



Dehradun's First 'Grey Smart Toilet' | Uttarakhand | 26 Nov 2025

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Uttarakhand has inaugurated its first **Grey Smart Toilet** designed specifically for **senior citizens and the [people with disabilities](#)**, introducing an accessible, tech-enabled sanitation unit in Dehradun.

Key Points

- The [Grey Smart Toilet](#) has been installed in **Prem Nagar Area, [Dehradun](#)**, marking the state's first senior-citizen-centric sanitation facility.
 - The toilet equipped with **sensor-based automated features**, wheelchair-friendly **ramps**, supportive **grab bars**, anti-skid flooring, and **low-height fixtures** to ensure safety and comfort for the elderly.
 - It also includes **IoT-based monitoring**, automatic flushing, **water-level sensors**, and an app-linked dashboard for maintenance alerts, reducing manual supervision.
 - The structure uses **pre-fabricated, weather-resistant material**, ensuring durability in hilly terrains while maintaining ease of installation and mobility.
 - Built under a public-welfare initiative, the project aims to promote **dignified and accessible sanitation**, aligning with Uttarakhand's push for people-friendly urban and rural infrastructure.
 - The model is expected to be replicated across popular pilgrim and tourist circuits in the state, such as [Char Dham routes](#), where [senior citizens](#) form a significant visitor demographic.
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Exercise SURYAKIRAN (2025) | National Current Affairs | 26 Nov 2025

Why in News?

The **19th edition of India-Nepal Joint Military Exercise SURYAKIRAN-XIX** began on **25th November 2025** at **Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand**.

Key Points

- **About Exercise SURYAKIRAN:**
 - **Exercise SURYAKIRAN** is a [bilateral military exercise](#) between the Indian Army and the Nepal Army, held **annually**, with hosting duties alternating between the two countries.
 - It aims to **enhance interoperability**, strengthen **military diplomacy**, and deepen [India-Nepal defence cooperation](#).
 - The exercise primarily focuses on **counter-insurgency**, [counter-terrorism](#), and **jungle/mountain warfare** terrain common to both armies.
 - It is conducted under **Chapter VII of the UN Charter**, which deals

with [peacekeeping](#) duties related to threats to **peace**, **breaches of peace**, and **counter-terrorism** scenarios.

▪ **About the 2025 Edition:**

- The 2025 edition of the exercise is being hosted at [Pithoragarh](#), Uttarakhand, from **25th November to 08th December, 2025**.
- The **Indian contingent** comprises **334 personnel**, mainly from the **Assam Regiment** while the **Nepalese contingent** also includes **334 personnel**, primarily from the **Devi Datta Regiment**.
- The 2025 edition highlights incorporation of **niche and emerging military technologies**, such as:
 - [Unmanned Aerial Systems \(UAS\)](#)
 - [Drone-based ISR \(Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance\)](#)
 - [AI-enabled](#) decision-support tools
 - **Unmanned logistics vehicles**
 - [Armoured protection platforms](#)

Nayi Chetna 4.0 Campaign | National Current Affairs | 26 Nov 2025

Why in News?

The **Union Minister for Rural Development**, alongside the **Union Minister for Women and Child Development**, launched 'Nayi Chetna 4.0', a national campaign under the [DAY-NRLM \(Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission\)](#).

Key Points

- The fourth edition of **Nayi Chetna - Initiative for Change** focuses on [strengthening women's safety](#), [mobility](#), [dignity](#), and [socio-economic participation](#), especially in **rural India**.
- The campaign will run **nationwide from 25th November to 23rd December 2025**, led by the extensive network of [Self-Help Groups \(SHGs\)](#) under DAY-NRLM.
- Emphasis given on elimination of **substance abuse**, which was termed a major cause of [domestic violence](#), and village-level campaigns for **violence-free communities**.
- The initiative stresses [women's voices in governance](#), safe public spaces, [shared domestic responsibilities](#), and recognition of women's economic roles.

DAY-NRLM (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission)

- The DAY-NRLM was launched in **2011** and later **restructured in 2015** to strengthen its implementation framework and outreach. The mission is implemented by the [Ministry of Rural Development](#).
- The scheme aims to **reduce rural poverty** by promoting **self-employment**, [skill development](#), and **sustainable livelihoods** through Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
- It primarily focuses on mobilizing **rural women** into SHGs, providing them with **credit linkages**, [capacity-building support](#), and [enhanced access to markets](#).
- It includes key components such as [financial inclusion](#), [digital literacy](#), and the [diversification of livelihood activities](#) to improve and stabilize [household incomes](#) in rural areas.

