Makhana to microchips, Republic Day to showcase India's story of growth

NEW DELHI,AGENCY: At the Rashtriya Rangshala Camp in Delhi Cantonment, the days leading up to Jan 26 are marked by constant activity. The smell of fresh paint hangs heavy in the air as the sound of construction echo across the parade ground. Artisans climb makeshift stairways, painters add final touches and workers carefully align massive structures.

Amid this controlled bustle, Republic Day tableaux are taking shape, with every frame, colour and detail preparing to tell captivating stories on Kartavya Path.

This year's Jan 26 parade marks 150 years of Vande Mataram, and its spirit runs through every creation. On Thursday, media witnessed around 30 tableaux in different stages of completion, each reflecting India's past, present and its aspirations. Nearly 10,000 people will soon watch them roll along Kartavya Path, while 2,500 artistes are set to perform, capping the visual spectacle on wheels.

One of the most striking displays is a tableau titled 'Operation Sindoor: Victory Through Jointness', which highlights India's military strength, with Rafale jets and Akash missiles on display. Nearby, Gujarat's tableau traces the journey of India from 1906 to 1947 under the theme of 'Vande Mataram', its structure anchored by a towering figure of Mahatma Gandhi.

Delhi's tableau pays tribute to the Prime Ministers' Museum while showcasing the capital's transformed skyline, featuring the new Parliament, Bharat

Mandapam, Signature Bridge and Yashobhoomi as symbols of a changing nation.

Other states, too, have brought their landscapes and legacies vividly to life. Bihar's tableau follows the journey of makhana - from pond to plate. "It took one month to make this whole thing," a carpenter said. Himachal Pradesh is honouring its 1,203 gallantry award winners and Punjab is reflecting the spiritual courage of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur through their tableaux.

Ladakh showcases the engineering feat of Shyok Tunnel, Uttarakhand displays its traditional instruments and utensils, while J&K recreates the charm of a houseboat. Dancers from Tamil Nadu will perform mayilattam, also known as peacock dance. "A team of 17 members is here from Chennai to perform," said Jyotsana, adjusting her costume with a smile. Parasmal Solanki from Rajasthan will perform along with his 16-member team.

Nagaland's tableau features a massive hornbill. "We want everyone to know about Hornbill Festival," said Yangerla, a folk dancer. Jharkhand's tableau showcases the state's natural beauty and aims at attracting tourists, said Neha Agarwal, a state representative.

Karnataka's tableau, From Millets to Microchips, tells a story of holistic growth through scenes of a farmer family with millets, silicon crystals, a robot and a giant microchip - linking agriculture with technology and innovation. Assam has transformed terracotta into visual poetry. Chhattisgarh's tableau pays homage to tribal heroes like Veer Gunda Dhur and Veer Narayan Singh.

Union ministries have added their own narratives. The education tableau traces the evolution of India's knowledge from Aryabhatta's shunya (zero) to PM Shri schools. "All my team members and I are from different Kendriya Vidyalayas," said Elix Singh, a Class XI student.

A unique tableau designed by filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali for the ministry of information and broadcasting depicts the evolution of storytelling - from its oral tradition to cinema. The panchayati raj tableau in the vicinity highlights the SVAMITA scheme.

MHA notifies Census 2027 schedule, lists 33 questions

NEW DELHI, AGENCY: The ministry of home affairs on Thursday notified the schedule for upcoming houselisting and housing phase of Census 2027, replicating each of the 33 questions that were proposed to be asked in Census 2021 before the pandemic forced its postponement.

The fields of information sought to be collected in the housing phase of Census, scheduled to be conducted between April 1 and Sept 30, include the building number; predominant material of floor, wall and roof of the census house; use of the census house and its condition; as well as household number.

Information will have to be furnished on total number of persons residing in the household, name and sex of the head of the

household; and if he/she belongs to the SC, ST or other category. Also included are fields pertaining to ownership status of the house; number of dwelling rooms in possession of the household; and number of married couples residing in the household.

As regards amenities, respondents will need to apprise the census authority - either digitally through the census app or during the enumerator's visit - of the main source of drinking water, main source of lighting, access to and type of latrine, waste water outlet and availability of bathing facility. Information will also be sought on availability of LPG or CNG connection in the household and the main fuel used for cooking. Household amenities and facilities to be mapped shall include transistor, radio, TV, internet access, mobile phone or smartphone; and mode of transport. Respondents will also need to share details of the main cereal consumed in the household. The mobile number of the household (head or any other) will be collected but used only for census-related communications.

Brazilian President dials PM Modi

Reaffirm India-Brazil partnership; discuss global issues

NEW DELHI , AGENCY: Prime Minister Narendra on Thursday had a telephonic exchange with Brazilian President Luiz Inacia Lula De Silva.

According to a statement by the ministry of external affairs, both the leaders reaffirmed their commitments to strengthen India-Brazil strategic partnership

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a telephone call today from the President of Brazil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. The two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen the India-Brazil Strategic Partnership and take it to even greater heights in the year ahead," MEA said.

"The leaders also exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest. They also underscored the importance of reformed multilateralism in addressing shared challenges." it added. During the exchange, PM Modi also invited Lula to visit India at an early date.

Engineer shoots wife accidentally distressed by death, he kills self

AHMEDABAD,AGENCY: Congress Rajya Sabha MP Shaktisinh Gohil's nephew Yashrajsinh Gohil allegedly shot his wife "accidentally" in the head with a licensed revolver in their Ahmedabad flat late Wednesday and then turned the gun on himself, police said.

The shooting unfolded in their fifth-floor apartment between 10.30pm and midnight, ACP Jitendra Brahmbhatt said. Yashrajsinh (35) was a Class-I officer with Gujarat Maritime Board. He had married Rajeshwari (30) last Nov.

Citing a statement by Yashrajsinh's mother Devyaniba, cops said while the two were in the bedroom, a bullet accidentally discharged from Yashrajsinh's revolver and struck Rajeshwari at the base of her head.

Devyaniba said her son rushed to her room and said an ambu-

lance needed to be called. Police records indicate Yashrajsinh called 108 emergency ambulance service at 11.42pm. Paramedics arrived and declared Rajeshwari dead. According to Devyaniba's statement, Yashrajsinh appeared deeply shaken after hearing that his wife had died. Moments later, a gunshot was heard from the bedroom.

Low Vitamin D may worsen Dengue outcomes, global study raises questions for India

NEW DELHI,AGENCY: A clinical study from Colombia, published in the Indian Journal of Medical Research, the peer-reviewed journal of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has found that low vitamin D levels are linked to more severe dengue, a finding with clear relevance for India, where both dengue and vitamin D deficiency are widespread.Dengue remains a recurring public health challenge in the country, especially during the monsoon, when hospitals see sharp rises in patients with high fever, falling platelet counts and bleeding complications. While many recover with supportive care, a significant proportion deteriorate rapidly, and predicting severity remains difficult.In the Colombian study, researchers analysed blood samples from nearly 100 laboratory-confirmed dengue patients, classified by disease severity, and compared them with healthy individuals.

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APPENDIX -IV-A - E-AUCTION-PUBLIC SALE NOTICE of IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/IES

E-AUCTION-SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVEABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002)

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B.O.PITAMPURA: Plot Number DP - 4, Near Sachdeva Public School, Pitampura, Delhi-110034

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) & guarantor(s) indicated in Column no-A that the below described immovable property (ies) described in Column no-D mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/Physical Possession of which has been taken (as described in Column no-C) by the authorized Officer of **M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited**/Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS and WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** as per the details mentioned below. Notice is hereby given to borrower(s)/mortgagor(s)/Legal Heirs, Legal Representative, (whether Known or Unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s), assignee(s) of the respective borrowers/ mortgagor(s)(since deceased) as the case may be indicated in Column no-A under Rule-8(6) & 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 amended as on date. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited/secured creditor's website i.e. www.pnbhousing.com.**

Loan No. Name of the Borrower/ Co- Borrower/Guarantor/Legal heirs(A)	Demanded Amount & Date (B)	Nature of possession (C)	Description of the Properties mortgaged (D)	Reserve Price (RP) (E)	EMD (10% of RP) (F)	Last Date of Submission of Bid (G)	Bid Incremental Rate (H)	Inspection Date & Time (I)	Date of Auction & Time (J)	Known Encumbrances/Court Case if any (K)
HOU/BHI/1215/254644 Manju Devi / Mr. Murari Lal Sharma, B.O.:BHIWADI	Rs. 17,64,156.87 & 20-09-2025	Physical Possession	Tower-D, (Ruby), Flat No.- R-507, Krish Aura, Khasra No. 518-527, 534-538, 543-551, Village - Saidpur, Bhiwadi, Alwar, V Square Mall, Rajasthan-301019, India.	Rs. 15,23,000	Rs. 1,52,300	25/02/2026	Rs. 10,000	16-02-2026, 10.00 AM - 5.30 PM	26-02-2026, 02:00 PM - 03:00PM	Not Known
HOU/PTP/1119/757831 Raj Kumar Majhi / Jessica Shashanker, B.O.:PITAMPURA	Rs. 17,45,191.84 & 31-03-2021	Physical Possession	1503.0,15.0, Tower G, Grandeur (Hold), Sector 56, Tehsil Tijara Distt Alwar, Bhiwadi, Rajasthan, India-301019	Rs. 16,19,000	Rs. 1,61,900	25/02/2026	Rs. 10,000	16-02-2026, 10.00 AM - 5.30 PM	26-02-2026, 02:00 PM - 03:00PM	Not Known

***Together with the further interest @18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. incurred upto the date of payment and/or realization thereof. ** To the best knowledge and information of the authorized Officer of PNB Housing Finance Limited, there are no other encumbrances/ claims in respect of above mentioned immovable/secured assets except what is disclosed in the Column No.-K. Further such encumbrances to be catered/paid by the successful purchaser/bidder at his/her end. The prospective purchaser(s)/bidders are requested to independently ascertain the veracity of the mentioned encumbrances. (1.)** As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction PNBHFL/the authorized Officer of PNBHFL from selling, alienating and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets and status is mentioned in column no-K **(2.)** The prospective purchaser/bidder and interested parties may independently take the inspection of the pleading in the proceedings/orders passed etc. if any, stated in column no-K. Including but not limited to the title of the documents of the title pertaining thereto available with the PNBHFL and satisfy themselves in all respects prior to submitting tender/bid application form or making Offer(s). The bidder(s) has to sign the terms and conditions of this auction along with the Bid Form. **(3.)** Please note that in terms of Rule 9(3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the bidder(s)/the purchaser is legally bound to deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, (inclusive of earnest money) on the same day or not later than next working day. The sale may be confirmed in favour of (bidder(s) only after receipt of 25% of the sale price by the secured creditor in accordance with Rule 9(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The remaining 75% of the s sale consideration amount has to be deposited by the purchaser within 15 days' from the date of acknowledgement of sale confirmation letter and in default of such deposit, the authorized officer shall forfeit the part payment of sale consideration amount within 15 days from the date of expiry of mandatory period of 15 days mentioned in the sale confirmation letter and the property/secured asset shall be resold as per the provisions of Sarfaesi Act. **(4.) M/s C1 India Private Limited would be assisting the Authorised officer in conducting sale through an e-Auction having its Corporate office at Plot No. 68, 3rd Floor, Sector 44, Gurgaon, Haryana 122003 Website -www.bankeauctions.com For any assistance related to inspection of the property or obtaining the Bid Documents and for any other query or for registration, you have to co-ordinate with Ravi Kumar / Deepak Shah, Toll Free No. - 1800 120 8800, E-Mail: auction@pnbhousing.com, is authorised Person of PNBHFL or refer to www.pnbhousing.com.**

PLACE : BHIWADI DATE :- 23.01.2026 SD/-AUTHORIZED OFFICER, PNB HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorized Officer issued demand notice to the borrower(s) on the date mentioned against the account stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular the borrower(s) that the undersigned has taken the symbolic possession of the property described herein below under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the date mentioned against the account. The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for the amounts, interest, costs and charges thereon. The borrowers'/mortgagors' attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of borrower(s), Guarantor & Loan Account No.	Description of the property mortgaged (Secured Asset)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Symbolic Possession Notice	O/s Amount as on date of Demand Notice
Mr. Kuldeep Nayak. Mrs. Archna Nayak 20007210000235	All That Piece And Parcel Of Patta No. 729, Kacholiya, House No. Patta No. 729, Shakoorpura Urf Kacholiya, Tonk, Survey No. Deed No. 20220304210374 5, Dist. Tonk, Rajasthan-304001, Admeasuring Area 169.92 Sq. Mtr. And Bounded By: North: 15 Ft. Wide Road, East: House Of Kamlesh, West: Other Land, South: House Of Mohan Lal	March 31, 2025	January 21, 2026	Rs.10,09,088.72 (as on March 24, 2025)
Moti Lal Mrs Kanchan Bhagirath 20007010002344 20007010002193	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Situated At Gram Matora Tehsil Osiyan District Jodhpur Measurement Area=1892 Sq. Feet Or 210 Sq Yard. And Bounded By: North: House Of Sh.Bhanwarlal Darji, East: Road From Matora To Denok, West: House Of Phoolchand Manakchand Bothra, South: House Of Sh.Narayandass Saad	April 29, 2025	January 19, 2026	Rs.8,16,054.99 (as on April 21, 2025)
Ramesh Chandr Khatik Bhagvati Lal Khatik Parwati Devi 20007160000412	All That Piece And Parcel Of Final Plot No. 1411, Patta No.1411, House No. 1411, Khatik Mohalla, Area Mangrop Bhilwara, Rajasthan, Pin - 311025. And Bounded By: North: Property Of Rawali, East: House Of Shankar Lal, West: House Of Satyanarayan, South: Road	December 07, 2024	January 21, 2026	Rs.6,01,505.01 (as on December 01, 2024)
Rajesh Rao Shanti Lal Rao Shanti Devi 20007160000016	All That Piece And Parcel Of Plot No. 22, Patta No. N-14151/5042 Aaraji No. 42 Odo Ka Kheda, Bhilwara, Rajasthan And Bounded By: North- Road, East- Plot No. 358, West- Plot No. 369, South- Plot 359	November 11, 2024	January 20, 2026	Rs.11,68,097.05 (as on November 07, 2024)

Place: Rajasthan
Date: January 24, 2026

Authorised Officer
Bandhan Bank Limited

Triple talaq-halala FIR puts focus on legal grey area

NEW DELHI,AGENCY: When police in UP registered an FIR on Dec 9, 2025, it was not just another complaint under the 2019 Triple Talaq law. The allegations were shocking and went further, into a grey zone the law has never squarely addressed: What happens to women after talaq is pronounced.

According to the FIR filed in Amroha's Said Nagli, the woman, after being divorced through instant triple talaq, was pressured by her husband, her brother-in-law and clerics to undergo "halala" multiple times so she could be returned to the marriage. An exception that permits a divorced Muslim couple to remarry, the

practice of halala often involves planned, short-term marriages - even arranged one-time encounters - to facilitate consummation of the woman with another man, enabling the former couple to reunite.The woman's complaint detailed the ordeal. She said she was "gang-raped under false pretenses of halala carried out under threats, intimidation and coercion".Police have invoked the law banning instant triple talaq - sections 3 and 4 of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019.

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