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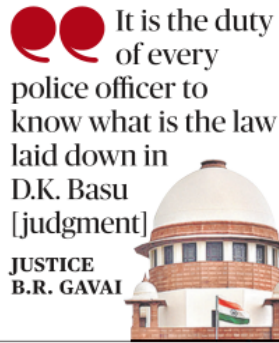
# HEADLINES OF THE DAY

The Hindu: Page 1\_Governance- (GSII)

## Kheda flogging is a case of 'police atrocity': top court

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday orally observed that the 2022 incident of four Gujarat Police officers publicly flogging Muslim men after tying them to a pole for allegedly disrupting a garba event in Kheda district amounted to an “atrocity”



gation and investigation with that view to solve the crime,” the judgment had observed.

Justices Gavai and Meh- ta were not impressed by the argument raised by senior advocate Siddharth Dave, appearing for the police officers, that there was no “willful disobedience” of the verdict by his clients

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### Do you know ?

- The conduct of the four officers were found to be in contempt of the directions of the Supreme Court in the D.K. Basu judgment of 1996 against police abuse and custodial violence. The D.K. Basu verdict had highlighted the deep concern in a free society for the protection of an individual from torture and abuse by the police and other law-enforcing officers.

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## The Hindu: Page 4\_Social Justices - (GSII)

### *'Karpoori Thakur's vision of social justice inspires our governance model'*

Today is the birth centenary of Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakurji, whose relentless pursuit of social justice created a positive impact in the lives of crores of people. I never had the opportunity to meet Karpooriji, but I heard a lot about him from Kailashpati Mishraji, who worked closely with him. He belonged to one of the most backward sections of society, the Nai Samaj. Overcoming numerous obstacles, he achieved a lot and worked for societal betterment.

Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakurji's life revolved around the twin pillars of simplicity and social justice. Till his last breath, his



**Narendra Modi**  
Prime Minister  
of India

colony for political leaders but he himself did not take any land or money for the same. When he passed away in 1988, several leaders went to his village to pay tributes. When they saw the condition of his house, they were moved to tears – how could someone so towering have a house so simple!

Another anecdote of his simplicity dates back to 1977 when he just took over as CM of Bihar. The Janata Party government was in power in Delhi and Patna and party leaders had gathered in Patna to mark Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayanji's birthday. Chief Minister Karpoori Thakurji, walked in to join the galaxy of

by monumental efforts to create a society where resources were distributed fairly and everyone, regardless of their social standing, had access to opportunities. He wanted to address the systemic inequalities that plagued Indian society.

Such was his commitment to his ideals that despite living in an era where the Congress party was omnipresent, he took a distinctly anti-Congress line because he was convinced very early on that the Congress had deviated from its founding principles.

His electoral career began in the early 1950s and since then, he became a force to reckon with in the Legislative chambers,

CM, he took many steps for the welfare of senior citizens as well.

Democracy, debate and discussion were integral to Karpooriji's personality. This spirit was seen when he immersed himself in the Quit India movement as a youngster. It was seen again when he resisted the Emergency tooth and nail. His unique perspectives were greatly admired by the likes of JP, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and Charan Singhji.

Perhaps one of Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakurji's most significant contributions to India was his role in strengthening the affirmative action apparatus for the backward classes, with the

backward strata of society but he worked for all the people. He had no trace of bitterness in him, which is what makes him truly great.

Over the past ten years, our government has walked on the path of Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakurji, reflecting in our schemes and policies that have brought transformative empowerment. One of the biggest tragedies of our polity has been that barring a few leaders like Karpooriji, the call for social justice was restricted to being a political slogan. We were inspired by Karpooriji's vision and have it as an effective governance model. I can say with confidence and pride that

every scheme reaches 100% coverage – echoes his commitment to social welfare.

Today, when people from OBC, SC and ST communities are becoming entrepreneurs due to MUDRA loans, it fulfills Karpoori Thakurji's vision of economic independence. Likewise, it was our government which had the privilege of extending SC, ST and OBC reservation. We also had the honour of setting up the OBC Commission (which was, sadly, opposed by the Congress), which is working on the path shown by Karpooriji. Our PM Vishwakarma Scheme will also bring new avenues of prosperity for crores of people belonging to OBC communities

- Karpoori Thakur, a prominent figure in Bihar's OBC politics and two-time chief minister, has been posthumously honored with the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, on the eve of his birth centenary.
- Known as 'Jan Nayak' (people's leader), Thakur served as chief minister twice,.
- Born on January 24, 1924, in the Nai samaj (barber society
- Thakur, who sacrificed his education for the freedom struggle, was arrested during the Quit India Movement from 1942 to 1945.
- During Thakur's Chief Ministership in 1977, the Mungeri Lal Commission submitted its report recommending that backward classes be reclassified as extremely backward classes and backward classes. The report was implemented in 1978. This paved the way for 26% reservation for them in government services in Bihar in November 1978.

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## The Hindu: Page 10\_Economy (GSIII)

### Analysing the rising gap in incomes

Using data from the 2017-18 and 2022-23 rounds of the Periodic Labour Force Survey, this article examines the changes in income inequality amongst all income earners in India, and disaggregates it according to the nature of employment



According to a recent report by the State Bank of India (SBI), India has witnessed a significant fall in inequality over the last decade.

- Examining taxpayer data, the report claims that the Gini coefficient — a standard measure of inequality that ranges from 0, indicating perfect equality, to 1, indicating perfect inequality — has fallen from 0.472 in 2014-15 to 0.402 in 2022-23. A fall of almost 15% in the Gini coefficient indicates a significant reduction in inequality.
- The fall in the Gini coefficient is more or less empirically established by the SBI report, but this has been accompanied by polarisation in incomes.
- Such polarisation is not seen in taxpayer data since the bottom 10% do not earn enough to be included in the tax net.

### Do you know?

- Gini coefficient is a typical measure of income inequality. The coefficient varies between 0 and 1, with 0 representing perfect equality and 1 perfect inequality.

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The Hindu: Page 14\_S&T (GSIII)

## 22 'Vaibhav' Fellows to build long-term research synergy

JACOB KOSHY,  
NEW DELHI

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Indian scientists based abroad will spend time in premier institutions in the country

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The Vaishvik Bhartiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) fellowships programme to be implemented by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology, would be awarded to outstanding scientist/technologists of Indian origin (NRI/OCI/PIO) who are engaged in research activities in their respective countries.

Those selected will get a stipend of ₹4 lakh a month and accommodation. The host institutions will get a research grant to enable them to host the fellows.

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The Hindu: Page 15\_Places in news (GSI)

Pak.-Afghan border crossing reopens after talks; visa, passport not needed



- Torkham Crossing is a crucial border crossing that links Pakistan and Afghanistan. Its strategic location makes it a vital entry point for trade and connectivity between the two nations.
- The Border road is a key lifeline for a landlocked Afghanistan, linking the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar to Jalalabad, the main city in Nangarhar, and the route onwards to the capital Kabul.



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## PIB: Economy (GSIII)

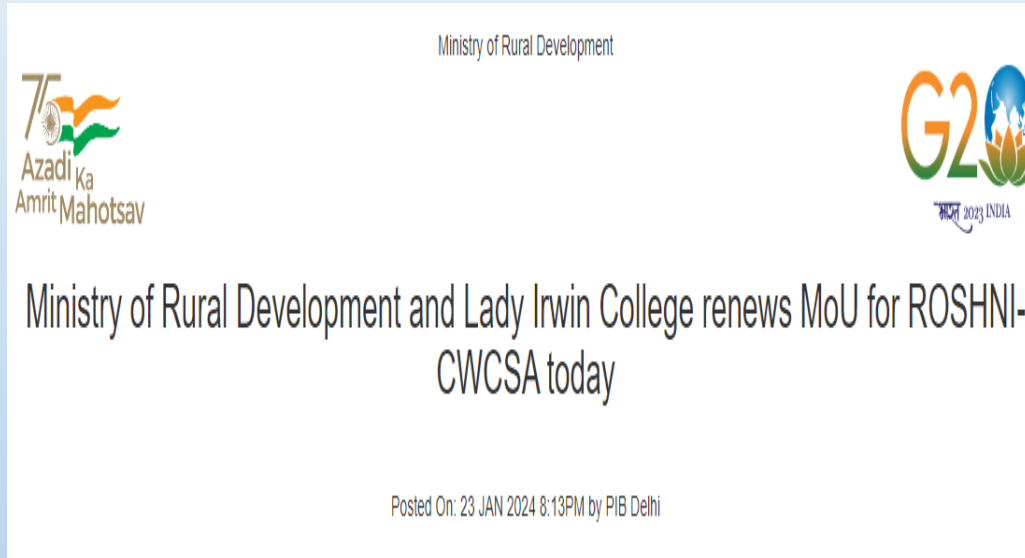
Shri Nitin Gadkari says more than 200 projects at a cost of Rs 1.25 lakh crore identified in coming five years under National Ropeways Development Programme “Parvatmala Pariyojana”

Shri Gadkari calls for making ropeways economically viable by bringing down overall project cost and encouraging Public Private Partnership

- Union Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, while presenting Union Budget for 2022-23 announced National Ropeways Development Programme – “Parvatmala” -- will be taken up on PPP mode, which will be a preferred ecologically sustainable alternative in place of conventional roads in difficult hilly areas, The idea is to improve connectivity and convenience for commuters, besides promoting tourism.

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## PIB: Governance (GSII)



- ROSHNI-CWCSA is supported by UNICEF India technically and financially.
- Currently, ROSHNI-CWCSA is serving as a technical support unit at national level to DAY-NRLM
- ROSHNI assists DAY-NRLM to improve food, nutrition, health, and WASH (FNHW) outcomes for 9.96 crore Self Help Group (SHG) members and their households across the country.
- It envisions breaking the self-perpetuating cycle of malnutrition - illness - out-of-pocket expenditure for addressing poverty.
- Integration of Food, Health, Nutrition and WASH interventions are carried out regularly by more than 1.2 lakh trained community resource persons in SHGs and their federations.



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**Air: IR (GSII)**

## Sweden set to become NATO member as Turkey approves its membership bid

Turkey's parliament ratifies Sweden's NATO membership bid, clearing the biggest remaining hurdle to expanding the Western military alliance after 20 months of delay. Turkey's general assembly, where President Tayyip Erdogan's ruling alliance holds a majority, voted 287-55 to approve the application that Sweden first made in 2022. All NATO members need to approve applications from countries seeking to join the alliance.

A Report:



- Formed in 1949 with the signing of the Washington Treaty,
- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization was created in 1949 by the United States, Canada, and several Western European nations to provide collective security
- NATO's purpose is to guarantee the freedom and security of its members through political and military means.
- **POLITICAL** – NATO promotes democratic values and enables members to consult and cooperate on defence and security-related issues to solve problems, build trust and, in the long run, prevent conflict.
- **MILITARY** – NATO is committed to the peaceful resolution of disputes. If diplomatic efforts fail, it has the military power to undertake crisis-management operations.