

Murmu stresses need to preserve ‘gifts of nature’

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DEHRADUN: President Droupadi Murmu while addressing a special session of the Uttarakhand assembly in Dehradun to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the formation of the state on Monday, said Uttarakhand must move forward on the path of development while preserving the gifts of nature.

"Uttarakhand is endowed with unparalleled natural resources and beauty. The state must move forward on the path of development while preserving these gifts of nature," she said.

She also congratulated all residents of the state on the Silver Jubilee of Uttarakhand.

Murmu asked the state lawmakers to rise above party politics in work related to development and public welfare and show sensitivity for the welfare of the underprivileged sections of society.

"I request that you all carry forward the work of development and public welfare with complete dedication. Such works are above party politics. You should all work with special sensitivity towards the welfare and development of the underprivileged sections of society. Also, providing opportunities for development to the younger generation should be your priority," Murmu said.

The President said legislators are the most important link between the people and the government and state's 25-year journey of development has been possible only through the contributions of its legislators.

"I hope that you will all continue to actively represent the aspirations of the people," the President said.



President Droupadi Murmu attends a programme with CM Pushkar Singh Dhami in Dehradun on Monday.

Murmu said youth should be given priority and provided employment opportunities for their growth.

She also appreciated Uttarakhand for implementing the Uniform Civil Code (UCC).

"Our Constitution makers had made a provision under Article 44 of the Constitution for the creation of a 'Uniform Civil Code for citizens'. I commend the members of the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly for implementing the Uniform Civil Code Bill in accordance with the policy directives of the Constitution makers. I have been informed that more than five hundred and fifty (550) bills have been passed in the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly. These bills include the Uttarakhand Lokayukta Bill, the Uttarakhand Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms Bill, and the Anti-Copying Bill. I commend all the past and present legislators for passing such bills

THE PRESIDENT SAID THE STATE HAS MADE COMMENDABLE PROGRESS IN ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, TOURISM, HEALTHCARE, AND EDUCATION IN THE LAST 25 YEARS.

inspired by transparency, ethics, and social justice," she said.

In her speech, she also remembered late former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, during whose term Uttarakhand came into existence.

"During the tenure of then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Uttarakhand was formed in November 2000, in accordance with the aspirations of the people here, with an aim of better and quality administration

and balanced development," she said.

Murmu said the state has made commendable progress in the fields of environment, energy, tourism, healthcare, and education in the last 25 years, since its inception.

"...the state has improved on several parameters of human development indices. I am pleased to know that literacy has increased in the state, women's education has expanded, maternal and child mortality rates have decreased, and efforts are being made to make healthcare services more accessible. I especially appreciate the efforts being made towards women's empowerment, President Murmu said.

"These efforts will further the glorious tradition of extraordinary women like Sushila Baluni, Bachendri Pal, Gaura Devi, Radha Bhatt, and Vandana Kataria from the state," she said.

The President said the tradition of valour in Uttarakhand is a matter of pride for all countrymen.

"...the names of the Kumaon Regiment and the Garhwal Regiment themselves reflect the tradition of valour here. The youth here show enthusiasm towards serving in the Indian Army and protecting the motherland," she said.

Earlier, chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Governor Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh (Retd), Uttarakhand Assembly Speaker Ritu Khanduri Bhushan, and the Leader of Opposition expressed their gratitude to the President for gracing the occasion in their welcome addresses. They also paid tribute to statehood activities for their struggle and supreme sacrifice in the formation of Uttarakhand.

Security heightened for Prez's Nainital visit

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DEHRADUN: Elaborate security and traffic arrangements have been put in place in Uttarakhand for the two-day visit of President Droupadi Murmu, who arrived in the state on Monday afternoon to attend the 125th-anniversary celebrations of the Raj Bhavan, Nainital.

Across Nainital and Haldwani, over 1,500 officers and personnel have been deployed and drone operations have been completely banned, with anti-drone teams activated to ensure airspace security.

On her arrival at the Army helipad in Haldwani at 4.10pm, the President was received by governor Lt Gen (retd) Gurmit Singh, cabinet minister Dhan Singh Rawat, mayor Gajraj Singh Bisht, Kumaon commis-



President Droupadi Murmu at the Army helipad in Haldwani on her way to Nainital on Monday.

sioner Deepak Rawat, ADG (law and order) V Murugesan, IG Kumaon Riddhim Agarwal, district magistrate Lalit Mohan Raiyal, SSP Nainital Manjunath TC, SSP Almora Devendra Pincha, and other senior officials.

Following a brief reception at

the helipad, the President departed for Raj Bhavan, Nainital, to participate in the commemorative celebrations marking 125 years since the establishment of the heritage building.

Additional director general of police (crime and law and order)

V Murugesan briefed all senior and field officers about the VIP security arrangements, directing them to maintain maximum alertness.

He stressed that officers should act promptly on threat perceptions, remain courteous with the public, and perform their duties.

IG Kumaon Range Riddhim Agarwal, IG (security intelligence HQ) Karan Singh Nagyal, and SSP Nainital Manjunath TC instructed all personnel to maintain seamless coordination, ensure strict access control at venues, and manage diversions during VIP movements to minimize inconvenience.

SSP Manjunath TC said that intelligence units, bomb disposal squads, anti-sabotage (SWAN) teams, fire units, SDRF, and social media monitoring cells will all remain on high alert.

Statehood goals remain unfulfilled, alleges Arya

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DEHRADUN: Leader of Opposition Yashpal Arya on Monday said the goals of statehood remain unfulfilled even after 25 years, as he criticised the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government on a wide range of issues such as unemployment, migration, poor health infrastructure, government exam paper leak, and law and order.

He was speaking in the Uttarakhand assembly on the first day of the two-day special session being organised in Dehradun to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the formation of the state.

Arya alleged that the state is drowning in debt and unemployment. The debt, he said, has increased manifold, while the government continues to borrow. Nearly 15 lakh people are registered unemployed, yet 1 lakh posts remain vacant, he said. Arya said migration continues relentlessly, as more than 35 lakh people have migrated since its formation, and over hundreds of villages stand abandoned, and there is no concrete policy to stem that.

THE LEADER OF OPPOSITION SAID THAT HEALTHCARE HAD TURNED INTO A CRISIS, WITH STATE HOSPITALS REDUCED TO REFERRAL CENTRES

said that healthcare had become a crisis, with hospitals reduced to referral centres.

"People from remote areas such as Chaukhutia in Almora, pregnant women give birth while trying to reach hospitals, and elderly patients are carried on cots due to poor roads and medical infrastructure," he said.

Arya said amendments introduced in the land law recently did not stop land mafia from land grabbing.

"...municipal areas, and Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar don't come under its jurisdiction," he said.

He also questioned "deteriorating" law and order, saying liquor and land mafias are being protected and officers are fearless of consequences. Referring to the violence during Nainital panchayat poll, he said that even FIRs are lodged against those raising their voice against injustice.

He questioned the exclusion of tribal communities from the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) framework.

Arya said disaster victims are being neglected and criticised the government for holding grand celebrations and comedy shows during the Silver Jubilee

instead of mourning with families of disaster victims and offering real assistance.

"In areas like Dharali and Tharali, many remain missing and countless lives have been lost, yet rehabilitation has been poor," he said.

The Congress leader said that governance has collapsed, officers are unaccountable, and even ministers and MLAs complain that their calls are not answered by bureaucrats.

He said this is not the state that people fought for and every authority must be held answerable. Expressing concern over the alleged neglect of Gairsain -- the state's summer capital, he said there is no dedicated allocation in the 2025-26 budget for its development.

He said women played key roles in the Chipko movement and anti-liquor protests, but said their dreams are fading as liquor shops are now opening even in religious cities like Rishikesh and near Yamunotri.

Earlier, in his speech, Arya also mentioned the role of Congress and non-BJP leaders in the formation of the state -- in an apparent attempt to counter BJP's reiteration that the state was formed during the late prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's tenure in 2000.

PWD, Tourism, and Panchayati Raj Minister Satpal Maharaj said that the state has witnessed all-round development over the last 25 years.

He added that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the leadership of chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in recent years, the state government has achieved significant progress across various sectors.

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF 4-YR-OLD STEPSON IN DOON: POLICE

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DEHRADUN: The Dehradun police have arrested a woman accused of culpable homicide for allegedly pushing her 4-year-old stepson in anger, leading to his death in Doiwala area of Dehradun district.

According to Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Dehradun Ajai Singh, the incident came to light after the victim's father, Rahul Kumar, a resident of Bullawala village under Doiwala police station, lodged a complaint on November 2. He alleged that his second wife, Priya, had pushed his son Vivaan during a fit of rage on the morning of October 27, causing the child to fall and sustain serious injuries. The boy fell unconscious and died while being taken to the hospital.

Rahul Kumar stated in his complaint that Priya, a resident of Ambedkar Colony, Badowala on Shimla Bypass Road, used to behave cruelly with his son and would often beat him over minor issues. Suspecting her involvement, he approached the police seeking action.

Singh said based on the complaint, an FIR under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) was registered at Doiwala police station.

Following the SSP's directions for swift investigation, police teams collected statements from neighbours and other witnesses. During questioning, Priya confessed to pushing the child to the floor in anger, which led to the fatal injuries, he said. She has been arrested and further legal proceedings are underway in the matter, he said.

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कपास किसानों से अपील

कॉन्सल कपास सेक्टर 2025-26 में निम्नलिखित ड्राफ्ट कपास को स्लिट, slot booking के माध्यम से ऑर्डर कर ले सकते हैं। अधिक से अधिक निम्नलिखित मुद्रण कॉन्सल मुद्रण (MSP) सेक्टर का सत्र 2025 तक, इसके लिए, भारतीय कपास निगम (CCCI) के कॉन्सल के माध्यम से निम्न कॉन्सल निम्नलिखित निम्नलिखित हैं। इस कॉन्सल के अनुसार, 11 कपास उपक्रम कॉन्सल में 570 जल्लि केन्द्र स्थापित किए गए हैं।

निम्न ड्राफ्ट कॉन्सल के अनुसार एवं निम्नलिखित को बुकिंग को ध्यान में रखते हुए, Kapsas Kisan App पर कॉन्सल कॉन्सल को ऑर्डर निम्न 31 अक्टूबर, 2025 से कपास 31 अक्टूबर, 2025 तक ले सकते हैं।

मुद्रण कॉन्सल के अनुसार का ड्राफ्ट कॉन्सल है कि कॉन्सल में नये को सत्र 8% से अधिक नहीं है, से निम्नलिखित को मुद्रण कॉन्सल मुद्रण (MSP) का पूर्ण मुद्रण निम्नलिखित निम्नलिखित। निम्नलिखित नये को सत्र 8% से अधिक सेक्टर 12% तक है, से 8% से अधिक नये को सत्र के अनुसार में कॉन्सल कॉन्सल MSP का मुद्रण निम्नलिखित निम्नलिखित।

अन्य निम्न नये कपास निम्नलिखित से अपील कर सकते हैं कि से कपास को मुद्रण के केन्द्र पर लक्ष्य जल्लि अतिरिक्त नये को कपास कॉन्सल कॉन्सल न हो। जल्लि, निम्नलिखित को निम्नलिखित में कपास में नये को सत्र 12% से अधिक नहीं लेनी चाहिए।

निम्नलिखित को ड्राफ्ट को कपास को अपील कर सकते हैं, से निम्नलिखित, निम्न के मुद्रण के WhatsApp निम्नलिखित नंबर 72718955728 पर कॉन्सल कर सकते हैं या कॉन्सल कॉन्सल में निम्न को सत्र के निम्न को निम्नलिखित (https://ccciapp.org.in) पर उपलब्ध WhatsApp निम्नलिखित नंबर के माध्यम से कॉन्सल कर सकते हैं।

मुख्य महाप्रबंधक (विपणन)

Man killed as fire breaks out in Rishikesh shop

HARIDWAR: A man was burnt to death in a devastating fire that broke out in a scrap shop on Hira Lal Marg in Rishikesh early on Monday morning, administrative officials said.

According to police, the blaze erupted at about 4am and quickly engulfed the entire shop, leaving the victim trapped inside. Fire brigade and police teams rushed to the spot soon

after receiving information and managed to bring the flames under control after nearly two hours. However, by then, the man had already succumbed to his injuries.

"The identity of the deceased is being looked into, and the body has been sent to AIIMS Rishikesh for post-mortem," said Rishikesh SHO Kailash Chandra Bhatt.

THREE ARRESTED WITH DRUGS IN NAINITAL DISTRICT

DEHRADUN: The Nainital Police arrested three people for alleged drug trafficking in separate operations carried out in Mukteshwar and Rammagar areas, police officers said on Monday.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Nainital, Manjunath TC said during a raid in the Mukteshwar area, police arrested two suspects with 758 grams of hashish Cannabis. He said the accused were identified as Pratap Singh (53), a resident of village Bairoli, and Shyam Lal (56), a resident of village Chapad.

He said they have been booked under relevant sections of the NDPS Act at Mukteshwar police station.

42-year-old woman killed in wild bear attack in Pithoragarh distt

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PITHORAGARH: A 42-year-old woman was mauled to death by a black Himalayan bear in Kanpa sublet of Boraagan village of Pithoragarh district. The victim, identified as Basanti Devi, was attacked while she was engaged in her daily chores in the courtyard of her house.

According to Mangal Singh, SHO of Nachni police post, "The bear suddenly attacked Basanti Devi on Sunday and severely injured her. She was rushed to the local primary health centre, where doctors declared her dead."

She reportedly lived alone, as her husband and children lived in Haldwani.

Following the incident, villagers have demanded protection from frequent wild animal attacks, saying that bears and leopards have been straying into residential areas with the onset of cold weather in higher altitudes, where these animals are naturally found.

Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Pithoragarh, Ashutosh Singh said, "We have directed our local forest teams to conduct intensive patrolling in and around the affected villages to prevent such incidents in future."

In July, a 20-year-old man was killed in a bear attack in Bageshwar district. In November 2020, a 47-year-old man was killed by a Himalayan black bear in Chamoli district. In first week of September 2020, a 48-year-old man was killed by a bear in Pithoragarh district.

Himalayan black bears can be found in Himalayan meadows at an elevation of 10,000 to 12,000 feet. They come down to 5,000-6000 feet in winter months in search of food. The Himalayan black bear has been listed as a vulnerable species under the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.

Security strengthened at Haridwar shrines to tackle Kartik Poornima crowd: Officials

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HARIDWAR: In the aftermath of the recent stampede at the Lord Venkateswara temple in Andhra Pradesh, the Haridwar district administration has intensified crowd management and tightened safety measures at major shrines ahead of the Kartik Poornima festive bath on November 5.

According to government officials, special focus has been placed on ensuring the smooth entry and exit of devotees at both the Mata Mansa Devi and Mata Chandi Devi temples, both located near the Har-ki-Pauri Mela zone.



District officials inspect arrangements at the Mata Mansa Devi shrine in Haridwar on Monday.

City police station in-charge Ritesh Shah, under whose jurisdiction the Har-ki-Pauri and Mansa Devi areas fall, said, "Construction work at the Mata

Mansa Devi temple will remain suspended from November 4 to 6 due to the heavy influx of devotees expected during Kartik Poornima. This is to ensure that

pilgrims do not face inconvenience."

He added that police and municipal teams have carried out inspections along the Ram Prasad Lane-Mata Mansa Devi on-foot stairs pathway, where a stampede occurred on July 27 this year. "Encroachments along Upper Road and the Mela zone are being removed to prevent congestion and facilitate movement of pilgrims," Shah said.

District officials said that additional barricades, CCTV cameras, and medical aid posts are being deployed this time, with continuous monitoring to ensure safe and orderly movement during the Kartik Poornima festivities in Haridwar.

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