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WAVES summit to provide new global identity to India's creative prowess: PM Modi

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the forthcoming World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) will provide a new global identity to India's creative prowess.

Addressing the audience at Utkarsh Odisha - Make in Odisha Conclave in Bhubaneswar, Modi highlighted how major events like WAVES not only generate significant revenue but also build perceptions and push the economy.

The Prime Minister underscored the immense potential of such initiatives to harness India's vast pool of creative talent and position the nation as a global leader in the media and entertainment sector.

WAVES 2025 presents a unique confluence of India's rich cultural legacy and modern creativity,

offering platforms for everyone—from creators of classical and semi-classical music to creators of modern EDM and innovative advertising professionals, designers and creators for Khadi.

This dynamic blend of past and present is exemplified in challenges like Wah Ustad, celebrating India's traditional musical heritage, Resonate: The EDM Challenge, embracing modern global music trends, and Make The World Wear Khadi, which seeks to reimagine India's iconic fabric as a global symbol of sustainable fashion.

These three challenges were launched by Union

Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw along with WAVES Awards, on January 27 where he urged the creators to help India



become the global capital of content creation.

Together, these initiatives provide content creators with unparalleled opportunities to showcase their talent, bridge tradition and innovation, and gain recognition while contributing to India's cultural and creative renaissance. These challenges join a

diverse lineup of total 31 Create in India Challenges, offering a stage for content creators across various genres to showcase their talent.

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and Doordarshan, has launched Wah Ustad, an extraordinary classical and semi-classical music talent hunt, under the Create in India Challenges, a flagship initiative of WAVES 2025. It aims to nurture exceptional talent in Hindustani, Carnatic, and soulful Sufi music while preserving and promoting India's rich musical legacy.

Envisioned with the expertise of the esteemed "Dilli Gharana," Wah Ustad will serve as a platform for young, classically trained vocalists aged 18 and above.

Amit Shah Slams Mallikarjun Kharge, Says Don't Mock 48 Cr Devotees Coming To Mahakumbh

(Gns). Union Home Minister Amit Shah criticised Congress for allegedly disrespecting Sanatan Dharma. He claimed the party was absent ahead of Delhi's assembly elections. Shah, addressing a rally in Kalkaji, urged Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge not to ridicule millions visiting Mahakumbh.

"Congress, under Sonia and Rahul Gandhi, has always insulted Sanatan Dharma," he stated.

Shah questioned Congress's ability to benefit Delhi and criticised Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for their governance. He asserted that development occurs only under BJP rule. His remarks followed Kharge's criticism of BJP leaders, including Shah, who participated in the Maha Kumbh holy dip in Prayagraj.

Kharge accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of contradicting the

Constitution while making false promises. "Does taking a dip in the Ganga alleviate poverty?" Kharge asked. He highlighted

once BJP forms the government, Delhi residents would receive free healthcare up to Rs 10 lakh. Additionally, OPD services



issues like child hunger and criticised spending on religious rituals instead of addressing pressing problems.

BJP's Allegations Against AAP

Shah accused AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal of obstructing the Ayushman Bharat Yojana in Delhi. He promised that

and diagnostic tests would be free.

The Home Minister also announced plans to increase pensions for senior citizens to Rs 2,500 and for widows to Rs 3,000. These measures aim to improve welfare support for vulnerable groups in the capital.

Atal Canteen Initiative

Shah introduced the Atal Canteen scheme targeting slum areas in Delhi. This initiative will offer meals at just five rupees, aiming to combat corruption and provide affordable food options for low-income residents.

He further mentioned life insurance worth Rs 10 lakh and accident insurance worth Rs 5 lakh for auto and taxi drivers as part of BJP's plans to support these workers financially.

Upcoming Delhi Assembly Elections 2025

Amit Shah, along with BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj, held a roadshow in Kasturba Nagar Assembly constituency earlier today. The Delhi Assembly elections are slated for February 5, with vote counting scheduled for February 8. A total of 699 candidates are vying for 70 assembly seats across the national capital.

Firing incident between former BJP MLA and his successor independent MLA, the Uttarakhand HC takes suo motu notice; summons SSP, DIG, DM

"Taking cognizance of the firing incident between former BJP MLA Pranav Singh Champion and his successor independent MLA Umesh Kumar, the Uttarakhand High Court on Tuesday asked the Haridwar administration to present a detailed report on the incident before it.

The court also summoned Haridwar Senior Superintendent of Police and DIG Garhwal to be present online with the details of past records of Kumar and Champion.

Taking suo motu cognizance of the incident, a single bench of Nainital High Court Justice Rakesh Thapliyal termed this incident has earned bad name to Uttarakhand. The High Court ordered SSP Haridwar and DIG Garhwal

to appear virtually in the next hearing on January 30 with the past records of the two politicians.

The High Court also sought a detailed report and FIR filed against both leaders.

The Nainital High Court took up the matter seeing media reports pertaining to gun fights between Kumar and Champion and videos going viral in social media.

Court termed the Sunday firing incident and its aftermath to be serious and damaging to the law and order of the state. It directed the Haridwar District administration to submit a detailed report on the incidents.

According to HC, public

conduct by an Independent MLA and his BJP predecessor have damaged the image of the state.

HC asked the police and district administration to



provide all video footage, newspaper clippings and photographs shown in social and electronic media related to the bedlam created by both Kumar and Champion on January 26. HC will take up the matter again on January 30.

Earlier on Monday Pranav Singh Champion was sent in 14-day judicial

remand while Umesh Kumar and his supporters were granted bail by Haridwar court in the FIRs filed against them on public day firing incident.

Champion and his supporters had attacked and fired 50 rounds at the camp office of Kumar in Khanpur area of Haridwar. Prior to that Kumar had on the eve of the Republic Day allegedly tried to enter Champion's home in Roorkee and threatened his personal staff to kill them.

Champion was arrested by Haridwar Police from Dehradun on the day of incident and presented in the Haridwar Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) court on Monday. The CJM court sent him and his four supporters to 14-day judicial custody.

UP CM Yogi Adityanath Attacks AAP, Says Fake Aadhaar Cards For Bangladeshi Rohingyas Were Made In Delhi

(Gns). Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has criticised the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Delhi, labelling it as a "symbol of corruption and anarchy." He urged Delhi residents to support the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the upcoming assembly elections on February 5. Adityanath accused AAP of creating "fake" Aadhaar cards for illegal immigrants, calling it a "sin."

"The AAP made fake Aadhaar cards of Bangladeshi and Rohingyas to make them settle in Delhi," stated Adityanath. He condemned the Arvind Kejriwal-led party for engaging in "appeasement" politics

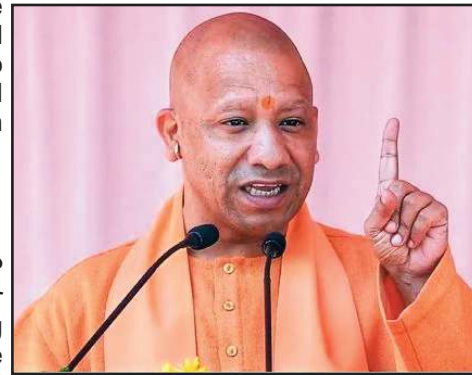
while campaigning for BJP. He invited Kejriwal to examine Noida and Ghaziabad's infrastructure, part of the National Capital Region (NCR), to see what could have been achieved in Delhi.

Infrastructure Concerns

Adityanath criticised the AAP government for not cooperating with projects like the Delhi-Meerut expressway and rapid rail project from Delhi to Meerut. He claimed that people are relocating to Ghaziabad and Noida due to better infrastructure and facilities available there.

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Kejriwal regarding the condition of the Yamuna River in Delhi. "If you had moral



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Waqf Amendment Bill

A day after a joint parliamentary committee approved the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, Adityanath vowed action against what he termed as "Waqf mafia." He accused Congress and AAP of supporting Waqf interests. "These people give encouragement to Waqf; we will tighten the screws on 'Waqf mafia'," he declared.

Adityanath also mentioned a popular saying about Waqf properties: "Jahan rumaal rakho, wahi Waqf ki property ho gayi - ispe lagam lagne wala hai." He suggested that Congress and AAP are worried about impending challenges related to this issue.

Bengaluru Water Bills Could Soon Go Up As DK Shivakumar Drops Hint

(Gns). D K Shivakumar, Karnataka's Deputy Chief Minister, has announced that an increase in water tariffs within Bengaluru is forthcoming due to the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) incurring losses of Rs 1,000 crore annually. This decision comes after a prolonged period since 2014 without any adjustments to water pricing, which has significantly impacted the financial stability of the BWSSB. Amid growing operational costs, notably the electricity bill surging from Rs 35 crore to Rs 75 crore, the necessity for revising water tariffs has become more apparent. Shivakumar, who also man-

ages the Bengaluru development portfolio, highlighted these financial challenges after discussions with city officials and MLAs, emphasizing the board's difficulty in securing loans due to its fiscal deficit.

In an effort to address the ongoing financial strain faced by the BWSSB, Shivakumar revealed his directives to officials to compile a report on proposed tariff adjustments. This initiative aims to mitigate the board's substantial annual losses and improve its financial health. The measures include not only the adjustment of



water tariffs but also efforts to accurately measure water consumption across the city, which Shivakumar believes is essential for

ensuring the sustainability of water supply. He has made it clear that all residents, including the economically disadvantaged, should contribute minimally, suggesting a nominal fee of one paise per litre as a means to facilitate precise

water usage assessments.

The Deputy Chief Minister also criticized the BJP for discontinuing a previous Congress-led initiative that allocated Rs 20 crore towards providing water to slum areas and the urban poor. He assured the public of his government's commitment to reinstating this program while insisting on the importance of measured water usage and the regularization of illegal connections to prevent misuse. Shivakumar's plan to collect accurate data on water consumption is part of a broader strategy to address the misuse of resources and ensure equitable water distribution across Bengaluru.

Election Commission Tells Arvind Kejriwal To Come Up With Proof By Wednesday 8pm On Yamuna Poisoning Claim

(Gns). The Election Commission of India (ECI) has asked Arvind Kejriwal, the leader of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), demanding he provide factual support for his claims that the Yamuna River is being poisoned, leading to mass genocide.

The ECI emphasized the gravity of these allegations, noting their potential to stir animosity among



regional groups and the inhabitants of adjacent states. The commission also

highlighted the risk of sparking a law-and-order crisis due to the perceived or real scarcity of water, particularly at this time of year, as reported by ANI, referencing the EC's correspondence with Kejriwal.

The EC's request underscores the importance of substantiating such significant claims, given their potential to incite unrest and discord among communities.

Rahul Gandhi Attacks Arvind Kejriwal, Highlights Liquor Scam, Sheeshmahal In Patparganj Rally

(Gns). Congress MP Rahul Gandhi launched a scathing attack on Arvind Kejriwal, calling him the "architect of the liquor scam." This criticism highlights the rift between Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), both part of the INDIA opposition bloc. Gandhi's remarks came during a rally in Delhi's Patparganj, ahead of an election that could impact Kejriwal's political standing.

Gandhi's presence in Patparganj is notable as it is the constituency of Manish Sisodia, Kejriwal's former deputy. Both Kejriwal and Sisodia were arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on corruption charges but were later released on bail by the Supreme Court last year. Gandhi criticised

Kejriwal for failing to support Delhi's poor during crises, such as the 2020 riots.

Political Tensions Rise

"I was thrown out of my house by Modiji... and I handed them (the BJP) the keys and said you can keep it. But Kejriwalji stays in a



The Congress leader also referenced allegations that AAP spent Rs 45 crore renovating the Chief Minister's bungalow, dubbing it a 'sheeshmahal.' He compared this to his own experience of vacating his MP bungalow after suspen-

'sheeshmahal,' he stated. Despite expectations for Congress and AAP to contest together in Delhi, tensions have persisted since failed seat-sharing talks for Haryana elections. The two parties previously allied to keep BJP out of power after

the 2013 election but parted ways two years later, leading to a mid-term election dominated by AAP.

Upcoming Elections Delhi will hold elections for its 70 Assembly seats on February 5, with results announced three days later. In previous elections, AAP secured significant victories over BJP and Congress, winning 67 and 62 seats respectively. However, this time they face a formidable challenge from BJP.

The rivalry has intensified with Congress targeting Kejriwal over claims that BJP mixed "poison" in Yamuna water supplied by Haryana's saffron party-led government. The fallout from failed talks in Haryana and disputes over seat-sharing for federal elections led both parties to declare separate contests.

Priyanka Gandhi faces black flag protest in Wayanad

(Gns). A group of CPI(M) activists waved black flags at Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday at Kaniyaram near Mananthavady when she visited the family of a woman killed by a tiger last week.

As Priyanka's motorcade made its way through Kaniyaram near Mananthavady, the CPI-M workers waved black flags and shouted "Go back," alleging that the Wayanad MP comes to visit Mananthavady only when there are serious incidents there.

The workers also criticized the Wayanad MP for allegedly taking too long a time to visit her constituency after a 48-year-old tribal woman was mauled to death by a tiger at

Panchara Kolli near Mananthavady in Wayanad district on Friday. Later Priyanka Gandhi visited the house of Radha, who tragically lost her life in a tiger attack last week.

She was accompanied by KPCC President K



Sudhakaran, AICC general secretary KC Venugopal and other leaders. She consoled the family members. The meeting lasted for about 20 minutes. Speaking to media per-

sons, after visiting the family of Radha, Priyanka Gandhi said that the lack of sufficient funds is an obstacle to making the wildlife protection system in Wayanad effective.

She said she will raise the issue of the Central government not providing funds for Wayanad in Parliament and will try to get CSR funds on her own. She also attended a meeting held at the Wayanad Collectorate in the afternoon. Wildlife attacks were also discussed in the meeting.

Editorial

With the executive orders Trump era begins

On his first day in office, Donald Trump signed a slew of executive orders, 26 in total, covering a vast variety of subjects. The pace in issue of executive orders as also in sacking of previously appointed individuals reminiscent of his first term continues. He has stopped all aid, except to Israel and Turkey. He appears to have preconceived plans on what he intends to achieve. Trump is also sending a global message that much will change. His threat of fresh tariffs of up to 25 per cent on Canada and Mexico from 1 February ended Justin Trudeau's tenure as PM of Canada, an indicator of what others whom he dislikes will face.

There was also a warning of 100 per cent tariffs on Brics nations in case they refuse to accept the US dollar as the global currency, which India has anyway rejected. While he spoke to Chinese President Xi Jinping a few days before his swearing in and indicated his intent to visit China to also improve ties, his nominated team is profoundly anti-China. Trump's team believes that the Chinese threat is paramount and must be countered. Hence, the first meeting conducted by his administration was of the Quad foreign ministers. It was sending a message to China. The joint statement mentioned that the four nations support a "shared commitment to strengthening a Free and Open Indo-Pacific where the rule of law, democratic values, sovereignty, and territorial integrity are upheld and defended." It added, "We also strongly oppose any unilateral actions that seek to change the status quo by force or coercion." The target is China.

Trump had invited Xi Jinping to his swearing in, but Beijing was represented by its Vice President Han Zheng. If despite this, Trump slams additional sanctions on China, it would be a setback. China got a facesaver with Tik Tok receiving an extension under conditions. Trump's threat of employing tariffs as a weapon and his intention of pushing his own agenda, ignoring his allies, could alter global dynamics. Withdrawing the US from the WHO as also the Paris accord for the second time sends a message that he will not accept what he believes is unfair to the US.

Simultaneously, these bodies become financially weak without US support. His intent to make the US the world's largest producer of oil and also reduce oil prices signals a setback to electric cars and climate change actions. He assumes that if he fulfils his poll promises, he would gain popularity within the US, something which would give his ego a boost. Hence, amongst his first set of directives was strengthening borders and deporting illegal immigrants, a major poll promise. This has already begun. India has displayed its willingness to work with the US administration on this and accept those whom the US government identifies as illegal immigrants. As per US officials, there are approximately 18,000 identified Indian illegal immigrants.

Trump has already changed the name of the Gulf of Mexico to Gulf of America, solely for his domestic audience. Mexico would never accept the new term. It is the same as using the term Indo-Pacific for the Indian Ocean Region. While India, the US and its allies do so, China and Pakistan continue terming it as the Asia-Pacific. He also reinstated Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism, reversing a recent Biden decision. Whether he would fulfil his promise to annex the Panama Canal or move towards purchasing Greenland is to be seen. An acrimonious conversation on Greenland has already taken place between Trump and the PM of Denmark, Mette Frederiksen. Employing military power in either case would be globally questioned. There is even disquiet within the US on Trump's actions.

Democratic party-led states as also human rights groups have joined hands to file lawsuits challenging Trump's executive order which rolls back birthright citizenship in the US. They believe it goes against the 14th amendment which mentions that people born in the US and subject to its jurisdiction are citizens. Trump has already conveyed his intent to work towards terminating the Ukraine-Russia conflict. He is willing to exploit his favourite card, sanctions. Trump is a known fan of Putin and would meet him at the first opportunity. The resolution of Ukraine would never be on Zelenskyy's terms but largely on Moscow's. This may imply going against the views of the European Union and Nato. Ukraine will not be offered Nato membership during Trump's tenure.

US aid to Ukraine has already been stalled. Nato may hereafter witness lesser US involvement, unless its members enhance defence spending. Simultaneously, Trump has no intention of engaging militarily with China. He believes it can be contained by negotiation and tariffs. Trump's major policy makers, Marc Rubio and Vice President JD Vance, would prefer US ending conflicts in Europe and concentrating on challenging China in Asia. Hence the emphasis will remain on the Quad. In 2017, Trump was not prepared. He took time to make his appointments and also made multiple errors in selecting the right staff, changing them as days went by. In his first 24 months as President, he had a record three White House chiefs of staff. This time, he appears clear and focused on his intent. His major advisors have been nominated and his plan on what is to be done made clear.

His inaugural speech indicated that he is a President in a hurry to push through a pre-decided agenda. Trump is a natural when it comes to having people guessing on what he would do next. Allies and foes remain confused about his intent. Netanyahu was compelled by Trump's Mideast envoy, Steve Witkoff, to accept the ceasefire. While the US would arm Israel, whether it would permit it to re-commence operations is to be seen. This is Trump's final tenure. He will work towards leaving a legacy which few future presidents can hope to match. His target would also be global recognition. His showmanship and intent to resolve global issues as also compel others to share the burden of global security will cause discontent amongst his allies. Trump has displayed from the start that he does not regard allies and challengers as different and would treat them as one. The world will have to deal with an unpredictable Trump.

India's Largest Public Observatory Opens at Regional Science Centre (RSC) Bhuj, Attracting 1500+ Visitors in Just 30 Days

RSC Bhuj Enhances Space Exploration with 24-Inch Telescope Offering Stunning Views of Celestial Wonders

6 Captivating Galleries and 2.04 Lakh Visitors: RSC Bhuj Becomes a Hub of Science Exploration

Gandhinagar, 28 January 2025: Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, Bhuj, a city renowned for its historical significance and scenic beauty, is now also home to India's largest public observatory. This stellar addition was inaugurated on 25th December 2024, coinciding with Good Governance Day, the observatory has already attracted over 1,500 visitors in just 30

days at RSC Bhuj. The observatory marks a significant milestone in advancing space science education in India and demonstrating its immense popularity and the public's growing interest in space exploration.

The Regional Science Centre (RSC) Bhuj, an initiative by GUJCOST under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat, has been a pioneer in fostering scientific curiosity. Nestled atop the picturesque Bhujio Hill, the centre spans across 10 acres of land, offering a perfect blend of education and recreation.

Bhuj Observatory: A Gateway to the Cosmos

RSC inauguration by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi



Narendra Modi on 28th August 2022, attractions like the Marine Navigation Simulator, Submarine Simulator, and 3D movies have drawn 2.04 lakh visitors, including school students. Beyond the observatory, RSC Bhuj boasts six captivating science-themed galleries, including Marine Navigation, Energy Science, Fields Medal, Bonsai, Nanotechnology, and Space Science.

Gujarat has emerged as the leading state in the country to develop a single-window platform, the "Investor Facilitation Portal (IFP)," under the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) initiative

Approximately ₹3.96 lakh crore in foreign investment and ₹18.46 lakh crore in domestic investment have been made in the past decade.

Over 200 business-centric services related to 18 state departments are available on the "Investor Facilitation Portal."

The new professional tax slabs exempt individuals earning less than ₹12,000 per month from paying professional tax.

Online access to 36 services through the iORA portal: More than 17 lakh applications have been processed.

The Gujarat government has decriminalized 9 labor laws.

Gandhinagar, 28 January 2025: Gujarat, with a significant contribution of 8.20% to the nation's GDP in the financial year 2022-23, has emerged as a key state driving India's economic growth.

In 2015, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the "Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP)" initiative was introduced to enhance ease of doing business. In line with this, the "Ease of Doing Business (EoDB)" framework was launched, along with state/UT rankings/assessments to facilitate business operations.

Gujarat's business-friendly and citizen-centric approach has attracted approximately ₹3.96 lakh crore in foreign investment and ₹18.46 lakh crore in domestic investment during the period from 2015 to 2024.

Under the guidance of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel and led by Industries Minister Shri Balvantsinh Rajput, Minister of State for Industries Shri Harsh Sanghavi, and Minister of State for MSME Shri Jagdish Vishwakarma,

Gujarat has emerged as a leading state in the "Ease of Doing Business" rankings.

With context to the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB)

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emerged as a leading state by developing the single-window portal, the "Investor Facilitation Portal (IFP)." Through this portal, entrepreneurs and business professionals can access essential business services on a single online platform.

The Investor Facilitation Portal provides over 200 business-centric services

across 18 state departments. To date, more than 20 lakh applications have been processed through this portal.

Under the "Gujarat

Right of Citizens to Public Services (RCPS) Act, 2013," a stipulated timeline has been defined for service delivery, which is regularly monitored by the "District Level Facilitation Committee (DLFC)."

Moreover, under the Gujarat MSME Facilitation of Establishment and Operation Act, 2019, all new Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are exempted from obtaining state approvals for three years. Beyond these three years, an additional six months is also provided for acquiring such approvals.

Gujarat has been recognized as a "Top Achiever" in the Ease of Doing Business ranking by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), which operates under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

On September 5, 2024,

Recently, the govern-

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was also awarded for being the top-performing state in the BRAP 2022 edition. Under the BRAP initiative, the Gujarat government implemented 285 reforms in 2015, 340 reforms in 2016, 372 reforms in 2017-18, and 187 reforms in 2019.

Gujarat has always been at the forefront of implementing reforms to reduce the compliance burden on businesses and citizens. Thus far, the state government has reduced a total of 2,946 compliances, including 2,652 business-centric and 294 citizen-centric compliances.

Among these, 208 provisions related to minor offenses affecting entrepreneurs have been decriminalized, removing the stipulations for imprisonment. Also, the state has decriminalized 9 labor laws.

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PNB and CNH Industrial (India) Private Limited join hands to promote farm mechanisation

January 28, 2025: Punjab National Bank (PNB), nation's leading public sector banks, and CNH Industrial (India) Private Limited have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at PNB's headquarters in New Delhi.

The MoU was signed by Shri K. S. Rana, General Manager, Agriculture - PNB, and Shri Sourabh Sharma, Head, Retail & WS Finance - CNH Industrial (India) Private Limited, in the presence of senior officials from PNB and other representatives from CNH.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sourabh Sharma highlighted CNH's extensive portfolio of products, including high-powered tractors, combine harvesters, and balers, designed to support modern agricultural practices.

Shri K. S. Rana, GM, Agriculture - PNB, stressed the importance of adopting advanced technologies in modern agriculture. He reaffirmed PNB's dedication to enhancing the well-being of farmers, particularly small and marginal ones. He also underlined the benefits of the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) scheme in promoting custom hiring centres and farm mechanisation. These initiatives aim to reduce farming costs, simplify agricultural processes, and promote ecological sustain-

ability by encouraging efficient resource usage and environmental protection.

Through this strategic collaboration, PNB seeks to achieve significant business growth while furthering its commitment to strengthening the nation's infrastructure and empowering the agricultural community.

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Mahakumbh-2025 and Railways - Management of Pilgrims with Mega Efforts

(Gns).

As the Mahakumbh 2025 draws millions of pilgrims to the holy city of Prayagraj, Indian Railways is redefining its role, not just as a transportation provider, but as a world-class hospitality service. Through strategic upgrades, innovative solutions, and a commitment to inclusivity, the Railways are setting a new benchmark for logistics at a large-scale religious event.

Modern Infrastructure Meets Spiritual Purpose

Indian Railways has undertaken a monumental task to ensure that the journey to the holy Sangam is as spiritually enriching as the experience itself. Indian Railways spent more than Rs 5000 crore in 2 years for Mahakumbh, playing a key role in transforming Railway stations into vibrant hubs of comfort, convenience, and spirituality.

Stations, once purely functional spaces, have now been transformed into welcoming gateways for pilgrims. The introduction of sleeping pods, executive

lounges, and retiring rooms offers peaceful spaces for rest, a far cry from the overcrowded, noisy stations of the past. Features like colour-coded waiting lounges, coloured tickets with directional markers, and foot indicators have simplified navigation, ensuring that pilgrims can easily find their way. These upgrades help set the stage for a pilgrimage experience that begins the moment a devotee steps off the train.

New Shelters and Enhanced Services for the Masses

Given the expected daily influx of nearly one crore pilgrims, providing shelter and services for such a large number is a monumental task. Indian Railways has risen to this challenge by building 17 new permanent shelters, known as Yatri Ashrayas, and increasing station holding capacity to over 1,10,000—up from just 21,000 previously. Additionally, the construc-

tion of new platforms, bringing the total to 48, ensures better access for pilgrims, while upgraded facilities such as toilets, drinking water points, baby-feeding areas, and medical inspection rooms address a wide range of needs. Moreover, reliable power supply and backup systems ensure that these facilities operate smoothly, even under the event's high demand.

An Inclusive, Accessible Experience

Indian Railways has also made significant strides in ensuring the Mahakumbh 2025 experience is accessible to all. The introduction of Yatri Suvidha Kendras, assistance booths with wheelchair services, and luggage trolleys cater to the diverse needs of pilgrims. Key stations like Prayagraj Junction and Prayagraj Chheeki have been equipped with specialised hubs to support visitors,

ensuring smooth and comfortable transit. In line with the government's 'Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan', Indian Railways has increased the number of Divyangjan-friendly facilities, including lifts and escalators, substantially. These measures reflect a strong commitment to inclusivity, ensuring that everyone—from the elderly to differently-abled individuals—can participate fully in this sacred event.

Mahakumbh as a Benchmark for the Future

Indian Railways' efforts to combine tradition with modernity have created an environment that is both spiritually uplifting and comfortably modern. The Railways are not just facilitating travel; they are playing an integral role in making the Mahakumbh pilgrimage a seamless, welcoming, and accessible experience for millions. In doing so, Indian Railways is setting a new standard for hospitality at large-scale religious events, blending logistical expertise with compassion and care.



Trade Dispute with Colombia Impacts Flower Imports Just Before Valentine's Day

(Gns).

President Donald Trump recently threatened a 25% tax on Colombian imports. This came amid tensions over Colombia's refusal to accept flights carrying deported immigrants. The timing was critical, with Valentine's Day approaching, as Colombia is the top foreign supplier of cut flowers to the US. However, a trade dispute may be avoided as Colombia has agreed to allow the flights.

The White House announced that Colombia had reversed its stance, agreeing to permit the flights to land. This decision came shortly after Trump threatened visa restrictions and tariffs on Colombian exports. While tariffs are paused, visa restrictions and enhanced customs inspections will remain until the first deportee flight is

completed.

Colombian Exports to the US

Colombia's President Gustavo Petro had earlier rejected two US military aircraft carrying migrants. Petro criticised Trump's treatment of immigrants and warned of retaliatory tariffs on US goods. However, Colombian Foreign Minister Luis

Gilberto Murillo later confirmed that the impasse was resolved, stating, "We have overcome the impasse with the United States government."

The US is Colombia's largest export market, though it represents only 0.5% of American imports. In 2023, from January to November, the US had a USD 1 billion trade surplus

with Colombia. US exports totalled USD 17.2 billion, surpassing imports of USD 16.2 billion.

Colombia's flower



industry benefits from ideal growing conditions and US government aid. The country exported USD 1.14 billion worth of cut flowers to the US by November 2023. Flowers like roses and carnations thrive in Colombia's climate, especially around Bogotá.

Key Colombian Exports Colombia is also a major coffee supplier to the

US, second only to Brazil. From January to November 2024, coffee imports from Colombia reached USD 1.4 billion, slightly down from 2023. Colombian coffee has long been promoted in the US through ads featuring Juan Valdez.

Crude oil is Colombia's largest export to the US. By November 2023, the US imported 70 million barrels worth nearly USD 5.4 billion from Colombia. In 2023, Colombia ranked sixth among crude oil suppliers to the US, contributing over 3% of oil imports.

The resolution between the two countries ensures continued economic ties and cooperation. The agreement highlights both nations' willingness to maintain strong trade relations despite recent tensions.

Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini Dismisses AAP's Yamuna Poisoning Claims and Calls for Kejriwal's Apology

(Gns).

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini dismissed allegations from Delhi's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) that the state's ruling BJP is polluting the Yamuna River with industrial waste. Saini criticised AAP's national convener, Arvind Kejriwal, accusing him of making baseless claims. The accusations came after AAP alleged that Haryana's BJP was deliberately contaminating the river, which supplies water to Delhi.

Saini demanded an apology from Kejriwal to the people of Haryana and Delhi, threatening legal action otherwise. "Kejriwal has a habit of levelling baseless allegations and then run away. Ek kahawat hai -- thukoo aur bagho," Saini remarked, implying that Kejriwal makes accusations and then avoids accountability.

Haryana's Response to Allegations

The Haryana government issued a statement quoting Saini, emphasising that the people of Haryana revere the Yamuna as a sacred river. "People of Haryana consider Yamuna a holy river and worship it. Why would they mix poison in the river?" he questioned. Saini also suggested that Kejriwal's comments were driven by fear of losing in Delhi's upcoming Assembly elections.

The BJP in Haryana criticised

Kejriwal's claims about poisoning the Yamuna, describing them as politically motivated. They accused him of



exploiting these allegations for electoral gain in Delhi. In a post on X, they labelled Kejriwal as "the Kaliya Naag of Kalyug" and accused him of betraying his roots in Haryana for political advantage.

Water Supply Dispute

Saini further challenged AAP's claims about water quality, inviting Delhi officials to inspect the water supplied from Sonipat. He stated there is no water shortage from Haryana's side and blamed AAP for mismanagement in Delhi. "There is no shortage. If there is deficiency, it is in their will... Their water distribution is not proper," he asserted.

For a decade, according to Saini, Kejriwal has failed to ensure proper water distribution in Delhi. Despite promises of free water, residents still lack access to

clean water due to AAP's governance issues. Saini accused Kejriwal of failing to develop an effective system for water distribution.



Political Accusations Intensify

Saini accused AAP of diverting 28 drains into the Yamuna and urged Kejriwal to focus on fulfilling his promises instead of making accusations. He warned that Delhi voters would hold Kejriwal accountable for unfulfilled promises regarding clean water and river cleaning in upcoming elections.

The BJP in Haryana reiterated that no true Haryanvi would pollute the Yamuna. They compared Kejriwal to Kaliya Naag from Hindu mythology, who was subdued by Lord Krishna for poisoning the Yamuna. They predicted that Delhi voters would similarly reject Kejriwal in the elections.

Kejriwal's Counterclaims Meanwhile, Atishi from

AAP accused BJP of disrupting Delhi's water supply due to anticipated electoral losses. Kejriwal alleged that BJP was keeping Delhi residents thirsty through political manoeuvres. He claimed that Haryana's BJP was sending poisoned water to Delhi, endangering lives.

Kejriwal expressed concern over the safety of Delhiites, stating that contaminated water could not be purified even at treat-

Arunachal Pradesh Home Minister Mama Natung Enjoys First Holy Dip at Sangam During Maha Kumbh

(Gns).

Arunachal Pradesh Home Minister Mama Natung and his wife, Manaki Natung, recently visited the Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj. This was their first experience at the event, which began on January 13. They participated in a yagya at Govardhan Math Peethadheeshwar Shankaracharya Swami Adhokshajandand Devtirth's ashram and took holy dips in the Sangam.

Reflecting on his visit, Mama Natung expressed his delight at attending the Maha Kumbh for the first time. "I have taken a dip in Ganga several times before. But I am attending the Kumbh in Prayagraj for the first time, and that too the Maha Kumbh. It feels

Karnataka Government On Microfinance Loan Harassment: DCs Instructed To File Criminal Cases

(Gns).

In response to the rising concern over the alarming incidents linked to microfinance companies in Karnataka, the state government has taken decisive steps. With an increasing number of individuals facing harassment from these companies, leading to suicides and people fleeing their homes, authorities have been compelled to act. The Revenue Minister, Krishna Byre Gowda, announced stringent directives for district collectors to tackle the issue head-on. Microfinance entities in the region have extended loans amounting to Rs 59,000 crore, often flouting the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) regulations by offering sums far exceeding the permitted limit of Rs 2 lakh per individual.

The government's revenue department has issued a firm instruction for the initiation of criminal proceedings against microfinance companies found guilty of harassing borrowers over loan repayments. This move underscores the seriousness of the situation and the government's commitment to protecting its citizens from unethical financial practices. According to Krishna Byre Gowda, the rampant disregard for the financial well-being of borrowers by offering loans beyond their repayment

capabilities has led to a distressing number of unfortunate incidents. The state's

interests of the state's residents. District collectors and police chiefs have



intervention aims to address these irregularities by enforcing adherence to RBI's model operation for loan recovery and putting an end to irresponsible lending behaviors.

Ensuring Compliance with RBI Guidelines

During a press briefing that followed the monthly progress review meeting at Vikas Soudha, Minister Krishna Byre Gowda highlighted the lack of special powers granted to district collectors by the central government for taking legal action against these companies. However, he emphasized that the state government, within its jurisdiction, would utilize various laws to clamp down on the malpractices of microfinance firms. The objective is to prevent further disasters and safeguard the

been tasked with arranging meetings with the heads of microfinance companies to ensure compliance with RBI's guidelines for loan recoveries and curtail irresponsible lending.

In addition to addressing the microfinance crisis, Minister Krishna Byre Gowda has set a six-month deadline for the resolution of all pending cases in the Tahsildar and Sub-Divisional Officer (AC) courts. Despite a rule mandating the disposal of disputed cases within 90 days, the reality has been far from this standard. The minister revealed that upon the Congress government's assumption of power, there were over 10,774 overdue cases, a number now reduced to 369. The push to expedite case resolutions is part of a broader effort to relieve citizens

from the burden of unnecessary government office visits. The performance of these courts has seen significant improvement, with the average case disposal time now down to 67 days.

Progress in Judicial Efficiency

The Sub-Divisional Officer's courts have witnessed a remarkable reduction in pending cases, from 62,857 to 26,726, with 36,131 cases disposed of in the last one and a half years. A notable achievement is the decrease in cases that were more than five years old, from 32,777 to 6,602. The minister's directive to clear the remaining cases within the next six months is a testament to the government's dedication to enhancing judicial efficiency and mitigating the inconvenience to the public.

The measures taken by the Karnataka government to regulate microfinance companies and improve the efficiency of judicial processes represent a significant step towards addressing the financial and administrative challenges faced by its citizens. By enforcing strict guidelines and ensuring faster resolution of legal disputes, the state aims to foster a more secure and efficient environment for its residents.

Seers Urge Establishment of Sanatan Board at Dharm Sansad During Maha Kumbh Gathering

(Gns).

During the Maha Kumbh, a Dharm Sansad was convened where seers from various monastic orders advocated for the creation of a Sanatan Board. Jagadguru Vidya Bhaskar Ji Maharaj called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi to repeal the Places of Worship Special Provisions Act. He argued that the law was enacted without consultation and aimed at protecting mosques built over demolished Hindu temples.

Jagadguru Vidya Bhaskar Ji Maharaj urged Prime Minister Modi to leverage his parliamentary majority to revoke the Places of Worship Act. He criticised the government for passing this legislation without any prior discussion. He stressed that preserving Sanatan Dharma is crucial for the survival of all living beings and emphasised the urgent need for a Sanatan Board to protect sanatanis.

Sanatan Board's Role in Safeguarding Culture

Nimbark Peethadheeshwar Shyam Sharan Devacharya, who presided over the Sanatan Dharma Sansad, stated that the Sanatan Board would not only protect

Sanatan Dharma but also secure future generations. He highlighted the impor-



ance of preventing outsiders from infiltrating temples like Tirupati Balaji and corrupting faith. He warned that if no action is taken, India might lose its Hindu cultural identity, similar to Iran, Afghanistan, Nepal, and Bhutan.

ISKCON leader Gaurang Das Ji Maharaj underscored the necessity of a unified body for sanatanis. He questioned why organisations like CII and FICCI exist for industries and IMA for medicine, yet there is no equivalent body to protect and unite sanatanis. He emphasised that peace, security, and justice require all sanatanis to unite under the Sanatan Board's banner.

Concerns Over Cultural Erosion

Thakur linked the erosion of Sanatan culture to Macaulay's educational policies, which replaced Indian traditions with English language education. He expressed concern over a conspiracy to take over India through the Waqf Board. Thakur questioned why lands vacated by those who left for Pakistan are under Waqf Board control while there is no Hindu Board in Pakistan.

Thakur further questioned why a Waqf Board exists in India when similar boards do not exist in Pakistan or Bangladesh. He claimed that temples like Tirupati Balaji contribute Rs 500 crore annually to the government,

which should instead support initiatives for Sanatan Dharma. He proposed that if a Sanatan Board is established, each temple would have its own gashala, gurukul, and hospital, ensuring donations remain within Sanatan Dharma.

Support from Religious Leaders

The Sanatan Dharma Sansad witnessed participation from several saints and religious leaders who supported establishing the Sanatan Board. Among them were Chinmayanand Babu from Haridwar, Mahamandaleshwar Ashutosh Nand Maharaj, Raghavacharya Ji Maharaj, Jain saint Vivek Muni Ji Maharaj, Hanuman Garhi's Mahant Raju Das, and Vallabhacharya Ji Maharaj from Ayodhya.

The call for a Sanatan Board reflects growing concerns about preserving cultural heritage and religious identity. The proposed board aims to unify sanatanis and safeguard their interests in an increasingly diverse society. The support from various religious leaders underscores the importance of this initiative in maintaining cultural continuity.

very nice to come here with my family," he shared.

Significance of Maha Kumbh

The Maha Kumbh,



occurring after 144 years, holds special significance for devotees. Mama Natung encouraged others to visit and experience its spiritual essence. "Taking a dip in the Maha Kumbh, which is taking place after

144 years, gives a very pleasant feeling. I appeal to everyone to come here, take a dip, seek blessings of Maa Ganga and also of

acknowledged the arrangements made for pilgrims. He stated, "I want to thank Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for the arrangements, from the smooth movement of pilgrims to their stay. I would like to extend thanks on behalf of the Arunachal Pradesh government."

Development in Northeast India

Mama Natung also highlighted developments in Northeast India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. He noted improvements in infrastructure and technology across various sectors. "The development which has taken place in the Northeast after the formation of the government by Narendra Modi Ji -- be it

in the fields of counter-insurgency, highways, railways or digital technology -- I have never seen in the past," he remarked.

Arunachal Pradesh shares borders with Myanmar, China, and Bhutan. Mama Natung emphasised progress in these border areas to prevent migration to plains. "Schools, roads, and houses have been developed so that people do not leave the border areas and come down to the relatively plain areas," he explained.

Personal Reflections

Manaki Natung shared her excitement about attending the Maha Kumbh Mela for the first time. She expressed her joy at participating in such a significant event. "The experience has been very nice.

Amit Shah Highlights Cultural Significance of Maha Kumbh During Rituals at Triveni Sangam

(Gns). Union Home Minister Amit Shah participated in the Maha Kumbh at Triveni Sangam, highlighting its significance as a symbol of Sanatan culture's philosophy of harmony. Shah, accompanied by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other seers, performed rituals including a holy dip and jal aachman. The event was attended by notable figures like Yoga guru Ramdev and Shah's family members, who also took part in the rituals.

Pradesh government, over 1.55 crore people participated in the holy bath on Monday alone. Since its commencement on January 13, more than 14.76 crore individuals

including son Jay Shah, participated in rituals such as aarti at the Sangam. Jay Shah held his newborn while receiving blessings from seers. Amit Shah's wife Sonal, daughter-in-law

Adityanath shared his reflections on social media: "Today, in the holy presence of revered seers and spiritual leaders, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah took a sacred dip at the holy Triveni Sangam in Tirthaj Prayag." He prayed for prosperity and well-being for all through blessings from Ma Ganga, Ma Yamuna, and Ma Saraswati.



have taken part in this mega religious gathering. The event will continue until February 26, hosting over 10 lakh Kalpvasis who engage in month-long spiritual practices.

During his visit, Shah met with various seers including Avdheshanand Giriji Maharaj and Mahant Hari Giri. He also visited Avdheshanand Giriji Maharaj's ashram and met Swami Chidanand Saraswati before departing from the Maha Kumbh. The visit was marked by tight security measures in Prayagraj, with route diversions affecting locals and pilgrims.

Significance of Maha Kumbh The Maha Kumbh is an important religious event that attracts millions. According to the Uttar

Rishita, and grandchildren were also present. The rituals were graced by saints like Acharya Mahamandale-shwar Avdhesh-anand Giri of Juna Akhara and Peethadhee-shwar Kailasha-nand of Niranjani Akhara.

After completing rituals at the Sangam, Shah's family visited the Akshayvata tree with Adityanath. This ancient tree holds mythological importance for Hindus. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had previously offered prayers at this site during his pre-Maha Kumbh visit in December.

Rituals and Blessings Social Media Reflections

In another post, Adityanath mentioned Shah's ritual worship of Mother Ganga at Prayagraj: "In the sacred presence of revered seers, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah performed the ritual worship and aarti of the ever-purifying Mother Ganga at Prayagraj." He included a Sanskrit shloka dedicated to the Ganga river.

The Maha Kumbh serves as a platform for showcasing Sanatan Dharma's life philosophy rooted in harmony. Amit Shah noted its role in promoting unity among countrymen while enhancing pride in Sanatan traditions. His participation underscored these values amidst tight security arrangements throughout Prayagraj during this significant event.

Hundreds of US Visa Appointments Cancelled in Colombia Due to Deportation Flight Dispute

(Gns). Visa appointments at the US Embassy in Colombia were cancelled on Monday due to a disagreement over deportation flights. This dispute nearly led to a trade conflict between the two nations. Many Colombians arrived at the US Embassy in Bogota, where local staff handed them letters stating their appointments were cancelled because Colombia refused to accept repatriation flights of its nationals. Others received similar notifications via email.

arriving in Brazil with shackles on their legs, stating that Colombia would

toms inspections on goods from Colombia. Meanwhile, the State Department

most Colombian deportees arrived on charter flights arranged by US government contractors.



only accept deportation flights if the US ensured "dignified treatment" for expelled migrants.

announced it would halt visa issuance to Colombian nationals until deportation flights resumed.

Impact on Trade and Travel

The White House stated that tariffs on Colombian exports would be suspended but noted that visa restrictions for Colombian officials and enhanced customs checks would persist until the first group of Colombian deportees returned successfully. The State Department has yet to comment on when visa appointments will resume.

Tensions between Colombia and the United States heightened on Sunday after President Gustavo Petro announced on X that he would not permit two US Air Force planes carrying Colombian deportees to land. He had previously approved these flights. Petro also shared a video showing deportees

US Response and Tariff Threats

Former President Donald Trump reacted by posting on Truth Social, suggesting 25% emergency tariffs on Colombian exports to the US. He also mentioned revoking US visas for Colombian officials and increasing cus-

Negotiations between the countries helped ease tensions by Sunday night. The White House released a statement confirming that Colombia agreed to resume deportation flights and accepted all of Trump's conditions, including receiving deportees on military flights. Previously,

Last year, over 1.6 million Colombians legally travelled to the United States, as reported by the Ministry of Commerce. The report highlighted that the United States was the primary destination for Colombians travelling abroad. The situation remains tense as both countries navigate these diplomatic challenges.

SKM Supports Nationwide Tractor and Vehicle Parades by Farmers on Republic Day

(Gns). The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) expressed satisfaction with the nationwide response from farmers to their call for tractor, vehicle, or motorcycle parades on the 76th Republic Day. According to a statement from SKM, these rallies were organised by its constituent groups and trade unions under the Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions (JPCTUs) and IFTU across most states.

Farmers' Rally Highlights

In Gujarat's Sabarkantha and Aravalli districts, vehicle rallies

rally emphasised the demand for state assemblies to pass resolutions rejecting the National Policy Framework on

tractor parade by SKM has become a yearly affair that commemorates the first such parade which was taken out on 26th January 2021 in the thick of the historic Kisan Andolan to repeal the three black farm laws," they said.



were also conducted. The Republic Day tractor parade has become an annual event since its inception on 26th January 2021 during the significant Kisan Andolan aimed at repealing three controversial farm laws. This year's

Agricultural Marketing (NPFAM).

The SKM stated that the current NDA3 government under PM Modi is attempting to reintroduce previously rejected pro-corporate laws through indirect means. "The Republic Day

Peaceful Demonstrations Across States

The SKM praised the peaceful and disciplined nature of this year's rallies. They noted that these demonstrations were a significant expression of farmers' demands and frustrations. "The SKM wholeheartedly welcomes the massive, peaceful and disciplined rally by farmers and workers," it said.

This year's events served as a reminder of ongoing agricultural issues and the need for government accountability. The rallies highlighted farmers' continued resistance against policies perceived as detrimental to their interests.

76th Republic Day celebrated with enthusiasm in sanskriti university

Mathura. The 76th Republic Day of the country was celebrated with full enthusiasm at the University of Sanskriti. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. BM Chetty flagged off and the teachers and students raised the atmosphere by raising deafening slogans of patriotism.



Vice Chancellor Prof. BM Chetty, along with Dr. DS Tomar etc.

Addressing the teachers and students of Sanskriti University, Vice Chancellor Prof. BM Chetty said that Swaraj's slogan was given by Bal Gangadhar Tilak. After getting the same Swaraj, the country got a strong constitution. After a long freedom fight, this dream could come true. Everyone participated in this fight in their own way. He inspired the students and said that today we are hoisting our glory in the world. The country is growing on the path of progress, at this time you should be fully

aware of your country and its constitution and be proud that you are an Indian. On Republic Day, we take a pledge that we will follow our duties towards the country with full devotion. Today we take a pledge that we will work towards maintaining the

integrity and unity of the country. Will also take care of the rights of other with you.

Dean of Student Welfare Department of Sanskriti University .DS Tomar congratulated the Republic Day and said that we will be satisfied with our lives

as much as we cooperate in taking the country forward. KK Parashar, Principal of Sanskriti Nursing School, recalled the revolutionaries who sacrificed their lives on the country and appreciated their sacrifice. NCC Cadet of Sanskriti University, while marching, saluted the tricolor with full enthusiasm. In the program, the students made the whole atmosphere full of patriotism by giving cultural performances filled with patriotism.

On this occasion, CTO of University NCC Unit, Ankit, Dean Dr. Verachelli, Dr. Mohanan, Dr. Patnaik, Registrar Manish Mishra, Assistant Registrar Dr. Ravi Trivedi, Administrative Officer Vivek Srivastava, Security Officer Subodh etc. were also present. In the end, Dr. DS Tomar, student welfare dean of Sanskriti University thanked everyone.

DM and Municipal Commissioner inspected the development and beautification of Govind Nagar road under construction

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh along with Mathura Vrindavan Municipal Corporation Municipal Commissioner Shashank Chaudhary, along with Urban Road Infrastructure Development Agency, under the Chief Minister's Green Road Infrastructure Development Scheme, under construction under construction Govind Nagar road under construction and beautification. The District Magistrate visited the map/map and inquired about the plan. The firm M/s National Highway Construction was directed by the District Magistrate to start immediate work as per the guidelines of the project. The District Magistrate directed the Municipal Commissioner to inspect the progress of the work every week. He said that he and the Municipal Commissioner will also be jointly inspected. Along with this, the engineers of all the concerned depart-

ments engaged in the work were directed to be present on the said road should be completed soon.



District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh giving instructions to the subordinates

ent on the spot and make sure to be done under their supervision.

The District Magistrate gave instructions to expedite the work along with the instructions to increase the manpower. He said that if the work arises any problem, then immediately it should be brought to his notice. He instructed to construct the said road as a model road. The District Magistrate directed the Electricity Department that the work related to electric-

the waterlogging under the Bhuteshwar Railway underpass. During the inspection, Project Manager of Construction and Design Services Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam Mathura was present. On the spot, the Project Manager was directed by the District Magistrate to prepare and submit the project for permanent solution of waterlogging under the railway underpass. The District Magistrate also inspected the works near the tank intersection. During the inspection, Councillor Rajveer Singh Chaudhary, Neeraj Vasistha, Brajesh Khare, Dhanjay Patel, Councillor Representative Dharmesh Tiwari, Kunjibhari, Chief Engineer In-Charge Amarendra Gautam, Under Engineer Muni Dev and Sewerage United UP Jal Nigam, Dera Consultant and M/s National Highway Construction Propheetor Adi should be present

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Solapur Man Suspected to Have Died from Guillain-Barré Syndrome as Cases Surge in Pune

(Gns). A suspected case of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) has resulted in a death in Solapur, Maharashtra. This marks the first such fatality in the state linked to this rare nerve disorder. The deceased, a 40-year-old man from Solapur, reportedly contracted the disease during a visit to Pune, according to health officials.

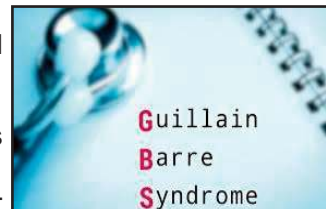
Dean of Solapur Government Medical College, stated that a clinical autopsy was conducted to determine the cause of death, which was primarily attributed to GBS.

Rising Cases and Health Measures Pune has reported nine additional suspected GBS cases, increasing the total number to 110. Among these patients, 73 are men and 37 are women, with 13 requiring ventilator support. Health officials have surveyed over 35,000 homes across Pune and its surrounding areas to monitor the situation closely.

In response to the rising

cases, stool samples were sent for testing at the National Institute of Virology (NIV). Out of 44 samples tested for enteric viruses, 14 were positive for norovirus and five for campylobacter. Additionally, 59 blood samples tested negative for Zika, Dengue, and Chikungunya.

Water Contamination Concerns The health department has also sent 34 water samples for chemical and biological analysis. Seven samples showed contamination. Minister Abitkar inspected a well in Nanded village on Sinhgad Road, where most cases have been reported. He empha-



District Magistrate-District Magistrate inspected EVM-VV Pat Warehouse

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Additional District Magistrate Finance and Revenue Yoganand Pandey conducted a later inspection of EVM -VVPAT Warehouse. During the inspection, the District Magistrate took stock of the security arrangements of the warehouse. He gave instructions for regular cleanliness of the warehouse. The District Magistrate directed the Additional District



Magistrate (V/R) and the officials of the Election Office to get the estimate for the work of filling the soil in the later warehouse. Necessary guidelines were given to provide all the orig-

inal facilities for the personnel deployed for the safety of the warehouse. He instructed the security personnel to discharge their works with responsibility.

Government Response and Support

The state government is taking steps to address this health issue by including GBS treatment under the Mahatma Phule Health Scheme. This scheme allows patients to receive free treatment up to Rs 2 lakh. Deputy CM Ajit Pawar has assured budgetary provisions for tackling GBS cases.

Private medical practitioners have been urged to report any GBS cases to public health authorities. The Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) has established a 45-bed facility at Kamla Nehru Hospital specifically for treating GBS patients.

Expert Assistance and Future Plans A seven-member team of experts from the Centre has been deployed to assist Maharashtra in managing the increasing GBS cases.