



Workshop on Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats | Maharashtra | 08 Jan 2026

Why in News?

The **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** is organising a **National Workshop on Best Practices of Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats** at **YASHADA, Pune** in **January 2026**.

Key Points:

- **Focus Areas:** It focuses on **gender-responsive governance, women's participation, safety, education, health, and economic empowerment** at the grassroots level.
- **Aim:** To develop **Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats** as **experiential learning centres** for sharing innovative strategies.
- **Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats:** This **Initiative** was launched on **5 March 2025** to establish at least one such **Panchayat** in each district.
- **Coverage:** **744 Gram Panchayats** across **32 States/UTs** identified under the initiative.
- **Indicator:** Dashboard of 35 indicators to track progress of women-friendly initiatives.

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Vice-President Launched Book “Sing, Dance and Lead | National Current Affairs | 08 Jan 2026

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The **Vice-President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan**, launched the book **“Sing, Dance and Lead: Leadership Lessons from the Life of Srila Prabhupada”** at an event held in **New Delhi**.

Key Points

- **Author:** The book is authored by **Hindol Sengupta**.
- **Focus:** Value-based leadership.
- **Philosophy:** Emphasises **ethical leadership, moral clarity, service orientation, and inner discipline**.
- **Inspirational Figure:** Draws leadership lessons from the life of **A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada**, founder of **ISKCON**.
- **Key Message:** Leadership should be **inclusive, joyful, and rooted in humility**, rather than

authority.

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Delhi Government Signs MoU with RBI | National Current Affairs | 08 Jan 2026

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The **Delhi Government** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to enhance **financial governance and fiscal management** for the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Key Points

- **RBI Role:** The agreement enables the **RBI** to act as the **official banker, debt manager, and financial agent** for the Delhi Government.
- **Functions Under MoU:** RBI will manage **market borrowings through State Development Loans (SDLs), automatic investment of surplus cash, professional cash management, and access to low-cost liquidity facilities.**
- **Capital Expenditure:** Funds raised through market borrowings will be used **exclusively for capital expenditure, with priority areas including Yamuna rejuvenation, water supply, transport, and health infrastructure.**
- **Historic Reform:** Chief Minister **Rekha Gupta** described the MoU as a **historic correction** in Delhi's financial governance that will end years of **ad-hoc and costly financial practices.**
- **Benefit:** By integrating the RBI's systems, the Delhi Government can now raise funds at **competitive market rates** and use surplus funds efficiently.
- **Fiscal Discipline:** The move is expected to **strengthen fiscal discipline, transparency, and long-term financial sustainability** of the Delhi Government's finances.

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