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## First Aadhaar-Integrated PATHIK System Launched by Ahmedabad Crime Branch | National Current Affairs | 30 Jan 2026

### Why in News?

The **Ahmedabad Crime Branch** of the Gujarat Police has become the first law enforcement agency in the country to officially integrate **Aadhaar-based verification** with its **PATHIK software**.

### Key Points

- **First-of-its-kind integration:** The Ahmedabad Crime Branch has signed a pact with **UIDAI** to integrate **Aadhaar verification into PATHIK software**.
  - Making it the first law enforcement body to be recognised as an **Offline Verification Seeking Entity (OVSE)** for Aadhaar in India.
- **PATHIK software:** PATHIK stands for **Programme for Analysis of Traveller and Hotel Informatics**.
  - It is an application used by Gujarat Police to track travellers, guests and residents in hotels, PGs and homestays for security purposes.
- **Objective:** The integration aims to enable **instant, paperless and consent-based verification** of individuals by simply scanning their **Aadhaar QR code**.
  - **Privacy and data security:** The system **does not store Aadhaar numbers** but **uses digitally signed demographic details and photos** for verification.
- **Wide implementation:** Over **9,000 hotels across Gujarat** are already connected to the **PATHIK system**, helping police to trace **more than 50 missing persons** and identify individuals for law enforcement purposes.
- **Government recognition:** The PATHIK project is one of **11 projects** selected at the **national level** by the **Government of India** for its technological utility.

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## Novak Djokovic Secures 400th Grand Slam Match Win | National Current Affairs | 30 Jan 2026

### Why in News?

Serbian tennis legend Novak Djokovic became the **first player in tennis history** to secure **400 match wins** in **Grand Slam singles**, a landmark reached at the **Australian Open 2026**.

### Key Points:

- **Unique Record:** He is the only male player in tennis history to reach this landmark, surpassing

other notable players like **Roger Federer** (369 wins) and **Rafael Nadal** (314 wins).

- **Record at Australian Open:** He achieved this feat by defeating **Botic van de Zandschulp** in straight sets in the third round, marking another chapter in his storied career.
- **Equalling Federer's Australian Wins:** With this win, Djokovic also **tied Roger Federer's record of 102 match wins at the Australian Open**, underscoring his longevity at the event.
- **Grand Slam Legacy:** Already a **24-time major champion**, Djokovic continues to extend his records in the **Open Era**, showcasing exceptional consistency and dominance.
- **Significance in Tennis:** The 400-win milestone reflects **sustained excellence across all four majors**, reinforcing Djokovic's place among the **greatest players of all time**.
- **Surface Versatility:** With this victory, he became the first man to register **100 or more match wins** on all three Grand Slam surfaces: hard courts (Australian Open, US Open), grass courts (Wimbledon), and clay courts (French Open).
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## Microsoft Rolls Out Maia 200 AI Chips | National Current Affairs | 30 Jan 2026

### Why in News?

Microsoft has launched its **second-generation AI chip**, the **Maia 200**, marking a significant step in the company's strategy to develop custom AI silicon for large-scale AI workloads.

### Key Points:

- **Fabrication:** Manufactured using **TSMC's 3nm** process technology, featuring over **140 billion transistors**.
- **Performance:** Delivers **10+ petaFLOPS** in 4-bit precision (FP4) and **~5 petaFLOPS** in 8-bit precision (FP8).
- **Memory Architecture:** Equipped with **216GB of HBM3e** (High Bandwidth Memory) with **7 TB/s** bandwidth and **272MB of on-die SRAM** to eliminate data movement bottlenecks.
- **Networking:** Uses a two-tier scale-up design based on **standard Ethernet** instead of proprietary fabrics, supporting clusters of up to **6,144 accelerators**.
- **Vertical Integration:** Microsoft joins **Google (TPU)** and **Amazon (Trainium)** in designing custom hardware to reduce dependence on **Nvidia** and lower operational costs.
- **Economic Efficiency:** The chip offers a **30% improvement in performance-per-dollar** compared to current systems.
- **Software Ecosystem (The "Triton" Advantage):** Microsoft released the **Triton compiler** (developed with **OpenAI**) as an open-source alternative to Nvidia's proprietary **CUDA** software, aiming to lower the barrier for developer adoption.
- **Strategic Significance:** Represents Microsoft's push to **reduce reliance on third-party silicon providers** and manage **AI operating costs**.

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## National Model Youth Gram Sabha Awards 2025-26 | National

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## Why in News?

Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, **S. P. Singh Baghel**, conferred the **National Model Youth Gram Sabha (MYGS) Awards** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, to nurture future leaders by connecting students with grassroots democratic processes.

## Key Points:

- **Objective:** To provide students with experiential learning of the **three-tier Panchayati Raj system** as envisaged under the **73rd Constitutional Amendment**.
- **Collaborating Ministries:** The ceremony was a joint effort by the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**, the **Ministry of Education**, and the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**.
- **Participation:** Over **28,000 students** from **619 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs)** and **200 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)** participated in simulated Gram Sabha proceedings.
- **Major Awardees:** The awards were divided into two main categories: JNVs and EMRSs.
  - **JNV Una, Himachal Pradesh:** Won the top prize in the JNV category, receiving a cheque for **₹1 crore** for development activities.
  - **EMRS Kosambuda, Chhattisgarh:** Won the top prize in the EMRS category, also receiving **₹1 crore**.
  - **Runners-up:** Schools ranked second and third were awarded **₹75 lakhs** and **₹50 lakhs** respectively.
- **Documentation:** A comprehensive **compendium** was released, documenting the journey and impact of the MYGS initiative.
- **Significance:** The initiative aligns with efforts under the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** to integrate **experiential learning with democratic values**.
  - **Grassroots Democracy:** Strengthening the foundation of local self-governance through youth engagement.
- **Civic Education:** Integrating democratic values into the formal school curriculum through "**Loktantra Ki Pathshala**" (**School of Democracy**).

**Read More:** [National Education Policy \(NEP\) 2020](#), [Panchayati Raj system](#), [73rd Constitutional Amendment](#)

# PM SVANidhi Credit Card Launch in Kerala | National Current Affairs | 30 Jan 2026

## Why in News?

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched the **PM SVANidhi Credit Card** for street vendors during an event in **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**.

## Key Points

- **PM SVANidhi Scheme:** **Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme** is a micro-credit programme launched in **June 2020** to support street vendors with **collateral-free loans** and promote digital financial inclusion.
- **Objective:** The credit card is designed to provide **instant access to affordable working capital** for street vendors.

- This helps them to meet **business expenses**, reduce dependence on informal lenders and build a **formal credit track record**.
- **Financial Features:** The **PM SVANidhi Credit Card** is expected to be **UPI-linked** and can offer a **revolving credit facility**.
  - They are often interest-free or at subsidized terms, enabling **easy access to working capital** up to predetermined limits.
- **Target Beneficiaries:** The scheme targets **street vendors, hawkers, roadside sellers, cart vendors and other informal urban workers**, helping integrate them into the formal banking system.
- **Digital Inclusion:** Besides credit access, the initiative promotes **digital payments and financial literacy**, strengthening the participation of small vendors in the formal economy.
- **Wider Outreach:** Around **1 lakh street vendors** were reported to have received **PM SVANidhi loans or credit cards** in Kerala during the launch, and similar implementation is underway nationwide.

**Read More:** [PM SVANidhi Scheme](#), [UPI](#), [Digital payments](#), [Financial literacy](#)

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