


Swachh Sujal Gaon

Mahakumbh 2025 to showcase Bundelkhand's transformation of bringing Tap Water to every Household through Jal Jeevan Mission.

Key Points

- ❖ In the Mahakumbh 2025 the devotees from across the globe will witness the remarkable transformation of Uttar Pradesh's villages through the concept of **'Swachh Sujal Gaon' (Clean and Water-Secure Villages)**.
- ❖ The **theme of the initiative is 'Solution to Drinking Water: New Identity of My Village'**, which highlights how Bundelkhand, once synonymous with **water scarcity**, now stands as a symbol of success in resolving the drinking water crisis.
- ❖ The exhibition will be set across 40,000 square feet, it will represent a vivid picture of a prosperous **Uttar Pradesh, highlighting initiatives such as PM Awas, CM Awas, gram panchayat development**, and village solar energy adoption.
- ❖ The exhibit will provide **multilingual accessibility, with information in Hindi, English, Bengali, Telugu, and Marathi**, ensuring inclusivity for a diverse audience.

Good Governance Week 2024

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Key Points

- ❖ **Resolution of Grievances:** The UP government secured the top position in the nation during the Good Governance Week 2024 by resolving over 6,08,617 public grievances.
 - This remarkable achievement reflects the administrative efficiency and unwavering commitment of the Yogi government towards public service.
 - Maharashtra and Rajasthan claimed the second and third spots with 2,33,892 and 2,13,415 grievance resolutions, respectively.
- ❖ **Workshop conducted:** Uttar Pradesh also led the country in organising workshops at block and headquarters levels, with Madhya Pradesh following in second place.
 - Uttar Pradesh stood out by organising the **highest number of workshops (16,997) securing the top position in the country**. Madhya Pradesh came second with 13,128 workshops, while Rajasthan took third place with 5,810 workshops.
 - These workshops were organised nationwide at block, tehsil, district and headquarters levels to address public grievances, raise awareness, and promote transparency in administrative work

About Good Governance Week

- ❖ Good Governance Week is celebrated nationwide from December 19 to 24 every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- ❖ The initiative, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, aims to promote transparency, efficiency and accountability in governance.

Mahakumbh Songs

Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting Sh. Ashwini Vaishnaw launches a pair of Mahakumbh songs produced by AIR & Doordarshan.

Song- Mahakumbh Hai

- ❖ The song "Mahakumbh Hai" is produced by Doordarshan for Mahakumbh 2025.
- ❖ It is sung by the illustrious Padma Shri Kailash Kher, the song encapsulates the spirit of devotion, celebration, and the vibrant cultural essence of the iconic Mahakumbh.
- ❖ The lyrics have been penned by renowned writer Aalok Shrivastav.
- ❖ The music has been composed and arranged by Kshitij Tarey. It beautifully showcase the confluence of faith, tradition, and festivity that define the Mahakumbh.
- ❖ "Mahakumbh Hai" is a heartfelt tribute to India's rich cultural heritage and the timeless significance of the Mahakumbh Mela.
- ❖ The official music video of "Mahakumbh Hai" is now available on Doordarshan and its digital platforms.



Song- जय महाकुम्भ जय महाकुम्भ, पग पग जयकारा महाकुम्भ

- ❖ It is a special composition by Akashvani dedicated to the Prayagraj Mahakumbh.
- ❖ This unique song encapsulates the spiritual, cultural, and religious significance of the Mahakumbh through a harmonious blend of music and lyrical presentation.
- ❖ The song has been sung by Ratan Prasanna.
- ❖ It has the music of Santosh Nahar and Ratan Prasanna.

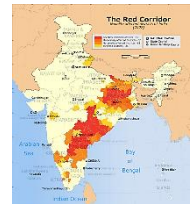
- ❖ The lyrics are written by Abhinay Shrivastava.
- ❖ The sacred act of taking a dip at the Triveni Sangam has been celebrated in the song as a purifying ritual, offering spiritual fulfillment across ages.

Maoist Attack

In Chhattisgarh, an encounter broke out between security forces and Maoists in Sukma district on 9th Jan 2025. As per sources, three Maoists have been killed in an encounter.

About Naxalism

- ❖ Naxalism refers to a Maoist-inspired insurgency that seeks to overthrow the Indian state through armed rebellion.
- ❖ The movement emerged from a peasant uprising in 1967 against local landlords who were exploiting agricultural workers.
- ❖ This revolt led to the formation of various left-wing extremist groups, collectively known as Naxalites.
- ❖ The movement has spread across several states in India, particularly in areas known as the "Red Corridor," which includes parts of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar, and West Bengal.



Respirer Living Sciences Report

Indian Cities Reduce PM2.5 Pollution By 27% In Six Years

Key Points

- ❖ According to the report by climate tech firm Respirer Living Sciences, Indian cities achieved an average 27 per cent reduction in PM2.5 pollution levels from 2019 to 2024, with those under NCAP alone recording a 24 per cent decline.

- ❖ **Top Performers:** According to the report **Varanasi and Moradabad** reduced PM2.5 levels by 76 per cent and 58 per cent, respectively.
 - Other top performers include Kalaburagi (57.2 per cent), Meerut (57.1 per cent), Katni (56.3 per cent), Agra (54.1 per cent), Baghpat (53.3 per cent), Kanpur (51.2 per cent) and Jodhpur (50.5 per cent).
- ❖ **Polluted cities:** In 2024, Delhi recorded PM2.5 levels of 107 microgrammes per cubic metre while Bynihat in Assam reported 127.3 microgrammes per cubic metre.
 - Other highly polluted cities include Gurugram (96.7 microgrammes per cubic metre), Faridabad (87.1 microgrammes per cubic metre), Sri Ganganagar (85.5 microgrammes per cubic metre), and Greater Noida (83.9 microgrammes per cubic metre).

Green Hydrogen Hub

On 8th January 2024, the Prime Minister of India laid the foundation stone for the NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) Green Hydrogen Hub project.

Key Points

- ❖ It is the first Green Hydrogen Hub under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.
- ❖ **Developers:** The project, jointly developed by **NGEL and the New & Renewable Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh (NREDCAP)**.
- ❖ **Location:** It will be located in Pudimadaka, Anakapalle district, Andhra Pradesh
- ❖ It will be developed with an investment of approximately Rs1.85 lakh crore.

- ❖ **Production:** It will include the development of 20 GW of renewable energy projects and the production of **1,500 tonnes per day (TPD) of green hydrogen, along with 7,500 TPD of green hydrogen derivatives** such as green methanol, green urea, and sustainable aviation fuel. These products are primarily aimed at export markets.

23rd Divya Kala Mela

23rd Divya Kala Mela is being held at Akota Stadium, Vadodara, Gujarat.

Key Points

- ❖ **Organizer:** The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (DEPwD), under Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (M/o SJ&E), is organizing the 23rd Divya Kala Mela through its apex Corporation, National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC), at Akota Stadium, Vadodara, Gujarat.
- ❖ **Time span:** From 9th – 19th January 2024
- ❖ The 11-day event will be showcasing a diverse range of products and craftsmanship of Divyang entrepreneurs/artisans from across the country.
- ❖ **The Mela is a unique initiative towards the economic empowerment of PwD/Divyangjan.**
- ❖ It presents a big platform for marketing and showcasing the products and skills of Divyangjan (PwD).

- ❖ 7th Divya Kala Mela was held in Varanasi from 15th - 24th September, 2023

21st Third Eye Asian Film Festival

On 10th January 2025, the 21st edition of the Third Eye Asian Film Festival started in Mumbai.

Key Points

- ❖ The opening film of the festival was the acclaimed **Chinese drama The Black Dog**, which won the Best Film award at the Cannes Film Festival.
- ❖ A total of 61 films have been selected for the festival, which will run from 10th-16th January.
- ❖ The Asian Spectrum section will feature films from countries including China, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Tunisia, and Bhutan, showcasing a wide variety of storytelling styles. **South Korea is the Country in Focus.**
- ❖ Renowned lyricist and screenwriter **Javed Akhtar** will be honoured with the Asian Cinema Culture Award.
- ❖ **Journalist Rafique Baghdadi** will receive the Satyajit Ray Memorial Award.



Short News- Uttar Pradesh

- ❖ The UP government renovated a '**Great Northern hotel**', a 150-year-old heritage building in Prayagraj. The building, located in the Prayagraj Municipal Corporation premises was built around **1865**. The historic building was once used for meetings of intellectuals involved in the country's freedom struggle. In the 1930s, the British government converted this building into an administrative office. This building was constructed 150 years ago using **eco-friendly materials such as jaggery, pulses, fenugreek, lime, surkhi, sand and bell giri** and now its renovation using the same materials.

- ❖ The former IPS officer and the secretary of **Patna's Mahavir Mandir Trust, Acharya Kishore Kunal** died recently. He also served as the secretary of the **Amawa Temple Trust in Ayodhya**, was renowned for his philanthropic contributions and steadfast dedication to religious activities. Under his leadership, the Mahavir Mandir Trust made a remarkable donation of Rs 10 crore towards the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.
- ❖ Ayodhya is hosting the **Pratishtha Dwadashi festival** from January 11 to 13, celebrating the first anniversary of Ram Lalla's installation in the grand temple.

Person In News- Appointments

Tuhin Kanta Pandey

- ❖ He has been appointed as the **Secretary of the Department of Revenue.**
- ❖ He is an IAS officer of the 1987 Odisha cadre and was serving as Secretary of the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)



Person In News- Sports

Martin Gupthill

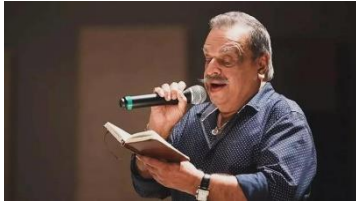
- ❖ He is a **New Zealand's renowned cricketer**, who has announced his retirement from international cricket, ending a remarkable 14-year career that started in 2009.



Person In News- Obituary

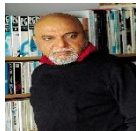
P. Jayachandran

- ❖ He was a **legendary playback singer** who passed away recently.
- ❖ He was known as the '**Bhava Gayakan**' for his ability to evoke profound emotions through his voice, Jayachandran's illustrious career spanned over six decades, during which he lent his voice to more than 16,000 songs.



Pritish Nandy

- ❖ He was a **poet, producer, magazine editor and parliamentarian**. He died of a cardiac arrest in Mumbai on January 8, 2025. He was 73.
- ❖ Nandy wrote around 40 books of poetry in English and translated poems from Bengali, Urdu, and Punjabi into English.
- ❖ He was a **Padma Shri award recipient**.



Important News- Other States

Himachal Pradesh

- ❖ Himachal Pradesh cabinet has approved renaming the Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) as **Dr. Manmohan Singh Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration**.

Maharashtra

- ❖ **Maharashtra will be the first State to introduce drone surveillance of coasts** to keep a stronger check on illegal fishing by trawlers from neighbouring States, primarily from Karnataka, Gujarat, and Goa.

Important News- Worldwide

United States

- ❖ The **Ohio State House and Senate have passed a bill designating October as Hindu Heritage Month**. This initiative, led by State Senator Niraj Antani, the first Hindu and Indian American State Senator in Ohio's history, aims to celebrate and recognize the contributions of Hindu Americans.

Miscellaneous

- ❖ India and the US are collaborating to **manufacture sonobuoys necessary for tracking undersea submarines**. US company Ultra Maritime and Indian Public Sector Undertaking Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) will produce these sonobuoys in India.
- ❖ India has extended **humanitarian assistance to the people of Cuba** in the aftermath of Hurricane Rafael.

