

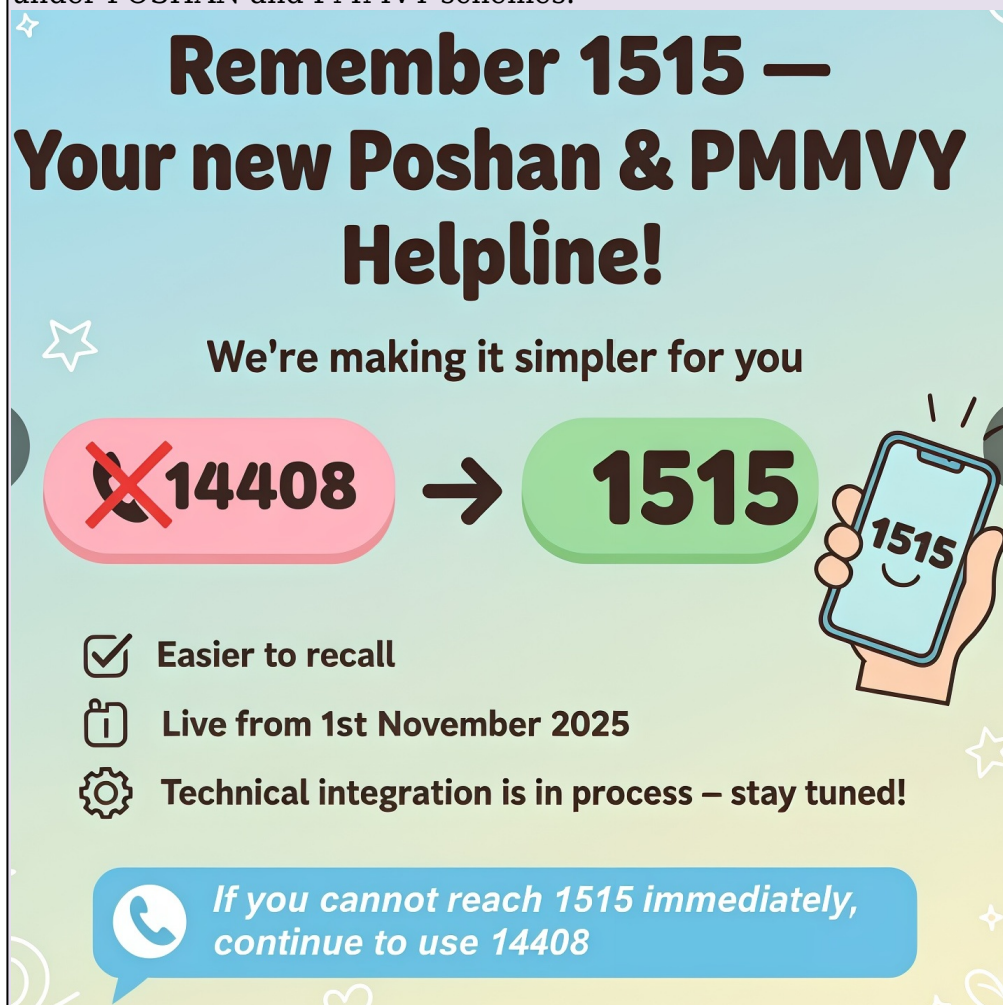
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Social Issues

New Helpline Number for POSHAN and PMMVY

- **Announced by** - Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- **New helpline number** - 1515, will be live from 1st November 2025, replacing the existing number 14408.
- **Aim** - To simplify recall and improve accessibility for beneficiaries seeking assistance under POSHAN and PMMVY schemes.



**Remember 1515 —
Your new Poshan & PMMVY
Helpline!**

☆ We're making it simpler for you

 **14408** → **1515** 

- ✓ Easier to recall
- 📅 Live from 1st November 2025
- ⚙️ Technical integration is in process – stay tuned!

 *If you cannot reach 1515 immediately,
continue to use 14408*

Polity & Governance

National Workshop on NAKSHA programme for District Collectors

- **Organised by** - Department of Land Resources (DoLR), with LBSNAA's B N Yugandhar Centre for Rural Studies (BNYCRS).
- **Aim** - To build administrative and technical readiness for the NAKSHA (National geospatial Knowledge-based land Survey of urban Habitations) programme's nationwide rollout.
- **Key highlights** -
 - Comprehensive overview of NAKSHA's workflow and ground-truthing.
 - Technical training on GIS and modern survey techniques.
 - Practical insights on data acquisition.
 - Discussions on the administrative and legal implementation framework.

Security

ICGS Ajit and ICGS Aparajit

- These vessels are the 7th and 8th in a series of 8 indigenously built Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs).
- **Constructed by** - Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).
- **Features** - Equipped with Controllable Pitch Propellers (CPP) the 1st of their kind in this class in India, offering superior manoeuvrability and propulsion efficiency.
- **Role** - The multi-mission roles including fisheries protection, coastal patrol, anti-smuggling, anti-piracy and search & rescue operations.
- **Aim** - To enhance the nation's coastal surveillance and response capabilities.

Project Arunank (BRO)

Project Arunank of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated its 18th Raising Day at Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh.

- **Launched in** - 2008.
- **Constructed & maintained over** - 696 km of roads and 1.18 km of major bridges.
- It provides vital connectivity to remote valleys & forward areas of Arunachal Pradesh while meeting the operational requirements of the Armed Forces.
- **Achievements** - Completion of the 278 km Hapoli-Sarli-Huri Road, blacktopped for the first time since Independence.
- **Adoption of** - Innovative and sustainable technologies such as Steel Slag, Cut-and-Cover Tunnels, Geo Cells, Plastic Sheets, GGBFS Concrete and Gabion Walls, enhancing the durability and environmental sustainability of road infrastructure in the region.
- **Green initiative** - 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam,' 23,850 trees were planted across Arunachal Pradesh, reflecting BRO's commitment to environmental conservation.

18th Joint Hydrographic Survey

INS Sutlej completes hydrographic survey at Mauritius.

- **Conducted under MoU between** - India and Mauritius.
- **Coverage** - Approximately 35,000 square nautical miles.
- **Aim** - To contribute to marine charting, coastal regulation, resource management, and long-term environmental planning, thereby supporting Mauritius' Blue Economy goals.
- **Significance** - It aligns with the vision of MAHASAGAR - Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across the Regions.
- **Other activities** - It carried out joint EEZ surveillance and anti-piracy patrols with the Mauritius National Coast Guard, strengthening regional maritime security.

IKSHAK

- It is an *Indian Navy's indigenously built 3rd Survey Vessel (Large)*.
- **Ikshak, meaning** - '*The Guide*', aptly symbolises her mission to chart the unknown, ensure safe passage for mariners, and strengthen India's maritime power.
- **Built by** - Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd, Kolkata, under the supervision of the Directorate of Ship Production and the Warship Overseeing Team (Kolkata),
- **Indigenous content** - *Over 80%* which reflects the spirit and strength of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- **Primary role** - Hydrographic survey operations.
- **Designed with** - Dual-role capability, serving as a *Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) platform*, and as a Hospital Ship during emergencies.
- **Inclusive fleet** - It is the 1st SVL ship with dedicated accommodation for women, reflecting the Indian Navy's inclusive and progressive approach towards a future-ready fleet.

Places in News

Failaka Island, Kuwait

An archaeological team has unearthed a 4,000-year-old temple of the Bronze Age [Dilmun Civilisation](#) on Failaka Island.

- **2nd Dilmun temple** - Discovered at the same site, indicating two temples built successively *between 1900-1800 BCE*, a rare architectural phenomenon.
- **Excavation states** - The complete temple layout, stone foundations, multi-room structures, and a central chamber *resembling ritual sites in Bahrain and Eastern Arabia*.
- **Artefacts** - Pottery sherds, seals and seal impressions, beads, and carved fragments.

Miscellaneous

Display Monthly and Annual Pass Information at Toll Plazas

NHAI has issued directions to field offices to display pass information.

- Display detailed information about these passes at *all fee plazas on National Highways* that come under NHAI jurisdiction.
- **Displayed on** - Signage boards at visible locations, including fee plaza approaches, customer service areas, and entry/exit points.
- **Languages** - English, Hindi, and/or local regional language.
- **Aim** - To ensure that users are well-informed about the availability, rates, and procedures for availing of the Local Monthly Pass and Annual Pass facility.

Local Monthly Pass

- **Available for** - Private vehicles residing within *20 km (or as applicable) radius of a fee plaza*.
- **Required documents include** - Aadhar card, Vehicle Registration Certificate and proof of residential address etc. also listed at all Fee Plazas.
- **Issued at** - Fee Plaza helpdesk after verification of documents.

Infantry Day

- It is also known as *Shaurya Diwas*, with a solemn Wreath Laying Ceremony at the National War Memorial, New Delhi, paying tribute to the valour, sacrifice and indomitable spirit of the Infantry.
- **Annually observed on** - 27th October.
- **Nation's history** - On this day in 1947, Infantrymen of the Indian Army were the 1st troops to land at Srinagar airport.



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