



Operation Sahyadri Checkmate launched by DRI | National Current Affairs | 29 Jan 2026

Why in News?

The **Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)** conducted a major operation under the codename “**Operation Sahyadri Checkmate**” in the **Sahyadri ranges**.

Key Points

- **Operation:** The DRI launched Operation to **disrupt clandestine drug production networks** in the remote **Sahyadri forest** region.
- **Location:** Hidden **mobile methamphetamine (mephedrone) lab** in Sahyadri ranges, disguised as a poultry farm.
- **Seizure:** **21.912 kg of mephedrone** and **71.5 kg of raw materials** capable of producing ~15 kg of drugs.
 - **Market Value:** Estimated illicit value of **₹55 crore**.
- **Strategy:** Combination of **intelligence-led surveillance** and **late-night interception**.
- **National Security:** Prevents **organised drug trafficking**, protects **public health**, and disrupts **criminal networks**.
 - The operation demonstrates the **critical role of DRI** in safeguarding national security.

Read More: [Sahyadri](#), [Directorate of Revenue Intelligence](#)

Wings India 2026 | National Current Affairs | 29 Jan 2026

Why in News?

The **Ministry of Civil Aviation** announced that **Wings India 2026**, Asia’s largest civil aviation event, will be held in **January 2026** at **Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad**.

Key Points

- **Theme:** The theme is “**Indian Aviation: Paving the Future - From Design to Deployment, Manufacturing to Maintenance, Inclusivity to Innovation and Safety to Sustainability.**”
- **Nature of Event:** Wings India 2026 is a **global civil aviation exhibition and conference** covering the entire **aviation value chain** including airports, airlines, manufacturing, MRO and logistics.
- **India's Aviation Growth:** India has emerged as one of the **fastest-growing civil aviation markets** with a **significant increase** in passenger traffic, aircraft induction and airport infrastructure.
 - Wings India 2026 promotes **regional air connectivity**, which is the core objective of

the **UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme**.

- **Focus:** The event highlights India's push towards **aircraft manufacturing, Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO)** and aerospace component production.
 - The sessions also focus on airports and infrastructure, aircraft leasing, air cargo, drones, advanced air mobility, training, and women in aviation.
- **Sustainability Initiatives:** Emphasis is placed on **Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)**, green airports and adoption of **digital and eco-friendly aviation technologies**.

Read More: [UDAN scheme](#), [Sustainable Aviation Fuel](#)

Telangana Police Introduces Doorstep FIR Registration | National Current Affairs | 29 Jan 2026

Why in News?

The **Telangana Police** has launched a **first-of-its-kind citizen-centric initiative** allowing victims to register **First Information Reports (FIRs)** at their **residence or chosen location**.

Key Points

- **Objective:** To **reduce procedural delay**, protect the **dignity and safety of victims**, and remove barriers for those unable to visit police stations.
- **Applicable Cases:** Initially applicable to **specified categories of cognisable offences**, including those under laws such as the **POCSO Act, SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act**, and **Telangana Prohibition of Ragging Act**.
- **Procedure:** Police officers will visit the **victim's residence, hospital or place of offence**, record the **initial statement**, secure the crime scene, and later **formally register the FIR** at the police station.
 - After registration, a **copy of the FIR** is provided at the same location via **email, WhatsApp, or hard copy** if required.
- **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP):** SOPs have been issued to ensure **uniform implementation**.
- **Policy Alignment:** Aligns with **victim-centric policing, criminal justice reforms, and Article 21's guarantee of access to justice**.

Read More: [POCSO Act](#), [SC/ST \(Prevention of Atrocities\) Act](#), [Prohibition of Child Marriage Act](#), [Article 21](#)

Ashok Chakra 2026 Awarded to Shubhanshu Shukla | National Current Affairs | 29 Jan 2026

Why in News?

President Droupadi Murmu conferred the **Ashok Chakra** to Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla of the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** during the **77th Republic Day 2026**.

Key Points

- **Ashok Chakra:** India's **highest peacetime gallantry award** for acts of **conspicuous bravery, self-sacrifice or valor**.
 - **Award Criteria:** The Ashok Chakra is conferred for **most conspicuous bravery or self-sacrifice in peacetime**, equivalent in prestige to the **Param Vir Chakra**, which is awarded in wartime.
- **Awardee:** **Shubhanshu Shukla** recognized for leadership, courage and exemplary conduct during the **Axiom-4 space mission**.
 - He became the **first Indian astronaut to visit the International Space Station**.
 - His recognition highlights India's growing capabilities in **human space missions** and places **space service on par with traditional acts of gallantry**.
- **National Importance:** Reinforces India's focus on **aerospace achievements, defense valor and scientific contribution**, inspiring youth and recognizing pioneering efforts.

Read More: [77th Republic Day 2026, Axiom-4 space mission, International Space Station](https://www.drishtiias.com/statepcs/30-01-2026/jharkhand/print)

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