

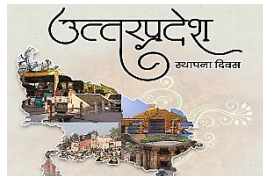
25<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Uttar Pradesh Foundation Day

Uttar Pradesh commemorates its foundation day every year on January 24.

### Key Points

- ❖ The year 2025 marks the 76th anniversary of the state formation.
- ❖ This day is known as **Uttar Pradesh Diwas** or **UP Diwas** in Hindi.
- ❖ **Renaming:** The United Province was renamed **Uttar Pradesh** on **January 24, 1950**.
- ❖ **Declaration:** The Uttar Pradesh government declared January 24 as Uttar Pradesh Foundation Day in **May 2017**.
- ❖ UP Foundation Day was proposed by the **governor Ram Naik**.
- ❖ The **theme for Uttar Pradesh Day 2025** is "Development and Heritage: Uttar Pradesh on the Path to Progress".



## Aerospace and Defence Unit and Employment Promotion Policy 2024

The decision to introduce the Aerospace and Defence Unit and Employment Promotion Policy 2024 was taken by the cabinet.

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- ❖ The cabinet meeting was held at the Triveni Sankul Complex auditorium at the Mahakumbh-2025 tent city in Prayagraj.

### Key Points

- ❖ The **Aerospace and Defence Unit and Employment Promotion Policy 2024** was introduced to position Uttar Pradesh as a leader in the sector.
- ❖ The policy sets an **ambitious target of attracting ₹50,000 crore in investments over the next five years** with the

potential to generate direct employment for 1 lakh people across the state.

- ❖ It aims to position Uttar Pradesh as a leading aerospace and defence hub, accelerating indigenous capabilities, fostering innovation, and promoting global collaboration to enhance national security and economic prosperity.
- ❖ The **policy aims to strengthen the aerospace and defence (A&D) sector in Uttar Pradesh by creating a robust, hi-tech, and efficient A&D manufacturing ecosystem** within the UP Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC).
- ❖ It also seeks to attract startups and investments for the development of state-of-the-art facilities in the sector.
- ❖ The policy further aims to attract large A&D manufacturing projects and DPSUs, while promoting research and innovation, ensuring that Uttar Pradesh becomes a pivotal contributor to India's defence and aerospace landscape.

The ministry of defence has set an ambitious target to double the country's A&D production to \$25 billion and exports to \$5 billion by 2025-26. By 2047, the A&D manufacturing sector is expected to contribute 25% to the nation's GDP.

To achieve these goals, two defence industrial corridors have been established in India: Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu positioning UP as a key player in this transformative vision.

## Karpoori Thakur

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar visited Bihar and Uttar Pradesh on the occasion of the 101st birth anniversary of Shri Karpoori Thakur.

### Key Points

- ❖ The Vice President presided over the function to be held at **Samastipur, Bihar on the occasion of the 101st birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Shri Karpoori Thakur.**
- ❖ During the visit, he also attended the **Uttar Pradesh Day celebrations in Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh.**

### About Karpoori Thakur

- ❖ **Early life:** Karpoori Thakur was born on **January 24, 1924, in Pitaunjhia village in Samastipur district of Bihar.**
- ❖ The village where he was born in Samastipur district was renamed after him as Karpuri Gram.
- ❖ He abandoned college education for the Indian freedom struggle and was arrested between **1942 and 1945 for participating in the Quit India Movement.**
- ❖ **CM of Bihar:** He became the **first non-Congress socialist Chief Minister of Bihar** and was the education minister of the state as well. He **served as Bihar's chief minister twice**, from December 1970 to June 1971, and again from December 1977 to April 1979.
- ❖ **Decisions:** He as the CM implemented the recommendations of the **Mungeri Lal Commission, whereby quotas for backward classes** were introduced in the state. He has been credited in Bihar politics for enforcing total prohibition of alcohol in 1970.
- ❖ He is affectionately known as '**Jan Nayak**'.
- ❖ He passed away in 1988.
- ❖ In **2024, he was awarded the Bharat Ratna** (India's highest civilian award) posthumously

### Republic Day Tableaux 2025

On 26th January 2025, tableaux of 16 States/Union Territories (UTs) and 10 Ministries/Departments of the Union Government will be showcased during the 76th Republic Day Parade at Delhi's Kartavya Path.

### Key Points

- ❖ A total of 26 tableaux from various states, union territories, and Union Ministries are set to present the diversity of the country and cultural inclusiveness during the 76th Republic Day Parade.
- ❖ **Theme:** The tableaux are based on the theme of '**Swarnim Bharat: Virasat Aur Vikas**'.
- ❖ The parade will feature tableaux from 16 states and Union Territories, along with 10 Ministries and Departments, each with its unique theme.
- ❖ One of the unique features of this year's parade is that a **Tri-Services tableau will take part in the Republic Day Parade with the theme 'Shashakt aur Surakshit Bharat'**.
- ❖ The tableau will showcase the conceptual outlook for jointness and integration in the Armed Forces, ensuring national security and operational excellence.
- ❖ The **India Meteorological Department (IMD) will also feature its first-ever Republic Tableau.**
- ❖ The Ministry of Culture's tableau celebrates India's cultural diversity and creativity. It is inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mantra of '**Virasat Bhi, Vikas Bhi**'.

### 16 States and UT's Participating

- Goa:** The state's tableaux will represent the cultural heritage of Goa.
- Uttarakhand:** The tableaux will showcase cultural heritage and adventure sports
- Haryana:** Showcase Bhagwad Gita
- Jharkhand:** The state will showcase 'Swarnim Jharkhand: A legacy of heritage and progress'
- Gujarat** will showcase 'Swarnim Bharat: Virasat Aur Vikas'
- Andhra Pradesh:** The southern state will showcase 'Etikoppaka Bommalu- Eco-friendly wooden toys'
- Punjab** will showcase the state as the land of knowledge and wisdom
- Uttar Pradesh:** The state will showcase 'Mahakumbh 2025 - Swarnim Bharat Virasat aur Vikas'
- Bihar:** 'Swarnim Bharat: Virasat Aur Vikas (Nalanda Vishwavidyalaya)'
- Madhya Pradesh:** 'Madhya Pradesh's Glory: Kuno National park- The land of Cheetahs'
- Tripura:** The north-east state will represent 'Eternal Reverence: The worship of 14 Deities in Tripura - Kharchi Puja'
- Karnataka:** 'Lakkundi: Cradle of stone craft'
- West Bengal:** The state will showcase the 'Lakshmi Bhandar' & 'Lok Prasara Prakalpa' with a theme 'Empowering lives and fostering self-reliance in Bengal'
- Chandigarh:** A Harmonious Blend of Heritage, Innovation and Sustainability
- Delhi:** The national capital will showcase 'Quality Education'
- Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu:** The UT will showcase Daman Aviary Bird Park along with Kukri Memorial which is a tribute to the valiant sailors of the Indian Navy.

Republic Day Parade 2025		Republic Day Parade 2025	
States/UTs	Theme	States/UTs	Theme
Goa	Cultural Heritage of Goa	Bihar	Virasat Aur Vikas (Nalanda Vishwavidyalaya)
Uttarakhand	Cultural Heritage & Adventure Sports	Madhya Pradesh	Glory: Kuno National park- The land of Cheetahs
Haryana	Showcasing Bhagwad Gita	Tripura	Eternal Reverence: The worship of 14 Deities in Tripura - Kharchi Puja
Jharkhand	Swarnim Jharkhand: A Legacy of Heritage & Progress	Karnataka	Lakkundi: Cradle of Stone craft
Gujarat	Swarnim Bharat: Virasat Aur Vikas	West Bengal	The 'Lakshmi Bhandar' & 'Lok Prasara Prakalpa' Empowering Lives and Fostering Self-Reliance in Bengal
		Chandigarh	Chandigarh: A Harmonious Blend of Heritage, Innovation and Sustainability

### VisionNxt

On 23rd January 2025, the VisionNxt was launched during the 40th Foundation Day celebrations of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in Hyderabad.

#### Key Points

- ❖ It is the first Artificial and Emotional Intelligence-driven fashion forecasting platform.
- ❖ **Developed by:** It has been developed under the Ministry of Textiles.

- ❖ **Purpose:** It is intended to integrate AI and EI to provide unique trend insights designed for India's fashion and retail market.

### Qartemi

Qartemi- India's first global CAR T-cell therapy for adult B-cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma has recently been launched.

#### Key Points

- ❖ **Qartemi is India's first global CAR T-cell therapy for adult B-cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma.**

- B-cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma is a kind of blood cancer that affects the lymphatic system
- ❖ **Launched by:** It has been launched recently by **Immuneel Therapeutics**, India's leading cell and gene therapy start-up, backed by Indian billionaire entrepreneur Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw.
- ❖ **Works:** The therapy uses genetically modified T-cells to fight cancer.

### 2025 declared International Year of Glaciers

2025 has recently been declared as the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation (IYGP) in Geneva.

#### Key Points

- ❖ **Declaration:** The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) have jointly made this declaration.
- ❖ **Aim:** UNESCO aims to raise awareness about the vital role glaciers, snow, and ice play in the climate system and hydrological cycle, as well as the far-reaching impacts of rapid glacial melt.
- ❖ IYGP 2025 focuses on raising awareness, advocating for policy change, and facilitating actionable, sustainable measures to preserve glaciers.
- ❖ This international year is part of a larger effort to gather global support, promote research, and improve access to


cryosphere data, aiming to mitigate the consequences of rapid glacier melting. WMO and UNESCO invite WMO Members, other UN agencies, and scientific organizations to support the initiative.

- ❖ The UN General Assembly made this decision in **December 2022**.
- ❖ **The first World Glacier Day will be celebrated on March 21, 2025.**


### Uttar Pradesh- Short News

- ❖ On 24th January 2025, a **3-day spectacular drone show began at Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj**.
  - The devotees will witness a special drone show, where the heritage of Sanatan tradition will be showcased through modern technology.
  - The show, featuring 2,500 'Made in India' drones, is being held over three days, with each day showcasing a unique theme.
  - **This will be the first time that a drone show will be organised on such a large scale at Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj.**
- ❖ Eminent litterateur **Dr. Neerja Madhav (Varanasi)**, honoured by the President, will be awarded the **National Maithili Sharan Gupt Samman** for the year 2023 by the Madhya Pradesh Government, Culture Department.

### Person In News- Appointments

<b>Sanjiv Ranjan</b>	He is a senior Indian Foreign Service (IFS), who has been appointed as the next <b>Secretary General of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)</b> .	
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### Person In News- Worldwide

<b>Micheál Martin</b>	He has been appointed as the <b>PM of Ireland</b> .	
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### Schemes/Initiatives

<b>Diamond Imprest Authorization (DIA) Scheme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ On 21st of January 2025, the <b>Department of Commerce, Government of India</b> introduced the Diamond Imprest Authorization (DIA) Scheme.</li> <li>❖ It aims to <b>enhance the global competitiveness of India's diamond sector</b>.</li> <li>❖ This scheme provides a streamlined mechanism for duty free import of Natural Cut and Polished Diamonds, and thereby promoting value addition and boosting exports. The Scheme will be implemented with effect from 01.04.2025.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Features of the Scheme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ This scheme allows the <b>duty-free import of Natural Cut and Polished Diamonds, of less than ¼ Carat (25 Cents)</b>.</li> <li>❖ This scheme mandates export obligation with a value addition of 10%.</li> <li>❖ All Diamond exporters holding Two Star Export House status and above and having US \$15 Million exports per year, are eligible for availing the benefit under this scheme.</li> </ul>
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### Important Days/Dates

January 24	<b>National Girl Child Day</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>National Girl Child Day is celebrated every year on January 24 in India.</b></li> <li>❖ <b>National Girl Child Day was first initiated in 2008</b> by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.</li> <li>❖ The <b>theme for National Girl Child Day 2025 is "Empowering Girls for a Bright Future."</b> This theme emphasises the need to offer girls equal opportunities to lead and shape their future while recognising their role in society.</li> </ul>
January 24	<b>International Day of Education</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ International Day of Education is observed every year on January 24, which was declared by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on December 3, 2018. This day reminds everyone of the importance of education in bringing peace, development, and equality across the globe.</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The <b>first International Day of Education</b> was celebrated on <b>January 24, 2019</b>.</li> <li>❖ The <b>International Day of Education</b> is celebrated on <b>January 24 annually</b>.</li> <li>❖ This year marks the <b>seventh year of the celebration with the theme</b> 'AI and education: Preserving human agency in a world of automation.'</li> </ul>
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### Important News- Other States

<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>Pangsau Pass International Festival (PPIF) 2025</b> was held in Arunachal Pradesh. It celebrates Arunachal Pradesh's cultural heritage and its historical significance during World War II.
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai launched the ' <b>Deendayal Upadhyay Bhoomiheen Krishi Majdoor Kalyana Yojana</b> ' in Raipur, aimed at benefiting over 5.62 lakh landless agricultural workers, including Baigas and Gunias.
<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>1st International Olympic Research Conference from January 27-30</b> , will take place in Gujarat. In which financing and innovative economic models for hosting the Olympics in India will be discussed.
<b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>	The <b>administration declared Badhaal village in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district a containment zone</b> , prohibiting all private and public gatherings, after 17 people, including 13 children and 4 elders from three families, died of a mysterious illness in the last 50 days.
<b>Maharashtra</b>	India's first-of-its-kind <b>CSIR Mega "Innovation Complex"</b> has been launched at Mumbai.

### Important News- Worldwide

<b>USA</b>	The <b>US has quit the World Health Organization (WHO)</b> on the grounds that the premier global health body mishandled the Covid-19 pandemic.
	Trump has again withdrawn the <b>US from the Paris climate agreement</b> .

### Miscellaneous

- ❖ **CheQ**, a fintech company founded by former Flipkart executive Aditya Soni, has introduced **Wisor, an AI-driven tool** to streamline credit **card** management. **Wisor** provides users with personalised insights, detailed spending analysis, and tools to optimise rewards.
- ❖ Trump has recently unveiled the **Stargate Venture with OpenAI, SoftBank, Oracle**. It aims to build new AI infrastructure for OpenAI in the United States.

- ❖ **Sarala Aviation**, a Bengaluru-based startup, has unveiled its prototype air taxi, **Shunya**. It is designed for 20-30 km trips at speeds up to 250 kmph. Targeting launch by 2028, Shunya aims to combat traffic congestion and pollution.
- ❖ **Indian short film Anuja** has achieved a significant milestone by securing a nomination in the Best Short Film (Live Action) category for the Oscars 2025.
  - **Anuja is directed by Adam J. Graves and Suchitra Mattai.**
  - Anuja follows a nine-year-old girl who, alongside her sister Palak, faces

a life-changing opportunity that tests their bond and mirrors the struggles of girls worldwide.

- ❖ Professor **Urbasi Sinha** from the **Raman Research Institute in Bengaluru** has been honored with the Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025 for her innovative work in quantum computing and technology.
- ❖ The government of Nepal is **increasing the permit fees for climbing Mount Everest from USD 11000 to USD 15000**, making the world's tallest peak more expensive for mountaineers.



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