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## Dutch Warship Docks in Kochi, Signalling Stronger Maritime Ties with India

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**New Delhi:** A frontline warship of the Royal Netherlands Navy, HNLMS De Ruyter (F804), arrived at Kochi on May 4, 2026, underscoring the growing maritime engagement between India and the Netherlands. The vessel belongs to the advanced De Zeven Provinciën-class, known for its air-defence and multi-role combat capabilities.

The port call coincides with the visit of a high-level Dutch delegation led by Major General (Royal Marines) Rob de Wit, Deputy Commander of the



Royal Netherlands Navy, along with Marisa Gerards. The delegation is currently

engaging with officials at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi.

Defence officials indicated that the visit is part of ongoing efforts to en-

hance bilateral naval cooperation, including joint exercises, interoperability, and exchange of best practices. The presence of a modern European frigate at an Indian naval hub highlights shared strategic interests in ensuring maritime security and stability in the Indian Ocean Region.

The visit is expected to further consolidate defence ties, reflecting a broader convergence of interests between New Delhi and The Hague in an increasingly dynamic geopolitical landscape.

## At Bambori Chaupal, Bhajan Lal Sharma Signals a Grassroots Blueprint for a Modern Rajasthan



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**New Delhi:** In the dusty heartland of Pratapgarh, a village chaupal in Bambori this week offered more than optics—it revealed a governing method. Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma chose conversation over ceremony, sitting with women who spoke not in policy jargon but in lived change: higher incomes, steadier livelihoods, and a widening sense of agency under schemes such as the “Lakhpatti Didi”.

The scene was quintessentially local yet po-

litically instructive. Folk artists welcomed the Chief Minister with the traditional Gair dance; Sharma stepped into the circle, briefly dissolving the distance between state and citizen. Symbolism aside, the substance lay in what followed—direct feedback loops, on-the-spot reviews, and a close look at the “Gram Rath”, a mobile interface for services and awareness.

For a state seeking to pivot from welfare delivery to wealth creation at the last mile, the Bambori model is instruc-

It aligns women-led self-help networks with market linkages, stitches digital outreach to physical access, and treats villages as sites of enterprise rather than endpoints of subsidy.

If scaled with discipline, such chaupals could become Rajasthan’s quiet reform engine—turning dispersed gains into a coherent rural transformation, and, over time, narrowing the distance between a traditional hinterland and a modern, opportunity-rich state.

## Rajasthan Duo Drives Bengal Breakthrough: Bhajan Lal Sharma, Rajendra Rathore Emerge as BJP’s Key Strategists

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**New Delhi:** In a striking political turnaround in West Bengal, the Bharatiya Janata Party’s performance in key constituencies has brought two leaders from Rajasthan into sharp national focus—Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma and senior leader Rajendra Rathore. Sharma’s campaign trail in Bengal proved

remarkably effective, with the BJP securing victory in all six constituencies where he addressed rallies and roadshows. His targeted outreach and calibrated messaging are being credited with energising the party’s ground cadre and consolidating voter support in crucial pockets. Equally significant was the role played by Rajendra Rathore, who spearheaded election

management in high-stakes constituencies such as Bhabanipur. Stationed on the ground for months, Rathore’s meticulous planning and booth-level strategy are widely seen as pivotal in reshaping electoral outcomes in favour of the BJP. Party insiders point to a broader Rajasthan-led organisational push, involving senior leaders and micro-level coordination, as a

decisive factor behind the results. From strategic oversight to grassroots mobilisation, the combined efforts created a robust campaign architecture. The Bengal results, beyond electoral numbers, highlight a narrative of cross-state political synergy—with Sharma and Rathore emerging as central figures in scripting a high-impact political chapter for the BJP.

## Vietnam President To Lam’s India Visit Signals Strategic Depth, Cultural Bond

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India on Tuesday extended a warm and emphatic welcome to To Lam, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam and President of Vietnam, marking a significant moment in bilateral relations. His visit, coming within a month of assuming office, is being viewed as a clear indication of the priority Hanoi places on its partnership with New Delhi. Accompanied by a high-level delegation, President To Lam’s choice to begin his India visit from Both Gaya has added

a profound symbolic dimension. The sacred site, associated with the enlightenment of Lord Buddha, underscores the deep-rooted civilisational and spiritual ties shared between the two nations. Officials noted that the visit is expected to further strengthen cooperation across strategic, economic, and cultural domains, amid evolving regional dynamics in the Indo-Pacific. India and Vietnam, both key stakeholders in the region, have steadily expanded engagement in defence, trade, and connectivity.

## Decisive Battle Lines Drawn: Rajasthan Braces for High-Stakes Local Body Elections

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By Hemraj Tikamchand

**New Delhi:** Political temperatures are rising sharply across Rajasthan as preparations intensify for the upcoming local body elections, widely seen as a crucial test of grassroots strength for all major parties. The polls are expected to cover municipal corporations, municipal councils, nagar palikas, and panchayati raj institutions, making them one of the most extensive electoral exercises in the



state. The ruling government led by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma has activated its organi-

sational machinery, focusing on booth-level management, beneficiary outreach, and last-mile

delivery of welfare schemes. Key urban centres like Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kota, and Udaipur are expected to witness intense triangular contests.

On the other hand, the opposition, led by Ashok Gehlot and Govind Singh Dotasra, is building its campaign around local civic issues such as water scarcity, sanitation, unemployment, and rising urban congestion. Internal surveys and feedback mechanisms are being used by both sides to identify strong candi-

dates and minimise rebellion during ticket distribution.

Sources indicate that caste equations, youth participation, and women candidates will play a decisive role in shaping outcomes. Political observers believe these elections will not only determine control over urban and rural local bodies but also set the tone for Rajasthan’s political narrative in the coming years, making this contest far more significant than routine civic polls.

# RAJASTHAN BETS ON PARTNERSHIPS TO DRIVE CHILD-CENTRIC GROWTH AGENDA



**Hemraj Tikamchand Tiwari**

By Special Feature Desk

In a significant push towards inclusive development, UNICEF India has reinforced its engagement with the Government of Rajasthan, underlining the role of strategic partnerships in advancing the vision of a “Viksit Rajasthan”. Cynthia McCaf-

frey, India Representative of UNICEF, met V. Srinivas along with senior departmental secretaries in Jaipur to discuss expanding collaboration focused on children and women. The discussions centred on strengthening delivery systems in health, nutrition, education, and child protection, while also leveraging Rajasthan’s governance innovations for wider replication.

Officials indicated that the meeting reviewed ongoing programmes and explored scaling up successful models across districts, particularly in underserved regions. Emphasis was also placed on

convergence between departments to ensure last-mile impact and measurable outcomes.

Rajasthan, which has made notable gains in several human development indicators in recent years, is increasingly being positioned as a laboratory of governance innovations. Both sides stressed the importance of knowledge-sharing and evidence-based policymaking to amplify impact.

The renewed engagement signals a sharper focus on partnerships as a cornerstone of policy execution, with children and young people placed at the centre of the state’s development roadmap.







Briefs

UP Begins Digital Census Self-Enumeration

LUCKNOW Uttar Pradesh will begin online self-enumeration for Census 2027 from May 7, allowing household heads to fill forms digitally before field surveys begin.

HC Clarifies Use of 'Honourable' Title

PRAYAGRAJ The Allahabad High Court has clarified that the honorific "Honourable" or "Hon'ble" must be used only for constitutional functionaries such as judges, ministers, and Members of Parliament.

Criminal Injured in Jaunpur Encounter

JAUNPUR A wanted criminal was injured and arrested during a police encounter in Jaunpur's Sarai Khwaja area, while his accomplice escaped under the cover of darkness.

Potato Farmers Hit by Oversupply Crisis

LUCKNOW High potato production and weak demand from other states have pushed farmers in Uttar Pradesh into distress, with prices falling sharply across major potato belts.

Seven Caught Cheating in JNCU Exams

BALLIA Flying squad teams of Jananayak Chandrashekhar University caught seven students cheating during semester examinations in Ballia on Wednesday.

ALERT | ATS Cracks Suspected Anti-Police Conspiracy in UP

Uttar Pradesh ATS Arrests Two Over Alleged Terror Plot

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The Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) has arrested two suspects for allegedly planning attacks on police personnel and sensitive locations in Gorakhpur and Barabanki.

According to ATS officials, the accused were allegedly in contact with handlers connected to Pakistan-based operatives and criminal networks.

allegedly preparing to disturb law and order through targeted attacks.

During raids conducted by ATS teams, authorities recovered weapons, ammunition, mobile phones, digital

devices, and several documents from the possession of the accused. Preliminary interrogation reportedly revealed that the suspects used encrypted messaging applications to communicate with

their handlers and receive instructions. Security agencies are now probing whether the arrested men were part of a larger network operating across different states.

Officials stated that the

Suspects accused of planning attacks on police establishments in Gorakhpur and Barabanki

timely operation helped avert a possible major security threat in the state. The ATS has registered a case under sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Arms Act, and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The arrests have prompted security agencies to intensify surveillance at sensitive locations across Uttar Pradesh, especially in districts considered vulnerable from a law-and-order perspective.

Taste of UP: Yogi Govt's ODOC Plan to Turn Every District's Signature Dish



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The Yogi Adityanath government has launched an ambitious initiative to showcase Uttar Pradesh's rich culinary heritage by giving every district a unique food identity under the newly approved "One District One Cuisine" (ODOC) scheme.

The initiative highlights iconic delicacies including Agra's Petha, Mathura's Peda, Varanasi's Lassi, Jaunpur's Imarti, Lucknow's Malai Makhan and Meerut's Gajak. Regional flavours from Braj, Awadh, Bundelkhand and

From Agra's Petha to Banaras's Lassi, Uttar Pradesh aims to blend culture

Purvanchal will now be promoted on a unified platform.

Officials believe the scheme will strengthen tourism while creating employment opportunities for local halwais, artisans, food vendors and entrepreneurs.

Seven Convicted in Double Murder Linked to Election Rivalry

UP State Bureau AZAMGARH



A court in Uttar Pradesh's Azamgarh district has sentenced seven people to life imprisonment in a double murder case linked to political rivalry during local elections.

According to prosecution officials, the incident had created panic in the area after the victims were allegedly attacked and killed over long-standing rivalry during the election period.

Azamgarh court awards life imprisonment in politically motivated killing case

During the trial, the prosecution presented witness testimonies, forensic evidence, and other supporting documents before the court.

FATHER-SON GET LIFE TERM FOR MURDER

FATEHPUR A court in Uttar Pradesh's Fatehpur district has sentenced a father and son to life imprisonment for murdering a youth after a violent dispute.

The court found both accused guilty based on witness statements, investigation reports, and evidence presented during the trial. Along with life imprisonment, the court also imposed a fine on the convicts.

India's Largest Ammunition Factory to Come Up in Lucknow

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Lucknow is set to get one of the country's largest ammunition manufacturing units under the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor.

The plant will manufacture defence-grade ammunition for the Indian Army, paramilitary forces, and authorized security agencies. Production of cartridges of multiple calibres is expected to begin by 2027.

Akhilesh Alleges 'Election Dishonesty' by BJP

UP State Bureau LUCKNOW



Samajwadi Party president and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party of manipulating elections and misusing the system to remain in power.

The SP chief alleged that despite the INDIA alliance performing strongly in the Lok Sabha elections, unfair practices were adopted against opposition parties.

SP chief claims he has videos and complains as proof of poll irregularities

a "10-number model" to influence poll outcomes. Akhilesh also raised concerns over bypolls in Kundarki and Rampur, alleging the presence

of a "multi-layer election mafia" and claiming votes were manipulated. He further demanded greater transparency in the electoral process and called for live telecast of vote counting to strengthen public trust in democracy.

UP Homebuyers Get Big Relief in Flat Transfer Rules

UP State Bureau LUCKNOW



Homebuyers in Uttar Pradesh have received major relief after UP RERA introduced new rules capping builder charges on flat transfers.

Earlier, many builders allegedly charged hefty amounts ranging from ₹200 to ₹1,000 per square foot, causing transfer costs to reach 25-30 lakh in some cases.

Heirs can now transfer flats for just ₹1,000 as UP RERA caps builder charges

To complete the transfer process, legal heirs will need documents such as a death certificate, succession certificate, and no-objection certificates from other heirs.



CM Yogi Adityanath offered prayers at Kashi Vishwanath Temple and Kaal Bhairav Temple, praying for public welfare and greeting devotees during his Varanasi visit.

Free Computer Training Empowering OBC Youth in UP

UP State Bureau LUCKNOW

The Yogi Adityanath government is expanding digital empowerment among backward class youth through its free computer training scheme for OBC students. In 2025-26, over 29,000 economically weaker intermediate-pass boys and girls received training.

Five Dead, Several Injured in Road Accidents Across UP

UP State Bureau BALLIA/PRAYAGRAJ



A wave of tragedy struck Uttar Pradesh after two separate road accidents related to wedding functions claimed five lives and left several others injured on Wednesday.

In Ballia, four people, including three female dancers of an orchestra troupe, were killed after a magic van overturned on the Manjhi-Chhapra highway near Inai village.

Wedding Celebrations Turn Tragic in Two Separate Road Accidents

vehicle rammed into a wedding procession, killing one person and injuring five others. According to reports, panic erupted at the scene as locals and police rushed to rescue the victims and shift them to nearby hospitals for medical treatment.

NDPS accused missing after bail, police searching Got 30-day interim bail on medical grounds, did not return to jail on time

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Chittorgarh- An NDPS Act accused, Govardhan Jat, who was lodged in the district jail, has gone missing after coming out on interim bail. The accused, a resident of Kapasan, got interim bail from the Rajasthan High Court on medical grounds but did not return to jail as per the conditions.

clearly shows he violated the bail conditions and absconded. Govardhan Jat is already facing a case under the NDPS Act, which is currently under trial in court.

mediately informed the police. Jail guard Vedram, son of Shobharam Chaudhary, filed a case against him at Kotwali police station. The report states that the accused failed to appear in jail on the fixed date and time and absconded.

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draprakash Goyal welcomed the chief guest. A march past was held under the leadership of School Vice Captain Cadet Karan Joharar, and the chief guest took the salute.

