



India sees space as future of tomorrow's economy, security, energy & humanity: Rajnath Singh



North Korea test-fires new air defence missiles under Kim Jong-un's watch

Small Industries are backbone of economy: CM Mohan Yadav

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav asserted that the prosperity of industries is intrinsically linked to national progress, particularly highlighting the role of small and cottage industries as the backbone of the Indian economy. Speaking at the inauguration of Laghu Udyog Bharati's new state office, 'Udyam Setu', in the Govindpura Industrial Area, Dr. Yadav emphasized that the state is committed to promoting the growth of these industries by optimally utilizing limited resources.

The office, constructed at a cost of approximately Rs. 4 crore, was inaugurated amid Vedic chants and co-incided with Laghu Udyog Bharati's bi-annual regional convention and the Startup & Small Entrepreneurs Mahakumbh-2025. During the event, the Chief Minister announced the release of mortgaged properties upon the repayment of institutional loans, a provision aimed at benefiting micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

CM addresses challenges faced by small industries

Dr. Yadav addressed the challenges

New State Office of Laghu Udyog Bharati Inaugurated



faced by small industries and assured that all necessary permissions for MSMEs would be provided within a fixed timeline.

He also announced incentives for industrialists establishing employ-

ment-generating industries, alongside subsidies for new ITIs, polytechnic, and engineering colleges as per policy provisions.

Highlighting the significance of research, Dr. Yadav mentioned ongo-

ing discussions to set up study centers at IIT Indore. He reiterated the government's commitment to supporting small industries, which he described as vital for economic strength and self-reliance.

He noted that with over 6 crore MSMEs contributing over 30% to the GDP, these industries are essential for India's economic landscape.

Keynote speaker Dr. Krishna Gopal underscored the necessity of protecting small industries, which provide employment and support weaker sections of society.

He praised their resilience and eco-friendly nature, advocating for compliance with industrial laws as crucial for national development.

The event was attended by various dignitaries, including MSME Minister Chaitanya Kashyap and Laghu Udyog Bharati National President Ghanshyam Ojha, who reinforced the commitment to fostering a supportive environment for small businesses in the state.

Deliberation remains best medium to address public concerns: Shah



New Delhi (UNI)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah today underscored the critical role of meaningful debate and discussion in a healthy democracy, asserting that deliberation remains the best medium to address the concerns of the public.

Speaking at the All India Speakers Conference at the Delhi Assembly here, Shah said, "if there are no debates in the Parliament or Legislative Assemblies, these buildings will become lifeless structures."

He stressed that under the leadership of the Speaker and with active participation from all members, these institutions become vibrant and capable of serving the interests of the nation and the states.

He also called for restraint in parliamentary opposition, stating that

while symbolic protests have their place in democracy, the growing trend of disrupting entire sessions in the name of protest is a matter of concern.

Opposition in the House should be exercised with restraint. Symbolic protest also has its place, but creating traditions where entire sessions are disrupted under the pretext of protest is something the citizens and their elected representatives must reflect upon.

Shah asserted that debates must take place through constructive dialogue, not by obstructing proceedings for political gain.

"When Parliament and Assemblies are prevented from functioning due to political interests, real debate does not occur," he said.

The Home Minister Amit Shah also praised the contribution of Vithalbhai Patel, highlighting his exemplary role in shaping India's legislative traditions and democratic institutions.

He said, "the position of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly is extremely important. It is the responsibility of the Speaker to protect and enhance the dignity of this position, and Vithalbhai Patel fulfilled this duty admirably."

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Nadda holds talks with Fiji PM under 'Know BJP' initiative

New Delhi: Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare JP Nadda held talks with the Prime Minister of Fiji, Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka, as part of the 'Know BJP' initiative. Nadda held discussions on enhancing cooperation in the healthcare sector. In a post on X, he said, "met with the Prime Minister of Fiji, Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka, in New Delhi today as part of our 'Know BJP' initiative. Our discussions focused on strengthening party-to-party relations, where I highlighted our party's ideology, organizational framework, and its role in driving India's development journey. We also had a detailed discussion on enhancing cooperation in the healthcare sector. Looking forward to deepening our partnership for the mutual benefit of both nations."

Army Chief embarks on four-day visit to Algeria

New Delhi: Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi today embarked on a four-day official visit to Algeria. The Army chief's visit, from August 25 to 28, aims to reinforce defence and security engagement between India and Algeria, with a focus on bolstering Army-to-Army cooperation, sharing perspectives on regional and global security challenges, and exploring avenues for defence industrial collaboration, a Defence Ministry statement said.

Student killed, 3 injured in Arunachal hostel fire

Itanagar: A devastating fire broke out at the boys' hostel of Papikrong School in Arunachal Pradesh's Shi Yomi district in the early hours of Sunday, claiming the life of one student and injuring three others. The tragic incident, which occurred between 1:00 and 2:00 am, is suspected to have been caused by a short circuit. The blaze completely destroyed the hostel building, official sources confirmed. While the charred student is yet to be identified, the injured students - Lukhi Puijen (8), Tanu Puijen (9), and Tayi Puijen (11) - are currently undergoing treatment at the Zonal General Hospital in Aalo, West Siang district. Education Minister and local MLA Pasang Dorjee Sona expressed deep shock and grief over the tragedy.

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NSE..... 24,870.10 (-213.65)

Bullion
Gold..... 1,01,620 (24 carat 10gm)
Silver..... 1,20,000 (1kg)
USD(\$)/INR(Rs)..... 87.33

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Anish Dayal Singh appointed Deputy NSA



Agencies, New Delhi

The Government of India has appointed former Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Director General Anish Dayal Singh as the new Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA). Singh will primarily oversee internal security affairs, including Jammu and Kashmir, Naxal-affected regions, and the Northeast, according to official sources.

Singh brings over three decades of

experience in intelligence and counter-terrorism to one of India's top security posts.

Anish Dayal Singh, a 1988-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer from the Manipur cadre, retired in December 2024 after nearly four decades of service. His career highlights include almost 30 years in the Intelligence Bureau (IB), leadership roles as head of the ITBP and the CRPF.

Singh's mandate as Deputy NSA includes managing internal security challenges, with a special focus on conflict-prone and insurgency-affected areas such as Jammu and Kashmir, Naxal-affected zones, and the Northeastern states. This appointment positions him alongside other senior security officials, including former RAW chief Rajinder Khanna (Additional NSA), IPS officer TV Ravichandran, and former IFS officer Pawan Kapoor, who are also serving as deputy NSAs.

HP: Monsoon death toll climbs to 303

Shimla: The relentless monsoon in Himachal Pradesh has claimed 303 lives since June 20, with 155 deaths attributed to rain-related incidents such as landslides, flash floods, cloudbursts, drowning, and lightning, while 148 fatalities have occurred in road accidents, according to the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA).

In its cumulative bulletin issued on Sunday evening, the SDMA reported that the monsoon has caused widespread destruction across all 12 districts, affecting both public and private infrastructure, agriculture, and livestock.

According to SDMA, 10 fatalities are due to landslides, and the number of deaths due to flash floods is 9. The number of deaths due to cloudbursts is 17, the number of deaths owing to drowning incidents is 32, the number of deaths due to fire is 3.

"India must take Trump's point over Russian oil seriously," Nikki Haley on US tariffs

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Former US Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said that India should take President Donald Trump's point over Russian oil "seriously" and work with the White House to find a solution, "sooner the better."

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Russian oil imports demands hard dialogue. But, we should not lose sight of what matters most: our shared goals. To face China, the United States must have a friend in India."

India had earlier slammed US' decision to raise duties to over 50 per cent as a penalty for its purchase of Russian oil, with External Affairs Minister S

Enthusiastic supporter kisses Rahul Gandhi during Voter Rights Yatra in Purnea

Purnea (UNI)

An unusual moment created a stir during Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's ongoing Voter Adhikar Yatra when an overly enthusiastic supporter broke through the crowd here and kissed him while he was riding a motorcycle.



The incident happened on Sunday afternoon as Gandhi, accompanied by Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee President as a pillion rider, was moving through densely packed streets.

Suddenly a youth clad in maroon coloured shirt and black trousers, breached the security directly, went close to Gandhi and kissed him in a haste.

The sudden act surprised both the Congress leader and his security team. Security personnel quickly intervened and pulled the man away, sparking debate about the safety arrangements in place during such large-scale political rallies.

The videos of the incident circulating widely on social media, shows Gandhi smiling and continuing the journey, even as his guards struggled to maintain order around him.

Meanwhile Congress local leaders raised concerns about the frequent crowd breaches witnessed during the yatra.

As it is, Rahul Gandhi who launched the Voter Adhikar Yatra on August 17, was talking out a motor-cycle yatra in Purnea on Sunday. The campaign is aimed at protesting alleged irregularities in the voter list revision exercise.

Gandhi has repeatedly accused the Election Commission of sidelining marginalized communities, migrant workers, and the poor, claiming that the process amounts to "vote theft."

The 16-day march is scheduled to pass through over 20 districts, culminating with a grand rally in Patna on September 1.

Several leaders of the INDIA bloc, including Tejaswi Yadav were actively participating to strengthen the opposition's collective voice ahead of the state elections.

India successfully conducts Gaganyaan crew module Air drop Test

Chennai (UNI)

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) today successfully carried out the crucial and first Integrated Air drop Test (IADT-01) in connection with the country's human space mission Gaganyaan, said a senior official.



"The test was successful," the official, not wanting to be quoted, told UNI.

Later confirming the success of the test, ISRO in a post on X said "ISRO successfully accomplishes first Integrated Air drop Test (IADT-01) for end to end demonstration of parachute based deceleration system for Gaganyaan missions."

"This test is a joint effort of ISRO, Indian Air Force, DRDO, Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard," it said,

marking a major step forward in India's maiden human flight mission scheduled for next year.

The official said Indian Air Force helicopter lifted the four ton Gaganyaan crew module and took it up to a height of about four kilometre and dropped it over the Bay of Bengal.

The purpose of the test is to check whether the crew modules' two parachutes get deployed to decelerate and ensure safe splash down.

On its landing in the sea, an Indian Navy vessel took it on board with its crane.

The parachutes for this test were developed by the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO).

There are several other tests that are to be carried out before India can put its astronaut into a human rated rocket and send him to the space.

ISRO said the Gaganyaan project envisages demonstration of human spaceflight capability by launching three crew members to an orbit of 400 km for a 3-day mission and bring them back safely to earth, by landing in Indian sea waters.

Documents of 98.2% electors received in SIR exercise in Bihar: ECI

New Delhi: The Election Commission has received documents of 98.2 per cent of electors in Bihar with eight days left in the Claims, Objections and Documents period of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll in the state, the ECI said on Sunday. According to the press note by the ECI, as per information received from the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Bihar, from June 24 to August 24, 2025, in 60 days, 98.2 per cent of persons have submitted their documents.

This means an average of about 1.64 per cent per day. There are still eight days to go till September 1, with just 1.8 per cent of electors remaining for submission of the documents.

The exercise to collect their documents with the help of BLOs and volunteers is going on.

PM Modi to launch Rs 5,400 cr projects in Gujarat today

Agencies, New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Gujarat on 25th - 26th August. He will inaugurate, lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation multiple development projects worth Rs 5,400 crores at Khodaldham ground, Ahmedabad, at around 6 PM on 25th August. He will also address a public function.

According to a release from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), on August 26, at around 10:30 AM, the Prime Minister will inaugurate localised production of hybrid battery electrodes and flag off Battery electric vehicle exports to 100 countries at Hansalpur, Ahmedabad. He will also address the gathering on the occasion.

In line with his commitment to world-class infrastructure and connectivity, the Prime Minister will dedicate multiple railway projects worth over Rs 1,400 crore to the Nation.



It includes doubling of the 65 km Mahesana-Palanpur Rail Line worth over Rs 530 crore, gauge conversion of the 37 km Kalol-Kadi-Katosan Road Rail Line and 40 km Bechrarji-Ranuj Rail Line worth over Rs 860 crore.

With the addition of broad-gauge capacity, these projects will ensure smoother, safer and more seamless connectivity in the region.