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PM Modi: India committed to sustainable energy through nuke power

(Gns). In a social media post on 'X', he commended Union Minister Jitendra Singh for his insightful remarks in a newspaper article on the pivotal role of nuclear power in India's journey towards sustainability and self-reliance in energy. The PM's comment came amid reports that the US Department of Energy (DoE) has cleared an American company to build and design nuclear reactors in India. In his article, Union Minister Singh, a close aide of the PM, said nuclear power has emerged as a crucial pillar in India's quest for a sustainable and self-reliant energy future.

He observed that for India, the challenges are multifaceted. The country's heavy dependence on imported fossil fuels not only strains the economy but also increases vulnerability to global price fluctuations. Simultaneously, as a signatory to international climate agreements, India has committed to reducing its carbon footprint significantly. Unlike intermittent renewable sources such as solar and wind, nuclear power provides reliable baseload generation regardless of weather conditions. While hydropower faces seasonal variations and ecological concerns, and coal continues to pose

serious environmental challenges, nuclear energy offers a sustainable alternative.



Dr Singh noted that today, India's nuclear landscape has transformed. From a mere 4,780 MW in 2013-14, nuclear capacity has surged by over 70 per cent to reach 8,180 MW, spread across 24 operational reactors. Annual electricity generation from these plants has increased

from 34,228 million units in 2013-14 to 47,971 million units in 2023-24. While nuclear power currently contributes approximately 3 per cent of India's electricity generation, this figure is set to grow substantially with 21 reactors totalling 15,300 MW at various stages of implementation. He said the government has set a target of 100 GW nuclear power capacity by 2047, a massive increase from the current 8.18 GW. To achieve this, the Nuclear Energy Mission for Viksit Bharat has been launched, focusing on enhancing domestic capabilities. International collaborations have been reinvigorated, particularly with Russia, France, and the US.

Rahul urges govt to improve working conditions of Anganwadi workers, helpers

(Gns). Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi has written to Union Minister of Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi over the "challenges" being faced by the Anganwadi workers and helpers, and urged her to lay out a path to improve their working conditions and social security. In his letter addressed to the minister, he mentioned his meeting with a delegation from All India Anganwadi Workers Committee to discuss the challenges they face. Gandhi said that Anganwadi workers and helpers are the backbone of the Integrated Child

Development Services (ICDS) program, tirelessly serving women and children by combating hunger and malnutrition, as well as providing pre-primary education. Recalling the Covid-19 pandemic, he said, "During the Covid-19 crisis, they served as frontline workers at great personal risk, going above and beyond their duties. Despite their hard work to develop the nation, Anganwadi workers and helpers unfortunately continue to struggle with inadequate pay, working conditions, and a lack of social security." Claiming that one of the most urgent issues raised

by the delegation is the non-payment of gratuity, he said, "Nearly three years have passed since the Supreme Court recognised Anganwadi workers and



helpers as formal workers, entitling them to gratuity under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972. Yet the Government of India has taken no steps to implement this judgment. I am sure you will agree that

workers who serve with commitment for decades should get adequate retirement benefits." The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said the dedication and contribution of Anganwadi workers and helpers deserve both recognition and respect, and their grievances must be heard and redressed. "Therefore, I request you to take three steps: firstly, significantly increase the central component of their honorariums, secondly, provide retiring workers and helpers with gratuity, and thirdly, lay out a path to progressively improve their working conditions and social security," he said.

Shah commends NCB, Delhi Police for major narcotics bust in Delhi-NCR

(Gns). Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday reaffirmed the government's commitment to eradicating drug trafficking in the country. He lauded the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and Delhi Police for their successful operation in dismantling a major narcotics network in the Delhi-NCR region. In a post on platform X, Shah stated, "In line with the Modi government's zero-tolerance policy against drugs, a major narco-network has been busted in Delhi-NCR. The NCB and Delhi Police seized the gang by its

throat, recovering methamphetamine, MDMA, and cocaine worth ₹27.4 crore and arresting five individuals. I applaud the NCB and Delhi Police for this significant breakthrough." According to an official statement, the crackdown resulted in the arrest of four

African nationals from an influential family in Nigeria. Acting on intelligence about an imminent high-quality methamphetamine exchange in the Chhatrapur area of South Delhi, a joint team from the NCB and the Delhi Police's Special Cell conducted surveillance, leading to the interception of a vehicle carrying 5.103 kilograms of high-grade crystal methamphetamine, valued at approximately ₹10.2 crore. Subsequent interrogation and technical tracking revealed that the contraband was sourced from an "African Kitchen" in Tilak Nagar, West Delhi. A search of the premises led to the recovery of 1.156 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine; 4.142 kilograms of Afghan heroin; 5.776 kilograms of MDMA (Ecstasy pills). The total estimated value of the seized drugs was ₹16.4 crore.



India helped over 100 nations: Tharoor lauds Modi govt's 'vaccine diplomacy' during Covid pandemic

(Gns). Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Monday heaped praise on Centre's 'Vaccine Maitri' initiative, launched during Covid-19 and termed it one of India's most "significant accomplishments." "India's vaccine diplomacy during Covid pandemic stands out from amid the horrors of that time, as a powerful example of international leadership rooted in responsibility and solidarity," he wrote in an article in The Week. Tharoor, who had served as MoS External Affairs in the Congress-led UPA, acknowledged and appreciated India's vaccine diplomacy during Covid pandemic in 2020-2021, saying it "embodied and

contributed to the very spirit of its soft power." Vaccine Maitri (Vaccine Friendship) was a humanitarian initiative undertaken by the Narendra Modi-led government to provide vaccines from January 20, 2021. After producing two major vaccines — Covishield and CoVaxin — India supplied it to over 100 countries, including Nepal, Bhutan, the Maldives, Bangladesh, African nations, and Myanmar. He said that India did what more affluent countries did not. "The government was careful to couch its initiative as rooted in the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family), emphasising global solidar-

ity. That it also aligned with India's neighbourhood first policy, strengthening ties with other countries in the subcontinent, was an added bonus," Tharoor wrote. The Congress MP said that Vaccine Maitri strengthened India's standing as a "force for good" in the world, "adding to the allure of its soft power" during the "dark days" of the Covid pandemic. He stated that India contributed to the global COVAX initiative, centred within the World Health Organization (WHO), a global effort to ensure equitable vaccine distribution that is "shamefully under-resourced and inadequately supported" by wealthier developed countries.



Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Undertakes One-Day Visit to Madhya Pradesh as Part of the 'Sadakal Gujarat' Program

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Pays Courtesy Visit to Madhya Pradesh Governor Shri Mangubhai Patel. Chief Minister Holds Courtesy Meeting with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav. Gandhinagar, 31 March 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel visited Madhya Pradesh to participate in the Sadakal Gujarat program. During this one-day visit he paid a courtesy visit to the Governor of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Mangubhai Patel.



Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel also held a meeting with the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Mohan Yadav.

Minister of State for Home and Non-Resident Gujarati Division Shri Harsh Sanghvi also joined CM during this visit. The Non-Resident Gujarati Division organizes the Sadakal Gujarat program every year in different states across the country to realize Prime Minister Shri Narendra Bhai Modi's vision of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat. As part of this initiative, this year's Sadakal Gujarat program was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis rejects Sanjay Raut's claim on PM's retirement

(Gns). Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday dismissed Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut's claim that Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the RSS in Nagpur yesterday to discuss his retirement plan once he turns 75 in September and that the PM's successor will be from Maharashtra. "No, not a chance...there is no need to search for his successor. He is our leader and will continue," he declared in Nagpur. "In our culture, when the father is alive, it is inappropriate to talk about succession. It is a Mughal tradition that children think about succession even when the father is alive. The time has not come to discuss it," the chief minister said, referring to Mr Raut's claim that Modi's successor would come from Maharashtra. Mr Fadnavis said, "In

2029, we will see Modi as the Prime Minister of India once again. There is no need to search for his successor. Discussing succession when the leader is still active is inappropriate in Indian culture". At a press conference, Mr Raut claimed that PM Modi had discussed his retirement plan with the RSS leadership and that his successor would be from Maharashtra. "RSS will decide the successor of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and he will be from Maharashtra. That's why Modi was called to Nagpur to discuss it at a closed-door meeting," said Mr Raut, a

Rajya Sabha member and a close confidant of former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray. He, however, did not reveal the source of his information. To Mr Raut's claim that the next PM will be from Maharashtra, Mr Fadnavis, who is one of the tallest BJP leaders in the state, said he has nothing to do with the matter. Though Mr Fadnavis refuted Mr Raut's claim about the PM's retirement, it has sparked speculation about whether Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, who is from Nagpur and is also seen as being close to the RSS,



Nirmala Sitharaman to launch portal with economic repository of 30 years

(Gns). Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will launch the "NITI NCAER States Economic Forum" portal on Tuesday in New Delhi. The portal is developed by the NITI Aayog, in collaboration with the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), as a comprehensive repository of data on social, economic and fiscal parameters, research reports, papers, and expert commentary on State Finances for a period of about 30 years (1990-91 to 2022-23). "The portal will facilitate an understanding of macro, fiscal, demographic, and socio-economic trends; easily accessible data and a user-friendly format, and will

also address the ongoing need for consolidated sectoral data in one place. It will further help in benchmarking the data of each state and discussions." As per the information shared by the NITI Aayog, the portal will have four key components — State economic structure, socio-economic and fiscal indicators. Data Repository offering direct access to the complete database is categorised across five verticals viz. Demography; Economic Structure; Fiscal; Health and Education. Another parameter, the State Fiscal and Economic Dashboard, is designed for showcasing graphical representations of key economic variables over time and providing quick access to raw data through a data appendix or additional information through summary tables. On the other hand, the Research and Commentary draws on extensive research on State finances and critical aspects of fiscal policy and financial management at the State and national levels.

Reports; Data Repository; State Fiscal and Economic Dashboard; and Research and Commentary. State Reports will be summarising the macro and fiscal landscape of 28 Indian States, structured around indicators on demography,



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Sl. No.	Title of work	Estimated cost put to tender	Period of completion	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Due date and time of opening of tenders	Earnest money deposit (EMD)
1	Providing Sand blasting & Cutting / Drilling facility for Micro / Nano Electronics Fabrication by Converting semi furnished structure intended for Fire Station at New SAC Campus at Bopal, Ahmedabad-Electrical works.	₹ 31.90 Lakhs	8 Month	From 01.04.2025 at 10:00 Hrs. to 10.04.2025 up to 17:00 Hrs.	14.04.2025 upto 17:00 Hrs.	16.04.2025 at 11:00 Hrs (Technical & commercial bid)	₹ 63,800.00

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Editorial

Institutional Blindness

The recent intervention by the Supreme Court in a sexual assault case has reignited concerns about judicial sensitivity and legal interpretation in cases of sexual violence. A ruling by the Allahabad High Court, which downplayed the severity of an assault on an 11-year-old girl, sparked public outrage and underscored the persistent challenges within the justice system when dealing with sexual crimes.

At the heart of the controversy was the argument that the accused had not gone beyond the stage of preparation to commit rape, a distinction drawn on technical and legal grounds. Such reasoning fails to recognise the lived reality of victims and instead treats sexual violence as a matter of cold legal semantics. In cases of sexual assault, the intent behind an act is often clear from the very nature of the aggression. The argument that an assault only constitutes an "attempt" at rape if it crosses an arbitrarily defined threshold disregards the power dynamics at play and the trauma inflicted. The question is not merely whether a crime was completed but whether a victim's dignity, security, and bodily autonomy were violated.

The decision to minimise the gravity of the crime was not made impulsively but after months of deliberation, which makes it all the more alarming. Courts have a duty to uphold justice not just in letter but in spirit. A verdict that dismisses violent actions as something lesser than what they are sends a dangerous message to society ~ one that emboldens perpetrators and undermines survivors' faith in the legal system. The fact that the ruling had to be overturned by the Supreme Court speaks volumes about the urgent need for consistent, victim-centred jurisprudence.

This is not the first instance of judicial reasoning appearing to favour legal technicalities over justice for survivors. There have been past cases where courts have set troubling precedents by focusing on narrow legal definitions rather than the essence of the crime. Such interpretations only serve to weaken the fight against sexual violence. When the justice system he sitsates to call an act of sexual violence what it truly is, it creates an environment where perpetrators believe they can evade the full force of the law. What is required is a judicial approach that prioritises survivor-centric perspectives over rigid textual readings of the law.

The focus should be on whether the survivor's rights were violated, not on whether the crime fits a narrow and outdated legal framework. A progressive, informed judiciary is essential in ensuring that laws designed to protect women and children are not diluted by misplaced interpretations. The Supreme Court's intervention in this case was necessary to restore public faith in the legal system. However, the fact that such an insensitive ruling was issued in the first place highlights an urgent need for gender sensitisation for judges. A legal system that fails to recognise the lived experiences of survivors is one that risks betraying its fundamental purpose ~ to deliver justice.

Labour, capitalism and poverty are linked

Economic activities have taken the centre-stage of human life. Everyone has to earn his own money to sustain ~ to obtain food, shelter, education, health and entertainment. There is no scarcity of food and other materials on earth; but access is restricted. Only those who have money can obtain these essentials and luxuries. It is now virtually the mandate of the capitalist society that anyone not possessing money or wealth has to do hard physical labour for survival.

He has to use a good quantity of muscle power, nerves and brains daily to earn money. It is presumed that poor illiterate people will do backbreaking jobs 365 days a year, that too for paltry sums. Their wives and children too will have to work throughout the year. Their bodies are their only assets. A poor person, even if he works hard, may still remain poor under the present economic system. Poverty has become an integral part of society. Hungry men need money at any cost to buy food. It is presumed that poor families will work as unskilled labour in industries. The rise of capitalism coupled with rapid acceleration of industrialisation created the 'labour force'.

Capitalism needs plenty of labour at the cheapest cost. Poverty feeds capitalism well. Patrick Colquhoun (1745-1820), a powerful Scottish merchant, saw poverty as an essential precondition for industrialization. In his words: "Poverty is therefore a most necessary and indispensable ingredient in society, without which nations and communities could not exist

in a state of civilization. It is the lot of man. It is the source of wealth, since without poverty, there could be no labour, there could be no riches."

Labour cost in industries is determined by prevailing labour market prices and not by contributions made by each individual labour to production. So, industrialists have the advantage in determining wages in their favour in a developing economy like India. Some argue that the capitalist system inherently involves exploitation of labour, where workers are paid less than the value they produce, leading to poverty and precarious living conditions. Industry workers do not possess bargaining power over their wages as unemployment or underemployment is rampant.

The situation has led them into fierce competition among themselves. Collective bargaining belongs to the past. They have to accept meagre wages and poor working conditions along with long working hours. Further, the benefit of increase in productivity does not go back to the industry workers. Even real wages remain stagnant in India for a long period of time. The sector wise wage growth of workers, CAGR 2019-2023, indicates maximum growth of 5.4 per cent in the FMCG sector which is even lower than the 5-year average CPI index of 5.7 per cent. Income levels of workers in some sectors have increased but they remain vulnerable.

The conditions of workers in the informal sector, which comprises 93 per cent of the workforce, are

more dismal. The Indus Valley Annual Report 2025 tells us that 100 crore Indians have no money to spend on nonessential goods. The report suggests only the top 10 per cent of the population has enough discretionary money to spend. This implies a majority of Indians, including workers, farmers, daily wage-earners and gig workers, do not have sufficient monetary strength. It is reported that the products aimed for mass consumption have lost market share. The consuming class is not widening but is deepening implying the rich getting richer. The Report also suggests that the brands are shifting focus from capturing mass market to concentrating on premium products for premium customers. Stark inequality and extreme concentration of wealth in a few hands have pushed the majority of the population to the brink of economic adversity leading to intolerable hardships. They are marginally above the line defining absolute poverty and may again fall back into poverty. This line of absolute poverty is therefore a blurred one.

The World Bank report suggests 13 crore people were in extreme poverty in India in 2024 at an income of Rs 181 (USD 2.15) per day. With higher poverty standards, there are more people living under Rs 576 (USD 6.85) per day in 2024 than in 1990. Even with this higher income per day no family can sustain with dignity today. The World Bank suggests that enabling the poor to benefit more from economic growth will require better-functioning labour markets. Capitalism

sometimes emerges as the leader of society and advises unexpectedly that workers should not waste time and should work every day including weekly off days. Some industry tycoons plead for 70 to 90 hour work weeks. But the considered opinion is not available about the gulf of difference between the median remuneration earned by an average worker and that of a CEO in the same corporate house. Deep deliberations among a wide swathe of society about the whole spectrum of glitches will result in policy decisions. Stray comments on selected individual issues are not the need of the hour. Capitalism remains indifferent to social causes. It does not help in creating a new and improved social structure that will allow a majority of people to live better lives. Poverty and inequality are the two major social evils that contribute immensely to sustain capitalism. On the other hand, it is the inherent design of capitalism to endure poverty and inequality for its own existence. "In 1771 the agriculturist Arthur Young noted that "everyone but an idiot knows that the lower classes must be kept poor, or they will never be industrious" (Jason Hickel: 'Less is More').

Capitalism always vies for excess production to generate excess profit. If such excess production is reduced then the people can be liberated from the toil of unnecessary labour. Income and wealth can be distributed less inequitably and more fairly. But capitalism will not permit slowing down production.

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Inauguration of the Gujarati Food Festival.

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Chief Minister presents the inspiring journey of Gujarat, a role model of development.

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Gandhinagar, 31 March 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, while inaugurating the Sadakal Gujarat program in Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, stated that Gujarat is no longer just a four-letter word but has become synonymous with holistic development. In this context, he said that Gujarat, which has been a leader in renewable energy, water grids, gas grids, and infrastructure, is well-equipped to lead in emerging sectors of the new era, including semiconductors and green growth.

Addressing the gathering of over 2,000 Gujarati families residing in Bhopal, the Chief Minister presented an inspiring overview of the state's development during the Sadakal Gujarat program. He also narrated Gujarat's success story as a role model for holistic

development.

The Sadakal Gujarat program is organized annually by the state government's Non-Resident Gujarati Division in various states across the country. The objective of this program is to strengthen the bond between Gujarati families living in different states fostering a deeper connection with Gujarat's development journey.

Continuing this tradition, the Sadakal Gujarat program for the year 2025 was organized in the capital of Madhya Pradesh. In 2024, the program was held in Bangalore, Karnataka.

The event was graced by the Governor of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Mangubhai Patel, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Rajendra Shukla, Member of Parliament Shri Vishnu Datt Sharma, and Minister for Non-resident Gujaratis' Division Shri Harsh Sanghavi.

On this occasion, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel and Minister of State Shri Harsh Sanghavi also inaugurated the Gujarati Food Festival and held a meeting with the leaders of the Gujarati community.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel remarked that when Gujarat was formed as a separate state in 1960, many doubted how a region with deserts, seas, and hills could prosper. However, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra

Modi, Gujarat has now become the nation's growth engine.

He added that Gujarat once faced severe challenges, including electricity shortages, water scarcity,

the world's top 500 companies have established their significance in Gujarat.

The Chief Minister emphasized that initiatives like Sadakal Gujarat have been crucial in bringing



and a lack of roads and infrastructure. However, under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, the state has seen a remarkable transformation. The Narmada water was successfully brought to Kutch, 24-hour electricity became available, and healthcare services were extended to rural areas.

Speaking about the Vibrant Gujarat summit, which was launched under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel said that what began in Gujarat has now spread to other states across the country. He said that the Vibrant Gujarat summit has played a key role in positioning Gujarat as a leader in creating job opportunities while also attracting foreign investment. Today, 100 of

Prime Minister's vision of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat to life. He stated that for Viksit Bharat, all states must collaborate by sharing best practices and development strategies to progress together.

Shri Bhupendra Patel expressed his belief that the Gujarati families living in Madhya Pradesh will play a key role in the state's development. He remarked that wherever Gujarati resides, the spirit of Sadakal Gujarat is upheld, with Gujaratis across the country actively contributing to the growth of the regions they inhabit. He also shared his happiness in witnessing this ongoing contribution.

Governor, Shri Mangubhai Patel, expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister Shri

Bhupendra Patel for organizing programs like Sadakal Gujarat in Madhya Pradesh. He said that Gujaratis have a unique quality of blending well with others. With approximately two lakh Gujaratis residing in Madhya Pradesh, their contribution to the region's development is significant.

Governor further added that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's mantra of Sauno Saath, Sauno Vikas, Sauno Vishwas, Sauno Prayas has fostered unity and cooperation from all citizens in the nation's development. He confidently asserted that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, India is destined to emerge as a global leader.

Madhya Pradesh's Deputy Chief Minister, Shri Rajendra Shukla, referred to Gujarat as the land of divine grace and stated that Gujarat has produced great leaders such as Gandhiji, the leader of Swaraj, Sardar Patel, the architect of United India, and now Shri Narendra Modi and Shri Amit Shah, who continue to inspire and guide the nation. He considered the Sadakal Gujarat program as a timely initiative to bring Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat even closer together.

On this occasion, Minister of State and Minister for Non-resident Gujaratis' Division Shri Harsh Sanghavi outlined the significance of the Sadakal Gujarat program.

He lauded Gujaratis living outside Gujarat for preserving and sharing the spirit of their homeland wherever they go and acknowledged the valuable contributions of the Gujarati community in Madhya Pradesh.

Shri Harsh Sanghavi also provided details about the Gujarat government's support for Gujarati communities in other states towards the grand development of Gujarat. He also gave insights about the Vatan Pravas Yojana, which facilitates visits for the youth of those states to explore Gujarat.

Madhya Pradesh BJP President and Member of Parliament, Shri Vishnu Datt Sharma, extended a warm welcome to everyone and highlighted that Panna, located in his parliamentary constituency, supplies the raw materials essential for Gujarat's diamond polishing industry.

On this occasion Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel presented a memento to Shri Sanjay Patel of the Akhil Bharatiya Gujarati Samaj ~ Bhopal, acknowledging his dedicated service. Several other members of the Gujarati community were also honored.

The event saw the presence of Shri Hareet Shukla, Secretary of the Non-Resident Gujarati Division, Shri Seth, Director of the Energy Foundation; Shri Rajendra Rathod, Deputy Secretary; and a large number of Gujarati families.

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Gandhinagar, 31 March 2025: Under the joint initiative of the Tourism Department of the Gujarat Government and the Department of Sports, Youth, and Cultural Activities, the Madhavpur

During this five-day fair, cultural performances will be presented by Gujarat as well as the northeastern states. This will feature the largest group of artists from the northeastern states performing in Gujarat.

This year, the Tourism Department has planned a grand "Arena" that is a stadium-style setup at Madhavpur Ghed. Amidst

In addition to Madhavpur, Grand cultural events will also be organized in Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, and Somnath.

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The cultural programs of the fair will commence on April 1, 2025. April 1 at the Indoor Stadium in Surat, April 2 at Akota Stadium in Vadodara, April 3 at TransStadia in Ahmedabad, and April 5 at Somnath Temple.

Handicrafts and Food Stalls from the Northeastern States

Furthermore, this year, the Madhavpur Ghed Fair will feature various sports activities. Beach sports such as beach volleyball, beach football, a 100-meter beach run, coconut

throw, and beach handball will be organized at Madhavpur Beach.

Along with Gujarat, stalls showcasing handicrafts and stalls showcasing various cuisines of the northeastern states have also been set up during the fair.

Wedding of Lord Krishna and Rukminiji This year, the Mandap Aarohan ceremony will take place on April 6. Following this, a 'Fuleku Yatra' will be conducted from Madhav Raiji Temple to Brahma Kund on April 6, 7, and 8.

The wedding rituals will be performed on April 9. On April 10, the wedding procession will depart from the Rukmini Temple with the bride and arrive at Madhav Raiji Temple at 4:00 PM. On this day, a grand welcome will be held for Rukminiji and Lord Krishna in Dwarka.



Ghed Fair will be organized in Porbandar district, Gujarat, for five days starting from April 6, 2025, coinciding with the sacred festival of Ram Navami.

This five-day Madhavpur Ghed Fair, running from April 6 to April 10, will witness participation from Gujarat as well as all eight northeastern states of India. These northeastern states include Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Tripura, and Nagaland.

On April 6 at 6:00 PM, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Patel, will inaugurate the event in the presence of Gujarat's Tourism Minister, Shri Mulubhai Bera and Minister of State for Sports, Youth, and Cultural Activities Shri Harsh Sanghavi along with other distinguished guests.

Grand Celebration of Madhavpur Ghed Fair 2025

this spectacular setting, a total of 1,600 artists from both Gujarat and the north-eastern states will showcase mesmerizing cultural performances. This will be the largest joint cultural presentation ever, bringing together artists from two distinct cultural backgrounds on a single platform.

Celebrating Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat The Madhavpur Ghed Fair embodies the vision of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat as envisioned by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The aim of this initiative is to promote the spirit of national unity by fostering strong and well-structured connections between all states and union territories of India.

The ultimate goal of the Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat initiative is to strengthen national integration and unity across the country.

Restoration of halts of majority of trains at surat station w.E.F 1st april, 2025

Mumbai, The ongoing work of air concourse over PF No. 2 & 3 in connection with Surat station redevelopment completed. Most of the trains temporarily shifted to alternate stations will resume operations from Surat station w.e.f 1st April, 2025. Surat station is under-

going complete transformation & is being developed into world class station. The concourse work in connection with the Surat Station Redevelopment on Platform No. 2 & 3 (Phase - II) has been completed. In view of this, most of the trains that were temporarily shifted to alternate stations will resume operations at Surat station from 1st April, 2025.

According to a press release issued by the Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, Phase II of ongoing Surat redevelopment work on Platform No. 2 & 3 has been completed. Most of the trains that were temporarily shifted to alternate stations due to the block undertaken in

view of this work, will resume operations from 1st April, 2025. It is however informed that all Tapti line trains (to & from Nandurbar/Jalgaon) will continue to halt at Udhna station. The details have been uploaded in Western Railway's official website wr.indianrailways.gov.in

Chickoo transportation successfully shifted to railways in south gujarat area

Mumbai, Farmers are able to venture long distance markets with ease of rail transportation and thus receive fair prices for their produce. WR's Business Development Unit facilitates transition of Chickoo transportation from roadways to railways.

As a result of these efforts, recently V.V.K.S. Khedut Mandali, Amalsad loaded

i.e around 07:00am in the morning, ensuring the freshness of the perishable product and making it pos-

sible to deliver it well before the opening of the markets. This train significantly reduced the transit time compared to the 35 hours taken by road transport. Further, 14 more rakes have been planned to



around 35,000 boxes of chickoo from Bilimora for transportation & distribution of their produce in Adarsh Nagar, Delhi. This dedicated special train containing Chickoo boxes reached its destination within 24 hours,

sible to deliver it well before the opening of the markets. This train significantly reduced the transit time compared to the 35 hours taken by road transport. Further, 14 more rakes have been planned to

transport such perishable products which will garner revenue to the tune of approximately Rs. 1.25 crore. Shri Vineet informed that encouraged by this success, Business Development Unit (BDU) Valsad is now actively engaging with Mango Cooperative Societies to explore similar transportation solutions in the upcoming season for mango produce as well. This initiative follows the successful execution of the Kisan Rail scheme during the COVID-19 period, under which more than 150 rakes of perishable goods were transported, ensuring timely delivery and minimizing losses for farmers.

Indian Railways continues to play a crucial role in supporting the agricultural economy by providing faster, cost-effective, and efficient logistics solutions for farmers and traders. This shift from road to rail not only ensures quicker deliveries but also contributes to sustainability by reducing carbon emissions.

Who is IFS Officer Nidhi Tewari, Appointed As Private Secretary To PM Modi?

(Gns). The central government announced on Monday that Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer Nidhi Tewari has been appointed as Private Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Personnel on March 29. Who is Nidhi Tewari?



Nidhi Tewari is reportedly from Mehurganj in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi, which has been Prime Minister Modi's parliamentary constituency since 2014.

A 2014 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, she ranked 96th in the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Examination, according to a report by News18.

Before passing the UPSC exam, Tewari

in the 'Foreign and Security' division, which reports to National Security Advisor Ajit Doval. Additionally, she has worked in the Ministry of External Affairs' Disarmament and International Security Affairs Division.

Prime Minister Modi is supported by two Private Secretaries - Vivek Kumar and Hardik Satishchandra Shah.

In February, former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das was appointed as 'Principal Secretary-2' to Prime Minister Modi.

Shaktikanta Das, who served as RBI Governor for six years, stepped down from his position in December last year. Sanjay Malhotra succeeded him as the 26th Governor of the apex bank.

worked as an Assistant Commissioner (Commercial Tax) in Varanasi and continued her exam preparation while in employment, the report mentioned.

She joined the Prime Minister's Office as an Under Secretary in 2022 and was promoted to Deputy Secretary on January 6, 2023.

At the PMO, she served

Palestinian banners displayed during Eid in Bhopal

(Gns). Even as the Eid-ul-Fitr celebrations in Madhya Pradesh were carried out peacefully and amicably on Monday, a political controversy erupted in Bhopal after certain people displayed banners in support of Palestine, while some Muslims wore black armbands in protest of the Union Government's proposed Waqf law amendment.

criticism from the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Cabinet minister for Sports, Vishwas Sarang termed the acts objectionable and offensive.

Sarang strongly condemned the act, warning

Sarang questioned the relevance of Palestinian flags or banners during Eid. He averred that this is clearly an attempt to provoke unrest in society, and such behaviour should not be allowed.



that such demonstrations would not be tolerated in the state. He said that this kind of activity reflects the mindset of those who always attempt to create unrest in society, and such acts are being done deliberately.

Even on Friday, during the last Juma Namaz before Eid festival in the holy month of Ramadan, several senior Muslim Clerics and members of the community across Madhya Pradesh had worn black armbands in protest of the

Union government's move to amend the Waqf law.

In Bhopal, Shahar Qazi Mushtaq Ali Nadvi Sahab and Shahar Mufti Maulana Mufti Abdul Kalam Sahab had offered namaz sporting black armbands.

At other places like Vidisha, Raisen and some other cities too, many members of the Muslim community wore black armbands to protest the Centre's Waqf Amendment Bill 2024.

The protest was in response to a call made by the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIM-PLB) a day earlier.

The protesters claimed that the amendment would ensure that the Muslim community loses its control over mosques, dargahs, madrasas, graveyards, and many other institutions.

Andhra Pradesh Health Minister Satya Kumar calls on Dr. Jitendra Singh, Seeks Greater Collaboration with Centre to Boost Biotechnology

Centre to Extend Full Support for Andhra Pradesh's Biotechnology Push: Dr. Jitendra Singh (Gns).

Andhra Pradesh's Health Minister, Y. Satya Kumar, called on Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh in the national capital, seeking greater collaboration in the field of biotechnology.

During their discussion, the two leaders explored ways to upscale biotechnology-related projects in the state and enhance ongoing initiatives with central support.

Expressing gratitude to the Modi government for its continued assistance, Satya Kumar highlighted Andhra Pradesh's commitment to leveraging biotechnology for healthcare advancements and industrial applications. He

stressed the need for increased cooperation to bring cutting-edge innovations to the state.

Dr. Jitendra Singh

Andhra Pradesh could play a crucial role in driving such advancements.

Dr. Jitendra Singh noted that, over the years, Andhra



assured full support from the Centre, reaffirming that biotechnology remains a priority sector under the present government. He emphasized the transformative potential of biotechnology in sectors like healthcare, pharmaceuticals, and sustainable StartUps, noting that

Pradesh has emerged as a key player in India's biotechnology sector, in areas such as biopharmaceutical research, marine biotechnology, and agricultural biotech solutions. The State hosts several biotech incubators and research institutions that have been instrumental in promoting

innovation and entrepreneurship.

With initiatives like the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) funding and national biotech missions, Andhra Pradesh has witnessed significant growth in biotech startups and industry partnerships, the Minister said. The renewed push for collaboration aims to further integrate the state into India's broader biotechnology roadmap, he added.

The meeting comes at a time when India is pushing for self-reliance in biotechnology and expanding its global footprint in research and innovation. With Andhra Pradesh seeking to strengthen its biotech ecosystem, the discussions signal a fresh impetus to state-centre collaboration in this high-growth sector.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah unveils the grand statue of Maharaja Agrasen

(Gns).

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah today unveiled the grand statue of Maharaja Agrasen, inaugurated the newly constructed ICU, and laid the foundation stone for the PG hostel in Hisar, Haryana. On this occasion, several distinguished individuals, including Haryana's Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini, were present.

In his address, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said the land of Haryana has worked to enrich and preserve India's culture, values, and traditions since ancient times. He said, from Mahabharata time to the freedom struggle and even after independence, Haryana's con-

tribution to the development of the country has always been far greater than that of the larger states.

Shri Amit Shah said that

with the statue of Maharaja Agrasen, the newly constructed ICU has been inaugurated, and the foundation stone for the PG hostel has also been laid.



in this large hospital, where nearly 5 lakh people avail OPD services, 180 children graduate in medical education every year, and patients receive various types of modern medical facilities, all of this is possible due to the foundation laid by O.P. Jindal. He mentioned that today, along

He added that these initiatives represent another step towards advancing this institution.

Union Home Minister said that Maharaja Agrasen was a unique kind of ruler, and it is said that in his time, the capital had a population of 1 lakh people. Whenever a new person arrived there,

they were given a brick and one rupee by every individual to help them build a house. Shri Shah said, Maharaja Agrasen paved the way for the prosperity and welfare of every individual without burdening the state. He said that Maharaja Agrasen worked to nurture the values of the entire state. Maharaja Agrasen ensured that no one in his kingdom went to bed hungry, no one lived without a roof over their head, and no one was without work. He said that these three things were guaranteed by Maharaja Agrasen through his good governance. Home Minister added that today, every individual in all the clans of the Agarwal community is an entrepreneur, dedicated to the country, serving others.

Mallika Sukumaran Defends Prithviraj Amid 'Empuraan' Row, Trashes Allegations Against Son: 'Few Months Ago...'

(Gns).

Actor-Director Prithviraj Sukumaran's mother and actress Mallika Sukumaran has come to her son's defence in the ongoing 'Empuraan' controversy surrounding alleged indirect references to the Gujarat riots.

In a detailed Facebook post, she dismissed rumours that Mohanlal had not watched the film prior to its release, clarifying that he was fully aware of every scene. She asserted that her son had not misled anyone and should not be solely held responsible if people believed there was an issue with 'Empuraan'.

Prithviraj's 'Empuraan', starring Mohanlal, has faced criticism from right-wing organisations over its depiction of the Gujarat riots. Following the backlash, the filmmakers opted

to make 17 cuts and re-edit the film. Meanwhile, director Major Ravi claimed that Mohanlal had not watched

She wrote, "As someone who knows the truth about what happened behind the scenes of



the preview and was unaware of certain aspects of the film.

In her Facebook post, Mallika stated that she initially chose not to comment on the controversy but felt compelled to do so now as she saw a false narrative being spread to malign her son's reputation.

'Empuraan', it deeply pains me to see Prithviraj being unfairly targeted. This is a mother's anguish. If speaking out invites mockery, so be it."

"Neither Mohanlal nor the producers have ever said that Prithviraj betrayed them. I don't think they ever will," she continued.

Calling Mohanlal her "younger brother whom I have known since childhood," she added, "He has praised my son on many occasions. It is heartbreaking to see some people trying to scapegoat Prithviraj without Mohanlal's or the producers' knowledge. As a director, Prithviraj has never deceived anyone associated with this film, nor will he ever do so."

Mallika emphasised that "if people believe there is an issue with 'Empuraan', then every person involved in the project is equally responsible."

"They all read the script together, reviewed the scenes as they were filmed, and gave their approval. If any changes were needed during filming, writer Murali Gopy was always available to make adjustments.

French far-right leader Marine Le Pen Convicted Of Embezzlement, Banned From Holding Public Office

(Gns).

Marine Le Pen, the face of France's far-right politics for over a decade, has been found guilty of embezzling EU funds. A French court has barred her from seeking public office, though it remains unclear for how long. This ruling could deal a devastating blow to her political future, especially with the 2027 presidential race on the horizon.

Le Pen was in court when the verdict was read, sitting in the front row, her expression unreadable at first. But as the judge laid out the details-how her party had misused European Parliament funds to pay staff who weren't supposed to be on the payroll-she began shaking her head in quiet disbelief. At one point, she

whispered, "Incredible." Then, in a dramatic turn, she stood up and walked out before the judge had even finished speaking, exiting the courtroom and disappearing into a waiting car.

The case revolves around accusations that Le Pen and members of her party, now called the National Rally (formerly the National Front), siphoned off European Parliament funds meant for official parliamentary aides and instead used them to support party operations between 2004 and 2016. The court also found eight other members of her party guilty, as well as a dozen former parliamentary aides. While the judge clarified

that Le Pen and her co-defendants didn't personally profit from the scheme, he called it a "democratic bypass" that misled both



voters and the European Parliament.

Now, Le Pen and her co-defendants are facing up to 10 years in prison. They can appeal, which would lead to another trial, but the biggest concern for her is whether the court's decision to bar her from running for office takes effect immediately. If it does, she could be locked

out of the 2027 presidential race-a prospect she once described as her "political death."

During her trial in late 2024, Le Pen defended herself fiercely, calling the charges politically motivated. She argued that preventing her from running would strip millions of people of their choice in the next election.

Change of Name
I have changed my name from **Deepa Mohanlal Sabnani** to **Tejwani Anshurani Bharatkumar**, (Daughter Of Mohanlal Sabnani And Wife Of Bharat kumar) Add.- 120, A-Ward, Kubernagar, Ahmedabad

UP govt to develop comprehensive database of industrial authorities

(Gns). As part of its ongoing pursuit to develop Uttar Pradesh as a leading industrial hub in the country, the state is now set to develop a comprehensive database of all major industrial authorities.

As the nodal agency for attracting and tracking investments, 'Invest UP' is set to create this extensive database to enhance transparency in the land allotment process. It will also provide real-time insights into the status of vacant and allotted plots, the establishment of industries, and the implementation progress of various projects across multiple industrial authorities, officials here said on Monday.

This initiative will encompass key industrial

authorities, including: Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA), Uttar Pradesh Expressways Development Authority (UPEIDA), Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA), Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority, New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA), Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA), and Satharia Industrial Development Authority (SIDA).



A detailed land bank analysis will be conducted across these authorities.

Skilled survey agencies will be appointed to map the occupancy status of allotted plots, track the progress of industrial units,

and assess vacant plots, ensuring a data-driven approach to industrial planning and development. Officials said 'Invest UP' will oversee the entire database creation process to ensure seamless and transparent land allocation. The appointed survey

agencies will conduct onsite and offsite monitoring of industrial land, compile detailed reports on unit operations, construction, and development activities on industrial plots, ensure industrial land is used strictly for its intended purpose and report any violations, and facilitate comparative efficiency studies across different authorities, expediting the transparent allotment of vacant industrial plots.

By implementing this robust database system, the Yogi government is reinforcing its commitment to industrial expansion, investment facilitation, and transparent governance, paving the way for a stronger and more dynamic Uttar Pradesh.

Notably, the Thoothukudi Medical College Hospital and the South Police Station were among the affected establishments. Other regions that witnessed light to moderate rainfall included Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli, Papanasam, Ambasamudram, and Nanguneri, with rainfall ranging from 1 cm to 3.2 cm.

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Thoothukudi recorded the highest rainfall in the state, receiving 8 cm in 24 hours a few days before. The downpour resulted in waterlogging throughout the city, flooding key arterial roads and impacting

public infrastructure. Notably, the Thoothukudi Medical College Hospital and the South Police Station were among the affected establishments. Other regions that witnessed light to moderate rainfall included Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli, Papanasam, Ambasamudram, and Nanguneri, with rainfall ranging from 1 cm to 3.2 cm.

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Heavy rainfall alert issued for April 2,3 in several TN districts

(Gns). The Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Chennai, has issued a heavy rainfall alert for several districts in Tamil Nadu, forecasting significant precipitation on April 2 and 3.

According to the latest bulletin, isolated heavy rainfall is expected over the Ghat areas of Coimbatore, as well as in Tenkasi, Virudhunagar, Theni, and Dindigul districts on April 2.

The following day, April 3, heavy rain is likely to affect Coimbatore, the Nilgiris, and Erode districts. Additionally, light to moderate rainfall is predicted at a few places across Tamil Nadu, Pudukcherry, and Karaikal on April 4 and 5.

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International passengers to shell out more at Delhi airport from April 16

(Gns). International passengers will have to shell out more for flying out of Delhi airport starting April 16, as the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) has approved higher and variable user development fees (UDF) for economy and business class passengers.

Recognising that domestic travelers make up 80 per cent of the total traffic at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), AERA has decided to keep the UDF for domestic passengers unchanged at Rs 129 for the fourth control period.

"Against the existing yield per passenger of Rs 145 valid under the 3rd control period, the nominal yield per passenger has been increased to Rs 360 throughout the balance four years of control period valid

till March 31, 2029," GMR Airports has said in a regulatory filing. GMR Airports has informed the stock exchanges that the Airports



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'Donkey route': NIA arrests accused involved in human trafficking to US

(Gns). The National Investigation Agency (NIA) said on Sunday that the agency has arrested a key accused involved in illegally sending to the US, a human trafficking victim, through the 'donkey route'.

The agency said that the victim was deported back to India earlier this month. "Gagandeep Singh @ Goldie of Tilak Nagar, New Delhi, was nabbed from the national capital in connection with the case RC-04/2025/NIA/DLI, in which the victim, hailing from Tarn Taran district of Punjab, was sent to the US via the

infamous donkey route in December 2024," the agency informed. abroad, had used the donkey route and sent the victim to the US via Spain,



NIA investigations have revealed that Goldie, who did not possess any licence/legal permit/registration for sending persons

besides snatching the dollars he was carrying, during the arduous journey," NIA investigations further revealed.

The central investigating agency said that the victim had paid around Rs 45 lakh to the accused agent for the illegal immigration.

"The victim was deported to India by the US authorities on 15th February and had thereafter filed the complaint against the accused agent," the NIA.

It further added that the case was originally registered by the Punjab Police and taken over by NIA on 13th March.

Security forces launch hunt as movement of terrorists reported in JK's Kathua

(Gns). Security forces on Monday launched a massive hunt for terrorists after a resident of Rui village in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir informed the police that three suspects barged into his house late evening on Sunday and asked for food.

The armed suspects escaped towards the nearby jungle after consuming the food. However, they forcibly took with them a 13-year-old child who somehow managed to escape from their clutches.

The village is in the Juthana area where a brief encounter between the

security forces and terrorists was reported on Sunday. The terrorists



managed to escape and were reportedly detected moving in the village late in the evening.

A joint team of the Army,

CRPF and J-K Police has launched a cordon and search operation in the



Juthana village and areas around. House to house search was being conducted and some over ground workers of various terror

outfits have been rounded up for questioning, reports said.

Two Pakistani terrorists and four policemen were killed, and three others, including a deputy superintendent of police, were injured in a fierce gunfight in a remote forested area of the Saniyal belt of Kathua district on Thursday.

Security forces have received fresh inputs about the movement of three persons, suspected to be escaped terrorists, in the Juthana area of the Rajbagh belt and immediately put the area under cordon to conduct searches.

Aurangzeb failed to erase Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's legacy: MNS chief Raj Thackeray

(Gns). Hitting out at those who attempting to incite communal tensions over Aurangzeb's tomb, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) Chief Raj Thackeray said that the Mughal ruler wanted to erase Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's legacy but failed to accomplish it despite repeated attempts.

The MNS Chief added that he wants the people across the world to know how Mughal rulers such as Aurangzeb wanted to destroy the Marathas but were eventually defeated.

Addressing his annual Gudi Padwa rally at Shivaji Park here, Thackeray said the Mughal ruler Aurangzeb wanted to "kill a thought called Shivaji" but failed and died in Maharashtra.

"Despite being the ruler of a vast region, Aurangzeb remained in Maharashtra even after the death of Chhatrapati Shivaji

Maharaj because he wanted to erase Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's legacy — a task he ultimately failed



to accomplish..."

The MNS Chief added that history should not be viewed from the prism of caste and religion and also asked people not to rely on WhatsApp forwards for historical information.

Thackeray's comments came amid demands by right-wing outfits for the removal of Aurangzeb's tomb located in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar district.

Protests over the issue had also triggered violence

in Nagpur earlier this month. "Don't we want to let the world know that these people sought to destroy the



Marathas but were wiped out instead. Stop reading history on WhatsApp and rather delve into history books," he said.

Afzal Khan, the Bijapur general, was buried near the Pratapgadh Fort and it couldn't have been done without Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's permission, he added.

Urging people not to get provoked and distracted, Thackeray said that socio-political situations were dif-

ferent in pre-Shivaji and post-Shivaji eras.

"We have forgotten the real issues of the present time. Hindus who feel awakened after a movie are of no use. Did you learn about Sambhaji Maharaj's sacrifice because of Vicky Kaulsh and about Aurangzeb because of Akshaye Khanna," he asked.

Thackeray was referring to the recently released period drama 'Chhaava', based on the life of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, who was tortured and executed by Aurangzeb.

He said Aurangzeb was born in Dahod, Gujarat.

Those who provoke people for their selfish political aspirations are not concerned with history, he asserted.

Thackeray said a country cannot progress on the basis of religion and cited the example of Turkey and how it "reformed" itself.

Delhi: Eid-ul-Fitr to be celebrated today; police on high alert amid bomb threats

(Gns). Eid-ul-Fitr is set to be celebrated on Monday by Muslims across India, as the Shawwal crescent moon was sighted in multiple states, including Assam, Manipur, Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi.

The announcement was made by Naib Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid, Syed Shaban Bukhari, who shared his heartfelt greetings with the Muslim community.

"The moon of Shawwal-Mukarram for Eid al-Fitr has been sighted in various states of India, including Assam, Manipur, Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi....It is announced that Eid al-Fitr will be observed on Monday, March 31, 2025. I extend my heartfelt Eid Mubarak wishes to all of you," Shaban Bukhari told IANS.

National Imam Organisation Chief, Imam Umar Ahmed Ilyasi told

IANS, "I would like to start by saying that Eid has already taken place in Saudi Arabia, in the United States, in Canada and all over the world. Tomorrow is Eid. On this occasion, I would like to wish all Indians a happy Eid..."

With the last fast of Ramadan observed on Sunday, Eid prayers will be offered on Monday. Coinciding with the first day of Navratri, religious harmony prevails.

On the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr, devotees assembled at Jama Masjid during the holy month of Ramadan. The mosque witnessed a large gathering as worshippers came together, marking the end of Roza.

After the sighting of moon on Eid-ul-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan, a large crowd gathered at the

Jama Masjid market.

People were seen preparing for the upcoming Eid celebrations, shopping for clothing and other essentials

With the confirmation of



the moon sighting, markets and streets in Old Delhi, particularly around Chandni Chowk and Jama Masjid, are buzzing with excitement. Families are making their final purchases of traditional attire, sweets and festive delicacies to mark the special occasion. From the aroma of biryani and

kebabs filling the streets to the last-minute rush for seawayan and dry fruits, the city is fully immersed in Eid preparations.

Earlier this week, a tweet on X had warned the police of India's national capital to be alert during Eid on March 31 to April 1 as "some illegal Rohingya/Bangladeshi/Pakistani Muslims may cause Hindu-Muslim riots or bomb blasts in Chandni Chowk, Jama Masjid, Jahangirpuri".

In anticipation of the large gatherings, Delhi Police has heightened security measures to ensure a safe and peaceful Eid celebration.

An official from Delhi Police had confirmed that teams across all police stations in the east district have been briefed on maintaining law and order. Maximum police presence, patrolling, and security pickets have been planned to ensure smooth festivities.

Operation Brahma: Indian Army, NDRF teams mobilized to provide aid to Myanmar earthquake victims

(Gns). The Indian Army along with the National Disaster Relief Force and medical teams started the ground movement of personnel and relief assets towards Mandalay.

In what is being dubbed as one of the deadliest natural disasters to hit Myanmar in years, a massive 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit Mandalay, Myanmar, on Friday.

The earthquake, whose shockwaves were felt hundreds of kilometres away, left 200 people dead and several injured.

Offering aid in times of crisis, Indian government launched Operation

Brahma. A statement from the Army spokesperson stated that a total of 110 personnel



from the Indian Army's Field Hospital and 13 NDRF personnel, along with essential equipment and medical supplies, were currently enroute to

Mandalay using 15 military trucks of the Myanmar Army, 3 buses, and 7 vehicles from the NDRF and



Indian contingent. The convoy is being escorted by Myanmar Army vehicles.

On Sunday, 10 Indian Army Field Hospital personnel, along with NDRF

members, DCM, and DA, had reached Mandalay via MAF aircraft and conducted detailed coordination with Myanmar authorities including the Chief Minister of Mandalay Division and Lt Gen Myo Moe Aung, the lead coordinator for humanitarian work.

The Indian Army's Field Hospital has been allocated space at the Old Mandalay Airfield where a non-operational 200-bedded hospital infrastructure exists. Preparations are underway to operationalise the facility for providing medical care to affected civilians.