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Rajasthan Pushes Digital Leap, CM Bhajanlal Sharma Bets Big on AI, Data Centres and Innovation Ecosystem

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JAIPUR: In a strong push towards the long-term development roadmap “Viksit Bharat–Viksit Rajasthan 2047,” Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma held a high-level round table interaction with industry representatives following the 29th National e-Governance Conference.

The discussion centred on accelerating Rajasthan’s transition into a digitally empowered economy, with a clear focus on strengthening core pillars such as digital infrastruc-



ture, artificial intelligence, data centres and a robust startup ecosystem. Industry leaders and domain experts shared in-

tunities for positioning Rajasthan as a competitive technology and innovation hub in India’s next growth phase.

Officials indicated that the state government is increasingly looking at public-private collaboration models to fast-track investment in high-tech infrastructure and innovation-driven enterprises. The emphasis, according to participants, was on building scalable digital systems that can support governance efficiency as well as private sector expansion.

The round table also reflected a broader policy direction aimed at aligning state-level planning with India’s national digital ambitions, particularly in areas of data-led governance and deep-tech manufacturing ecosystems.

As Rajasthan positions itself within the national digital growth narrative, the deliberations are expected to feed into upcoming policy frameworks focused on investment facilitation, talent development and technology adoption across sectors.

Allahabad HC Cracks Down on Gautam Buddh Nagar DM, Issues Bailable Warrant Over Alleged Non-Compliance



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Noida: In a stern assertion of judicial authority, the Allahabad High Court on Wednesday issued a bailable warrant against the District Magistrate of Gautam Buddh Nagar, directing the officer to appear in person before the court after taking serious note of the alleged non-compliance with its earlier orders.

During the hearing, the Bench expressed strong dissatisfaction over the administration’s failure to act in accordance with judicial directions. Observing that court orders cannot be ignored with impunity, the judges directed the District Magistrate to personally explain the circumstances that led to the alleged lapse.

The court also issued a show-cause notice, asking the officer to clarify why criminal contempt proceedings should not be initiated for the reported failure to comply with its

directives. The matter has been listed for further hearing, with the officer’s personal appearance considered essential.

The development marks a significant moment in the continuing emphasis on accountability of public officials before constitutional courts. Legal observers noted that while courts generally exercise restraint in initiating coercive measures against senior bureaucrats, such action may be taken when judicial orders are perceived to have been repeatedly disregarded.

The case has drawn attention within administrative and legal circles, with officials closely watching the proceedings. The outcome of the hearing is expected to have wider implications for administrative accountability and the obligation of government authorities to ensure timely compliance with judicial directions.

Japan’s PM Sanae Takaichi Visits India for Landmark Summit with PM Modi

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NEW DELHI: In a landmark moment for Asian diplomacy, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi arrived in New Delhi on a three-day state visit to hold bilateral talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, underscoring the growing importance of the India-Japan partnership in an evolving Indo-Pacific landscape.

The visit, portrayed as Takaichi’s first official trip to India after assuming office, focuses on strengthening the two nations’ Special Strategic and Global Partnership through enhanced cooperation in defence, tech-



nology, semiconductors, resilient supply chains, clean energy and maritime security.

Officials from both sides are expected to discuss expanding investment flows, accelerating infrastructure projects, deepening digital collabo-

ration and reinforcing a shared commitment to a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific. A high-level Japanese business delegation, including representatives from leading automotive and technology companies, is also participating in discussions

aimed at boosting industrial cooperation.

Observers describe the summit as a continuation of the close ties cultivated during the tenure of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, whose vision helped elevate bilateral relations to a strategic partnership.

While several agreements are expected to emerge from the talks, the visit also carries broader geopolitical significance, signalling the resolve of Asia’s two leading democracies to enhance economic resilience, regional stability and long-term strategic cooperation amid an increasingly complex global environment.

GST Collections Hit ₹1.95 Lakh Crore in June, Rekindling Political Debate Over India’s Economic Trajectory

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NEW DELHI: India’s Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections climbed to 1,94,812 crore in June 2026, marking a 13.9% year-on-year increase, according to official data. The robust revenue performance has reignited the political debate over the health of the Indian economy, with the ruling alliance pointing to the figures

as evidence of sustained economic momentum. The latest numbers come against the backdrop of repeated criticism from Rahul Gandhi, who has argued that the GST regime has hurt businesses, particularly small and medium enterprises, and weakened economic growth.

Supporters of the government contend that the latest collections reflect expanding

economic activity, improved tax compliance, and greater efficiency in the GST framework. They argue that the steady rise in indirect tax revenues challenges claims that the tax system has undermined the economy.

However, economists note that while strong GST receipts are generally viewed as a positive indicator of consumption, compliance and formalisation, they

do not, by themselves, provide a complete picture of economic well-being. Broader indicators—including employment, investment, inflation, wages and household consumption—also shape assessments of economic performance.

The latest figures are likely to add fresh momentum to an already intense political contest over India’s economic record.

‘Appease Claude’: Viral Post Claiming Boss Treated AI Like ‘God’ Sparks Debate Over Workplace Dependence on Chatbots



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Mumbai: A viral social media post alleging that a corporate manager developed an unhealthy dependence on an artificial intelligence chatbot has ignited a wider debate about the growing influence of generative AI in workplace decision-making. According to the anonymous employee’s account, the manager allegedly began treating Claude, the AI assistant developed by Anthropic, as an unquestionable authority, instructing staff to “appease Claude” by aligning business strategies and performance targets with the chatbot’s recommendations.

The employee claimed that tensions escalated when workers pointed out that AI-generated projections did not accurately reflect customer behaviour or market realities. Rather than revising expectations, the manager allegedly dismissed employee concerns and insisted that the chatbot’s analysis was beyond question.

The post further al-

leged that product updates were delayed and marketing decisions stalled because proposed ideas were repeatedly rejected for not meeting the AI’s recommendations. “I’m watching him get deeper into the hole... it’s depressing,” the employee wrote.

The claims have not been independently verified, and neither the identity of the employer nor the manager has been made public.

The viral account has nevertheless fuelled discussion among technology professionals and management experts about the risks of over-relying on AI tools. While chatbots are increasingly used to support research, planning and productivity, experts caution that they are designed to assist human judgment—not replace it.

The episode serves as a reminder that effective AI adoption requires critical thinking, human oversight and accountability, particularly when business decisions directly affect employees and customers.

Rajasthan Accelerates SVANidhi Push as Chief Secretary Leads Review, Signals Tech-Driven Expansion

FAIR REPORT HEMRAJ TIKAMCHAND

JAIPUR: In a strategically significant administrative push, Chief Secretary Srinivas took the lead in initiating a high-level review of the PM SVANidhi, underscoring the state government’s renewed focus on urban financial inclusion and digital empowerment of street vendors.

The review, held on 1 July 2026, placed emphasis on strengthening implementation architecture, improving last-mile banking delivery, and accelerat-



ing the transition of beneficiaries into a fully digitised credit ecosystem. Officials noted that the initiative is being positioned as

a core pillar of Rajasthan’s broader urban transformation strategy.

During the deliberations, Parimita Mishra pre-

sented a detailed assessment of scheme performance across urban centres, highlighting improvements in credit access but also identifying scope for deeper fintech integration and faster onboarding processes.

Under the Chief Secretary’s direction, discussions focused on scaling AI-based credit evaluation models, expanding UPI-linked lending frameworks, and integrating vendors into digital commerce platforms. The approach signals a shift from subsidy-led support to data-

driven financial enablement.

Officials further indicated potential convergence of SVANidhi with skilling, insurance, and micro-enterprise development programmes to build a unified urban livelihood ecosystem.

The review concluded with a clear administrative signal: Rajasthan intends to position SVANidhi not just as a welfare scheme, but as a scalable model for tech-enabled urban economic formalisation aligned with national digital growth priorities.

Cabinet Buzz Intensifies as JD(U) MLA Pushes for Deputy PM Role for Nitish Kumar

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PATNA: Amid mounting speculation over a possible Union Cabinet reshuffle, a Janata Dal (United) MLA has sparked fresh political debate by publicly urging the Centre to elevate veteran leader Nitish Kumar to the post of Deputy Prime Minister.

JD(U) legislator Pan-kaj Mishra argued that Kumar’s extensive administrative and parliamentary experience merits a position beyond a conventional Cabinet berth. Citing nearly two decades as Bihar’s Chief

Minister and his tenure as a Union Minister handling key portfolios, Mishra described the Deputy Prime Minister’s office as the “most appropriate honour” for one of the NDA’s senior-most leaders. The demand comes at a politically sensitive moment, with reports of a Cabinet expansion fuelling intense speculation over the ruling coalition’s power-sharing formula. Adding an unexpected dimension, leaders from the Rashtriya Janata Dal have also indicated that Kumar holding a promi-

nent position at the Centre would be a matter of pride for Bihar, despite long-standing political rivalry. Although the JD(U) leadership has not officially endorsed the proposal, political observers see the statement as a strategic signal ahead of any Cabinet reconfiguration. Whether the NDA leadership chooses to accommodate the demand remains uncertain, but the call has undoubtedly intensified the political conversation surrounding the Centre’s next round of appointments.

Varanasi security agency denies role in Ayodhya Ram Temple donation scandal

FAIR REPORT
■ New Delhi

A private security agency from Varanasi says it had no part in the alleged embezzlement of donations at Ayodhya's Ram Temple, explaining that it only provided staff to the State Bank of India (SBI) when asked. However, six of the eight people arrested by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) were hired by Sainik Security Services (SSS), putting the agency at the centre of the controversy.

The agency director Gaurav Singh said the company hired 19 to 22 people and sent them to SBI's Naya Ghat branch in Ayodhya for house-keeping work.

He explained, "Temple is not our client. The SBI is. We are the second vendor." He also said, "What work the bank assigned to them thereafter is not known to us." According to Singh, the local SBI branch chose 19 people for the cash-counting team. The agency maintains it only supplied workers and did not decide their duties or supervise them at the temple.

The arrested recruits, Anukalp Mishra, Lavkush Mishra, Manish Kumar Yadav,



Ramashankar Mishra (also known as Tinnu Yadav), Avinash Shukla, and Karunesh Shukla or Pandey, worked in the cash-handling unit for donations. They earned about ₹20,000 per month and were responsible for sorting, counting, and securing offerings from hundi boxes.

The other two people arrested are Subhash Srivastava and Tinnu Yadav (a different person from the alias). The SIT is looking into how this team was put together and whether proper background checks were done.

SBI outsourced the demanding cash-counting work to SSS but kept overall responsibility for the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust. This meant that low-paid contract workers

handled cash as it moved from devotees to official records.

The agency says it only supplied staff and that the bank decided their roles, but this raises questions about who is responsible when sensitive tasks are outsourced. Standard operating procedures were agreed upon by the trust in 2025, and SBI required counters to wear pocketless clothing, undergo regular frisking, be subject to random checks, retain CCTV footage for 180 days, and have a security guard from SIS present during counting.

However, none of these rules was followed. CCTV footage was kept for only 45 days, no guard was present, and basic safety steps were ignored.

SBI officials reportedly noticed problems and suggested changing the counting staff three months earlier, but trust officials are said to have resisted. Two SBI employees who supervised the process are also being investigated. Police have recovered about ₹79.85 lakh in cash from the accused, and some reports say the trust recovered around ₹58 lakh internally before the formal FIR was filed.

SSS presents itself as just a vendor with a limited contract. But by providing the staff who ran the cash-counting unit without strong vetting or supervision, the agency became a key contributor to the failures. The SIT is now looking at how staff were recruited, the local branch's role, and the ignored procedures to see if workforce suppliers are responsible when their employees are entrusted with sacred donations.

As the investigation looks into financial records and possible large-scale theft, Sainik Security Services' claim of a limited role will be closely examined, since most of those arrested at the counting table were its employees.

Government grants one-year extension to Foreign Secretary

FAIR REPORT
■ New Delhi

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved a one-year extension in the tenure of Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, according to an order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) on Wednesday.

Misri, a 1989-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, will continue in service beyond his scheduled retirement date of July 14, 2026.

According to the Government order, the ACC has approved the extension of Misri's service for one year beyond July 14, 2026, allowing him to remain in office until July 14, 2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

"The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension in service of Shri Vikram Misri,

IFS (1989), Foreign Secretary, for a period of one year beyond 14.07.2026, i.e., up to 14.07.2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, in terms of the provisions of F.R. 56(d)," the order stated.

The order was issued on July 1, 2026, by the Secretariat of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training.

The communication was signed by Manisha Saxena, Secretary, Appointments Committee of the Cabinet and Establishment Officer.

The extension ensures continuity in the leadership of the Ministry of External Affairs, with Misri set to continue as India's top diplomat for another year under the provisions of Fundamental Rule 56(d), which governs extensions in service for eligible Government officials.

Nation Focus



Government to upgrade rice quality for public distribution

The Government on Wednesday decided to upgrade the quality of rice distributed to over 80 crore people through ration shops by reducing the percentage of broken rice in the overall supplies. In a post on X, Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi informed that the Union Cabinet has decided to reduce the limit of broken rice supplied through ration shops.

For raw rice, the limit has been reduced to 10 per cent from 25 per cent. For par-boiled rice, the percentage been cut to 5 per cent from 16 per cent.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Cabinet has taken a historic and transformative decision to further strengthen India's food security architecture, Joshi said. "For the first time in nearly three decades, the quality standards for rice distributed under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) have been upgraded," he added. (PTI)



J&K LG reviews arrangements before Amarnath Yatra flag-off

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sin on Wednesday reviewed arrangements for the annual Amarnath Yatra at the Yatri Niwas in Bhagwati Nagar here, an official said. The 57-day pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high Amarnath cave shrine is scheduled to begin on July 3 from the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district.

Sinha was accompanied by Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat, Special Director General of Police (Coordination) SJM Gillani, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and other senior officials from civil administration and security forces, he said. (PTI)

UP Govt gives SIT 15-day extension in Ram Temple donation case

FAIR REPORT
■ New Delhi/Lucknow

The Uttar Pradesh Government has given a 15-day extension to the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing allegations of embezzlement of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya, officials said on Wednesday. The tenure of the SIT has been extended to probe the matter in depth and broaden its scope, they said.

The three-member SIT was set up on June 13, 2026, and initially given 15 days to investi-

gate alleged financial irregularities involving donations to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple. The team submitted a preliminary report on June 23. After an FIR was filed on June 25, police arrested eight people: Avinash Shukla, Anukalp Mishra, Lavkush Mishra, Manish Kumar Yadav, Karunesh Pandey, Ramashankar Mishra, Subhash Srivastava, and Ramashankar Yadav, also known as Tinnu Yadav.

The case centres on claims that donations and offerings from devotees were taken from



the temple's donation boxes, or hundis. Reports suggest the suspected embezzlement could total ₹7 crore, including cash and possibly jewellery. So far, police have recovered about ₹79.85 lakh in cash from the

accused, along with other items previously recovered by temple officials. Vijay Vishwas Pant (IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Lucknow), Kiran S (IPS, Inspector General of Police), and Neel Ratan (Special Secretary,

Finance Department).

The extension, granted on July 1, 2026, pushes the deadline for the final report to July 15. Officials said the additional time will enable a more comprehensive examination of financial records, CCTV footage, donation counting processes, and all related aspects to reach a logical conclusion.

The case has attracted widespread attention. The case has drawn significant attention because the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya is an

important religious site, built through large public donations and devotion. Keeping the donation process transparent is considered essential for maintaining public trust in the temple.

The Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has emphasised a fair and thorough probe. The accused have been produced before a local court in Ayodhya and remanded to judicial custody. Further questioning and evidence collection are ongoing as the SIT broadens its investigation.

Modi, Japan PM Takaichi to hold annual summit to advance bilateral ties

FAIR REPORT ■ New Delhi

Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi will arrive in New Delhi on Wednesday evening for a three-day official visit to India, marking her first bilateral visit since assuming office. She will hold wide-ranging talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the 16th India-Japan Annual Summit on Thursday.

The summit is expected to review the entire spectrum of bilateral cooperation and chart the future course of the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

The two leaders will also exchange views on key regional and global developments, focusing on strengthening economic, strategic and security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

The visit comes less than a year after Prime Minister Modi travelled to Tokyo, where Japan committed to more than doubling its investment in India to over \$61 billion over the next decade, underscoring the growing economic partnership between the two countries.

According to official sources, Modi and Takaichi will also participate in business engagements involving



Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi waves upon her arrival at the airport in New Delhi

leading industry representatives from both countries. Around 1,400 Japanese companies currently operate in India, nearly half in the manufacturing sector, reflecting Japan's significant role in India's industrial growth.

India and Japan elevated their ties to a Special Strategic and Global Partnership in 2014, and cooperation has expanded steadily across trade, investment, defence, economic security, science and technology, infrastructure, culture and people-to-people exchanges.

As the two countries prepare to celebrate the 75th

anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations in 2027, both sides are expected to reaffirm their commitment to deepening the partnership.

The India-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, which came into force on August 1, 2011, has provided a strong foundation for expanding economic engagement. Bilateral trade crossed \$27 billion during 2025-26, while Japan remains India's fifth-largest investor, with cumulative foreign direct investment of \$48.17 billion between April 2000 and March 2026. Government data also show

Japanese investment worth \$3.2 billion between April and December 2025.

The two leaders are also expected to discuss enhancing defence and maritime cooperation, supply chain resilience, emerging technologies and efforts to promote a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific.

India and Japan, along with the United States and Australia, are members of the Quad grouping and have significantly strengthened strategic coordination in recent years. Japan continues to play a key role in India's infrastructure development, including the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail project.

Japanese companies have also expanded their footprint in India's financial sector, with a recent \$1.6 billion investment securing a 20 per cent stake in Yes Bank.

Beyond strategic and economic ties, cultural relations remain a cornerstone of the partnership. Shared Buddhist heritage, growing interest in yoga and expanding educational and people-to-people exchanges continue to reinforce the long-standing friendship between the two nations.

Iran invites BJP, Congress leaders for Khamenei funeral

FAIR REPORT ■ New Delhi

Iran has extended invitations to senior leaders from both the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the opposition Congress to attend the state funeral of former Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in Tehran next week.

BJP President Nitin Nabin and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge along with senior Congress leader and former External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid have been invited to represent the party at the funeral. Sources said Kharge is yet to decide whether he will travel to Tehran, while the Congress is also considering sending a delegation led by a senior leader.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who reportedly received a personal invitation from Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, is unlikely to attend the ceremony. Official sources indicated that the Prime Minister is expected to skip the funeral due to prior overseas commitments and may instead depute a high-level Indian delegation.

According to sources, the delegation is likely to include Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita and Bihar



Iran has extended invitations to senior leaders of India's ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress for the state funeral of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, following his death in US-Israeli strikes on February 28

Governor Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd).

Khamenei, who was killed in a joint US-Israeli strike on the opening day of the conflict in February, will be accorded a state funeral in Tehran beginning July 4.

He is scheduled to be buried in his hometown of Mashhad on July 9.

The funeral, originally planned for March, was postponed because of the continuing conflict in the region.

The Prime Minister's reported decision not to attend has drawn criticism from opposition leaders, who have alleged that New

Delhi is seeking to avoid upsetting its strategic partners, the United States and Israel. The Government has not issued an official statement on the matter.

The development has also triggered discussion among strategic affairs observers, who have compared India's proposed representation with its response to the death of former Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi in 2024.

Following Raisi's death in a helicopter crash, then Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar led the Indian delegation to the funeral.

Some analysts have questioned whether the level of representation at Khamenei's funeral signals a recalibration of India's engagement with Iran amid shifting geopolitical dynamics in West Asia.

Geopolitical analyst Navroop Singh said the reported decision to include a Governor in the delegation raises questions about the priority being accorded to India's relationship with Iran. According to Singh, the move suggests New Delhi's strategic focus has increasingly shifted towards Israel and key Gulf partners.

High-level demographic panel briefs Amit Shah, prepares for nationwide assessment

FAIR REPORT
■ New Delhi

The High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes met with Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday to share its operational plan.

The committee will focus on collecting field-verified data about population shifts caused by illegal immigration and other factors.

Led by retired Supreme Court Judge Justice Prakash Prabhakar Navlekar, the group said it will soon start visiting states and Union Territories.

The committee has prepared a detailed questionnaire that will be sent to

state Governments in advance. This will help officials, local bodies, and stakeholders have structured, evidence-based discussions. The panel will also work with relevant Union ministries to check its findings.

The committee was officially formed on May 26, 2026, after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the High-Powered Demography Mission on Independence Day 20The committee's main job is to study demographic changes caused by illegal immigration and other unusual factors, look at their causes and effects, and suggest policy, legal, and administrative steps. This includes recommending a

strong system for population stabilisation.

Along with Justice Navlekar, the panel includes Census Commissioner Mritunjay Kumar Narayan, former IAS officer Durga Shankar Mishra, former IPS officer Balaji Srivastava, and Dr Shamika Ravi from the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council. ncil.

The committee has been told to submit its report within one year, by May 2027, with a possible six-month extension if needed.

At the meeting, Home Minister Shah reviewed the panel's strategy and said he was satisfied with its preparations. He asked Union Home Secretary Govind



Mohan to provide full administrative and logistical support for the visits and data collection.

Shah also emphasised the need for timely recommen-

dations to help guide Government action. This work is especially important as India deals with the long-term effects of uneven demographic changes.

The last full census was in 2011. Without up-to-date national data, it has become crucial to track unusual changes, especially in border districts, cities, and industrial areas, to plan for security, infrastructure, and welfare programs. Security agencies have often pointed out that illegal immigration across open borders is changing local populations in several states.

These changes can put pressure on public services, affect law and order, influence how resources are shared, and, over time, change the social and political makeup of affected areas. The committee's approach aims to go beyond

existing data and gather real-time information through direct contact.

By prioritising visits to states and Union Territories rather than limiting itself to desk research, the panel hopes to gain a detailed view that reflects regional differences. The questionnaire sent in advance should help states gather important data on migration, birth rates, and settlement changes, making field visits more useful.

Officials see the committee's work as a key first step toward policies based on solid evidence. For internal security, sustainable development planning, the equitable allocation of central schemes, and the maintenance of

social cohesion across diverse regions.

With its first major interaction with the Home Minister completed and a fieldwork calendar now in place, the committee is set to move into active data-gathering mode.

Its recommendations, once submitted, are likely to feed into broader Governmental efforts to address demographic imbalances through targeted administrative and legislative interventions.

The meeting on Wednesday has set the stage for a comprehensive, time-bound exercise whose findings could shape India's approach to one of its most sensitive long-term governance challenges.

