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## POK will say 'main bhi Bharat hoon' one day: Rajnath Singh in Morocco

**Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the Indian diaspora in Morocco and asserted that POK will one day voluntarily integrate with India.**

**New Delhi.(Agency)**

In a powerful statement during an interaction with the Indian diaspora in Morocco, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reaffirmed India's stance on Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK), declaring that the region would one day voluntarily proclaim its integration with India, saying, "Main bhi Bharat

hoon." (I am also India)

Speaking to a packed gathering of Indian expatriates in Rabat, Singh said, "POK will be ours on its own. Demands have already started surfacing there, you must have heard the slogans. Five years ago, while addressing the Indian Army in Kashmir, I had said we won't need to attack or capture POK. It will itself say, 'Main bhi Bharat hoon.' That day will come."

The Defence Minister also highlighted India's restrained and calibrated response during Operation Sindoor, which followed a recent terrorist attack on civilians in Pahalgam. Singh emphasised that the Indian Armed Forces had been given full operational freedom to respond, but chose a course of measured retaliation.

"We did not look at anyone's religion before responding. We looked at their actions," Singh remarked, quoting the Ramcharitmanas, "Humne dharm dekh

kar nahi, karm dekh kar maara hai." (We have killed not based on religion but based on deeds).

The Indian community in Morocco lauded the Armed Forces' precision and resolve during the operation. Singh assured them that India's response had been designed to avoid escalation while ensuring justice for the victims.

In a wide-ranging address, Singh also touched upon India's remarkable economic and strategic rise under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He cited India's leap from the 11th to the

4th largest economy globally and its expected entry into the top three in the near future. Singh also underscored the boom in India's digital and startup sectors, from just 18 unicorns a decade ago to over 118 today.

"Our defence industry has crossed Rs 1.5 lakh crore in production and recorded exports worth over Rs 23,000 crore to more than 100 countries," Singh praised the Indian community abroad for their "hard work, honesty, and strength of character," describing them as global ambassadors of Indian values. He invoked Swami Vivekananda's words at the Parliament of World's Religions to underline that character is the defining trait in Indian culture.

Members of the diaspora, in turn, expressed pride in India's growing global influence, built on solid economic foundations, a robust defence posture, and principled diplomacy.

## Fadnavis Calls Rahul Gandhi 'Urban Naxal', Then What About India's Foreign Policy Leaning Towards 'Maoism', Asks Shiv Sena (UBT)

**New Delhi. (Agency)**

Shiv Sena (UBT) on Monday lashed out at Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis for branding Rahul Gandhi an "Urban Naxal," accusing him of speaking in a confused tone and using the term to silence dissent. In an editorial in party mouthpiece Saamana, the Thackeray camp said Fadnavis' remarks came after Gandhi accused the electoral system of corruption and vote-rigging, citing how Nepal's youth rose to overthrow a corrupt regime to save democracy.

"Fadnavis' statements clearly show a confused mindset. If Gandhi is an urban Naxal, what should be said about India's current foreign policy leaning towards 'Maoism'?" asked the Thackeray camp in the editorial.

Shiv Sena (UBT) expressed serious concern that the Constitution and democracy are under threat under the BJP-led government at the Centre, as those who speak out on the issues are branded as 'urban Naxals', which makes people afraid to speak out due to fear and intimidation.

It took a dig at the BJP, Modi, and Fadnavis, who were never part of the freedom struggle. "Had they been, they would have labeled the Quit India movement and the Non-Cooperation Movement as 'Urban Naxal' campaigns."

"Mao's country is China, where Mao's influence still prevails. If it is true that China is still guided by Mao's ideas, then why is Prime Minister Modi joining hands with Mao's China after President Trump's criticism? Will Prime Minister Modi also call Foreign Minister Jaishankar a Maoist and Urban Naxal for engaging with China?" asked the Thackeray camp.

## Social Welfare Minister Invites Delhiites to the First Grand 'Sanatan Sanskaram Ramleela Utsav'

**The Sikh Times Sourabh Sharma**

**New Delhi: 22 September 2025**

Delhi's Minister for Social Welfare and Chairperson of the Ramleela Committee, Ravinder Indraj Singh, has extended a warm invitation to the people of Delhi for the first grand "Sanatan Sanskaram Ramleela Utsav."

This spectacular event will take place from 22 September to 2 October 2025 at the DDA Ramleela Ground, Sector-23, Rohini. The Minister has also sent formal invitations to Union Ministers, the Lieutenant Governor, the Chief Minister, Ministers of the Delhi Government, Members of Parliament, MLAs, and senior party leaders to witness and participate in the celebrations. Sharing details of the event, the Cabinet Minister said the Ramleela's theme is "From Tradition to

Future," an effort to connect the younger generation with religion, culture, and values, while helping them experience the pride of their divine heritage. The



celebration will conclude with an eco-friendly Dussehra, conveying the message of environmental conservation and a greener Delhi.

Ravinder Indraj Singh emphasized that the

event will also promote important social messages such as a drug-free society and the vision of a Developed Delhi during the "Seva Pakhwada." Campaigns on

Vocal for Local, Swadeshi products, cleanliness, water conservation, and Green Delhi will also be widely highlighted.

Organizers shared that more than 100 artists will perform on a grand 150 x 60 ft. stage, featuring state-of-the-art lighting, LED screens, and modern stage technology for a magnificent presentation of the Ramkatha. Special attractions include the Ram Baraat, Maharas Night, and the Shyam Baba Shringar Jhanki on 25 September. Singer Shibani Kashyap will enthrall the audience with a soulful performance during Dandiya Night.

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## Bihar Polls: Congress To Hold CWC Meet In Patna On September 24; To Discuss Alleged 'Vote Chori', Rising Crime Rate

**Multiple leaders, including party president Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi, state party president Rajesh Ram, party's Bihar in-charge Krishna Allavaru, state's Legislative Party leader Shakeel Ahmed Khan among others are likely to attend the meeting.**

**Patna. (Agency)**

The Congress party is set to hold its working committee meeting in poll-bound Bihar on September 24 (Wednesday). The party will hold the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting at Sadaqat Ashram, their state party headquarters in Patna. Multiple leaders, including party president Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi, state party president Rajesh Ram, party's Bihar in-charge Krishna Allavaru, state's Legislative Party leader Shakeel Ahmed Khan among others are likely to attend the meeting. The party's state in-charge, Krishna Allavaru informed of the CWC meet in a press conference on Monday, while highlighting that the party is set to discuss multiple issues, including alleged 'vote chori' (vote theft) and others such as increasing crime, unemployment, inflation which is plaguing the state.

"Congress will definitely talk about Bihar in Bihar, but also will talk about the nation in the state. There are many issues to be addressed in

Bihar, unemployment, inflation, increasing crime, crimes against women, also the ceasefire or surrender in front of Trump," he said. While taking a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said that the PM is "not interested" in finding solutions to the people's



problem. "Congress working Committee will discuss these issues in Bihar. Modi is not interested in finding solutions to these problems even after 11 years, people should understand. Modi ji is like the student who does not believe in getting marks through studying, and working hard."

## GST Reforms Will Serve As Catalyst, Give New Impetus To Indian Economy: CM Yogi

**Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who was in Gorakhpur, met with local traders to mark the rollout of the reform. Earlier in the day, he also held a Janata Darbar to listen to public grievances.**

**Gorakhpur.(Agency)**

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday hailed the implementation of the next-generation Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms, saying the move will boost investors' confidence and allow the citizens to celebrate the festive season with greater enthusiasm and joy. The Chief Minister, who was in Gorakhpur, met with local traders to mark the rollout of the reform. Earlier in the day, he also held a Janata Darbar to listen to public grievances. Speaking to reporters, he said, "Today is the first day of Shardiya Navratri. The first form of Goddess Durga, Shailputri, is associated with the worship rituals of Sanatan Dharma followers across the country. The Kalash Sthapana ceremony for Shardiya Navratri is being held. And on this occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a Diwali gift to the entire nation." Highlighting the changes that it will bring, CM Yogi said, "By implementing the biggest reform in GST so far, the GST rate on general consumer goods has been reduced from 18 per cent and 12 per cent to 5 per cent or 0 per cent."

He added that farmers and students will also benefit. Additionally, he said that a "significant relief" has also been given for the medicines. "The GST rate for farmers, who feed the nation, has been reduced to 5 per cent or 0 per cent. GST on student teaching materials has been reduced from 12 per cent to 0 per cent," he said. Calling the reform a catalyst for growth, the Chief Minister stated, "The reform will give a new impetus to the Indian economy. The average consumer will celebrate festivals and celebrations with joy and enthusiasm. Their purchasing power will increase."



## May This Navratri Bring New Strength, Faith: PM Modi

**New Delhi.(Agency)**

On the auspicious first day of Shardiya Navratri, Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended warm wishes to the nation and invoked themes of devotion and determination.

Taking to the social media platform X, the Prime Minister wrote: "Infinite Navratri greetings to all of you. May this sacred festival, filled with devotion, courage, restraint, and determination, bring new strength and new faith into everyone's life. Jai Mata Di!" Acknowledging the religious significance of the first day of Navratri, dedicated to Maa Shailputri, he added, "Today, during Navratri, is the special day for the worship and

rituals of Mother Shailputri. My wish is that, with the Mother's affection and blessings, everyone's life may be filled with good fortune and good health."

The Prime Minister also celebrated the spiritual and musical essence of the festival. In a separate post, he shared a bhajan by the legendary Pandit Jasraj, inviting people to share their own devotional music: "Navratri is about pure devotion. So many people have encapsulated this devotion through music. Sharing one such soulful rendition by Pandit Jasraj ji. If you have sung a Bhajan or have a favourite one, please share it with me. I will be posting some of them in the



coming days!"

Significantly, this year's Navratri coincides with the rollout of GST 2.0, a major tax reform aimed at simplifying India's indirect tax system and reducing prices on over 375 goods and services. Tying the spiritual with the economic, PM Modi wrote in another post: "This time, this auspicious

occasion of Navratri is very special. Along with the GST Savings Festival, the mantra of Swadeshi is going to receive new energy during this period. Let us come together in collective efforts for the fulfillment of the resolve for a developed and self-reliant India." Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also took to social media to extend Navratri greetings. "Heartfelt greetings to all of you on the sacred occasion of Shardiya Navratri. May Mother Durga's blessings infuse strength, devotion, and prosperity into our lives. Through her grace, may India, touching new heights of self-reliance, progress, and well-being, become a guiding light for peace and welfare," he wrote in a post.

## Delhi CM Rekha Gupta Lays Foundation Stone of State-of-the-Art Multi-Level Electric Bus Depot

**The Sikh Times Simmi Kaur Babbar**

**New Delhi, 22nd Sept, 2025:** In a landmark step towards modernising Delhi's transport infrastructure, Chief Minister of Delhi, Rekha Gupta, yesterday laid the foundation stone of the Multi-Level Electric Bus Depot of Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) at Hari Nagar. The ceremony was held as part of the ongoing 'Sewa Pakhwada 2025', commemorating the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The event was graced by Transport Minister Dr. Pankaj Kumar Singh and Cabinet Minister Ashish Sood.

Speaking on the occasion, CM Rekha Gupta hailed the project as a "milestone in DTC's history" and noted that the depot will redefine



working conditions for DTC employees while providing world-class facilities for commuters.

"Delhi is witnessing the dawn of a new era in public transport. With this depot, capable of housing around 400 e-buses and equipped with state-of-the-art charging infrastructure, our government reaffirms its commitment to clean, efficient, and sustainable mobility. This project is not just a bus depot—it is the foundation of a greener, more efficient Delhi," the CM said. The CM underlined that the facility is being developed as a financially self-sustainable model. Around 2 lakh sq. ft. of retail and commercial space will be integrated into the complex, generating revenue to offset project expenses.

Additional features include 324 car parking slots, 104 two-wheeler spaces in the basement, 26,257 sq. ft. for DTC offices and dormitories, and a modern commercial hub comprising malls and office space. [front continued news page 02](#)



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### Cargo hub set to open along with Noida airport on Oct 30

**Noida.(Agency)**

The cargo hub at Noida International Airport is set to be launched on the same day that the passenger terminal is thrown open – Oct 30.

Officials said the AISATS multi-modal cargo hub, spread over 87 acres within NIA premises, will provide thousands of jobs and position the region as a major logistics gateway. Union civil aviation minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu last week confirmed at an event in Ghaziabad that commercial flights from Jewar will begin within 45 days of the inauguration, connecting at least 10 cities including Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Kolkata in the first phase. "Apart from passenger operations, there is also significant potential for cargo flights," he said. The facility will handle 2.5 lakh metric tonnes of cargo annually in its initial phase, managing everything from perishables and pharmaceuticals to e-commerce shipments and general freight. "Our focus is to ensure that when the airport begins commercial operations, the integrated cargo terminal will be fully equipped to handle international and domestic freight seamlessly," said Ramanathan Rajamani, chief executive of AISATS. The hub's modular design allows for expansion. Infrastructure includes a dedicated Coolport for perishables and pharmaceuticals, an express courier terminal, bonded warehousing facilities, build-up facilities, and an e-commerce logistics park with a modern trucking centre.

Recruitment drives are already underway. "While there is no formal quota system, AISATS places strong emphasis on engaging local talent wherever feasible. Recruitment drives have already been launched across UP, and we are keen on identifying candidates from Jewar and nearby districts," Rajamani said.

### 'I have killed my wife': UP man slits wife's throat in front of kids, calls cops to confess

**Ghaziabad.(Agency)**

A 36-year-old man killed his wife in front of their two young children by slitting her throat, then called police to confess his crime. Kishan Sharma — a daily wageer originally from Bulandshahr — had been living with his wife Chanchal (32) and their two children — aged six and seven years — in a rented one-room house in Dadri since their marriage in 2016. According to police, Kishan's growing suspicion about Chanchal's alleged relationship with another man had led to frequent arguments and tension in the household.

The situation escalated early on Sunday morning.

Around 5am, after another heated argument between the couple, Kishan's anger reached a breaking point. In a fit of rage, he allegedly attacked Chanchal with a kitchen knife, fatally slitting her throat and inflicting multiple cuts on the shoulder. The horrific act unfolded in front of their children, who were left traumatised.

Immediately after the murder, Kishan dialled the police emergency helpline 112 and calmly informed cops about the crime. "I have killed my wife and am sitting with her body and my children," a police official quoted him as saying over the phone. When a team from Dadri police station rushed to Kishan's house, they found him sitting beside his wife's body and the children standing at a distance. Arvind Kumar, the SHO of Dadri police station, confirmed that Kishan confessed to the crime as soon as cops arrived.

The children, visibly shaken, told police that their father had beaten their mother during the altercation. Investigations revealed that Kishan had previously confronted Chanchal about her interactions with another man, which had led to tension in their marriage. A murder case was registered against Kishan under Section 103 of the BNS at Dadri police station.

### Man handed 7 year jail in sextortion-suicide case

**Noida. (Agency)**

A fast-track court, presided over by additional sessions judge Priyanka Singh on Saturday sentenced a Jaipur resident to seven years in jail along with a Rs 20,000 fine in the Greater Noida sextortion-suicide case. Amit Burman was declared guilty under Section 306 IPC (abetment of suicide) and Section 420 read with Section 120B of the IPC (criminal conspiracy for cheating). However, the court acquitted Sanjeev Badotia, the second accused, giving him the benefit of the doubt.

The case dates back to March 23, 2024, when a law student committed suicide after being trapped in an



online extortion scheme. The student's mother first filed an FIR after finding a suicide note. The body was discovered in a nearby drain the same day.

The man in his suicide note mentioned Burman's name. He said that he was trapped in the extortion scheme through a WhatsApp video call, following which he received a series of calls threatening to circulate videos on social media. After transferring Rs 22,600 through three transactions using his UPI, he stated that he was unable to meet further demands.

The prosecution presented nine witnesses and declared two other accused, Taufik and Priya Agarwal, absconders. The court, however, agreed that the second accused, Sanjeev's role in the conspiracy or abetting suicide was not established by the prosecution.

# Namo Yuva Run unites thousands in push for health, drug-free future in Gurgaon

**Gurgaon.(Agency)**

A wave of energy surged through streets in the city as over 10,000 youngsters gathered for 'Namo Yuva Run' on Sunday. The marathon, starting from Leisure Valley Park, was more than just a race; it was a stride towards a drug-free society.

The event was flagged off by Union minister for power, housing and urban affairs Manohar Lal Khattar in the presence of several dignitaries, including Haryana industries and commerce minister Rao Narbir Singh, minister of state for youth empowerment and entrepreneurship Gaurav Gautam, Sohna MLA Tejpal Tanwar and Gurgaon MLA Mukesh Sharma.

Talking to participants, Manohar Lal Khattar urged the youth to take the lead in building a drug-free society. He said addiction undermines an individual's potential and weakens the social fabric. He encouraged young people to prioritise education, sports and skill development, emphasising that doing so would not only secure their own future

but also contribute to the nation's progress.

He noted that nearly 65% of India's population comprises youth, which is its greatest strength, and



their role is crucial in shaping the country's future.

The minister also highlighted the importance of good

health and discipline, advocating the integration of yoga into daily life. Citing Swami Vivekananda's words — "Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached" — he urged the youth to remain focused and determined. He also spoke about the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, encouraging all sections of society to support the cleanliness campaign initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Rao Narbir Singh stated that the marathon is part of a nationwide campaign being held from Sept 17 to Oct 2 to mark the PM's birthday. The campaign features blood donation camps, health check-ups, plantation drives, cleanliness initiatives and sports events. He emphasised that development should be aligned with public health, environmental protection and moral responsibility. Gaurav Gautam said the run instils values such as discipline, endurance and unity. He encouraged young people to support initiatives like Digital India, Skill India and Fit India, and to adopt the 'vocal for local' approach in contributing to a self-reliant India.

## Crumbling walls to garbage mounds, Gurgaon's Sector 47 community hall in a shambles

**Gurgaon.(Agency)**

The community centre in Sector 47 has fallen into disrepair, with paint peeling off the walls, broken fixtures, and impounded street carts piling up in its backyard. The place, which was meant to be a hub for residents' gatherings and social events, is now barely usable.

Residents have flagged neglect from MCG's end. According to the RWA, MCG was supposed to release Rs 25,000 per month for the centre's upkeep. However, no funds were allotted since March 2022, leaving the association to dip into its own limited resources to manage expenses like the caretaker's salary and minor repairs. Even those efforts came to a halt since April this year, residents said.

"The last coat of paint was done in 2021. Since then, the centre has been left to decay. Despite multiple reminders, MCG has not released even a single rupee for over three years," said Virender Tyagi, president of the Sector 47 RWA.

RWA members said they could no longer shoulder the burden of funding the centre's maintenance without support from MCG. "We paid for minor repair work, and even the caretaker's wages for as long as we could. But RWAs have



limited resources, and the MCG has completely shrugged its responsibility," said Prateek Jain, general secretary of the RWA.

"The community centre is now filled with seized street carts and confiscated items. On top of that, rodents have taken over the premises, making the place unhygienic and unsafe. We raised the matter with

MCG officials and even approached our area councillor to help us out," added Tyagi. When contacted, Vijay Dhaka, chief engineer at MCG, said he was not aware of the situation. "The matter has not come to my knowledge so far. However, I will get it checked immediately and ensure that the needful is done," he said.

## 87-year-old woman killed in road accident in Gurgaon Sector 54

**Noida. (Agency)**

An 87-year-old woman died after being struck by a speeding vehicle while crossing the road in Sector 54 on Sunday morning.

Police identified the victim as Sarjana, a native of Nadia district in West Bengal. She had been working as a domestic help and was living with her family in the Bengali jhuggi settlement in Sector 53.

According to officials, the incident took place around 10.30am. Sarjana was reportedly walking from the La Lagune society in Sector 54 towards Saraswati Kunj when she was hit by the vehicle. "A speeding car struck her while she was crossing the road. The impact was such

that she died on the spot," an officer said.

Eyewitnesses alerted the emergency helpline number 112, following which a police team arrived at the scene. "When officers reached the spot, they found the woman lying in a pool of blood. Her identity could not be confirmed immediately, but was established later in the day," the officer added.

The victim's family was informed after identification, police said, adding that they are expected to file a formal complaint. A case will be registered at the Sector 53 police station once the complaint is received, they said.

Meanwhile, the vehicle and driver involved remain unidentified. Authorities are

reviewing CCTV footage from nearby areas to trace the car. "We are checking cameras installed at adjoining societies and along the road to determine the vehicle's make, registration number and route. Efforts are underway to identify and locate the driver," the officer said. Police added that the post-mortem will be conducted after the family files the complaint and further investigation will follow accordingly.

According to one of Sarjana's relatives, she had been working in the area for several years to support her household. "We only found out in the afternoon. She had left for work in the morning but never came back," the family member said.

## Broken road, dust bowl, crawling traffic: Why this Gurgaon junction is a nightmare

**Ghaziabad. (Agency)**

Gurgaon: At Dadi Sati Chowk in the new sectors, commuters don't just battle traffic; they choke on dust, navigate around broken patches, and crawl through jams.

The junction, a crucial link that caters to traffic from Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway, Dwarka Expressway, Manesar, and Pataudi Road, has deteriorated into one of the most chaotic stretches in the area.

With eroded asphalt, a broken manhole, and the absence of slip roads near Sector 85, this intersection has become a major bottleneck. The adjoining Sector 84 junction paints a similar picture. Its broken and uneven surface adds to the daily ordeal, with traffic piling up during rush hours. Clouds of dust rising from the patchy roads add to the ordeal. What makes the situation worse, residents point out, is that repairs were half-hearted. "The GMDA laid a fresh bituminous surface before the monsoon, but they left nearly 30 metres of the patch unattended. That stretch is now a nightmare, and every day, jams and dust storms slow down thousands of vehicles," said Vikrant Srivastava, a resident of SS Leaf. Commuters travelling to the office say they are the worst hit. "Crossing the Dadi Sati Chowk and Sector 84 junction has become unbearable. It takes us 20–30 minutes just to move a few hundred metres. The dust levels are so high that even with windows rolled up, it feels suffocating. It looks like no one is accountable for this mess," said Nitin Salian of New Town Heights 90.

For those living nearby, the poor surface and lack of slip roads mean traffic snarls don't spare them even outside rush hours. "Sometimes, even late in the evening, jams stretch back all the

way to Dwarka Expressway. I live barely 3 km from the Dwarka Expressway, but on many days, it takes 30–45 minutes to get home. With no slip road, both straight-moving vehicles and those turning left toward Sectors 81 and 82 are stuck at the signal. When the light turns green, at least 50 vehicles can pass, but due to the high traffic volume and poor roundabout design, barely 10 get through. The heavy movement of trolleys and trucks to and from Manesar only makes matters worse," said Vivek Prakash, a resident of Sector 86.

Adding to the woes is the slip road near the Pataudi Road junction, which remains prone to waterlogging and is lying damaged. In the absence of timely repairs, locals have tried to fill the craters

with soil and debris, but that has increased dust pollution. Residents fear the conditions will worsen in the coming months unless the authorities carry out comprehensive resurfacing and construct proper slip roads. "The constant exposure to dust and traffic congestion has also become a health hazard. As winter is approaching, the civic authority now needs to expedite the

resurfacing of roads in new sectors; otherwise, GRAP restrictions will be imposed," said Praveen Malik, RWA President of Rising Homes.

"A slip road along the stretch could not be constructed due to litigation. However, efforts are being made to find a resolution. Moreover, we are also preparing to construct a flyover at Dadi Sati Chowk to ease congestion. The tender for the project will be floated soon. In the meantime, any patch repairs required will be taken up.

We have intensified efforts as the weather has now become conducive for bituminous work," a GMDA official said..



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### Delhi CM Rekha Gupta Lays Foundation Stone of State-of-the-Art Multi-Level Electric Bus Depot

She further highlighted the project's green credentials. The depot will install a 500 KW rooftop solar power plant, a 170 KLD sewage treatment plant, and a rainwater harvesting system to recharge groundwater. Energy-efficient aluminium louvers will maximize natural light and ventilation, while LED panels will enhance the façade. Designed to achieve a GRIHA 3-star rating, the facility will stand as a benchmark for sustainable infrastructure in the capital.

The CM acknowledged challenges faced by DTC employees during the transition to electric buses, including pension and employment-related concerns, and assured that the government is working on long-term solutions. Referring to the Shadipur Depot project, she announced that residential colonies are being developed to provide housing for DTC families, ensuring better living conditions for employees.

She also drew a sharp contrast with the previous government, which she said left DTC in financial distress and neglected employee welfare.

The CM reiterated that the Delhi government is preparing to introduce a comprehensive people-centric Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy that will integrates e-buses, metro connectivity, and last-mile transport into a seamless system.

Hitting out at opposition, she said "Some leaders spend more time watching my speeches and gestures than focusing on Delhi's real problems. But our government is clear—we are here to solve issues, not to play politics.

"You may think I am a woman Chief Minister and try to mislead me, but through this platform, on the first day of Navratri, with the power of Maa Durga, I want to say—I am a daughter of Delhi. I am not afraid of anyone. The responsibility I have taken, to work for Delhi and serve the people of Delhi, no matter what happens, I will fulfill them—24/7, 365 days. I will see it through entirely," added the Chief Minister.

### Social Welfare Minister Invites Delhiites to the First Grand 'Sanatan Sanskaram Ramleela Utsav'

Conveying his best wishes to the organizers, Shri Ravinder Indraj Singh expressed confidence that this first Sanatan Sanskaram Ramleela will successfully spread the timeless traditions of Sanatan Dharma, India's ancient culture, and the ideals of Lord Shri Ram to people everywhere.

He appealed to the citizens of Delhi to join the Sanatan Sanskaram Ramleela Utsav with their families and be part of this unique confluence of Indian culture and social awareness.



# Court questions LOC against bizman within 5 days of FIR

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Saturday sought clarity from the police on how a look-out circular (LOC) was issued against businessman Samir Modi within just five days of the FIR being lodged in a rape case. Additional Sessions Judge Vipin Kharb, hearing initial arguments on Modi's bail application, asked the defence, "You are seeking bail while he is still in police custody?" The senior counsel appearing for Modi pressed the court to examine the timing of the LOC, arguing that such a step was unusually swift. "How can a look-out circular be issued in five days of an FIR?" counsel Ramesh Gupta submitted, urging the court to direct police to explain. The court observed that it too wanted to know how the LOC was sanctioned so quickly. Modi, brother of former IPL chairman Lalit Modi, had travelled to London on a return ticket and was detained upon his arrival at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport on September 18. The New Friends Colony police had issued the LOC days after registering the FIR on September 10, leading to his arrest on rape allegations. On September 19, the Saket court remanded him to police custody for two days and directed investigators to look into a counter-complaint he had filed alleging extortion by the complainant. The remand was subsequently extended by two more days, though the police had sought three. During Saturday's proceedings, which were recorded on camera at the request of the complainant's lawyer citing the sensitivity of the case, tensions rose over the procedure. Senior advocate Avi Singh, representing the complainant, argued that the matter should remain on camera to protect the victim's privacy. Gupta countered that hearings on bail were not ordinarily conducted behind closed doors, adding that the complainant's counsel had no standing to make such submissions.

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I, MAHANAND JHA son of SHIV BALLABH JHA Residing at H NO-14, BARAKHAMBRA ROAD, CONNAUGHT PLACE, DELHI-110011 declare that I have mislaid my original PROPERTY DOCUMENTS - General Power of Attorney on dated 01/01/2023 in CONNAUGHT PLACE DELHI. Finder may contact at:-Mob No-8700943948.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to public at large on behalf of my client, Mahesh Kumar in respect of Entire Second Floor, of Property bearing No. 334/A, admeasuring 100 sq. yards, out of Khalsa No. 600/92, Situated at Govindpur, Kalkaji, New Delhi claiming to have undisputed ownership. Now my client intends avail loan facility in which Piramal Finance Limited will provide the financial assistance if any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the said property may please contact us within Seven days from the date of this notice on the number & address mentioned herein below, failing which my client(s) shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, Neeeshu Kumar S/o Muni Raj R/o Nanda Block - K - 14, Front Side S/F - Nanda Block, Mahavir Enclave, Palam Village, South West Delhi - 110045, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Neeeshu Rohila in my minor son Ayush Kumar aged 14 year in his school records, the actual name of mine is NEEESHU KUMAR, respectively which may be amended accordingly.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, Minakshi W/o Amit Kumar R/o G - 84, KH No 32/19, Palam Extension, Sector 7, Dwarka, Bagdola, South West Delhi -110045, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Neeeshu Rohila in my minor son Ayush Kumar aged 14 year in his school records, the actual name of mine is MINAKSHI, respectively which may be amended accordingly.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, JOYA D/O HAMID, KHAN, O, Nekzan Danawza, Khanpur Gurtu, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh-245405 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as KM ZOYA in my 10th class educational documents, the actual name of my mine is JOYA which may be amended accordingly.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, Ashish S/o Anand R/o H No-4A, Block-A, Shiv Enclave, Nicholson, Kanan, Najafgarh, South West Delhi, Delhi-110043 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Anand Singh in my OBC Cast Certificate Numbered 9050000975003 issued on Date 01/02/2023. The actual name of my father is Anand.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, YASH GUPTA S/O ANIL KUMAR GUPTA R/O H NO 29, Sangam Vihar, Shakti Mod, Ghaziabad, P.O. Ghaziabad, Dist: Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201001 declare that name of my mother has been wrongly written as MEENU GUPTA in my 10th and 12th class educational documents. The actual name of my mother is NEELAM DEVI which may be amended accordingly.

## NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my client Smt. Sandhya W/o Sh. Manoj Kumar S/o Sh. Brahman Sawroop is the owner of Property bearing No. CB-28, area measuring 77.7 sq.yds., out of Khalsa No. 953/17, situated at Village Naraina, New Delhi vide Sale Deed dated 22/01/2004 executed by Sh. Manoj Kumar S/o Sh. Brahman Sawroop in favour of Smt. Sandhya w/o Sh. Manoj Kumar. In respect of property No. CB-28, area measuring 77.7 sq.yds., duly registered as Doc. No. 522 in Book No. 1, Volume No. 1244 on Pages 68 to .... on 22.01.2004 in SR-IX, New Delhi That Initially, Sh. Ram Chander was the owner of the said property as per revenue records. Who executed Notarized GPA dated 10/10/1980 in favour of Sh. Brahman Sawroop In respect of the said property. Who executed Notarized GPA dated 04/05/1987 in favour of Sh. Manoj Kumar S/o Sh. Brahman Sawroop in respect of the said property. Who sold Said Property vide Sale Deed dated 22/01/2004 to our above mentioned client who intends to mortgage said immovable property for bonafide requirements to Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited Whosoever is having any objection to the said mortgage or anyone has claim or right or interest in the property shall contact the undersigned with the objection within 07 days failing which it shall be presumed that there stands no objections. NEW DELHI  
DATE: 16/09/2025  
PRAGYA BHUSHAN ADVOCATE  
Enrl. No. D/721/02  
Office: L-27, G.F., Kailash Colony, New Delhi-48  
Mob.: 9968006418

## NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, Bedo W/o Late Hari Singh R/O, B-109, Masood Pur Village, South West Delhi - 110070, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as BEDO in my husband PPO NO. S2/2015/OCT/HORT/SAP/174 the actual name of mine is Ved Kaur, respectively which may be amended accordingly.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Mohammad Ayaz S/O Mohd Wasi R/O, H.No-1778, First Floor Kucha Dakhni Rai, Pataudi House, Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002 changed my name to Mohd Ayaz

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, AHMED HUSSAIN S/O MOHD NOOR, NIZAMI, R/O-276/A/554, BASTI HAZRAT, NIZAMUDDIN, NEW DELHI-110013, have changed the name of my minor son ARHAM HUSSAIN aged 16 years and he shall hereafter be known as MOHAMMED AFHAN HUSSAIN.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for General information that I was previously known as Tamanna D/O of Raj Kumar R/o, R/O, House No 617, Gali No 11, Village Kapashera, Near Veer Bazaar Kapashera, South West Delhi - 110037 and after undergoing Gender Transition therapy under the supervision of registered medical practitioner in Delhi, have change my gender as male, I henceforth be known as Tamnaya S/O of Raj Kumar R/O, House No 617, Gali No 11, Village Kapashera, Near Veer Bazaar Kapashera, South West Delhi - 110037 It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in the connection. The above statement made by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If any legal issue arise in this regards at any stage I will be personally responsible for the same and the department of publication will not be liable as for any consequences arising therefor.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, Pooja Sharma W/O: Rajiv Sharma R/O T-587 Gali NO-2 Vijay Marg Baljeet Nagar Patel Nagar P New Delhi Central Delhi Delhi-110008, declare that name of my husband and my minor daughter has been wrongly written as Rajiv and Yashika in my minor daughter namely Yashika Sharma aged 15 years in her school records. The actual name of my husband and my minor daughter are RAJIV SHARMA AND YASHIKA SHARMA which may be amended accordingly.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, Isha W/O JEEET SINGH R/O E-11, G/F, BLK-K Shiv Vihar, Niloti Extn, Nangoli West Delhi, Delhi - 110041, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Simranjeet Kaur in my husband passport on- X7702569. The Actual name of mine is Sarita, which may be amended accordingly.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, VISHAL son of Shri BABLOO, residing at S-114/4, Block-B, Bhawan Singh Camp, Vasant Vihar-1, P.O. Vasant Vihar-1, District: South West Delhi, Delhi-110057, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as BABLU in my 10th and 12th Class Educational Documents. The actual name of my father is BABLOO, which may be amended accordingly.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, DINESH KUMAR YADAV son of Shri BAJAJ YADAV residing at D-73, Krishna Park, Near Praveen Devi Mandir, Devoli Road, Decoli, P.O. Decoli, District: South West Delhi, Delhi-110062, declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as DINESH KUMAR YADAVA and VIJAJ YADAVA in my all Educational Documents and OBC Certificate bearing No. SI. No. 17/102/366. The actual name of mine and my father are DINESH KUMAR YADAV and BAJAJ YADAV respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

## Name change

I, GAURAV UPPAL son of Shri SUNIL UPPAL, residing at D-11/72, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed the name of my minor son RISHIT UPPAL aged 16 years and he shall hereafter be known as RISSHIT UPAL.

## ELIMINATION OF LEVEL CROSSING AB/33 AND AB/35

E-Tender Notice No.: 81/W-2/APDJ Dated: 18-09-2025. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No. 19-AP-11-02/25. Name of work: Elimination of level crossing AB/33 and AB/35 by providing parallel connecting road to AB/33-AB/34 and AB/35-AB/36 in New Coochbehar-Bamanhat section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/HQ/Alipurduar Jn. Tender Value: Tk.72,69,053.02/-, Earnest Money: Tk.36,400/-. Date & Time of closing of tender: 15:00 hrs. of 13-10-2025 & opening at 15.30 hrs. of 13-10-2025. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, ANJU GEHLOT W/O PRAVEEN KUMAR CHAUDHARY R/O House No. K-94, J.J. Colony Wazirpur, Ashok Vihar Delhi, Delhi-110052, declare that name of mine and my husband has been wrongly written as ANJU and PRAVEEN KUMAR in my minor son namely KARTIKAY CHAUDHARY aged 13 years in his school records. The actual name of mine and my husband are ANJU GEHLOT and PRAVEEN KUMAR CHAUDHARY respectively which may be amended accordingly.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Divya Wazir D/O Vijay Wazir W/O Udal Singh R/O Flat no P-33H1, ATS Greens Village, Sector 93A, NOIDA, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 201304 Have changed my name from Divya Wazir to Divya Singh for all future purposes

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, hitherto known as RIYA GOSWAMI wife of Shri PREETAM SINGH, residing at E-131, Vishwakarma Colony, M.B. Road, Lal Kuan, VTC: Jait Pur, PO: Jaitpur, District: South Delhi, Delhi-110044, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RITU SINGH.

## NAME CHANGE

I, NISHA W/O MOHAMMAD FAHEEM R/O H NO-7005/3, F/F, KH NO-29, GALI NO-24-A, MAIN ROAD, RAJIV GANDHI MARG, VIJAY PARK, MAJUPUR, R/O SEE-DAMPUR, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110053, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME YASMEEN KHATOON FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE

## NAME CHANGE

I, NO-15721335K Rank-NK Name-SAWANT RAMESH BALRAM residing at HNO-516, VPO-ALORE, TEHSIL-CHILPLIN, DIST-RATNAGIRI, MAHARASHTRA-415603, have changed my minor son's name from SAWANT SAMARTH RAMESH to SAMARTH RAMESH SAWANT for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 22/09/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

## NAME CHANGE

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## NAME CHANGE

I, SAHIL S/O RAVINDER KUMAR R/O P-1303, THE EDGE TOWER, RAMPRASHTHA CITY, SECTOR-370 GURGAON, HARYANA-122006 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SAHIL SHARMA FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE.

## NAME CHANGE

I, HEMA SETIA W/O RAJESH SETIA R/O A-168/1, GANESH NAGAR, TILAK NAGAR, WEST DELHI, DELHI 110018, I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM HEM LATA TO HEMA SETIA FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE.

## NAME CHANGE

I, MOHAMMAD SHEHZAD S/o Mohammad Jameed R/O Z-13, Z-Block, Welcome, Seelampur-3, Seelampur, Delhi-110083, have changed my name to SHAZAD permanently.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Gurpreet Kaur D/o Surinder Singh R/o B-125, Ground Floor, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064, have changed my name to Gurpreet Kaur Bajaj permanently

## NAME CHANGE

I, LAKSHYA SETHI S/O GAURAV SETHI resident of H NO-61-3RD FLOOR, POCKYAT, SEC-20 ROHINI, DELHI-110086, have changed my name to LAKSHYA SETHI for all future purposes.

## NAME CHANGE

I, ZULFIQAR ALI / ZOLFIQAR ALI S/O ABDUL WAHEED R/O H.NO-259 WARD NO-11, MOHALLA MIRDHO WALA DASNIA, GHAZIABAD UTTAR PRADESH-201302 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ZULFIQAR AHMAD FOR ALL PURPOSE

## NAME CHANGE

I, MEERA KUMARI w/o Adesh Pal R/O H.No.95 A, Block-D, Phase-2, Durga Vihar, Najafgarh, Delhi-110043, have changed my name to MEERA, permanently

## NAME CHANGE

I, DHARMENDRA KUMAR MISHRA S/O DIGVIJAY MISHRA R/O K-203, K-BLOCK, KALIBARI MARG, NEW DELHI-110001, have changed the name of my minor son SHAURYA MISHRA aged 14 years and he shall hereafter be known as SHAURYA KUMAR MISHRA. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in the connection

## NAME CHANGE

I, MOHD SHAHJAD son of MOHD SIKANDAR residing at H NO-D-143, GALI NO-1, SHRI RAM COLONY, KHAJODRI KHAS, KARAWAL NAGAR, DELHI-110044, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MOHD SHAZAD for all future purpose.

## NAME CHANGE

I, SAKSHI SHRIVASTAV W/o PANKAJ KUMAR, R/o F-24C, Dwarka Puri, Navsen, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed the name of my minor son ADITYA SHRI-VASTAV alias AADIT, aged 14 years and he shall hereafter be known as ADITYA SHRIVASTAV

## NAME CHANGE

I, hitherto known as NARAYAN alias RAMNARAYAN RAY son of Shri SHIV NANDAN residing at House No. H-29 C/5, Plot Pehladpur, P.O: Jatpur, District: South Delhi, Delhi-110044, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAM-NARAYAN RAY.

## NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, RUPA DEVI W/O TEJBHAN VISHWAKARMA R/O House No-17, Block-D, Swam Jayanti Vihar, Tikri Khurd, Narela, North West Delhi, Delhi-110040, declare that name of mine, my husband and my daughter has been wrongly written as ROOPA, TEJBHAN and PRIYANKA in my minor daughter namely PRIYANKA DEVI aged 16 year in her school records, the actual name of mine , my husband and my daughter are RUPA DEVI, TEJBHAN VISHWAKARMA and PRIYANKA DEVI respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

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NEWS BOX

### 30 killed as Pakistan Air Force bombs village in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

WORLD.(Agency)

At least 30 people, including women and children, were killed as the Pakistan Air Force reportedly dropped eight bombs on a village in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Monday.

According to reports, the LS-6 bombs were dropped from JF-17 fighter jets on the Pashtun-majority Matre Dara village around 2 am. As a result of the impact of the blast, a large part of the village was destroyed.

Meanwhile, reports have also said that several people were also injured. A confirmation on this was, however, awaited.



Local media said the air force were targeting Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) hideouts in the area. All the victims were civilians.

In recent days, Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa has witnessed several military actions against terrorists hiding in the mountainous province bordering Afghanistan. On Sunday, the army announced that seven TTP terrorists were killed during an intelligence-based operation in Dera Ismail Khan district. Of the seven victims, three were Afghan nationals and two suicide bombers, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the media wing of the army, said in a statement. On September 13-14, at least 31 TTP terrorists were killed in two separate engagements in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

### Ahmed al-Sharaa to become first Syrian leader to attend UN meetings since 1967

WORLD.(Agency)

For the first time in nearly six decades, a Syrian head of state is set to speak at the United Nations. President Ahmed al-Sharaa arrived in New York on Monday to attend the opening of the UN General Assembly's 80th session, marking Syria's return to the world stage after years of isolation and war.

Al-Sharaa's appearance carries heavy symbolism. No Syrian president has set foot in the General Assembly since 1967, before the Assad family seized control and ruled for more than half a century. That era ended last December, when Bashar Assad was toppled in a lightning insurgency led by al-Sharaa himself — a man whose past once placed him on Washington's most-wanted terrorist lists.

A former al-Qaida commander with a \$10 million US bounty on his head, al-Sharaa has undergone a dramatic transformation from militant leader to



international statesman. His breakthrough came in May, when President Donald Trump met him in Riyadh and extended US recognition. Washington followed with the lifting of most sanctions on Damascus, signaling a bet that al-Sharaa could stabilize a country shattered by 14 years of civil war.

Since taking power, he has pushed to normalize ties with Arab neighbors and Western capitals, trying to shake off concerns about his militant past. His old faction, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, remains officially listed as a terrorist group in the United States. Inside Syria, al-Sharaa has spoken of coexistence and reconciliation, though outbreaks of sectarian violence and allegations of atrocities by his fighters have complicated his narrative of reform.

### Pentagon demands approval for military news, raising press freedom concerns

World. (Agency)

The Trump administration has announced new regulations requiring journalists to agree not to disclose information about the US military unless it is approved for release by the Pentagon. This move, revealed in a Department of Defense memo, establishes the possibility of revoking press credentials for outlets that publish unauthorised sensitive material. The decision comes amid ongoing disputes between the White House and media organisations regarding press freedoms and government transparency.

PENTAGON ISSUES NEW GUIDELINES FOR MEDIAACCREDITATION

According to a memo released on Friday, news organisations operating at the Pentagon must acknowledge that disclosing, accessing, or attempting to access sensitive information without authorisation could result in their Pentagon press credentials being denied or revoked. The memo states that "DoW information must be approved for public release by an appropriate authorising official before it is released, even if it is unclassified," using the new Department of War designation ordered by President Trump, although this rebranding still requires Congressional approval.

POLICY IMPACT ON MILITARY REPORTING ANDPRESSACCESS

Media representatives losing credentials under these rules would be barred from all US military installations, including the Pentagon itself. Such restrictions have raised concerns about the ability of journalists to cover vital issues, from major Pentagon announcements to military operations and disaster relief efforts.

# Trump, Bagram and the nuclear missile fields of Western China

WORLD.(Agency)

In June, The Daily Telegraph reported how US spy chiefs feared President Donald Trump would reveal 'Midnight Hammer' plans to bomb Iran's nuclear sites on social media. On September 18, Trump was back at stoking his spy chiefs' fears. At a joint press conference with UK PM Keir Starmer at the end of a rapturous two-day visit to the UK, Trump let slip why he wanted the Bagram airbase back from the Taliban. "It's an hour away from where China makes its nuclear weapons."

That one throwaway statement might have been Trump doing some blue sky thinking, or it was something gleaned from the top-secret President's Daily Briefing (PDB), which he receives in bullet points. Trump's nuclear statement would have sparked paranoia in Beijing and hope in the eyes of the Taliban's reclusive supreme leader Mullah Hibatullah Akhundzada.

US agencies have flagged the rapid expansion in China's nuclear arsenal, currently estimated at around 500 bombs.

At the September 3 parade on Tiananmen Square, Xi Jinping revealed for the first time China's nuclear triad of air, sea and land-launched nuclear weapons.

Over the last decade, China has built vast intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) fields in its remote western regions. In 2021, the Federation of American Scientists revealed at least 250 ICBM silos in Yumen (Gansu), Hami (Xinjiang), and Yulin (Inner Mongolia). They're called 'fields' because these silos are located in clusters of over 100 missiles each.

Each silo, an 80-foot deep reinforced steel and concrete tube loaded with an ICBM like the Dong Feng-41 which has a range of over 12,000 kilometres, is capable of delivering thermonuclear warheads to most parts of the United States. These massive construction projects, part of China's largest-ever nuclear expansion, have significantly increased China's silo-based

nuclear arsenal and provide secure bases for its growing number of nuclear-capable land-based missiles.

BAGRAMAIRBASE

These land bases are thousands of kilometres



away from the sea, and hence, secure from a sea-based nuclear strike by the US. That's where Afghanistan's Bagram airbase comes in. Bagram airbase was built by the Soviet Union in the 1950s and expanded by them in 1976.

It was the focal point of the Soviet invasion of

Afghanistan between 1979-1988 and the two-decade-long US war on terror inside Afghanistan between 2001 and 2021. Fighter aircraft flying from Bagram can cover all the countries of the region, Iran,

Pakistan, India, the five Central Asian countries and Western China. The United States's interest in China's missile and nuclear weapons test facilities is not new. In the late 1960s, the CIA and Intelligence Bureau mountaineers planted listening devices atop the 7,816-metre high Nanda Devi located in present-day Uttarakhand.

The US-built nuclear-cell powered radio listening device had a clear line of sight to the Chinese missile and nuclear weapons test facility in Lop Nur, Western China. The transmitter was meant to pick up Chinese missile telemetry data. Both India and the US wanted to assess the state of the nascent Chinese Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) programme.

## Hong Kong airport may shut for 36 hours as super typhoon Ragasa approaches

A spokesperson for Airport Authority Hong Kong said it is closely monitoring the developments regarding Ragasa and has commenced preparations to deal with the super typhoon.

WORLD.(Agency)

Hong Kong International Airport is planning to suspend all passenger flights for 36 hours as the Asian financial hub prepares for one of its strongest super typhoons in years, Bloomberg News reported on Monday, citing people familiar with the matter.

Airport and aviation officials are set to stop all flights from as early as 6 pm (1000 GMT) on Tuesday till 6 am on Thursday as Super Typhoon Ragasa advances, the report added.

A spokesperson for Airport Authority Hong Kong said it is closely monitoring the developments regarding Ragasa and has commenced preparations to deal with the super typhoon.

An official announcement is expected to happen on Monday and the Hong Kong Observatory plans to hoist its first precautionary signal for the storm



around noon, according to the report.

The Civil Aviation Department did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment.

The Philippines suspended work and

classes across Metro Manila and large parts of the country on Monday as Ragasa moved toward northern Luzon, threatening destructive winds and heavy rain.

## Trump admin linking paracetamol use in pregnancy to autism in kids

WORLD.(Agency)

The Trump administration is expected to announce a link between the use of the popular medicine paracetamol by pregnant women and the risk of autism, according to reports in The Washington Post and Politico. The Post report also said that medical guidelines showed that paracetamol is safe for use in pregnancy.

Paracetamol is an over-the-counter (OTC) analgesic and pain medication whose active ingredient is known as acetaminophen. It is also known as Tylenol.

"President Donald Trump plans to announce that using Tylenol during pregnancy could contribute to autism risk and will advise pregnant women only to use it, or generic acetaminophen, for high fevers," Politico reported, quoting two Trump administration officials.

On Friday, Trump said that autism was "totally out of control" in the US,

adding, "I think we, maybe, have a reason why."

Until now, medical guidelines have held that Tylenol, known as acetaminophen in the US and paracetamol elsewhere, is safe for use during pregnancy.

Trump indicated that such an announcement could come during the memorial for conservative activist Charlie Kirk on Sunday.

"On Saturday, he said this announcement would be one of the most important things that we will do."bThe Wall Street Journal in September reported that US Health Secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr planned to announce the link between use of paracetamol or Tylenol in pregnancy and autism spectrum disorder.

RESEARCH REVIEWED TO SEE AUTISMLINK

Officials are reviewing earlier studies, including an August review by Mount Sinai and Harvard researchers, that

suggest a potential link between Tylenol use in early pregnancy and a higher risk of autism in children.

At the same time, attention is turning to leucovorin, a drug usually prescribed to counteract certain medication side effects and to address vitamin B9 deficiency.

The findings around leucovorin have reignited debate within the scientific community and are prompting a reassessment of autism's causes, challenging the view that it is largely genetic and resistant to treatment.

The National Institutes of Health in the US is set to announce on September 22, the launch of a new autism data science initiative, with 13 research teams receiving grants to study the causes and treatment of autism and to build on earlier findings.

The initiative, developed by career officials at the agency, is separate from a broader NIH review of autism research, which is still underway.

## China our great friend, but CPEC is last opportunity, says cash-strapped Pak PM

**Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif cautions against delays in executing CPEC 2 projects worth over \$8 billion. He stresses this is Pakistan's last opportunity to benefit from Chinese expertise and investment.**

Islamabad.(Agency)

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has cautioned that while China remained Pakistan's "great friend and brother", the CPEC was the last opportunity to benefit from Chinese expertise and investment, according to a media report.

Chairing a recent high-level meeting, Sharif warned ministries and divisions of strict action for causing delays in executing over \$8 billion worth of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) 2 projects, the Express Tribune newspaper reported on Sunday.

The prime minister said that although the Pakistan-China B2B Conference was a tremendous success, agreements signed must be followed up meticulously by the concerned ministries to convert them into binding joint venture contracts, ensuring that Chinese investment materialises.



delayed. He said China had agreed to launch the CPEC 2.0 programme, which would focus on agriculture, Special Economic Zones, investment in mines and minerals, and the upgradation of the Karakoram Highway.

The premier cautioned that while China remained Pakistan's "great friend and brother", this was the last opportunity to benefit from Chinese expertise and investment. He urged ministries to work wholeheartedly to ensure success, stressing that the government was answerable to the people and accountable for results. "History will never forgive us if we fail to take advantage of this opportunity," he said. The prime minister also highlighted his recent visit to China, where he attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit in Tianjin and met President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Qiang, and other world leaders.

He commended officials for their role in organising the Pakistan-China B2B Investment Conference in Beijing on September 4, where MOUs worth \$8.5 billion were signed.

# India long backed a Palestinian state. The West is finally catching up

World. (Agency)

A whole host of Israel's allies have done an about-face and formally recognised the state of Palestine, signalling a historic break in decades of Western foreign policy.

Britain, which played a part in the creation of Israel and displacement of Palestinians, led the push. Along with Canada, Australia, and Portugal, it issued a statement recognising Palestinian statehood on Sunday.

Borne out of frustration over the war in Gaza and to counter Israel's efforts to erase the possibility of a Palestinian homeland, the recognition drew a furious response from Tel Aviv and scorn from its biggest backer, the United States.

More countries are hopping on the Palestinian state bandwagon. Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Malta, and even New Zealand and Liechtenstein are expected to announce their recognition of Palestine at a special United Nations conference on

Monday.

For Palestinians, the recognition is a watershed moment in their decades-long pursuit of statehood. But long before the West gave a fig for Palestinian sovereignty, it was India that recognised Palestine.

‘A VIABLE PALESTINIAN STATE’ Palestine is a state that both exists and doesn't.

It enjoys broad international recognition, has diplomatic missions abroad, and fields teams in global sporting events, including the Olympics.

But decades of conflict with Israel mean it has no agreed borders, no capital, and no army. The Palestinian Authority lacks full control over its territory, and Gaza remains under Israeli occupation amid a devastating war. Its recognition today is therefore largely symbolic.

Pressure to formally recognise Palestine has grown with the deteriorating situation in Gaza. The Israeli offensive over the past 23 months has killed more than 65,000 people,



displaced 90 per cent of the population, and created a catastrophic humanitarian crisis. Gaza City is in the throes of a famine.

Confronted by these horrors, French President Emmanuel Macron announced in July his intent to recognise Palestine, the first G7 nation to do so. His declaration

became an inflection point, and more Israeli allies have followed suit.

Macron is set to formally declare France's recognition during a special conference, co-chaired with Saudi Arabia, at the start of the UN General Assembly in New York on Monday.

According to news agency AFP, at least 145 of 193 UN member states now recognise the state of Palestine. Some Western powers, like Germany and Italy, have made it clear they do not plan on recognising a Palestinian state. But there has been an outpouring of support for the Palestinian cause from others.



## Adalaj murder: 2 days on, cops detain suspect

**Ahmedabad . (Agency)**

Two days after Vaibhav Manwani was murdered —just hours into his 25th birthday— near the Narmada canal in Adalaj, Gandhinagar police have detained a suspect. He is a resident of the Ashok Mill area on Naroda Road and was previously accused in two murder cases but was acquitted due to a lack of evidence. Additionally, he has one pending case each of loot and theft. On Saturday night, Manwani was celebrating his birthday with a female friend, who was also attacked by the robber. She is recovering from stab wounds at Civil Hospital.

According to the survivor's FIR, the couple spent the evening with friends before driving along the canal road near the Ambapur metro cable bridge. "About 15 minutes later, an unknown man suddenly opened the back door, leaving us shocked and scared," she told police. The assailant brandished a knife, demanded their valuables, and stabbed her when she resisted.

He robbed them of a wristwatch, a piece of imitation jewellery, a purse, and mobile phones. The robber fled in Manwani's car, which later broke down and was abandoned.

The local crime branch, the special operations group, and the Ahmedabad anti-terrorism squad have deployed 15 teams to investigate the case. A lead has emerged from CCTV footage showing a man riding a bike on the canal service road around 1 am and leaving the area around 2.30 am.

Police are exploring whether the suspect could be a parolee involved in previous robbery-murders. "Despite multiple leads and extensive patrols, we have not yet detained anyone," said a senior police officer. Police are now relying on public help and surveillance footage to track the suspect. Police are continuing to probe the attacker's modus operandi, which appears to target isolated couples.

## Parking chaos: Contract lapse leads to gridlock in PGI

**Chandigarh. (Agency)**

The already strained parking situation at the PGI has turned chaotic following the expiration of its parking allotment contract. With no new tender in place, the public parking slots have become free for all, leading to a haphazard and unmanaged vehicular gridlock that is now being handled by the institute's own, short-staffed security wing.

The contract lapse has eliminated the system where private workers charged a fee of Rs 10 per four-wheeler. The absence of these contractual staff has forced around 100 PGI security guards to be redeployed to manage the heavy traffic. These guards, already struggling to oversee the security of the hospital's OPDs, wards, and other critical areas, are now battling to control the flow of over 40,000 vehicles that enter the campus daily.

The PGI OPDs, which see a staggering daily footfall of over 10,000 patients, are bearing the brunt of the disorder. Visitors and patients' attendants are finding it nearly impossible to locate a parking spot, with vehicles spilling out onto internal roads and causing massive traffic snarls. The situation is particularly dire on Mondays, the busiest day of the week, with more chaos expected in the coming days.

Adding to the long-standing problem is the decade-long delay in the construction of a new parking facility adjacent to the Nehru Hospital/old OPD. An open-air market was reportedly bulldozed a decade ago to make way for the new parking area, but the plot of land remains unleveled and unused. While free parking benefits patients and their attendants, the lack of organization will likely cause gridlock, making it difficult for all visitors to find a slot," said a staff.

## 3 Gogi gang members land in police net after encounter

New Delhi: Three members of the Gogi gang were arrested following an encounter in Rohini here in the wee hours of Saturday, the police said. While two of the gang members managed to flee, those arrested have been identified as Lallu (25), Irfan (21) and Nitesh (30), they said. According to the police, Lallu and his associates were intercepted while they were going to fire outside the residence of a Gau Rakshak Dal leader. The leader had earlier given a call to convene a Maha Sabha after three persons were beaten by Lallu and his associates. Lallu also circulated the assault video on Instagram to project his association and clout with the Gogi gang. In the early morning hours, the police got a tip-off that Lallu, along with his associates, were coming in a white car to open fire at the office or residence of the Gau Rakshak Dal leader near Avantika, Rohini, and would pass through Sector 24, to establish the gang's dominance, an official said. Acting on the information, the team intercepted a suspected white car near Bankey Bihari Mandir, Sector 24, around 2:40 am. On being signalled to stop, the accused rammed their vehicle into the patrolling car. While trying to flee, they also opened fire at the police party. The police team retaliated, and during the exchange of fire, two occupants sustained gunshot injuries on their legs. While another accused was apprehended, two others managed to escape by scaling the wall near Ganda Nala, Rithala. The injured persons were shifted to hospital where their condition is stated to be stable, the police added.

# IIT Bombay-led 'Daksha' mission aims to build satellites; most powerful telescopes, deep space race

**Hyderabad . (Agency)**

Professor Varun Bhalerao, a rocket scientist in the physics department at IIT Bombay, is determined to change something fundamental about Indian science.

"The age of catching up is over, where we struggled to match the world's innovation. Now is the time to be world class," he says. The result of this vision is 'Daksha', a mission to develop and launch a pair of satellites housing the world's most powerful space telescopes. These telescopes will monitor an 1.81 million cubic megaparsecs of space-nearly five times the capacity of NASA's current leader, the Fermi Gamma Ray Telescope. 'Daksha' is a collaborative effort led by IIT Bombay along with support from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Raman Research Institute (RRI), Physical Research

Laboratory (PRL) and the Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA). "If approved today, we can build the satellite in three years," says Bhalerao.

The mission's origins trace back to 2018, when the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) sought new space missions it could undertake. A committee led by Prof Ajit Kembhavi, former director of IUCAA, shortlisted promising projects. "Daksha was the best candidate because we already had all the pieces in place-the technology is proven, the cost reasonable, and its performance surpasses anything else in the world. It's a technological and scientific sweet spot," says Kembhavi.

Once deployed, the telescopes will study sources of gravitational waves, such as black holes and

neutron stars, which emit gamma ray bursts. Understanding these phenomena could answer some of physics' most core questions.

"What are the origins of the universe? How does it expand? Studying gamma ray bursts could reveal insights about the earliest moments of the universe and how it all began," says astrophysicist Prof Dipankar Bhattacharya from Ashoka University. Gaurav Waratkar, now a postdoctoral scholar at California Institute of Technology (Caltech), was part of the original student team behind the Daksha concept.

"It is the fundamental driving force behind our plans, hopes and dreams for the last 7 years," he says. Although he started as a mechanical engineer, the challenge of building something new drew

him into physics. At IIT Bombay, open lab access and approachable professors made it easy for students



to get involved. The Space Technology and Research (STAR) Lab, led by Bhalerao, typically hosts 15 to 20 students from various disciplines working on projects. Bhalerao recalls discovering two students working

through Ganesh Chaturthi, a state holiday.

"They were there because they wanted to be, without any instruction or compulsion." Following the 2018 shortlisting, ISRO provided seed funding for testing key systems and instruments. As more institutes joined the development phase, the project progressed steadily. By December 2022, ISRO certified that the mission 'met all technical requirements'. However, full financial and policy approval has been pending for over two and a half years now. As the race for deep space dominance intensifies, the appetite for space exploration has never been greater-but the window to lead is closing fast. Professor Varun Bhalerao says, "NASA and other Western space agencies have shifted their priorities.

### MORE FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS - 2025

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during upcoming festivals, Railways have decided to run following Festival Special Express Trains as per schedule given below:-

Train No. 03107/03108 Kolkata – Lucknow – Kolkata Festival Special Express (Weekly)						12 Trips
Train No. 03107	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Train No. 03108
---	---	23:55	Kolkata	00:40	---	---
00:10	---	---	Lucknow	---	01:40	---

**DAYS OF RUN:** 03107 Ex. Kolkata on every Thursday from 02.10.2025 to 06.11.2025 and 03108 Ex. Lucknow on every Saturday from 04.10.2025 to 08.11.2025.

**STOPPAGES:** Naihati, Bandel, Bardhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madhupur, Jasiidih, Jhajha, Kiul Jn., Sheikhpura, Nawadah, Tilaiya Jn., Gaya Jn., Anugrah Narayan Road, Dehri On Sone, Sasaram, Bhabua Road, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Varanasi & Sultanpur Stations.

**ACCOMMODATION:** AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

Train No. 03435/03436 Malda Town – Anand Vihar (T) – Malda Town Festival Special Express (Weekly)						18 Trips
Train No. 03435	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Train No. 03436
---	---	09:30	Malda Town	21:05	---	---
13:40	---	---	Anand Vihar (T)	---	15:45	---

**DAYS OF RUN:** 03435 Ex. Malda Town on every Monday from 29.09.2025 to 24.11.2025 and 03436 Ex. Anand Vihar (T) on every Tuesday from 30.09.2025 to 25.11.2025.

**STOPPAGES:** New Farakka, Barharwa Jn., Sahibganj Jn., Pirpainti, Kahalgaon, Bhagalpur, Sultanganj, Jamalpur Jn., Abhaipur, Kiul Jn., Sheikhpura, Nawadah, Tilaiya Jn., Gaya Jn., Anugrah Narayan Road, Dehri On Sone, Sasaram, Bhabua Road, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Prayagraj Jn., Govindpur & Tundla Jn. Stations.

**ACCOMMODATION:** AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

Train No. 02391/02392 Patna Jn. – Anand Vihar (T) – Patna Jn. Festival Special Express (Weekly)						22 Trips
Train No. 02391	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Train No. 02392
---	---	22:20	Patna Jn.	17:20	---	---
18:30	---	---	Anand Vihar (T)	---	23:20	---

**DAYS OF RUN:** 02391 Ex. Patna Jn. on every Saturday from 27.09.2025 to 29.11.2025 and 02392 Ex. Anand Vihar (T) on every Sunday from 28.09.2025 to 30.11.2025.

**STOPPAGES:** Danapur, Ara Jn., Buxar, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Prayagraj Jn. & Kanpur Central Stations.

**ACCOMMODATION:** AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

Train No. 09083/09084 Mumbai Central - Banaras - Mumbai Central Festival AC Special Express (Weekly)						16 Trips
Train No. 09083	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Train No. 09084
---	---	23:10	Mumbai Central	04:20	---	---
04:15	04:25	---	Lucknow	20:45	20:55	---
10:30	---	---	Banaras	---	14:30	---

**DAYS OF RUN:** 09083 Ex. Mumbai Central on every Wednesday from 24.09.2025 to 05.11.2025 and 09084 Ex. Banaras on every Friday from 26.09.2025 to 07.11.2025.

**STOPPAGES:** Borivali, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Kota Jn., Sawai Madhopur Jn., Gangapur City, Bharatpur, Idgah, Tundla Jn., Shikohabad Jn., Mainpuri Jn., Bhongoon, Farrukhabad Jn., Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Raebareilly Jn., Amethi, Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratappgarh Jn., Janghai Jn. & Bhadohi Stations.

**ACCOMMODATION:** 1st AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, AC 3 Tier Economy.

Train No. 09111/09112 Vadodara Jn. – Gorakhpur Jn. – Vadodara Jn. Festival Special Express (Weekly)						20 Trips
Train No. 09111	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Train No. 09112
---	---	19:00	Vadodara Jn.	08:00	---	---
19:10	19:15	---	Barabanki Jn.	08:58	09:00	---
23:30	---	---	Gorakhpur Jn.	---	05:00	---

**DAYS OF RUN:** 09111 Ex. Vadodara Jn. on every Saturday from 27.09.2025 to 29.11.2025 and 09112 Ex. Gorakhpur Jn. on every Monday from 29.09.2025 to 01.12.2025.

**STOPPAGES:** Godhra, Ratlam Jn., Kota Jn., Gangapur City, Bharatpur, Idgah, Tundla Jn., Shikohabad Jn., Mainpuri Jn., Farrukhabad Jn., Kanpur Central, Manak Nagar, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn., Gonda Jn. & Basti Stations.

**ACCOMMODATION:** 1st AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

Train No. 09523/09524 Okha - Shakur Basti - Okha Super Fast Festival Special (Weekly)						20 Trips
Train No. 09523	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Train No. 09524
---	---	10:00	Okha	13:50	---	---
10:35	---	---	Shakur Basti	---	13:15	---

**DAYS OF RUN:** 09523 Ex. Okha on every Tuesday from 23.09.2025 to 25.11.2025 and 09524 Ex. Shakur Basti every Wednesday from 24.09.2025 to 26.11.2025.

**STOPPAGES:** Dwarka, Khambhaliya, Jamnagar, Hapa, Rajkot Jn., Surendranagar Jn., Viramgam Jn., Mahesana Jn., Unjha, Siddhpur, Palanpur Jn., Abu Road, Falna, Marwar Jn., Beawar, Ajmer, Kishanganr, Jaipur, Gandhinagar Jaipur, Dausa, Bandikui Jn., Alwar, Gurgaon & Delhi Cantt. Stations.

**ACCOMMODATION:** AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, AC 3 Tier Economy, Sleeper & General.

Train No. 01415/01416 Pune - Gorakhpur Jn. - Pune Festival Special Express (Daily)						130 Trips
Train No. 01415	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Train No. 01416
---	---	06:50	Pune	03:15	---	---
10:00	10:05	---	Lucknow	22:30	22:35	---
16:00	---	---	Gorakhpur Jn.	---	17:30	---

**DAYS OF RUN:** 01415 Ex. Pune from 27.09.2025 to 30.11.2025 (Daily) and 01416 Ex. Gorakhpur Jn. from 28.09.2025 to 01.12.2025 (Daily).

**STOPPAGES:** Daund Chord Line, Ahmadnagar, Kopargaon, Manmad Jn., Bhusaval Jn., Khandwa Jn., Itarsi Jn., Bhopal Jn., Bina Jn., Virangana Lakshmbai Jhansi Jn., Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda Jn. & Basti Stations.

**ACCOMMODATION:** AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

Train No. 05301/05302 Mau Jn. - Ambala Cantt. Jn. - Mau Jn. Festival Special Express (Weekly)						18 Trips
Train No. 05301	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Train No. 05302
---	---	04:00	Mau Jn.	22:00	---	---
20:20	20:30	---	Delhi Jn.	05:00	05:10	---
00:30	---	---	Ambala Cantt. Jn.	---	01:40	---

**DAYS OF RUN:** 05301 Ex. Mau Jn. on every Thursday from 02.10.2025 to 27.11.2025 and 05302 Ex. Ambala Cantt. Jn. on every Friday from 03.10.2025 to 28.11.2025.

**STOPPAGES:** Belthara Road, Bhatni Jn., Deoria Sadar, Gorakhpur Jn., Khalilabad, Basti, Mankapur Jn., Gonda Jn., Burhwal Jn., Sitapur Jn., Bareilly Jn., Moradabad, Ghaziabad, Delhi Jn., Sonapat & Panipat Jn. Stations.

**ACCOMMODATION:** 1st AC Cum AC 2 Tier, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, AC 3 Tier Economy, Sleeper & General.

Train No. 05005/05006 Barhni - Amritsar - Barhni Festival Special Express (Weekly)						20 Trips
Train No. 05005	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Train No. 05006
---	---	15:10	Barhni	08:15	---	---
09:30	---	---	Amritsar	---	12:45	---

**DAYS OF RUN:** 05005 Ex. Barhni on every Wednesday from 24.09.2025 to 26.11.2025 and 05006 Ex. Amritsar on every Thursday from 25.09.2025 to 27.11.2025.

**STOPPAGES:** Tulsipur, Balrampur, Gonda Jn., Burhwal, Sitapur Jn., Bareilly Jn., Moradabad, Saharanpur Jn., Yamunanagar Jagadhri, Ambala Cantt. Jn., Dhandari Kalan, Jalandhar City & Beas Stations.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Sleeper & General.

Train No. 01707/01708 Jabalpur - Anand Vihar (T) - Jabalpur Festival Special Express (Weekly)						12 Trips
Train No. 01707	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Train No. 01708
---	---	14:15	Jabalpur	09:30	---	---
12:25	---	---	Anand Vihar (T)	---	13:45	---

**DAYS OF RUN:** 01707 Ex. Jabalpur on every Monday from 29.09.2025 to 03.11.2025 and 01708 Ex. Anand Vihar (T) on every Tuesday from 30.09.2025 to 04.11.2025.

**STOPPAGES:** Katni Jn., Maihar, Satna Jn., Manikpur Jn., Shankargarh, Prayagraj Jn., Fatehpur, Govindpur, Etawah Jn., Tundla Jn., Aligarh Jn. & Ghaziabad Stations.

**ACCOMMODATION:** 1st AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

Train No. 01431/01432 Pune - Ghazipur City - Pune Festival Special Express (Bi-Weekly)						38 Trips
Train No. 01431	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Train No. 01432
---	---	06:40	Pune	16:20	---	---
14:45	14:50	---	Varanasi	04:25	04:30	---
19:40	---	---	Ghazipur City	---	22:40	---

**DAYS OF RUN:** 01431 Ex. Pune on every Friday & Tuesday from 26.09.2025 to 28.11.2025 and 01432 Ex. Ghazipur City on every Saturday & Wednesday from 27.09.2025 to 29.11.2025.

**STOPPAGES:** Daund Chord Line, Ahmadnagar, Manmad Jn., Jalgaon Jn., Bhusaval Jn., Khandwa Jn., Itarsi Jn., Bhopal Jn., Bina Jn., Virangana Lakshmbai Jhansi Jn., Orai, Govindpur, Fatehpur, Subedarganj, Varanasi, Jaunpur Jn. & Aunrihar Jn. Stations.

**ACCOMMODATION:** AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier & General.

For any kind of information, passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website <https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or NTES App.

Train No. 01123/01124 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Mau - Lokmanya Tilak (T) Festival Special Express (Bi-Weekly)						40 Trips
Train No. 01123	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Train No. 01124
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00:45	00:50	---	Varanasi	13:20	13:25	---
05:35	---	---	Mau	---	07:35	---

**DAYS OF RUN:** 01123 Ex. Lokmanya Tilak (T) on every Friday & Sunday from 26.09.2025 to 30.11.2025 and 01124 Ex. Mau on every Sunday & Tuesday from 28.09.2025 to 02.12.2025.

**STOPPAGES:** Thane, Kalyan Jn., Igatpuri, Nasik Road, Jalgaon Jn., Bhusaval Jn., Khandwa Jn., Itarsi Jn., Bhopal Jn., Bina Jn., Virangana Lakshmbai Jhansi Jn., Orai, Govindpur, Fatehpur, Subedarganj, Mirzapur, Varanasi, Jaunpur Jn. & Aunrihar Jn. Stations.

**ACCOMMODATION:** AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

Train No. 01051/01052 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Banaras - Lokmanya Tilak (T) Festival Special Express (Bi-Weekly)						40 Trips
Train No. 01051	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Train No. 01052
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01:10	---	---	Banaras	---	06:35	---

**DAYS OF RUN:** 01051 Ex. Lokmanya Tilak (T) on every Wednesday & Thursday from 24.09.2025 to 27.11.2025 and 01052 Ex. Banaras on every Friday & Saturday from 26.09.2025 to 29.11.2025.

**STOPPAGES:** Thane, Kalyan Jn., Igatpuri, Nasik Road, Jalgaon Jn., Bhusaval Jn., Khandwa Jn., Itarsi Jn., Bhopal Jn., Bina Jn., Virangana Lakshmbai Jhansi Jn., Orai, Govindpur, Fatehpur, Subedarganj, Mirzapur & Varanasi Stations.

**ACCOMMODATION:** AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

Train No. 09061 / 09062 Bandra (T) – Barauni Jn. – Bandra (T) Festival Special Express (Weekly)						06 Trips
Train No. 09061			↓ STATIONS ↑	Train No. 09062		
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.		DEP.		
—	21:20	Bandra (T)		06:30	—	
04:20	04:30	Lucknow		01:05	01:10	
19:15	—	Barauni Jn.		—	12:15	



## Dignified company of Gujar pastoralists

A fortnight’s leave in the 1980s, and we (my wife and I) set out on a long-pending trek to Har Ki Dun. By courtesy of Army friends at Dehradun, permission for a night halt at the Netwar Forest Rest House was obtained and on arrival there, the caretaker readily arranged four sturdy porters on reasonable daily wages. After the first two days of leisurely walking from Netwar to Taluka on lower heights, on the third day we deviated from the beaten track, involving a four-hour steep climb under the canopy of lush pine and deodar trees to the top of Khandrola ridge.

Past midday, the track suddenly levelled upon a secluded, modest meadow where we settled for the day. About half an hour later, we were surprised by the sound of jingling bells approaching from another direction. Soon, like a magic show, a herd of some 30 buffaloes, led by six Gujar wives, a few suckling children, toddlers and adults literally plonked themselves on the meadow, as their familiar destination. After a brief breather, with clockwork precision, they set about unloading their domestic wares strapped to several buffaloes — the women collecting dried twigs, branches, getting cooking fires going, brewing tea, preparing atta dough, making chapattis, cooking khichdi, unmindful of suckling babies.

The menfolk erected shelters with tarpaulins supported by bamboo staves. Photo by the writer

The menfolk, having marketed milk and milk produce at the scheduled urban locations, arrived about an hour later and got busy in erecting shelters with tarpaulins supported by bamboo staves. And in less than two hours, what appeared like an extended happy family group, they sat under respective shelters, savouring a wholesome hot meal in dignified silence. We sat



simply mesmerised near our tent, pitched slightly above and away with a respectable gap. Mindful of their privacy, I enquired if I could use my camera, to which they agreed but warned me not to approach the buffalo cluster as the animals may well stampede. A pity that sunlight had diminished rapidly. Nevertheless, the Kodak-colour slides have survived, which a photo studio with latest gadgets has cleansed of dust smudges, putting on display the proud and chiselled features of Gujjars and the intricate silver jewellery of women to perfection. We parted company early next morning and after two more days over several pitches of steep goat tracks, we were at Har Ki Dun, a huge amphitheatre enclosed by the glorious panorama of the three Swargarohini peaks. In the opposite direction was the daunting ridge line of Lamkhaga La and Barasu Pass, gateways to the Baspa valley, our stomping ground of earlier times.

## The ‘no handshake row’ and solutions to Punjab’s flood woes

The issue of unemployment in Bihar has magnified as the state goes to polls later this year

Today’s Asia Cup match between the South Asian archrivals India and Pakistan will be their second meeting in eight days. With Pakistan cancelling its pre-match news conference one hour before its scheduled time and Indian skipper Suryakumar Yadav evading questions at a presser, the ‘no handshake’ row at the India-Pakistan match in Dubai continues to overshadow the Asia Cup. The missing handshake was no more and no less than a muted protest. The deeper truth, perhaps, is that cricket cannot always carry the burdens we heap upon it. It is a game of bat and ball, not of treaties and borders, writes former Mumbai cricket team captain Shishir Hattangadi in his Op-ed piece Silence of an India-Pak handshake. Cricket has always spoken of its "spirit", but that spirit has never been fixed. It shifts with time, bends to circumstance, fades and reappears in unexpected ways, he writes. A ghost from the past, jailed Kashmiri separatist leader Yasin Malik has stated in an affidavit filed in the Delhi High Court that many former Prime Ministers, Congress and senior Left leaders supported Atal Bihari Vajpayee’s peace initiative on Kashmir. The affidavit spans the many experiments tried by the powerful Indian state to bring peace to a troubled region, writes Editor-in-Chief Jyoti Malhotra in her Edit piece The inverted question of Kashmir. It’s no longer about ‘Ask what your country can do for Kashmir,’ but ‘What Kashmir can do for your country’, she writes.

Going still further back, sixty years ago, Pakistan’s plan to trigger an uprising in Kashmir came to naught in the absence of local support, says former Punjab CM and 1965 war veteran Capt Amarinder Singh in his Edit article How India foiled Op Gibraltar in 1965. A specialised force, codenamed Gibraltar Force, was deployed by the Pakistan army in various sectors in early August in 1965. Each of the six groups was assigned specific targets in Kashmir like sabotaging communication lines and infrastructure, triggering an uprising, etc to create conditions for a larger military offensive by Pakistan. By mid-August, 1965, Pakistan’s Operation Gibraltar had largely failed with



two Pakistani officers being captured by the Indian Army. Talking of wars, post-Independence India has failed to adequately honour sacrifices of the Indian soldiers who fought the World Wars bravely under the British flag. While nations like Russia, France and China commemorate their war dead with grandeur, India remains curiously silent, writes Lok Sabha MP Manish Tewari in his Edit piece Honour Indian legacy of World Wars. The arrival of 28,500 Indian troops in France in the opening months of World War I provided critical reinforcement without which the Western Front might have collapsed, he writes. Field Marshal Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief of India, later conceded that Britain “couldn’t have come through both wars if they

a desire for more equal relationships, he suggests. Coming back to the problems plaguing our own nation, the most pressing one is unemployment, so much so that dealing with unemployment is being accepted as an individual responsibility in Bihar, says Distinguished Visiting Professor, Monash University, Australia Manisha Priyam in her Edit piece Despair, desperation over jobs in Bihar. Hopelessness, joblessness and desperation are all being managed in informal coaching enterprises, which lure subaltern aspirants with the guarantee of success in bharti (recruitment) for government jobs. In this backdrop, Rahul’s yatra is an organised expression of the Opposition’s voice. It occupies a civic space of dissent, foreclosing Nepal-like possibilities, she writes.

As floodwaters recede in Punjab, a stocktaking has begun in the state. We need to learn from states like Kerala, which has taken steps to make its rural health infrastructure disaster-ready, and Odisha, which has empowered its local bodies, writes science commentator Dinesh C Sharma in his Edit piece Plug the leaks to reduce flood risk. The State Disaster Management Plan (SDMP) has suggested district-specific measures for most flood-prone areas.

To reduce flood impact, hospitals and schools must be made safe by adopting new techniques in construction and siting, he writes.

Another step towards alleviating the misery of the affected people, mostly farmers is to formulate a viable and attractive Crop Insurance scheme making it premium-free for small and marginal farmers, writes SS Chahal, ex-VC, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology in his Op-ed piece Punjab farmers need a crop insurance cover. The announcement of

compensation is projected as a favour extended to farmers; not as their right. That is so because they have no protection by way of insurance, he writes. Without continuous river desilting and stronger embankments, Punjab will remain locked in a cycle of disaster and repair year after year, writes Kahan Singh Pannu, ex-secretary, Dept of Water Resources, Punjab in his Op-ed piece How climate change, dams & silt are choking Punjab’s rivers. Due to the very low slope of Punjab’s rivers, the flow of floodwater downstream remains a challenge. This is complicated by heavy silt deposition at dams and headworks.

## EPS faces tough choices in rejuvenating AIADMK

Four months after Amit Shah announced AIADMK’s return to the NDA fold, the alliance seems to be rudderless

Only months ahead of the assembly elections in Tamil Nadu, Edappadi K Palaniswami is staring at a big challenge. The shrill calls to bring back all estranged former allies of the AIADMK to strengthen the party have put the general secretary in an uncomfortable position. While they could make a difference in some constituencies in a tightly-contested election, welcoming the disgruntled leaders back may saddle EPS with a threat to his supremacy. With the DMK-led alliance and actor Vijay’s newly-formed TVK threatening to eat into his traditional vote bank, EPS is seemingly stuck between a rock and a hard place.

Four months after Amit Shah announced AIADMK’s return to the NDA fold, the alliance seems to be rudderless. While former AIADMK leaders such as O Panneerselvam and T T V Dhinakaran have exited the alliance, what has pushed the principal opposition party into fresh tumult is its nine-term MLA K A Sengottaiyan’s ultimatum to initiate measures to bring back the expelled leaders. After the AIADMK



severed ties with the national party in late 2023, both Dhinakaran and Panneerselvam contested the 2024 Lok Sabha elections as part of the BJP-led NDA. The duo helped the alliance secure a respectable 18.28 percent vote

share by drawing support from their Mukkulathor community, heavily denting the AIADMK’s vote share. Sengottaiyan claimed his calls to unite the party stemmed from its poor showing in the absence of some of these leaders. However, EPS remained steadfast in his resolve as he feared the re-induction of former colleagues who had waged a battle against him would create multiple power centres. Initially, he found it difficult to ignore Sengottaiyan’s call, as it resonated with some quarters in the AIADMK including the battle-weary cadre, who have not tasted a major electoral victory since 2019. However, EPS has now made it clear he would not have them back, and is trying to assuage the community with a call for a Bharat Ratna for Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Thevar, a revered social reformer from the state. As the clash has reached

Delhi, everyone is keenly waiting to see how the BJP tackles it. A weaker AIADMK may work in the BJP’s favour in the long run. But for EPS, losing the 2026 elections may mean a political quietus.

## Coat of arms, and calling out the brave

The extraordinary coat of arms of Undivided Punjab in the dining room of Himachal’s Raj Bhavan is believed to have been done under direction of the College of Arms in London

Before the arrival of photography, through the 18th and 19th centuries, numerous artists from Europe, especially Britain, travelled across India and created a substantial record. Apart from the professional artists, there were several skilled amateurs. For example, Emily Eden, sister of Governor-General Lord Auckland, carried her brush to various places and in 1844, published a folio titled ‘Portraits of the Princes and People of India’. This included the famous portrait of Maharaja Ranjit Singh seated on a chair. Some of the professional artists were persons of varied talent. They moved with ease between portraits and landscapes, to sculpture and architecture. The writer Rudyard Kipling’s father, Lockwood, who became principal of the Mayo School of Art and curator of the museum at Lahore, was one such person. Among other things, he designed the friezes at Mumbai’s Crawford Market. Lockwood also created the coat of arms for Mayo College in Ajmer, founded in 1875. Till the closing years of the 19th century, the only well-recognised coats of arms were the Portuguese Royal Arms used in Goa, and those of the British East India Company and its presidencies of Bengal, Madras and Bombay. In 1877, the Proclamation Durbar was held in Delhi. An event of considerable expense, this drew justified criticism as large parts of India were in the grip of yet another devastating famine. The Durbar was to proclaim Queen Victoria as the Empress of India. Apart from the Viceroy, Lord Lytton, and British officials, this was attended by numerous Indian princes. For the occasion, Lockwood

Kipling designed some heraldic emblems and banners — and also gave the overall architectural design of the amphitheatre where the event was to be held. For the occasion, Robert Taylor of the Bengal Civil Service, who was an amateur heraldic designer, created European style coats of arms for several Indian princes; these were subsequently published in a volume titled ‘The Princely Armory’. Among the dozens credited to Taylor are the armorial bearings of influential princely states like Mysore, Hyderabad, Sikkim, Bhopal, Jammu and Kashmir, Patiala and Jind. Today, while these coats of arms have no legal standing, they hide in plain sight in old palaces, on stationery and tableware of the former princes of India — including in the properties that are now hotels. (Those rulers who did not have the honour of receiving these bearings in this Durbar or on other similar occasions, made their own). Based on the British heraldic tradition, another chapter of artistry had opened, and came to be swiftly adopted. Before this, barring a couple of isolated examples, the standards and symbols used in India were relatively simple. The Gupta Empire had the mythical Garuda as their emblem; the Suryavanshi rulers of Rajasthan, as may be expected, had a resplendent sun as theirs. The imperial standard of the Mughal court was the ‘Alam’, that symbolised its power and authority — this depicted a lion and the sun on a base of green. On the other hand, the English heraldic tradition was far more complex where even a simple escutcheon or shield was divided and each symbol had a meaning of



ancestral association. The extraordinary coat of arms of Undivided Punjab was also designed around this time and is believed to have been done

under direction of the College of Arms in London. A splendid example is in the dining room of Himachal’s Raj Bhavan. This building, Barnes’ Court in Shimla, had served as the residence of the Governors of Punjab from 1877, the year of the Durbar. (Some parts of the building are believed to have been designed by Lockwood Kipling and his protege, Bhairam Singh). Simplified, this elegant shield has five wavy lines depicting Punjab’s rivers and over these, is the rising sun signifying prosperity. This is crowned by a lion on a wreath. In Barnes’ Court, the supporters of the shield are visibly a Sikh and a Punjabi Mussalman. By their bearing and the swords they hold, they are soldiers. The motto ‘Crescat e Fluviiis’ — “May it grow from the rivers”, or loosely, “Prosperity comes from the rivers” — appears below this. A similar crest was located over the main gate of Ellerslie, which was the secretariat of Punjab and is now with the Himachal government; this was covered when a passage was made to span a road. In Barnes’ Court, the fireplace does not settle for just this. There is a crowned helmet and visor below which is a coiled snake. On the sides there is a Shimla touch in carvings of a group of monkeys. At a time when Punjab, Himachal and Uttarakhand have been devastated by floods, the line that spans the lower section of this remarkable piece of carved history seems appropriate. This reads: ‘Forti et difficile’ — “The brave surmount difficulty.”



# Despite HC orders, NHAI, Railways continue illegal dumping of landslide debris

**Mumbai .(Agency)**

Kullu: In a brazen violation of the Himachal Pradesh high court orders, the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and the Railways continue to dump landslide debris and muck illegally in the rivers and rivulets along the Kiratpur-Manali highway, including in the Bhakra dam reservoir and the Beas river. The Fourlane Visthapit and Prabhavit Samiti (FVPS) – a Bilaspur-based organisation that works for the welfare of the people displaced by the highway projects – has complained to the Bilaspur deputy commissioner and the forest department with proof about the illegal dumping in the Bhakra dam.

The debris, generated due to numerous landslides that struck the entire Kiratpur-Manali highway in the last more than two months, is being transported in tippers by a company hired by the NHAI from Mauza Sunan in Naina Devi sub-division and dumped directly into the Gobind Sagar lake near a hotel in Mauza Dharadsani in Jhanduta sub-division of Bilaspur district, claimed the Samiti.

According to the FVPS, landslide debris is also

being dumped illegally along the highway in Kothipura, Tunnu Dhaliyar near tunnel No. 3, Kyarian Jungle, and Thapna. The NHAI has also dumped landslide debris along the Kiratpur-Manali highway at several places, and it is also sliding into the Bhakra dam



reservoir in the absence of any retaining walls.

As per the FVPS complaint, the ongoing work on the Bhanupali-Bilaspur-Beri rail line has also been causing pollution in the Bhakra dam reservoir. Along the highway at Bharari, a cofferdam, a temporary structure built by the Railways on the bank of the Bhakra

reservoir to create a dry work area, along with huge amounts of debris, has submerged into the lake due to rising water levels. The cofferdam was built for the construction of bridges that would connect Railways tunnel No. 16 Portal-1 with tunnel No. 15 Portal-2.

"The Railways dumped muck in the cofferdam to make the wetland dry for building bridges.

However, as the water level increased due to heavy rainfall, all the muck submerged in the river along with the cofferdam," claimed Madan Sharma, general secretary, FVPS.

"The illegal muck-dumping in the Bhakra dam has polluted the water and reduced fish production, adversely affecting their livelihood. This continuous muck dumping is also posing a threat to the very existence of the reservoir. Moreover, the illegal muck-dumping is happening in violation of high court orders," said Sharma.

Landslide debris is also being dumped in the Beas river and rivulets along the highway between Pandoh and Aut in Mandi district. This highway stretch has seen more than three dozen landslides this monsoon.

# APEPDCL develops AI-based system to detect faulty poles for public safety

**Visakhapatnam. (Agency)**

The Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company Limited (APEPDCL) has developed an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based system to detect faulty power poles, aiming to improve public safety and reduce outages. The initiative was carried out in collaboration with students of Andhra University and Bengaluru-based startup JOHNAIC. The AI model, deployed on an on-premises server at APEPDCL's data centre in March 2025, identifies leaning poles and tilted cross-arms using images captured on smartphone cameras.

Linemen were trained to collect field data, which was later used to build the system with guidance from JOHNAIC CEO Sasank Chilamkurthy. The project was led by APEPDCL IT engineers and overseen by CMD Prudhvi Tej Immadi. Explaining the approach, Prudhvi Tej said, "We wanted to embed AI into everyday DISCOM operations. The model proves that home-grown innovation can support our manpower and strengthen grid reliability."

The system has been integrated into operational surveys and is being expanded to detect other issues such as insulator defects and vegetation growth. The project has also been open-sourced to enable adoption by other DISCOMs. "Alongside

pole detection, APEPDCL has been using smart meter data for operational improvements.

The IT team has developed methods to detect faulty meters, prevent revenue losses, generate real-time load-analysis graphs, and identify low-voltage pockets. The data supports accurate load forecasting at feeder



and distribution transformer levels, enabling timely intervention to avoid overloads," Immadi elaborated. As part of its roadmap, APEPDCL is working with JOHNAIC and Fluent Grid to deploy a large language model (LLM), hosted securely within its firewall. The system will allow officers to access operating procedures, query systems in natural language, and receive corrective recommendations. Data from smart meters, feeders, and distribution transformers is being consolidated into a central DataLake for advanced AI applications.

## Speeding Lamborghini crashes into Coastal Road divider in Mumbai

**Mumbai. (Agency)**

A speeding Lamborghini rammed into a divider on Mumbai's Coastal Road on Sunday morning, officials said, leaving the driver unhurt. The 52-year-old driver, Atish Shah of Nepean Sea Road, was reportedly heading towards Colaba in south Mumbai when he lost control of the car.

"Shah lost control of the wheels, and as a result, the car skidded on the road and rammed into the divider," an official said. The front of the vehicle was damaged, and it was later towed away from the scene. Prima facie, the police suspect that the wet road contributed to the accident, following a downpour in the city. Worli police have asked the Regional Transport Office (RTO) to examine the car for any technical faults. A case has been registered against Shah under relevant sections for rash driving.

A video of the incident quickly circulated on social media. Raymond Ltd Chairman and Managing Director Gautam Singhania, who is passionate about cars, shared the clip on X and said, "Another day, another Lamborghini mishap. This time on Mumbai's Coastal Road. Do these cars even have traction? From catching fire to losing grip - what's going on with Lamborghini?" The incident has reignited public discussion on road safety and the challenges of controlling high-powered vehicles on Mumbai's busy thoroughfares, particularly during wet conditions.

## Four extort man out of 20k, take away duty-free liquor

**Ahmedabad (Agency).**

A civil engineer from Kutch who arrived in the city on Sep 18 from Muscat, has filed an FIR with Chandkheda police alleging that four men, two of them in police uniform, extorted Rs 20,000 from him and seized two bottles of imported liquor near Vaishnodevi Circle. The incident occurred when he was on way to Adipur from the airport.

The 39-year-old complainant stated that he arrived in Ahmedabad from Muscat via Mumbai on Sep 18 and was carrying two liquor bottles purchased from a duty-free shop. His cousin had arrived at the airport to pick him up in a chauffeured vehicle. According to the FIR, their car was intercepted around around 8.45am, shortly after they crossed the toll plaza near Vaishnodevi Circle. "Two men in police uniform and two others in civil clothes stopped our vehicle and started questioning us.

They checked my bags and found the two liquor bottles. They accused me of lying when I told them they had been purchased from a duty-free store," the complainant stated in his complaint. The four allegedly forced the cousins into another vehicle, while instructing their driver to follow. "They threatened to implicate us in a false case, seize my passport and send me to jail," he stated.

The accused allegedly demanded money to 'settle the matter'. "They first asked for Rs 1.5 lakh. Out of fear, I said I could arrange for Rs 1 lakh. Lastly, they said Rs 20,000 would do," the FIR states. The complainant said he had Rs 8,000 in cash, while the remaining Rs 12,000 was withdrawn using his cousin's ATM card. "They took the money and yet seized the bottles, warning us that talking about the incident could invite dire consequences," he told police. Chandkheda police registered a complaint against four unidentified persons for extortion, wrongful confinement, and abetment.

# Intellectual property rights ready to tango with garba innovations

**Ahmedabad.(Agency)**

Have a different take on the traditional garba? Or a unique idea/concept for organising the festival? Such innovators now have a shot at getting intellectual property (IP) rights for their creative flourishes. As the nine-night revelry of Navratri starts from Monday, the Gujarat Council on Science and Technology (GUJCOST) working under the aegis of the department of science & technology of state govt, is reaching out to stakeholders to explore opportunities and create awareness. Dr Narottam Sahoo, an advisor to the GUJCOST, said that garba is an exemplar of Gujarat's

cultural identity, and after receiving the "intangible cultural heritage" tag from Unesco in 2023, it has secured global recognition.

"This year, the Patent Information Centre (PIC) of the GUJCOST started exploring opportunities to obtain IP in the context of garba and Navratri," Dr Narottam Sahoo, an advisor to the GUJCOST said. "While traditional garba steps are cultural expressions and cannot be patented, other aspects ranging from stage design to musical arrangements and user experience to dress design can have the IP angle."

Sahoo added that in the past few days, several prominent names in the

segment have been contacted to explore opportunities and create awareness.

City-based experts pointed to recent cases and controversies to explain the IP dynamics. A prominent singer recently got the court's nod to sing a popular song, while this year alone, several litigants approached the judiciary over the name of the venue and garba event to safeguard the branding.

Some of the categories explored by PIC experts include costume and ornament design, copyright of songs, music and choreography, trademark for events and branding, and geographical indicators (GI) for



specific traditions.

"Organising garba is a multi-crore business, and the state has several long-standing brands in singers, organisers, and musicians," said a

city-based IP lawyer. "The use of technology and the market's hunger for something new have spawned imitations and potential for copyright infringements or trademark tussles."

The lawyer said, "There is, however, not much awareness of the process of obtaining IP safeguards. Such initiatives can protect commercial interests."

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In step with times

IP protection can be considered for:

Presentation innovations: Stage design, lighting system, digital platform for an event

## 11 years on, Andhra Pradesh awaits own food testing lab

**Visakhapatnam (Agency).**

Eleven years after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh, the State is yet to have a functional food testing laboratory of its own. Despite the inauguration of the Andhra Pradesh State Food Laboratory set up at a cost of Rs 4.77 crore in Visakhapatnam, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 25, 2024, the facility has not been made operational.

In the absence of a State laboratory, food samples collected during raids across Andhra Pradesh continue to be sent either to private laboratories within the Hyderabad. For over a decade, Hyderabad has remained the only destination for official testing of samples from Andhra Pradesh.

In some cases, officials have relied on private labs, paying between Rs 10,000 and Rs 15,000 per sample. The delay comes at a time when large-scale food

safety inspections are being carried out across the State. The lack of a fully functional laboratory has raised questions about the effectiveness of these operations.

Last month, Minister for Health, Family Welfare and Medical Education Y Satya Kumar Yadav announced that the Visakhapatnam laboratory would be operational by the end of September, with basic equipment already installed, and the final stages of procurement in progress.

However, sources indicated that the timeline is unlikely to be met. "For the State food laboratory to function, around 75 personnel are required. No recruitment notification has been issued so far. Even if half the required staff were appointed, the laboratory could begin basic operations. Without hiring the staff, it is not possible for the laboratory to run," a source said on condition of anonymity.

## Hisar hosts Haryana's power show

**Patiala. (Agency)**

Hisar: From a ₹4,8,27-crore road overhaul to a dazzling IAF air show and a new agri-fair, chief minister Nayab Singh Saini on Sunday turned Hisar into the stage for Haryana's development push, mixing infrastructure, defence pride, and farm innovation into one spectacle.

**Road Project, Infra Push**

Saini announced the launch of the Regional Road Upliftment Project to repair and upgrade 4,227 roads of more than 9,400 km across Haryana in the current financial year. Speaking at a state-level event, he hailed the project as a "golden chapter" in the state's development and a gift to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 75th birthday. The CM emphasised strict quality control and warned of action

against negligent contractors and officials.

The project was launched with repair and improvement of 410 roads on Sunday. The CM



highlighted Haryana's infrastructure progress over the last 11 years, stating that the govt had spent more than ₹28,651 crore to improve more than 43,700 km of roads and built more than 2,400 km of new stretches at a cost of ₹2,534

crore. Under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, another more than 2,400 km of roads were built for ₹1,077 crore, he added.

He also noted the construction of nearly 100 overbridges and underpasses for ₹2,000 crore. Haryana, he added, had secured 21 new national highways, and completed 12 of those. In the last 11 years, 1,719 km of national highways were laid for ₹28,582 crore, as opposed to just 451 km built for Rs 1,713 crore during the 10-year Congress rule, he pointed out. Also, 27 toll barriers have been removed. Later in the day, the skies above Hisar's Maharaja Agrasen Airport came alive with the state's first-ever aerial display by the Indian Air Force's Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team. The jets.

# Police files chargesheet against builder Lalit Jain for Rs 16.46 crore fraud in Waqf property redevelopment project

**Ahmedabad.(Agency)**

The Mumbai Police have filed a chargesheet against builder Lalit Mohanlal Jain, director of M/s Safeway Project Pvt. Ltd., for allegedly duping investors of ₹16.46 crore by concealing that the Sanjana Building redevelopment project at Malabar Hill was on a Waqf property embroiled in litigation.

Police have filed a chargesheet against businessman Lalit Mohanlal Jain for allegedly duping an investor of over ₹16.46 crore in a Malabar Hill redevelopment project, officials said.

According to the probe summary, Jain owned a plot in south Mumbai he allegedly misrepresented the property as his own while concealing the fact that there was a litigation pending with Wakf board. Investigators said Jain prepared a fake property card, projected the title as clear, and induced the complainant to invest 12.50 crore under an agreement dated May 31, 2019. He promised 45% shares in Safeway Company, 18% annual interest on the investment, and additional returns from the project's

completion cost.

However, the chargesheet states that the complainant was later excluded from related proceedings before the Wakf Tribunal. Aurangabad, Jain also failed to return the invested sum, accrued interest, and 3.96 crore in litigation expenses, causing a total loss of 16.46 crore.

Police have charged Jain under IPC sections 406 (criminal breach of trust), 409, 420 (cheating), 467, 468, and 471 (forgery). According to the chargesheet submitted before the 47th Court, Esplanade, Jain induced investor Mahesh Goyal and his family between 2019 and 2024 to invest 12.50 crore, assuring them that the land title was clear. He promised 18% annual interest, 45% profit share, and return of the investment within 30 days of demand, as per a mutual agreement dated 31 May 2019. The deal also guaranteed that investor would continue to

hold a 45% stake in the project even after repayment.

Police said Goyal's wife Akanksha Goyal and mother Nirmala Agarwal invested 4.43 crore



through bank transfers, while an additional ₹8.06 crore was allegedly paid in cash, supported by receipts signed by Jain.

Litigation expenses of 3.96 crore at the Aurangabad Waqf Tribunal were also documented, bringing the total claim to 16.46 crore.

Investigators found that Jain provided investors with a tampered property card, where the word "Mutawali" (trustee) had been deleted, to hide the Waqf status. In reality, the Maharashtra government had notified the land as Waqf property in 2003, and multiple cases were pending before the Waqf Tribunal. Despite this, Jain presented MHADA redevelopment NOCs and a MahaRERA registration (Sanjana Heights) to portray legitimacy.

Jain admitted receiving 12.50 crore but claimed—without evidence—to have repaid 8.32 crore. He acknowledged signing blank papers, which were later used for agreements. Forensic handwriting examination has been initiated.



# "Unfortunate": Supreme Court On Pilot's "Fuel Cut-Off" Mention In Air India Crash Report

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alleging that the  
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**Agency New Delhi.**  
Describing the 'pilot error' narrative after the AI 171 crash as "unfortunate", the Supreme Court has sought responses from the Centre and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to a petition seeking an independent probe into the tragedy.  
The court has also sought a response from the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau, which in July published a preliminary report on what led to the tragedy that claimed 265 lives. The report mentioned a conversation between Captain Sumeet Sabharwal and First Officer Clive Kunder. The report stated that the cockpit audio has confirmed that one pilot asked, "Why did you cut off?" And the other replied, "I didn't".  
This led to speculation that a pilot

error was behind the shocking tragedy.  
Aviation safety NGO Safety Matters Foundation has filed a Public Interest Litigation, alleging that the preliminary report withholds critical information and violates citizens' fundamental rights to life, equality and access to truthful information. The PIL also criticised the report for downplaying systemic anomalies, such as fuel-switch defects and electrical faults, and for prematurely attributing the crash to a pilot error.  
Appearing for the petitioner, Senior Advocate Prashant Bhushan said that more than 100 days have passed since the June 12 crash, but only a preliminary report has been released. "It doesn't say what may have happened and what

precautions should be taken. The result is that all passengers who are travelling on these Boeing planes are at risk today," he said.  
Mr Bhushan said the five-member team formed to investigate the crash has three serving members from the aviation regulator DGCA, creating a serious conflict of interest.  
"How can employees of the same organisation that is under question



carry out the probe?" he asked.  
The bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice N Kotiswar Singh said that while the petitioner's demand for a fair inquiry is understandable, making all findings public could affect the probe.  
"Suppose tomorrow, it is said that pilot 'A' is responsible. The family of the pilot is bound to suffer," Justice Kant said.  
"Prior to the report being given to the government, The Wall Street Journal published an article that we have come to know from our source that this report is going to blame pilots... some leakage happened.  
Everybody went on, and said this was a pilot error... They were very experienced pilots.  
The story that was being given was that the pilots deliberately shut off fuel supply to the engines," Mr Bhushan said.

## Air India Express flight passenger tries to enter cockpit while looking for toilet



**Agency New Delhi.**  
A Bengaluru-Varanasi Air India Express flight witnessed a security incident on Monday when a passenger allegedly tried to open the cockpit while looking for the toilet. While confirming the incident, the airline said security protocols were not compromised and the matter has been reported to the concerned authorities.Flight IX1086 took off from Bengaluru at 8 am today and landed in Varanasi at around 10.30 am.  
In response to the incident, Air India Express said in a statement, "We are aware of media reports regarding an incident on one of our flights to Varanasi, where a passenger approached the cockpit entry area while looking for the lavatory."

"We reaffirm that robust safety and security protocols are in place and were not compromised. The matter was reported to the relevant authorities on landing and is currently under investigation," it added.In a similar incident in June 2024, a 25-year-old man was arrested after he attempted to open the door of an Air India Express flight from Kozhikode to Bahrain, forcing an emergency landing in Mumbai. The man also allegedly assaulted cabin crew.

## Exploring ‘smog-eating’ technology to combat air pollution, says minister Sirsa

**Agency New Delhi.**  
The Delhi government will conduct a time-bound study on “smog-eating” photocatalytic coatings, a technology designed to neutralise harmful gases like nitrogen dioxide and volatile hydrocarbons that contribute to the capital’s toxic air, Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa announced on Sunday.The project will focus on Titanium Oxide-based coatings, which can be applied to roads, pavements, and public spaces to reduce nitrogen dioxide and other harmful hydrocarbons.  
Sirsa said the initiative aims to strengthen the city’s pollution-control measures through technology-driven interventions and scientific validation.  
According to the plan, the Environment Department will sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with a reputed scientific institution within 30 days to carry out field trials. Monthly progress updates will be released, and a final study report is expected within six months of the MoU signing. “If the study confirms that these smog-eating surfaces are effective and cost-efficient, a proposal will be moved before the Cabinet for rapid, citywide deployment at priority locations such as busy corridors, markets, and public spaces,” Sirsa said.  
He added that the department will ensure safety, sustainability, and value for money while identifying credible suppliers for potential large-scale rollout. “This is about protecting Delhi’s people with solutions that work on the ground. We are putting simple, safe, science-based tools on the ground and measuring results openly so families feel the difference in the air they breathe and in their lives,” he said.The government has also linked the initiative with its Innovators’ Challenge, inviting students, startups, and experts to propose practical anti-pollution solutions. Sirsa noted that several ideas have already been shortlisted for pilot testing. “Bring your best ideas—Delhi will test them, fund what works, and take it citywide so every family can breathe easier,” the minister added.

## Delhi Police bust gang defrauding people of crores via rural literacy mission

**Agency New Delhi.**  
Delhi Police have uncovered a massive nationwide fraud worth crores of rupees, with the arrest of a gang that duped people under the guise of the Centre’s National Rural Literacy Mission (RGSM). The accused allegedly lured people across the country by promising jobs and benefits under the mission’s schemes, siphoning off crores in the process.Police investigation revealed that the gang behind the scam operated from various regions, establishing a widespread network across the country.

The accused systematically approached people, using false claims of job opportunities and government benefits available through the RGSM. This approach enabled the fraudsters to amass large sums of money from unsuspecting individuals seeking legitimate opportunities.  
During the operation, Delhi Police



recovered a significant amount of documentary evidence as well as substantial sums of money believed to be part of the proceeds from the scam.The confiscated documents are expected to play a crucial role in the ongoing investigation, shedding light on the operational methods and scale of the fraudulent activities.

Law enforcement agencies in other regions are now collaborating with Delhi Police to trace the full extent of the scheme and to locate additional suspects.  
Further investigations are underway to establish the identities of any additional perpetrators and to recover misappropriated funds.

## Delhi College Principal Suspended After Sexual Harassment Complaint

**Agency New Delhi.**  
The principal of a college affiliated with the University of Delhi has been suspended after a faculty member accused him of harassment. Professor Rasal Singh, who was suspended as principal of Ramanujan College, has now alleged that the complaint against him was "retaliatory" because he did not consider the faculty member's application for promotion over a documentation issue.University of Delhi Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh confirmed to that he approved the recommendation of a probe panel to suspend Professor Singh. "I have accepted the governing body's recommendation because this

concerns the safety of our daughters," he said. Asked about the grounds for the suspension, the Vice-Chancellor declined to comment.



A fact-finding committee first investigated the allegations, which were then examined by a three-member governing body.Professor

Singh has now written to the Grievance Cell in the Prime Minister's Office, and alleged that the complaint against him was "false" and "retaliatory".  
He has said the complaint was filed immediately after the college's Internal Quality Assurance Cell did not consider the faculty member's promotion case due to incomplete documentation. "The timing clearly indicates the retaliatory and afterthought nature of the complaint," Professor Singh has said. "Subsequently, I was subjected to unethical pressure from different corners to promote her failing, which threats of framing me in sexual harassment case," he said.

## Weekend escape trend ruining fragile mountains

**Blasting rock to create 'faster routes' invites landslides, disturbs aquifers, and channels floodwaters into once-stable valleys. When thousands of cars climb these roads each weekend, the ecological cost increases.**

**Agency New Delhi.**  
We had a cloud burst last week in the Doon Valley. Thankfully the burst did not happen during a weekend, otherwise we could have had many a casualty from the National Capital Region (NCR). Come a weekend and you would find vehicles with registration numbers of the national capital, Gurgaon, Faridabad and more dominantly of Noida and Ghaziabad racing towards the twin settlement of Dehradun-Mussoorie.  
Similarly on a Sunday evening or the last day of a holiday of an extended weekend, you would find these vehicles choking the Delhi-Meerut Expressway rushing back home. Though it may sound somewhat a long-stretched a theory, but the casualties which have been witnessed this Monsoon in Uttarakhand could well be blamed on the ill-conceived investment of funds from NCR in the Himalayan state.  
The Himalayas are young mountains,

geologically unstable and highly sensitive to human interference. Every widened road, every tunnel bored to save an hour off the drive destabilizes slopes that have not finished rising. Blasting rock to create “faster routes” invites landslides, disturbs aquifers, and channels floodwaters into once-stable valleys. When thousands of cars climb these roads each weekend, the ecological cost increases.  
Many decades ago, George Harrison of the famous band Beatles had composed a song on Dehradun, whose lyrics went like, “Dehra, Dehra Dun, Many roads can take you there many different ways; One direction takes you years, another takes you days...” Today the roads to Dehradun doesn’t take days but is counted in the single digit hours.  
The government is all set to reduce this distance further to less than three hours.



When you have less hours to cover in the mountains, it means digging tunnels and pulling down peaks, which the recent disasters show that the nature has not taken kindly to.  
Uttarakhand’s development today, largely in the sectors of real estate and hospitality, are being fuelled from the funds funneled from the national capital

region. These funds are of two types, first from the new generation techies and corporates and the other being the traditional black dough.  
The black funds spur construction of resorts and apartment blocks which have mushroomed in the river valleys and the new generation techies and the corporates come and occupy it on lavish rates. Investors, both tech-savvy professionals and those seeking to park black money, convert farmland into profit hubs.  
The quotient of love for nature is minimal in this whole transaction. A known techie and corporate family recently went on a trip to Ram Nagar. This was intriguing as the gates of Corbett National Park are closed during the Monsoon months. They said they had hardly any interest in the tigers, the trip was an escape from the NCR and find a solace in the Himalayas albeit in a lavish resort.

## Indian Tech Industry To Enhance Local Skilling, Hiring In US: Industry Body

**Agency New Delhi.**  
The Indian IT and tech industry is spending more than \$1 billion on local upskilling and hiring in the US, and the number of local hires has increased tremendously, the industry's apex body Nasscom said on Monday.Over the years, Indian and India-centric companies operating in the US have significantly reduced their dependencies on H-1B visas and steadily increased their local hiring.  
“Moreover, with the fee being applicable from 2026 onward, gives companies time to further step up skilling programmes in the US and enhance local hiring,” according to Nasscom.  
As per available data, H-1B issued to the leading India and India centric companies has decreased from 14,792 in 2015 to 10,162 in 2024.  
“H-1B workers for the top 10 Indian and India centric companies are less than 1 per cent of their entire employee base. Given this trajectory, we anticipate only a marginal impact for the sector,” said Nasscom in a statement.H-1B is high skilled worker mobility and a non-immigrant visa that bridges critical skills gap in the US. Salaries are at par with local hires. Moreover, H-1B workers are a mere decimal point of overall US workforce.  
“Nasscom has consistently advocated for predictable and stable skilled talent mobility frameworks, which are critical for sustaining national competitiveness and have long fuelled U.S. innovation and economic growth,” said the industry body.Skilled talent mobility will be central to enabling businesses to make forward-looking investment decisions, accelerate research, and strengthen nations' position in the global innovation economy, it added.  
On September 20, the White House issued clarifications on the recent proclamation introducing a \$100,000 annual fee on H-1B visa applications.The clarification makes clear that the measure will not affect current visa holders and will apply as a one-time fee only to fresh petitions. This has helped address the immediate ambiguity surrounding eligibility and timelines.

## Makeover of monuments in progress, four restored: CM Rekha Gupta

**Agency New Delhi.**  
Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday said that the preservation and beautification of historical monuments is a key responsibility of the Delhi government.She announced that restoration work is underway on 14 heritage sites, of which four monuments have already been fully restored.“Gol Gumbad, Quli Khan Tomb, Bara Lao ka Gumbad, and Horse Stable are the four heritage monuments that have been restored. The Delhi government will safeguard heritage and ensure ample development,” the Chief Minister said.She was speaking at the ‘Viksit Bharat Art Camp – Seva Pakhwada’ held near the Mohammad Quli Khan Tomb in Mehrauli Archaeological Park. The event was jointly organised by the Department of Art, Culture, and Language along with the Sahitya Kala Parishad.  
Gupta noted that the four restored monuments were formally dedicated during the event. She said the programme reflects the Prime Minister's vision of “Vikas Bhi aur Virasat Bhi,” underlining that along with development, preserving historical heritage is equally important.  
Sharing a personal memory, Gupta recalled that visiting the complex reminded her of childhood picnics to Qutub Minar, Red Fort, and Delhi Zoo. She reiterated that the preservation of monuments is an essential government task, being carried forward in alignment with the Prime Minister's vision.Art and Culture Minister Kapil Mishra said the Mehrauli Archaeological Park has been restored and preserved by the government. The site has been given a new look with high-tech lighting and is being developed as a major tourist destination. An exhibition at the venue showcased photographs of the monuments before and after restoration.



NEWS BOX

Salman Agha is Pakistan's weakest link: Shoaib Akhtar slams captain after India loss

New Delhi. (Agency)

Shoaib Akhtar has questioned Salman Ali Agha's spot in the Pakistan team and slammed his captaincy methods after their humbling loss to India in the Super 4s of the Asia Cup 2025. Agha was made the captain of the side after Mohammad Rizwan's ouster from the T20I side, and he has failed to deliver the required results so far.

This was the second time that Pakistan convincingly lost to India and many of the decisions by Agha have come under the scanner. Another strange call came with the team selection as Hassan Nawaz was dropped for the game and Agha came in at No.6 for batting.

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Akhtar questioned these calls during an interaction on Tapmad and said that Nawaz at No.4 could have given Pakistan the needed momentum to get a big score. Speaking about



Agha, the pace legend claimed that he was the weakest link in the team, who was clueless about what he was supposed to do.

"As for the captain — he anyway doesn't seem to know what he's doing, what kind of captaincy he's providing, or how he's playing himself. That is the weakest part, and no one talks about it. Does he even deserve to play at the spot he's batting? That's the biggest question. What does he actually do? Okay, he comes in at No. 6. What does he produce as a talent? Compare him — when Tilak comes, when Hardik Pandya comes — there's no comparison. Fine, he may be a "good boy," he may be a "good captain" in some eyes, but what talent does he actually produce? That's the biggest question mark. He is the weakest link," said Akhtar. The former pacer also questioned why Pakistan didn't target Abhishek Sharma with more short deliveries.

India had to win in style: Sunil Gavaskar on dominant Asia Cup win vs Pakistan

New Delhi. (Agency)

Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar believes Rohit Sharma's men walked into their Asia Cup Super 4 clash against Pakistan with a point to prove. After the off-field drama that followed the group-stage game—including the handshake controversy and PCB's protest to the match referee—Gavaskar said India felt the pressure to respond, not just with a win, but with an emphatic statement of dominance.

Speaking exclusively to India Today after India sealed another commanding six-wicket victory over Pakistan in Dubai, Gavaskar said the team channeled that extra burden into performance.

"I think, after all the halla-bullu that happened after the last game, the pressure was definitely on the Indians. Maybe it showed on the field, as they dropped relatively



simple catches. Of course, there were some difficult ones, but the standard we see today makes even tough chances look simple," Gavaskar said.

"Yes, the pressure was on India to win this game in style, especially given everything that happened last Sunday. In this way, they showed they have the temperament to handle all that and deliver under pressure," he added.

On the field, Pakistan began brightly but unravelled quickly. Fakhar Zaman and Sahibzada Farhan combined for a 72-run stand, lifting the score to 91 for 1 at the halfway stage. But once Shivam Dube removed both set batters and India's spin duo of Kuldeep Yadav and Varun Chakravathy tightened the screws, Pakistan's innings lost direction. Between overs 11 and 16, they crawled to just 30 runs, with skipper Salman Ali Agha, Hussain Talat, and Mohammad Nawaz all failing to accelerate.

Sahibzada Farhan breaks silence on gun celebration vs India: Don't care how people take it

✦Pakistan opener Sahibzada Farhan commented on his gun celebration during the India clash in the Asia Cup 2025. Farhan scored a fifty during the game and his celebration went viral and was panned on social media

New Delhi. (Agency)

Pakistan opener Sahibzada Farhan has broken silence on his gun celebration against India during the Super 4s clash in the Asia Cup 2025, which courted controversy on Sunday, September 21. Farhan hit a six off Axar Patel in the 10th over of the match to bring up his fifty and decided to use a unique celebration.

The opener held his bat like a gun and pointed to the dug out and mimicked as if he was firing it. The celebration was widely perceived as provocative and caused an uproar on social media. Speaking at the press conference for the Pakistan vs Sri Lanka match, Farhan commented on the



celebration and said it was something he did at the moment.

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Abhishek Sharma's batting hailed by Misbah-ul-Haq, says it looked like nets practice

✦Abhishek Sharma's blistering 74 runs guided India to a six-wicket victory over Pakistan in the Asia Cup 2025. His composed innings earned praise from former Pakistan captain Misbah-ul-Haq, highlighting a shift in the high-pressure rivalry.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Former Pakistan captain Misbah-ul-Haq heaped praise on India's opening batter Abhishek Sharma after his blistering knock against Pakistan in the Super 4 clash of the Asia Cup 2025 at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Sunday, September 21. Abhishek played a match-winning innings of 74 runs off 39 balls, setting the tone for India's successful chase of 172. The 25-

year-old dismantled Pakistan's bowling attack, which featured Shaheen Afridi, Haris Rauf, and Abrar Ahmed, and guided India to a six-wicket win.

The left-hander had been contributing with short cameos throughout the tournament,



but this time converted his start into a commanding innings. His stroke play left even the Pakistani camp impressed, with Misbah highlighting his calmness and skill in such a high-pressure contest.

"The kind of skill level and temperament he has is amazing. First time against Pakistan, it did not look like he was under pressure. Looked like he was playing in the nets.

When the ball lands in the zone, he just calmly sends it away," Misbah said while speaking on Tapmad after the game.

The former skipper also pointed out how Abhishek took on Pakistan's frontline bowlers at key stages, easing the task for his teammates. "The most important thing is that he always tries to take on the main bowler to put them under pressure. That really disrupts the team," Misbah added.

He further explained that Abhishek's attacking play is not just about blind hitting but comes with a deep awareness of match situations. Misbah stressed that the youngster showed respect to the good deliveries while punishing anything loose.

Stay updated on Asia Cup 2025 with India Today! Get match schedules, team squads, live score, and the latest Asia Cup points table. "The main weapon for a fast bowler is the hard length. But if there is width, then you are punished. Shaheen tried hitting those hard lengths and Abhishek did respect those. But once the ball went short or full, he just made room and smacked it," Misbah explained.

PSG set to miss Ballon d'Or ceremony in Paris, but it's not a boycott

Paris Saint-Germain stars will miss Monday's 2025 Ballon d'Or ceremony due to their rescheduled Ligue 1 clash against Marseille. Dembele remains favourite for the award, while Luis Enrique, Desire Doue, and other PSG nominees may also be absent.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Paris Saint-Germain are set to miss Monday's 2025 Ballon d'Or awards in Paris on September 22, but the reason is logistical rather than political. The club's marquee Ligue 1 fixture against Marseille, originally scheduled for Sunday, was postponed due to severe thunderstorms in the Bouches-du-Rhone region. The game was rescheduled for Monday evening, directly overlapping with

the ceremony at the Thtre du Chtelet. Several PSG stars are amongst the nominees this year, including Ousmane Dembele, Desire Doue, Achraf Hakimi, Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, Nuno Mendes, Joao Neves,



Vitinha, and Fabian Ruiz. Dembele, the favourite for the Ballon d'Or after an outstanding 2024-25 campaign with 35 goals, 16 assists, and the Champions League Player of the Tournament award, could still attend individually, but the wider squad will be unavailable.

Why can PSG not attend Ballon d'Or event The rescheduling of Le Classique has left PSG unable to participate as a team. Ligue 1 regulations state that any match postponed due to adverse weather must be moved to the following day, which forced the Marseille clash to coincide with the awards. Georges-Franois Leclerc, prefect of the Provence-Alpes-Cte d'Azur region, confirmed PSG were "polite but disappointed" by the timing, noting the club would have preferred an earlier kick-off to allow players to attend.

While some injured players like Dembele, Desire Doue, and Joao Neves may still travel to Paris individually, the bulk of the squad and staff will be on the pitch for the rescheduled match. Luis Enrique is also unlikely to receive his Johan Cruyff Trophy in person, as he will be busy managing the team against their fierce rivals.

Travis Head to play at No.3? Ricky Ponting backs promotion ahead of Ashes series

✦Ricky Ponting has suggested promoting Travis Head to No.3 in the batting order for the Ashes series. This move aims to challenge England's pace attack and strengthen Australia's middle order balance.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Former Australia captain, Ricky Ponting, has suggested that Travis Head could be promoted to No.3 in the batting order for the upcoming Ashes series at home, arguing that his counter-attacking style may disrupt England's pace attack.

Australia are looking to retain the urn while also continuing their ICC World Test

Championship 2025-27 campaign, and Ponting believes Head's aggressive intent could give the team early momentum.

Speaking on SEN Radio, Ponting said the move could also provide balance in the middle order. "As a young bloke you used to come into the side as a No.5 or No.6 player and eventually you worked your way up and find yourself in a No.3 spot. So they could think about doing that with Travis Head, they could move him up to No.3," he explained.

Ponting noted that Head's presence at one-drop could put England's fast bowlers immediately under pressure. "The way England play their cricket, to have someone like Travis Head coming in at No.3 and be able to put some pressure back on the likes of Jofra Archer and Mark Wood, that's another way they could look at it if they really want to get

on the front foot and try and dominate England through this Ashes summer." At the same time, Ponting acknowledged



Australia's growing depth, particularly with youngsters making a case. He highlighted 19-year-old Sam Konstas, who recently struck a century for Australia A in India, and

just came to his mind and he doesn't care about how people perceive it. The opener stressed that he wants his side to continue playing aggressive cricket, just like they did in the first 10 overs against India.

"I think, if you talk about the sixes, you will see that (a lot) in the future. And that (celebration) was just a moment at that time. I do not do a lot of celebrations after scoring 50. But, it suddenly came to my mind that let's do a celebration today. I did that. I don't know how people will take it. I don't care about that.

And the rest, you know, you should play aggressive cricket wherever you play. It is not necessary that it is India. You should play aggressive cricket against every team, like we played today," said Farhan.

The opener scored 58 runs off 45 balls as Pakistan posted 171 in the first innings. However, the knock went in vain as India defeated Pakistan by 6 wickets.

The opener wasn't the only Pakistan player who was panned on social media for his gestures. Haris Rauf also found himself at the centre of controversy as he reacted to Virat Kohli chants with a proactive fighter jet gesture.

Quinton de Kock reverses ODI retirement, named in South Africa squad for PAK tour

New Delhi. (Agency)

Quinton de Kock has decided to reverse his ODI retirement and has been selected as part of the white-ball squads for the upcoming tour of Pakistan, according to Cricinfo. De Kock decided to end his ODI career after the World Cup 2023 in India, where he ended the tournament with 594 runs as the Proteas made it to the semi-finals.

The wicketkeeper-batter was part of South Africa's T20 World Cup 2024 squad and, since then, has been focused on playing franchise cricket. The 32-year-old's last T20I was the T20 World Cup final against India in 2024. Speaking about De Kock's return, South Africa coach Shukri Conrad said that it was a major boost for the team and they had discussions with him about his white-ball career.

"Quinton's return to the white-ball space is a



major boost for us. When we spoke last month about his future, it was clear that he still has a strong ambition to represent his country."

"Everyone knows the quality he brings to the side, and having him back can only benefit the team," said Conrad. The decision comes after a period of uncertainty about De Kock's career. While the wicketkeeper never retired from T20Is, he wasn't part of the plans for former coach Rob Walter.

The Proteas will be without the services of Temba Bavuma for the tour as he continues to recover from a calf strain he sustained during the England tour. Aiden Markram is also absent from the white-ball squads, meaning that David Miller will lead the T20I team and Matthew Breetzke will be the captain of the ODI side.

South Africa and Pakistan will play 2 Tests, 3 T20Is and 3 ODIs during the tour.

South Africa T20I squad for Pakistan tour David Miller (captain), Corbin Bosch, Dewald Brevis, Nandre Burger, Gerald Coetzee, Quinton de Kock, Donovan Ferreira, Reeza Hendricks, George Linde, Kwena Maphaka, Lungi Ngidi, Ngaba Peter, Lhuan-dr Pretorius, Andile Simelane, Lizaad Williams.

suggested he could slot into the top order alongside veteran Usman Khawaja. "I can see our top order being Konstas and Khawaja," Ponting said. "The fact they've moved Green up to No.3 when they did in the Caribbean to me suggested they see him as that long-term No.3. Smith will stay at four, Head at five, and I would definitely keep Beau Webster at No.6. I can't see how they could leave Beau out of the side and keep some of the other guys in."

With the Ashes set to ignite another summer of rivalry, Ponting's comments underline the selection dilemmas awaiting Australia's think tank as they look to blend youth with proven performers.



Turning 50? Here's how to protect your retirement savings, explains financial advisor



New Delhi.(Agency)

Turning 50 often comes with mixed emotions, pride in what you’ve achieved and worry about what lies ahead. For many, the biggest concern is money. After decades of saving and investing, there’s a fear that retirement funds might not last as long as they should. Financial planner Abhishek Kumar puts it bluntly on LinkedIn: “The scariest thing about turning 50? Realising a lifetime of savings might vanish faster than you think.”

He says he has seen people pour all their money into a single bet, struggle when markets crash, or spend too much in the first year of retirement, only to panic later. To avoid these pitfalls, Kumar suggests a few practical steps.

**BUILD A BIGGER EMERGENCY FUND**

By the time you hit 50, a basic six-month emergency fund is not enough. Kumar advises doubling it. “If you lose your salary in your 50s, you don’t just need runway, but extra fuel to ride out market dips,” he says. A 12–24-month buffer can give peace of mind and prevent panic withdrawals from long-term investments.

**KEEP A SAFETY MARGIN**

Retirement planning often involves setting a target corpus. But Kumar recommends building a cushion. “Estimate you need Rs 5 crore? Accumulate at least Rs 6 crore,” he says.

**Trump reveals Murdochs and Dell could potentially take part in TikTok deal**

**New Delhi.(Agency)**

President Donald Trump said prominent billionaires – including media mogul Rupert Murdoch and tech founder Michael Dell – could be part of a deal in which the U.S. will take control of the social video platform TikTok.

Trump namedropped the 94-year-old Murdoch and his son Lachlan Murdoch, the head of Fox News and News Corp, as part of a group of possible participants in a deal during an interview recorded Friday and aired Sunday on Fox News.

“I think they’re going to be in the group. A couple of others. Really great people, very prominent people,” Trump said. “And they’re also American patriots, you know, they love this country. I think they’re going to do a really good job.”

Trump’s disclosure of the potential involvement of the Murdochs and Dell, the founder and CEO of Dell Technologies, is the latest twist in a fast-moving potential deal to keep TikTok operating in the U.S.

Trump also said Sunday that tech giant Oracle founder and CEO Larry Ellison was part of the same group. His involvement had been previously disclosed. On Saturday, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said Oracle would be responsible for the app’s data and security and that Americans will control six of the seven seats for a planned board.

Much is still unknown about the actual deal in the works. Trump discussed the TikTok deal with China’s Xi Jinping in a lengthy phone call on Friday. Chinese and U.S. officials have until Dec. 16 to hash out the details, following the latest deadline extension by the Trump administration.

TikTok is a hugely popular app currently owned by a Chinese company, ByteDance. American officials have warned the algorithm TikTok uses to shape what users see is vulnerable to manipulation by Chinese authorities, who can use it to push content on the platform in a way that’s difficult to detect.

**Gold price prediction: What's the gold rate outlook for September 22, 2025 week - why Rs 1,08,500 is a crucial level**

**New Delhi.(Agency)**

Gold price prediction today: Gold prices are expected to maintain their bullish trend, and a buy on dips strategy may work well for investors, says Manav Modi, Senior Analyst, Commodity Research at Motilal Oswal Financial services Ltd. Here is his outlook for gold prices in the coming days:

Gold started last week with some profit booking after scaling record highs but losses were limited amid weak US jobs data, rupee depreciation and expectations of a rate cut from the Federal Reserve. Market sentiment was influenced by higher-than-expected inflation data, softer labor market numbers, and a sharp drop in non-farm payrolls, leading participants to price in at least a 25 bps cut, with some even anticipating a 50 bps move. The Fed meeting came against a complex backdrop of political tussles, including legal challenges around its leadership and President Trump’s push for a deeper rate cut, highlighting risks to the central bank’s independence. On the geopolitical front, Middle East tensions, NATO’s presence in Eastern Europe, and Israel’s military escalation in Gaza added a risk premium, further supporting safe-haven demand.

Errors in ITR filing? 3 simple ways to fix it: Revise, rectify or update

**Mumbai.(Agency)**

The income tax return (ITR) filing deadline may have passed, but for many taxpayers, the task isn’t completely over. Despite filing carefully, some are now spotting mistakes, a deduction that slipped their mind, a typo in the form, or a mismatch between their return and the information reflected in Form 26AS or AIS. The thought of having made a mistake after filing can be worrying, but there’s no need to panic. Thankfully, the tax system offers ways to fix them.

**REVISED RETURN: FIXING ERRORS AFTER FILING**

One of the most common solutions available is filing a revised return under Section 139(5). If you spot a mistake after submitting your ITR, you can log in to the e-filing portal, select to file a revised return, and enter the details correctly this time.

Importantly, you must select that you are filing under Section 139(5) and quote your original acknowledgement number.

The window for filing a revised return for Assessment Year 2025-26 is open until December 31, 2025. This method is straightforward and replaces your previous return with the updated information.

**RECTIFICATION REQUEST: FOR OBVIOUS MISTAKES**

Sometimes, after your return has been processed, the income tax department may highlight mismatches between your filing and their records. In such cases, a rectification request under Section 154 comes handy. This option is designed for straightforward mistakes, like a calculation error, clerical issue, or TDS mismatch.



You cannot use it to add new deductions or income, but you can correct mistakes visible from the records. The process is simple; just log in, select the relevant assessment year, and file a rectification request through the Services tab.

**UPDATED RETURN: A SAFETY NET FOR LATE DISCLOSURES**

For those who realise much later, after the windows for revised or rectified returns close, that they missed reporting some income, Section 139(8A) introduces the updated return. Taxpayers can disclose omitted income within 48 months from the end of the relevant assessment year.

The updated return cannot be used to reduce tax liability or claim a refund; it is specifically for voluntary disclosure, ensuring compliance while requiring payment of additional tax on the missed income.

Simply put, mistakes in tax returns happen to many taxpayers and even due to system errors at times. What matters is spotting them early and using the right option to fix them, be it a revised return, rectification request, or updated return.

Kunal Bahl, rejected for H-1B, consoles techies: I did well in India, didn't I?

**New Delhi.(Agency)**

Panic and disappointment spread across Indian tech and student circles after US President Donald Trump announced a \$100,000 fee for new H-1B visas from September 21, a move that threatens to reshape the decades-old system of sending Indian talent to America.

While India has long been the biggest beneficiary of these visas, accounting for 71% of all approvals last year, uncertainty has cast a shadow over careers, education plans and the information technology industry, which earns 57% of its revenues from the U.S.e intensified. This new realition.

But amid the gloom, Indian business leaders have urged young professionals not to lose hope.

“In 2007, sitting at my desk in Microsoft I got an email that my H1B visa was rejected. It was crushing and numbing at that moment, but life-changing eventually when I moved back to India. To those impacted today, be positive. There is something much bigger & better in store for you,” said Kunal Bahl, co-founder of Snapdeal, on X.

Radhika Gupta, MD & CEO of Edelweiss Mutual Fund, echoed the sentiment by recalling her own experience.

“I was fortunate to graduate in 2005, when H-1B norms were far more favourable in the US. But things changed quickly in 2008 during the financial crisis — many Indian students felt upset, lost, and stuck. Some eventually returned home, and years later, even those of us who still had the visa made the same choice. Today, we’ve built fulfilling lives here — with tremendous professional opportunities and the deeper joy of creating in our own country. Personally, I wouldn’t want to go back

— at all,” she wrote.

Gupta added a message for students now facing the brunt of new restrictions. “So, if you’re on a US campus right now feeling shaken or disheartened, I know what that feels like. But remember: when one door closes, many others open back home. And India of 2025 is a far more exciting place than India of 2005 ever was. Chin up. Aao, ab laut chalen.”

**AMERICAN DREAM SLIPPING AWAY**

Industry experts warn that the H-1B fee hike will have wide implications. Tech firms with clients such as Apple, JPMorgan, Walmart, Microsoft, Meta and Google will be forced to pause onshore rotations, accelerate offshore delivery, and increase hiring of U.S. citizens and green card holders.

Ganesh Natarajan, former CEO of Zensar Technologies, told Reuters: “The ‘American Dream’ for aspiring workers will be tough. Firms are likely to restrict cross-border travel and get more work done out of countries such as India, Mexico and the Philippines.”



Tariff hits India’s US exports; zero-duty items face steepest fall: GTRI Report

**New Delhi.(Agency)**

India’s merchandise exports to the US, its largest market, have gone down by 22.2 percent between May and August 2025, dropping from \$8.8 billion to \$6.9 billion, as the steep escalation of American tariffs weighs on shipments, according to a new report by the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI).

The tariff blow has been sharp and uneven. The US raised import duties on Indian goods from 10% in early August to 25 percent by mid-month and a punishing 50% by month-end. September will be the first full month with the higher levy, which could deepen the slide in labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, gems and jewellery, shrimp, chemicals, and solar panels, cautioned GTRI.

“Tariff-Exempt Exports Collapse is a Puzzle. It is alarming and counterintuitive — these products face zero US tariffs, yet they have seen the steepest decline. This demands urgent investigation to uncover the real reasons that are driving the fall,” stated the report. The steepest decline came in

tariff-free items. Exports of smartphones, pharmaceuticals, and petroleum products, which face zero duties in the US, fell 41.9 percent to \$1.96 billion. Smartphone exports collapsed 58% to \$965 million, down

from \$2.3 billion in May. Foxconn and Tata Electronics, the two largest exporters, may be shifting their production base to Vietnam or China for newer models. Pharmaceutical exports shrank 13.3% to \$647 million, raising fresh concerns for India’s \$25 billion drug sector.

In contrast, products under uniform global tariffs, including metals and auto components, slipped just 4% to \$600

million, cushioned by the fact that India is not uniquely disadvantaged.

The sharper stress is visible in Category C goods — those singled out for the 50 percent tariff. Shipments fell 10.8 percent to \$4.3 billion. Gems and jewellery exports contracted 9.1 percent, with Surat’s diamond industry hit hard, though lab-grown diamonds surged over 40%, reflecting shifting US consumer preferences. Solar panel exports dropped 34.6%, raising fears of losing share to China and Vietnam, both facing lower tariffs. Seafood exports collapsed 43.8 percent, with Vannamei shrimp plunging 52.2 percent, threatening livelihoods across coastal clusters.

Textile and garment exports fell 9.3 percent to \$855 million, with cotton dresses down a staggering 66.7 percent. Home textiles were the only bright spot, rising 14.2 percent on steady US demand. Chemicals, agrochemicals in particular, slumped nearly 27 percent, while agro and processed food shipments also weakened sharply.



Sensex down 346 points, Nifty below 25,300; Tech Mahindra tanks 6%

**New Delhi.(Agency)**

Benchmark stock market indices opened lower as IT sector stocks tanked in early trade over the new rules announced by US President on H-1B visas coming in effect from September 21, impacting investor sentiment. The S&P BSE Sensex was down by 267.56 points to 82,358.67, while the NSE Nifty50 lost 48.60 points to 25,278.45 as of 9:25 am.

Dr. VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said that the market is likely to witness a dualistic behaviour today with the IT sector getting impacted by the H1B visa issue and the domestic consumption themes responding to the potential big boost to consumption coming from the lower GST rates kicking-in from today.

"This festival season is likely to witness one of the best consumption booms in recent times. Indian stock market’s huge underperformance during the last one-year compared to most markets of the world, is likely to end soon. But a runaway rally is unlikely since high valuations continue to be a concern," he



added. In early trade, IT stocks dragged the market down. Tech Mahindra slumped 4.08%, Infosys slipped 2.53%, HCL Technologies fell 2.46%, Tata Consultancy Services

dropped 2.21% and Sun Pharma was down 0.40%. The top five gainers were UltraTech Cement up 0.85%, Adani Ports rising 0.78%, Trent higher by 0.73%, Eicher Motors up 0.65% and Kotak Mahindra

Amazon faces US trial over alleged Prime subscription tricks

**Washington.(Agency)**

Amazon goes to trial on Monday in a US government lawsuit that accuses the e-commerce giant of using tricks to enroll millions of customers in its Prime subscription service and then making it nearly impossible to cancel.

The Federal Trade Commission’s complaint, filed in June 2023, alleges that Amazon knowingly used designs known as “dark patterns” to trick consumers into signing up for the \$139-per-year Prime service during checkouts.

The case centers on two main allegations: that Amazon enrolled customers without clear consent through confusing checkout processes, and that it created a deliberately complex cancellation system internally nicknamed “Iliad”, after Homer’s epic about the long, arduous Trojan War. The case will be heard in a federal court in Seattle by Judge John Chun, who is also presiding over a separate FTC case that accuses Amazon of running an illegal monopoly, due to go to trial in 2027.

The cases are part of a volley of lawsuits launched against the big tech companies in recent years in a bipartisan effort to rein in the power of the US tech giants after years of government complacency.

According to court documents, Amazon was aware of widespread “nonconsensual enrollment” in Prime but resisted changes that would reduce these unwanted sign-ups because they negatively affected the company’s revenue.

The FTC alleges that Amazon’s checkout process forced customers to navigate confusing interfaces where declining Prime membership required finding small, inconspicuous links while signing up for the service was through prominent buttons.

Crucial information about Prime’s price and automatic renewal was often hidden or disclosed in fine print, the FTC also alleges.

"For years, Amazon has knowingly duped millions of consumers into unknowingly enrolling in its Amazon Prime service," the original complaint states.

The service has become central to Amazon's business model, with Prime subscribers spending significantly more on the platform than non-members. The lawsuit also targets Amazon's cancellation process, which required customers to navigate what the FTC describes as a "labyrinthine" four-page, six-click, fifteen-option process to cancel their membership.

The FTC is seeking penalties, monetary relief, and permanent injunctions requiring the company to change its practices. The case in part relies on ROSCA, legislation that came into force in 2010 that specifically prohibits charging consumers for internet services without clear disclosure of terms, obtaining express consent, and providing simple cancellation mechanisms.

Bank gaining 0.45%. Nifty Midcap100 was up 0.06% and Nifty Smallcap100 gained 0.03%, while India VIX jumped by 5.09%.

Among the sectoral indices, the biggest fall was seen in Nifty IT which slipped 2.37%, followed by Nifty Pharma down 0.48%, Nifty Healthcare Index down 0.31% and Nifty Consumer Durables down 0.02%.

Nifty PSU Bank gained 0.73%, Nifty Realty rose 0.78%, Nifty Media was up 0.65%, Nifty Metal added 0.52%, Nifty Financial Services 25/50 advanced 0.40%, Nifty Auto gained 0.25%, Nifty Oil & Gas moved up 0.17%, Nifty FMCG rose 0.15% and Nifty Private Bank added 0.14%.

"The present low interest rate regime will aid the consumption boost and will also facilitate increase in credit demand. This has the potential to boost the profitability of financials. Banking stocks which have been under pressure from NIM compression fears are fairly valued and have the potential to deliver decent returns," said Vijaykumar.



# Jannat Zubair

## Slays In A Stunning, Sexy Chocolate-Brown Gown

Jannat Zubair’s fashion game always stays on point. Be it slaying a boss-lady look or a stunning gown, the actress knows how to slay. In her recent photo dump, Jannat chose a floor-length gown in a rich, deep chocolate-brown hue. The gown features a sheer, flowy fabric layered over a fitted bodice, creating a dreamy silhouette. While the sheer gown added glamour, the halter neck of the outfit maintained sophistication, and the full-sleeve design added to the drama. For accessories, she chose complementary golden picks with multiple chunky rings and an ear accessory. Moving on to her makeup, Jannat embraced a soft-glam aesthetic. With a dewy base, a hint of pink blush on her cheeks, natural and neutral eyeshadow, and perfectly groomed brows, she finished her look by adding a perfect nude shade of lipstick that helped her natural beauty shine. Jannat’s hair was styled sleek and straight, parted down the middle, and pulled back neatly behind her ears. This hairstyle added to the polished appeal of the look.

**Jannat Zubair Sparks Dating Rumours with Elvish Yadav**  
Jannat Zubair has been in the news for sparking dating rumours with Elvish Yadav. The speculations began after YouTuber and Bigg Boss OTT 2 winner Elvish Yadav shared a series of romantic pictures with Jannat Zubair, leading fans to wonder if they are actually dating. In the pictures, Elvish was seen wearing a white printed kurta, while Jannat was stunning in a gorgeous red saree. Sharing the affectionate pictures, Elvish wrote, “Tere dil me haq mera hai.” Additionally, Elvish added another comment, which read, “Na yeh suraj dhalta hai, na aapke chehre ka noor,” further heightening curiosity among fans. As of now, neither Elvish nor Jannat has officially confirmed their speculated relationship.

**Jannat Zubair on the Work Front**  
Jannat Zubair has been working as an actor for over a decade, and throughout these years, she has been a part of multiple widely popular television series, including Matti Ki Banno, Best of Luck Nikki, Fear Files: Darr Ki Sacchi Tasvirein, Code Red, Stories by Rabindranath Tagore, and Aap Ke Aa Jane Se, among others. Jannat has also made appearances in reality shows like Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi 12, Laughter Chefs – Unlimited Entertainment, and The Traitors India. Jannat was last seen in The Traitors, hosted by Karan Johar, where she finished in 8th place.



# Nia Sharma’s

## Sexy Bikini Poolside Look In Dubai Goes Viral Ahead Of Her Birthday

Television diva Nia Sharma knows how to make a splash — both on screen and off it. Ahead of her birthday, the actress jetted off to Dubai, where she has been enjoying a luxury getaway at the iconic Aura Skypool, the world’s highest 360-degree infinity pool. Known for her fearless fashion choices, Nia shared a series of sizzling pictures and videos from her pre-birthday celebration that instantly went viral. In the photos, Nia turned heads in a striking black bikini top paired with a mini skirt that flaunted her toned abs. She accessorized the look with a dainty belly piercing, stacked bangles, and cross-shaped jewelry. Adding a touch of glamour, she layered her look with a chic cropped white jacket and finished it off with sleek cat-eye sunglasses. Her hair, styled in a high ponytail, perfectly complemented the breezy poolside vibe. One of the pictures showed Nia lounging elegantly by



the poolside, letting the golden hour sunlight add a natural glow to her look. In another, she stood against the jaw-dropping Dubai skyline, with the blue waters of the infinity pool blending into the horizon. A candid shot captured her holding a dessert platter decorated with the words “Happy Birthday Nia,” her smile reflecting the excitement of early celebrations. Captioning her post with a cheeky note, “Pre Birthday bhi to hotaaa hai...,” Nia hinted at her love for celebrating life’s moments to the fullest — not just on the special day but even before it. The post, which featured over a dozen snaps, has already garnered more than 14,000 likes and hundreds of comments, with fans and friends showering her with birthday wishes and admiration.

## Zubeen Garg’s Wife Garima Saikia Garg Breaks Down While Paying Final Goodbye To Late Singer



Zubeen Garg’s tragic and untimely demise left everyone in shock. Today, Sunday, September 21, Assam woke up to heartbreak as the mortal remains of the singer arrived in Guwahati. Before the icon could be laid to rest, the entire city, along with his family, paid their final respects, and the heartbreaking visuals are circulating on social media. Thousands of fans and well-wishers gathered at the Arjun Bhogeswar Baruah Sports Complex (Sarusajai Stadium) in Guwahati to pay their final respects. The visual of his wife, Garima Saikia Garg, breaking down in tears, has left the internet heartbroken. In a clip shared by news agency ANI, Zubeen Garg’s body was placed in a glass casket, with Garima constantly placing her palms on top of it and crying. The agency post also shared that the late singer’s body was brought inside his residence for his family and close relatives to bid him adieu. Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai, produced under the banner of Tips Films Pvt. Ltd., is slated for a grand theatrical release in October 2025. The caption of the post read: “Wife of singer Zubeen Garg, film producer Garima Saikia Garg, pays a tearful tribute to her husband at their residence in Guwahati.”

**Zubeen Garg’s death**  
Renowned Assamese singer Zubeen Garg tragically passed away following a scuba diving accident in Singapore. He had travelled to Singapore to participate in the North East Festival, where he was scheduled to perform on the day of the incident.

**Zubeen Garg’s professional life**  
Zubeen Garg was a versatile Indian singer and musician. He began singing at the age of three, with his first training coming from his mother. He later studied tabla under Pandit Robin Banerjee for 11 years. Guru Ramani Rai introduced him to Assamese folk music. Garg also started composing songs during his school days, often giving them to other singers to perform.

## Jackky Bhagnani Calls Rakul Preet Singh His ‘Safe Space’ In Special ‘Wife Appreciation’ Post



Last year, in February 2024, Jackky Bhagnani and Rakul Preet Singh tied the knot in Goa, and since then, the two have been giving major couple goals. Today, on the occasion of Wife Appreciation Day, Jackky Bhagnani has yet again proven why he is a total green flag. The actor took to his Instagram and shared the cutest video compilation that shows their sweet moments together. While sharing the video, the actor attached a long note thanking Rakul for being his best friend, partner in crime, and everything else. While sharing the video, the actor wrote, “On Wife Appreciation Day, today I just want to pause and say how truly grateful I am for you. Thank you for being my best friend, my partner in crime, and the one who makes sure my healthy food somehow finds me, no matter where I am. But beyond all that, thank you for being my safe place, the person who knows me better than I know myself, and the one who makes even ordinary days feel extraordinary. I love you to the moon and back — and then some. @rakulpreet” As Jackky shared this video, fans started reacting to it. One wrote, “Even she is lucky to have such a caring husband like Jackky.” “May you both live long, desirable lives,” another fan shared. A third fan said, “May no one cast an evil eye upon you both.”

**About Rakul and Jackky**  
Jackky and Rakul’s love story took a turn when they tied the knot in an intimate ceremony at a picturesque location in Goa. After dating for a few years, the two decided it was time to take their relationship to the next level, keeping their wedding plans a well-guarded secret for the longest time. It was not until February 21, 2024, that the couple shared the news of their marriage with their fans and followers, posting some heartwarming moments from their wedding ceremony. Rakul marked the new beginning with a post captioned: “Mine now and forever, 21-02-2024 #abdonobhagna-ni.” Speaking of their work front, Rakul Preet Singh will be next seen in the film Mere Husband Ki Biwi alongside Arjun Kapoor and Bhumi Pednekar. Directed by Mudassar Aziz, the romantic drama is produced by Jackky Bhagnani and Vashu Bhagnani. It will be released in theatres on February 21.



**Daily**  
Morning - lime shot, green juice, cleansing and moisturising Lemon is the most alkalizing food in your daily diet. It contains about 8% citric acid, which once ingested, metabolises to an alkaline state tilting the body's intracellular fluid towards a healthy alkalinity. In an alkaline state, every system in the body works at its optimum level. Regular lemon intake stimulates the production of enzymes and digestive juices in the stomach and helps scavenge the free radicals. Moisturizing is a vital step in skin care regimen. Oily skin needs hydration too, but since it's prone to acne, attention should be paid to the choice of moisturizer.  
Day - sunscreen application and reapplication Use sunscreen every day to protect your skin. No matter what type of skin you have, an oil-free sunscreen used before you go outside can help the skin look young and fresh, and keep it healthy.

Here's your

Beauty

calendar



**Only once before the party**  
Medium-depth or salon exfoliation Facials, as we all know, are skin treatments intended to improve the cosmetic appearance of the skin. They are meant to cleanse, firm, smoothen and moisturise the skin. A full-treatment facial often means stepping into a new world of pampering and relaxation. Some facials treat specific skin problems, such as acne, dryness or wrinkles. You can opt for basic facials at home, using hand-mixed pastes and compounds, mild peeling agents, or can incorporate procedures, using electrical stimulation of facial muscles to temporarily tighten the skin.

**PARTY COUNTDOWN**  
**A week before the party**  
Implement new changes - hair cut, make-up etc If you are planning on a new hair cut or any new treatment, this is the time. It will give you enough time to recover if the treatment or product does not agree with your skin type. Increase water intake - minimum 3litres a day Drink lots of water with lime because your goal is to make your system as alkaline as possible. Avoid caffeine as it could lead to further dehydration. Have Isabgol daily at night, drink green tea It helps in good bowel movement which flushes out the excess toxins. It eventually reflects in healthy skin.

**Be more consistent and regular with your exercise**  
Exercise nourishes your skin by bringing more blood flow and oxygen to it, resulting in post-exercise glow. Have supplements of vitamins A, C and E, and minerals like selenium and zinc (antioxidant properties).  
**Include vegetable juices in your diet**  
Regular intake of juices of deep-coloured vegetables is a natural source of anti-oxidants which helps the skin to remain fresh and glowing in all seasons. The antioxidants help eradicate (flush out) the free radicals (toxins) from our body that cause aging, as well as diseases.  
Attend to body hair If you are enrolled for laser hair reduction sessions, schedule your appointment for the same. Else, meet your beautician for getting excess hair waxed. Caution: Do not wax hair from your face, chest and back - as it can lead to sudden acne break-out.  
Visit the salon For acne prone skin, a clean-up will help in exfoliating the dead cells. Visit your doctor first. For normal to dry skin, a facial helps in hydration. The face massage improves blood circulation and thus rejuvenates the skin.  
**48 hours before**  
Pamper your hands and feet Grooming hands and feet is an extremely important part of your skin care routine. It boosts your confidence level.  
**24 hours before**  
Visit the spa Nothing like a relaxing day at the spa to de-stress before the party. Besides de-stressing, it also peps you up for the party ahead.  
**On Dec 31 night**  
- Apply a hydrating facemask for a few minutes  
- Wash your hair with shampoo and a detangling conditioner. Detangle while still wet, by running a wide-toothed comb through your hair  
- Apply a leave-in conditioner and wrap your hair with a hot towel. Leave for 20-30 minutes  
- Blow dry and set your hair to complement your face  
- Dress in your finest attire, but do pay attention to the comfort level  
- Get a soft, flowy dress if you want a feminine look. Wear a figure-hugging dress only if you are sure of carrying it well  
- Team your dress with comfortable shoes and throw on a stole to keep yourself warm and cosy. Accessorising right completes 'the look'  
- Orange is the new red this season. The trick lies in finding the correct shade of orange lipstick/nail colour as per your skin tone  
- A bold lip colour, like orange or red, may look over the top when paired with smokey eyes. So, use a subtle nude lip colour and a coat of clear gloss  
- Do not over-dress. Do not over accessorize. Do not wear all the make-up on your dresser  
- Body odour and mouth odour are a turn off for both the sexes. Ensure that you smell good  
- Be safe and have a great night.



**Regular exercise**  
If you are walking for 30 minutes a day, make it 60 minutes. But exercise alone will not be enough to lose weight and get into the LBD. As diet contributes 70% towards weight loss, the correct way is to eat right and lose weight, which also helps in maintaining a healthy look on the skin.  
Night - cleansing, makeup removal, night cream [post 25 years of age] Non-stop parties = cosmetics overdose. Ensure that your skin doesn't get the hangover. A very important aspect

of skin care is proper make-up removal. Clogged pores caused by stale make-up can lead to oily skin and occasional break-outs. Late nights could make you want to go to bed without removing your make-up once a while, but remember, it is extremely important to follow a strict cleansing routine on a regular basis. For the eyes, an oil-based eye make-up remover used on a cotton swab is the most effective way to ensure there isn't an unsightly residue left over the next morning. For the face, steer clear of soap, use a cleanser instead. Use a night repair cream on the

and turmeric powder to make a face pack can make the skin glow instantly. Turmeric has antioxidant as well as anti inflammatory properties, while gram flour is a common ingredient in face packs known for their gentle-cleansing and smoothening properties. Make a thick paste using 2 tbsp gram flour, a pinch of turmeric powder and 1 tsp lemon juice. Apply this face mask. Leave it till on till it dries. Wash thoroughly with cold water. It is a great home-made scrub for healthy-looking skin.

Ageing begins from when a child is born. However, there are other factors that can lead to premature ageing, including the usage of incorrect skincare products and gorging on unhealthy foods. One can achieve a perfect skin by including turmeric, ginger and green leafy vegetables in the food intake, says an expert.



Natural

choices to combat ageing

Speaking at the Anti-Ageing Health and Beauty show, held at the London Olympia this past weekend, Geraldine McCulgan of the College of Naturopathic Medicine said: "What you eat today... you wear tomorrow."

The beauty therapist shared some helpful tips on natural choices for anti-ageing and the small changes that one can effect in one's lifestyle to help slow down ageing.

Accelerating ageing is affected by the following:

Glycation - the process of sugar and it affects joints

Inflammation  
Lack of nutrients  
Overload of toxins  
Free radical damages  
Stress  
Loss of ATP (Adenosine triphosphate) which regulates cellular energy  
Lack of oil and water

So if you want to slow down ageing, McCulgan recommends following a diet made up of whole grains, vegetables, legumes, mild-sweet and non-sweet fruits. One can also try the following things:



- Avoid refined sugar
- Eat protein with every meal
- Swap refined sugar products with wholegrain alternatives
- Eat plenty of fibre rich vegetables
- Include cinnamon - lowers blood sugar levels
- Consult the ORAC (Oxygen Radical Absorbance Capacity) scale - which identifies the anti-oxidants in foods
- Inflammation is behind many degenerative diseases, so here we have some advice from Geraldine on how to reduce it:
- Eat organic
- Turmeric
- Ginger
- Green leafy vegetables
- Fermented foods
- Acid/Alkaline balancing
- Omega 3 fatty acids

Multi-toned

mani is the next

big thing in

Nail art

We bet all of you are tired of glittery and glossy manis, and are yearning for fuss-free classy manis to be back. Good news! The one nail art that is going to take the manicure world by storm is multi-toned manis.

In this particular art, one needs to paint a different shade of the same colour on each

nail. One can either put the colours randomly, or make a transition from dark to light to give a gradient effect. Elegant, isn't it?

Julie Kandalec, creative director of a New York-based salon, has already forecasted that the trend will be the next big thing in nail art. Though actor Lauren Conrad has already tried it, we are waiting for others to follow suit.



How to curl your hair

with straighteners

1. Brush your hair thoroughly to make sure your tresses are tangle-free. "Dry your hair completely," says hairstylist Asgar Saboo.
2. Apply a heat protection spray and comb through.
3. Part your hair in three sections: upper, middle and lower, then apply hairspray to each section and clip it.
4. Start working on the layers beginning at

the bottom of your scalp. Grabbing section by section, clamp the iron and turn it back on itself a half turn gliding the straightener near the hair roots towards the ends and softly twisting it at the same time.

5. When all the sections have been curled, gently run your fingers through your hair. Apply a strong-hold hairspray.

