahavan Adesh Kumar and SDM Mont

> Joint Magistrate Abhinav J Jain will now have to leave their residence at district

> > headquarters.

the allotment Chandra Prakash Singh According to of district headquarters the government system, all District Headquarters, he residence to all the SDMs SDMs are ordered to live immediately ordered to living at the district head- at the tehsil headquarters, cancel his house allotment

SDM Shweta, trict headquarters. Since the Deputy Magistrate resides in the Civil Line Colony located District the 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

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

**District Magistrate** 

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

Mathura(Ashfaq Chaudhary). Mathura Refinery celebrated its 44th Refinery Day on 19 January 2025 with great enthusiasm and excitement. programme, The program started with Chairman's message was achieved many achieve- Sharma and CEC of Indian 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 pres-

During the ceremony, Ajay Kumar Tiwari, ED & RH administered the oath of dedication to service to all. The refinery workers reiterated their commitment to take the refinery to the pinnacle of glory. Indian Oil

Chairman AS Sahni and were shared with everyone hope that this will continue Kumar extended greetings Refinery Day. During the occasion, Shri Tiwari said



read by V Suresh, CGM (TS & HSE). The message of Director (Refineries) was behind many records and read by Sudhanshu Kumar, created new standards in CGM (T). Later, the all areas with the unparalachievements of Mathura leled efforts of the refinery

Director (Refineries) Arvind by SK Sawhney, DGM (TS). Congratulating those on the occasion of Mathura present on this momentous

the that Mathura Refinery has Association Shri Mukesh

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 largestSeen as a reliable lenergy efficient

refinery.He said that in 2024, Mathura Refinery left Refinery for the past years personnel and expressed

in the future also. Virtual inauguration was also done. Later. General Secretary of Indian Oil Employees ments with the Oil Officers Association Ashish Dahiya 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

#### Private doctor taking oath regard-Divisional responsibilities will be discharged as per the intention of the ing tuberculosis awareness government, in a quality and timely manner: Shailendra Kumar Singh

as Divisional Commissioner, undergo NAT test: Dr. for the private doctors for tant appeal for tuberculosis 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.

Mathura. The Central Additional Commissioner 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-

and TB notifica-

ment. Dr., Chairman of the TB and Chest

tion and manage-

Department Medical College and Chairman of the State TB Task Force,

was present in the seminarGajendra Vikram Singh lectured on diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis. Addressing the pri-Singh said that every docdo microbiological confirmation of every identified new tuberculosis patient. done for all TB patients.

awareness of tuberculosis control. He has urged private doctors to follow all the

guidelines and identify and notify as many tuberculosis patients possible.

Gupta has also assured full cooperation of IMA.

In the program, Dr. Anshul Khanna of Doctors for You organization, Dr. said that Mathura has Ojha, Shubham Vijendra Tiwari, Dr. Vipin, controlling tuberculosis in vate sector doctors, Dr. Dr. Anil Chauhan, Dr. the last year. With the help Devendra Aggarwal, Dr. of private doctors, Mathura tor should make efforts to Bhudev, Dr. Rohtash, IMA identified more tuberculosis Secretary Dr. Yogesh, patients than the target and Senior doctors Dr. AK Verman, Dr. Mohit Gupta, by identifying 112 percent For this, NOT test must be DrAwadhesh Aggarwal, Dr. tuberculosis patients. The Meena Sood, Dr. S.P. District Tuberculosis Officer

TB patients must ization organized a seminar Gupta has made an impor- Ashish Gopal, Dr. Varsha Tiwari, Dr. S.B Agarwal, Dr. Sanjeev Jain, Saroj, Azam Khan, Lakhan, Chauhan, Shiv Kumar, Akhilesh from Tuberculosis Mathura. Dixit participated.

Mathura Refinery.

Major success achieved in controlling tuberculosis in Mathura

District Tuberculosis Officer Dr. Sanjeev Yadav Dr. achieved great success in stood first in the entire state IMA President Dr. Manoj Singh, Dr. BB Garg, Dr. said that this achievement



Commissionerate premis- tively to ensure better es and inspected the func- implementation of governtioning of all the offices. Divisional Commissioner Shailendra public welfare schemes to take the district level Kumar Singh is a 2009 will be reviewed and their problems of the division to batch IAS officer and is effective implementation the government level and originally a resident of will be ensured. In Agra, to take the expectations of Azamgarh district. Before Mathura,

Mathura. New Divisional the responsibility of done on priority for indus- every effort to carry out the Commissioner Shailendra District Magistrate of try, tourism development

duced to the officers pres- the government

ment schemes on the Shailendra Kumar Singh ground. Development and said that my effort will be

Former DM of Mathura and new **Kumar Singh taking charge** ent and visited the will be implemented effec- and public access to government Divisional Commissioner

Firozabad, the government level to the this, he has discharged Mainpuri, work will be district level. I will make

divisional responsibilities 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. this occasion,

Manjulata, Shrimat Personal Assistant Padmchand Mishra, Senior Administrative Officer Govind Verma and all the the officers of Commissionerate were