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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi lays foundation stone, inaugurates, and dedicates to the Nation development projects worth more than ₹20,000 crore in Vav-Tharad, Gujarat

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Gujrat: The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, addressed a public gathering at Vav-Tharad in Banaskantha district, where he inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for development projects worth approximately ₹20,000 crore for North Gujarat. Noting that the sacred festival of Navratri had just concluded and that the day also marked Bhagwan Mahavir Jayanti, the Prime Minister paid his respects to Maa Ambaji and Bhagwan Shri Dharanidharji. Sharing his delight at landing directly at the Deesa Airbase for the first time, the Prime Minister highlighted its strategic significance, given its proximity of just 130 kilometres from the international border. He pointed out that the expansion of the Deesa Airport had been stuck for decades, despite farmers having willingly given their land for the project. "It is our government that completed this work on priority," remarked PM Modi, adding that the airport is both a developmental milestone and a major strategic asset for the nation.

strengthened further by the current government since 2014. Highlighting that the projects launched span energy, roads, railways, and housing, PM Modi asserted, "These projects worth ₹20,000 crore will transform the entire picture of this area and give new momentum to life here."

which will generate 4.5 gigawatts of electricity. Recalling that he had launched the country's first solar park at Charanka in 2010 as Chief Minister of Gujarat, he noted that this early initiative laid the foundation for Gujarat's current leadership in renewable energy. "The day is

people for resolving to change their destiny, and highlighted the Sujalam Sufalam scheme and the extension of Narmada waters as transformative interventions. The farmer here is no longer dependent on a single crop, Banaskantha's emergence as a leading potato producer is an example in itself," asserted PM Modi.

Celebrating Gujarat's unbroken 25-year development journey, the Prime Minister noted how the state has consistently set and surpassed its own records. He recalled launching the 'Urban Development Year' in 2005 with a budget of ₹650 crore, which has now grown to over ₹33,000 crore. Pointing to the approval of nearly 300 proposals worth ₹2,300 crore for 9 new municipal corporations, the upgradation of 72 municipalities, and a state budget exceeding ₹4 lakh crore, he assured that development will reach every village, town, and city. "As long as your trust remains from Panchayat to Parliament, the superfast express of development will keep running at this speed," affirmed Shri Modi.

Turning to the global situation, the Prime Minister noted that while many countries are grappling with war, instability, and soaring fuel prices, with diesel and petrol prices rising by 10 to 25 percent even in superpower nations, India has kept the situation under control through its successful foreign policy and the unity of its people.

Recalling the nation's united response during the COVID pandemic, the Prime Minister urged citizens to stand together during the current challenging times as well. "India has not only maintained stability while the world struggles, it is moving forward on the path of development every single day, and projects are another example of this resolve," concluded PM Modi.

Detailing the road infrastructure projects, the Prime Minister spoke about the 4-lane highway from Idar to Vadali Bypass, the highway upgradation from Dholavira to Santalpur, and the dedication of the complete Ahmedabad-Dholera Expressway corridor. He emphasised that such connectivity brings industries, investment, and opportunities in its wake. On rail connectivity, he highlighted the gauge conversion from Himmatnagar to Khedbrahma, which connects North Gujarat's tribal areas to the national broad gauge network, and the launch of a new train service linking Khedbrahma, Himmatnagar, and Asarwa. "When villages get connected to markets, farmers to opportunities, and youth to employment, that is real development," remarked Shri Modi.

Underlining the critical role of energy in driving industrial growth and new investment, the Prime Minister spoke about the transmission projects linked to the Khavda Renewable Energy Park,

not far when Gujarat will emerge as a major global centre in renewable energy," affirmed PM Modi.

The Prime Minister observed that when the world discusses India's growth story, the 'Gujarat Model' is widely appreciated, as it demonstrates that infrastructure development and public welfare must go hand in hand. Noting that approximately 40,000 families received pucca houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana at event, he said, "The change that a pucca house brings in a family's life is visible on the faces of the beneficiaries, roads and highways must be built, but the living standard of the common person must also improve," remarked Shri Modi.

Recalling the decades of hardship that North Gujarat once endured, drought, acute water scarcity, the Prime Minister spoke of the time when women had to walk kilometres to fetch water and farmers could not get fair value for their labour. He credited the spirit of Gujarat's



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Union Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan meets Maharashtra Agriculture Minister

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New Delhi : Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan met

Minister apprised the Union Minister of the progress of various schemes being implemented in the state under the Ministry of Agriculture

Union Agriculture Minister about the damage caused to mango and cashew crops in the coastal regions of the state due to unseasonal rains. In this

caused to crops due to unseasonal rainfall, Union Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan directed officials to ensure that farmers in the state receive the maximum possible benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan further stated that under the 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan', 52 teams have been constituted to address the issues faced by farmers, and the progress of the initiative is being reviewed regularly. He also urged the state to take proactive steps to fully utilise the benefits of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

During the meeting, the Maharashtra Agriculture Minister also informed that onion production in the state has been higher this year. He requested the Union Minister to facilitate arrangements for direct procurement from farmers through APMCs. In response, the Union Agriculture Minister assured that appropriate steps would be taken in this regard.

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has initiated a project "Startup Challenge to develop Citizen-Centric Innovative Solutions using Blockchain and Web3".

It provide opportunities to Blockchain & Web3 Start-ups to build innovative government use cases using permissioned Blockchain. This challenge provides incentives to start-ups which are structured in four evaluation stages.

In Stage-1, the selected teams, move from Ideation to Proof of Concept (PoC), with up to 40 entries receiving ₹1.5 lakh each. In Stage-2, shortlisted teams advance from PoC to Minimum Viable Product (MVP), where up to 30 entries are supported with ₹4 lakh each.

In Stage-3, upto 20 shortlisted teams take their MVP to deployment, receiving an incentive of ₹10 lakh each. Finally, in Stage-4, up to 10 winning teams are selected and awarded ₹50 lakh each to deploy pilot governance

solutions.

Judiciary Chain leverages Blockchain technology to record judicial data and documents. The pilot implementation of Judiciary Chain platform has been completed at Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and High Court of Karnataka for bail orders and judgement orders.

Aushada system is integrated with Blockchain for the state of Karnataka to track medicine supply chain. This system is deployed on National Blockchain Framework (NBF) infrastructure and records medicine movement & quality check details of medicines.

Praamaanik leverages the Blockchain technology to store details of the mobile application directly from the app owner and allows to verify the authenticity of mobile app

origin. It is a one time activity and agnostic of the multiple versions/ updates of the same mobile app. The citizens can verify the authenticity of the

14 citizen centric applications from M.P. State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd are onboarded. This information was



Maharashtra Agriculture Minister Shri Dattatraya Vithoba Bhamre in New Delhi today. During the meeting, the Maharashtra Agriculture

and Farmers' Welfare. He specifically requested the allocation of additional funds for agricultural mechanisation and drip irrigation. Shri Bhamre also informed the

regard, officials from the Union Ministry of Agriculture stated that a central team had already visited the state to assess the losses. Taking note of the damage

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mobile app using the M-Kavach-2 security app installed on their device. Praamaanik is operationalized and currently

submitted by Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Shri Jitin Prasada in Rajya Sabha on 27.03.2026

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On International Day of Forests, the Chief Minister inaugurated a National Forestry Dialogue on the theme 'Forests and Economies' as part of the 'Aranya Samagam'.

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Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has stated that forests serve as the foundation of life and represent a crucial dimension of nature's equilibrium. If forests exist, water exists; if both water and forests exist, air exists; and if air exists, life exists. Life cannot be imagined without forests. While extending his congratulations and best wishes to the people of the state on International Day of Forests, he remarked that the significance of trees within nature is considered paramount. The tradition of Indian sages asserts: *Dash koop samo vapi, dashvapi samo hradah, dashhrad samah putro, dashputro samo drumah*—meaning that one stepwell is equivalent to ten wells; one pond is equivalent to ten stepwells; one son is equivalent to ten ponds; and one tree is equivalent to ten sons. The Chief Minister was expressing his views here today at the Indra Gandhi Pratishthan, following the inauguration of a 'National Forestry Dialogue' on the theme 'Forests and Economies'—held as part of the 'Aranya Samagam' (Forest Conclave)—on the occasion of International Day of Forests. On this occasion, the Chief Minister released several publications: a coffee-table book on the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve published by the Wildlife Department; a book based on the Suheldev Wildlife Sanctuary; the Forest Department's coffee-table book titled *'9 Saal Bemisaal'* (9 Exceptional Years); and a book documenting the world record achievements in increasing greenery across Uttar Pradesh. The Chief Minister honored children, members of the general public, social organizations, and officials and employees of the Forest Department who have performed outstanding work in the field of human-wildlife conflict mitigation; he also distributed credit cheques to farmers. Prior to this, he toured and observed an exhibition organized by the Forest and Wildlife Department. The Chief Minister further stated that a central tenet of our sage tradition was the proclamation: *'Mata Bhumi Prithivyah'*—meaning that the Earth is our Mother, and we are all her children. It is a son's duty toward his mother to ensure that there is absolutely no lapse in her honor, safety, or protection. Every citizen of the world ought to reflect upon where their individual efforts regarding Mother Earth have fallen short—lapses that have led to the emergence of problems such as global warming and global cooling, driven by widespread shifts in the environmental cycle. The Chief Minister stated that, keeping global perspectives and themes in mind, the

theme for this year's International Day has been designated as 'Forests and Economies.' This theme serves to inspire the optimal promotion of forests for the sake of economic growth and human welfare, all while maintaining ecological balance. We must formulate our action plans in a manner that effectively addresses current challenges. The Chief Minister noted that, over the past nine years—under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi—the state has achieved significant success in expanding its forest cover. This success was realized primarily because the initiative was transformed into a mass movement. Any campaign truly succeeds in becoming a mass movement when society takes the lead, with the government playing a supportive role. The department's primary function is to provide oversight. The success witnessed in this campaign over the last nine years stems from the fact that the society was at the forefront, while the government provided its strength and support as a facilitator—playing a collaborative role in removing obstacles to the expansion of forest cover. The Chief Minister further remarked that, in the past, the state had to rely on private nurseries and private gardens for tree-planting initiatives. Last year, on the occasion of the *Van Mahotsav* (Forest Festival), a staggering 370 million trees were planted across the state in a single day. To accomplish this feat, we had access to approximately 500 million high-quality saplings, each standing between 8 to 10 feet tall. This year, the state has set a target of planting 350 million saplings in a single day—a figure that is projected to rise to between 400 and 450 million over the course of the month

following this initial planting drive. Inspired by the Prime Minister, and under the aegis of the 'One Tree in Mother's Name' campaign, a total of 500 million saplings are currently available for planting. The Chief Minister stated that, over the past few years, Uttar Pradesh has been undertaking a capital expenditure of ₹2 lakh crore on infrastructure development. This figure represents the highest such expenditure in the entire country. Given the state's expanding infrastructure, it became necessary to undertake the shifting and

fellings of trees. Despite these challenges, the increase in Uttar Pradesh's forest cover remains a source of great satisfaction. Over the last nine years, we have successfully planted 242 crore trees. Currently, the state's forest cover has reached approximately 10 percent. We must now move forward with the objective of further increasing the state's forest cover to between 16 and 17 percent. Ramsar Sites hold immense significance from the perspectives of tourism, wildlife, and avian diversity. In 2017, the state possessed only one Ramsar Site; today, that number has risen to 11. The state government is actively working towards increasing this count to 100. The Chief Minister further remarked that Ramsar Sites can play a pivotal role in water conservation. Numerous initiatives have been undertaken by the department in this regard. The establishment of 'Atal Van,' 'Eklavya Van,' 'Triveni Van,' 'Oxy Van,' and 'City Van' serves as a prime example of these efforts. Extensive tree-plantation drives have been conducted along the banks of sacred rivers such as the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saryu. Furthermore, large-scale plantation programs involving suitable tree species have been successfully implemented along both sides of expressways and highways. In every district across the state, the rejuvenation of at least one river has been successfully accomplished. The restoration of the 'Pili River' in Jaunpur stands as a compelling success story for the district. Today, under the Carbon Finance Project, we distributed financial incentives to farmers

so far. The Gorakhpur Zoological Park, which initially did not house any tigers, now attracts a daily footfall of approximately 8,000 to 10,000 visitors, thanks to the presence of several tigers. Housing tigers presents a unique challenge; occasionally, instances of human-wildlife conflict also arise. Uttar Pradesh holds the distinction of being the first state in the country to classify human-wildlife conflict as a 'disaster,' thereby initiating the provision of relief assistance to those affected. Due to extensive deforestation and illegal logging activities in Nepal, wildlife from that region has migrated into Uttar Pradesh, specifically settling in Dudhwa and its surrounding areas. The Chief Minister emphasized that no wild animal attacks without provocation. An animal attacks only if

a human approach es its

the rescue team was in the process of transporting the tiger to the Gorakhpur Zoo, they were subsequently instructed to release it back into the wild. The Chief Minister asserted that the existence of forests ensures the existence of tigers; the presence of tigers sustains biodiversity; biodiversity, in turn, sustains the entire living world; and the survival of the living world is inextricably linked to the survival of human civilization. In essence, forest conservation is of paramount importance—not merely for the sake of human civilization, but for the preservation of all life forms. Among all living beings, humans are God's supreme creation; therefore, it is the moral responsibility of every individual to contribute to forest conservation to the best of their ability. A substantial amount of funds has been allocated to the Forest Department in this year's budget. The Chief Minister stated that adequate funds have been allocated in the budget for

University. The Chief Minister noted that prior to 2017, the population of Ganges Dolphins in the state had nearly vanished. Inspired by the Prime Minister, and following the implementation of the 'Namami Gange' project, Ganges Dolphins are once again being sighted today. According to the river dolphin census conducted in 2023, out of a total of 6,327 dolphins, 2,397 were found within Uttar Pradesh alone. A 'Jatayu Conservation Centre' has been established in Gorakhpur for the conservation of the Red-headed Vulture, and it is currently operating successfully. Efforts are underway across the state to contribute towards achieving the country's net carbon targets. Our Electric Vehicle Policy is highly effective. Today, Uttar Pradesh is counted among the leading states in the country. An electric vehicle manufacturing unit has been established in Lucknow. Metro services are currently operational for public transport in seven cities across the state. The country's first Rapid Rail system is operating in Uttar Pradesh. More than 700 electric buses have been made available for public transportation within the state. Furthermore, Uttar Pradesh also boasts the highest number of e-rickshaws in the country. The Chief Minister stated that the State Government has initiated the process of developing the historic city of Ayodhya as a 'Solar City.' Work is also underway to develop other municipal corporations in the state as Solar Cities. Under the Prime Minister's ambitious scheme—the 'PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana' (Free Electricity Scheme)—over 400,000 rooftop solar systems, with a

forest conservation, expanding forest cover, achieving the state's 'Net Zero' emission targets, ensuring that farmers (the 'Annadatas') benefit from carbon credits, preventing human-wildlife conflicts, and officially designating human-wildlife conflict as a category of natural disaster. The Chief Minister remarked that during the 'Van Mahotsav' (Forest Festival) program, scheduled to be held in July, it becomes the collective responsibility of every citizen to plant at least one tree in the name of their mother. This act will serve as a means of expressing our gratitude towards both our own mothers and Mother Earth. During the program organized today to mark the International Day of Forests, the Department unveiled several 'coffee-table books.' It was emphasized that these publications should not remain confined solely within the Department but must also be made available to every Minister. Furthermore, copies of these books should be distributed to every airport, railway station, government and private university, agricultural university, and every office of the Forest Department. Through these publications, the public will be able to gain a better understanding of the Department's work and initiatives. Finally, the Chief Minister noted that during this event, individuals who have performed outstanding work in the fields of forestry and the environment—as well as farmers who have made significant contributions toward carbon credit initiatives—were felicitated. He stressed the importance of maintaining a continuous dialogue with these farmers and encouraged efforts to actively engage and bring new farmers into the fold of these initiatives. In an effort

"Heritage Trees." The oldest tree in the country—estimated to be 5,000 years old—is located in Barabanki. This is a *Parijat* tree. Furthermore, within the precincts of the Shri Gorakhnath Temple, Swami Pranavananda—the founder of the Bharat Sevashram Sangha—received his spiritual initiation in 1912 (114 years ago) while seated beneath a specific tree. That very mango tree stands today, as expansive and majestic as it was back then. Historical photographs of the tree confirm that it has retained its original form throughout the years. Remarkably, although it is a single tree, its branches yield mangoes of several distinct varieties. The Chief Minister noted that there are also several *Peepal* and *Banyan* trees located in the same vicinity. Gazing upon them evokes a sense that one is receiving their blessings. These trees have witnessed the passage of many generations. It is imperative that we conserve these heritage trees and protect them from being cut down. If we succeed in raising public awareness, the people will undoubtedly join and support this campaign.

The Chief Minister observed that the "Aranya Samvad" (Forest Dialogue) program—organized by the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department to mark the International Day of Forests—has brought together forest department officials from 17 different states, as well as nature enthusiasts dedicated to environmental causes. You are poised to play a pivotal role in advancing meaningful initiatives—driven by a mutual deliberation—aimed at addressing the contemporary environmental challenges we face. I encourage you to share your valuable suggestions and insights with the state of Uttar Pradesh as well. During the event, a short film produced by the Forest Department highlighting tree plantation drives and various other forestry-related programs—was screened for the audience. The program was also addressed by Shri Arun Kumar Saxena, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Forest and Environment, and Shri K.P. Malik, Minister of State for Forest and Environment. Present on this occasion were Advisor to the Chief Minister, Mr. Awanish Kumar Awasthi; Principal Secretary, Department of Forest, Environment, and Climate Change, Mrs. V. Heqali Zhimomi; Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Department, Mr. Sunil Chaudhary; and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Mrs. Anuradha Vemuri, along with other dignitaries.



in exchange for carbon credits. Uttar Pradesh is the first state in the country to have pioneered and advanced its program in this specific direction. The Chief Minister stated that the government has advanced a program to promote ecotourism within Dudhwa National Park. Connectivity between Dudhwa and districts such as Lucknow, Bareilly, and others has been significantly improved. In alignment with this year's theme, approximately 2,467 forest-based industries—operating on the Green Economy Model—have been established across the state

young, attempts to forcibly encroach upon its territory, or if it perceives an imminent threat to its own safety. If we compromise the safety of wildlife or attempt to restrict their natural habitat, they will naturally become aggressive. Last year, a tiger—estimated to be around 7 or 8 years old—wandered into Sitapur. It remained there for several days, yet during this entire period, it did not cause harm to a single human being. Extensive efforts were undertaken to capture the animal, and multiple teams were deployed for the rescue operation. Although

security purposes. The state's security budget has been increased manifold. There can be no compromise whatsoever regarding the safety and security of the common man here. Similarly, the government has provided the Forest Department with 800 crore rupees for social forestry, 220 crore rupees for nursery management, 10 crore rupees for the modernization of the forest force, a corpus fund of 50 crore rupees for the conservation of the Ranipur Tiger Reserve, 194 crore rupees for Clean Air Management, and 50 crore rupees for a Forestry

combined power generation capacity exceeding 1,400 megawatts, have been installed to date. In 2022, the State Government set a target to develop 22,000 megawatts of renewable energy over the subsequent five years—that is, by the year 2027. Work has already commenced in this direction. The Chief Minister further stated that, under the 'Uttar Pradesh Green Hydrogen Policy-2024,' the government has allocated funds for the establishment of two 'Centers of Excellence.' This initiative forms an integral part of the government's broader efforts aimed at

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The Prime Minister inaugurated the Noida International Airport (Phase I) : constructed at a cost of ₹11,200 crore—at Jewar, in the Gautam Buddha Nagar district, in the presence of the Governor and the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh

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In Jewar (Gautam Buddha Nagar district), Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Noida International Airport (Phase I)—constructed at a cost of ₹11,200 crore—and dedicated its Cargo Terminal to the nation, in the presence of the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben Patel, and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. He also laid the foundation stone for a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility. Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi stated that the Noida International Airport represents the people's trust, their future, and their industrious spirit. This airport will serve to give wings to the aspirations of the youth. Today marks the beginning of a new chapter in the journey towards a 'Developed India—Developed Uttar Pradesh.'

increases, so does the demand for new aircraft. Consequently, various airlines across the country have placed orders for hundreds of new planes. A substantial workforce will be required for

rest of the world. From this facility, an aircraft is scheduled to take off every two minutes. The Prime Minister remarked that Noida is today emerging as a powerful engine for the state's development. This airport stands as an excellent testament to the work culture of the

foreign exchange savings amounting to approximately ₹1.5 lakh crore. Thanks to the government's concerted efforts, the economic condition of sugarcane farmers has improved considerably. The Prime Minister emphasized that his government's foremost priority is to provide convenience and ease to the citizens of the country. The government's ultimate objective is to save both the time and money of its citizens. It is with this very spirit that the Metro and the 'Nam Bharat' rail networks are being expanded. To date, more than 25 million people have traveled on the 'Nam Bharat' rail service. A journey between Delhi and Meerut—which previously took several hours—is now being completed in a matter of minutes. The capital cities of Northeast India are being connected to

the RRTS, and the Delhi-Varanasi High-Speed Rail Line—the Jewar Airport will propel the state to unparalleled heights of development, characterized by both scale and speed. Already, proposals indicating vast investment potential within the Noida-Greater Noida region have begun to pour in. The Chief Minister noted that, for the time being, a single runway for this airport is becoming operational. A second runway is scheduled to commence operations within the next few years. Ultimately, a total of five runways will be integrated into this facility, thereby enabling it to successfully establish itself as a major global aviation hub. Such infrastructure is an imperative requirement of the present era, essential for realizing the Prime Minister's vision of a 'Developed India—Developed Uttar Pradesh' and an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat—Atmanirbhar Uttar Pradesh' (Self-Reliant India—Self-Reliant Uttar Pradesh). The Chief Minister further mentioned that, just recently, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for a semiconductor chip manufacturing unit in the immediate vicinity of this very airport. The process of establishing a state-of-the-art electronics manufacturing cluster at this location is currently being advanced. A wide range of facilities—including parks dedicated to apparel, medical devices, toys, MSMEs, and handicrafts—are being developed here. These initiatives are generating extensive opportunities for both investment and employment. Units related to data centers are also being established in this area. In the days to come, the construction

of a state-of-the-art Fintech City here will open up new avenues for development and employment in the region. Expressing his gratitude to the farmers, the Chief Minister stated that the local farming community—the providers of our sustenance—played a pivotal role in the construction of this international airport. When the State Government engaged in dialogue with the farmers and integrated them into a time-bound compensation and rehabilitation program, the farmers readily made available 13,000 acres of land for this airport project. By making concrete contributions throughout the entire construction process, the farmers—working in collaboration with local public representatives—have successfully propelled this development initiative forward.

With a focus on seamless, sustainable, and smart aviation, as well as in-flight kitchen facilities, MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul) services, modern digital technologies, and energy conservation, this airport is moving steadily toward realizing the vision of "Ease of Journey." The establishment of a dedicated multi-modal cargo hub will enable Uttar Pradesh to transcend the limitations of being a landlocked state, successfully securing easy access to global markets while achieving landmark growth. The Chief Minister remarked that, over the past 12 years, under the visionary leadership of the Prime Minister, India's action plan—driven by the ethos of "Nation First"—has successfully translated from concept into reality on the ground. The measures undertaken to steer the "New India" toward becoming a "Developed India" are now evident across every sector of the country. The Noida International Airport stands as an integral part of this very continuum. Through the Noida International Airport, Uttar Pradesh has achieved new heights in its journey of progress. With its 4-kilometer-long runway, the Jewar Airport is fully equipped to handle international air travel. Upon arriving at Jewar Airport, visitors will immediately experience a distinct sense of the region's unique identity. Under the guidance of the Prime Minister, Jewar is being developed not merely as an airport, but as a full-fledged "Aerotropolis." The air cargo facilities available here will enable local products to reach markets across both the nation and the world. The Union Minister for Civil Aviation added that, through the "UDAN" scheme, the Prime Minister has given a significant boost to the aviation sector. The benefits of this initiative have reached the common man—for, in the eyes of the Prime Minister, the common man is the truly "special man."

International Airport has been developed under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, involving a total investment of approximately ₹11,200 crore. In its initial phase, the airport will have a passenger handling capacity of 12 million passengers per annum (MPPA), which is projected to increase to 70 MPPA upon the airport's full development. It features a 3,900-meter-long runway capable of handling large-bodied aircraft. Furthermore, it is equipped with modern navigation systems—including an Instrument Landing System (ILS) and advanced airfield lighting—enabling efficient, all-weather operations, day and night. The Noida International Airport has been designed as a sustainable and future-ready infrastructure project, aiming to operate as a zero-emission facility by integrating energy-efficient systems and environmentally responsible practices. Its architectural style draws inspiration from Indian heritage, incorporating elements reminiscent of traditional 'ghats' and 'havelis', thereby blending cultural aesthetics with modern infrastructure.

tasks related to piloting these new aircraft, providing in-flight services, and carrying out maintenance operations. This presents a tremendous opportunity for the youth. To facilitate this, the government is expanding training facilities within the aviation sector. The Prime Minister noted that, previously, the country lacked a robust infrastructure for the Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) of aircraft. The government has now resolved to make India self-reliant in the MRO sector as well. MRO facilities are currently being developed on a large scale within India itself. Today, the foundation stone for an MRO facility was laid here. Once completed, this facility will cater to aircraft from both domestic and international carriers. This will not only generate revenue for the nation but also ensure that domestic capital remains within the country, while simultaneously creating numerous employment opportunities for the youth. The Prime Minister stated that a war has been ongoing in West Asia for the past month. Today, the entire world is concerned. As a result, a crisis has emerged in several countries regarding essential commodities such as food supplies, petrol, diesel, gas, and fertilizers. Every nation is striving to cope with this crisis. India, too, is confronting this challenge with full vigor, relying on the strength of its citizens. India imports vast quantities of crude oil and gas from war-affected regions. The government is taking measures to ensure that the burden of this crisis does not fall upon ordinary families and farmers. Even amidst this crisis, India has sustained its rapid pace of development. The inauguration of the airport in Western Uttar Pradesh marks the fourth major project—either a foundation stone laying or a formal inauguration—to take place in the region over the last few weeks. During this period, the foundation stone for a massive semiconductor factory was laid in Noida; the country's first Delhi-Meerut 'Nam Bharat' train was launched; and the Meerut Metro Rail network was expanded. All these projects serve as splendid examples of the 'Double Engine' government's efforts toward the development of Uttar Pradesh. The semiconductor factory is propelling India toward self-reliance in technology. The Meerut Metro and the 'Nam Bharat' rail service are providing fast and smart connectivity. The Jewar Airport is connecting the entire North India region to the

'Double Engine' government. The government led by the revered Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee had granted approval for this airport back in 2003. The 'Double Engine' government—comprising both the Central and State administrations—oversaw its construction, and today, its operations have officially commenced. In addition to the airport, this region of Western Uttar Pradesh is evolving into a hub for two of the country's major freight corridors. These freight corridors consist of specialized railway tracks laid exclusively for goods trains. This infrastructure has significantly enhanced North India's connectivity with the seaports of West Bengal and Gujarat. Both these corridors converge at Dadri. Now, the agricultural produce of local farmers and the products of local industries will be able to reach every corner of the world rapidly via both land and air routes. Thanks to this multimodal connectivity, Uttar Pradesh is emerging as a major attraction for investors across the globe. The Prime Minister stated that the Noida region stands ready today to welcome the entire world. This entire region is actively strengthening the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-reliant India) model. Agriculture holds immense significance in the economy of this region. The government expresses its special gratitude to those farmers who voluntarily gave up their land to help realize this airport project. Thanks to this contribution by the farmers, a new era of development is set to begin across the entire region. The expansion of modern connectivity will provide a further boost to the food processing sector in Western Uttar Pradesh. Consequently, the agricultural produce from this region will now be able to access global markets much more effectively. The Prime Minister noted that the ethanol produced from the sugarcane grown by farmers in Western Uttar Pradesh has significantly reduced the country's dependence on crude oil. Had ethanol production and its blending with petrol not increased, the country would have been compelled to import 45 million barrels—or approximately 7 billion liters—of crude oil from abroad every single year. The hard work and diligence of the farmers have provided the nation with immense relief during times of crisis. While the country has benefited significantly from ethanol production, the farmers themselves have also reaped substantial rewards. This initiative has resulted in

the capacity of the country's ports has more than doubled over the past decade. The network of inland waterways in the country is continuously expanding. The nation is working rapidly in every sector essential for building a 'Developed India.' The collective effort of everyone is indispensable for realizing the vision of a Developed India. The Prime Minister stated that it is imperative for the 1.4 billion citizens of the country to work diligently and to confront global crises with unity. The crisis arising from the ongoing conflict in West Asia has been discussed in detail within Parliament. Recently, a constructive discussion regarding this matter was held with all the Chief Ministers. We must face this crisis with a calm mind, exercising patience and solidarity. In these times of global crisis, our primary concern must be the well-being of our own nation; this constitutes the greatest strength of the Indian people. India's strategy is, and will always remain, whatever serves the best interests of India and its citizens. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath stated that, under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the 'New India' today proclaims a new mantra: that when resolve is strong, courage unwavering, and self-confidence unshakable, no goal remains out of reach. The Prime Minister has always inspired us to aim high—to think big and to execute on a grand scale. We must constantly strive towards achieving greatness. The Noida International Airport stands as the culmination of this very resolve being transformed into reality. The Chief Minister remarked that the runway of the Noida International Airport will not only serve as the foundation for elevating the state's economy to new heights, but the airport itself will also act as a launchpad for the state's bright future. By propelling investment, trade, and industrial development in North India to their zenith, this airport will become a catalyst for massive job creation. Zurich International Airport has played a pivotal role in the construction of the Noida International Airport. By positioning the state as a hub for global connectivity—and by integrating with networks such as the Yamuna Expressway, as well as future projects like the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, the Eastern Peripheral Expressway, the Ganga Expressway,



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Healthy lifestyle: The need of the hour

enough water. It is important to drink at least 8-10 glasses of water every day. Sugar and salt intake should be controlled as they increase diseases like high blood pressure and diabetes. A balanced diet keeps us healthy not only physically but also mentally.

2. Regular exercise and yoga

The biggest negative aspect of modern lifestyle is working while sitting. Spending hours on the computer or mobile is increasing obesity, back pain, neck and eye problems. Walking for 30 minutes every day can also do wonders for the body. Yoga and Pranayama are very helpful in reducing stress and keeping the body flexible. From children to the elderly, some physical activity is necessary for every age. Exercise fills the body with energy and keeps the mind happy.

3 Adequate sleep

People sacrifice sleep due to work, TV, social media or mobile games. Whereas lack of sleep is very harmful for health. Adults should take at least 7-8 hours of deep sleep. Sleep relaxes the body, refreshes the mind and sharpens the memory. The habit of staying awake till late night can gradually lead to depression, obesity and heart

problems. Walking for 30 minutes every day can also do wonders for the body. Yoga and Pranayama are very helpful in reducing stress and keeping the body flexible. From children to the elderly, some physical activity is necessary for every age. Exercise fills the body with energy and keeps the mind happy.

*1.*Importance of balanced diet

We are what we eat. Eating habits directly affect our body and mental state. Fast food, junk food and things with too much oil and spices give instant taste, but in the long run they become the root of diseases. Food should have a balanced mix of grains, pulses, fruits, vegetables and milk. The body should get

diseases.

4. Mental health care

It is equally important to keep the mind healthy, not just the body. To deal with stress, anxiety and depression, one should resort to meditation and positive thinking. Spending time with family and friends, sharing heartfelt things and laughing is also a great treatment for mental health. It is also important to avoid excess social media and give yourself a digital detox from time to time.

5. Stay away from addiction

Tobacco, alcohol and other addiction habits slowly hollow out the body from inside. It not only shortens life but also has a negative impact on family and society. The first rule of a healthy lifestyle is - always stay away from addiction.

6. Time management

Many times the reason for deteriorating health is that people are not able to live their daily routine in a balanced way. The habit of getting up early in the morning and living the day in a planned manner makes us disciplined. There should be a balance between work and rest. The thinking of "Don't postpone today's work to tomorrow" reduces stress in life.

7. Health checkup and

awareness Often people do not go to the doctor until the disease becomes serious. But many diseases can be detected in time with regular health checkup. Blood pressure, sugar, cholesterol should be checked at regular intervals. It is necessary to participate in health campaigns run by the government and society and make others aware as well.

8. Environment and cleanliness

Our health is directly related to the environment around us. Keeping cleanliness, not throwing garbage here and there and using clean drinking water are simple measures to prevent diseases. Planting trees and being aware to reduce pollution is also an investment in our health. Adopting a healthy lifestyle is not the responsibility of any one person, but it is the need of the whole society. If every person includes a balanced diet, regular exercise, adequate sleep and positive thinking in his daily routine, not only he himself will remain healthy, but the family and society will also become happy. Remember, health is the greatest wealth. Money, fame and facilities may be temporary, but a healthy body and happy mind are what make life truly meaningful.

Affordable Yet Well-Connected: Raj Nagar Extension, Siddharth Vihar, Duhai and Areas Along the RRTS Route Are Emerging as New Growth Corridors of NCR

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The transformation of a real estate market is often closely linked to the development of infrastructure. A clear example of this phenomenon can currently be seen in the National Capital Region (NCR), where locations along the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor are rapidly emerging as attractive residential and investment destinations. Areas such as Raj Nagar Extension, Siddharth Vihar, Duhai and nearby micro-markets on Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut route are witnessing renewed interest from developers, investors and homebuyers alike. The impact of infrastructure development on property markets is not new, but the scale at which connectivity is improving across NCR is creating entirely new growth corridors. The Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor, India's first semi-high-speed regional rail system, has significantly reduced travel time between these two cities and towns on the route. Commuters are now able to travel from Meerut to central Delhi in around an hour and from location like

Duhai and Raj Nagar in roughly 30-40 minutes, dramatically improving daily connectivity for professionals working in the capital. Along with the RRTS, these locations are also benefiting from a strong network of highways and expressways including the Delhi-Meerut Expressway, Eastern Peripheral Expressway, NH-9 and the upcoming rapid urban infrastructure projects. This growing connectivity has made locations such as Raj Nagar Extension, Siddharth Vihar, Duhai increasingly attractive for both end-users and investors seeking value in the NCR housing market. Rising Demand Driven by Affordability: One of the biggest advantages these locations currently offer is affordability. While the average price of new residential launches in several prime NCR micro-markets such as Gurugram and central Noida has crossed ₹15,000-₹16,000 per square foot in recent years, several projects in Ghaziabad are still available at around ₹9,000-₹11,000 per square foot or in

Raj Nagar and Duhai at around ₹6,000-₹8,000 per square foot. This price gap has opened a window of opportunity for first-time homebuyers and middle-income families who wish to stay connected to Delhi without stretching their housing budgets. Raj Nagar Extension in particular has evolved into one of Ghaziabad's most active residential clusters over the last decade. With a mix of mid-income and premium developments, the area now hosts thousands of residents and continues to attract new projects. Siddharth Vihar, strategically located near NH-9 and close to Noida, has also gained traction as a well-planned residential zone with improved connectivity to both Delhi and Noida. Emerging Investor Interest Around Duhai: Beyond the established micro-markets like Raj Nagar extension and Siddharth Vihar, emerging locations such as Duhai are beginning to attract significant investor attention. The presence of an RRTS station in Duhai, combined with its

strategic position near the intersection of the Eastern Peripheral Expressway and the Delhi-Meerut corridor, is turning the area into a potential growth hotspot. Real estate consultants and local brokers note that investors are increasingly exploring these micro-markets because they combine strong future connectivity with comparatively lower land prices. Historically, many of NCR's successful real estate corridors--from Dwarka Expressway to Noida Expressway--have followed a similar pattern where infrastructure announcements triggered long-term property value appreciation. Premium Projects Reflect Growing Confidence: The growing confidence of developers in the Ghaziabad market is also reflected in the launch of premium housing projects in the region. Several national and regional developers have already introduced large residential developments in the area, many of which have witnessed strong sales momentum.

"Intersectional Feminism: Embracing Diversity and Equality for All Women"

In the pursuit of gender equality, it's crucial to recognize that women's experiences are shaped by a multitude of factors. This article delves into the concept of intersectionality, exploring how race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status intersect with gender, creating diverse narratives within the broader spectrum of women's empowerment. Define intersectionality and its significance in understanding the complexities of women's experiences. Illustrate how the intersection of various identities influences the challenges and opportunities women face. Examine the disparities faced by women of different races and ethnicities.

Discuss the unique challenges and achievements within various communities, shedding light on the importance of addressing racial and ethnic inequalities. Explore how socio-economic status intersects with gender, affecting women's access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. Discuss initiatives that aim to break down socio-economic barriers and create more inclusive pathways for women. Discuss the role of education in mitigating disparities. Explore programs and initiatives that focus on providing educational opportunities for women from marginalized backgrounds, empowering them to break

through societal barriers. Examine the challenges faced by women of different backgrounds in the workplace. Discuss the importance of creating inclusive work environments that recognize and value diversity, fostering a culture where all women can thrive. Encourage allyship and solidarity among women of different backgrounds. Emphasize the need for mutual support and understanding, fostering a sense of unity in the collective pursuit of equality. Highlight the importance of amplifying the voices of marginalized women. Share stories of resilience and success from women who navigate multiple layers of oppression,

emphasizing the need for a more inclusive and diverse representation in all spheres. Highlight the interconnectedness of gender, race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status in shaping women's experiences. Call for a unified and intersectional approach to feminism that addresses the unique challenges faced by all women, fostering a world where diversity is celebrated, and equality is truly inclusive.



Affordable Yet Well-Connected: NCR's New Growth Story Unfolds Along the RRTS Corridor

The National Capital Region (NCR) is witnessing a fresh wave of real estate transformation, and at the heart of this shift lies infrastructure-led growth. Emerging residential pockets such as Raj Nagar Extension, Siddharth Vihar, and Duhai are rapidly gaining prominence as attractive destinations for homebuyers and investors. Their rise is closely linked to the development of the Delhi-Meerut RRTS, which is redefining connectivity across the region. Infrastructure Driving a New Growth Cycle: Historically, real estate markets tend to flourish wherever infrastructure improves—and NCR is currently offering a textbook example of this trend. The Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor, India's first semi-high-speed regional rail system, has significantly cut down travel time between key cities. Commuters can now travel from Meerut to central Delhi in nearly an hour, while areas like Raj Nagar Extension and Duhai are just 30-40 minutes away. This enhanced connectivity is not limited to rail transit alone. The presence of major road networks such as the Delhi-Meerut Expressway, Eastern Peripheral Expressway, and NH-9 further strengthens accessibility. Together, these developments are creating a seamless travel ecosystem that connects Ghaziabad's emerging micro-markets with Delhi, Noida, and other NCR hubs. Affordability: The Biggest Growth Catalyst One of the most compelling reasons behind the rising popularity of these locations is affordability. While prime residential markets in Gurugram and central Noida have witnessed steep price appreciation—often crossing

₹15,000-₹16,000 per square foot—areas in Ghaziabad still offer relatively affordable options. Projects in Siddharth Vihar and parts of Ghaziabad are available in the range of ₹9,000-₹11,000 per square foot, while Raj Nagar Extension and Duhai offer even more budget-friendly options between ₹6,000-₹8,000 per square foot. This pricing advantage has created a significant opportunity for first-time homebuyers and middle-income families who aspire to live within commuting distance of Delhi without overextending their budgets. Raj Nagar Extension: A Mature Residential Hub Over the past decade, Raj Nagar Extension has evolved into one of Ghaziabad's most dynamic residential clusters. Once considered a peripheral location, it now boasts a well-developed ecosystem of housing projects, schools, healthcare facilities, and retail spaces. The area offers a balanced mix of mid-income and premium housing options, catering to a wide range of buyers. Its strategic location, coupled with improving connectivity through RRTS and highways, has made it a preferred choice for both end-users and investors. Siddharth Vihar: Planned Growth with Strategic Advantage: Siddharth Vihar has emerged as another promising destination, particularly due to its planned development and proximity to Noida. Located near NH-9, the area offers smooth connectivity to both Delhi and Noida, making it ideal for working professionals. With wide roads, organized layouts, and increasing developer interest, Siddharth Vihar is steadily transforming into a well-structured residential zone. The presence of

upcoming infrastructure projects is expected to further enhance its appeal in the coming years. Duhai: The Next Investment Hotspot Among the emerging micro-markets, Duhai is attracting significant attention from investors. The presence of a key RRTS station in the area is a major growth driver, positioning Duhai as a future transit-oriented development hub. Its strategic location near the intersection of the Eastern Peripheral Expressway and the Delhi-Meerut corridor adds to its potential. Compared to more established areas, land and property prices in Duhai remain relatively low, offering early investors an opportunity to benefit from long-term appreciation. Real estate experts point out that many of NCR's successful corridors: such as Dwarka Expressway and Noida Expressway—followed a similar trajectory. Infrastructure announcements led to initial investor interest, which eventually translated into sustained price growth and urban development.

and nearby areas, signaling strong confidence in the region's future. Many of these projects are witnessing healthy sales momentum, indicating robust demand from both end-users and investors. Improved infrastructure, combined with competitive pricing, is creating a favorable environment for sustained growth. A Balanced Opportunity for Buyers and Investors: What sets these emerging corridors apart is the balance they offer between affordability and connectivity. For homebuyers, they provide a chance to own property in NCR without compromising on access to major employment hubs. For investors, they present an opportunity to enter the market at relatively early stages of growth. As infrastructure projects continue to progress and connectivity improves further, these areas are likely to see increased demand, better social infrastructure, and gradual price appreciation. The Road Ahead: The transformation of Raj Nagar Extension, Siddharth Vihar, Duhai, and surrounding areas highlights the powerful role of infrastructure in shaping real estate markets. The Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor is not just improving travel—it is redefining urban growth patterns across NCR. With strong fundamentals, growing demand, and continued infrastructure push, these micro-markets are well-positioned to emerge as the next major residential hubs of the region. For now, they remain among the few places in NCR where affordability meets connectivity: a combination that is increasingly rare in today's real estate landscape.

Impact of Social Media: Which Direction is the Young Generation Heading? : Vaibhav Tyagi

Digital World and a New Identity: Opportunity or Challenge for Youth?

In today's era, digital technology has completely transformed our lives. The ease of smartphones and internet access has brought the entire world to our fingertips. For the young generation in particular, social media platforms like Instagram, YouTube, and Snapchat are no longer just tools of communication—they have become a way of life. However, an important question arises: is this transformation entirely positive, or does it also carry hidden consequences?

global audience. Many young people have even built successful careers through social media—whether in content creation, photography, or digital marketing. However, when this usage goes beyond control, problems begin to emerge. Constantly checking phones, seeking validation through likes, and comparing oneself with others can turn into unhealthy habits. Gradually, this starts affecting mental health. Issues such as anxiety, low self-esteem, and loneliness may develop over time. From a mental health perspective, social media acts as a double-edged sword. On one hand, it connects people, spreads awareness, and provides support networks. Today, numerous platforms host mental health awareness campaigns, encouraging individuals to share their struggles and seek help. On the other hand, unrealistic

standards and the illusion of a "perfect life" can create pressure on young minds. When individuals compare their real lives with others' highlight reels, dissatisfaction often increases. Another important aspect is the balance between real and virtual life. On social media, people usually present only the best parts of their lives. Photos are edited, and moments are carefully selected. In reality, life also includes challenges, failures, and struggles. When young people begin to perceive the virtual world as reality, they risk disconnecting from real-life experiences. Despite these concerns, social media can be a powerful tool if used wisely. It serves as a vast source of knowledge where individuals can gain new ideas, skills, and information. Online courses, tutorials, and motivational content help youth grow and develop. Moreover, networking

opportunities provide global exposure and open doors to new possibilities. The solution lies in maintaining balance. The younger generation must develop digital discipline—limiting screen time, prioritizing real-life interactions, and using social media as a tool rather than a necessity. Parents and teachers also play a crucial role in guiding youth toward responsible and mindful usage of technology. In conclusion, social media is neither entirely good nor entirely bad. Its impact depends on how it is used. If approached wisely, it can pave the way for growth and success. Otherwise, it can become a distraction that hinders personal development. Therefore, a balanced approach is essential—one that embraces the benefits of the digital world while never losing sight of the importance of real life.

In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, the Information Technology (IT) industry has emerged as one of the most promising career paths for students across the country. With businesses increasingly relying on technology for operations, communication, and growth, the demand for skilled IT professionals is witnessing a significant rise. Educational institutions and training centers are also adapting to this shift by offering specialized courses in programming, data science, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity. Experts believe that students who start early and focus on building practical skills are more likely to succeed in this competitive field. According to industry analysts, IT is no longer limited to traditional software development roles. New domains such as cloud

computing, machine learning, and ethical hacking are creating diverse opportunities for young aspirants. This expansion has made it easier for students from different academic backgrounds to enter the IT sector. "Students today have access to a wide range of online resources and certification programs, which makes learning more flexible and accessible," said a senior career advisor. Platforms offering hands-on training and real-world projects are helping learners gain industry-relevant experience even before they complete their formal education. However, experts caution that merely acquiring theoretical knowledge is not enough. Employers are increasingly looking for candidates who can demonstrate problem-solving abilities and practical expertise. Building projects, contributing to open-source

platforms, and participating in internships are now considered essential steps for career readiness. Soft skills are also playing a crucial role in shaping successful IT professionals. Communication, teamwork, and adaptability are highly valued by recruiters, especially in collaborative work environments. Students are being encouraged to focus equally on technical and interpersonal skills. Another notable trend is the growing importance of staying updated with industry developments. With technologies evolving at a rapid pace, continuous learning has become a necessity rather than an option. Professionals who keep upgrading their skills are more likely to remain relevant and competitive in the job market. Career counselors suggest that students should carefully choose their area of specialization based on their

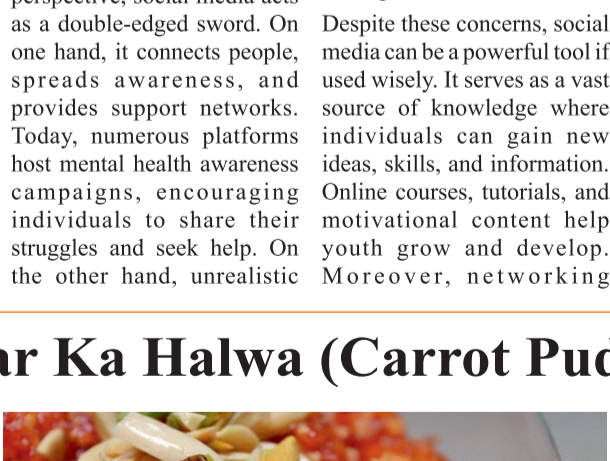
interests and strengths. Whether it is web development, mobile app development, data analytics, or cybersecurity, having a clear direction can help in building expertise and achieving long-term goals. As India continues to strengthen its position as a global IT hub, the sector is expected to generate millions of job opportunities in the coming years. For students willing to put in consistent effort and embrace lifelong learning, the IT industry offers a stable and rewarding career path. In conclusion, the growing demand for technology-driven solutions has made IT one of the most attractive career options for students. With the right mix of skills, dedication, and practical exposure, aspiring professionals can unlock numerous opportunities in this ever-expanding field.



Gajar Ka Halwa (Carrot Pudding)



Gajar Ka Halwa (Carrot Pudding) is a classic Indian dessert popular in winter, made with fresh carrots, milk, sugar, ghee, and garnished with nuts. Here's an overview of how to prepare it: **Ingredients:** Grated carrots (preferably red winter carrots) Full-cream milk Sugar Ghee (clarified butter) Cardamom powder Chopped nuts (almonds, cashews, pistachios) Optional: Khoya (reduced milk solids) for richness **Method:**



sugar and cook further until it dissolves and the halwa achieves a rich consistency. **Finishing Touch:** Mix in cardamom powder and optionally, khoya. Garnish with chopped nuts and serve warm. **Tips:** Use fresh, sweet carrots for the best flavor. Stir continuously to prevent sticking or burning. Adjust sugar according to the sweetness of the carrots. This dessert is often made during festivals and special occasions.

Cooking Carrots: Sauté the grated carrots in ghee in a heavy-bottomed pan until they soften. Simmer in Milk:

Add milk and let it simmer on medium heat until the milk reduces and the mixture thickens. Sweetening: Stir in

The Chief Minister distributed grants to devotees undertaking the Shri Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.

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Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath stated that the state government is fully sensitive to and committed to enhancing facilities for devotees. Since ancient times, the Shri Kailash Mansarovar Yatra has served as a powerful medium for connecting the traditions of the Indian *Sanatan Dharma* with the unity and integrity of society and the nation. It is a happy coincidence that we, today, are fulfilling the responsibility of upholding the very spirit with which the sages and seers of yore endeavored to unite us. The Chief Minister was expressing his views today at the Lok Bhawan auditorium during a program for the distribution of financial grants to devotees undertaking the Shri Kailash Mansarovar Yatra. He presented symbolic checks of Rs 1 lakh each as grant assistance to the devotees. It is noteworthy that the state government has provided a travel grant of Rs 1 lakh per person to 555 pilgrims from the state. The Chief Minister remarked that, in earlier times, pilgrimage was considered an integral part of life. People would carve out time from their daily routines to embark on such journeys. People did not possess a hoarding mentality; rather, whatever they earned through their hard work and diligence, they utilized to undertake religious pilgrimages and assist the needy. Through these journeys, in addition to earning spiritual merit, they engaged in the task of connecting with and understanding society. This spirit has endured since time immemorial. When Adi Shankara set out from Kerala to establish four *Peeths* (spiritual centers) in the four corners of the country, there was no unified government in the nation; instead, it was governed by various kings and princely states. While the political entities were distinct, culturally, the entirety of India remained one unified entity. Even today, that very spirit

various difficulties, challenges, and adversities along the way. To ensure that devotees from the state face no difficulties, the state government constructed the 'Kailash Mansarovar Yatra Bhawan' in Ghaziabad during the 2017-18 fiscal year—a project that was completed well within the stipulated timeframe. This facility serves as the primary transit point for devotees to stay while completing the necessary formalities required by the Ministry of External Affairs. During the remaining periods, the use of this *Yatra Bhawan* (Pilgrim House) should also be ensured for devotees undertaking other religious pilgrimages. Alongside utilizing the Kailash Mansarovar *Yatra Bhawan*, its preservation and proper maintenance must also be prioritized, for this constitutes our expression of gratitude towards our traditions and religious sites. The Chief Minister stated that, regarding the pilgrimage to Shri Kailash Mansarovar, the State Government provides excellent facilities within the state, while the Government of India ensures similar amenities across the entire country. However, during the journey, devotees are also required to interact with other nations—and the conduct encountered there is a matter of public knowledge. Yet, even amidst such inconveniences, our faith prevails, enabling devotees to attain the *darshan* (sacred sight) of the Lord of Lords, Mahadev. When one possesses true devotion, an individual can reach their destination despite facing every arduous challenge. Our government, in coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs, will strive to further enhance the facilities available to devotees right here in Ghaziabad in the times to come. Passport offices are currently being established across various districts, and numerous services are now

available online. The Chief Minister emphasized that it is the collective responsibility of us all to uphold and promote the sanctity of religious tourism with deep reverence. Religious pilgrimages should be undertaken with a spirit of devotion; tourism and recreation should remain secondary objectives. By doing so, we can effectively preserve the purity, propriety, and dignity of these sacred sites. Furthermore, conducting ourselves in a manner befitting the dignity of these religious sites will also serve to instill moral values and cultural ethos in the generations to come. It has been the endeavor of the State Government to ensure that devotees at every pilgrimage site have access to high-quality facilities that are commensurate with modern-day standards. The "Double-Engine Government" places a special focus on this objective. In the year 2025, 1.64 billion devotees visited various religious shrines and pilgrimage sites across the state. Of these, 660 million devotees visited the Prayagraj Mahakumbh—2025 alone. Millions of devotees also arrived in various other regions, including the Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham in Kashi, the Prabhu Shri Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya, and the Mathura-Vrindavan area. While this presents a challenge, it also serves as an opportunity. The government is making continuous efforts, at its own level, to provide excellent arrangements regarding transportation and public amenities. The potential of the tourism sector must be advanced rapidly. Through these opportunities, new avenues for the state's development and employment generation should also be created. Over the past nine years, the state government has provided excellent public amenities for tourists at various centers related to Buddhist and Jain tourism, as well as at other pilgrimage sites such as Lucknow, Kashi, Ayodhya, Prayagraj, Chitrakoot, Maa Vindhyavasini Dham, Naimisharanya, Mathura-Vrindavan, and Shukteerth. Efforts are currently underway to further enhance these facilities. The Chief Minister noted that while Uttarakhand is home to the 'Char Dham' (Four Shrines), there is also a broader 'Char Dham' circuit encompassing the entire country. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has undertaken numerous initiatives to bridge the North-South divide. For the past four to five years, the 'Kashi-Tamil Sangamam' program has been successfully running in Kashi. This initiative has emerged as

an excellent medium for fostering connections between Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. While Uttar Pradesh is home to the Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham, Tamil Nadu houses the Shri Rameswaram Dham. Our objective is to encourage devotees from the state to collect holy water from the Ganges in Kashi, seek the blessings of Baba Vishwanath, and then proceed on a pilgrimage to Rameswaram. To facilitate this journey, the Ministry of Railways provides a range of amenities. This integration of the North and South will play a pivotal role in realizing the vision of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' (One India, Great India). The Chief Minister further stated that the Department of Tourism, Culture, and Religious Affairs should prioritize the extensive promotion and dissemination of information regarding the Shri Kailash Mansarovar Yatra through social, digital, visual, and print media channels. Furthermore, an exclusive mobile application should be made available to assist pilgrims during the Yatra. Such innovative initiatives will lend a distinct identity to religious pilgrimages and the state's tourism sector, thereby further strengthening the economy. Finance and Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Mr. Suresh Kumar Khanna, stated that the "Double Engine" government has restored the pride of both the nation and the state. The Chief Minister has strengthened the Sanatan culture within the state. Quoting lines from a poet, he remarked: "The manner in which every single task is executed is truly praiseworthy, and the entire state of U.P. is singing praises in the name of Yogi Ji." Tourism and Culture Minister, Mr. Jaiveer Singh, stated that devotees from across the country and the state are deeply grateful to the Chief Minister for the construction of the Shri Kailash Mansarovar Bhawan. He noted that the state is advancing its journey of development while simultaneously upholding the dignity of its heritage. On this occasion, a short film based on the religious pilgrimage narratives of the state was screened. The program was also addressed by Mr. K.K. Singh, President of the Kailash Mansarovar Seva Samiti, Lucknow. Present at the event were MLA Mr. O.P. Srivastava, Members of the Legislative Council Mr. Mukesh Sharma and Mr. Ramchandra Pradhan, senior officials from the government and administration, and other dignitaries.



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Ring in 2026: A Beacon of Hope, Endless Possibilities, and Resilience! : Preeti Tyagi

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AOA Elections: A 'Profitable Deal'? :Mr. Abhinav Tyagi

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Raj Nagar Extension : As grand and serene as Ghaziabad's towering skyscrapers appear from a distance, an equally massive 'battle for power' rages within them. From the wide avenues of Raj Nagar Extension to the lanes of Indirapuram and the prime locations of Vasundhara—today, in every other housing society, the elections for the Apartment Owners Association (AOA) have become no less intense than a state assembly election. But the question remains: are these elections truly for the betterment of your society, or merely a 'profitable deal' designed to line the pockets of a select few? When the AOA was constituted under the UP Apartment Act, 2010, the primary objective was for residents to collectively manage and maintain their housing society. Today, however, the reality is quite the opposite. An average high-rise society comprises anywhere between 500 and 2,000 flats. If a monthly maintenance fee ranging from ₹3,000 to ₹8,000 is collected from each flat, the annual corpus can easily swell to between ₹2 crore and ₹10 crore. It is this very 'cream'—this lucrative financial pool—that intimidates honest individuals driven by a spirit of service, while simultaneously enticing those with a corrupt mindset to contest the elections. When the budget runs into crores, it is almost inevitable that intentions will waver. To siphon off society funds, certain AOA office-bearers employ tactics so subtle that the average resident remains completely oblivious to them—such as: The Commission Racket: Whether

it involves elevator repairs, painting, or waterproofing—a commission of 20–30% is pre-negotiated with contractors. A bill is generated for ₹10 lakh, the actual work executed is worth only ₹6 lakh, and the remaining amount is illicitly divided up among the conspirators. Bogus Vendors and Bills: Often, bills are generated in the name of firms that do not even exist. Lakhs of rupees are swindled under the guise of expenses for stationery, minor repairs, and security guard uniforms. The Fear of Audits: Corrupt teams deliberately fail to convene the General Body Meeting (GBM) on time, thereby avoiding the mandatory financial audit. Audit reports are either concealed or a 'clean chit' is procured from a friendly Chartered Accountant (CA). Electricity and Prepaid Meters: This has emerged as the biggest scam of all. Cash payments are collected for electricity recharges; however, instead of being deposited into the bank, these funds are diverted for personal use. The case of Aditya Mega City in Indirapuram stands as a prime example of this, where financial misappropriation amounting to lakhs of rupees was uncovered. **Cases in Ghaziabad That Shocked Everyone :** In recent months, the Ghaziabad administration has been inundated with a mountain of complaints. Several instances demonstrate that the situation has now reached a breaking point: **Savvy Ville De (Raj Nagar Extension):** The events that unfolded here in October 2025 shook the entire district. An FIR was registered on the orders of the District Magistrate (DM) after massive financial

irregularities were detected. **Gaur Homes (Govindpuram):** Residents here went so far as to organize a torchlight procession in protest. The allegation was that no General Body Meeting (GBM) had been held for six years. Just imagine—crores of rupees were spent over a period of six years without any proper financial accountability! **Shipra Sun City (Indirapuram):** Here, the very spirit of democracy was disgraced when physical altercations and stone-pelting broke out right in the middle of the election vote counting. Was this truly done in the spirit of public service? The silver lining is that the administration has finally woken up from its slumber. Ghaziabad's District Magistrate, Ravindra Mandar, has constituted a high-level committee and a Special Task Force (STF). Now, if any AOA office-bearer is found embezzling funds, they will face legal action under the Prevention of Corruption Act. This sends a stern message that 'public money' is not anyone's personal fiefdom. The Deputy Registrar's office has also made it unequivocally clear that delays in conducting elections and rigging of audits will no longer be tolerated. The question now arises: Is this truly a 'profitable venture'? The answer lies in two distinct perspectives: For the Corrupt Individual: Yes, it is a goldmine. Gaining control over funds worth crores without a single investment, acquiring status, and commanding salutes from contractors. For the average resident: This is a thoroughly losing proposition. You pay hefty maintenance fees, yet in return, you get—broken

roads, malfunctioning elevators, insecure gates, and contaminated water. AOA elections will become a 'profitable deal' for residents only when they shed their apathy toward 'RWA politics.' As long as you limit your complaints to WhatsApp groups and fail to turn up to vote, the 'system' will continue to function exactly as it does now. Now, a question for you: Are you witnessing the very same things in your own housing society? Today, every resident of a high-rise society should ask themselves these four questions: **Demand for Accountability:** Has your AOA made its audited balance sheet for the past year public? If not, why are you remaining silent? **Democracy or Dictatorship:** Are elections and General Body Meetings (GBMs) held on time every year in your society, or has a handful of individuals remained glued to their seats for years on end? **Service or Self-Interest:** Candidates contesting your elections are spending lakhs of rupees on campaigning; have you ever stopped to wonder why such vast sums are being spent for a position that carries no salary? **Your Responsibility:** The next time elections are held in your society, will you cast your vote merely based on a candidate's 'face,' or will you verify their credentials and track record of integrity? Remember: Your silence is the greatest strength of the corrupt. Finally, if you suspect any form of rigging or financial irregularity occurring within your society, do not remain silent—report it immediately. As a journalist, I am constantly striving to amplify voice and provide you with every possible assistance.

Relief from Traffic Congestion in Ghaziabad: GDA Finalizes Master Plan for Raj Nagar Extension; Delhi-Meerut Commuters to Benefit.

Indian Victory Bureau

Ghaziabad: A 45-meter-wide Outer Ring Road has been approved to eliminate traffic congestion in Ghaziabad's Raj Nagar Extension area. The Ghaziabad Development Authority (GDA) is set to commence the land acquisition process across five villages starting next week. This road, stretching from the City Forest to the NPR (Northern Peripheral Road), is expected to significantly streamline traffic flow within the region. This comes as a major relief for the residents of Raj Nagar Extension. To enhance regional connectivity and put an end to daily traffic jams, the GDA has fast-tracked the 45-meter-wide Outer Ring Road project. On Wednesday, GDA Vice Chairman Nand Kishore Kalal granted the necessary administrative and financial approvals for the land acquisition. The proposed Outer Ring Road will span approximately 6.6 kilometers. The route has been designed to bypass the main intersections and congested areas of Raj Nagar Extension. The road will originate at the City

Forest (D-Section) in Ambapur and extend up to Noornagar and completed. The remaining



the Northern Peripheral Road (NPR) in Shahpur Nijmorta. This route will traverse lands belonging to the revenue villages of Morti, Ataur, Ambapur, Morta, and Shahpur Nijmorta. According to GDA Secretary Vivek Mishra, a total of 3,9582 hectares (approximately 39,582 square meters) of land needs to be acquired for the project. Land acquisition for Morti and

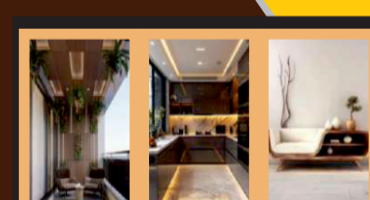
land in Ataur, Morta, and Shahpur Nijmorta will be purchased from landowners based on mutual consent; letters of consent have already been secured. **A Network of Alternative Routes for Congestion-Free Travel :** Beyond just the Outer Ring Road, the GDA has also formulated plans for several other roads to further enhance connectivity. One such

road—spanning 2,700 meters—will connect the Meerut Road directly to the Outer Ring Road. This will enable vehicles arriving from the Delhi-Meerut Road to proceed directly without hindrance. A 45-meter-wide road will be constructed behind Sikrod village. Another link road will be added, connecting from behind the River Heights complex. **Planned Development and Revenue :** GDA officials believe that the construction of these roads will not only facilitate smoother traffic flow but also ensure the planned development of Rajnagar Extension. The approval of new maps will generate revenue for the GDA, which will be utilized for other developmental projects within the region. Statement by GDA Vice Chairman Nandkishore Kalal: The construction of the 45-meter-wide Outer Ring Road in Rajnagar Extension is set to begin shortly. The process of acquiring the remaining land across three villages will be completed within a week.

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गाजियाबाद नगर निगम और गाजियाबाद विकास प्राधिकरण (GDA) के बीच फंसी जनता आज एक बेहद वाजिब सवाल पूछ रही है—जब सुविधाएं शून्य हैं, तो टैक्स में भारी वृद्धि क्यों? लोकतंत्र में टैक्स और विकास एक-दूसरे के पूरक होते हैं; जनता टैक्स इसलिए देती है ताकि उसे साफ सड़कें, पीने योग्य पानी, बेहतर ड्रेनेज सिस्टम और सुरक्षित माहौल मिल सके। लेकिन गाजियाबाद के राजनगर एक्सटेंशन की हकीकत इसके ठीक उलट है। राजनगर एक्सटेंशन क्षेत्र में गंगा जल (Ganga Jal) की आपूर्ति अभी तक सभी सोसायटियों तक सुचारू रूप से नहीं पहुँची है। अधिकांश सोसायटियों पानी के लिए बोरेवेल और ग्राउंडवाटर पर निर्भर हैं। अत्यधिक दोहन के कारण जल स्तर (Water Level) तेजी से नीचे जा रहा है। कई सोसायटियों में यह देखा गया है कि पेयजल की पाइपलाइन और सीवर लाइन आपस में मिल गई हैं। इसके कारण नलों से बंदबूद और दूषित पानी आता है, जो स्वास्थ्य के लिए गंभीर खतरा है। राजनगर एक्सटेंशन की सबसे बड़ी समस्या यहाँ की आंतरिक सड़कें हैं। चार्ज केसल रोड, राज गार्डन रोड और रिबर हाइट्स के आसपास की सड़कें

पूरी तरह टूट चुकी हैं। सड़कों पर बने गहरे गड्ढे न केवल वाहनों को नुकसान पहुँचाते हैं, बल्कि आए दिन दुर्घटनाओं का कारण भी बनते हैं। राजनगर एक्सटेंशन में कोई भी सामुदायिक केंद्र, निगम द्वारा अधिकृत पार्क, पोस्ट ऑफिस, सुलभ शौचालय, सार्वजनिक परिवहन(बस),नगर निगम या गाजियाबाद विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा अधिकृत कूड़ा घर की सुविधाओं का अभाव है। नगर निगम और गाजियाबाद विकास प्राधिकरण के पास जमीन होने के बावजूद इन सुविधाओं से राजनगर एक्सटेंशन कई सालों से मांग कर रहा है। सबसे बड़ी बात राजनगर एक्सटेंशन साहिबाबाद, विधानसभा में आता है और यहाँ के विधायक एशिया में सबसे ज्यादा वोटों से जीते हैं और दुबारा भी चुनके आए हैं। उसमें राजनगर एक्सटेंशन के निवासीओ का भी हाथ है उन्होंने जिस भरोसे से वोट करा लेकिन उतना ही सुविधाओं का अभाव है। राजनगर एक्सटेंशन जुड़ा हुआ एक क्षेत्र हम तुम रोड है, हम तुम के समस्त निवासी वहाँ की सड़क को लेकर प्रदर्शन भी किया लेकिन गाजियाबाद विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा सड़क बनाने के लिए जमीन तो खरीद ली लेकिन आज तक सड़क नहीं बना पाया। वहाँ के सरकार के चुने हुए प्रतिनिधि जैसे MP, MLA, Parshad किसी ने भी उनकी मदद के लिए आगे नहीं आए। रोज कोई न कोई एक्सीडेंट वहाँ होते रहते हैं और जन प्रतिनिधि सोते रहते हैं। गाजियाबाद नगर निगम (GMC) द्वारा हाउस टैक्स में की गई बेतहाशा वृद्धि ने आज शहर के लाखों नागरिकों को सड़क पर उतरने को मजबूर कर दिया है। यह मुद्दा केवल टैक्स बढ़ने का नहीं, बल्कि आम जनता के साथ होने वाले उस 'आर्थिक अत्याचार' का

है, जिसमें नियम-कानूनों को ताक पर रखकर मध्यम वर्ग की जेब पर डाका डाला जा रहा है। विडंबना यह है कि जहाँ एक ओर केंद्र की मोदी सरकार लगातार टैक्स स्लैब में सुधार और मध्यम वर्ग को राहत देने की वकालत करती है, वहीं दूसरी ओर गाजियाबाद में उसी विचारधारा के स्थानीय निकाय जनता पर बोझ लाद रहे हैं। नगर निगम ने सड़कों की चौड़ाई और डीएम सर्किल रेट के आधार पर टैक्स की गणना शुरू कर दी है, जिससे कई इलाकों में हाउस टैक्स 300% से 400% तक बढ़ गया है। यह वृद्धि उन परिवारों के लिए एक बड़ा मानसिक और वित्तीय बोझ बन गई है जो पहले ही कमरतोड़ महंगाई से जूझ रहे हैं। इस पूरे प्रकरण में सबसे अधिक निराशाजनक भूमिका क्षेत्र के सांसद(MP) और विधायकों(MLA) की रही है। चुनाव के समय घर-घर जाकर वोट मांगने वाले ये प्रतिनिधि आज जनता की चीख-पुकार पर मौन साधे हुए हैं। गाजियाबाद की जनता का स्पष्ट आरोप है कि उनके द्वारा चुने गए प्रतिनिधि अधिकारियों की मनमानी पर अंकुश लगाने में पूरी तरह विफल रहे हैं। नगर निगम के सदन में विरोध के दावे तो बहुत किए जाते हैं, लेकिन धरातल पर गाजियाबाद नगर निगम की वेबसाइट पर बढ़े हुए बिल और नोटिसों का सिलसिला बदस्तूर जारी है। जनप्रतिनिधियों की यह 'अनदेखी' लोकतंत्र के उस भरोसे को तोड़ती है जिसमें जनता उन्हें अपना रक्षक मानकर चुनती है। जब केंद्र सरकार की मंशा लोगों के 'ईज ऑफ लिविंग' (सुगम जीवन) को बढ़ावा देने की है तो स्थानीय स्तर पर अधिकारियों का यह तानाशाही रवैया केंद्र की नीतियों के भी विपरीत नजर आता है। नगर निगम का तर्क है कि शहर के विकास

के लिए राजस्व की आवश्यकता है, लेकिन जनता का सवाल वाजिब है कि क्या विकास केवल टैक्स वसूलने का नाम है? गाजियाबाद के कई वार्ड आज भी जलभराव, टूटी सड़कों और कूड़े के ढेरों से जूझ रहे हैं। मूलभूत सुविधाएं देने में विफल निगम का केवल टैक्स बढ़ाने पर ध्यान देना न्यायसंगत नहीं कहा जा सकता। हाल ही में इलाहाबाद हाईकोर्ट में इस वृद्धि के खिलाफ याचिकाएं भी दायर की गईं, लेकिन तकनीकी आधार पर जनता को वहाँ से भी तत्काल राहत नहीं मिली। इस स्थिति में जनता खुद को असहाय महसूस कर रही है, क्योंकि न तो प्रशासनिक अधिकारी उनकी सुन रहे हैं और न ही उनके निर्वाचित नेता इस 'अत्याचार' के खिलाफ कोई ठोस मोर्चा खोल रहे हैं। गाजियाबाद में हाउस टैक्स की यह वृद्धि एक गंभीर जन-आक्रोश का रूप ले रही है। केंद्र सरकार की छवि और नीतियों को स्थानीय स्तर पर धूमिल करने का यह प्रयास आने वाले चुनावों में भारी पड़ सकता है। यदि MP और MLA ने अपनी चुप्पी नहीं तोड़ी और निगम की इस तानाशाही को नहीं रोका, तो जनता के पास 'वोट की ताकत' के रूप में वह अंतिम अस्त्र हमेशा मौजूद है, जो सत्ता के अहंकार को चकनाचूर करने की क्षमता रखता है। लोकतंत्र में टैक्स जन-कल्याण के लिए होना चाहिए, न कि जनता के दमन के लिए। समय आ गया है कि जनप्रतिनिधि जनता के प्रति अपनी जवाबदेही तय करें और इस अन्यायपूर्ण वृद्धि को वापस कराने के लिए कड़े कदम उठाएं। राजनगर एक्सटेंशन की जनता का सीधा संदेश है कि विकास और राजस्व की आवश्यकता से किसी को ऐतराज नहीं है, परंतु निर्णय प्रक्रिया में पारदर्शिता लाएँ।

TRENDING TWEETS OF THE MONTH



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The enthusiasm of my family members, who gathered in overwhelming numbers at the Noida event, clearly shows how excited they are about the rapid development taking place across the country, including UP.



Creatine: Not Just a Gym Supplement : Anymore ?

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For years, creatine has been associated with bodybuilders, protein shakes, and gym culture. Many people still believe it is something only athletes use to "bulk up." But modern research tells a very different story. Creatine is now one of the most studied and scientifically supported supplements in the world, with benefits that go far beyond the gym. Let's break it down in simple terms. **What exactly is creatine?** Creatine is a natural substance found in our body, mainly in muscles. It is also present in foods like meat and fish. Its main role is to help produce energy—especially during short bursts of intense activity like lifting, sprinting, or climbing stairs quickly. Think of creatine as a "quick energy backup system." When your body needs instant energy, creatine helps regenerate ATP (adenosine triphosphate), which is the main energy currency of our cells. **Why is everyone talking about it now?** Creatine is not new. Scientists have been studying it for over 30 years. What has changed is the strength of evidence. Research consistently shows that creatine monohydrate (the most basic and widely used form) can improve: Muscle strength, Power and performance, Lean body mass, Recovery after exercise, Ability to perform repeated high-intensity efforts. This is why doctors and researchers are now taking it more seriously—not just as a fitness supplement, but as something with broader health relevance. **How does creatine actually**

work? Inside your muscles, creatine is stored as phosphocreatine. This helps quickly regenerate ATP when your body needs energy urgently. In simple terms: **More creatine = better energy supply during high effort.** This means you can: Lift slightly heavier weights, Do a few more repetitions, Recover faster between sets, Feel less fatigued during intense activity. Over time, this leads to better training results and improved physical performance. **Is it useful only for athletes?** This is one of the biggest myths. While athletes benefit the most, creatine is also useful for: People starting exercise or gym training, Older adults trying to maintain muscle strength, Individuals recovering from illness or weakness, Anyone wanting better physical performance and endurance in daily life. As we age, muscle strength naturally declines. Creatine, along with resistance training, can help slow down this process. **What about brain and overall health?** This is where things get interesting. Recent research suggests that creatine may also support: Brain energy and function, Mental performance during fatigue or sleep deprivation, Recovery after stress or intense activity. Some early studies are even exploring its role in neurological conditions, although this is still an area of ongoing research. The key point: Creatine is not just about muscles—it may also support overall body function. Is creatine safe? Safety is one of

the most important concerns, and fortunately, creatine has a strong safety record. Large studies involving thousands of people have shown: No major increase in side effects. No proven harm to kidneys in healthy individuals, Good safety record when used correctly. One common confusion is about kidney function. Creatine can slightly increase blood creatinine levels, but this does not necessarily mean kidney damage. It is simply a reflection of how creatine is processed in the body. However, people with pre-existing kidney disease should consult a doctor before using it. **Does it cause dehydration or cramps?** Another common myth. In reality, creatine may actually improve hydration at the cellular level. It draws water into muscle cells, which can support performance and possibly even heat tolerance. There is no strong real-world evidence that it causes dangerous dehydration or muscle cramps when used properly. **How should it be taken?** The simplest and most practical approach is: 3 to 5 grams per day of creatine monohydrate. Some people use a "loading phase" (higher doses for a few days), but this is not necessary for most people. Consistency matters more than timing. You can take it: With water, After meals, After exercise, Just take it daily. **Are all creatine supplements the same?** You may see many fancy versions marketed as "advanced" or "better absorbed." **But the truth is simple:** Creatine

monohydrate is still the best and most reliable form. It is: Well studied, Affordable, Effective, There is no strong evidence that newer versions are superior. Who should consider taking creatine? Creatine can be helpful for: long-term tolerability when used correctly, Athletes involved in short, intense activities, Older adults trying to maintain muscle strength, Individuals looking to improve physical performance. It is not a weight-loss supplement, and it should not replace a healthy diet or exercise. **The bottom line:** Creatine has moved far beyond its "gym supplement" image. It is now recognized as a scientifically backed, safe, and effective way to support physical performance and possibly overall health. For the right person, it can be a simple, affordable addition that improves strength, recovery, and functional capacity. In a world full of overhyped supplements, creatine stands out for one



reason—it actually works. **Take-home message:** Creatine is no longer just for bodybuilders. It is an evidence-based tool that can support strength, energy, and performance in everyday life.

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ऑस्टियोपोरोसिस की बीमारी आपकी हड्डियों को बहुत कमजोर कर देती है। आपकी हड्डियाँ सामान्य से कहीं ज्यादा पतली और कम घनत्व वाली हो जाती हैं, जिसके कारण इनके टूटने का खतरा भी काफी बढ़ जाता है। इस बीमारी की गंभीर स्थिति में हल्के से ठोकर, खांसने-छींकने के कारण भी फ्रैक्चर होने का खतरा हो सकता है। आइए इस बढ़ती बीमारी के बारे में जानते हैं।

क्यों होती है ऑस्टियोपोरोसिस की समस्या?

ऑस्टियोपोरोसिस: एक अदृश्य खतरा

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उम्र बढ़ने के साथ हड्डियों में कमजोरी और इसके फ्रैक्चर का खतरा बढ़ जाता है। 50 की उम्र के बाद आपमें ऑस्टियोपोरोसिस होने का जोखिम भी बढ़ जाता है। जिन लोगों में हड्डियाँ खुद को फिर से विकसित करने और सुधारने की अपनी क्षमता खो देती हैं उनमें इस रोग के मामले सबसे ज्यादा देखे जाते रहे हैं। ऑस्टियोपोरोसिस किसी को भी हो सकता है। कुछ लोगों में इसका खतरा अधिक होता है। **जोखिम कारक:**

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- पारिवारिक इतिहास
- कैल्शियम एवं विटामिन D की कमी
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- थायरॉइड और अन्य हार्मोनल विकार

महिलाएं ऑस्टियोपोरोसिस से प्रभावित हैं। भारत में भी यह संख्या तेजी से बढ़ रही है, विशेषकर 50 वर्ष से अधिक उम्र की महिलाओं और 60 वर्ष से अधिक आयु के पुरुषों में। बदलती जीवनशैली, पोषण की कमी और व्यायाम की कमी इसके प्रमुख कारक हैं। रोगजनन (Pathophysiology): ऑस्टियोपोरोसिस तब होता है जब हड्डी निर्माण की प्रक्रिया (bone formation) हड्डी के अपघटन (bone resorption) के पीछे रह जाती है। यह विशेष रूप से postmenopausal women में देखा जाता है, जहां एस्ट्रोजन हार्मोन की कमी के कारण हड्डियों का क्षरण तीव्र हो जाता है। पुरुषों में भी टेस्टोस्टेरोन की उम्र के साथ घटती मात्रा इसी प्रक्रिया को प्रभावित करती है। **ऑस्टियोपोरोसिस से बचाव के लिए क्या करें?**

सकती है। आहार में कैल्शियम की कमी हड्डियों के घनत्व को कम करने, हड्डियों को जल्दी क्षति पहुंचाने और फ्रैक्चर के जोखिमों को बढ़ाने वाली मानी जाती है। आहार में कैल्शियम और विटामिन डी वाली चीजों को शामिल करना, नियमित व्यायाम की आदत बनाना आपके लिए लाभकारी हो सकता है। सैंडेंटरी लाइफस्टाइल (शारीरिक निष्क्रियता) वाले लोगों में इसका जोखिम अधिक देखा जाता रहा है, इसलिए जरूरी है कि रोजाना कम से कम 30 मिनट के व्यायाम की आदत बनाएं। **रोकथाम:**

- बचपन से ही हड्डियों को मजबूत बनाने के लिए पोषण व व्यायाम जरूरी है।
- युवावस्था में चरम हड्डी घनत्व (Peak Bone Mass) बढ़ाना।
- पोस्टमेनोपॉजल महिलाओं के लिए नियमित DEXA स्कैन की सलाह।
- 65 वर्ष से ऊपर सभी व्यक्तियों की स्क्रीनिंग।

HEALTH TIP

What is Self-Diagnosis — And How Can It Help or Harm Patients?

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In today's digital world, where health information is just a few clicks away, more and more people are turning to the internet to understand what might be wrong with their body. This rising trend is called self-diagnosis — and while it can be empowering, it also comes with significant risks. Like a double-edged sword, self-diagnosis can either encourage better health awareness or lead to dangerous mistakes. In this article, we will explore what self-diagnosis means, its advantages, its limitations, and how to use it responsibly. — What is Self-Diagnosis? Self-diagnosis is when a person attempts to identify or label a disease or medical condition based on their own interpretation of symptoms — without a professional medical consultation. It usually involves: • Searching symptoms online (via Google or ChatGPT) • Watching health videos on YouTube or Instagram • Using symptom-checker apps • Relying on personal experience or anecdotal stories For example, someone feeling tired and gaining weight may Google these symptoms and conclude they have hypothyroidism, without consulting a doctor. Benefits of Self-Diagnosis Although often criticized, self-diagnosis has certain positive aspects when approached carefully and responsibly:

1. Health Awareness and Education Access to online medical resources has allowed people to learn more about health, diseases, and preventive care. Patients today are more informed than ever before, which is a good thing when it leads to early detection and better health choices.

2. Early Detection and Action Sometimes, self-diagnosis can help identify warning signs early. For example, someone reading about symptoms of diabetes may recognize their own signs (increased thirst, fatigue, frequent urination) and seek a medical check-up earlier than they would have otherwise.

3. Improved Communication with Doctors Patients who have looked up their symptoms beforehand often come prepared with specific concerns. This can make the consultation more productive and help doctors focus their diagnosis.

4. Convenience and Accessibility In areas where access to medical care is limited, or where appointments take time, self-diagnosis may offer a starting point. While it should never replace medical evaluation, it may serve as a useful first step.

5. Empowerment and Engagement Self-diagnosis gives patients a sense of control over their health. This engagement can improve compliance with lifestyle changes or treatment once professional guidance is sought.

Dangers of Self-Diagnosis Despite its benefits, self-diagnosis carries several serious risks — especially when people treat it as a substitute for proper medical advice.

1. Misdiagnosis is Common Symptoms often overlap between different diseases. For example: • A headache could be due to stress, dehydration, or a brain tumor. • Fatigue could mean anemia, depression, diabetes — or just poor sleep. Without medical training, people may easily jump to the wrong conclusion.

2. Delay in Correct Treatment Believing a condition is minor or self-treatable can cause dangerous delays. For instance, chest pain misdiagnosed as acidity or anxiety could actually be a heart attack. Delayed care could result in serious complications — or even death.

3. Unnecessary Anxiety or Panic (Cyberchondria) Many people who search their symptoms online end up believing they have a serious illness like cancer or a neurological disorder. This condition is called cyberchondria — health anxiety triggered by excessive online symptom checking. It leads to stress, sleepless nights, and unnecessary investigations or self-medication.

4. Wrong Use of Medications Some individuals start medications or supplements based on what they read online or hear from others: • Taking antibiotics for viral infections • Using thyroid or steroid medicines without testing • Overdosing on multivitamins or herbal remedies Such actions can be harmful and lead to drug interactions, resistance, or organ damage.

5. Mental Health Mislabeling Many teens and young adults today self-diagnose mental health issues like ADHD, autism, or anxiety disorders after watching videos on social media. While raising awareness is good, many of these self-diagnoses are incorrect, leading to: • Misinformed identity struggles • Stigma or isolation • Delay in actual diagnosis and therapy Mental health conditions are complex and require thorough psychological assessment. Role of the Internet in Self-Diagnosis The internet is a powerful tool, but it's not always accurate. Not all websites are reliable, and not every YouTube video is backed

by evidence. Even AI tools like ChatGPT, while helpful for general information, are not replacements for professional medical advice. Unfortunately, patients may struggle to differentiate between: • Reliable medical sources (like Mayo Clinic, WHO, MedlinePlus) • Unverified blogs, influencers, or promotional content This information overload can confuse more than it helps. A Balanced Approach to Self-Diagnosis Self-diagnosis should be treated as a starting point — not a conclusion. How to use it safely: • Use self-diagnosis only to become aware, not to treat yourself. • Stick to evidence-based medical websites. • Avoid panicking if your symptoms match a serious disease online. • Do not take any prescription medication without doctor approval. • Consult a doctor early if symptoms are unexplained, persistent, or severe. Doctor's Message to Patients Doctors are not against patients educating themselves. In fact, informed patients make better decisions. However, diagnosis is an art and science that includes: • Medical history • Physical examination • Lab tests and imaging • Clinical judgment No website or app can fully replace that. As your healthcare provider, we encourage you to ask questions, share your concerns, and work together toward a correct diagnosis and effective treatment. We are here to guide, not to judge. Conclusion Self-diagnosis is a reflection of growing health awareness in the digital age. When used wisely, it can encourage early medical care, better lifestyle choices, and more empowered patients. But when misused, it can lead to stress, delay in treatment, and avoidable harm. The best approach is to combine your self-awareness with expert guidance. If in doubt — always consult your doctor.

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30 की उम्र में सुनाई देना कम और कानों में शोर ज्यादा? टिनितस और अर्ली हियरिंग लॉस का बढ़ता संकट।



अभिनव त्यागी

हलिया स्वास्थ्य रिपोर्टों और विशेषज्ञों की चेतावनियों ने एक चौंकाने वाला तथ्य सामने रखा है कि अब बहरापन केवल बुढ़ापे की बीमारी नहीं रह गया है। 30 साल की उम्र पार करते ही युवाओं में 'अर्ली हियरिंग लॉस' यानी समय से पहले सुनने की क्षमता कम होने का खतरा तेजी से बढ़ रहा है। चिकित्सा विशेषज्ञों का मानना है कि आधुनिक जीवनशैली में ध्वनि प्रदूषण और गैजेट्स के अत्यधिक उपयोग ने हमारे कानों की उम्र को प्राकृतिक प्रक्रिया से कहीं पहले ही कम कर दिया है। 30 की उम्र एक ऐसा पड़ाव है जहाँ व्यक्ति अपने करियर के चरम

पर होता है और अक्सर तनाव व शोर (शराबे भरे माहौल में अधिक समय बिताता है, जो कानों की सूक्ष्म नसों को धीरे-धीरे कमजोर करने लगता है। इस खतरे के पीछे सबसे बड़ा कारण 'स्मार्टफोन कल्चर' और 'ईयरफोन, ब्लूटूथ डिवाइस, हेडफोन' का गलत इस्तेमाल है। आजकल लोग एक्ससर्साइज़ और वाक करते समय हेडफोन, ब्लूटूथ का प्रयोग करते हैं ताकि एक्ससर्साइज़ करते समय एकाग्रता बने रहे लेकिन यह उनके कान के परदे कान की सूक्ष्म नसों को धीरे-धीरे कमजोर करते हैं। आजकल माता पिता अपने बच्चों को स्मार्ट फोन और ब्लूटूथ डिवाइस दिला देते हैं लेकिन यह भूल जाते हैं कि यह उनके बच्चों के कान की सेहत के लिए अच्छा नहीं होता है। मेट्रो में सफर करते समय या काम के दौरान शोर को दबाने के लिए वॉल्यूम को 80% से ऊपर रखना कानों के लिए जहर के समान है। इसके अलावा, शहरी जीवन में ट्रैफिक का शोर, कंस्ट्रक्शन साइट्स और लाउड

म्यूजिक वाले सोशल इवेंट्स हमारे कानों को लगातार क्षति पहुंचा रहे हैं। विशेषज्ञ बताते हैं कि कानों की सुनने वाली नसें (Sensory Hair Cells) एक बार क्षतिग्रस्त हो जाएं, तो वे दोबारा कभी नहीं बर्ततीं। अक्सर 30-40 की उम्र के लोगों में 'टिनितस' (कानों में घंटी बजना) या भीड़ में आवाज़ें न समझ पाने जैसे लक्षण दिखने लगते हैं, जिन्हें लोग सामान्य थकान समझकर नजरअंदाज कर देते हैं, जो बाद में स्थायी बहरापन में बदल जाता है। विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि अलका यांत्रिक का यह मामला एक 'वेकअप कॉल' की तरह है। वायरल संक्रमण या तेज़ शोर के संपर्क में आने से होने वाला यह 'सडन हियरिंग लॉस' किसी को भी अपना शिकार बना सकता है। उन्होंने अपने शुभचिंतकों से अनुरोध किया है कि वे अपने कानों का ख्याल रखें और हेडफोन के इस्तेमाल को लेकर बेहद सतर्क रहें। उनके इस खुलासे ने न केवल स्वास्थ्य के प्रति जागरूकता बढ़ाई है, बल्कि डिजिटल युग में

गैजेट्स के सुरक्षित उपयोग पर एक बड़ी बहस भी छेड़ दी है। बचाव के लिए अब जागरूक होना अनिवार्य है। यदि आप 30 की उम्र पार कर चुके हैं, तो हर साल एक बार ऑडियोमेट्री टेस्ट कराना सुनिश्चित करें। अपने उपकरणों पर 'वॉल्यूम लिमिट' सेट करें और शोर वाली जगहों पर ईयरप्लग का उपयोग करें। खानपान में मैग्नीशियम, पोटेशियम और जिंक जैसे पोषक तत्वों को शामिल करना भी कानों की सेहत के लिए फायदेमंद होता है। यदि समय रहते ध्यान नहीं दिया गया, तो वह दिन दूर नहीं जब बिना मशीन के संवाद करना एक बड़ी चुनौती बन जाएगा। याद रखें, कानों का ख्याल रखना अब केवल बुजुर्गों के लिए नहीं, बल्कि हर युवा की प्राथमिकता होनी चाहिए। **Hearing Aid Consultant गाज़ियाबाद स्पीच एण्ड हियरिंग क्लिनिक**

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Ghaziabad Development Authority Falls Short of Revenue Target, Flags Operational Concerns

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Ghaziabad: The Ghaziabad Development Authority (GDA) has reported a significant shortfall in its revenue collection for the financial year 2025-26, achieving only 50% of its projected target from compounding fees. The development has raised concerns about the authority's operational efficiency and its impact on overall financial performance. According to official documents, GDA had set a target of ₹103 crore from compounding charges across its eight zones. However, it managed to collect only ₹52 crore, reflecting a substantial gap in revenue realization. Compounding charges are penalties levied by development authorities on constructions that exceed the approved layout plan. These deviations are permissible only if they remain within 10% of the sanctioned plan.

The charges vary depending on the type and size of the property. For residential units, the rate stands at approximately ₹482 per square meter of Floor Area Ratio (FAR), while commercial units are charged at nearly double this rate. For plotted developments up to 300 square meters, 100% of side and rear setbacks are eligible for compounding. In larger plots ranging from 301 to 2000 square meters, only 25% of the front setback, 75% of the rear setback, and 25% of the side setbacks can be regularized through compounding. In addition to the revenue shortfall, GDA's performance in implementing mutation policies has also come under scrutiny. As per the monitoring data available on the state government's dashboard, the authority ranked among the five worst-performing districts in Uttar

Pradesh in February. Mutation refers to the process of updating property ownership records in municipal or revenue documents following a transfer of ownership. This typically occurs due to sale, inheritance, or succession after the death of the original owner. The mutation fee is generally calculated at 1% of the property's value, while a nominal charge of ₹5,000 applies in cases of inheritance due to death. Data indicates that GDA received 25,111 online mutation applications, of which 19,179 were considered valid. While the authority successfully disposed of 97% of these cases, it still fell short of the required benchmark of 98.47%, resulting in a zero score under the state's performance evaluation system. Officials have attributed the dip in performance to the diversion

of workforce toward other government assignments during February. A GDA official stated that staff deployment in special initiatives impacted mutation processing efficiency. Regarding the low compounding fee collection, the authority has directed its enforcement teams to intensify efforts and address the issue with greater urgency. The combined underperformance in compounding fee collection and mutation processing has not only affected GDA's revenue but also raised broader concerns about governance and administrative effectiveness. Observers believe that unless corrective measures are implemented swiftly, the authority may continue to face challenges in meeting its financial and operational targets.

MSMEs are playing significant role in driving economic growth; need to embrace new tech to achieve Viksit Bharat goal - Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh

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New Delhi: India must work in a mission mode to emerge as a global hub of indigenous drone manufacturing in the next few years," said Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh as he stressed on the urgent need to build a drone production ecosystem to ensure strategic autonomy, enhance defence preparedness and make the country Atmanirbhar in view of the present geopolitical uncertainties. He was addressing MSMEs, start-ups, winners of Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX), Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), private defence companies, innovators, policymakers, and academia during the inaugural session of the two-day National Defence Industries Conclave, organised by the Department of Defence Production on the theme 'Advanced Manufacturing Technologies' at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi on March 19, 2026. Raksha Mantri asserted that the ongoing conflicts, ranging from the Russia-Ukraine war to the tensions between Iran & Israel, are proof that drones and counter-drone technologies are destined to play a pivotal role in future warfare, and self-reliance in drone manufacturing is essential not merely at the product level, but at the component level as well.

"From the drone's molds to its software, engines, and batteries, everything must be manufactured in India. This is no easy task. In most countries where drones are manufactured, a significant number of critical components are currently imported from China," he said. Shri Rajnath Singh added that while the creation of any nation's defence industrial ecosystem relies on the contributions of large industries, MSMEs, start-ups, and innovators, it is equally driven by a clear policy push from the government, tailored to meet the country's specific defence requirements. While he called for active contribution of the private sector, he extended Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi-led Government's full support to transform India into a global hub for indigenous drone manufacturing. As part of the inaugural session, Raksha Mantri launched the 14th edition of Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC-14) and the 4th edition of ADITI challenges under the iDEX framework. A total of 107 problem statements, including 82 under DISC-14 & 25 under ADITI Challenges 4.0, from the Defence Forces, Indian Coast Guard and Defence Space Agency were launched to promote breakthrough innovations in various domains. A new initiative featuring 101 innovation challenges from DPSUs was also launched by Raksha Mantri to encourage design-led innovation by MSMEs and start-ups. These challenges are funded by DPSUs, which will also provide mentorship, testing facilities and opportunities for potential integration into their supply chains to the winning start-ups. Shri Rajnath Singh described iDEX and ADITI (Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX as game-changer

initiatives, through which start-ups, innovators, and MSMEs are provided with the opportunity to develop novel solutions to meet the specific requirements of the Defence Forces. "As of February 2026, approximately 676 start-ups, MSMEs, and individual innovators have joined the defence innovation ecosystem since the inception of iDEX in 2018. 548 contracts have been signed; and 566 challenges launched. Of these, 58 prototypes have received clearance for procurement, valued at around Rs 3,853 crore. Furthermore, 45 procurement contracts have already been signed, worth nearly Rs 2,326 crore. These figures demonstrate that innovation is gradually materialising into tangible products & technologies, and the role played by our start-ups & MSMEs in this transformation is steadily gaining strength," he said. Raksha Mantri emphasised that MSMEs are today actively engaged in fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Automation, and Advanced Manufacturing, representing a monumental and positive transformation. He termed it as imperative for the MSMEs and start-ups to embrace and integrate these technologies to ensure the optimal utilisation of their resources and capabilities. "In the contemporary landscape, innovations such as Automation, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Additive Manufacturing are reshaping the global manufacturing sector. Furthermore, technologies like 'Digital Twins' and advanced simulation tools are unlocking a host of new possibilities. A 'Digital Twin' essentially involves creating a virtual model of a real-world system. Such technologies empower us to better comprehend complex systems and facilitate more informed decision-making," he said. Shri Rajnath Singh added that 'integration' is another crucial concept for the enhancement of MSME capabilities. "This integration can be achieved in two distinct ways: Horizontally and Vertically. Horizontal integration implies that MSMEs from diverse sectors connect with one another, learn from each other's experiences, and collaborate. Vertical integration signifies that MSMEs partner with large-scale industries, engage with emerging technological domains, and cultivate expertise in fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Automation, Robotics, and Additive Manufacturing. Our MSMEs must advance towards the adoption of Industry 4.0. It is when both horizontal and vertical integration occur simultaneously that a robust innovation ecosystem is established," he said. Highlighting the numerous initiatives undertaken by the Government to strengthen the



MSMEs, Raksha Mantri stated that a three-pronged approach has been introduced in this year's Union Budget to provide MSMEs with Equity, Liquidity, and Professional support, thereby enabling them to emerge as 'Champion MSMEs'. The objective is to accelerate the growth of MSMEs, and enhance their competitiveness in both domestic and international markets, he said. Shri Rajnath Singh pointed out that since 2014, the Government has consistently prioritised and focused on the expansion of this 'vital' sector. To simplify the registration and identification of MSMEs, digital platforms such as the Udyam Portal and the Udyam Assist Portal have been launched. The objective is to integrate small industries into the formal economy, thereby ensuring that they receive the benefits of government schemes," he said. He added that the number of MSMEs in the country stood at approximately 4.67 crore in 2012-13, and the figure has reached nearly 08 crore, according to recent data. This growth, he said, demonstrates the continuous rise in the spirit of entrepreneurship within the country, and small industries are now playing a significant role in driving economic growth. "We see start-ups serving as catalysts for social change through their truly unique ideas, while others attain the coveted status of a 'Unicorn' within an incredibly short span of time. In the near future, many more will emerge as the next generation of 'Unicorns'. All that is required is consistent effort, perseverance, and unwavering dedication," said Raksha Mantri, urging the MSMEs and start-ups to march forward with zeal & enthusiasm to innovate, embrace new technologies, and realise the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat. Speaking on the occasion, Secretary (Defence Production) Shri Sanjeev Kumar highlighted that the conclave aims to promote advanced manufacturing technologies, and integration of MSMEs in the production ecosystem and entire value chain starting from design, development and manufacturing. He added that the 200 Problem Statements will give an opportunity to MSMEs, industries, start-ups, young innovators in designing state-of-the-art products and enhance their skills. The Secretary (DP) enumerated the series of steps taken by the Ministry to promote and strengthen the domestic defence industry during 2025 - Year of

Reforms. "DDP implemented significant reforms including rationalisation and simplification of various approvals and permissions; strengthening of quality process and bringing testing laboratories belonging to DPSUs and DRDO. A digital database of industries working in the defence sector, named Srijan Deep, has also been created, wherein over 40,000 industries have been listed to increase the resource for R&D," he said. During the event, Raksha Mantri also released 05 publications of Department of Defence Production, which aim to strengthen awareness of policy initiatives, promote defence exports and facilitate ease of doing business for industry stakeholders. These are:

SAMARTHYA 2026 - A Journey Towards Self-Reliance in Defence Production: A document outlining the roadmap and key initiatives to strengthen self-reliance in defence manufacturing. **Indian Defence Industry - Going Global:** A report highlighting India's growing defence exports and opportunities for Indian companies in the global market. **SANKLAN:** A handy guide providing answers to common queries of defence companies and MSMEs. **Enabling Provisions to Integrate MSMEs in Defence PSU ecosystem:** A booklet outlining new measures to integrate MSMEs into the DPSU ecosystem. **AI Maturity Assessment Model:** A framework to help defence organisations assess and improve their adoption of Artificial Intelligence technologies. Shri Rajnath Singh also inaugurated an exhibition, wherein 20 large defence companies have set up their stalls to showcase their initiatives and programmes for co-opting MSMEs as partners, suppliers and innovators. In addition, 24 Indian and foreign companies are participating in the exhibition to display advanced manufacturing technologies such as automation, artificial intelligence, robotics, additive manufacturing and smart materials. Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman, DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat and other senior officials were present on the occasion.

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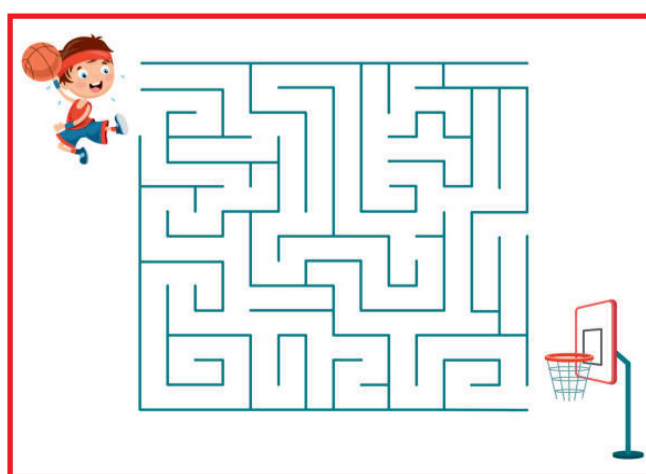


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