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## Mahakumbh 2025 : A Grand Confluence of Devotion, Tradition, and Spirituality

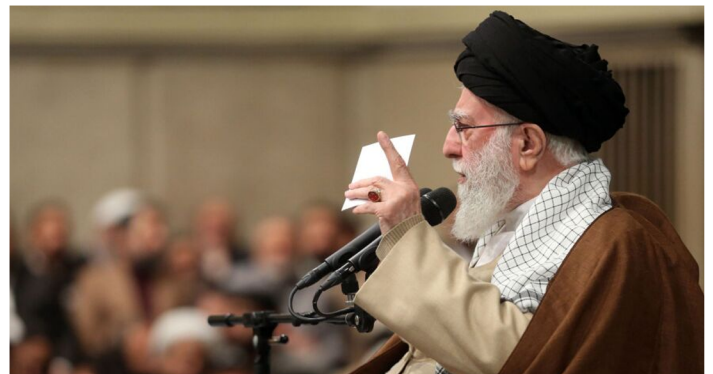
Mahakumbh 2025, the world's largest peaceful congregation, is being celebrated at Prayagraj from January 14 to April 22, 2025. Rooted in Hindu mythology, this grand festival honors the divine nectar drops spilled at four sacred locations, with Prayagraj being the most revered. The highlight of Mahakumbh is the holy dip at the Sangam, believed to cleanse sins and grant salvation. Key bathing days like Mauni Amavasya (February 9) and Basant Panchami (February 16) attract millions. Extensive preparations, including enhanced road, rail, and temporary townships, ensure seamless management for an expected 200 million visitors. Eco-friendly initiatives and advanced technologies like crowd-monitoring drones and a mobile app enhance the experience. The Mela celebrates India's cultural diversity with spiritual discourses, vibrant processions, and global participation. Concluding on April 22, it leaves a lasting legacy of faith, unity, and spiritual rejuvenation.

## ISRO Achieves Historic Milestone with Successful SpaDeX Satellite Docking



In a landmark accomplishment, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted its first satellite docking experiment, SpaDeX, on January 16, 2025, making India the fourth nation globally to achieve rendezvous, docking, and undocking capabilities in space. The experiment featured two satellites, SDX01 (Chaser) and SDX02 (Target), each weighing around 220 kg. The mission showcased ISRO's engineering precision as the Chaser satellite navigated from a 15-meter hold point to align and dock with the Target satellite. The process included spacecraft capture, retraction, and rigidisation, ensuring stability in the docking configuration.

## Khamenei Rejects Claims of Iran's Weakening Amid Tensions



Iran's Supreme Leader Khamenei dismissed claims that Iran has been weakened by over a year of conflict with Israel, challenging enemies to test Tehran's resilience. He rebuffed statements from Trump, Biden, and Netanyahu about Iran's diminished regional influence. Meanwhile, IAEA Chief Grossi raised concerns over insufficient monitoring of Iran's nuclear program, as its highly-enriched uranium stockpile grows. Iran seeks Iraqi mediation for potential talks with the US, signaling willingness to negotiate while maintaining a firm stance.

## WORLD

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## Ceasefire and Hostage Agreement Reached Between Israel and Hamas



After 15 months of devastating war, Israel and Hamas have reached a ceasefire and hostage release agreement, brokered by Qatar, the United States, and Egypt. The agreement will be implemented in three phases, with the first phase beginning on January 19, 2025. Qatar Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani expressed hope that the agreement would mark the end of the war. US President Joe Biden confirmed that the first six weeks of the agreement will include a complete ceasefire in Gaza, the withdrawal of Israeli forces from populated areas, and the release of hostages, focusing on women, the elderly, and the wounded. However, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that some "final details" of the agreement are still under negotiation. The ceasefire represents a critical step toward reducing hostilities and addressing the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.



## AmerExit: Americans Seeking Life Abroad Post-Trump Victory

The concept of the American Dream continues to draw Indians to the U.S., even through risky and illegal routes like the 'dunki route.' Yet, paradoxically, many Americans are now contemplating leaving their homeland, a phenomenon dubbed AmerExit. Following Donald Trump's re-election, marked by political division and economic strain, searches on relocating to Europe, Canada, and Mexico have surged. Liberal Americans, disillusioned by Trump's policies on immigration and abortion, feel alienated under his leadership.

## Delhi Police Bust Gang Extorting Doctors in Lawrence Bishnoi's Name

The Delhi Police arrested four individuals, including a village head from Uttar Pradesh's Mainpuri, for extorting Delhi-based doctors by impersonating members of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. The accused, identified as Rishi Sharma (41), Arun Verma (38), Sabal Singh (45), and Harsh (38), were also previously involved in a mobile tower installation scam. The case came to light when Dr. Animesh, Chief Medical Officer at Deep Chand Bandhu Hospital, lodged a complaint about receiving a threatening letter demanding protection money on January 10. The letter directed funds to a specific bank account, which became a critical lead for investigators.



# EDUCATION

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## Life in Delhi's Slums: A Struggle for Basic Necessities



In New Delhi, slum dwellers persist with hope for a better future, yearning for clean streets, safe drinking water, proper sanitation, and permanent housing. As the Delhi Assembly elections approach, many residents of slum areas, like Kusumpur Pahari, are voicing their struggles and hopes for change. Narendra, a 60-year-old who moved to Delhi from Bihar four decades ago, highlights the daily battle for water, where long queues and fights over water tankers are a norm. The pandemic further worsened his livelihood as a scrap dealer, leaving him dependent on the government's promises for better infrastructure.

## BLOG

### Tips for First-Time Property Buyers

Purchasing your first property is a significant milestone, but it can also be a daunting experience if you're unprepared. Here are some smart tips for first-time property buyers to help you navigate this journey with confidence :



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- Set a realistic budget to avoid financial strain.
- Understand your financing options to choose the best mortgage.
- Research locations thoroughly to find the right area.
- Choose the right property type to meet your needs.
- Verify the builder's credibility and check legal aspects to ensure safety.

#### Conclusion:

Purchasing your first property can be rewarding with proper planning. By budgeting, researching, and seeking professional advice, you can confidently turn your dream of property ownership into a reality. Take your time and invest wisely!

## NEET UG 2025: NTA Announces Key Details and Aadhaar Requirements



The National Testing Agency (NTA) has announced that NEET UG 2025 will be conducted in a single shift using pen and paper. Candidates must link their Aadhaar to a valid mobile number for OTP-based authentication and ensure their Aadhaar details match their Class 10 marksheet. Aadhaar's advanced features, such as facial recognition, will streamline identity verification and attendance, enhancing transparency and security during the exam process. These measures aim to reduce errors and improve efficiency. The syllabus for NEET UG 2025 is available on the official website, with registration details to follow soon. As a crucial entrance exam for undergraduate medical courses, NEET UG provides access to institutions like AIIMS and JIPMER, shaping future medical careers.

## International Education Day: A Call to Action

Celebrated on January 24th, International Education Day underscores the importance of education in fostering peace, equality, and sustainable development. The 2025 theme, "Learning for Sustainable Development," highlights the need for inclusive, future-focused education. Despite progress, barriers like poverty and gender inequality still limit access for millions. Global initiatives are working to close this gap, but collective action is essential. By supporting educational programs and advocating for change, we can ensure education empowers individuals and transforms societies for a brighter future.



# SPORTS

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## Karnataka Kreedakoota-2025: A Celebration of Sports in Udupi and Dakshina Kannada



Karnataka Kreedakoota-2025, a major sports event organized by the Youth Empowerment and Sports Department, Karnataka Olympic Association, and District Administration, is set to take place from January 17 to 23 across Udupi and Dakshina Kannada districts. The event will feature 1,373 athletes competing in diverse sports such as kayaking, canoeing, archery, cycling, wrestling, boxing, hockey, Kabaddi, Judo, athletics, and more. Deputy Commissioner Vidya Kumari announced the venues, with volleyball, basketball, and swimming set to be held in Dakshina Kannada. Udupi will host kayaking and canoeing at the Swarna River in Brahmavara, while archery will take place at the MJC Ground in Manipal. This week-long event promises to be a thrilling showcase of talent and athleticism.

## India Triumphs at Inaugural Kho Kho World Cup



Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated India's women's and men's teams for their historic victories at the first-ever Kho Kho World Cup. Both teams defeated Nepal in their respective finals at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium. The women's team clinched the title earlier in the day, followed by the men's team's 54-36 win. Modi praised their skill, determination, and teamwork, highlighting how this success brings attention to one of India's oldest traditional sports. He expressed hope that the victories would inspire young athletes and popularize Kho Kho further across the nation.

## PV Sindhu Joins PUMA India as Brand Ambassador



Two-time Olympic medallist and badminton icon PV Sindhu has partnered with PUMA India in a multi-year agreement as its brand ambassador. This collaboration marks PUMA's official foray into badminton, with Sindhu leading its efforts to elevate the sport's prominence in India and globally. Sindhu, celebrated as the first Indian to win five badminton world championship medals and a recipient of top honors like the Khel Ratna, Padma Shri, and Padma Bhushan, expressed her excitement about the partnership. She emphasized the shared vision of inspiring the next generation of athletes, particularly women, to embrace challenges and achieve greatness. This partnership signifies a step forward in fostering badminton's growth and empowering athletes, reinforcing Sindhu's role as a trailblazer in Indian sports.



Former U.S. Olympic swimmer Gary Hall Jr. lost all ten of his Olympic medals, along with his home and belongings, to the raging wildfires in Los Angeles. The 50-year-old athlete evacuated his Pacific Palisades home with only a few personal items and his dog, as the fast-moving flames consumed his possessions, including his medals from the 1996, 2000, and 2004 Olympics. Despite the loss of these tangible symbols of his illustrious career, Hall's legacy as a 10-time Olympic medallist and an inspirational figure in swimming remains untarnished.

# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Ajith Kumar's Racing Team Secures Third Place at Dubai 24H 2025

Tamil superstar Ajith Kumar and his racing team achieved a remarkable third-place finish at the prestigious Dubai 24H 2025 race on Sunday. Held at the Dubai Autodrome, the event featured high-performance GT and touring cars battling it out in a challenging 24-hour format that tests speed, endurance, and strategy. Celebrating the victory, the actor's fan club shared a video on X showing Ajith and his team proudly receiving the trophy, with Ajith running to the stage holding the Indian flag. The accomplishment drew widespread applause, with celebrities like Kamal Haasan, Samantha Prabhu, and R. Madhavan congratulating him.



## Laurene Powell Jobs Joins Maha Kumbh 2025 Festivities in Prayagraj



Laurene Powell Jobs, widow of Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, joined the Maha Kumbh 2025 in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, embracing Indian traditions at this historic spiritual gathering. Recently named "Kamala" by the Niranjani Akhara, the philanthropist also visited the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi on January 11, performing jalabhishek at a Jyotirlinga. The 45-day Maha Kumbh, a once-in-144-year event at the Triveni Sangam, began today and is expected to draw 450 million devotees, celebrating India's rich spiritual heritage.

## Pro-Khalistan Extremists Disrupt Screening of Kangana Ranaut's Film Emergency in London



A group of pro-Khalistan extremists disrupted a screening of Kangana Ranaut's film *Emergency* in Harrow, London, on January 17, 2025. The film, which portrays the 1975-77 emergency period under Indira Gandhi, was interrupted when the group shouted pro-Khalistani slogans. Videos of the incident have spread on social media. This disruption follows prior tensions, including the 2023 attacks on the Indian High Commission in London, tied to Punjab police actions against Amritpal Singh, leader of Waris Punjab De.

## Indian Women Reject 'Good Girl Syndrome'



Indian women are increasingly rejecting the "Good Girl Syndrome," which imposes unrealistic expectations of perfection across all aspects of their lives—from being an obedient daughter to a flawless professional. This societal pressure often contributes to mental health challenges such as anxiety and depression. Since childhood, many women have been conditioned to meet these standards, believing their worth is defined by their ability to please others. However, a growing number of women are pushing back, learning to set boundaries, prioritize their well-being, and embrace their imperfections. They are reclaiming control over their lives, challenging traditional gender roles, and embracing authenticity, self-empowerment, and the courage to say "no" when necessary, refusing to conform to limiting narratives.

## Manjoo Singh Rana

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Manjoo Singh Rana, a versatile artist from Delhi, excels in directing, producing, singing, and editing. She gained recognition with her debut single *Aa Jo Tum* in collaboration with Prateek Gandhi. Currently, she is working with international celebrity Loki Ojha, and their recent release *Butterfly Dreams* highlights their creative synergy. Manjoo aims to collaborate on projects that inspire societal change, using her talents to uplift communities and contribute to the country's betterment.

# TECHNOLOGY

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## PM Modi to Attend AI Action Summit in France

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit France in February 2025, coinciding with the AI Action Summit hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron. Scheduled for February 10–11 at the Grand Palais, the summit aims to foster discussions on artificial intelligence among global leaders, policymakers, industry experts, academia, and civil society. President Macron described the summit as a “platform for action” to engage nations like India, the US, China, and Gulf states in shaping the future of AI. With a focus on innovation, talent, and public interest, the summit seeks to position France and Europe as pivotal players in the global AI landscape.



## ISRO Achieves Breakthrough with Space-Grown Lobia Seeds

ISRO has successfully germinated lobia (black-eyed pea) seeds in space as part of its Compact Research Module for Orbital Plant Studies (CROPS). This milestone demonstrates India’s progress in space agriculture, crucial for long-term missions to the Moon and Mars. Space-grown plants provide sustainable food, recycle carbon dioxide, and produce oxygen, essential for astronaut well-being. ISRO employed advanced techniques like hydroponics and aeroponics to overcome challenges like microgravity, radiation, and nutrient delivery.



## India Emerges as a Global Tech Powerhouse

“India has got everything in terms of skill, technological capability, and industry-specific innovation,” said Prabhakar Appana, SVP and Head of AWS Ecosystem at HCLTech, highlighting the nation’s rapid strides in cloud computing, AI, and digital transformation. In an interview with indianexpress.com, Appana emphasized how India’s tech ecosystem is evolving through innovation, government initiatives, and partnerships with hyperscalers like AWS. With its robust talent pool and advancements in generative AI and data technology, India is positioning itself as a global technology leader. “Many global clients—AWS, Microsoft, Google, NVIDIA, AMD—are powered by Indian technology and people,” Appana said, reflecting on his 25 years of international experience. As companies like HCLTech lead cloud adoption across industries, India continues to drive innovation on a global scale.



## NVIDIA Unveils Tools to Accelerate Humanoid Robot Development

NVIDIA has announced a suite of innovative tools and frameworks aimed at driving the development of humanoid robots to meet the burgeoning market demand, projected to reach \$38 billion in the next two decades. The announcement, made by NVIDIA founder and CEO Jensen Huang at the Consumer Electronics Show, introduces the NVIDIA Isaac GROOT Blueprint—a cutting-edge solution for synthetic motion generation. At the core of these advancements is imitation learning, a method that allows robots to acquire skills by observing and mimicking human demonstrations.

# REAL-ESTATE

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## Kurla Residents Protest to Preserve Green Space on Defunct Dairy Land



Residents of Kurla protested on January 23 against the state government's plan to use the 21-acre defunct Kurla dairy land to house displaced persons. The dairy, established in 1974 and shut down 17 years ago, has since become a woodland with over 1,000 trees. While portions of the land have been utilized for government quarters, the Santacruz-Chembur Link Road, and Metro 2B, residents are demanding the preservation of the remaining green space for its ecological value. They oppose the government's move to accommodate displaced persons from other areas, emphasizing the importance of retaining the plot as a natural habitat.

## Relief in Enhancement Charges Expected for Sector 76-80 Residents

The Anti-Enhancement Committee for Sector 76-80, formed two years ago to negotiate with the Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) regarding enhancement charges, has claimed that some relief is likely in the coming days. The committee, led by convener Sukhdev Singh Patwari and supported by councillor Sarabjit Singh Samana and other members, has held seven meetings with Mohali MLA Kulwant Singh, the Chief Minister, and senior bureaucrats. They discussed the reduction of enhancement charges, with GMADA communicating with the state government and the finance department to lower the charges from approximately Rs 3,164 per sqm to Rs 2,340, offering some relief to residents.



## Sindhudurg Airport Boosts Real Estate Growth in the Region

The newly built Sindhudurg Airport (Chipi Airport) is fueling real estate development in Sindhudurg, including areas like Malvan, Vengurla, and Sasoli, as per a report by Axon Developers in collaboration with 360 Realtors. Located in southern Maharashtra, near Goa and bordering Raighad and Ratnagiri districts, Sindhudurg is a picturesque region known for its stunning views of the Arabian Sea, white sandy beaches, and the Western Ghats.



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### The Unhealthy Lifestyle Crisis in India

As we continue to navigate the fast-paced world we live in, one pressing issue that cannot be overlooked is the alarming rise in unhealthy lifestyles across India. The demands of modern life, coupled with changing eating habits, sedentary routines, and high stress levels, have led to a surge in health-related concerns. Conditions such as obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and mental health challenges are becoming increasingly common, affecting individuals across all age groups. It is crucial that we shift our focus towards a balanced and mindful approach to life—one that prioritizes not just professional success but also personal well-being. Small changes like adopting a healthier diet, incorporating physical activity, managing stress, and ensuring adequate rest can make a significant difference.