

R-Day Parade: India to display military might, cultural heritage; celebrate 75 years of Constitution



Navy personnel during rehearsal for Republic Day parade 2025, at Kartavya Path in New Delhi



Tourists pose for photos with the national flags, ahead of Republic Day, at the Taj Mahal complex, in Agra

PTI, NEW DELHI: India is set to showcase its military prowess and rich cultural heritage and display a symbolic confluence of 'virasat' and 'vikas' on Kartavya Path here to mark the 76th Republic Day on January 26 when the nation will also commemorate the platinum jubilee of the enactment of the Constitution.

Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto will be the chief guest on the occasion. A 352-member marching and band contingent from Indonesia will be participating in the

parade.

Subianto will be the fourth Indonesian president to attend India's Republic Day celebrations. Sukarno, the first president of Indonesia, was the chief guest at India's first Republic Day celebrations in 1950.

While 75 years of the Constitution is the focus of celebrations this year, the theme for the tableaux is 'Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas'.

Sixteen tableaux from across states and Union Territories and 15 from central ministries, departments and organisations

will roll down the ceremonial boulevard on Sunday.

The country will display its military prowess by showcasing some of the cutting-edge defence platforms including BrahMos, Pinaka and Akash, with the Army's Battle Surveillance System 'Sanjay' and DRDO's surface-to-surface tactical missile 'Pralay' set to register their presence in the ceremonial parade for the first time.

T-90 'Bhishma' tanks Sarath (infantry carrying vehicle BMP-II), Short Span Bridging System 10m, Nag Missile Sys-

tem, multi-barrel rocket launcher system 'Agni-baan' and 'Bajrang' (light specialist vehicle) will also be part of the parade, officials said on Thursday.

The parade will see many other firsts as well, such as the tri-services tableau that will depict the spirit of "jointness" among the armed forces.

The tableau will display a battlefield scenario demonstrating a synchronised operation in land, water and air with the indigenous Arjun battle tank, Tejas fighter aircraft

and advanced light helicopter, according to the Defence Ministry.

The theme of the tri-services tableau will be 'Shashakt aur Surakshit Bharat' (Strong and Secure India).

Besides, the DRDO will present a tableau with the theme 'Raksha Kavach - multi-layer protection against multi-domain threats', officials said.

President Droupadi Murmu will deliver an address to the nation on the eve of the Republic Day.

This January 26 will

carry extra significance as India's Constitution, which came into effect on this historic day in 1950, completes 75 years.

The Constitution was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949.

Before the parade, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the nation in paying tribute to the country's martyrs by laying a wreath at the National War Memorial.

The parade will begin in the morning with the National Salute and will continue for 90 minutes, reflecting the journey of India's heritage and growth.

C-130J Super Hercules, C-295, C-17 Globemaster, P-8I, MiG-29 and Su-30, among other aircraft, will also take part in the celebrations.

The ceremonial parade will be heralded by 300 cultural artistes playing 'Sare Jahan Se Achha' on musical instruments representing different parts of the country, according to the Defence Ministry.

Lt Gen Bhavnish Kumar, General Officer Commanding, Delhi Area will be the

Parade Commander, while Parade Second-in-Command will be Chief of Staff (COS), Delhi Area, Maj Gen Sumit Mehta.

Maj Gen Mehta said the event

will showcase India's military prowess with a number of cutting-edge platforms and a range of vibrant tableaux depicting the country's heritage.

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IN SWEEPING 'AMERICA FIRST' SHIFT, US FREEZES ALL FOREIGN AID

One current State Department official and two former Biden administration officials confirmed to Politico that the freeze appears to impact key allies, including Ukraine, Jordan, and Taiwan.

The US has been one of Ukraine's largest backers since Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022, making the suspension of aid particularly dangerous for Kyiv's ability to continue defending its sovereign land.

While the freeze affects most US foreign aid, the memo explicitly carved out exceptions for military assistance to Israel and Egypt.

The US has long provided Israel with extensive security aid, a commitment that has only expanded amid the ongoing war in Gaza. Egypt, which has received substantial US defence funding since signing its 1979 peace treaty with Israel, also remains unaffected by the restrictions.

Rubio, who previously supported humanitarian aid, also maintained an exemption for US contributions to emergency food assistance.

The in-depth assessment and aid suspension are necessary, according to Rubio, to assure that federal programmes "are not duplicated, are effective, and are consistent with President Trump's foreign policy."

CM EXTENDS R-DAY GREETINGS

Sawant said, "On this historic day, as we look back and see how far we have travelled, we realise the importance of our Constitution. Republic Day is truly a historic milestone in the journey of the nation in many ways. People should celebrate this day with great pride and remember the architects of the Constitution who made our country reach greater heights."

"The State government is on its way to bring improved infrastructure, public health, education and livelihood opportunities to every single citizen through various schemes. While prioritising growth, we will also conserve natural wealth and celebrate the cultural richness of the State. Let us strive together to contribute towards the growth and development of our beautiful State," he added.

"On this righteous day of the country, let us pay tribute to the memory of the patriotic heroes and martyrs who have made immense sacrifices for our freedom and democracy. On this significant occasion, let us reaffirm our commitment to the ideals enshrined in our Constitution. Let us cherish and protect secular, democratic and federal values enshrined in the Constitution and uphold our commitment to build a developed and prosperous nation. I wish the people of the State happiness and prosperity," the Chief Minister concluded.

CRYPTO INVESTMENT TURNS SOUR FOR CURCHOREM FAMILY, DUPED OF RS 4.8 CR

It is also learnt that the accused invested in bitcoins (crypto currency) through cryptocurrency shopping.com operated by the accused persons. After the company failed to deliver on its promises, the victim filed a complaint. The complainant has accused the abovementioned persons of misappropriating his and his family members' money for their own gains, thereby cheating them.

Following the complaint, the EOC registered an offence under Sections 406 and 420 read with of 34 Indian Penal Code (IPC), and Sections 3 and 5 of the Goa Protection of Interest of Depositors Act, 1999, and Sections 3 and 4 of Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019 (BUDS) Act 2019.

GOA'S FREEDOM FIGHTER LIBIA BAGS PADMA SHRI

Incidentally, after Liberation of Goa, she was the first woman lawyer to work in courts of Goa. She established Women's Cooperative Bank, entirely managed by an all-women team and was also Goa's first Director of Tourism for liberated Goa, Daman and Diu.

Lobo Sardesai was felicitated by the Department of Tourism on the momentous occasion of her 100th birthday in May last year.

SMART CITY DEATH: POLITICAL ANALYST MOVES SESSIONS COURT TO DIRECT COPS TO FILE FIR

He has also urged the District and Sessions Court, Panjim to monitor the investigation and direct the police to produce the progress report of the investigation before the Court.

The life of Ayush Halarnkar (21) from Patto-Ribandar and son of former CCP councillors Rupesh Halarnkar and Arti was snuffed out after his motorcycle fell into a pit which was dug for a sewage network as part of Smart City works on New Year's Day last year. The petitioner has stated that the tragic death of Ayush amounts to criminal negligence and all the said persons are liable to be prosecuted under Section 304A and other provisions of Indian Penal Code (IPC). But the Panjim Police till date have not initiated any action against the Bagkiya Construction, managing director of IPSCDL, PWD chief engineer, and the CCP Mayor and the Commissioner.

The court can direct the police to lodge FIR against the concerned officials and contractor for their criminal negligence. But much would also depend on the victim's family. The GHRC had already taken suo motu cognisance of the incident and sought report from the MD of IPSCDL and PWD

— Sanjay Sarmalkar, Panjim resident

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Aggrieved over the inaction on the part of the Panjim Police, the applicant was constrained to approach the North Goa SP by filing an application dated February 15, 2024 under 154 (3) of the CrPC, requesting to register an FIR and to investigate the matter. However, he too did not initiate any action against the respondents.

According to Trajano, the death of 21-year-old boy was solely on account of criminal negligence on the part of the contractor and the official associated with Smart City works which has been carried out in most shabby manner and in gross dereliction of requirement of law and so also in complete disregard to the necessary safety precaution which are required to be taken whilst carrying out such works. It is clear from the evidence that since the tragedy was serious in nature and therefore registration of FIR was mandatory as per the law laid down by the Supreme Court in the case of Lalita Kumari v/s State of UP, wherein it was held at registration of FIR was mandatory under Section 154 of the Code, if the information discloses commission of a cognisable offence and no preliminary inquiry was permissible in such a situation.

Therefore it was imperative that an FIR should have been immediately registered in respect of the same, but till date, no action was initiated by the Panjim Police pursuant to his complaints.

Adv Abhijit Gosavi assisted by Adv Darshan Gosavi are representing Trajano D'Mello.

"Intervention by a private individual is allowed in public issues. So court may direct police to register FIR. However, the prosecution of senior government officials are subject to obtaining sanction from the

government because they are protected by law in the course of their duty," Adv Rui Ferreira said.

"The court can direct the police to lodge FIR against the concerned officials and contractor for their criminal negligence. But much would also depend on the victim's family. The Goa Human Rights Commission had already taken suo motu cognisance of the incident and sought report from the managing director of Imagine Panjim Smart City Development Limited and the PWD. The Commission is hearing the matter," said Sanjay Sarmalkar, a resident of Panjim.

"The very unplanned and poorly executed Panjim Smart City works has been a disaster. Public money has gone down the drain. Besides so many precious lives have been lost while a lot of people having been seriously injured over the last three years. Those responsible for all these manmade tragedies cannot go unpunished and must face the full force of law," said Adv Aires Rodrigues.

FIVE BRUTES DUMPED CANSULIM RAPE VICTIM ALONG NUVEM BYPASS

The police revealed that the main accused identified as Adil Algur, (18), from Chicalim, was the first to allegedly rape the victim followed by his four other accomplices Mohammed Mulla (22) from Mangor Hill-Vasco, Shahzad Shaikh (18) from Khariwaddo, Vasco, Viresh Aguanda, (18) from Vasco and Mohammed Yasir Shaikh (18) from Bogda Vasco joining in to further torture the victim.

The police said that Mulla's vehicle was used in the commission of the crime. Viresh and Mohammed Yasir were sent the location details of the guesthouse via WhatsApp.

It has come to light that the guesthouse where the horrific crime had occurred had not registered any details of the accused.

The guest house did not take their identities at the reception counter. The police also revealed that Mohammed Mulla would often visit the guesthouse with various women and the details were never registered on the log book on the reception counter.

The police state that normally the staffers at guesthouses do not maintain register as they get more money when it comes to such illegal activities

The police have now written to the tourism department to cancel the trade licence of the guesthouse in Cansaulim which was allegedly used to rape the girl. Moreover, the police have directed the transport department to cancel the rent-a-cab licence of the vehicle used in ferrying the victim to the guest house. Police sources say that the role of the staff of the guesthouse is being ascertained to find out as to how they had let out the room to the accused by not maintaining any record.

It may be recalled that in a horrific act, the victim was brutally gangraped by five accused in a guesthouse at Cansaulim on intervening night of January 22-23.

The victim narrated the horrific incident to her mother who later filed a police complaint with the Fatorda Police, who registered an offence under Sections 138, 70(1) and Section 64(1) (k)(m) of BNS Act 2023.

All the accused were remanded in seven days police custody.

NOTHING HAS CHANGED AT KA: TASK FORCE TO MEET CM ON REPORT SUGGESTING REPAIRS

Kenkre said that on Saturday they discussed the report of the Expert Committee and worked out the exact costing. "None of the construction changes, sound and light changes which were suggested by us had been executed," he said.

Kenkre said, "We want to talk to the experts and the consultants and want the local theatre groups to perform and give them their feedback." He also said that nothing is spoken about the collapsed ceiling of the open-air auditorium.

A 12-member Task Force was constituted to review the renovation of Kala Academy works in September 2024. The Committee after inspecting the works had submitted reports suggesting changes and modifications to the Kala Academy building after artists and Opposition MLAs had flagged the works as a failure.

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