

## Devotees Gather In Large Numbers At Sangam In Prayagraj To Take Holy Dip On Basant Panchami

**Prayagraj:** Devotees gathered in large numbers at Sangam in Prayagraj during the annual Magh Mela to take a holy dip on the occasion of Basant Panchami on Friday.

In Ayodhya, devotees took a holy dip at Saryu Ghat and performed worship and prayers on the occasion of Basant Panchami. In Ujjain, a special Bhasma Aarti was performed at Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple.

Prayers on Basant Panchami will be held at Bhojshala today, following the Supreme Court order allowing Hindus and Muslims to offer prayers at the Bhojshala-Kamal Maula complex in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh. The Supreme Court on Thursday ordered an interim arrangement at the disputed Bhojshala-Kamal Maula complex in Dhar, to allow both Hindu and Muslim communities to perform their religious practices on Basant Panchami, which happens to fall on a Friday - coinciding with Jumma (special midday prayer).

As festive fervour pervades the regions that



celebrate Basant Panchami, Prayagraj Additional Police Commissioner Ajay Pal Sharma announced that high-tech surveillance, including AI-enabled cameras and drones, has been deployed to monitor the massive crowds expected for the holy dip on the occasion. The specialised monitoring system aims to manage the movement of lakhs of pilgrims arriving at the Triveni Sangam for the Magh Mela 2026.

Ahead of the preparations for the Basant Panchami Snan, Ajay Pal Sharma said on Thursday, "January 23 is the festival of Basant Panchami.

### PM SVANidhi: 132 Beneficiaries In Saharanpur To Receive Credit Cards

**Saharanpur (The Hawk):** A live telecast of the launch of credit cards and loan distribution programme under the PM SVANidhi Scheme by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Kerala was shown to beneficiaries at the ICCC in Saharanpur. Mayor Dr. Ajay Kumar and several councillors were present on the occasion. Under the scheme, 132 beneficiaries in Saharanpur will also be provided credit cards with a limit of Rs 30,000.

Addressing the beneficiaries, Mayor Dr. Ajay Kumar said that Prime Minister Modi envisions a developed India by 2047, where every citizen is self-reliant and has access to employment. He informed that after completion of the first phase of the scheme on December 31, 2024, the Central Government has extended the scheme till 2030. He said that earlier only a small portion of benefits reached the actual beneficiaries, while intermediaries took away the rest. The Modi government has eliminated middlemen, ensuring that loan amounts and other benefits are directly transferred to beneficiaries' bank accounts. He urged vendors to use this financial assistance to become self-reliant.

The Mayor further informed that during the first phase of the PM SVANidhi Scheme in Saharanpur municipal area, 21,629 vendors were provided Rs 10,000 as the first installment, 8,772 vendors received Rs 20,000 as the second installment, and 1,679 vendors were given Rs 50,000 as the third installment. In the financial year 2025-26, under the scheme, 510 beneficiaries received Rs 15,000 as the first installment, 773 beneficiaries received Rs 25,000 as the second installment, and 317 beneficiaries were provided Rs 50,000 as the third installment. Additionally, 132 beneficiaries in Saharanpur are being issued credit cards with a limit of Rs 30,000.

Earlier, while addressing the programme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the PM SVANidhi Scheme was launched in June 2020 to make urban street vendors self-reliant. Under the scheme, easy collateral-free loans in the form of interest-subsidized working capital were provided to vendors. He said that the scheme has helped lakhs of people revive their livelihoods and become economically self-reliant. With the objective of making every citizen self-reliant, the scheme has been restructured and extended till 2030.

### Women Awareness Campaign Conducted Under Mission Shakti Phase-5.0 At Behat Police Station

**Saharanpur (The Hawk):** Under Mission Shakti Phase-5.0, a special women awareness campaign was organized at Behat Police Station in Saharanpur district. The campaign was carried out in the main market area of Behat town by the Anti-Romeo Team, comprising Woman Sub-Inspector Manorana Chaudhary, Woman Head Constable Meenakshi and Woman Constable Ruby.

During the campaign, girls and women visiting the market were made aware of women

safety, dignity and self-reliance under the special Mission Shakti Phase-5.0 initiative. They were cautioned against false rumors related to digital arrest and were informed about women empowerment, various government-run welfare schemes for women and children, and programmes being implemented for child welfare.

The team sensitized women and girls about their rights, safety and protection, and also shared important information on prevention of cyber fraud and cybercrime. In accordance

with government guidelines, details of important helpline numbers were provided, including 1090 (Women Power Line), 1930 (Cyber Crime Helpline), 108 (Ambulance Service), 112 (Police Emergency Service) and 1098 (Child Helpline). During the drive, women were asked about their problems, pamphlets were distributed, suspicious individuals were questioned and boys were strictly warned. Information regarding the Child Marriage Prohibition Campaign was also shared in detail.

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**Prayagraj:** Indian Air Force personnel, along with security officials and local residents, remove the wreckage of a microlight training aircraft and load it onto a truck after it crashed into a pond during a training exercise, in Prayagraj district of Uttar Pradesh —IANS

## One District One Product: A Journey From Local Streets To Global Shelves

**Moradabad:** In the heart of Uttar Pradesh lies Moradabad, a city where generations of artisans have shaped molten metal into fine brassware. For decades, these artisans honed their skills in family-run workshops, often unknown to the world beyond their towns, according to a release.

2018 marked the beginning of a new chapter. As part of an innovative state-led experiment, Moradabad's brassware was selected to be the district's signature product under a bold new initiative: One District One Product (ODOP).

The idea was simple yet revolutionary: identify one unique product in every district of the state, provide it with branding, market access, institutional support, and visibility, and empower the community behind it. Today, these crafts are showcased at international trade exhibitions. Local pride swelled, incomes rose, and a district that once toiled in economic obscurity became a model of self-reliant prosperity.

Moradabad was not an exception; it became the first chapter in a much larger story. As of December 2025, ODOP has been adopted at the national level and scaled to over 770 districts, touching the lives of millions of entrepreneurs, artisans, and farmers. What started in Uttar Pradesh is now India's most celebrated initiative in local economic transformation, the release stated.

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ing and branding a unique product from each district, while strengthening market access for artisans and local producers through coordinated institutional support.

The initiative has delivered tangible economic impact by strengthening incomes, expanding market access, and creating livelihood opportunities across district-level value chains. Through branding, exhibitions, and global platforms, ODOP has enhanced global recognition of Indian products, while supporting sustainable practices and cultural exchange.

According to the release, the ODOP initiative, spearheaded by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), aims to unlock each district's unique economic potential, drive balanced regional growth, and equip local artisans and entrepreneurs to compete in national and global markets.

By aligning cultural heritage with India's broader development priorities, it transforms traditional skills into a sustainable economic engine.

The initiative aims to unlock the economic strengths of every district to reduce regional disparities and ensure inclusive development, create livelihoods by empowering farmers, artisans, weavers, and local producers, advancing the goals of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, integrate with initiatives like Make in India, Vocal for Local, and Districts as Export Hub to boost domestic capabilities and global competitiveness, and expand market linkages through digital platforms, including a dedicated ODOP storefront on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), and State-level e-commerce platforms to boost sales and outreach.

The success of ODOP lies in its flexible yet structured governance model. It is implemented

through the collaborative efforts of central ministries, state governments, and district administrations, the release said.

Under the ODOP initiative, products are selected by States and Union Territories based on the existing ecosystem on the ground and the final list is communicated to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

Over 1,200 ODOP products have been listed on the DPIIT's digital portal, covering sectors from textiles and food to handicrafts and minerals.

Through e-commerce initiatives like the Government e-Marketplace (GeM)-ODOP Bazaar, India's finest ODOP products are being showcased to wider markets, empowering artisans and expanding market access.

Uttar Pradesh, the pioneering state behind the ODOP initiative, has experienced significant economic transformation under the programme. At the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS) 2025, ODOP gained unprecedented national and global visibility, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighting how the initiative has enabled district-specific products from UP to reach international markets. The ODOP Pavilion, at UPITS 2025, featured 466 stalls generating business leads and deals worth Rs. 20.77 crore.

Similarly, during Mahakumbh 2025 in Prayagraj, ODOP emerged as a flagship platform for traditional craftsmanship. A dedicated 6,000 sq. metre exhibition zone brought together artisans from across the country, displaying signature crafts including Banarasi brocade, Kushinagar carpets, Firozabad glassware, Varanasi wooden toys, metal handicrafts, and a wide collection of 75 GI-tagged products from Uttar Pradesh, including 34 from the Kashi region.

According to the release, the PM Ekta Malls (Unity Malls) are envisaged as dedicated retail and display hubs for promoting and selling ODOP, GI and handicraft products. Each mall is planned to provide earmarked space for every State and Union Territory to showcase its products, enabling wider market access, stronger visibility, and improved consumer reach for district-level specialities.

These flagship hubs are not only marketplaces but temples of craftsmanship, places where the dreams of rural artisans take flight, where every product tells a story of heritage, and the vision of a self-reliant, culturally confident India finds a tangible, vibrant expression.

The story of ODOP is the story of India, of crafts that survived on resilience, artisans who kept traditions alive, and a nation that finally placed them on the global stage. From Moradabad's glowing brass to the shelves of PM Ekta Malls and international gift hampers, ODOP has transformed local skill into national pride and global opportunity.

No longer just about "one district, one product," it now represents millions of aspirations finding recognition far beyond their villages. As new markets open and PM Ekta Malls rise, India's local streets are stepping confidently onto the world's stage, and every artisan is closer to seeing their craft shine as it always deserved. —ANI

## NDRF Inspects Noida Site After Techie's Death, NGT Takes Suo Motu Cognisance



**Noida:** National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel on Friday inspected the site in Sector 150, Greater Noida, where 27-year-old software engineer Yuvraj Mehta tragically died after his car fell into a water-filled pit on the intervening night of January 16-17.

The inspection comes as the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has taken suo motu cognisance of the incident, seeking responses from multiple state and local authorities over alleged environmental non-compliance and prolonged administrative inaction. The Principal Bench of the NGT, headed by Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava and Expert Member A. Senthil Vel, registered an Original Application based on media reports highlighting Mehta's death and subsequent investigations. The Tribunal noted that the land where the incident occurred was originally allotted for a private mall project, but had, over the years, turned into a stagnant pond due to unchecked accumulation of rainwater and wastewater from surrounding housing societies.

The Greater Noida Police have also arrested two individuals, Ravi Bansal and Sachin Karwanal, associated with Lotus Green Construction Private Limited and the builder, in connection with Mehta's death.

Earlier, an FIR was also registered against five other individuals -- Abhay Kumar, Sanjay Kumar, Manish Kumar, Achal Bohra, and Nirmal Kumar -- citing violations under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986, the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code.

The FIR revealed that the pit was deep, unbarriered, and filled with highly polluted water mixed with garbage, producing a foul stench that affected nearby residents. The pit, located near a public road, posed a severe risk to human life, with no warning signs or safety measures in place. The land was purchased by Lotus Green Construction in 2014 and later sold to Viztown in 2020, though the company continues to hold a significant share.

Authorities said that further legal action is underway as the investigation continues, with the NGT monitoring adherence to environmental laws and public safety norms. —ANI

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1	ETRU-T-11-2025-26	OHE modification work in C/W Removal of infringements for movement of higher MMD transportation product/Double Stack Dwarf Containers (OSDC) on SRE-UMB-DHPR, UMB-LDH & JHL-HSR-LDH section over Ambala Division.	₹ 2,13,35,100.36/-	₹ 2,56,7000/-	NIL for downloading from IREPS portal, Rs. 10,000/- For obtaining hard copy from Sr.DEE/TRD/UMB office.

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