



Xi Jinping Calls For 'Elephant-Dragon Tango' On 75th Anniversary Of India, China Ties

(Gns). In a message marking 75th anniversary of their bilateral relations, Chinese President Xi Jinping on Tuesday stressed on partnership between India and China for "mutual achievement" and the need to do the "dragon-elephant tango" to serve their fundamental interests.

Chinese President Xi Jinping In her message, Murmu said a stable, predictable and friendly bilateral relationship will benefit both countries and the world, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. The development comes amid the efforts to reset the ties after over four years of freeze due to the eastern Ladakh military standoff.

China-India relations demonstrates that it is the right choice for China and India to be partners of mutual achievement and realise the 'dragon elephant tango,' which fully serves the fundamental interests of both countries and their peoples," Xinhua said quoting Xi. Xi called on both sides to view and handle bilateral relations from a strategic height and long-term perspective, seek a way, which features peaceful coexistence, mutual trust, mutual benefit and common development, for neighbouring major countries to get along with each other, and jointly promote a multipolar world and greater democracy in international relations.



He also said he stands ready to work with Murmu to take the anniversary of ties as an opportunity to enhance strategic mutual trust, strengthen exchanges and cooperation in various fields, deepen communication.

Why Alliance Talks Between Thalpathy Vijay's TVK-AIADMK Failed?

(Gns). For months, speculation was rife that Edappadi K Palaniswami's AIADMK and actor Vijay's newly formed Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) could come together for the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections. Last month, political strategist Prashant Kishor made it clear- TVK will go solo. And the meeting between AIADMK chief Edappadi K Palaniswami and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi last week clearly indicated that the two-leaves is not going to join hands with the TVK. Why Alliance Talks Between Vijay s TVK-

AIADMK Failed So, what went wrong? The talks between the two parties failed over the conditions laid by the TVK, The Times of India reported citing multiple AIADMK insiders. The Vijay's party insisted on leading the alliance, wanted the actor to be projected as the Chief Ministerial candidate, and demanded 50% of the 234 Assembly seats. If the alliance emerges victorious, Vijay should be made the Chief Minister for first half of the tenure. However, these condi-

tions did not go well with the AIADMK. "The talks with Vijay's camp failed. AIADMK, having governed Tamil Nadu for three decades in its 50-year history, views TVK's demands as unrealistic," the English daily quoted a senior leader as saying. A leader told The Print publication that the talks

did not happen after TVK kept those demands. "The first and foremost demand itself was to make Vijay as the CM candidate. Then, out of the 234 seats, they wanted to contest in half of them They treated us as if we are a junior party to the newly formed TVK," a leader told the website. Hence, the AIADMK decided to join the NDA alliance rather than being a junior partner to Vijay's party. However, the TVK sources claimed that the AIADMK is not the same party that it was during the MGR and Jayalalitha eras. Nonetheless, the AIADMK has kept all the options open.



Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel's Unique Approach to Inclusive and Transparent Governance

Gujarat Administrative Reforms Commission Urges Citizens to Share Suggestions on GARC Website *Citizens Can Submit Their Suggestions at GARC's Web Link: [https://garcguj.in/suggestion] Gujarat Administrative Reforms Commission (GARC) is Actively Operational to Encourage an Active Work Culture and Improve Administrative Efficiency in Government Offices Gandhinagar, 1 April 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel has adopted a unique approach to inclusive and transparent governance to accelerate good governance in the state. This approach aims to enhance administrative processes with citizen

feedback, moving towards more effective governance. To foster a more dynamic work culture in govern-

Reforms Commission (GARC) under the chairmanship of Dr. Hasmukh Adhia. The commission is

government. Citizens of the state can submit their suggestions on the newly created Gujarat Administrative Reforms Commission (GARC) website. To effectively implement administrative reforms within the government, feedback and suggestions from the public have been invited. Citizens can share their suggestions and feedback on the GARC website at https://garcguj.in/suggestion at https://garcguj.in/suggestion This initiative to encourage citizen participation in the administrative reform process—by inviting their suggestions and ideas—will further strengthen the vision of "governance of the people, by the people, for the people" under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel.



ment offices and enhance administrative efficiency, the state government has recently established the Gujarat Administrative

actively operational. Within just one month, the commission has submitted its first recommendation report to the state

Defence Secretary releases special issue of Hindi magazine 'Samvad'

(Gns). Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh released the special issue of Hindi magazine 'Samvad' at South Block, New Delhi on April 01, 2025. This in-house magazine has been published by the Office of Joint Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer (Official Language Section). The objective is to provide a platform to the creative talent of the personnel and encourage them to carry out official work in Hindi. This special issue focuses on 'Transparency and Participation in Government Work'. For the

first time, two issues of the magazine are being pub-

31 articles based on the subject matter have been

which are written by civilian and defence personnel of various ranks. As part of the event, the Defence Secretary distributed prizes to the winners of 'Hindi Pakhwada' organised in the Chief Administrative Office. A Rolling Trophy and cash prize were given to the A-4(B) section for carrying out maximum work in Hindi. Certificates and cash prizes were also given to the winners of the competition, which was organised during the Vigilance Awareness Week from October 28, 2024 to November 03, 2024.



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published in this magazine,

'3 Cs haunt Indian Education': Sonia Gandhi Slams Centre Over NEP

(Gns). Noting that these three Cs haunt Indian education today, the Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson said in an article that this "carnage" of India's public education system must end. In the article "The '3Cs' that haunt Indian education today" in The Hindu, Gandhi said the introduction of the high-profile National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, has hidden the reality of a government that is profoundly indifferent to the education of India's children and youth. "The Union Government's track record over the last decade has

convincingly demonstrated that in education, it is concerned only with the successful implementation of three core agenda items -- the centralisation of power with the Union Government; the commercialisation and outsourcing of investments in education to the private sector, and the communalisation of textbooks, curriculum, and institutions," she said. Gandhi charged that "unchecked centralisation" has been the hallmark of this government's func-

tion over the last 11 years, but its most damaging consequences have been in the domain of education. She noted that the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), comprising ministers for education in both the Union and state governments, has not been convened since September 2019. Even while adopting and implementing a paradigm shift in education through the NEP 2020, the government has not seen it fit to consult state governments on the implementa-

tion of these policies even once, she noted. "It is a testament to the Government's singular determination not to heed any voice other than its own, even on a subject that is squarely in the Concurrent List of the Indian Constitution," she claimed in the article. "The lack of dialogue is accompanied by a 'bullying tendency'. Among the most disgraceful acts committed by this government is the coercion of state governments to implement the PM-SHRI (or PM Schools for Rising India) scheme of model schools by withholding the grants due to them under the Samagra



Three rebel UP SP MLAs meet Amit Shah in Delhi

(Gns). Against the backdrop of possibility of expansion of the Yogi Adityanath ministry in Uttar Pradesh, three rebel MLAs of the Samajwadi Party met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Tuesday. The MLAs are Rakesh Singh, Vinod Chaturvedi, and Abhay Singh, sources here said. Sources said the SP



MLAs discussed the political situation in UP with the home minister. These lead-

ers met him at a time when there are speculations in political circles about the

cabinet expansion in UP. Sharing the photos of the meeting on social media, MLA Abhay Singh wrote, "Met Chanakya of Indian politics, the country's famous Home and Cooperative Minister Amit Shah and took blessings and guidance. Your inspirational guidance and blessings always speed up the communication of new energy and enthusiasm."

Number of districts most affected by Left-Wing Extremism has come down to six: Amit Shah

(Gns). Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said the nation achieved a new milestone by significantly reducing the number of districts most affected by Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) to just 6 from 12, thus taking a giant stride towards building a Naxal-free Bharat. In a post on X platform, he said the Modi government is building a "Sashakt, Surakshit and Samridh Bharat" with a ruthless approach to Naxalism and relentless efforts for all-pervasive development. "Bharat is determined to uproot Naxalism for good by 31st March 2026." The total number of districts affected by Naxalism in the country was 38.

Among these, the number of most affected districts has reduced to 6 from 12. The number of "Districts of Concern" has also come down to 6 from 9, and the number of Other LWE-affected districts has also been reduced from 17 to 6. Out of the total naxalism-affected districts, the number of most affected districts has been reduced from 12 to 6, which include 4 districts from Chhattisgarh (Bijapur, Kanker, Narayanpur, and Sukma), 1 from Jharkhand (West Singhbhum), and 1

from Maharashtra (Gadchiroli). Similarly, out of the total 38 affected districts of "Districts of Concern", where additional resources need to be intensively provided beyond the severely affected districts, has reduced from 9 to 6. These 6 districts are from Andhra Pradesh (Alluri Sitarama Raju), Madhya Pradesh (Balaghat), Odisha (Kalahandi, Kandhamal, and Malkangiri), and Telangana (Bhadradi-

Kothagudem). Due to persistent action against Naxalism, the number of Other LWE-affected districts has decreased from 17 to 6. These include districts from Chhattisgarh (Dantewada, Gariaband, and Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh), Jharkhand (Latehar), Odisha (Nuapada), and Telangana (Mulugu). The most affected districts and the "Districts of Concern" are given financial assistance of Rs 30 crore and Rs 10 crore respectively by the Government of India under a special scheme, Special Central Assistance (SCA), to fill the gaps in public infrastructure.



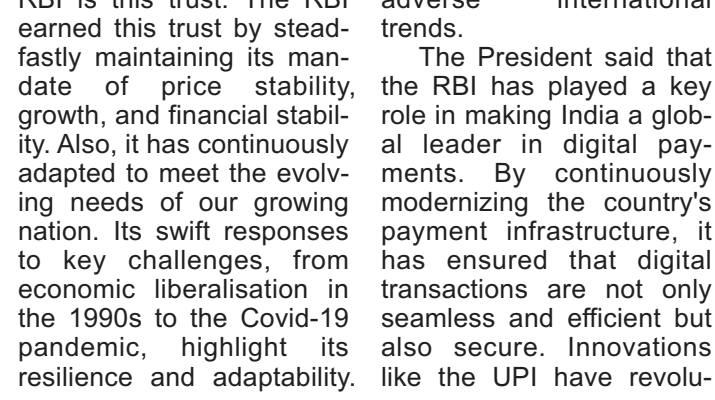
President of India graces closing ceremony of the commemoration of 90th year of rbi

(Gns). The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced the closing ceremony of the commemoration of 90th year of the Reserve Bank of India in Mumbai today (April 1, 2025). Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the RBI, as the central bank, is at the very centre of India's incredible growth story. It has witnessed the whole journey of the country so far, from the time before Independence when it was suffering from widespread poverty to the time now when it is among the top economies in the world. The President said that RBI has emerged as one of the most critically important institutions in the nation. She pointed out that a common man or woman has no direct interaction with RBI—except for its name printed on the currency notes in their pockets, but indirectly all their financial dealings, through banks and otherwise, are governed by the RBI. And they instinctively

place their utmost faith in the financial system overseen by it. She stated that in the nine decades, the biggest achievement of the

In an increasingly globalised world, it has also ensured that India's financial system remains resilient in the face of any

tionised financial access, enabling instant, low-cost transactions and deepening financial inclusion. Beyond payments, RBI has nurtured a vibrant fin-tech ecosystem. The President said that as India approaches the centenary of its Independence, the mission of "Viksit Bharat 2047" calls for a financial ecosystem that is innovative, adaptive, and accessible to all. She stated that the path ahead would present new complexities and challenges. She expressed confidence that with a steadfast commitment to stability, innovation and inclusivity, RBI would continue to be a pillar of strength – reinforcing trust and steering India towards a future of prosperity and global leadership. She said that as the guardian of monetary and financial stability, RBI would play a defining role in this journey – ensuring a sound banking system, driving financial innovation, and safeguarding trust in our financial ecosystem.



RBI is this trust. The RBI earned this trust by steadfastly maintaining its mandate of price stability, growth, and financial stability. Also, it has continuously adapted to meet the evolving needs of our growing nation. Its swift responses to key challenges, from economic liberalisation in the 1990s to the Covid-19 pandemic, highlight its resilience and adaptability.

adverse international trends. The President said that the RBI has played a key role in making India a global leader in digital payments. By continuously modernizing the country's payment infrastructure, it has ensured that digital transactions are not only seamless and efficient but also secure. Innovations like the UPI have revolu-

Editorial

Focus on judicial corruption

The fire at a High Court judge's official residence in Delhi that allegedly burnt a large amount of cash has dominated the headlines for the last one week. Every one has his own take on the incident; déjà vu is the feeling of the common man who has often faced judicial corruption in his encounters with law; the judicial fraternity is glum, as the carefully crafted mask of absolute impartiality and incorruptibility of the higher judiciary has been ripped away; politicians across party lines are elated that judges, who often excoriate them in open court, have received their comeuppance. Additionally, politicians spy a golden chance of reviving the defunct National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Act.

To recapitulate: on 14 March 2025, a fire broke out in the outhouse of the residence of a senior judge of the Delhi High Court. The fire did not reach the main building and was soon doused, but along with sundry items, some jute bags containing Indian currency got burnt. For close to a week, till the press got a whiff of the matter, all authorities kept mum, and the first statement issued by the Supreme Court, some days after the fire avoided mentioning the burnt cash.

Hoping that public feeling could be assuaged by a transfer of the judge, the statement mentioned that the judge in question was being transferred to Allahabad High Court. But public feeling was not appeased by such band-aid measures, the Allahabad Bar vociferously protested that the Allahabad High Court was not a 'trash bin' for tainted judges, and certain public-minded citizens mounted an e-mail campaign, which forced the Supreme Court to publicly disclose the videos of burning currency (shared with it by Delhi Police), as also the internal enquiry report of the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court. Last heard, the Chief Justice of India had constituted a three-member committee, comprising two High Court Chief Justices and a High Court Judge, to investigate the allegations against the judge. Justice Yashwant Verma, the man at the centre of the controversy, is of impeccable judicial pedigree - son of a High Court Judge, with uncles, nephews and cousins practicing as advocates.

Those who know Justice Verma find charges against him hard to believe, as he had the reputation of a fearless and honest judge. On his part, Justice Verma has strongly denied all allegations, stating that neither he nor his family members or servants had placed the cash in the outhouse, which was freely accessible to a variety of persons, and that he was at Bhopal at the time the fire broke out, preventing him from witnessing the alleged burning of currency notes.

Relatively young, and a High Court judge for ten years, Justice Verma is in line for all top posts in the judiciary. In his defence Justice Verma has stated that the alleged cash recovery, was a conspiracy to malign him, and mar his career prospects. Possession of unaccounted cash is an offence under the Income-Tax Act, which is punishable with seven year's imprisonment and penalty. If the source of such money is a bribe, the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita also kick in. Also, intentionally burning Indian currency is a criminal offence under the IPC, punishable with seven years' imprisonment and fine. Further, the Evidence Act and the Income-Tax Act presume that if someone is found in possession of some article, then the onus is on him to prove that the said article did not belong to him.

Despite such stringent legal provisions, it would be an uphill task to pin the existence of the cash, let alone its ownership, on Justice Verma because the remnants of the burnt cash have been swept away. Despite the existence of a video of the burnt cash, a clever defence counsel could argue that the currency notes were, in fact, churan notes. Also, the Delhi Fire Chief has stated that no cash was found at Justice Verma's residence - a statement latched on by Justice Verma for his defence. Further, the alleged open access to the outhouse by servants and maintenance staff, and the conspiracy theory, will definitely help Justice Verma.

The Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court did visit Justice Verma's residence the day after the fire, but the 'crime' scene was not secured. The three-member committee of learned judges is unlikely to find any solid evidence - for or against Justice Verma - as the long gap would have enabled evidence to disappear, and everyone would have had time to brush-up his story. Be that as it may, corruption in the judiciary is like a subterranean volcano, only occasionally breaking through the surface. Judicial corruption came into the limelight for the first time in 1993, when Parliament convened to impeach Justice V Ramaswami, a sitting judge of the Supreme Court.

Salila Pande Takes Charge as the MD & CEO of SBI Card

1 April 2025: SBI Card, India's largest pure-play credit card issuer, announced that Ms. Salila Pande has taken charge as the company's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, effective 01 April 2025.

Ms. Pande is a seasoned banker with a successful career spanning almost three decades at the State Bank of India (SBI). She has held several key leadership positions both in India and abroad. Prior to taking charge of SBI Card, Ms. Pande was the Chief General Manager, Mumbai Metro Circle where she spearheaded the retail business of the Bank's key financial market. In her earlier role as President & CEO of SBI California, she skillfully steered the Bank's growth amidst an uncertain economic environment during COVID-19, among others.

Commenting on the appointment, Mr. Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, Chairman, State Bank of India, said: "I am happy to



welcome Ms. Salila Pande as the MD & CEO of SBI Card and I am sure that under her leadership, SBI Card will continue to innovate, expand and create value for all stakeholders. I wish her all the best."

Ms. Salila Pande, MD & CEO, SBI Card, said: "I am honoured to take on the role and lead SBI Card at this transformative juncture. These are exciting times for India's financial sector, as a robust digital foundation

Gujarat's Two Athletes with Intellectual Disabilities Shine at Special Olympics World Winter Games in Italy

Asha Thakor and Pinkal Chauhan Win Bronze Medal in Floorball at Special Olympics World Winter Games
Both Players Have Been Excelling at Gujarat's Special Khel Mahakumbh for 15 Consecutive Years
Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 'Khel Mahakumbh' Initiative Shaped a Strong Sports Culture in Gujarat

Gandhinagar, 1 April 2025: Gujarat's Two Athletes with Intellectual Disabilities have made a remarkable mark at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Turin, Italy. Asha Thakor from Mehsana and Pinkal Chauhan from Dahod clinched a bronze medal in floorball, bringing pride to both the state and the nation. Floorball, an indoor sport similar to hockey, is played with a lightweight plastic ball and specialized carbon fibre sticks. The Special Olympics World Winter Games, held in Turin, Italy, from March 8 to

15, 2025, saw participation from 30 Indian athletes across various sports. Among them, Ashaben Thakor and Pinkalben Chauhan showcased an outstanding performance in floorball.

A Special Khel Mahakumbh by Sports Authority of Gujarat: A Platform for Manodivyang Athletes Since 2010

With the support of the international organization Special Olympics, 'Special Olympics Bharat-Gujarat' serves as the nodal agency recognized by the Sports Authority of Gujarat. Since 2010, the Sports Authority of Gujarat has been hosting the Special Khel Mahakumbh, an exclusive sporting event for Divyang athletes. Those who excel in this competition qualify for national-level tournaments and earn the opportunity to represent India at the World Games, held biennially across different countries. The Khel Mahakumbh has been instrumental in shaping the global success of Ashaben



Thakor and Pinkalben Chauhan. Both athletes have been actively participating and excelling in the Special Khel Mahakumbh, organized by the Gujarat government, since 2010.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi initiated Khel Mahakumbh to Promote Sports Culture in

the State

In 2010, the then Chief Minister of Gujarat and current Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the Khel Mahakumbh to raise sports awareness among the youth, promote physical fitness, and cultivate a vibrant sports culture in Gujarat. Since its incep-

tion, the event has been held annually, featuring competitions at village, district, and state levels. Over the years, Khel Mahakumbh has evolved beyond a talent discovery platform into a driving force behind Gujarat's sports development. The initiative witnessed an overwhelming response from the beginning, with approximately 16.50 lakh athletes registering in 2010. By the 2024-25 edition, Khel Mahakumbh 3.0 set a new record with an astounding 71,30,834 participants.

Launch of Sports Policy 2022-2027 to Develop the Sports Ecosystem in Gujarat

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, Gujarat introduced the Sports Policy 2022-2027 with a vision to strengthen the state's sports ecosystem. This policy will position Gujarat as a premier sports hub in the coming years, offering talented athletes greater opportunities to pursue and achieve their

dreams. Over the past two decades, Gujarat's youth have made remarkable progress in sports, showcasing enhanced skills and competitiveness. This growth is a testament to the Gujarat government's unwavering commitment to fostering a robust sporting culture.

Gujarat's Sports Budget Increased 141 Times to Over ₹352 Crore Under the visionary leadership of then Chief Minister and now Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Gujarat launched several transformative initiatives, including Khel Mahakumbh, the Shaktidoot Yojana, and DLSS, among others. These programs have played a crucial role in nurturing athletes by providing structured training, financial support, and well-deserved recognition. In 2002, Gujarat's sports budget stood at a modest ₹2.5 crore. Today, it has witnessed an extraordinary 141-fold increase, surpassing ₹352 crore.

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Timely Diagnosis and Intervention: A Lifeline for Children with Short Stature

Lucknow, 1 April 2025 : Early diagnosis and timely intervention are critical in managing short stature, a condition in which an individual's height falls below the 3rd percentile compared to peers of the same age, sex, and ethnicity. While some cases of short stature are simply a variation of normal growth, others may indicate underlying medical conditions that require attention.

Short stature is broadly classified into proportionate short stature (PSS) and

disproportionate short stature (DSS). PSS occurs when all body parts are in usual proportion but overall growth is restricted due to factors such as genetic conditions, malnutrition, or hormonal imbalances. DSS, on the other hand, often results from genetic mutations affecting bone and cartilage development, leading to conditions like achondroplasia, the most common cause of disproportionate short stature.

"Early diagnosis of short stature is crucial in identifying

underlying medical conditions that may affect a child's overall health and development. While some cases may be a natural variation of growth, others could signal hormonal deficiencies, genetic disorders, or chronic illnesses that require timely medical intervention.

The sooner we recognize and address these concerns, the better the chances of improving a child's growth potential and overall well-being. As doctors, our goal is to ensure that every child receives the care they need to thrive—regardless of their

height" said Dr Neha Agarwal, Consultant Pediatrics and Pediatric Endocrinology, Regency Health Lucknow

Medical professionals use a variety of diagnostic tools to assess growth disorders, including growth charts, X-rays, and hormone level testing. For children diagnosed with growth hormone deficiency, treatment options such as growth hormone therapy can significantly improve height outcomes. Additionally, in cases of

DSS, surgical interventions like limb-lengthening procedures may be considered to enhance mobility and quality of life.

Beyond medical treatment, ensuring adequate nutritional intake and addressing any underlying health conditions are essential for supporting optimal growth. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to monitor their child's growth patterns and consult a healthcare professional if concerns arise.

Energy India Pvt Ltd (SEIPL) Inaugurates CSR-Funded Sustainability Projects at PDEU



Gandhinagar, April 1, 2025 - The Inaugural Ceremony of Shell Energy India Pvt Ltd (SEIPL)-funded Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects was held today at Pandit Deendayal Energy

University (PDEU). The event marked the launch of three pioneering sustainability initiatives aimed at advancing clean energy solutions.

The projects were inaugurated by Mr. Rahul Deep

Singh, Managing Director of Shell Energy India Pvt Ltd, in the esteemed presence of Prof. S. Sundar Manoharan, Director

General, PDEU. The newly launched projects include:

1. Green Hydrogen Production - Utilizing industrial waste for sustain-

able green hydrogen generation.

2. Atmospheric CO₂ Capture - Capturing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere for use in value-added products.

3. Hydrogen Blending with Natural Gas - Integrating hydrogen into natural gas pipelines to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Prominent attendees included project investigators Dr. Namrata Bist and Prof. (Dr.) Anirbid Sircar, Dr. Ramesh Gudru, Prof.

Surendra Singh Kacchwaha, and Shell Projects coordinator Prof. Uttam Kumar Bhui.

The collaboration between PDEU and SEIPL represents a commitment to developing cutting-edge, sustainable technologies in clean energy. These projects, awarded for a duration of two years, will play a crucial role in driving innovation and addressing environmental challenges through groundbreaking research and practical implementation.

Trump seems to be driving tourists away

(Gns). COOK The United States is one of the top three most visited countries in the world. The big draw cards - cities such as San Francisco, New York and Chicago and national parks such as Yosemite - have attracted international tourists for decades. This combined with its role as a global business powerhouse meant it had 66.5 million visitors in 2023 - and the 2024 figure is expected to be higher still.

But a lot has changed in recent months, and 2025's figures may not be as strong. The 2024 reelection of Donald Trump as the president of the United States and the consequential changes in foreign diplomacy and relations, alongside internal cultural shifts, are starting to change global attitudes towards the US - attitudes that appear to be affecting tourists' desire to visit the US. In a recent report by research firm Tourism Economics, inbound travel to the US is now projected to decline by 5.5 per cent this year, instead of growing by nearly 9 per cent as

had previously been forecast.

A further escalation in tariff and trade wars could result in further reductions in international tourism, which could amount to a US\$18 billion annual

biggest source of international tourists to the US. Air Canada has announced it is reducing flights to some US holiday destinations, including Las Vegas, from March, as demand reduces. According to a March

after the U.S. Travel Association warned that even a 10 per cent reduction in Canadian inbound travel could result in a US\$2.1 billion loss in spending, putting 140,000 hospitality jobs at risk.



reduction in tourist spending in 2025. There is already some evidence of travel cancellations. Since Trump announced 25 per cent tariffs on many Canadian goods, the number of Canadians driving across the border at some crossings has fallen by up to 45 per cent, on some days, when compared to last year. Canada is the

poll by Canadian market researcher Leger, 36 per cent of Canadians who had planned trips to the United States had already cancelled them. According to data from the aviation analytics company OAG, passenger bookings on Canada to US routes are down by over 70 per cent compared to the same period last year. This comes

Some would-be visitors have cited an unwelcoming political climate as part of a concern about visiting the US - including angry rhetoric about foreigners, migrants and the LGBTQ+ community. The Tourism Economics report also cited "polarizing Trump Administration policies and rhetoric" as a factor in travel cancellations. There are other factors that may influence travellers from, for instance, western Europe, which represented 37 per cent of overseas travel to the US last year. These include US tariffs pushing prices up at home and the US administration's perceived alignment with Russia in the war in Ukraine. Research by YouGov in March found that western European attitudes towards the US have become more negative since Trump's reelection last November.

Western railway to run four summer special trains to various destinations

Mumbai, 01st April, 2025

For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand especially during the summer season, Western Railway has decided to run four Special Trains on Special Fare to various destinations.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek the details of the special train is as under:

1. Train No. 02200/02199 Bandra Terminus - Virangana Lakshmbai Jhansi Superfast Weekly Special (26 Trips)

Train No. 02200 Bandra Terminus - Virangana Lakshmbai Jhansi Special will depart from Bandra Terminus every Saturday at 05.10 hrs and will reach Virangana Lakshmbai Jhansi at 05.00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 05th April to 28th June, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 02199 Virangana Lakshmbai Jhansi - Bandra Terminus Special will depart from Virangana Lakshmbai Jhansi every Thursday, at 16:50 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 16.10 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 03rd April to 26th June, 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Godhra, Dahod, Rattlam, Nagda, Ujjain, Maksi, Biyavra Rajgarh, Chachura Binaganj, Ruthiyai, Guna, Shivpuri, Gwalior, Dabra and Datia stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC-3 Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

3. Train No. 01906/01905 Asarva - Kanpur Central Weekly Special (26 Trips)

Train No. 01906 Asarva - Kanpur Central Special will depart from Asarva every Tuesday at 09.15 hrs and will reach Kanpur Central at 07.00 hrs the next day. This train will run from 8th April to 1st July, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 01905 Kanpur Central - Asarva Special will depart from Kanpur Central every Monday at 08.00 hrs and will reach Asarva at 05.45 hrs the next day. This train will run from 7th April to 30th June, 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Himmat Nagar, Dungarpur, Zavar, Udaipur City, Mavli Jn, Chanderia, Mandalgarh, Bundi, Keshorai Patan, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Bayana, Fatehpur Sikri stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

The Booking for Train No. 01920 is open. While, for Train Nos. 02200, 04126 & 01906 will open from 03rd April, 2025 at all PRS Counters and on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

4. Train No. 01920/01919 Asarva - Agra Cantt Special (Daily) [182 Trips]

Train No. 01920 Asarva - Agra Cantt Special will depart Asarva daily at 18.00 hrs and will reach Agra Cantt at 10.20 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 2nd April to 1st July, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 01919 Agra Cantt - Asarva Special will depart from Agra Cantt daily at 23.00 hrs and will reach Asarva at 16.35 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 1st April to 30th June, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Himmat Nagar, Dungarpur, Zavar, Udaipur City, Mavli Jn, Chanderia, Mandalgarh, Bundi, Keshorai Patan, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Bayana, Fatehpur Sikri, Idgah, Tundla, Firozabad and Etawah stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class coaches.

Wr's mumbai central division achieves closure of 105 level crossings in 5 years

Mumbai, Western Railway is committed to providing a safe and efficient travel experience to its passengers. In this direction, Western Railway's Mumbai Central division has achieved a significant milestone by closing 105 level crossings over the last 5 years, including both interlocked and non-interlocked ones. Closing level crossings on railways have numerous benefits, which includes enhanced road & rail safety, easing congestion, reducing accidents, increase in train speed and improved punctuality as well as overall smooth rail operations & efficiency.

According to a press release issued by the Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, Mumbai Central division of WR achieves a notable milestone in safety enhancement by closing 105 level crossings over the last 5 years. Closing level crossings on railways will yield multiple advantages, which includes:

SAFETY BENEFITS: Closing level crossings has significantly reduced the risk of accidents, injuries, and fatalities by eliminating the potential for collisions between trains and road vehicles. Closing level crossings has enhanced public safety by removing the risk of accidents, thereby reducing the emotional and economic impact on families and communities.

Safer Tracks, Smoother Roads

Mumbai's bustling streets and railway network are getting a much-needed upgrade! The Mumbai Division has closed 105 level crossings, paving the way for a safer and smoother future for everyone.

- 1 Reduced Accidents**
The closure of level crossings eliminates the risk of collisions between trains and vehicles, particularly during peak hours, making travel safer for everyone.
- 2 Faster Commute**
With no more waiting for trains to pass, commuters can now travel more efficiently, saving time and reducing traffic congestion.
- 3 Economic Growth**
The improved connectivity and efficiency of Mumbai's transportation system, leading to increased safety, reduced travel time, and a boost to the local economy.

A Smoother Mumbai

The closure of 105 level crossings has transformed Mumbai's transportation system, leading to increased safety, reduced travel time, and a boost to the local economy.

CONGESTION BENEFITS: Closing level crossings has significantly reduced traffic congestion, especially on busy routes like Mumbai - Vadodara - Delhi section, which plies high-speed trains like Vande Bharat, Rajdhani, Shatabdi Express trains. Elimination of level crossings improves traffic flow, reduces congestion and allows trains to achieve higher sectional

speeds of up to 160 kmph. Closing level crossings boosts traffic efficiency by eliminating the need for vehicles to stop, thereby reducing travel time. This, in turn, enables Railways to increase train services exponentially, meeting public demand and enhancing overall traffic management.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS: Closing level crossings has saved costs associated with maintaining, upgrading, and modernizing level crossing infrastructure, as well as reduced the economic impact of accidents. Closing level crossings has increased productivity by improving traffic flow and reducing congestion, particularly for businesses that rely on the timely transportation of passengers, goods, and services.

RAILWAY BENEFITS: Closing level crossings has improved railway safety and efficiency by reducing the risk of accidents and enhancing the overall safety of railway operations. Additionally, trains no longer need to slow down or stop mid-section due to delayed closure of level crossings, resulting in reduced travel time and improved railway performance.

Shri Vineet further added that Western Railway will continue to work towards improving safety and efficiency, with a focus on upgrading infrastructure and enhancing the overall travel experience for its passengers.

Mr SC Ralhan Takes Over as FIEO President, Commits to Strengthening India's Export Competitiveness Amid Global Challenges

New Delhi, April 1, 2025 – The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) is proud to announce that Mr SC Ralhan has assumed the role of President, bringing with him decades of expertise and a strategic vision to strengthen India's position in global trade. Mr. Ravikant Kapur has also taken charge as Vice President, marking the beginning of a dynamic leadership tenure from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2027.

Mr Ralhan, a stalwart in India's international trade sector, has over 50 years of experience in exports, particularly in the engineering and hand tools industry. As Managing Director of Sri Tools Industries Private Ltd, his deep industry insights and global market understanding will be instrumental in guiding Indian exporters through the ever-evolving international trade landscape.

A distinguished leader, Mr Ralhan has previously served in several pivotal roles, including Regional Chairman, FIEO & EEPC;

President, Ludhiana Hand Tools Association; Board Member, ECGC; and Chairman, Board of Governors, NIT Jalandhar. His contributions to trade policy formulation and industry development have earned him widespread recognition.

Upon taking charge, Mr Ralhan emphasized his commitment to tackling the ongoing tariff wars and trade barriers that have impacted Indian exporters. He outlined a proactive strategy that includes: engaging with global trade bodies and policymakers to negotiate favourable tariff structures and reduce trade restrictions.; promoting export diversification to mitigate risks associated with over-dependence on specific markets: strengthening FIEO's role as a bridge between exporters and the government; ensuring swift policy interventions to counter unfair trade practices and enhancing global competitiveness by advocating for incentives, technology-driven exports, and

supply chain resilience. "At a time when global trade dynamics are shifting rapidly, Indian exporters must be equipped with the right policies, strategies, and sup-



port to compete effectively. I am committed to working closely with the government and industry stakeholders to ensure a fair and favourable trade environment for our exporters," said Mr Ralhan.

Joining him in this journey, Mr Ravikant Kapur, an industry veteran with vast expertise in textiles, assumes office as FIEO

Vice President. As the owner of Group GR and a leader in multiple trade associations, his insights will be crucial in expanding India's textile exports and fostering innovation in the sector.

Mr Kapur expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "I look forward to working with Mr. Ralhan and the FIEO team to address the key challenges faced by exporters. Together, we will drive policies that enhance India's footprint in global trade and strengthen our position in international markets."

FIEO extends its sincere gratitude to outgoing President Mr Ashwani Kumar and Vice President Mr Israr Ahmed for their exemplary leadership and contributions to India's export growth.

With Mr Ralhan at the helm, supported by Mr Kapur and Dr Ajay Sahai, FIEO is set to champion Indian exporters, foster global trade expansion, and contribute significantly to the nation's economic growth in the years ahead.

Ornamental Fish Export Industry

(Gns).

The Department of Fisheries (DoF), Government of India (GoI) has taken various steps to promote ornamental fisheries in the country including North East and Southern State. Under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), 2465 unit of Ornamental fish rearing units, 207 Integrated Ornamental fish (breeding and rearing) units, 5 fresh water Ornamental Fish Brood Bank units and 144 units of Promotion of Recreational Fisheries have been approved at a total cost of Rs.230.45 crore during the last four financial years (2020-21 to 2023-24) and current financial year (2024-25).

To promote entrepreneurship, infrastructure and market expansion in the area of ornamental fisheries, the DoF, GoI has notified Madurai District of Tamil Nadu as the Ornamental fisheries cluster under PMMSY during

2024-25. The proposal of Government of Assam has

Madhya Pradesh approved at cost of Rs.2.60 crore for



also been approved for construction of an aquarium at Amingaon, Kamrup for display of indigenous variety of ornamental fish from North India. Further, To prepare the strategy and roadmap for development of ornamental fisheries resources in the country, the project proposal of ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA) approved for Strategic Planning and Database development of Ornamental Fisheries Value Chain Upgradation in India under PMMSY.

Under PMMSY, the proposal of Government of

establishment of 11 unit of ornamental fish breeding and rearing unit. Under Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF), the project proposal of Government of Tamil Nadu has been approved with total outlay of Rs.5.00 crore for establishment of a public aquarium and ornamental fish retail unit at Tirunelveli in Tirunelveli District. National Fisheries Board (NFDB) has extended financial support to Tropical Aquaculture and farming systems, Udaipur, Rajasthan and

Government of Rajasthan for organising training and skill development programme for 1000 trainees to promote ornamental fisheries in the state of Rajasthan.

ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Bhubaneswar has reported that Indian ornamental fish industry is valued at approximately Rs.3,000 crore which includes breeding, rearing, trade of ornamental fishes, aquarium accessories, aquatic plants, and decorative items, contributing significantly to employment and entrepreneurship. As reported by ICAR-CIFA, at present, about 1,300 aquarium shops are in operation in Madhya Pradesh and 700 shops in Rajasthan.

This information was given by Union Minister of State, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri George Kurian, in a written reply in Lok Sabha on 1st April, 2025.

NEW CRIMINAL LAWS IN J&K

(Gns).

The Government has taken measures to ensure the full implementation of the three new criminal laws in Jammu and Kashmir such as:

A Steering Committee under the Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir and an Empowered Committee under Director General of Police, Jammu and Kashmir has been formed. The training programs are conducted at the Police Academy, Police Training Institutes, District Police Lines and Battalion Training Centres.

Translation of new criminal laws in Urdu, Dogri and Kashmiri languages have been completed.

Jammu and Kashmir Police along with other departments of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir is organizing joint awareness programmes at all 282 blocks in the second and fourth week of every month.

All the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) patches including e-Sakshya (audio-video recording application) for the IOs of Jammu and Kashmir Police,

sending of e-summons/SMS/emails have been made functional.

All the required Rules, Notifications and Administrative Orders in respect of three criminal laws have been issued.

Regular training on three new criminal laws is provided. So far 975 Gazetted Officers, 60,890 police personnel under Jammu and Kashmir Police and 254 Judicial Officers have been trained. Additionally, 191 Master Trainers under the Training of Trainers (ToT) program and 118 personnel have

been trained at NFSU, Gandhinagar. J&K Police also use the iGoT Karmayogi platform, with 50,984 personnel onboard, completing 1,21,000 courses, including 1,10,773 on new criminal laws.

To monitor the implementation of new criminal laws, review meetings are held fortnightly by the Chief Secretary and weekly by the Principal Secretary (Home), DGP and top police officials. The reports thereof are for internal circulation of the Government.

KISAN E-MITRA and IoT enabled systems to improve crop productivity

(Gns).

The government has employed Artificial Intelligence (AI) methods and IoT-enabled systems to improve crop productivity, sustainability and farmer livelihoods and to address various challenges in the agricultural sector to aid farmers etc. Some initiatives including Kisan e-Mitra are given below:

'Kisan e-Mitra', is a voice-based AI-powered

chatbot, developed to assist farmers with responses to their queries on PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme. This solution supports 11 regional languages and is evolving to assist with other government programs. At present, it handles over 20,000 farmer queries daily and so far, more than 92 lakh queries have been answered.

The National Pest Surveillance System, for

tackling the loss of produce due to climate change, utilizes AI and Machine Learning to detect pest infestation in crop issues, enabling timely intervention for healthier crops. This tool, currently used by over 10,000 extension workers, allows farmers to capture images of pests to help them mitigate pest attacks and reduce crop losses. At present, it currently supports 61 crops and over 400

pests. AI-based analytics using field photographs for satellite-based crop mapping being used in Crop-weather matching monitoring of crops sown.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Ramnath Thakur in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

Ministry of steel swachhata pakhwada

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Ministry of Steel and all PSUs/institutions under its administrative control viz. SAIL, NMDC, RINL, KIOCL, MOIL, MECON, MIST, NISST, JPC & BPNSI observed the 'Swachhata Pakhwada' from 16th-31st March, 2025. This was as per the Calendar of Swachhata Pakhwada for the year 2025 released by the Department of Drinking water and Sanitation. Officers/officials of the Ministry and employees in various plants/Units of PSUs spread across the country participated in vari-

ous activities organized during the pakhwada.

The Pakhwada commenced by administering of 'Swachhata Pledge' ceremony at the Ministry of Steel. Cloth Banners and Stickers were displayed at prominent places in the office premises of the Ministry for spreading awareness. Cleaning activities were undertaken in the premises of the Ministry thoroughly. 'Shramdan' by Officers/Officials of Ministry was done which included recording and weeding out of old files & records, removal of old posters/banners etc. Cleanliness

inspection of rooms of Ministry was also conducted by a team of officers to observe cleanliness in Ministry of Steel. The PSUs organized the 'Steel Safety Day' on 28th March, 2025. Swachhata Pakhwada concluded in Ministry and all PSUs/institutions under the Ministry on 31st March, 2025 with determination of continuing the cleaning activities throughout the year.

During the Swachhata Pakhwada, PSUs/institutions under the Ministry have taken up various activities such as administration of swachhata pledge,

cleaning up of townships, factories, nearby villages/slums, cleaning up of schools run of adopted by them under Swachh Vidyalaya, awareness program on curbing use of single use plastic etc. PSUs under administrative control of Ministry of Steel are also drawing up elaborated plans for the FY 2025-26 under Swachhata Action Plan which includes removal/reduction of slag, removal/reduction of iron ore fines and recycling of gaseous waste in power generation.

Myanmar Earthquake Death Toll Rises to Over 2,700; Rescue Ops Continue

(Gns). The death toll from last week's powerful 7.7-magnitude earthquake in Myanmar has risen to over 2,700, with more than 4,500 people injured and many still unaccounted for, the country's ruling junta announced on Tuesday, as reported by *Reuters*.

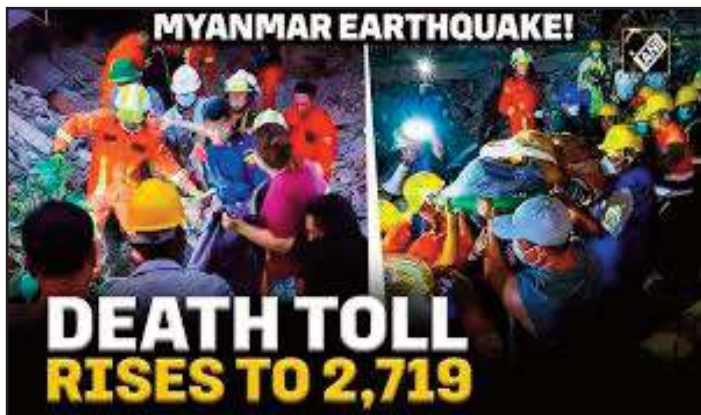
Myanmar's military leader, Min Aung Hlaing, stated in a televised address that the death toll had reached 2,719 and was expected to surpass 3,000.

Myanmar's rescuers work through rubble of a collapsed building following Friday's earthquake in Naypyitaw, Myanmar, Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

He confirmed that 4,521 people had been injured, while 441 remained missing. As rescue teams continue to search through the debris of collapsed structures, concerns are growing that the number of casualties will continue to rise in the coming days.

The earthquake, which struck around midday on Friday, was the strongest to hit the Southeast Asian nation in over a century, causing both ancient pagodas and modern buildings to collapse. In response, Myanmar's military govern-

ment has declared a state of emergency, with rescue placed residents forced to sleep outdoors.



operations underway to locate survivors.

Rescue Teams Warn of Urgent Aid Shortages

Rescue teams and humanitarian organisations in the worst-affected regions of Myanmar have highlighted an urgent need for shelter, food, and water for survivors. However, they have also warned that the ongoing civil war may obstruct efforts to deliver aid to those in need.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that 50 children and two teachers lost their lives when a preschool collapsed in Mandalay. Aid groups have raised concerns over severe shortages of food, water, and medical supplies, with thousands of dis-

"In the hardest-hit areas, communities are struggling to meet their basic needs, such as access to clean water and sanitation, while emergency teams work tirelessly to locate survivors and provide life-saving aid," the UN agency stated in a report.

Survivors Forced to Sleep Outdoors

The International Rescue Committee has reported an urgent need for shelter, food, water, and medical assistance in areas such as Mandalay, near the epicentre of the devastating earthquake.

"After experiencing the terror of the earthquake, people are now afraid of aftershocks and are sleeping outside on roads or in open fields," an IRC worker in Mandalay said, accord-

ing to the report.

Amnesty International has urged Myanmar's military government to permit unrestricted humanitarian access to affected areas, particularly those outside its control.

Rescue Operations Underway in Thailand

At least 20 fatalities have been confirmed in Bangkok, Thailand, after an under-construction high-rise building collapsed. Officials have cautioned that the death toll could rise as more bodies are recovered.

Meanwhile, search teams continue to work at the site of the collapsed skyscraper. Rescuers remain hopeful of finding survivors but acknowledge that the chances are diminishing, given that four days have passed since the earthquake.

"There are approximately 70 bodies trapped underneath... and we hope by some miracle one or two are still alive," said Bin Bunluerit, a volunteer rescue leader. Bangkok's deputy governor, Tavid Kamolvej, confirmed that scanners had detected six human-shaped figures but found no signs of movement or life.

Demonstration against NPS and UPS, Black Day celebrated

Mathura (Ashfaq Chaudhary). On the national call of Mathura/ Ateva/ NMOPS, Black Day was celebrated against NPS and UPS at district headquarters across the country. District Patron Shailendra Kumar Yadav said that this program in Mathura led by District President Pradeepika Faujdar worked in every department by tying a black band in his arm, after which the memorandum addressed to the Prime Minister and Chief Minister was given through the District Magistrate. The memorandum was given to the city magistrate Rakesh Kumar. A large number of teachers, employees, officers, restore old pension in their hands, finish NPS and UPS, will take place on the collectorate with placards with slogans like pension rights.



Submitting a memorandum to the city magistrate, teacher, staff officer in every department under the leadership of District President Pradeepika Faujdar

Ateva District President Pradeep Faujdar said that this fight is not just a pension fight but is a fight for generations, our movement will continue till the old pension is restored. District minister and additional media in -charge Manish Dayal said that BSF per-

said that we will continue to raise their voice against NPS/UPS and until the government accepts our demands. Seema and Chetna Chauhan from the women's wing said that pension is not begging, it is our right and we will take it. Among those who submitted the memorandum, Shailendra Kumar Yadav, Pradeepika Faujdar, Rajesh Kumar Saroj, Manish Dayal, Captain Singh, Poonam Baghel, Poonam Garg, Renubala, Sarika Singh Chetna Chauhan, Seema Kumari, Seema Saraswat, Rajesh Sonkar, Shishir Patel, Sunil Srivastava, Divakar Choubey, Vidhan Chand, Bhaktimala, Rashmala, Rashmala, Rashmala, HundredsTeacher staff officers attended.

Senior Vice President Captain Singh and District Treasurer Rajesh Saroj

Encounter of miscreants with Jamunapar and SOG, six miscreants arrested

Yamuna Expressway looted four months ago

Mathura. Police station Jamunapar Police and SOG team carried out a major action last night. Police arrested 6 miscreants during the encounter.

According to SP City Arvind Kumar, on the information of the informer, the police team reached the village Allepur underpass beyond Vrindavan cut of Yamuna Expressway. There were 6 persons aboard three bikes. The miscreants started firing when the police tried to



Jamunapar Police and SOG team at encounter site

stop. Police also opened fire in retaliation. The crooks were injured by a bullet in the leg and caught. During interrogation, the miscreants confessed to

several incidents. These include robbery on Yamuna Expressway four months ago, robbery at Dhangar Petrol Pump on Mahavan Road 7 days ago and a

businessman from a businessman in Aurangabad police station Sadar. Police have recovered Rs 3 lakh 13,000 cash, 6 pistols, cartridges and three bikes used in robbery from them. Dharmendra Yadav alias Deva (25 years), Vipesh Yadav alias V.P. (23 years), Monu Nat (21 years), Dharmendra Yadav alias Rasiya (22 years), Dev Thakur (19 years) and Pankaj Yadav (19 years) are included. The police is investigating the criminal history of all these. In the arresting team

Mathura: Fake Assistant Commandant arrested, fake ID, police sticker recovered

Mathura. Police Highway Police arrested the fraudulent fake Assistant Commandant who got government jobs in various paramilitary forces and cheated women in the name of marriage from Saukh Road intersection. The youth who exploited them by pretending to be married has been arrested on the complaint of a woman. Fake ID, car on which police sticker is installed from the accused, has been recovered. Highway police station in -charge Inspector Anand Kumar Shahi said that the accused Harish



Fake assistant commandant accused in highway police custody

Kumar alias Saurabh Srivastava son Ashok Srivastava resident Lovi Kona police station Kurawa district Prayagraj works as an agent in a private insur-

ance company. He is currently living in Girraj Nagar Nawada of police station highway. He visits various camps of police and paramilitary forces to insure the agent in the company. He used to make photos and video graphs of the CRP by making photos and gail in the Vandii of CRP and used to cheat with them by luring them to various paramilitary forces and other departments. Not only this, Harish Kumar alias Saurabh Srivastava used to give women marriage to women even after being married and two daughters. A woman trapped in her

deception lodged a complaint against her at the police station. Police arrested the young man from Saukh Road in this case. He has a Brij car with a police sticker. Along with this, the police board was found placed in the car. He was near by the IT card of Assistant Commandant, Uniform of CRPF, besides an Inspector Crime Branch. Two fake Aadhaar cards, one police PKP, 9 ATMs, two mobiles, a laptop which has photo graphs, Aadhaar cards etc. of the army officers. The laptop is being sent for investigation

Chicken's Neck Bypass Be Prioritised! Assam CM Himanta Sarma Slams Bangladesh PM Yunus Over Northeast Remark

(Gns). Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has expressed strong disapproval of comments made by Muhammad Yunus, Bangladesh's Chief Adviser, which described the northeastern states of India as being landlocked.

Sarma highlighted his concerns through a post on X, condemning Yunus's statements as "offensive" and indicative of a harmful narrative towards India's "Chicken's Neck" corridor, a strategic area crucial for connecting the northeastern states to the rest of India.

Sarma's response underscored the importance of this region and the need for its protection and development. Yunus's comments came during a four-day visit to China, where he

made several agreements with Beijing and met with President Xi Jinping. He suggested that the landlocked nature of India's northeastern states presented an opportunity for economic expansion by China into Bangladesh, positioning Bangladesh as the region's sole ocean gateway. This viewpoint stirred controversy and prompted a need for a strategic reassessment of India's infrastructure connecting the Northeast with the mainland.

In light of the provocative statements made by Yunus, Sarma emphasized the critical nature of developing more robust transportation networks in and

around the "Chicken's Neck" corridor. He proposed enhancing and expanding both railway and road connections to bolster the linkage between India's mainland and its northeastern states.

Additionally, he pointed out the necessity of seeking alternative routes that could circumvent the corridor, acknowledging the engineering challenges but deeming it achievable with focused effort and innovation.

This call for infrastructure development was not only a rebuttal to Yunus's comments but also a strategic move to ensure the northeastern states remain integral to India's

geopolitical and economic framework. The controversy stirred by Yunus's remarks has brought to the forefront the strategic vulnerabilities of the "Chicken's Neck" corridor and the urgent need for infrastructural fortification. Sarma's statements reflect a broader concern for national unity and the importance of securing India's northeastern borders.

Sanjeev Sanyal, a key member of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's economic advisory council, also entered the fray by questioning the rationale behind Yunus's mention of India's northeastern region. This added another layer to the controversy, highlighting the sensitivity of the issue within India's strategic and economic circles.



ARTO campaign started against illegally operated e-rickshaw vehicles

Team including Assistant Divisional Transport Officer led by Superintendent of Police, cut 39 e-rickshaw challans, 27 detained

Mathura. In the order of the instructions of the Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh Government, the Transport Commissioner has given instructions to run campaigns against illegally operated e-rickshaw vehicles in the month April 2025.

On Tuesday, Manoj Kumar Yadav, Additional Superintendent of Police (Traffic) led by Rajesh Rajput Assistant Divisional Transport Officer (Enforcement-first), Manoj Prasad Verma, Assistant Divisional Transport Officer (Enforcement-II), Anil Kumar, Jurisdictional Sandeep



Rajesh Rajput of ARTO, Manoj Prasad Verma, Anil Kumar while taking action on illegally operated e-rickshaw vehicles

Chaudhary, Passenger Tax Rights, Shaurya Kumar, (Traffic Inspector) And along with other traffic inspectors, special check-

region and 39 e-rickshaw challans and 27 were detained. In addition, the invoice/bandh proceedings were taken in the prosecution of six autos without valid forms. During this checking campaign, the drivers were made aware to follow the road safety rules and traffic rules and directed by Rajesh Rajput, Assistant Divisional Transport Officer (Enforcement-first) to operate all e-rickshaw drivers only by completing their vehicles forms and Unregistered e-rickshaws will be destroyed / destroyed and legal action will also be taken against them, whose responsibility will be of the vehicle owner. This campaign will be operated regularly throughout the month.

Stolen into closed houses, robbed miscreant arrested in encounter

Mathura. In Mahavan police station area, Mahavan police encountered the miscreant who carried out the incidents of theft in the past houses. In the encounter, the crook was shot in the leg. The injured crook has been admitted to the hospital by the police. SP Dehat Trigun Bisen said that as per the instructions of CO Mahavan Dharmendra Singh Chauhan, Mahavan Police Station Daisy Paari, Uni Manoj Kumar UP Yogesh Kumar was checking with his team near Bareilly-Jaipur Highway Underpass on



Mahavan police station at the encounter site

Jagdishpur Road that a crook appeared during this time. The police tried to stop him. The miscreant fired on the police team. In retaliation, the

area. Police recovered Rs 2700 cash, a pair of white metal anklets, two pairs of white metal nettle, a robbery mobile and stolen motorcycle from the crook. Apart from this, an illegal pistol and cartridges were also found. Vishnu alias contract son Satyapal was caught in Jamunapar, a resident of Alipur police station. CO Mahavan said that the robber miscreant enters the closed houses at night and snatches mobiles/goods from the people on the way and also keeps illegal assault with himself to intimidate people

Need to avoid narrative on shortage of budget allocation for health sector: Nadda

(Gns). Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda said on Tuesday that there is a need to avoid the narrative

that there is no budget allocation for the health sector and emphasised utilisation of Central funds by states to improve health infra-

structure. The Health Minister said this in a reply in Rajya Sabha after Congress MP Rajeev Shukla alleged



Demonstration of Divyang for demanding a case against MP's Chief Minister, memorandum submitted to DM

Mathura. The Divyang demonstrated at the Mathura Collectorate on Tuesday under the banner of National Divyang Seva. The official of the National Divyang Service demanded that the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh has insulted the Divyang. FIR should be filed against them. During the protest, the officials of the National Divyang Army also submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister. On Tuesday, officials and activists associated with the National Divyang Army reached the DM office to protest at the DM office at Mathura Collectorate with the help



of wheelchair and crutches. Hearing the voice of the disabled, District Chandraprakash Singh got up from his chamber and heard their problems

shortage of funds for the health sector. "I would like to request the members that this narrative should not be spun that there is no budget allocation for the health sector," he said in the House. Nadda said that the state's system has to be improved so that they implement programmes in time. "The state's system has to be improved so that they could implement the programmes in time. The utilisation certificate is most important. The moment you utilise we will give you the funds," the Health Minister said.