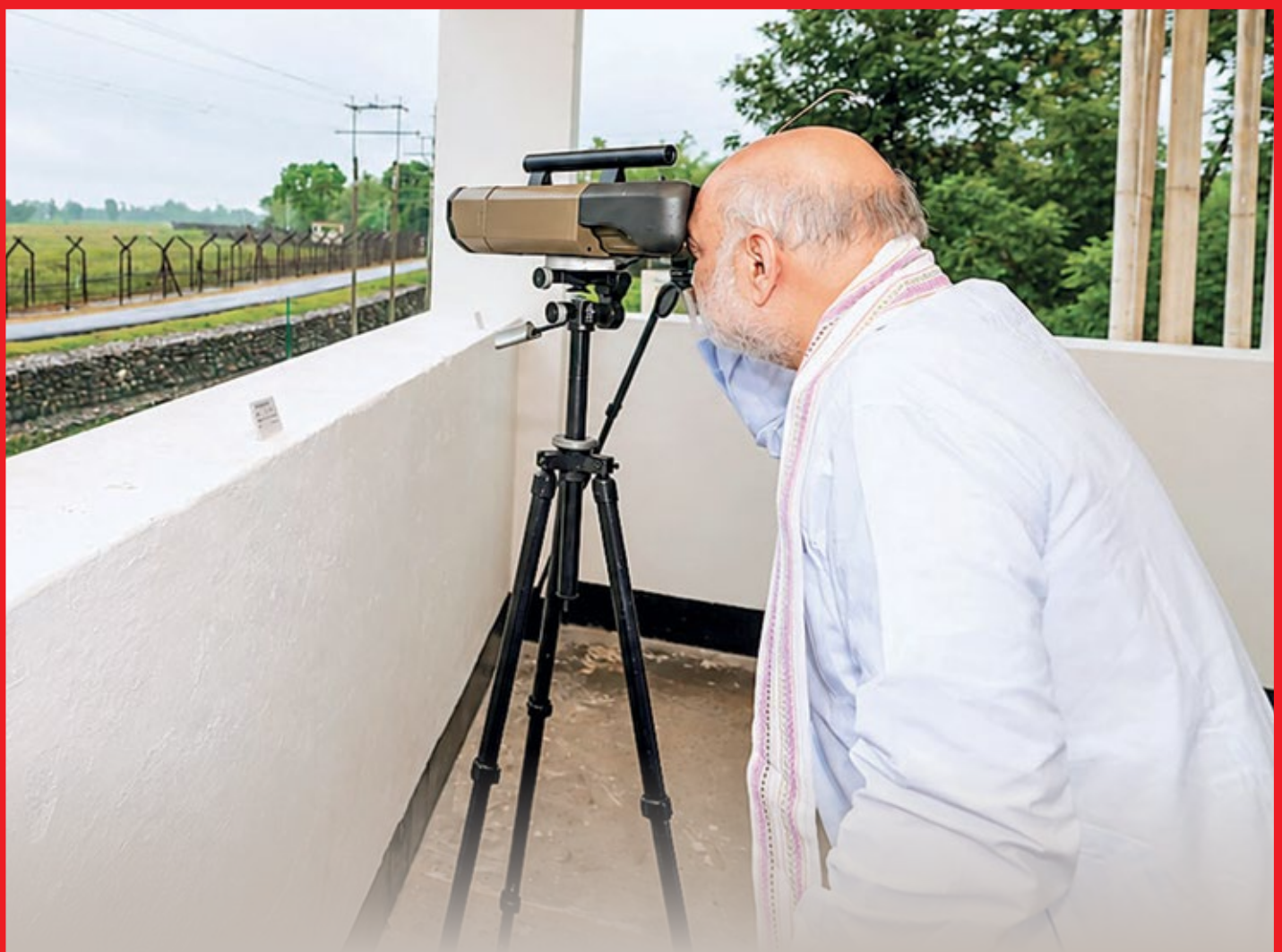
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I am proud to flag off the country's first hydrogen train in Jind, Haryana. This is a major achievement in the direction of building a clean, green and self-reliant India. This train, built with cutting-edge technology, is not only a symbol of India's technical capability but also an example for the entire world.

Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister



What was once a corridor of infiltration under previous Governments, the Siliguri Corridor is now becoming synonymous with a secure border. The Modi Government has not only increased the number of watch towers along the borders but has also equipped them with state-of-the-art technology, making border security even stronger and impregnable.

Shri Amit Shah
Union Home Minister and
Minister of Cooperation



The heroic tales of Kargil's warriors will forever inspire the nation's youth with the spirit of national service, courage and dedication.

Shri Nityanand Rai
Minister of State for Home Affairs



The CRPF stands as the nation's first line of defence against internal security threats.

Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar
Minister of State for Home Affairs



In the presence of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah in New Delhi, MCD and NDDB signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) plants in Delhi for the proper utilisation of cow dung.

Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India



Alok Mittal
Director General, BPR&D

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From the Editor...

Ensuring the security of India's vast and diverse borders remains a significant national imperative in the face of infiltration, smuggling and evolving cross-border threats. In this context, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah's inspection of advanced indigenous technologies at the Jhumagachh Border Outpost in Siliguri assumes special significance.

The Union Home Minister examined key systems such as the radio-based fence breach detection system, which instantly alerts personnel through pre-recorded messages, and the infra-red alarm system designed for difficult riverine stretches and gaps in fencing. These demonstrations were not isolated displays but part of a broader strategy. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Union Government has systematically shifted towards technology-driven border management to address long-standing vulnerabilities that conventional methods alone could not fully overcome.

By deploying state-of-the-art indigenous equipment such as advanced sensors, surveillance tools, and automated alert mechanisms, the Government is ensuring real-time monitoring and faster response capabilities even in the most challenging stretches of the border. This technological approach forms the backbone of the Smart Borders initiative and the Quadrangular Security Grid, which integrates the efforts of border guarding forces, local administration, state police, and community vigilance.

This technological shift offers clear benefits. It strengthens detection accuracy, reduces reaction time, optimises manpower utilisation, and enhances the safety of troops deployed in challenging conditions. At the same time, it addresses emerging threats including drone incursions and sophisticated smuggling networks. The Union Government has backed this vision with concrete action, laying the foundation for BSF projects, including a new 4-kilometre border fence in West Bengal.

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This issue of Vigilant India delves deep into the Union Government's resolute commitment to harnessing indigenous technology for border security, reaffirming its vision of creating impregnable frontiers that safeguard India's sovereignty and future. We hope our readers will find this issue insightful.

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Securing Borders with Indigenous Technology

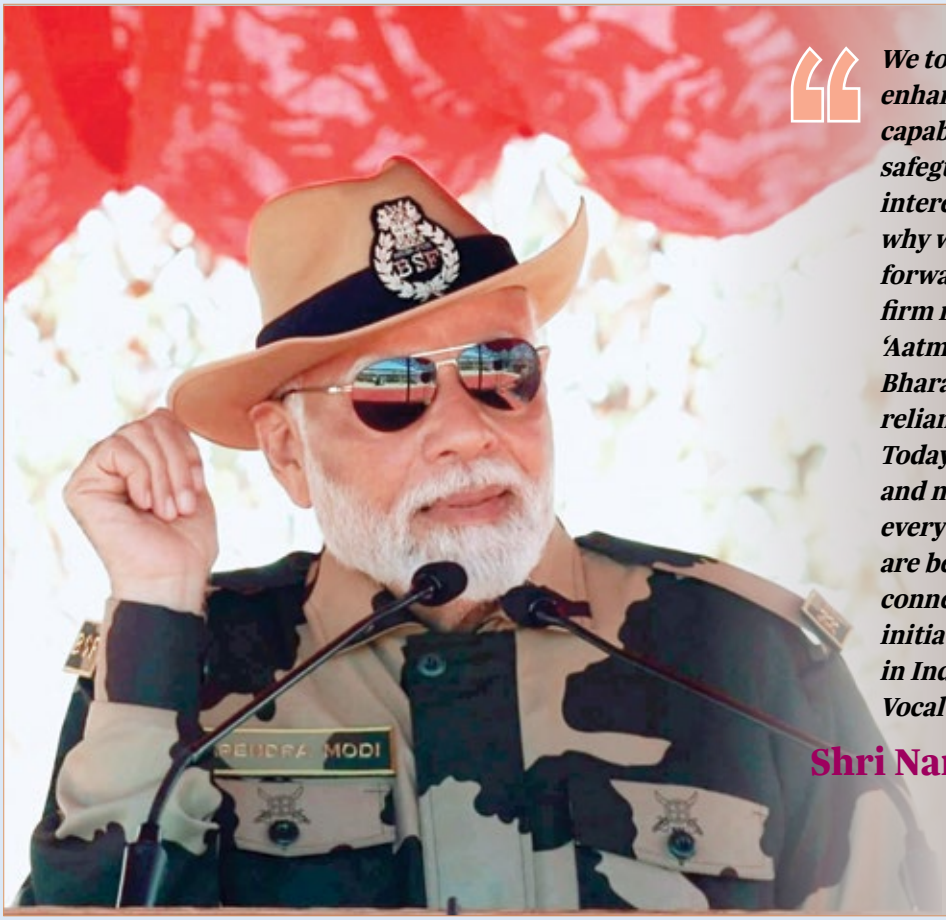
- **Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inspected indigenous and state-of-the-art technologies designed to further strengthen border security**
- **The Government is establishing a Quadrangular Security Grid to fortify the borders, based on the concept of 'Smart Borders'**
- **Shri Shah also inspected a radio-based fence breach detection system, which instantly alerts troops by broadcasting a pre-recorded message whenever the border fence is tampered with**

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Border security has emerged as one of the top priorities of the Union Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, with a clear and consistent focus on transforming India's frontiers into a technologically fortified, impenetrable shield. From radio-based fence breach detection systems to infra-red alarms and integrated security grids, the Union Government is steadily replacing conventional vigilance with indigenous, state-of-the-art technologies designed to keep pace with evolving cross-border threats. This shift is anchored in the vision of Smart Borders, where technology, infrastructure and border guarding forces work in unison to secure every stretch of border.

Growing use of Technology

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah's visit to the Jhumagachh Border Outpost in Siliguri, West Bengal, on July 18 reflected the Government's continued commitment to strengthening the border security framework. During the visit, he inspected a range of indigenous and cutting-edge technologies aimed at reinforcing border security. It is part of the Union Government's sustained push to build a technologically advanced



> ***We too have to enhance our capabilities and safeguard our own interests. That is why we are moving forward with a very firm resolve to build 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (a self-reliant India). Today, the hearts and minds of every Indian are becoming connected with initiatives like Make in India, Swadeshi, Vocal for Local etc.***
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> **Shri Narendra Modi**
> **Prime Minister**

and impenetrable border system under the Smart Border vision.

Shri Amit Shah inspected a radio-based fence breach detection system that alerts personnel instantly by broadcasting a pre-recorded message the moment the border fence is tampered with. He also reviewed the infra-red alarm system, specially designed for difficult terrains such as riverine stretches and unfenced gaps. The system delivers immediate alerts to troops whenever the infrared beams are breached. Apart from this, a gate management system meant to allow safe and smooth movement for civilians and farmers along the India-Bangladesh border was also part of the review. Together, these systems reflect the Government's growing use of technology to secure even the most challenging and sensitive stretches of the border.

Foundation Laid for New Border Fence

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation laid the foundation for three Border Security Force projects worth ₹47 crore through virtual mode. This included the construction of a four-kilometre border fence, costing ₹30 crore, on land newly acquired for two border outposts in West Bengal. This initiative reflects a much larger emphasis on border fencing. The 1,610-kilometre India-Myanmar border is being fenced at a cost of ₹31,000 crore, making it one of the most significant infrastructure projects in the country's border security system. The objectives behind this project include preventing proxy war, illegal infiltration, radicalisation, narcotics trafficking, smuggling, drone-related threats, cybercrime, organised crime and unchecked demographic change, while also making border regions more livable and reducing migration from these areas. Shri Shah also visited a watchtower, took part in a tree plantation drive, and interacted with troops during the PrahariSammelan, an interaction platform for BSF personnel stationed on the frontier.

The event was attended by several senior



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah attends 'Prahari Sammelan' with the troops at the Jhumagachh Border Outpost in Siliguri.

dignitaries, including the Chief Minister of West Bengal, the Union Home Secretary, the Director of the Intelligence Bureau, and the Director General of the Border Security Force.

Quadrangular Security Grid to be Piloted First in West Bengal

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Government of India remains firmly committed to making the country's borders impregnable. The Government is building a robust quadrangular security grid to fortify the frontiers. Describing the Smart Borders concept as central to this vision, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said it is key to preventing infiltration and securing sensitive border areas. He added that the quadrangular security grid would be implemented first at the grassroots level in West Bengal, while pending national security infrastructure projects would be accorded top priority for early completion.

Shri Amit Shah said that the welfare of security personnel guarding the nation's borders, along with their families, remains a top priority. He also chaired a meeting on border-related issues in West Bengal, along with a separate review of the implementation of the Nyaya Sanhita and the birth and death registration system in the state.

Sustained Focus on Smart Borders

The Siliguri visit builds on a series of ground visits and conferences by the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation over the past few months, each reinforcing the Union Government's long-term vision for a modern and technologically driven border security system.

On July 9, addressing the Land Border Districts' Superintendents of Police Conference-2026 in New Delhi, Shri Amit Shah had said that the Conference had given institutional shape to a comprehensive

State-of-the-art Technologies

- Radio-based fence breach detection system: broadcasts pre-recorded alerts on tampering
- Infra-red alarm system: covers difficult terrains like riverine stretches and unfenced gaps
- Gate management system: enables safe civilian and farmer movement along India-Bangladesh border

Border Fencing at a Glance

- 4-km border fence being constructed at a cost of ₹30 crore on newly acquired land for two border outposts in West Bengal
- 1,610-km India-Myanmar border being fenced at a cost of ₹31,000 crore
- One of the most significant infrastructure undertakings in the country's border security history
- Part of the Government's larger nationwide push to physically fortify vulnerable and sensitive border stretches

approach towards border security. He said India's border security system, built around the Smart Border vision, would become one of the most modern in the world in the coming years. This transformation, he explained, is being driven through the close integration of border guarding forces, state and district administrations, central Government stakeholders, and local citizens, together forming a robust quadrangular security grid. A secure border, a prosperous border region and a vigilant society, he said, together make a nation secure. He highlighted that the quadrangular grid marks a shift in India's approach from reactive to proactive, moving away from an isolated outpost-based system towards a fully integrated security network.

Earlier, on June 5, during his visit to the BSF's Lankamura Border Outpost in Tripura, Shri Shah had said that the Union Government has decided to develop smart borders wherever the Border Security Force and Sashastra Seema Bal are deployed. He described the quadrilateral security strategy as one that integrates local administration, technology and the dedication of security personnel to make borders impregnable.

On May 26, at the Sanchu Post of the BSF on the international border in Bikaner, Shri Amit Shah had spoken about the transformation in India's security landscape since 2014. He said the armed forces, along with the Border Security Force, were undergoing continuous modernisation, and that the Government follows a firm policy of giving a befitting response to any attempt by terrorists. Ensuring zero infiltration, he said, is the Government's responsibility, one that can be achieved through the quadrilateral security grid. He also called for constant vigilance against threats originating from across the border, alongside strict, lawful action against those operating within the country to create internal disturbances.

Three days later, on May 29, the Union Home Minister had inaugurated two new border outposts in Bhuj, Gujarat. He said that border security is a shared responsibility involving the public, civil administration, local police, the military and BSF personnel working together. Under the Smart Border Security Project, he said, the Government is investing thousands of crores of rupees to fortify security grids along the borders through drones, radars, watchtowers and modern surveillance technology. He expressed confidence that this combination of technology and personnel would create a security grid so robust that no one would dare attempt to breach India's borders.



Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Government of India is committed to making the country's borders impregnable. The Modi Government is establishing a quadrangular security grid to fortify the borders.

Shri Amit Shah
Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

The Path Ahead

As India confronts evolving threats, from sophisticated smuggling networks to infiltration, the Government's strategy is built on the integration of technology, manpower, administrative coordination, and community participation. The systems demonstrated at Jhumagachh are early glimpses of a future where borders are not just guarded, but intelligently monitored and swiftly secured.

Taken together, these developments, reflect a consistent and expanding effort by the Government to modernise India's border security framework. From indigenous fence-breach detection systems and infra-red alarms in West Bengal to large-scale fencing projects on the Myanmar border, the Government's approach signals a clear shift towards technology-driven, proactive border security management. With the quadrangular security grid taking shape across multiple frontiers, the Government appears set on its stated goal of building borders that are not just secure, but genuinely impenetrable.■



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah reviews the law and order situation in West Bengal during his visit to Kolkata.

Focus on Border Encroachment and Police Modernisation

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The directives issued by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah to strengthen West Bengal's security apparatus, judicial system and police capabilities represent a significant initiative towards administrative reform and modern policing.

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, issued several important directions, including the removal of illegal encroachments on Government's land in the border areas of West Bengal, modernisation of the State Police, strengthening women's safety, enhancing cybersecurity, controlling drug menace and developing Jan Suvidha Kendra in areas previously affected by Left-Wing Extremism.

Shri Amit Shah urged to follow these directions while chairing a review meeting on the law and order situation in the State in Kolkata on July 19, 2026. The meeting was attended by the Chief Minister of West Bengal, the State Chief Secretary and senior officials from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and the Government of West Bengal.

During the meeting, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation identified the safety of women in rural areas as the highest priority and directed officials to launch a 'Women Outreach Programme'. He instructed the officials to establish regular engagement with rural women to raise awareness about their safety, legal rights and various Government welfare schemes. He also assured that the State Government could directly seek assistance from the Ministry of Home Affairs whenever required.

Shri Amit Shah directed the removal of illegal encroachments on Government land in the border areas of the State. He also emphasised the need to take necessary steps to further strengthen the State's internal security by establishing an Anti-Narcotics Task Force, an Anti-Terrorist Squad and a Special



Investigation Agency on the lines of the National Investigation Agency (NIA). He further directed that the National Investigation Agency undertake a comprehensive review of all terrorism-related and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) cases pertaining to West Bengal.

Special discussions were held on enhancing the capacity of the West Bengal Police, strengthening its infrastructure and equipping it with modern technological capabilities. The Union Home Minister assured adequate budgetary support for the modernisation of the State Police and the improvement of its service delivery system. He also emphasised reviewing the police cadre and increasing its strength in line with the national average, reorganising police districts, filling all vacant posts within a stipulated timeframe and strengthening the training system. He further directed that dependence on civic volunteers be reduced and priority be given to the recruitment of regular constables.

Shri Shah also directed the State to strengthen capacity in the field of cybersecurity, hold regular meetings of the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) to curb drug menace and prepare a comprehensive flood management plan for Kolkata. After identifying various priority areas, the concerned agencies were instructed to ensure their time-bound implementation.

A day earlier, on July 18, 2026, Shri Amit Shah said that the Nyaya Sanhita implemented in the country are making India's justice delivery system faster, more transparent and citizen-centric. Sharing this information on the social media platform X, he stated that a review meeting was held in Siliguri, West Bengal, to assess the effective implementation of these laws in the State. The meeting included detailed discussions on various aspects relating to their effective and time-bound implementation.



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah interacts with security forces in Siliguri.



Digital platforms like e-Sakshya, e-Summons and e-Prisons, mandatory forensic investigation in crimes punishable by more than seven years, Zero FIR and the use of technology, these three new laws will usher in a new chapter of good governance and swift justice in Bengal.

Shri Amit Shah
Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

Shri Amit Shah said that digital platforms such as e-Sakshya, e-Summons and e-Prisons would make the justice delivery process more modern, transparent and effective. He stated that these technologies would accelerate investigation and judicial processes while ensuring better services for citizens.

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that under the Nyaya Sanhita, forensic investigation has been made mandatory for offences punishable with imprisonment of seven years or more. He added that the provisions of Zero-FIR and a technology-driven investigation system would help ensure speedy justice for victims while enabling impartial and scientific investigation of crimes.

Shri Amit Shah expressed confidence that the effective implementation of the Nyaya Sanhita would usher in a new era of good governance, transparency and speedy justice in West Bengal. He said that through the use of modern technology and a citizen-centric approach, the justice delivery system is being made more accountable, efficient and trustworthy.■



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacts with participants of the 'Viksit Vibrant Villages Programme 2026' via video conferencing.

Viksit Villages Are Also the Foundation of a Viksit Bharat, Says PM Shri Modi

India's development journey is no longer confined to metropolitan cities and major urban centres; it is reaching the country's remote villages and border areas. Interacting with participants of the Vibrant Villages Programme 2026, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi emphasised that developed villages are the strong foundation of a developed India.

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on July 26 interacted with enthusiastic young participants of the Viksit Vibrant Villages Programme 2026, highlighting the programme's incredible nationwide reach. Representing around 250 districts across the country, the youth shared inspiring stories from India's border regions. The Prime Minister warmly welcomed them and praised the expansion of the 'Mera Yuva Bharat - MY Bharat' platform, which now engages crores of young citizens.

Reflecting on their commendable work, Shri Modi noted outstanding contributions of youth network across various initiatives. "Today, the young friends of MY Bharat are doing exceptionally commendable work across the entire country," he said. He recalled that the programme originated during the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue with the vision of taking youth beyond virtual interactions to experience ground realities of the nation. Over 400 selected participants from three lakh applicants visited border villages in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Ladakh. They immersed themselves in local cultures and witnessed the patriotic spirit of these frontier areas.

The Prime Minister drew parallels with his personal connections with border communities, built during extensive travels before assuming office, including celebrating Diwali with soldiers on the frontlines. On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, he honoured the sacrifices of the armed forces. The youth returned with stories of local affection and the courage of soldiers, describing the experience as truly magnificent.



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi appreciates the commendable work done by the participants of 'Viksit Vibrant Villages Programme 2026'.

Our Government has considered these border villages as the nation's first villages. The first villages where the morning sun greets India, and where the last rays bid good night. Where the tricolor first converses with the wind. Where the world sees India for the first time. This change in thinking has transformed our border regions.

Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Transforming Border Villages: Government's Focus on Development

Positioning developed villages as the foundation of Viksit Bharat, the Prime Minister emphasised the continuous journey of progress through active youth participation. "When the youth of the country actively connects with the ground, they make the overarching vision of a Viksit Bharat even broader," emphasised Shri Modi. He acknowledged the extreme hardships faced by border residents, who have lived and breathed patriotism despite severe challenges. He expressed pride in the unbreakable spirit of the local people. In a major paradigm shift, the Government has redesignated these border settlements from 'last villages' to the 'first villages' of India, where the Tricolour greets the first rays of the sun.

Historic infrastructure milestones have followed, with electricity, all-weather roads, tap water, gas connections, and high-speed internet reaching these regions. These developments are transforming agriculture, boosting local economies, and improving daily lives. The Prime Minister highlighted the surge in tourism and new opportunities, especially for girls' education and local livelihoods. The Vibrant Villages Programme is actively giving incredible new momentum to this holistic development of the border villages, he noted.

Youth as Catalysts: Amplifying Development and Shaping a Bright Future

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi urged the participants to amplify this development momentum. He called upon every youth to share their authentic experiences with at least a hundred peers, collaborate with local content creators, promote regional culture and products, and encourage family and educational tours to these areas. "The more the youth of India deeply understand the border villages, the stronger our nation will ultimately become," he said.

Concluding with strong optimism, the Prime Minister emphasised that India's youth hold the destiny of shaping the 21st century. Recognising them simultaneously as the driving energy and the ultimate beneficiaries of a fully developed nation, he predicted a radiant national future resulting from their direct engagement with the country's core challenges and solutions. "When our youth power directly connects with the challenges and solutions of the country, the future will absolutely and definitely be bright," affirmed Shri Modi.

This initiative clearly reflects the Union Government's strong focus on balanced, inclusive development that reaches every corner of the nation, particularly its strategic border areas. Through youth empowerment and sustained infrastructure push, the Viksit Vibrant Villages Programme is steadily building a stronger and more united Viksit Bharat.■



India's First Hydrogen Train: A Proud Triumph of Make in India

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi flags off India's first Hydrogen train at Jind railway station, Haryana.

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on July 17 laid the foundation stone and dedicated development projects worth around ₹14,700 crore to the nation. The event marked a significant boost to Haryana's progress. While inaugurating several infrastructure initiatives in Jind, the Prime Minister proudly launched India's first hydrogen-powered train, a landmark achievement that will be remembered for generations.

At the event, Shri Modi drew a powerful parallel with history. Just as the first train journey between Bombay and Thane in the 19th century opened new doors, this hydrogen train on the 90-kilometre Jind-Sonipat corridor will define India's green future. Tracing the technological evolution of the global railway sector, the Prime Minister recalled how the 19th century was fundamentally defined by steam engines while the 20th century was defined by electrical power. Looking towards the future, he emphasised that the 21st century will be driven by hydrogen mobility, officially starting with the newly inaugurated 90-kilometre route between Jind and Sonipat.

What makes the Indian hydrogen train truly special is its scale and power. With an impressive 3,200 horsepower and ten coaches, it stands as the most powerful of its kind in the world. While similar trains abroad typically run with just three or four coaches, India has successfully operated a full ten-coach service from day one.

The achievement shines brightest as a triumph of Make in India. The smoke-free train was completely designed by Indian engineers and built by domestic manufacturers. "This is a highly successful and proud example of the Make in India initiative," the Prime Minister stated with pride. It reflects the country's growing strength in cutting-edge technology and self-reliance.

> ***India's hydrogen train is not only smoke-free, it is also a shining example of Make in India. This hydrogen train has been designed by Indian engineers and built by an Indian company.***
>
> **Shri Narendra Modi**
> **Prime Minister**

This initiative will soon lead to new factories and facilities, generating fresh employment opportunities for Haryana's youth. The broader projects dedicated, including the local section of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, the Jind-Gohana National Highway and the Ambala-Kala Amb four-lane road, will improve connectivity and speed up regional growth.

Shri Modi noted that better roads and rail links bring both convenience to people and faster development to regions. With this hydrogen train, Jind's name is now written into history books. India has taken a bold step towards a cleaner, modern future, proudly made at home.■

Boost to Viksit Bharat



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the foundation stone laying and dedication ceremony of various development projects in Chandigarh.

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on July 17 laid the foundation stone and dedicated several key development projects worth over ₹4,700 crore in Chandigarh. The initiatives span healthcare, education, and road infrastructure, giving a fresh boost to the city's growth.

Speaking at the event, the Prime Minister described Chandigarh as a shining example of planned and systematic development. He said the city has always stood for better living standards and ease of life. "The development of Chandigarh has always been the absolute priority of the current Government," asserted Shri Modi.

The Prime Minister highlighted major investments in modern infrastructure. These include an Integrated Command and Control Center, Smart Traffic Management systems, and Digital Governance tools. More than ₹2,500 crore have been spent on this mission to make the city high-tech, he noted. Such steps aim to create a future-ready urban landscape.

Shri Modi announced new facilities at the premier medical institute, including a Neuroscience Center, a Mother and Child Center, and a Critical Care Hospital Block. These projects will provide even better treatment facilities to millions of people, he said.

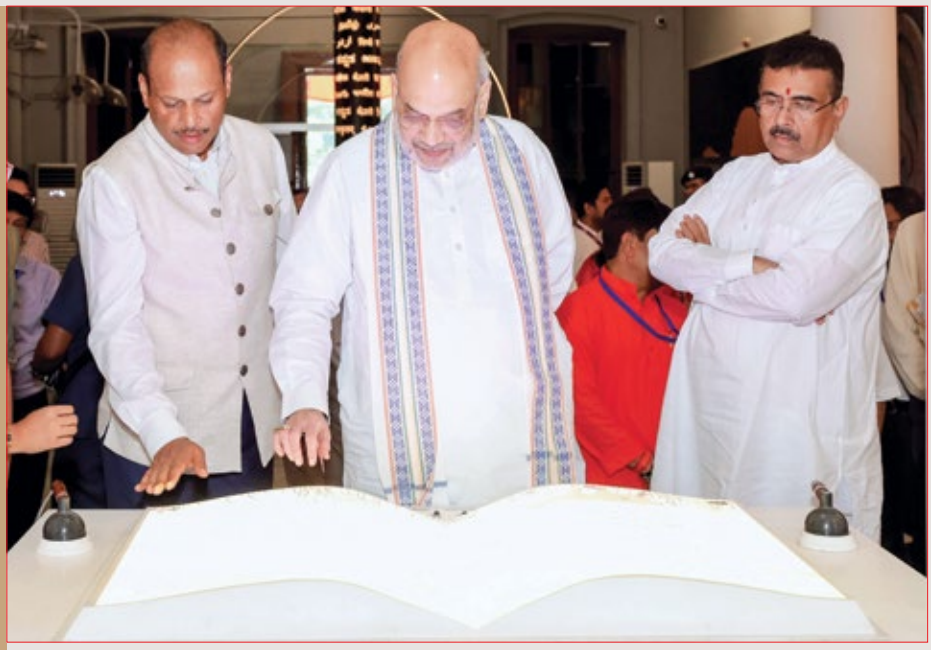
> ***On the journey towards a developed India, we must move forward with modern thinking - focusing on future technologies, future transportation, and future healthcare services. We must take decisions that benefit not only the present generation but also future generations.***
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> **Shri Narendra Modi**
> **Prime Minister**

Recalling his visit to the institute's convocation in 2015, he praised the doctors, professors, and staff for the remarkable progress made over the past decade. He also linked strong public health to cleanliness, recalling the transformative impact of the Swachh Bharat Mission. On the infrastructure front, the Prime Minister inaugurated a six-lane Greenfield highway from IT City to Kurali to ease congestion on the airport road.

Shri Modi pointed out Chandigarh's strategic role as a bridge between Haryana and Punjab. He noted that improvements in the city directly benefit people in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.■

Shabd Sangrahalaya Showcases India's Linguistic Journey from 'Omkar' to AI

The 'Shabd Sangrahalaya' is giving a shape to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's resolve to revive the country's rich cultural heritage. It will serve as an effective and powerful medium to convey the glorious journey of India's languages, culture and cultural renaissance to future generations.



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurates the first phase of the 'Museum of Word' in Kolkata.

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Inaugurating the first phase of the Museum of Word (Shabd Sangrahalaya) in Kolkata, West Bengal, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah described the museum as a landmark initiative in fulfilling Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of India's cultural resurgence. He noted that the culture of any nation or region is expressed through its language and that language, in turn, is sustained and enriched by words that emerge from emotions.

West Bengal Chief Minister Shri Suvendu Adhikari, Finance Minister Shri Swapan Dasgupta, Union Home Secretary, Union Culture Secretary, Director of the Intelligence Bureau and several other dignitaries attended the event held on July 19, 2026.

Shri Amit Shah expressed confidence that the Museum of Word will serve as a powerful medium for preserving and conveying the journey of India's languages, culture and cultural renaissance to future generations. Elaborating on the intrinsic relationship between language, words and culture, Shri Shah said that language is built through words, words emerge from human emotions and culture finds its expression through language. He emphasised that understanding this continuum is fundamental to India's cultural renaissance. Unless the younger generation comprehends the evolution of the country's languages and cultural traditions, they cannot develop a complete understanding of India's rich cultural heritage nor can the vision of a true cultural renaissance be fully realised.

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that the 'Museum of Word' presents the journey of Indian languages in a scientific and experiential manner. It showcases the entire evolution, from Omkar (Om) and the formation of words to Panini's grammar, the Shruti-Smriti tradition, palm-leaf manuscripts, inscriptions, manuscripts, the printing press and modern digital technology. He said that the museum should be further integrated with digital technology and Artificial Intelligence so that Indian languages can be developed in line with future technologies.

Shri Amit Shah said that India has never distanced

itself from innovation and has always embraced noble ideas. That is why, despite numerous challenges, India's cultural journey has remained as steadfast and enduring as the Himalayas. He said that the museum is an innovative effort to preserve India's multilingual consciousness, knowledge tradition and collective memory in visual, auditory, tactile and experiential forms. He added that while words themselves cannot be confined, the museum has successfully preserved the science of words. Here, words can be heard, understood, experienced and passed on to future generations.

The Ministry of Culture, through this museum, has undertaken the significant task of transforming India's intangible heritage into a living and immersive experience. The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that Bengal has always been a global beacon of India's cultural consciousness. Bengal has given the nation and the world great personalities such as Maharshi Aurobindo, Swami Vivekananda, Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and Subhas Chandra Bose. He expressed confidence that Bengal would once again play its role as the intellectual centre of Indian consciousness and provide direction to the world.

Shri Amit Shah said that it is impossible to fully understand India without understanding the thoughts of Maharshi Aurobindo. He stated that language, culture and self-confidence will play a vital role in the resolve to once again make India a Vishwaguru in knowledge and wisdom. Shri Shah appealed to the youth to respect their mother tongue, understand the power of words, ensure correct pronunciation and imbibe the principles of grammar. He said that a strong command over language strengthens both the expression and personality of young people.

He outlined five important principles for the preservation of languages. These include making the family the first school of language, providing children with primary education in their mother tongue, making universities centres of original thought, enabling every Indian language to become digitally and Artificial Intelligence-ready and encouraging every young Indian to learn one additional Indian language along with their mother tongue. Shri Shah said that these efforts would infuse new vitality into Indian languages and ensure that they remain vibrant for thousands of years to come.

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that Bengal, a historic beacon of Indian culture, should inspire a collective resolve to strengthen the nation's cultural heritage through the power of words. Shri Shah added that this cultural foundation would help self-confidence and pave the way for achieving the vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2047. He said that the 'Museum of Word' will emerge as a major centre for connecting the younger generation with India's languages, culture, knowledge and traditions. It will contribute significantly to the nation's resolve to once again establish India as a Vishwaguru.■



Under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, the resolve for cultural resurgence across the country is being advanced. Today, the first phase of 'Shabd Sangrahalaya' was inaugurated at the National Library of India in Kolkata. This museum, featuring 22 Indian languages and dialects along with 9 state-of-the-art digital galleries, will serve as a powerful medium to carry forward language, culture and the Indian knowledge tradition to future generations. At the same time, it will prove extremely useful for language enthusiasts, researchers and teachers across the country.

Shri Amit Shah
Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation



President Smt Droupadi Murmu and Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah with the winners of Bastar Pandum 2026 and tribal representatives at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Historic First: Bastar's Cultural Traditions Celebrated at Rashtrapati Bhavan

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A delegation from the Bastar Division met the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu on July 30 at a special event held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre in New Delhi. The delegation included the winners of Bastar Pandum-2026, Pargana Manjhi and Chalaki of Bastar, along with several tribal representatives. Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Shri Vishnu Deo Sai and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

President Smt Droupadi Murmu said that Bastar Pandum is not merely a cultural event but a celebration of Bastar's glorious traditions, cultural identity and tribal heritage. She said that the objective of the festival is to establish the true identity of Bastar at both the national and international levels. The President noted that events such as Bastar Pandum are becoming an important medium for connecting young people with their traditions, customs and cultural heritage. She added that such initiatives not only promote tourism but also create new employment opportunities at the local level. Appreciating the role of Manjhi and Chalaki of Bastar's social structure, Smt Droupadi Murmu said that they serve as a strong bridge between society and the administration. She expressed confidence that their leadership and dedication would further strengthen peace, social harmony and development in the region.

The President also appreciated the talent of tribal youth, stating that they are excelling in the fields of education, science, arts and sports. She said that tribal communities possess a natural talent for sports and the arts. Referring to the recently organised Bastar Olympics, she described it as a significant initiative that provides a platform for showcasing the talent of young people.

On the occasion, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah interacted with President Smt Droupadi Murmu, the Manjhi and Chalaki of Bastar and the winners of Bastar Pandum. Later, in a message shared on the social media platform X, Shri Amit Shah said that the presence of Bastar residents at Rashtrapati Bhavan in their traditional attire for the first time is proof that Bastar, which was once losing its rich culture and heritage due to Naxal violence, is now preserving its heritage after becoming free from Naxalism.■

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> **Smt Droupadi Murmu**
> **President of India**

Govt Tough on Jeopardising Students' Future, Guilty will Not be Spared





Parliament passes a Bill that makes our examination system more robust.

Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

The Modi Govt set a significant milestone in securing the future of our students by passing the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, in Parliament.

Shri Amit Shah
Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

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Lok Sabha has passed the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026 on July 29. On this occasion, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah congratulated students across the country and said that this law is an important step towards maintaining the sanctity of public examinations and protecting the future of the youth.

In a message posted on the social media platform X on July 29, Shri Amit Shah said that the Amendment Bill ensures the strictest penal provisions against those who attempt to compromise the fairness of public examinations by using unfair means or through activities such as paper leaks. He said that this law has been enacted to safeguard the dreams and aspirations of lakhs of students.

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation stated that the Government will not spare anyone who plays with the future of students. Shri Amit Shah said that the law will be enforced with full strictness against elements seeking to weaken the examination system, and it will be ensured that the guilty receive the harshest possible punishment. He said that maintaining the credibility of public examinations is among the Government's highest priorities. Ensuring transparency, fairness and trust in the examination process is essential not only for the interests of students but also for the credibility of the country's education system and administrative institutions.

The Bill includes several significant provisions, including stringent punishments and penalties. These include imprisonment of up to ten years, a fine of up to ₹10 crore and confiscation of the property of guilty individuals. For the speedy disposal of cases, State Governments and Union Territory Administrations will establish special fast-track courts. Investigations must be completed within two months from the date an FIR is registered at the police station. The trial must be concluded within three months of the filing of the charge sheet.

With the implementation of the amended law, paper leaks, examination malpractice, organised cheating and other unfair activities are expected to be effectively curbed. It also sends a clear message that the law will now be far more stringent against those who attempt to tamper with the examination system. It is noteworthy that in recent years, alleged irregularities and paper leak incidents in various competitive examinations had raised serious questions about the credibility of the examination system. In this context, the Amendment Bill is being regarded as an important step towards making the examination system more secure, transparent and reliable. The Rajya Sabha has also passed the Bill on July 30. ■

Govt's Strong Action Against Cross-Border Drug Trafficking



The Government is deploying advanced security infrastructure in sensitive areas to curb cross-border smuggling. These measures include anti-drone systems, CCTV cameras, PTZ cameras, night-vision devices (NVDs), modern border fencing and border floodlighting to strengthen surveillance and ensure effective monitoring of smuggling routes.

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Cross-border drug trafficking in India, including the Northeastern States, has remained a serious challenge to national security. The Northeastern States are particularly vulnerable to international trafficking of Amphetamine-Type Stimulants (ATS) and heroin due to the 'Death Triangle' (the region connected with Myanmar, Laos and Thailand) and the open India-Myanmar border. The Government has further strengthened border security, technical surveillance and coordination among various agencies to address this challenge.

On July 29, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Nityanand Rai informed the Rajya Sabha in a written reply that during the period from 2021 to 2025, various drug law enforcement agencies seized 4,626 kilogram of ATS and 2,652 kilogram of heroin. These figures reflect the growing network of cross-border trafficking and the seriousness of action being taken against it. Shri Rai stated that traffickers are continuously misusing sensitive border areas covered under the Free Movement Regime (FMR). Drug syndicates are now attempting to evade law enforcement agencies by using legitimate trade, movement of passengers, local networks, forest routes and new trafficking routes.

To tackle the problem of drug trafficking and substance abuse, the Central Government released the 'Vision Document on Control of Narcotic Drugs (2026-2029)' on June 26, 2026. It lays down a time-bound action plan for all Central Ministries, agencies and States. The four major focus areas of the Vision Document are, strengthening intelligence and enforcement operations, controlling precursor chemicals and synthetic drugs, reducing drug demand and the harm caused by substance abuse and enhancing capacity building and coordination among various agencies.

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) is conducting joint operations in coordination with the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, Border Security Force and State-level agencies. Zonal units have been established in Srinagar, Siliguri, Agartala, and Itanagar for real-time intelligence sharing and swift action. The Government has also approved the establishment of six new zonal offices, including those in Dimapur (Nagaland), Aizawl (Mizoram), Shillong (Meghalaya) and Gangtok (Sikkim).

Traffickers are now using open and unfenced sections of the India-Myanmar border, forests, footpaths and mountainous routes. Narcotics are concealed and transported in legitimate goods, passenger vehicles and cargo trucks. Additionally, the use of courier services, parcel networks, social media platforms and encrypted communication apps has also increased rapidly. The Moreh-Tamu border continues to remain a major transit route for trafficking heroin and methamphetamine from Myanmar to various parts of India.■

Security to Science: New Dimensions of 'Viksit Bharat'



Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Nityanand Rai chairs the third BRICS Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction in New Delhi.



Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar attends the 11th All India Police Judo Cluster Competition 2026-27 in Hyderabad.

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Under the chairmanship of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Nityanand Rai, India successfully hosted the third BRICS Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction in Delhi on July 24. Ministers and Heads of Delegations from the BRICS countries participated in the meeting. Shri Rai stated during the meeting that the continuous cooperation from the Udaipur Declaration (2016) to the Kazan Declaration (2024) and the establishment of the BRICS Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group- demonstrates that disaster risk reduction is increasingly being recognised as a vital foundation for sustainable development, climate adaptation and human security.

- Shri Rai joined public in listening to the 136th edition of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's monthly radio programme, 'Mann Ki Baat', at Vigrahpur under the Bankipur Assembly Constituency in Bihar on July 26. He said that 'Mann Ki Baat' is not only a dialogue with the nation but also a powerful medium for transforming every resolve of nation-building into a people's movement. The Prime Minister has called upon the people to make water conservation a people's movement through the 'Catch the Rain' campaign.
- Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar congratulated Skyroot Aerospace on the successful launch of Vikram-1, India's first private orbital rocket, on 18 July 2026. He described the occasion as a proud day for every Indian. Shri Kumar said that, from policy reforms to indigenous innovation, this mission reflects the remarkable progress of India's space ecosystem and the confidence of its young entrepreneurs.
- Shri Kumar inaugurated the 11th All India Police Judo Cluster Championship 2026-27 at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad on July 23. The national-level sporting events, organised by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), are being attended by teams from the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and State Police forces from across the country. The championship brings together police personnel from all over India, promoting sportsmanship and discipline. Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar said that, under the guidance of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, this initiative is also playing a significant role in strengthening India's sports ecosystem.
- Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar, in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha on July 28, stated that the Union Government has approved the National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme with a total outlay of ₹2,254.43 crore for the period from 2024-25 to 2028-29. Under the scheme, ₹1,309.13 crore has been allocated for the establishment of nine campuses of the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), while ₹860.3 crore has been earmarked for the establishment of seven Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLs). An amount of ₹119.09 crore has already been released and utilised under the scheme for the NFSU campuses and CFSLs. He further informed that, under the scheme, approval has been granted for the establishment of nine NFSU campuses in Nagpur (Maharashtra), Raipur (Chhattisgarh), Khurda (Odisha), Chengalpattu (Tamil Nadu), Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal. In addition, approval has also been granted for the establishment of Central Forensic Science Laboratories in Raipur (Chhattisgarh), Khurda (Odisha), Chengalpattu (Tamil Nadu), Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala.■

Security, Cybersecurity and Sporting Prowess: The New Face of a Changing India

India's security framework is no longer limited merely to guarding its borders; it now encompasses cyberspace, economic security, the talent of its youth and national pride. Recent significant operations undertaken by security forces and police agencies demonstrate that the country is moving forward with a multi-dimensional strategy to tackle internal security challenges.

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Delhi Police Busts ₹70 Crore Mule Bank Account Racket, 10 Accused Arrested



The Central District Cyber Police Station team of Delhi Police has exposed a major cybercrime gang by busting a mule bank account network worth around ₹70 crore. Delhi Police stated on July 28, that its Central District Cyber Police Station team had uncovered the mule bank account network involving approximately ₹70 crore. According to the police, the major cybercrime racket was revealed during the investigation into a ₹10,000 part-time job fraud case. So far, 10 accused, including five bank employees, have been arrested in the case. The investigation has also revealed that the gang's links extend to Dubai and Britain.

During the investigation, police arrested 10 accused, including five bank employees. The accused have been alleged to have opened fake bank accounts, provided mule accounts and concealed the proceeds of cyber fraud by transferring the money into various accounts. The investigation so far has identified 156 cybercrime complaints registered across 19 States that are linked to this gang. It is confirmed that the network was operating on a large scale.

During the raids, police recovered documents related to 248 bank accounts, 38 SIM cards, 22 mobile phones, stamps of 28 fake companies, 55 credit and debit cards, ₹1 lakh in cash and one car from the possession of the accused.

Delhi Police stated that the investigation is ongoing and efforts are being made to trace other accused persons linked to this interstate and international cyber fraud network. Police are also investigating the total amount of cyber fraud carried out through this gang and the role played by other individuals involved in the operation.

Areca Nuts Worth ₹4.12 Crore Seized in Mizoram's Champhai



Assam Rifles carried out a major operation against illegal smuggling and seized areca nuts worth approximately ₹4.12 crore in Champhai district, Mizoram. Assam Rifles conducted a joint operation with the Customs Preventive Force on July 25, 2026. The operation was launched on the basis of intelligence inputs along the Champhai-Khawzawl Road.

During the search operation, security forces recovered 501 bags of areca nuts, with a total weight of 40,080 kilogram. According to Assam Rifles, the seized consignment has been handed over to the Customs Preventive Force, Champhai, for further legal action. The operation reflects the force's continued commitment towards curbing illegal smuggling activities and ensuring the safety of people living in border areas. Similar operations against illegal activities in border regions will continue in the future.

Assam Rifles' Major Move, Seven Members of Banned Militant Groups Held

The Assam Rifles has achieved a major success during an intensive operation conducted against insurgency in Manipur by arresting seven active members of banned militant organisations. The action was carried out between July 18 to 24, 2026, under joint and independent operations based on intelligence inputs.

According to the Assam Rifles, the operation was conducted along the India-Myanmar border as well as in the districts of Chandel, Tengnoupal and Kakching. During the search operation, security forces recovered one AK-47 rifle, two Molotov



cocktails and five live rounds of .22 bore ammunition. All the arrested militants, along with the recovered weapons and other materials, have been handed over to the concerned police stations for legal action.

The Assam Rifles stated that these successful operations have further strengthened its commitment towards ensuring peace, security and border management in Manipur. The security forces will continue to conduct similar operations in the future to effectively curb militant activities and maintain lasting peace in the region.

BSF Achieves Glorious Victory in Romania, Constable Aarti Dhariyal Wins Gold Medal



Border Security Force (BSF) woman boxer Constable Aarti Dhariyal has brought pride to India and the force by winning the gold medal at the prestigious Nicolae Linca Golden Belt Boxing Tournament held in Braila, Romania, from 10 to 18 July 2026. In the final bout of the Elite Women's 54 kg category, Aarti delivered a dominant performance and defeated Romania's Carla Laura Bronsia to claim the top honour.

The BSF stated that this remarkable achievement reflects the discipline, dedication, hard work and world-class sporting capabilities of its athletes. The consistent success of BSF players at international competitions continues to enhance the reputation of the force and bring laurels to the nation.

On this historic achievement, the BSF Director General extended heartfelt congratulations to Constable Aarti Dhariyal and wished her a bright future. He expressed confidence that Aarti will continue to enhance India's pride by winning many more international medals for the country in the coming years.

ITBP Nurtures Future Champions



The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) is continuously working to promote sports talent among youth and children. As part of this initiative, around 50 local children are being provided specialised training in water sports at the ITBP Water Sports and Adventure Institute in Tehri.

Under the guidance of ITBP Himveers, the children received training in exciting and competitive sports such as canoeing, kayaking, and rowing on 19 July 2026. By engaging children in sports from an early age, the initiative aims to encourage talent development, discipline, and sportsmanship among them.

The ITBP's efforts are not only helping in preparing future athletes but are also playing an important role in building confidence, team spirit, and a sense of courage among young participants.

The ITBP stated that the objective of such initiatives is to provide a platform for local talent and nurture outstanding future sportspersons who can bring glory to the nation.■

Nyaya Sanhita Accelerates Trials, Convictions Through Tech and Evidence-Based Policing

A series of convictions across Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi and Odisha highlights the growing impact of the Nyaya Sanhita in ensuring faster investigations, stronger evidence-based prosecutions and effective punishment for serious crimes. From crimes against women and children to murder, assault and theft cases, police and judicial coordination, supported by digital tools and scientific investigation methods has strengthened the delivery of justice.

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Man Gets Four-Year Rigorous Imprisonment in Sexual Assault Case

Strengthening the legal framework for protection of women and ensuring stringent punishment in crimes against women and children, a Sonitpur court on June 15, 2026 convicted the accused under Section 74 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, in a sexual assault case. The court sentenced the accused to four years of rigorous imprisonment along with a fine of ₹5,000. In default of payment of the fine, the accused will undergo an additional three months of rigorous imprisonment. The Court held that the prosecution had successfully established the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt based on oral, medical and documentary evidence, reaffirming the commitment of the justice system towards protecting the dignity and safety of women.

The incident occurred on April 11, 2025 in Sonitpur district when the accused allegedly dragged the victim from her house to a nearby pond and committed sexual assault. Hearing the victim's cries for help, her family members rushed to the spot, following which the accused fled. On April 14, the victim's family lodged a written complaint at Rangapara police station. The police registered an FIR under Sections 75(2), 64(1) and 62 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

The investigation was initiated without delay and the police team visited the place of occurrence, prepared a sketch map and collected relevant evidence. Statements of the victim and witnesses were digitally recorded through the e-Sakshya App, while the victim's medical examination report was uploaded on the Medico-Legal Examination and Post Mortem Reporting System (MedLEaPR) Portal for secure digital documentation. The accused was traced and arrested during the investigation. After collecting oral, medical and documentary evidence, the investigation was completed within the statutory period of 38 days. The chargesheet was filed on May 21, 2025 and the court framed the charges on December 20, 2025.

Justice Delivered in Just 26 Days

A significant example of speedy justice under the Nyaya Sanhita has emerged from Delhi, where seamless coordination among the police, prosecution and judiciary enabled the investigation, trial proceedings and conviction to be completed within a record time of just 26 days.

The case was filed at Badarpur police station, South-East District, New Delhi, following an online e-FIR. The investigation was completed within seven days, charges were framed within 13 days and the accused was convicted by the court within six days thereafter. The case highlights the impact of technology-driven policing and time-bound legal procedures.

The incident involved the theft of valuable telecommunication equipment, including 4 km of fibre cable, one OTDR machine and one ladder from the complainant's office during the intervening night of May 15-16, 2026. During the investigation, police collected crucial digital evidence through CCTV footage, which showed the accused entering the premises on a stolen scooty and leaving with the stolen articles.

The chargesheet was filed on May 23, 2026, while charges were framed on June 5, 2026. The court relied upon CCTV footage, electronic evidence, recovery of stolen property, seizure documents and statements of witnesses to establish guilt beyond reasonable doubt. The court convicted the accused on June 12, 2026 under Sections 305(a) and 331(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The case reflects the effectiveness of the Nyaya Sanhita in delivering speedy justice through digital investigation, efficient prosecution and technology-enabled policing.

Three Years Jail in Assault Case

Ensuring accountability for violent crimes through evidence-based justice, a court in Kanker, Chhattisgarh, convicted the accused under Section 109 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita in an assault case on November 28, 2025. The court sentenced the accused to three years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹10,000. The court, after considering eyewitness testimony, medical evidence, forensic examination reports and documentary evidence, found the accused guilty beyond reasonable doubt.

The violent assault occurred on March 21, 2025 in Balodabazar district, Chhattisgarh. At around 6-7 PM, the victim was returning home when he was allegedly attacked with a stick by a village resident due to previous enmity. The victim sustained a serious head injury and was immediately shifted to a hospital in Kanker. Based on the complaint lodged by the victim's son, City Kotwali police station registered an FIR on March 22, 2025 under Section 109 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Police inspected the crime scene, prepared a site plan and recorded statements of witnesses. The investigating team also recovered the blood-stained weapon of offence. The seized stick was sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory, Raipur, while the victim's medical report was uploaded on the MedLEaPR Portal. The investigation was completed within 25 days and the chargesheet was filed on April 17, 2025. The court framed the charges on June 19, 2025 against the accused. The case highlights the effectiveness of the Nyaya Sanhita, in ensuring speedy investigation, scientific evidence collection and effective punishment for serious crimes.

Life Imprisonment in Rape and Murder: Minor Victim Gets Justice in Just 121 Days

The Nyaya Sanhita provides strong legal provisions to ensure swift investigation and speedy justice in cases involving crimes against women and children. Strengthening the criminal justice system with time-bound procedures and effective legal safeguards, the Nyaya Sanhita has enabled faster disposal of serious offences while ensuring justice for victims. In a significant case from Berhampur, Odisha, a minor victim received justice within just 121 days, with the accused convicted and awarded stringent punishment under the law.

A Berhampur court in Odisha on August 25, 2025, sentenced the accused to life imprisonment under Section 6 of the POCSO Act and Section 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. In addition, the accused was awarded rigorous imprisonment under Sections 238(a) and 137(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita along with fines imposed under the relevant provisions of law.

On 25 April 2025, at about 7:30 PM, a five-year-old girl disappeared while playing outside her house in Pattapur police station area. Despite extensive searches by family members, she could not be traced. In the early hours of April 26, 2025, her body was found in a naked condition in an under-construction building, revealing a gruesome case of rape and murder. The accused was her maternal uncle.

Following a complaint lodged by the victim's uncle on April 26, 2025, Pattapur police station registered an FIR. The case was immediately converted into offences under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the POCSO Act, prompting a comprehensive criminal investigation. The investigation was launched immediately using modern forensic techniques and digital investigative tools. Statements of the complainant and witnesses were recorded under Section 180 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. A 100% forensic examination of the crime scene was conducted, collecting biological and physical evidence. The investigation team utilised e-Sakshya, MedLeaPR, National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS), National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID), CCTV footage and DNA profiling. The accused was arrested within two days and the chargesheet was filed on June 15, 2025. Charges were framed on July 2, 2025 under Sections 137(2), 65(2), 64(2)(f), 103(1) and 238(a) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Section 6 of the POCSO Act.

The case reflects the commitment of the justice system towards ensuring prompt action and effective prosecution in crimes against women and children. The timely completion of the legal proceedings and strict punishment demonstrate the effectiveness of the Nyaya Sanhita and related laws in delivering speedy and victim-centric justice.■

Technology Redefines India's Frontier Security



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India shares some of the most complex and difficult borders in the world. They run through various landforms of the country. For decades, guarding these borders meant relying mostly on the presence of soldiers, watchtowers and physical barriers. That approach has served the country well, but it has its limits. Today, the nature of threats has changed. Infiltration, smuggling, drone incursions and cyber threats require a smarter, faster and more integrated response. This is precisely where the Union Government's renewed emphasis on technology is making a real difference.

The recent visit of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah to the Jhumagachh Border Outpost in Siliguri offers a useful window into this transformation. During the visit, he inspected a radio-based fence breach detection system. The moment someone tampers with the border fence, this system sends out an instant, pre-recorded alert without any delay. This is the kind of innovation that is redefining the speed and precision with which threats along the borders are detected and neutralised.

Equally important is the infra-red alarm system now being used in difficult terrains such as river stretches and unfenced gaps, where any disturbance to the beam triggers an immediate alert, giving troops advance warning to act. Where physical fencing is not feasible, technology has effectively taken over the task of guarding the borders. Alongside this, a gate management system introduced along the India-Bangladesh border allows farmers and local civilians to move safely for their daily work, without compromising security, reflecting a balanced approach that secures the border while keeping local lives undisrupted.

These ground-level innovations are part of a much larger vision. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Government is building a Quadrangular Security Grid that brings together border guarding forces, local administration, technology and the local population, driven by the belief that a secure border, a prosperous border region and a vigilant society together make a nation secure.

This vision is already taking concrete shape on the ground. The 1,610-kilometre India-Myanmar border is being fenced at a cost of ₹31,000 crore, one of the largest such undertakings in the country's history. This is not merely about erecting a barrier. It is aimed at preventing infiltration, radicalisation, smuggling, drone-related threats and even unchecked demographic changes in border areas. At the same time, Smart Borders pilot project is being prepared for launch across several locations nationwide.

It is the courage of personnel of Border Guarding Forces that makes all of this possible, as they shoulder the responsibility of guarding the country's most challenging borders. They serve in conditions few can imagine, from temperatures as low as minus 45 degrees in the icy heights of Kashmir to over 45 degrees in the deserts of Kutch and Rajasthan. This quiet, unwavering commitment has earned the BSF its place as the nation's First Line of Defence, the force that keeps India's borders secure and its citizens safe.

India's borders will always need vigilant men and women standing guard. But increasingly, they will also need sensors, alarms and integrated systems working quietly alongside them. As these technologies expand across the country's borders, India is steadily moving towards a security architecture that is modern, layered and difficult to breach.

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A Drone Training Course was conducted on July 25, 2026 at the Army War College, Mhow, near Indore, for personnel of the CISF Unit ASG Indore. The objective of the training was to strengthen the operational capabilities and technical proficiency of the personnel to effectively counter emerging security threats posed by drones. This coordinated initiative between the Indian Army and the CISF reflects their shared commitment to addressing modern security challenges.

During the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, personnel of the CRPF and other joint security forces remain deployed round the clock with resolute vigilance to ensure a safe, smooth and memorable pilgrimage experience for all devotees.





A part of the activities of the Nagar Rajbhasha Karyanavayan Samiti (NARAKAS), the quiz competition titled "Kaun Banega BPR&D Genius" was organised at the BPR&D Headquarters on July 24, 2026. Participants showcased their knowledge, curiosity and understanding of policing and innovation by answering a wide range of questions. The winners of the competition were felicitated by Director General Shri Alok Mittal, who congratulated and encouraged them for their outstanding performance.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Q. How many Police Commissionerates are functioning in India?

A. A Total of 77 Police Commissionerates are functioning in India as on January 1, 2024.

Q. Which State has the highest number of Police Commissionerates in India?

A. Maharashtra has the highest number of Police Commissionerates with 12, followed by Tamil Nadu and Telangana having 9 Commissionerates each.

Q. Which Police Commissionerate has the highest sanctioned manpower among all Commissionerates in India?

A. The Delhi Police Commissionerate has the highest sanctioned strength among all Police Commissionerates in India, with 83,472 sanctioned personnel, making it the largest Police Commissionerate in the country.

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Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

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