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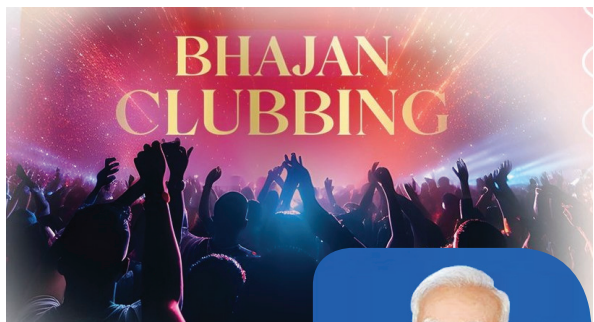
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Prime Minister Modi highlights the importance of the family system and the traditions of India in “Mann Ki Baat

Agency. New Delhi

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his monthly radio program “Mann Ki Baat”, on Sundays, highlighted the importance of the family system and the traditions of India. Sure that it is perceived with interest in many countries of the world. Assured that with the strength of family and society, we can overcome even the greatest challenges. In episode 130 of “Mann Ki Baat”, the Prime Minister talked about the efforts they are carrying out in the United Arab Emirates to strengthen the family system. Commenting that, during his recent visit to India, the President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, informed that next year it will celebrate the Year of the Family. The objective is to strengthen the harmony and the spirit of community among the people of the place. In this context, he mentioned the tradition

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of community cooking of the village of Chandanki, in Gujarat, which qualifies it as an example of family and social unity. Dijo: “The village of Chandanki in Bechraji, Gujarat, has a tradition unique. They will be surprised to know that the people here, especially the elders, do not cook at home. This is due to the excellent community kitchen of the village. She cooks food for everyone at the same time, and people come together. This tradition has been maintained during the last 15 years. Also, if someone is sick, there is tiffin service,

that is to say, delivered to the home.” Citing an example of a community-friendly effort, he mentioned the campaign of desintoxication and social awareness in Anantnag. He explained that the problems related to drugs, tobacco, cigarettes and alcohol had increased significantly in the village of Sheikhgund in Anantnag. After seeing this, Mir Jafar, a neighbor, felt

El Bhajan Clubbing gains popularity among Generation Z

In his speech in Mann Ki Baat, the Prime Minister mentioned the increasing popularity of “Bhajan Clubbing”, a mixture of devotion and modernity, among the youth. It was described as a remarkable effort to integrate spirituality with modernity, while at the same time preserving the sanctity of the prayers. Affirmed that in our country, the bhajans and the kirtans have been the soul of our culture during centuries. The youth of today have incorporated the devotion to their

experiences and styles of life. This mentality has given place to a new cultural trend, with videos that appear on social networks. Dijo: “Grand quantities of young people gather in different cities of the country. The stage is decorated, there is lighting, there is music, there is all the pomp and show, and the atmosphere is nothing less than a concert... But what is sung there is with total concentration, with total dedication, with the echo of the hymns in full rhythm.

so disturbed that he decided to tackle the problem. He united all the residents. from the village, from the youth to the ancients. His initiative had such an impact that shops stopped selling

tobacco products. As a result of this effort, the campaign against drug addiction was completely eradicated. There has also been increased public awareness about the dangers of this disease.

The strength of democracy resides not in quantity, but in the depth of the spirit: President

Agency. New Delhi

President Draupadi Murmu greeted the voters from all over the country on the occasion of the 16th National Day of the Voter (DVN-2026) and especially congratulated the young and female voters. Declared that the number of voters in our country exceeds 95 million rupees. The strength of our democracy resides not only in the immensity of the numbers, but also in the depth of the democratic spirit. In her intervention at the DVN-2026 event, celebrated on Sunday at the Manek Shah Center in Estadio Zorawar, President Draupadi Murmu said that this invaluable right gives all young voters who have received electoral identification cards the opportunity to actively participate in the largest and most vibrant democracy in the world.



Letter from the Prime Minister to the Nation on the occasion of National Voter's Day

New Delhi: The Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote a special letter to the nation on the occasion of National Voter's Day, on Sunday, urging the citizens to commit especially to achieve a more empowered, inclusive and self-sufficient democracy. In his message, the Prime Minister focused specifically on the youth who convert into voters, saying that every time a youth from his home or neighborhood converts into a voter for the first time, should be celebrated. The celebrations should be carried out in families and apartments by distributing sweets. They must be received with love in democracy, because they have the potential to change the destiny of the country. The Prime Minister described the vote not only as a right, but as an enormous responsibility. Affirmed that the indelible ink in his hands symbolizes the vibrant democracy of India.

The theme of the event was “Mi India.



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सूचना एवं जनसंपर्क विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार

Rouniyar Vaishya Committee's contribution to social welfare is significant: Dhullu Mahto

Pledge for education and awareness at the Rouniyar Vaishya Committee's get-together

Correspondent.DN

Bokaro: The annual family get-together of the Bokaro Rouniyar Vaishya Committee was organized at Garga Dam under the leadership of President Om Prakash Gupta and General Secretary Rakesh Prasad Gupta. Chief Guest and Dhanbad MP Dhullu Mahto, in his address, said that the community is doing commendable work in the interest of society. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country is progressing, and it is our responsibility to stand firmly with him and strengthen his efforts. Addressing the program, the committee's patron and MP representative of the



cell, Shyam Babu Gupta, said that the Rouniyar Vaishya Committee actively participates in social work. Emphasizing the importance of education, he said that change is possible through education; therefore, members of the community need to place special emphasis on promoting

education. Along with this, there is a need to contribute to the upliftment of society by fulfilling social responsibilities. Vice President Ravindra Prasad Sah said that all of us need to unite to take the community forward. Ram Prasad and Shyama Prasad made significant contributions to the success



of the event. Various entertainment programs and sports activities were conducted under the leadership of Treasurer Vinod Kumar Shah and Pratyush Kumar. Winners of the cultural programs and sports events were honored by the committee. Those who played an important role in making the program

successful included Kishori Mohan, Baijnath Prasad Gupta, Vijay Kumar Sahu, Prem Kumar, Shatrughan Prasad, Naval Gupta, Amit Kumar, Anil Kumar, Kamlesh Gupta, Ganesh Prasad, Pramod Kumar, Sunita Kumar, Anita Gupta, Veena Gupta, Baby Gupta, Seema Kumari, among others.

Certificates Distributed to 25 Students at Shri Sai Computer Center

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In a simple ceremony held at Taneja House, certificates were distributed to 25 children who completed their courses at Shri Sai Computer Center, where they are receiving completely free computer education. Coordinator of Shri Sai Computer Center, Ashok Taneja, said that with the objective of promoting self-employment and helping children become self-reliant, thousands of children have so far received free computer training through the Sai Computer Center. Director of the center, Kamal Taneja, informed that the center has been providing free computer education for the past 10 years and will continue to offer its free services in the future as well. On this occasion, motivational speaker Mrs. Rani Agrawal sensitized the girl students on the topic of



good touch and bad touch. Renowned city doctor Dr. S.C. Munshi made the students aware of cervical cancer in detail through a slideshow presentation. The students were very happy to receive their certificates and expressed gratitude to computer teacher Zed and teacher Shahid. Various sports competitions were also organized on this occasion, and the winners

were awarded prizes. Those present on the occasion included Chandra Mohan Taneja, Anil Trehan, Pradeep Singh, P.A. Zakaria, Sanjay Baid, Ashok Jain, Mohan Azad Sir, Meenu Singh, Pooja Baid, Poonam Trehan, Shiny Alex, Pushpa Sharma, Urmil Jain, and others, who encouraged the children by their presence. At the end, a community meal was organized.

BJP Holds Key Workers' Meeting in Chas, Discusses Strategy for Urban Body Elections



Correspondent.DN

A meeting of key workers of the Jharkhand BJP from the Chas Municipal Corporation area was held today under the chairmanship of District President Jaydev Rai. The meeting was attended mainly by former BJP Jharkhand State President and former MP from Koderma Dr. Ravindra Rai, Dhanbad MLA Raj Sinha, former Chandankyari MLA Amar Bauri, and former Bokaro MLA Biranchi Narayan. During the meeting, strategies were discussed regarding the upcoming urban local body elections. Urban local body elections should be held soon and on a party basis; public welfare and overall development will be ensured if BJP workers become ward members and mayor: Dr. Ravindra Rai. Reiterating their earlier demand for conducting elections on a party basis using EVMs, BJP leaders said that the parties included in the government do not intend to conduct fair elections; therefore, they want elections to be held through ballot papers instead of EVMs, which is not appropriate. Former

State BJP President Dr. Ravindra Rai said that the BJP will continue to put pressure on the government to ensure that urban local body elections in the state are held on a party basis. This strengthens the democratic system, as representatives aligned with party policies and principles get elected, ultimately benefiting the public. Even otherwise, BJP workers must intensify booth-level outreach from now on to ensure the victory of BJP-supported candidates for ward and mayoral posts. The election of BJP workers to ward and mayoral positions will lead to all-round development of the municipal corporation area. Those present included Dheeraj Jha, Sanjay Tyagi, Tinku Taparia, Ashok Kumar Pappu, Aarti Rana, Mukesh Rai, Archana Singh, Riturani Singh, Rishabh Rai, Abhishek Kumar Dhruv, Arvind Rai, Vikki Rai, Amar Swarnkar, Chandrashekhar Singh, Harish Singh, Pannalal Kandu, Pradeep Ambuj, Braj Dubey, Sunita Devi, Naresh Prasad, Rajesh Ghoshal, Jhantu De, Avinash Singh, Sandeep Tunna, Babita Devi, Preeti Gupta, and Vikas Pandey.

Negligence in National Voter Awareness Campaign, Voters Harassed in Bagbera Due to Absence of BLOs

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Jamshedpur: Serious mismanagement was witnessed on Sunday under the National Voter Awareness Campaign at Booth No. 19 and 20 set up at the Primary School, Road Number-1 (Ambedkar School) in Bagbera Colony. Due to the non-arrival of Booth Level Officers (BLOs) till 2:00 PM, a large number of voters were seen returning disappointed. Local residents informed Subodh Jha, President of Bagbera Metropolitan Development Committee and BJP District



Headquarters In-charge, Jamshedpur, about the situation. Upon receiving the information, Subodh Jha, Suraj Ojha, Pavitra Pandey, Sanjay Singh and Sarojni Devi reached the spot and conducted an inspection. During the inspection, both booths were found completely closed, and

voters were seen leaving without any work being done. Attempts were made by the leaders to contact the BLOs over the phone, but only repeated assurances were received. Despite this, the concerned BLOs did not reach Booth No. 19 and 20 till 2:00 PM. Due to this negligence, people who had

come for inclusion, deletion and correction of names in the voter list faced severe inconvenience. Taking the matter seriously, several local residents informed senior over the phone about the situation. They also demanded that in the future BLOs should be instructed to carry out voter-related work by visiting households, so that the general public does not have to face repeated inconvenience. Such negligence in an important program like the National Voter Awareness Campaign has raised serious questions on the administrative system.

Everyone in the house was asleep; someone committed theft

Correspondent.DN

Koderma: A theft incident occurred in the early hours of Sunday near Sheelta Mata Temple in Ward No. 26 under Tilaiya police station area. Providing information, the house owner Gayatri Devi said that late at night, after having dinner, all family members went to sleep in their respective rooms. She said that she was awake till around 1 a.m. and after checking the time on her mobile phone, she went to sleep. She further stated that on Sunday she had to go for a Ganga bath, so when she woke up around 4 a.m. and searched for her mobile phone to check the time, she could not find it. She



then woke up her grandson and asked him to call her mobile phone. When he tried calling, the phone was found switched off. After this, while searching further, she noticed that her purse kept in the room, which contained around 3,500 in cash along with the almirah keys, was also missing. This raised

suspicion of theft. After this, the entire family woke up and started searching all around. During this, when they checked an almirah kept near the staircase, they found it open and all the clothes kept inside were missing. When they went up to the roof, they found an old blanket and a bag thrown in a corner of the

terrace. This strengthened the suspicion that a thief had entered the house and carried out the theft. Around 6 a.m., after the information of theft spread, nearby residents gathered at the house and began inquiring into the matter. Meanwhile, upon checking the CCTV camera installed outside a neighboring house, an unknown person was seen leaving their house around 4 a.m., carrying the stolen items. The house owner informed the police, after which the police reached the spot and started an investigation. Regarding the matter, Tilaiya police station in-charge Vinay Kumar said that the thief is being identified on the basis of CCTV footage.

Radha Nagar Panchayat Mukhiya Swaroop Das Participates in Saraswati Puja at Several Places



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Bokaro: On Sunday, Radha Nagar Panchayat Mukhiya Swaroop Das participated in the worship of Goddess Saraswati, the deity of knowledge, at several locations including the Shiv Shakti Club on Telidih Road

in Chas, Bokaro district, as well as other places within the panchayat. Various puja pandals were decorated, and a large number of devotees gathered. Puja committees at different locations gave a warm welcome to Mukhiya Swaroop Das. On this occasion, Mukhiya Swaroop



Das said that he prayed to Goddess Saraswati for prosperity, happiness, peace, and development of the entire region. He stated that events like Saraswati Puja help increase awareness about education among children and youth. Appreciating the various competitions organized by

children, he said that such activities boost enthusiasm, self-confidence, and talent among children, helping them achieve great heights in life in the future. Cultural programmes were also organized at several places. The event concluded peacefully in a harmonious and cordial atmosphere.

Voter Awareness Campaign Held at Shahid Park on National Voters' Day, Citizens Took Pledge to Vote

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Chaibasa: On the occasion of National Voters' Day, a voter awareness campaign was organized on Sunday at Shahid Park by the West Singhbhum District Legal Services Authority, Chaibasa. The objective of the campaign was to make common citizens, especially youth, aware of the importance of voting and to motivate them to actively participate in the democratic process. The program was organized under the guidance of Principal District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman of the District Legal Services



Authority, Mohammad Shakir, and Secretary Ravi Chaudhary. In the morning, Rights Mitra Suraj Kumar Thakur gathered guardians and citizens who had come to the park for a walk and administered the National Voters' Day pledge. During this, he highlighted the

significance of Voters' Day and said that such programs help strengthen democratic awareness in society. During the campaign, citizens were encouraged to get the names of their children aged 18 years or above registered in the voters' list. All eligible citizens were also appealed

to ensure their names are included in the electoral roll and to exercise their right to vote to strengthen democracy. Rights Mitra Suraj Kumar Thakur stated that voting is not only a constitutional right but also a duty of every citizen. He appealed to people to rise above caste, religion, gender, or any form of discrimination and vote freely and fearlessly. He further said that the strength of democracy depends on every single vote and that the District Legal Services Authority is continuously working to ensure maximum voter registration and participation.

The Administration of the District organized a cultural program on the eve of Republic Day. The Comisionada Adjunta, Sra. R. Ronita, inaugurated the program with the lighting of a lamp

- The patriotic actions of the schoolchildren in the program moved the population and were rewarded by the Comisionada Adjunta.

- The Comisionada Adjunta transmitted its greetings and best wishes to the population on the occasion of Republic Day.

Khunti: On the eve of the Day of the Republic, the Administration of the District of Khunti organized a great cultural program in the Edificio Multiusos of Colegio Birsá. The program was inaugurated with the lighting of a lamp by the Commissioned Adjunta, Sra. R.Ronita. Students from schools and institutions public and private presented various cultural patriotic actions. Among these, the school for girls Kasturba Gandhi Murhu, the secondary school Anigadda, the school of excellence of the minister principal of the district Khunti, the school of excellence of the minister principal Khunti, the academy Kiran Bharatiya Nritya Khunti, the residential school Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Khunti, the public school Springdale Khunti, the secondary school Ursuline Khunti, the public school DAV Khunti, the school for girls PM Shri Kasturba Gandhi Khunti and Eklavya Vidyalaya Khunti will present songs, patriotism. The children sang excellent songs in mundane language, showing the local culture. After a series of provocative actions, the Girls School Kasturba Gandhi Murhu took the first place, the Girls School Shri Kasturba Gandhi Khunti took the second place and the Academia Kiran Bharatiya



Nritya Khunti took the third place. The participants were invited to the stage and the subcommissioner honored them with trophies and wishes for a bright future. They extended greetings and best wishes to everyone on Republic Day. The Comisionado Adjunto commented that all the participants, representatives of the schools of the district of Khunti, offered an extraordinary performance, which made the evening of Republic

Day even more special. The magistrate executive, Sr. Bipin Vishwas directed the performance. The program was mainly accompanied by the presence of Comisionado Adjunto de Desarrollo, Sr. Alok Kumar; el Director of Projects of ITDA, Sr. Alok Shikari Kachhap; el Recaudador Additional, Sr. Parameshwar Munda; in addition to district officials, personnel, students, parents, teachers and numerous local citizens.

Breaking the Rank Barrier: How Girls Have Strengthened Their Hold on IIT–NIT–IIIT Admissions in the Last Five Years



Prashant Jha

For many years, India's top engineering colleges were seen as male-dominated spaces. Walk into an IIT classroom a decade ago and you would often find only one or two girls among forty students. That picture has changed. Slowly, steadily, and with strong policy support, girls have increased their presence in the country's most competitive technical institutions — IITs, NITs, IIITs and other Government Funded Technical Institutes (GFTIs). Over the last five years, girls have not only increased their numbers but also proved their academic strength by securing top ranks, choosing high-demand branches like Computer Science, and performing equally well in placements. This article explains this change in simple language, using facts, examples and trends, so that students, parents and teachers can clearly understand what is happening and why it matters.

1. The Big Picture: What Has Changed in Five Years?

Between 2020 and 2025, admissions data from JoSAA and reports from IITs show a clear trend: Girls now make up around 18–21% of undergraduate students in IITs. In NITs, IIITs and GFTIs combined, the share is slightly higher in some institutes. Five years ago, this number was closer to 10–12%. This means that today, roughly one out of every five students in an IIT classroom is a girl. This is not full equality, but it is a major improvement compared to the past.

Why did this change happen?

The biggest reason was the introduction of supernumerary seats for girls, along with: Better awareness among parents. More girls appearing for JEE

Main Strong role models in the form of female toppers

2. Understanding Supernumerary Seats

Many parents and students are confused about how girls' seats work. Let us explain it clearly. What are supernumerary seats? These are extra seats only for girls. They are added to existing seats. Boys do not lose any seat because of this. A simple example: Suppose an IIT has 100 seats in a branch. To increase girls' participation, it adds 20 supernumerary seats for girls. Total students admitted = 120. Those 20 extra seats are only for girls. Girls can still compete for the original 100 seats as well. So they get two chances: Gender-neutral seats (open to all). Female-only supernumerary seats. This system started around 2018 and became fully effective in the last five years.

3. How Many Seats Are There in IITs, NITs, IIITs and GFTIs?

Every year, JoSAA conducts counselling for thousands of engineering seats. Approximate numbers per year: IITs: ₹17,500–18,000 B.Tech seats. NITs: ₹24,000 seats. IIITs: ₹8,000–9,000 seats. GFTIs: ₹45–50 institutes with several thousand seats. Together, this makes over 60,000 engineering seats filled through JEE-based counselling every year. Because girls' seats are supernumerary, the total number of seats has increased, which has helped improve overall access.

4. Girls' Performance in JEE: Ranks Tell the Story

A common myth is that girls enter top colleges only because of quota. The data clearly proves this is wrong. JEE Main: In recent years, 30–33% of JEE Main applicants have been girls. Many girls score 99+ percentile, competing directly with boys. JEE Advanced: JEE Advanced is tougher and

fewer students qualify. Girls who qualify here have already crossed a very high academic bar. Female toppers: Almost every year now, we see girls in the top 10–50 ranks. Their marks are often very close to the overall toppers. This clearly shows that girls are not just filling seats — they are earning them through performance.

5. Reservation System and How Girls Benefit (With Example)

India follows a reservation system in technical education: SC – 15%. ST – 7.5%. OBC-NCL – 27%. EWS – 10%. PwD – 5% (horizontal). Supernumerary seats for girls are over and above these categories. Example: A girl student from OBC-NCL category secures a decent JEE rank. She is eligible for: OBC reserved seats. Gender-neutral seats. Female supernumerary seats. This increases her chances of: Getting a better college. Getting a better branch. However, she still must qualify JEE Advanced or JEE Main. There is no admission without merit.

6. Which Branches Do Girls Prefer — and Why?

Over the last five years, one trend is very clear. Most preferred branches by girls: Computer Science & Engineering (CSE). Electronics & Communication Engineering (ECE). Electrical Engineering. Data Science / AI (new age branches). Why CSE and ECE? Better placement opportunities. Higher average salary packages. More jobs in IT, software, analytics and core electronics. Global career options. Girls are making practical choices, just like boys.

7. Placement Reality: Do Girls Get Equal Opportunities?

Yes. Placement data from top IITs clearly shows: Companies do not differentiate based on gender.

Packages depend on: Branch. Skills. Performance in interviews. Examples from IITs: Average package at top IITs: 20–25 lakh per annum. CSE average is often higher than institute average. Girls in CSE/ECE receive: International offers. Top domestic packages. Roles in software, analytics, consulting and core tech. In short, branch matters more than gender.

8. What Do Girl Toppers Choose? (College & Branch)

Looking at recent years, we see a strong pattern. Common choices of female toppers: IIT Bombay — Computer Science. IIT Delhi — CSE / Mathematics & Computing. IIT Madras — CSE. Some also choose IISc Bengaluru for research. Their choices send a strong message: "Girls belong in the toughest branches of the best institutes." These choices also inspire thousands of younger aspirants.

9. IIT vs NIT vs IIIT vs GFTI: Where Are Girls Going?

IITs: Highest competition. ₹20% girls. Strongest placements. NITs: Good balance of academics and affordability. Girls' percentage slightly higher in some NITs. Home-state quota helps many girls. IIITs: Strong focus on IT and CSE. Popular among girls interested in software careers. GFTIs: Good option for mid-rank students. Increasing number of girls choosing them. Girls are now present across all tiers, not just top IITs.

10. Which School Boards Are Doing Well in JEE?

Another important question for parents. Clear trend: CBSE students dominate JEE results. Why CBSE?



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US hints at lifting 25 per cent tariff imposed on India for buying Russian oil

New Delhi, Agency: US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said there is a "path" to remove the 25 per cent tariffs imposed on India for buying Russian oil, noting that such purchases by Delhi from Moscow have "collapsed".

US President Donald Trump has imposed 50 per cent tariffs on India, including 25 per cent for its purchases of Russian oil, leading to a strain in the bilateral ties between the two countries.

Bessent on Friday defined the sanctions imposed on India as a "success".

"We put 25 per cent tariffs on India for buying Russian oil. And the Indian purchases by their refineries of Russian oil have collapsed. So that is a success. The tariffs are still on. The 25 per cent Russian oil tariffs are still on," Bessent said in an interview with Politico.

I would imagine that there is



a path to take them off. So that's a check and a huge success," he added. Bessent also criticised Europe for not imposing tariffs on India. Our virtue-signalling European allies refused to do it (impose tariffs) because they wanted to sign this big trade deal with India," he said.

Bessent accused India of importing and refining more oil from Russia after the invasion

of Ukraine. Before the Ukraine invasion, approximately 2 per cent or 3 per cent of Indian oil that went into their refineries came from Russia. The oil was sanctioned. It got deeply discounted and moved up into the high teens — 17,18,19 per cent was being refined. Huge profits from the refiners," he said.

He accused Europe of funding Russia's war by purchasing

the oil refined in India.

"But in the ultimate act of irony and stupidity, guess who was buying the refined products from the Indian refineries made from Russian oil, the Europeans. They are financing the war against themselves," he added. When asked if he called the Europeans "stupid", Bessent said, "I said there was an act of stupidity." India and the EU are likely to announce the closure of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) soon. India had described the US action as "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable" while maintaining that its energy policy is guided by its own national interest. India fell to third place among buyers of Russian fossil fuels in December, after Reliance Industries and state-owned refiners sharply reduced their crude oil imports, according to Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA).

Large quantity of arms and explosives recovered in Manipur



Imphal, Agency: Security forces in Manipur recovered a huge quantity of arms and explosives during simultaneous operations conducted in various districts over the past 24 hours. According to official sources, sophisticated weapons as well as locally made weapons, grenades, IEDs and protective equipment were recovered during coordinated search operations in Churachandpur, Imphal West and Imphal East districts.

Security forces seized a huge cache of arms from between Loilamkot and Nalon under Churachandpur police station area in Churachandpur district. The seizure included three RPG ammunition, five 30 mm grenades, a .303 full-action rifle, two medium-range locally produced 'Pumpi' guns, three Pumpi shells, two single-barrel rifles and ten SBBL cartridges, indicating the presence of heavy and illegal weapons in the area.

Himachal administration working to reopen 1,000 blocked roads, weather alert again



Shimla, Agency:

After the snowfall in Himachal Pradesh stopped, the weather cleared on Sunday, and sunshine shone in many areas, including the capital Shimla. This brought a sigh of relief to the people, but life has not yet fully returned to normal.

Snow in the state's mountainous regions continues to severely impact transportation, electricity, and drinking water. The administration's biggest challenge is reopening over 1,000 blocked roads, and work is underway on a war footing.

According to the State Emergency Operations Center, over 1,000 roads, including two national highways, remain closed. Shimla district is the worst affected, with 505 roads closed. 290 roads are blocked in Lahaul-Spiti, 132 in Chamba, 126 in Mandi, 79 in Kullu, and 29 in Sirmaur. Traffic has come to a complete halt in Lahaul-Spiti due to the blockage of two national highways. Rohru, Chaupal, Jubbal, and Kotkhai areas of Upper Shimla remain cut off from the district headquarters for the third day, and bus services to these areas have not been restored.

The snowfall has also severely affected power supply. 5,775 transformers are out of order across the state. The highest number of transformers are out of order, with 3,315 in Sirmaur, followed by 643 in Chamba, 587 in Mandi, 78 in Kinnaur.

3 killed, 15 injured as omnibus rams parked vehicle near Tamil Nadu's Madurai

Tamil Nadu, Agency: Three persons, including two women, were killed and over 15 others sustained injuries after a private omnibus rammed into another stationary bus near Melur here in the early hours of Sunday, police said.

The accident occurred on the Trichy-Madurai National Highway at Pallapatti, within the Kottampatti police limits.

According to police sources, a private omnibus traveling from Chennai to Madurai had pulled over at a roadside tea stall in the Pallapatti suburban area. While the driver was away, another private omnibus — en route from Chennai to Marthandam — lost control and crashed into the rear of the parked vehicle with significant impact.

The collision resulted in the immediate death of three passengers: Kanagaranjitham (65),



Sudarshan (23) and an unidentified female passenger.

More than 15 passengers from both buses sustained various degrees of injuries. Local residents rushed to the spot and assisted in the rescue operations. The injured were transported via 108 ambulances and private vehicles to government hospitals in Melur and Madurai for treatment.

Upon receiving the information, a police team led by Melur Deputy Superintendent of Police Sivakumar and personnel from the Kottampatti station arrived at the scene to oversee rescue efforts and clear the highway traffic.

Stray dog culling in Telangana sparks row

Telangana, Agency: In a fresh incident of alleged stray dogs killing in Telangana, around 300 canines were allegedly killed in Jagtial district, taking the toll to 900, animal rights activists claimed.

The killings are suspected to have been carried out by some elected representatives, including sarpanches, allegedly to fulfil promises made to villagers ahead of gram panchayat elections held in December last year, to address the stray dog menace.

The latest incident came to light after a complaint was lodged, alleging that 300 stray dogs were killed in Pegadapally village by administering poisonous injections on January 22.

Blaming the sarpanch and gram panchayat secretary for the gruesome act, the complaint alleged that the former hired few individuals to kill



the strays. Based on the complaint, the police have registered an FIR against the duo under relevant sections of the BNS and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

Inspector Ch Kiran said around 70 to 80 dog carcasses had been exhumed from the burial site. In January alone, several incidents of stray dog killings were reported in the state. As per the complaint lodged by animal rights

activists, 100 dogs were allegedly poisoned to death at Yacharam village near here on January 19 though 50 carcasses were found immediately. Earlier this month, the police in Hanamkonda had booked nine persons, including two women sarpanches and their husbands, in connection with the alleged killing of around 300 stray dogs in Shayampet and Arepally villages.

Palash Muchal sends legal notice to actor over cheating claims; seeks Rs 10 cr in damages

New Delhi, Agency: Music composer and filmmaker Palash Muchal has sent a legal notice to a Marathi actor, seeking Rs 10 crore in damages for defamation over the latter's allegations of cheating.

Earlier this week, Vidnyan Mane, a 34-year-old actor-producer, approached the police in Maharashtra's Sangli district, alleging that Muchal had cheated him of Rs 40 lakh.

Muchal's lawyer, Shreyansh Mithare, claimed that no money had come to the composer-filmmaker.



The allegations are baseless and made with the intention to defame Muchal, his lawyer said. "We have sent a legal notice to Mane, a Sangli resident, seeking Rs 10

crore in damages for defamation," he added. Muchal took to social media to write about the legal step he had initiated against Mane for the "false, outrageous and

highly defamatory accusations" the latter had made with the deliberate intent to malign his reputation and character.

Mane, in his application submitted to the Sangli Superintendent of Police, sought an FIR against Muchal.

The complainant has stated that Muchal met him in Sangli on December 5, 2023.

As Mane showed interest in investing in film production, Muchal said he could invest in his upcoming project, 'Nazaria', as a producer, the complaint stated.

New Delhi, Agency: V Chandrasekhar, the CBI joint director who supervised the probe in the rape and murder case of a doctor of Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College, is among 31 officers of the central agency awarded police medals on the occasion of the 77th Republic Day.

A 2000-batch IPS officer from the Gujarat cadre, Chandrasekhar, has been awarded the coveted President's Medal for Distinguished Service on the occasion of Republic Day, according to the list issued by the government on Sunday.



As joint director of the agency, the officer supervised the probe into the gruesome rape and murder of the trainee doctor in the hospital, leading to the conviction of the main accused in the case within months of filing the chargesheet.

Superintendent of Police Amit Srivastava, Additional Superintendent of Police Mukesh Sharma, Sub-

Inspector Pramod Kumar Yati, Assistant Sub-Inspector Chaman Lal, and Head Constable Ramu Golla have also been awarded the President's Medal for Distinguished Service.

Twenty-five officers of the agency have been awarded the police medal for Meritorious Service. This includes 2007-batch IPS officer C Venkata Subba

Reddy, posted as joint director in the agency and his batchmate Sadanand Shakarrao Date, who left the agency as DIG to join his cadre as inspector general.

Deputy Legal Advisor Manmohan Sharma; Additional SPs Baidyanath Samal and Kailash Sahu; Deputy SPs Rubi Choudhary, Manish Kumar Upadhyay, Anmol Sachan, Nishu Kushwaha, Arijit Sinha, Sharad Suresh Bhawar, Tahir Abbas P and Dharmendra Kumar are among those awarded the Police Medal for Meritorious Service (PMMS).

Over 70 wanted fugitives tracked overseas during 2024-25: Govt

New Delhi, Agency: Over 70 fugitives, wanted by India, were located abroad during 2024-25, according to an official report.

As many as 203 fugitives wanted by other countries were detected/located in India during the same period.

A total of 71 "wanted persons/fugitives wanted by India" were located abroad in 2024-25, according to the annual report of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

The number of such wanted fugitives located abroad is the highest in the over a decade time, officials claimed. A total of 27 fugitives/wanted persons returned to India from abroad in the last financial year, said the ministry's annual report for 2024-25. It also gave details on the working of the CBI, which acts as the National Central Bureau NCB, the nodal point for Interpol in India. During the period of April



2024 to March 2025, 74 Letters Rogatory (LRs) were sent abroad, out of which 54 pertained to CBI cases and 20 of them to state law enforcement and other Central agencies, the report said.

Letters Rogatory is a judicial request to authorities abroad to seek cooperation in a probe being conducted by Indian investigating agencies. It was confirmed by Indian law enforcement agencies, including CBI, that 47 LR were fully executed during the said period and 29 were disposed of as closed/withdrawn on partial execution.

India tops global female STEM enrolment with 43 share

New Delhi, Agency: India has achieved the highest rate of female participation in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

A total of 27 fugitives/wanted persons returned to India from abroad in the last financial year, said the ministry's annual report for Distinguished Service on the occasion of Republic Day, according to the list issued by the government on Sunday. This includes 2007-batch IPS officer C Venkata Subba Reddy, posted as joint director in the agency and his batchmate Sadanand Shakarrao Date, who left the agency as DIG to join his cadre as inspector general. for education globally, with women making up 43 per cent of all enrolments in such disciplines in the country.



EDITORIAL

Trump’s Gaza ‘Board of Peace’ undermines the UN

United States President Donald Trump is bent upon resetting the world order to establish America’s hegemony and replacing multilateralism with transactional deal-making. Bullying, weaponising tariff systems, and coercive diplomacy are the strategic tools he uses to achieve his stated goals. His impulsive ways have pretty much become the new normal in international diplomacy. The latest in a series of shenanigans that have come to define Trump’s persona is the idea of the Gaza ‘Board of Peace’. The proposal is a mockery of the United Nations and the time-tested instruments of multilateralism. The maverick move is in sync with Trump’s propensity for deal-making outside traditional multilateral frameworks. Projected as a pragmatic, business-like mechanism to stabilise Gaza, the concept implicitly challenges the relevance of international institutions in managing one of the world’s most intractable conflicts. At its core, the proposal demonstrates Trump’s scepticism about the UN, which he has repeatedly criticised as inefficient, biased, and overly bureaucratic. The ‘Board of Peace’, especially if it is dominated by select regional powers or US-aligned actors, would signal a shift from universal multilateralism to ad hoc governance. A swift pushback to this preposterous idea is a welcome development. Two permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) — China and France — have rejected Trump’s invitation to be on the Board of Peace. They have rightly pledged their continued allegiance to the spirit of multilateralism and the principles of the UN Charter. India too had received an invitation from Trump but is yet to respond.

India should outright reject the idea instead of taking cover under diplomatic niceties. On the other hand, Pakistan, which loses no opportunity to display its obsequiousness to please the Trump administration, has accepted the invitation to join the board. Any credible peace effort in the war-ravaged Gaza must grapple with realities Trump often sidesteps: international law, civilian protection, and the need for inclusive governance. If the Gaza initiative prioritises optics over substance, it risks becoming another plan that collapses under the weight of ground reality. Peace imposed without legitimacy, consent, and accountability rarely survives. Traditionally, New Delhi has supported a two-state solution while balancing strong ties with Israel and the Arab world. A weakened UN system complicates India’s diplomatic calculus, as New Delhi often relies on multilateral forums to promote stability without direct intervention. Trump’s latest brainwave on Gaza looks less like a diplomatic initiative and more like a real estate advertisement for a distressed asset. Fresh from a brazen operation to extract Nicolás Maduro from Venezuela to “secure the oil,” and amid the renewed attempt to capture Greenland, Trump has now turned his gaze to the rubble of the war in West Asia. His ‘Board of Peace’ is designed to manage the reconstruction not through aid grants, but through investment tranches.

World reorders through issue-based power and partnerships

What appears today as global uncertainty is, in reality, the loud and often confused reaction to a structural transformation that has been underway for decades. The current noise, amplified by sharp political rhetoric, executive orders, and dramatic leadership statements, particularly from the United States, does not signal chaos. Instead, it reveals what was long concealed beneath layers of managed narratives: the gradual collapse of the single-superpower world order and the exposure of false dependencies built around it.

The idea of a stable, US-led global order rested heavily on assumptions rather than sustainable realities. Transatlantic unity, for instance, was often presented as a natural alliance of shared values. In truth, it was sustained by Europe’s over-reliance on American strategic protection and decision-making, even in areas where Europe should have exercised independent judgment.

The recent acknowledgments by European and Canadian leadership of ruptured transatlantic relations did not create the rupture; they merely admitted its existence. The illusion of unconditional US support had already begun to fray.

Similarly, what was once promoted as “multilateralism” often functioned as a carefully managed grouping of middle powers operating within frameworks designed or approved by the dominant superpower and its economic institutions. This model is now breaking down.

As economic capacities,



technological strengths, and supply-chain dominance are distributed across regions and countries, no single power can dictate outcomes across all domains. The fragmentation of economic influence has made centralized control not only ineffective but counterproductive.

A critical turning point in this process was the failure of global leadership, particularly American leadership, to confront China’s monopolistic trade practices and its growing control over global supply chains. Ironically, this dominance was enabled by the very philosophy that encouraged outsourcing manufacturing to China in pursuit of short-term profits. Once that compromise was made, reversing it became

nearly impossible. No middle power can now expect another dominant actor to restrain China on its behalf. Each must find its own balance.

This reality marks the end of classical multilateralism and the rise of a more pragmatic, issue-based bilateralism. Countries are increasingly aligning not through permanent blocs, but through flexible partnerships based on specific interests—security, technology, energy, or trade. This is not a retreat from cooperation, but a redefinition of it. The expectation that security, economic stability, or diplomatic leverage can be outsourced indefinitely to a single umbrella power has proven unsustainable.

Europe’s current strategic

recalibration illustrates this shift. Having ceded much of its strategic autonomy to the United States while becoming economically intertwined with China, Europe now faces the task of rebuilding balance. Developments—from debates over Greenland to internal EU security initiatives—have served as wake-up calls. While corrective announcements have been made, much of the damage to trust and structure has already occurred. The European Union’s collective effort to find an independent equilibrium reflects a broader global trend.

In this changing landscape, India stands out as a country increasingly appreciated for its strategic consistency. India’s experience demonstrates that resilience comes from

maintaining autonomy, resisting external pressure, and anchoring policy in domestic strengths—particularly a large, consumption-driven economy. Export-dependent economies remain more vulnerable to external shocks and coercion, whereas economies with strong internal demand possess greater strategic flexibility.

The emerging global order will likely be characterized by smaller, resilient supply chains aligned with regional security and trust networks. This necessitates renewed emphasis on good-neighboring relations and regional cooperation. Economic survival and employment stability will depend less on distant guarantees and more on local and regional equilibrium.

At a societal level, this transition also exposes the costs of excessive materialism and over-dependence—whether on global systems or technology. Even artificial intelligence, while transformative, may reveal social and economic fractures rather than mask them. Technology should enhance the quality of life, not replace human agency or values. A return to value-based living, balanced with innovation, may be one of the quieter but deeper consequences of this global shift.

Finally, the fear of large-scale global war is often overstated. Prolonged conflicts have proven economically and politically unsustainable, even for the strongest powers, as seen in Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq. The coming years may witness localised conflicts and strategic tensions, but major global wars or territorial takeovers are increasingly unaffordable.

India cautions against delays in UN reforms



consensus, dialogue, and coordinate positions on global issues like human rights, environment, and sustainable development.

WEOG—the Western European and Other States Group—is composed of 28 member states. Most of these are in Western Europe, but the group also includes countries of North America, the Eastern Mediterranean and Oceania.)

India’s suggestion came a day after US President Donald Trump slammed the UN in a press conference at the White House, saying the UN had never lived up to its potential. He was justifying the setting up of the ‘Board of Peace’, which, many believe, weakens the UN. ‘Had the United Nations done more, there would have been no need for a Board of Peace. ... I wish the United Nations could do more, I wish we didn’t need a Board of Peace,’ he said, adding that the UN just hadn’t been very helpful and had never lived up to its potential.

Ambassador Harish said the need for reforming the UNSC is getting more pronounced by the day, and further delays in implementing timely reforms would result in more human suffering and misery.

He said the ongoing conflicts come at a high cost – countless innocent lives are lost daily.

London: Protest demanding justice for Bangladeshi Hindus sees overwhelming turnout



Amid the cold weather conditions, a large crowd gathered at the Parliament Square in London on Wednesday in a demonstration calling for international attention against the continued torture, persecution and killing of minorities in Bangladesh, a statement by the Bangladesh Hindu Association and Bengali Hindu Adarsh Sangha said. Organised by the Bangladesh Hindu Association (BHA) and supported by INSIGHT UK and the Bengali Hindu Adarsh Sangha (BHAS), this British Hindu diaspora event drew an audience of over 500 participants representing students, professionals, parents with children, elderly activists and interfaith leaders. Attendees included Baroness Sandeep Verma, Lord Dolar Popat, former MP Virendra Sharma, MP Navendu Mishra, MP Luke Murphy, MP Jim Dickson, Birmingham Cllr Andrew Hardie, and MP Andrew Mitchell. All dignitaries accepted the fact that this is no less

than an ethnic cleansing happening in Bangladesh and assured their full support to the diaspora in bringing the matter to the UK government. As per the statement, a spokesperson of the event highlighted quite a few issues that the minority communities of Bangladesh are suffering. These include long-standing patterns of discrimination, targeted violence, killings and demographic decline suffered by the minority communities in Bangladesh and first-hand testimonies from families of victims, underscoring the human cost. Grave concerns over the arrest of interfaith religious voice Chinmaya Prabhu and the public lynching of Dipu Das, followed by 15 Hindus killed in a planned genocide. Social media platforms buzzed with photos and livestreams from the demonstration, amplifying reach beyond London and garnering support from global audiences, the statement said. It further noted that the organisers had the following 4-point demands, and regarding this, a memorandum was also submitted to PM Keir Starmer. These included immediate suspension of UK aid and trade with Bangladesh till it takes necessary action against the perpetrators; formal Parliamentary Action by issuing an urgent Ministerial Statement and enabling full parliamentary debate and scrutiny; targeted international accountability by pursuing international scrutiny and applying targeted sanctions against perpetrators.

POEMS

Expression

The dilemma is one of expression.

My expression, my cough, speaks for me.

What I want to express is very little.

I must express it over and over again.

My cough, my expression, speaks for me. A little blot of phlegm in the mind.

I must express it over and over again.

When my cough is productive, it shakes

a little blot of phlegm from my mind, an idea from the back of the throat.

When it is unproductive, it wakes me, a compulsion without the clarity

of compulsion, an idea in the back of the throat. My dilemma is expression

without clarity, compulsory to me as my cough. What I want to express is very little.

By Jane Huffman

Study finds a unique sound which alleviates motion sickness

A research group has discovered that using a device that stimulates the inner ear with a specific wavelength of sound reduces motion sickness. Even a single minute of stimulation with a unique sound, called ‘sound spice,’ reduced the staggering and discomfort felt by people that were asked to read a document in a moving vehicle. Their findings suggest a simple and effective way to alleviate this common disorder. A research group led by Takumi Kagawa and Masashi Kato at Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine.

"Our study demonstrated that short-term stimulation using a unique sound called 'sound spice®' alleviates symptoms of motion sickness, such as nausea and dizziness," Kagawa said. "The effective sound level falls within the range of everyday environmental noise exposure, suggesting that the sound technology is both effective and safe," added Kagawa. This discovery is an important expansion of recent findings about sound and its effect on the inner ear.

Increasing evidence has suggested that stimulating the part of the inner ear associated



with balance using a unique sound can

potentially improve balance. Using a mouse

model and humans, the researchers identified a

unique sound at 100 Hz as being the optimal frequency.

"Vibrations at the unique sound stimulate the otolithic organs in the inner ear, which detect linear acceleration and gravity," Kato explained. "This suggests that a unique sound stimulation can broadly activate the vestibular system, which is responsible for maintaining balance and spatial orientation" added Kato. To test the effectiveness of the devices, they recruited voluntary participants who were exposed to the unique sound. Following the stimulation, motion sickness was induced by

a swing, a driving simulator, or riding in a car.

The researchers used postural control, ECG readings, and Motion Sickness Assessment Questionnaire results to assess the stimulation's effectiveness.

The researchers found symptoms such as "lightheadedness" and "nausea," which are often seen with motion sickness, were alleviated. "These results suggest that activation of sympathetic nerves, which are often dysregulated in motion sickness, was objectively improved by the unique sound

exposure," Kato said. "The health risk of short-term exposure to our unique sound is minimal," Kagawa said. "Given that the stimulus level is well below workplace noise safety standards, this stimulation is expected to be safe when used properly." Their results suggest a safe and effective way to improve motion sickness, potentially offering help to millions of sufferers. The researchers plan to further develop the technology with the aim of practical application for a variety of travel situations including air and sea travel.

IIM Udaipur Concludes Faculty Development Programme on 'Empowering Educators with AI Tools as a Contribution to Academic Regional Development in the state of Rajasthan'

UDAIPUR, India, Agency: The Centre for Teaching and Learning, Indian Institute of Management Udaipur successfully concluded a five-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled "Empowering Educators with AI Tools", held from January 19 to January 23, 2026, at its campus. The programme was organised as part of the Institute's ongoing commitment to strengthening academic capacity and contributing to regional development through knowledge dissemination and faculty empowerment.

The FDP brought together faculty members and academic professionals from institutions across the region, with



the objective of enabling educators to effectively integrate Artificial Intelligence into teaching, learning, and research practices. By focusing on emerging digital capabilities, the programme aimed to enhance the quality of higher education and support the development of a future-ready academic ecosystem in the region.

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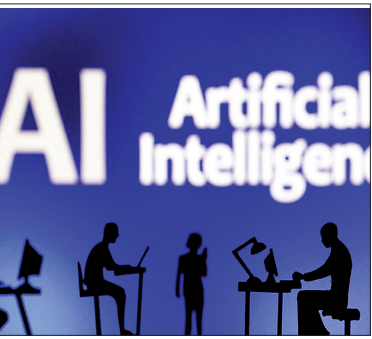
engaged in expert-led sessions on AI-driven transformation in education, covering generative AI, AI-enhanced course design and delivery, student engagement, learning analytics, assessment methods, and AI applications in quantitative and qualitative research. The programme featured hands-on training in AI-enabled Excel tools, Power Query, and digitally enabled case development, alongside focused discussions on ethical AI use, academic integrity, and governance in higher education. Through this initiative, IIM Udaipur reaffirmed its role as a knowledge partner for academic and regional development, extending its expertise beyond the classroom to support capacity building, innovation, and responsible technology adoption across the higher education ecosystem.

AI could reshape jobs globally by 2030, asserts WEF white paper

New Delhi [India], Agency: Artificial Intelligence (AI) is set to profoundly reshape global labour markets by the end of the decade, with outcomes ranging from productivity booms to widespread job displacement, according to a new World Economic Forum (WEF) white paper released this month.

In Four Futures for Jobs in the New Economy: AI and Talent in 2030, the Forum outlined four plausible scenarios for how AI advancement and workforce readiness could interact to transform jobs, value chains and economic growth. The report drew insights from the Forum's Chief Strategy Officers Community and global foresight experts.

Survey data cited in the paper highlighted deep uncertainty among business leaders. Around 54 per cent of executives globally expect



AI to displace existing jobs, while only 24 per cent believe it will create new ones. Nearly 45 per cent anticipate rising profit margins from AI adoption, but just 12 per cent expect higher wages, suggesting productivity gains may not translate evenly into higher wages for workers.

The Forum stressed that technology alone will not determine the future of work. The future of workplaces and value chains will not be defined by the technologies alone.

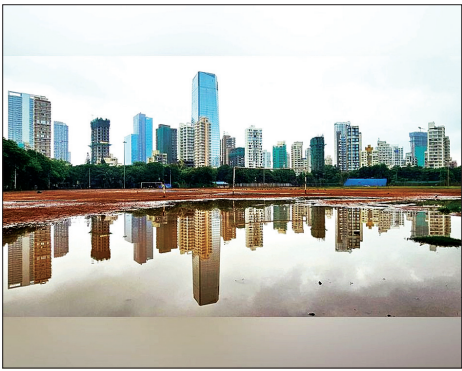
India's housing market normalised in 2025

sales fell, prices stayed firm: PropTiger report

New Delhi [India]Agency: India's residential real estate market entered a phase of normalisation in 2025, with housing demand softening gradually but remaining structurally resilient, according to a report released by PropTiger.

Across the top eight Indian cities, all-India residential sales declined 12 per cent year-on-year to 386,365 units in 2025, compared with 436,992 units in 2024, marking the lowest annual sales since 2022, as per the report by digital real estate transaction and advisory platform.

New residential supply during the year fell 6 per cent to 361,096 units from 385,221 units in 2024,



the lowest annual supply addition since 2021, the report said. In the October-December quarter (Q4 2025), housing sales declined 10 per cent year-on-year and 0.5 per cent quarter-on-quarter to 95,049 units, the lowest quarterly sales volume since Q2 2023.

Best Trading App for Beginners in India: A Simple Guide

New Delhi [India], Agency: Stock market investing in India has witnessed a massive increase in popularity. The recent influx of retail investors into the country's financial markets is driven by a young, tech-savvy generation eager to build wealth.

With over 10 crore demat accounts now active across both depositories, investing has become a mainstream financial goal for millions. One of the key reasons for this shift is beginner-friendly trading platforms that allow anyone with a smartphone to participate in India's economic growth story.

If you are a beginner looking to invest in the Indian stock market, you will likely find the journey to be intimidating due to complex jargon and volatile price movements. This is why selecting the best trading app for beginners in India is crucial. A simple, reliable and intuitive platform acts as a supportive guide, helping new investors navigate the markets with-



out getting overwhelmed by unnecessary noise or complicated tools.

In this article, we will look at the role of an online trading app and the factors that new investors must keep in mind when choosing a platform. Additionally, we will also look at some of the common mistakes that many beginners make and how you can avoid them.

Choosing a stock trading app for beginners is one of the first steps you must take as someone who is interested in generating wealth over the long term. Here is a quick overview of four crucial factors you should evaluate before opening an account with a stockbroker.

1. Easy-to-Use Interface

Having a clean and intuitive user interface is very important for beginners. Ideally, you must make sure that you opt for a mobile trading app where navigation is logical. Whether it is buying a stock, checking your portfolio or finding a price chart, every step should be self-explanatory.

An online trading app with a cluttered interface or flashing terminals can lead to costly mistakes. When evaluating options, look for apps that prioritise a clean design philosophy, offering a clutter-free experience that helps you focus on decision-making rather than spending time finding out which button to press.

New York Fashion Designer Tina Tandon Announces India Launch with U.S. Embassy-Backed Events in Delhi and Mumbai

M u m b a i (Maharashtra) [India], Agency: Renowned New York-based fashion designer Tina Tandon (<http://www.ttandon.com>) is set to officially launch her work in India, marking a significant moment in creative, cultural, and commercial collaboration between the United States and India. The India entry will be inaugurated with a special introductory event hosted at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, followed by an event in Mumbai, India's fashion and business capital. The launch is being supported by the U.S. Embassy, underlining the importance of creative industries as a bridge between nations,



and reinforcing the shared commitment of India and the United States to deepen trade, cultural exchange, and people-to-people ties.

Tina Tandon, who has

built her career in New York's global fashion ecosystem, is known for her work that blends craftsmanship, storytelling, sustainability, and contemporary luxury. She offers two distinct brands and perspectives - representing her dual upbringing and identification - the Contemporary American - T.Tandon - (<http://www.ttandon.com>), and the Indo-fusion - Posh Pari Couture (<http://www.poshpari.com>). A pioneer and forward thinking Designer- Tandon was one of the first Indian-American Designers to launch an Indo-Fusion collection in mainstream America, a category now rapidly growing in the US.

Mcap of top 9 most valued-firms plunges Rs 2.51 lakh crore

The combined market valuation of nine of the top-10 most valued firms slumped by Rs 2.51 lakh crore last week, with Reliance Industries taking the biggest hit, in line with a weak trend in equities. Last week, the BSE benchmark Sensex tanked 2,032.65 points or 2.43 per cent.

"Markets witnessed a sharp sell-off during the week, with bears firmly in control. Weak global cues, persistent FII outflows, a depreciating rupee, and subdued corporate earnings kept pressure elevated throughout the week," Ajit Mishra, SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said.

The combined market valuation of nine of the top-10 most valued firms, including Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and Bharti Airtel, plunged by Rs 2,51,711.6 crore.



The market valuation of Reliance Industries tumbled Rs 96,960.17 crore to Rs 18,75,533.04 crore.

ICICI Bank's valuation eroded by Rs 48,644.99 crore to Rs 9,60,825.29 crore. The valuation of HDFC Bank tanked Rs 22,923.02 crore to Rs 14,09,611.89 crore and that of Bharti Airtel diminished by Rs 17,533.97 crore to Rs 11,32,010.46 crore.

SASMOS Signs Strategic Contract with SkyDrive Inc. for EWIS Design and Manufacturing Solution

B e n g a l u r u (Karnataka) [India], Agency: SASMOS HET Technologies Ltd. ("SASMOS"), Bangalore based aerospace and defence engineering and manufacturing company, today announced that it has been awarded a strategic long term contract by SkyDrive Inc. ("SkyDrive"), a pioneering Japanese eVTOL aircraft manufacturer, for the Electrical Wiring Interconnection System (EWIS) design and manufacturing of SkyDrive's next-generation eVTOL aircraft.

Under this partnership, SASMOS will deliver a com-



prehensive EWIS solution including system design, prototyping, certification support and serial production readiness. This contract marks a key milestone in SkyDrive's

commercialisation journey while reinforcing SASMOS' position as a trusted global partner in advanced aerospace systems and sustainable mobility technologies.

The collaboration brings together Japan's leadership in eVTOL innovation and India's growing strength in aerospace engineering and high-precision manufacturing. It symbolises a deepening industrial partnership between the two nations, aimed at shaping the future of clean and intelligent air mobility.

"We are honoured to partner with SkyDrive on this groundbreaking eVTOL programme," said HG

Chandrashekar, Chairman & Managing Director, SASMOS. "This collaboration embodies the shared vision of India and Japan to advance sustainable technologies and demonstrates SASMOS' capability to deliver globally certified aerospace systems of the highest reliability and quality."

Tomohiro Fukuzawa, CEO of SkyDrive, commented: "We are pleased to begin this collaboration with SASMOS, a partner with strong experience in aerospace wiring systems. For eVTOL aircraft, where electrification is central to both performance and safety, the design and execution of wiring systems are funda-

mental to building aircraft that can be produced reliably and at scale. By working closely with SASMOS, we intend to reinforce the maturity of our production aircraft and advance toward stable, high-quality manufacturing as we prepare for commercialization."

SkyDrive continues to accelerate development of its production aircraft targeting global certification and commercial deployment. SASMOS' advanced EWIS solution will play a key role in ensuring safety, efficiency and system reliability across the aircraft's power and communication networks.



India celebrates Republic Day every year on 26 January to mark the historic day when the Constitution of India came into force in 1950, transforming the nation into a sovereign democratic republic. Republic Day 2026 will mark the 77th anniversary of the Republic of India and holds immense constitutional, political, and cultural importance for citizens. Republic Day 2026 will be celebrated across the country with patriotism, discipline, and national pride. The main celebration takes place at Kartavya Path, New Delhi, featuring a grand parade that showcases India's military strength, cultural diversity, technological achievements, and federal unity. Schools, colleges, government institutions, and Indian missions abroad also observe the day by hoisting the national flag, singing the national anthem, and organizing cultural programs. Republic Day 2026 is celebrated to commemorate the adoption and implementation of the Indian Constitution on 26 January 1950. Although India attained independence on 15 August 1947, it did not have a permanent constitution until 1950. The date 26 January was deliberately chosen to honor the Purna Swaraj Declaration of 1929 at Lahore Session on December 19, 1929, when the Indian National Congress proclaimed complete independence from British rule. Republic Day symbolizes as Supremacy of the Constitution, Rule of law, Democratic governance, Equality, liberty, and justice for all citizens.



Republic Day History

- **Lahore Session of the INC (1929):** The Indian National Congress, at its historic Lahore Session on 19 December 1929 under the leadership of Jawaharlal Nehru, formally adopted the resolution of Purna Swaraj (Complete Independence), rejecting dominion status under British rule.
- **Proclamation of Complete Independence:** The Purna Swaraj resolution declared that British rule in India was illegitimate and affirmed the Indian people's inalienable right to self-governance and sovereignty.
- **Observance of Independence Day Before 1947:** Between 1930 and 1947, 26 January was observed as Independence Day by freedom fighters across India, with public meetings, oath-taking ceremonies, and hoisting of the tricolour.
- **Formation of the Constituent Assembly (1946):** The Constituent Assembly of India was constituted in December 1946 to draft a permanent constitution for independent India, representing diverse regions, communities, and political ideologies.
- **Adoption of the Constitution (1949):** After nearly 2 years, 11 months, and 18 days of deliberations, the Constitution of India was adopted on 26 November 1949, establishing the framework of governance and fundamental values.
- **Choice of 26 January as Republic Day:** The date 26 January 1950 was chosen for the enforcement of the Constitution to honor the historic Purna Swaraj resolution of 1930, linking constitutional governance with the freedom struggle.
- **India Becomes a Republic (1950):** On 26 January 1950, the Constitution came into force, India officially became a Sovereign Democratic Republic, and Dr. Rajendra Prasad was sworn in as the first President of India.
- **First Republic Day Celebration:** The first Republic Day parade was held at Rajpath (now Kartavya Path), New Delhi, symbolizing the transfer of power from colonial rule to the people of India through constitutional democracy.
- **Evolution of Republic Day Celebrations:** Over the decades, Republic Day celebrations have evolved to showcase India's military strength, cultural diversity, technological progress, and federal unity, making it a powerful symbol of national integration.
- **Constitutional and Democratic Legacy:** Republic Day serves as an annual reminder of the supremacy of the Constitution, the rule of law, and the commitment to justice, liberty,

Role of the Constitution in Strengthening Indian Democracy

- » The Constitution of India establishes India as a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic, ensuring that ultimate authority rests with the people, which is the foundation of democratic governance.
- » It provides Universal Adult Franchise, granting voting rights to all citizens above 18 years of age, enabling political equality and mass participation regardless of caste, gender, religion, or economic status.
- » The Constitution guarantees Fundamental Rights (Articles 12-35), including equality before law, freedom of speech and expression, and protection against discrimination, empowering citizens to actively participate in democracy.
- » It enshrines the Rule of Law, ensuring that all individuals and institutions, including the government, are subject to the Constitution, thereby preventing arbitrary exercise of power.
- » An independent judiciary with powers of judicial review safeguards the Constitution, protects citizens' rights, and acts as a check on the legislature and executive.
- » The principle of separation of powers among the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary creates a system of checks and balances, strengthening accountability and preventing concentration of power.
- » The federal structure divides powers between the Union and the States through the Seventh Schedule, allowing democratic governance at multiple levels while maintaining national unity.



Republic Day Awards and Civil Honours

Republic Day Awards and Civil Honours recognize individuals for exceptional service and achievements in fields such as public service, arts, science, social work, sports, and national security, reflecting the nation's gratitude and constitutional values.

Civilian Awards (Highest Honours):

- **Bharat Ratna** - India's highest civilian award for exceptional service in art, literature, science, or public service; a maximum of three awards per year
- **Padma Vibhushan** - Conferred for exceptional and distinguished service
- **Padma Bhushan** - Awarded for distinguished service of a high order
- **Padma Shri** - Given for distinguished service in any field

Gallantry and Service Awards (Police and Forces):

- **President's Police Medal (PPM)** - For distinguished service
- **Police Medal (PM) for Gallantry** - For acts of exceptional bravery
- **Police Medal (PM) for Meritorious Service** - For sustained dedication and service
- **Fire Services, Home Guards, and Correctional Services Awards** - For bravery and distinguished service

Other Important Awards:

- **Jeevan Raksha Padak** - For acts of courage and life-saving by civilians
- **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar** - For children showing exceptional achievement and bravery

Republic Day 2026 Chief Guests

The Chief Guests for India's 77th Republic Day celebrations on 26 January 2026 will be the top leadership of the European Union, namely Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, and António Costa, President of the European Council. Their presence reflects a significant deepening of India-EU strategic and diplomatic relations. The EU leaders will be on an official visit to India from 25 to 27 January 2026, during which they will also co-chair the 16th India-EU Summit, underscoring growing cooperation in areas such as trade, technology, security, and global governance. Other leaders across various countries will also be invited to participate in India's Republic Day 2026 celebration.



Republic Day 2026 Theme

The Republic Day 2026 theme continues to echo India's long-term national vision of "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) and "Bharat - Loktantra ki Matruka" (India - The Mother of Democracy). These themes underscore India's commitment to achieving comprehensive development by 2047 while reaffirming its deep-rooted democratic traditions that date back to ancient times. The spirit of these themes is vividly showcased through tableaux presented by States, Union Territories, and central Ministries, highlighting governance reforms, cultural heritage, technological progress, and inclusive growth.


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वाईबीएन विश्वविद्यालय परिवार की ओर से सभी देशवासियों को 77वें गणतंत्र दिवस की
हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ।
आइए, संविधान के मूल्यों को आत्मसात कर एक सशक्त और विकसित भारत का निर्माण करें।


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गांव से लेकर शहरों तक, यह दिन हमें एक सूत्र में बांधता है।
आइए, उस भावना का उत्सव मनाएं जो भारत को आगे बढ़ाती है, जो हमें एक राष्ट्र बनाती है।

अदाणी परिवार की ओर से गणतंत्र दिवस की शुभकामनाएं।

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की ओर से 77 वें गणतंत्र दिवस की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ।

संविधान के मूल्यों के साथ राष्ट्र निर्माण में सतत योगदान

- 6 परियोजना प्रभावित गांवों के युवाओं हेतु ग्रामीण क्रिकेट प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन
- टंडवा में पेयजल पाइपलाइन व्यवस्था का उन्नयन (PHED के सहयोग से)
- चतरा जिले में 290 सोलर हाई मास्ट स्ट्रीट लाइट्स की स्थापना
- 6 प्रभावित गांवों में 300 सोलर स्ट्रीट लाइट्स की स्थापना
- शीतकाल में जरूरतमंदों को 8,000 मिक कंबलों का वितरण
- महिलाओं/SHG सदस्यों को 100+ सिलाई मशीनों का वितरण
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