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Delhi Blast A Terror Attack But Why India Is Shy Of Naming Pakistan? The Dilemma Of 'Act Of War' Explained

Delhi Blast Case: For a country that has long suffered from Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, the Modi government's decision to refrain from naming Pakistan marks a clear departure from previous administrations' approaches and signals a more cautious stance.

New Delhi.(Agency)

The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday declared the Delhi blast an act of terrorism. Despite the root of the attack being tracked to the Kashmir's Pulwama and Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM), the Narendra Modi government is yet to name Pakistan's involvement in the case. One may recall that after Operation Sindoor, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that any future terror attack would be considered an 'Act of War' in the New India. Even Defence Minister Rajanth Singh reiterated the claim. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has redefined India's policy against terrorism, which now says that any attack on Indian soil will be considered as an act of war," said Singh while addressing the Indian Army soldiers at Badami Bagh Cantt, Srinagar on May 15, 2025.

Now, even the opposition leaders are questioning the government's silence. "50 hours after the Delhi bomb blasts Modi govt has accepted it is an 'Act of Terror'. But not a word on Pakistan. Is an act of terror possible in India without the involvement of Pakistan? Modi govt had said any act of terror will be seen as an act of war. But the govt's response so far is in contrast to this vow despite links being



quoted to Pakistan-based JeM. Did Mr Modi mess up India's security game by turning deterrence on its head and has now been trapped by his own rhetoric? Modi's ignorance and arrogance is proving costly for India. India deserves answers," said Supriya Shrinete, Congress spokesperson.

Why Silence On Pakistan?

For a country that has long suffered from Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, the Modi government's decision to refrain from naming Pakistan marks a clear departure from previous administrations' approaches and signals a more cautious stance. Even though the government has officially acknowledged the Delhi blast as a terror attack, its reluctance to directly implicate Pakistan represents a shift from earlier positions.

Analysts, speaking on condition of anonymity, suggest that this departure from precedent may stem from the relatively low threshold Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set for military responses to terror incidents. They argue that explicitly naming Pakistan would heighten public expectations for retaliatory action—potentially escalating tensions and drawing India closer to the brink of war.

"The Indian government painted itself into a corner – a trap of one's own creation...With the declaration that an act of terror is an act of war and no elaboration on this doctrine, now they are confronting the consequences of what they say – a completely foolish position, not even a policy, that is short-sighted for political gains," Ajai Sahni, executive director of the South Asia Terrorism Portal (a platform that tracks and analyses attacks in South Asia), told Al Jazeera.

What's Next?

With the National Security Guard (NSG) and the National Investigation Agency (NIA) taking over the probe, the Modi government is unlikely to show a haste. The Indian Armed Forces have already stated that they are building on lessons learned from Operation Sindoor. The May conflict gave a reality check not only to Pakistan but also to the Indian Armed Forces.

New costume, new plaster: AAP claims PM did photo-op with Delhi blast injured

Saurabh Bharadwaj alleged that a blast survivor's dress was changed before PM Modi's hospital visit, accusing both the Prime Minister and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta of turning relief visits into optics.

New Delhi.(Agency)

Aam Aadmi Pary (AAP) leader Saurabh Bharadwaj on Thursday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta of turning their visits to meet those injured in Red Fort blast into a "photo opportunity", claiming that a patient's dressing was changed ahead of the Prime Minister's hospital visit. Sharing two photos on X, Bharadwaj said the same patient appeared with a "new costume and new plaster" when PM Modi visited Delhi's LNJP Hospital on November 12, a day after Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's visit. "November 11, 2025 – CM Rekha Gupta met the patient before. November 12, 2025 – the next day, PM Modi met the same patient. New costume, new plaster in hand," Bharadwaj wrote.

The Prime Minister met those injured in the November 10 Delhi blast and said that the people behind the conspiracy would be brought to justice. "Went to LNJP Hospital and met those injured during the blast in Delhi. Praying for everyone's quick recovery. Those behind the conspiracy will be brought to justice!" PM Modi said in a post on X. Soon after landing from Bhutan, PM Modi went straight to LNJP Hospital and interacted with the injured and even wished them a speedy recovery. He was also briefed by officials and doctors at the hospital.

Meanwhile, the death toll in the high-intensity explosion near Red Fort early this week rose to 13 after another injured person succumbed to his injuries at the LNJP Hospital. The government has termed the blast near the Red Fort a "terrorist incident". Officials believe Dr Umar Nabi, who was driving the explosives-laden car, had planned the attack to coincide with the Babri Masjid demolition anniversary on December 6. Officials also believed that the suspects wanted to carry out a strike similar to the Mumbai attack in 2008.



Follow Deve Gowda, make your son Chief Minister: Kuruba leader to Siddaramaiah

Karnataka.(Agency)

Leaders from the Kuruba community in Karnataka urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to hand over the top post to his son, Dr Yathindra Siddaramaiah, during a community event in Bengaluru on Thursday. The call came from senior politician and Kuruba leader Varthur Prakash, who drew a parallel with former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda elevating his son HD Kumaraswamy to the Chief Minister's post.

Speaking on stage in the Chief Minister's presence, Prakash said, "Politically and in every other way, a hundred Deve Gowdas is equal to one Siddaramaiah. When Deve Gowda was active, he made his son Kumaraswamy the Chief Minister. Likewise, when you are strong, make way and hand over your position to your son." He delivered the remarks during the groundbreaking ceremony of the Kuruba Community Association's new building, where leaders from several parties were present.

Prakash added that Siddaramaiah enjoyed the backing of "100 MLAs", but warned that "if something does happen, there won't be space to stand in Bengaluru," urging the AHINDA coalition to "pack up and move to Bengaluru" and stand in solidarity.



"I Will Use My Conscience And Decide": Ajit Pawar On Resignation Demand

Social activist Anjali Damania has demanded Ajit Pawar's resignation over the alleged land scam.

Pune.(Agency)

Reacting to an activist's demand for resignation in the wake of a dubious land deal involving his son's firm, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Wednesday said he will use his conscience and take a decision. A private firm linked to Ajit Pawar's son Parth is at the centre of a now scrapped Rs 300-crore deal pertaining to a government plot in Pune's Mundhwa area. After allegations of irregularities and criticism from the Opposition, the state government last week

cancelled the deal and ordered an inquiry headed by a senior IAS officer in the revenue department. Social activist Anjali Damania has demanded Ajit Pawar's resignation over the alleged land scam. "I will use my conscience and take a decision," the deputy CM told reporters in Pune when asked about Damania's demand for his resignation. Ajit Pawar has defended his son,



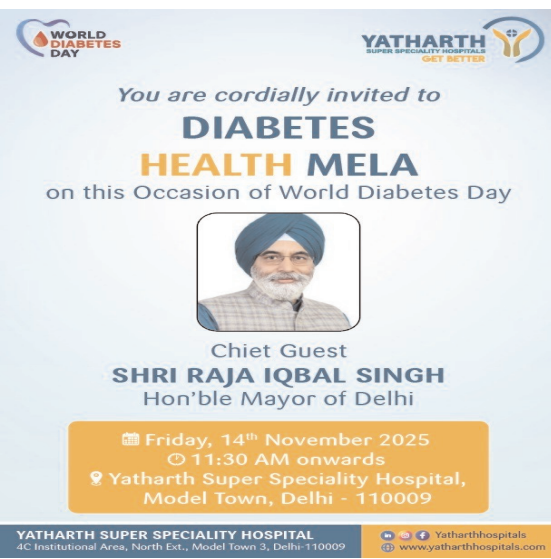
claiming Parth was unaware that the land purchased by the company belonged to the government.

To a question on the November 10 car blast in Delhi, Ajit Pawar said a security review meeting was held in Mumbai on Tuesday and Maharashtra was placed on high alert. "Yesterday we were in Mumbai and had a discussion with the Chief Minister. (At the meeting) he instructed all police officers to be on high alert. We have spoken to everyone concerned. After such incidents, security situation in major cities is reviewed," he added.

Dr. Anil Gomber (Physician - Diabetes logist) Theme of world Diabetes DAY- 2025

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New Delhi: Access to Diabetes Care : A Human Right. World Diabetes day 2025 focuses on the theme Access is Diabetes Care A Human Right." Millions of people around the world Still Struggle & receive timely Diagnosis, Affordable medicine, essential Technologies and Proper education About Diabetes Management. Diabetes impacts families, communities and health Systems worldwide. Continues Diabetes Care Can Prevent Complications Such as Kidney failure, Blindness, heart disease and Amputations. Ensuring Access to Irvulin, regular checkups life style guidance and mental health Support is critical, we move closer to a world where everyone Can live a healthier, failure life.



CM Rekha Gupta Flags Off Another Delhi—Sonipat Inter-State Bus Route

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New Delhi, 13 November 2025

In a significant step towards strengthening public transport, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta yesterday flagged off another inter-state electric bus route operated by the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC), running from the Kashmere Gate Bus Terminal to the Sonipat Bus Stand. The newly introduced electric buses are equipped with air-conditioning, CCTV cameras, panic buttons, and GPS systems.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister announced that the Government will soon resume DTC bus services connecting Delhi with adjoining NCR cities. At a special ceremony held at the Maharana Pratap Inter-State Bus Terminal, Kashmere Gate, the Chief Minister, accompanied by the Transport Minister, Dr Pankaj Kumar Singh, flagged off three inter-state electric

buses bound for Sonipat. Earlier, on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday celebrations during the Seva Pakhwada, the Chief Minister had inaugurated the first inter-state electric bus service between Delhi and Baraut.

Speaking at the event, the Chief Minister said that the Delhi Government is reviving inter-state bus services between Delhi and NCR cities that had been discontinued several years ago. She added that this initiative will provide citizens with accessible and convenient public transport options, reduce traffic congestion, and help curb pollution.

"The new DTC electric buses are equipped with state-of-the-art facilities including air-conditioning, CCTV cameras, panic buttons and GPS systems. These buses will ensure safer and more comfortable travel



for passengers and will operate regularly on the Delhi- Sonipat route, ensuring smooth connectivity between the two cities," the Chief Minister said. She further stated that this initiative will not only enhance mobility but also contribute significantly to environmental conservation.

"Strengthening interconnectivity between Delhi and neighbouring states is one of our government's key priorities. With the people's trust and cooperation, the Delhi Government remains committed to improving public transport and providing citizens with better and safer mobility options," she added. With this launch, the DTC continues to evolve as a modern, technology-driven, and environmentally responsible transport organisation, pushing the national capital towards a greener and more sustainable mobility system.

On the occasion, Delhi Transport Minister Dr Pankaj Kumar Singh said that inter-state bus services had been discontinued for several years, adversely impacting connectivity between Delhi and the NCR region. "With this initiative, we are reviving that vital link through clean, zero-emission

electric buses.

This step will strengthen regional connectivity, reduce pollution, and offer passengers a safer and more comfortable travel option. Going forward, we plan to expand such services to more cities around Delhi to make public transport even greener and more efficient," he said.

For the convenience of passengers, a total of six trips will operate daily, three in each direction. From Delhi to Sonipat, buses will depart at 04:45 am, 05:15 am, 05:45 am, 04:45 pm, 05:15 pm, and 05:45 pm. From Sonipat to Delhi, buses will operate at 07:10 am, 07:25 am, 08:10 am, 07:30 pm, 08:00 pm, and 08:30 pm.

The route will connect several key locations across Delhi and Haryana, including GTB Nagar, Azadpur Terminal, Jahangirpuri Metro Station, Mukarba Chowk, Alipur, Delhi- Singhu Border, Kundli Industrial Area, TDI City, Nangal Mor, Rai, Bahalgargh, and Fazilpur, before terminating at the Sonipat Bus Stand.

News box

In Gurgaon, man assaults widow in bid to capture property, arrested

Gurgaon.(Agency)

A 26-year-old man with a criminal background was arrested for allegedly assaulting a widow and attempting to capture a rented room on her property in Laxman Vihar phase 2. Kunal Jaiswal, alias Golu of Laxman Vihar, was taken into custody by police on Monday. Police said Jaiswal has 13 previous criminal cases registered against him, including murder, attempted murder, assault, illegal possession of arms, and rioting.

On Monday evening, the complainant, a widow who owns a plot with 17 rented rooms, received a call from one of her tenants, informing her that some men occupied room number 15, a police official added.

When she reached the spot around 8pm, she allegedly found Jaiswal and two to three others sitting inside after placing their furniture. "When the woman asked them to vacate the room, Jaiswal and his associates began assaulting her. When family members of the victim intervened, they too were beaten up and threatened with dire consequences," a police officer said. A case was registered for assault following a complaint and medical reports of the injured. During interrogation, he admitted that he targeted the property because he knew the owner was a widow and thought her to be an easy target. "He is a habitual offender with a 'history sheet' already opened against him. He was involved in 13 different cases, including one for murder and two for attempted murder.," an officer added.

Charges framed against SRS Group promoters in 2.2k cr money laundering case

Noida.(Agency).

In a move towards resolving one of north India's largest real estate scams, PMLA court in the city has formally charged the promoters and key officials of SRS Group in connection with a ₹2,200-crore money laundering case. The case is being probed by Enforcement Directorate (ED). The Nov 3 order lists charges against Anil Jindal, the promoter-director of SRS Group along with Vinod Jindal, Bishan Bansal, Rajesh Singla, Vinod Kumar Garg, Navneet Kwatra, Seema Narang, Dheeraj Gupta and Devender Adhana. Also, charges have been framed against three corporate entities — SRS Real Estate, Horizon Global, and SRS Finance. According to ED, the SRS Group lured investors with promises of high returns on residential and commercial projects. However, the funds collected were allegedly diverted into numerous shell companies floated by the group, laundered, and then used to finance unrelated ventures. The agency's investigation was initiated based on 81 FIRs filed across Faridabad, Delhi and by CBI under various sections of IPC. ED officials stated that a provisional attachment order worth ₹2,215 crore has already been issued, and a prosecution complaint was filed before the court in August 2022. "Framing of charges marks a step toward securing justice for thousands of homebuyers and investors who were duped," an ED officer said.

The agency also claimed three accused — Praveen Kumar Kapoor, Sunil Jindal, and Jitender Garg — had earlier been declared proclaimed offenders by the court. Proceedings under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act (FEOA) were initiated against them, and Red Corner notices were requested from Interpol. Kapoor was intercepted at Newark International Airport in the US and deported to India on Nov 2, 2025. Officials also said framing of charges now sets the stage for the trial of the accused and potential restitution of the attached assets to rightful claimants and homebuyers.

Air quality still severe in Noida, but GRAP III violations continue

Noida.(Agency)

The Commission of Air Quality Management has enforced GRAP III across Delhi-NCR, but construction activities continue across the city, including a project under Noida Authority. The city's AQI came down a few notches on Wednesday, but remained severe with its AQI dropping from Tuesday's 425 to 408. In Greater Noida, the AQI improved from 406 (severe) to 387 (very poor), while in Ghaziabad, it dipped from 390 to 362, in the poor category. Despite a ban on non-essential construction activities under GRAP III, construction work continued at Noida Authority's clock tower project near the GIP police check post. An official said, "Construction activities are banned except for those related to metro rail, hospitals, and flyovers. We have directed a team to visit the spot and ensure compliance."

In Sector 31, construction activities were underway at several housing projects where construction material was left uncovered. At one site, workers were plastering walls, while at another, concreting work was in progress.

An environmentalist, Vikrant Tongad, shared a video on X capturing construction work in Sector 107 and urged authorities to take action. Another resident, Amit Shahi, posted a video of construction work in Jaypee Wishtown, Sector 128, without proper dust control measures. Greater Noida Authority, meanwhile, said it has intensified its efforts to control dust pollution. The civic body has deployed 60 water tankers for regular sprinkling on city roads and major construction stretches. Eight mechanical sweeping machines are operating across the city to ensure roads remain clean.

To tackle emissions from construction activities, 186 anti-smog guns have been installed by developers at various builder sites across the city. Additionally, eight mobile smog guns are operational in high-dust zones. "These guns are moved to different locations depending on pollution levels and ongoing work. The use of smog guns and tankers is being closely monitored to ensure continuous coverage," an official said. The Authority has imposed penalties worth Rs 62 lakh on 14 institutions and builders for violation of GRAP so far.

Ravindra Kumar Mandar, Ghaziabad district magistrate, conducted a review meeting with officials from the pollution department, municipal corporation and Ghaziabad development authority in the district collectorate for effective implementation of GRAP III measures.

Security stepped up in Gurgaon: RWAs, hotels, Pgs told to verify tenants, visitors and staff

Gurgaon.(Agency)

The district administration has directed all house owners, RWAs, hotels, guest houses, offices and PG accommodations in the city to maintain a record of every tenant, visitor, worker and servant, and ensure their police verification. The order, however, didn't mention the duration for which the records have to be kept. The order, issued by district magistrate Ajay Kumar on Wednesday under Section 163 of BNSS, is aimed at strengthening surveillance and public safety in view of heightened security concerns following the Delhi bomb blast on Monday. The order will remain in force from Nov 11 to Jan 31, 2026 covering the New Year and Republic Day period when public gatherings and celebrations typically increase. As per the directions, all establishments — including cyber cafés, PGs, guest houses, dharamshalas, hotels and offices — must keep a register recording the identity details of each visitor, tenant or worker, along with a copy of their ID proof. Police verification for tenants and domestic



staffers has been made mandatory.

The district magistrate has also imposed a temporary ban on the use of drones, micro light aircraft, gliders, powered gliders, hot air balloons and kite-flying across the district during this period, citing security reasons. "In view of the current situation and shortage of time, the order has been issued ex-parte and applies to the general public," the

directive said. It instructed DCPs to ensure strict enforcement under the supervision of the commissioner of police (Gurgaon). The order warns that any person or establishment found violating these directions will face action under Section 223 of BNSS and other applicable laws. A police spokesperson said, "These measures are purely precautionary. We request residents to

immediately report any suspicious person or activity to their RWA, the nearest police station or by dialling 112. Verification of all tenants and foreigners at the nearest police station is mandatory. The identity of anyone providing information will be kept confidential."

RWAs have been instructed to check Aadhaar cards and ensure police verification for new tenants and foreign nationals staying in the societies.

Several RWAs said they have already begun complying with the directions.

Sector 92's Rising Homes RWA president Praveen Malik said the police visited the society on Tuesday and sought details of foreign nationals and tenants. "We shared the required information with the local police. We informed all residents about the advisory and are giving all support to the police. Our security staff has been instructed to strictly check ID proofs before allowing any visitor inside," Malik said. Some RWAs in other sectors said they were yet to receive any formal communication from the police and were relying on verbal instructions.

Delhi car blast: 'Bomber Umar sharp but reserved, Muzammil kind & approachable, Shahin strict & orthodox: Students say about three doctors involved in white-coat terror plot

Faridabad .(Agency)

Anxiety is sweeping through Al-Falah University following the identification of an assistant professor, Umar Un Nabi, as the man driving the car that blew up near Red Fort in Delhi on Nov 10 and the arrest of two other professors for their alleged involvement in the same terror module.

Nabi (33), who taught medicine, was described by students as a man of few words, intelligent but reserved. Dr Shaheen Shahid (46), a professor of pharmacology who was arrested from Lucknow, stood out for her orthodox views, a student said, pulling up girls for wearing T-shirts and jeans.

Dr Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie (35), who graduated from Al-Falah and returned as a faculty member after completing his MD from Srinagar's SKIMS, was a kind and approachable mentor, a student said. "It's shocking that he is found to be

involved in a terrorist plot. He was supportive to students," said a final-year MBBS student from Maharashtra. Inside the campus, both students and faculty are on the tenterhooks with central investigating agencies and teams from Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir police camping there, summoning many for questioning even as classes continue. "Every day, two to three students are being called for questioning. No one expected something like this to happen here. People are scared and uncertain about what will happen next," a student said. The student said a youth in the final-year of MBBS was summoned as he was close to Muzammil. With exams approaching and internships going on, many are staying back despite growing unease at the varsity because it is a critical career juncture for them. "Even attending lectures feels uneasy now. There's tension everywhere.

No one can focus," said another student. Members of Al-Falah Charitable Trust, which has its office in Delhi's Jamia Nagar, said the institution is fully cooperating with investigators. "We are providing all documents as requested," a representative of the trust told TOI.

The investigators have sought its land ownership records, trust documents, NOCs from govt departments, the university's building plans, University Grants Commission and National Medical Commission approvals, and files related to Umar, Muzammil and Shaheen, a source said. The heightened security and presence of investigators have added to the unease on campus, which on regular days remains open and accessible from its unfenced rear side. Students now claim that the varsity has an environment of fear and scrutiny, with many saying they just want normalcy to return.

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Councillors seek crackdown against liquor vends set up near societies in Gurgaon

Gurgaon.(Agency)

Mushrooming of liquor vends in residential areas triggered outrage at MCG House meeting on Wednesday, with councillors unanimously demanding an immediate crackdown on outlets operating near homes, schools and temples. Raising the issue, ward 2 councillor Jyotsna Yadav said liquor shops in her ward had become a "public nuisance," disturbing families and schoolchildren. "These vends are coming up right next to residential colonies and schools, specifically in Dundahera and Sarhala. There are women and children passing through the area where there are now unruly crowds because of the vends. It is a safety concern," Yadav said, adding, "Who gives licences to such liquor vends to come up in residential areas and near schools?" Ward 31 councillor Dalip Kumar Sahani said that a liquor vend stands "right beside a temple" in his ward and called it an insult to people's sentiments. According to ward



27 councillor Ashish Gupta, there was a liquor vend in the middle of Sadar Bazar and posed a major safety concern for women going to the market.

Responding to the uproar, MCG commissioner Pradeep Dahiya said he would meet officials from the excise department to verify the legality of the vends in question. "No liquor vend can function without a licence. We will examine all such cases and take necessary action," Dahiya said. Backing the councillors, Gurgaon MLA Mukesh Sharma called for a city-wide review. "Liquor vends must not be allowed near

schools, temples, or marketplaces. Those violating the rules should be identified and shut down immediately," he said. The House directed MCG to coordinate with the excise department and conduct a comprehensive survey to identify all liquor vends operating in sensitive zones.

According to Haryana excise policy, liquor vends cannot be established within 150 metres of the main gate of any recognised school, college, main bus stand, or place of worship. In the case of urban retail liquor outlets, the excise commissioner may relax this distance requirement from 150m to 75m. The policy further states that in urban areas, retail liquor vends should preferably be located in marketplaces. However, this restriction will not apply if a new recognised school, college, bus stand, or place of worship is established after a liquor vend has already been set up in accordance with the existing

Al-Falah trustee also director in 9 companies; was named in 2000 FIR over investment scheme

Gurgaon.(Agency)

Al-Falah University in Faridabad is linked to nine companies through its managing trustee Javed Ahmed Siddiqui, who is a director in nine firms that have a diverse range, from investment, education and software to energy, export and consultancy, ministry of corporate affairs records show. An engineering graduate from Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya in Indore, Siddiqui is chairman of Al-Falah Charitable Trust that runs the Faridabad-based Al-Falah University of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, which has become the focal point of a widening investigation into a module of radicalised doctors that was behind the blast near Red Fort metro station in Delhi on Nov 10 in which nine people died. Three doctors linked to the terror plot — Umar Un Nabi who was driving the car that blew up, Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie who was arrested on Oct 30, and Shaheen Shahid, arrested in Lucknow on Nov 11 — taught at Al-Falah. Siddiqui's oldest association is with Al-Falah Investment, according to the records, which show him joining the company on Sept 18, 1992. Among other companies

he is part of is Al-Falah Software, Al-Falah Energies, Tarbia Education Foundation and Al-Falah Education Service, which is his newest association (joined on Dec 26, 2023).

Most companies have the same registered address: 274-A, Al-Falah House, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi. This is the same building from where Al-Falah Charitable Trust operates. The university, now on a 78-acre campus, started as an engineering college in 1997. The trusts and companies also include the name of Usma Akhtar, who was part of the governing body of Al-Falah School of Engineering. According to her LinkedIn profile, she currently lives in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and is associated with several businesses there. Usma's name is also registered as director in companies like Al-Falah Education Service and MJH Developers. Aaliya Siddiqui's name is also on the list of trustees. Back in 2000, Siddiqui and his brother Saood Ahmed were named in an FIR (no. 43/2000) under sections 420 (cheating), 406 and 409 (criminal breach of trust), 468

(forgery for cheating), 471 (fraudulent use of forged documents) and 120B (criminal conspiracy) of IPC at New Friends Colony Police Station in New Delhi. They were accused of misappropriating Rs 7.5 crore in an investment scheme they floated. Among the complainant was KR Singh, who alleged he was cheated of Rs 95 lakh through the scheme that induced people to make deposits in group of companies, which were converted into shares later by fabrication of documents. Asked about this, a source at Al-Falah said the case had later been quashed. Additional SP of Indore Rupesh Dwivedi said Siddiqui and his family used to live in Kayasth Mohalla in Mhow and his father Mohammad Hamid Siddiqui was the Seher Qazi of Mhow. "We are collecting information about his old contacts and relatives," said Dwivedi. Officials at Al-Falah University's Delhi office in Jamia Nagar told TOI on Wednesday it has no institutional connection to the doctors involved in the Old Delhi blast. The university's head office is located on the ground floor of a building

within a residential complex. Set in a quiet corner of a gated colony, the premises belongs to the trust.

Legal and finance officer Mohammad Razi said the university was unaware of the doctors' activities beyond their professional duties. "We have many meritorious students whose education should not be affected because of this," he said. Responding to claims that explosive materials were prepared in the university's laboratories, Razi said it was not possible to make such substances there. He said the university has biochemistry, anatomy, pathology and physiology laboratories where such materials cannot be kept. "We have children studying there. Why would someone want to set their own house on fire?" he asked. Earlier in the day, in its first reaction since the arrest of Muzammil on Oct 30, Vice-Chancellor Prof Bhupinder Kaur Anand expressed deep anguish over "unfortunate developments" and said the university was fully cooperating with investigations. Anand's statement said, "We have learnt that two of our doctors have

been detained by investigating agencies.

We wish to make it clear that the university has no connection with the said persons apart from them working in their official capacities with the university.

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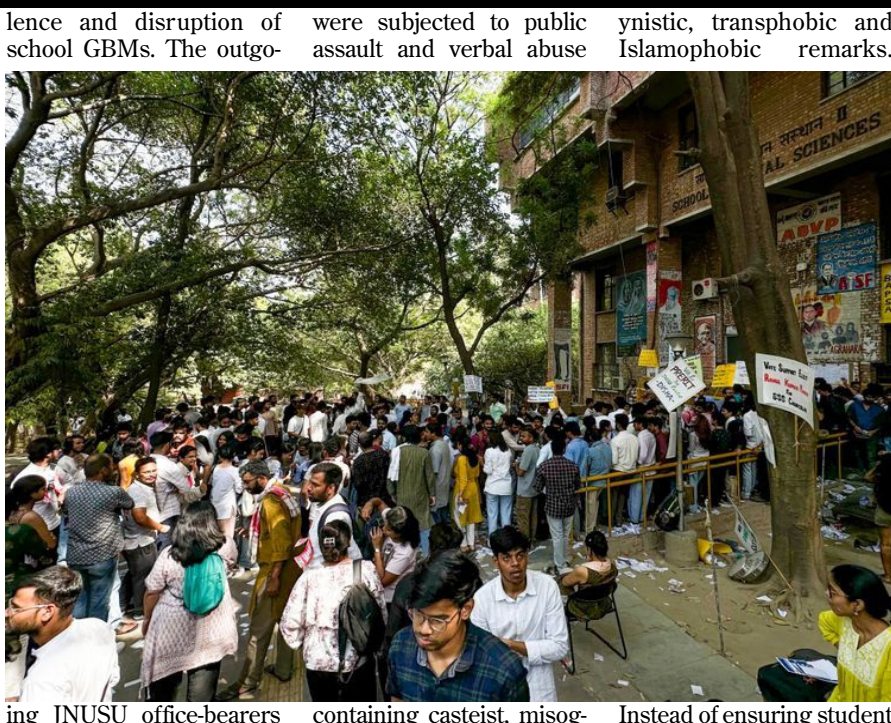
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Left Unity takes oath after JNUSU sweep

New Delhi: The newly elected office-bearers of the Jawaharlar Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) took an oath of office Friday evening, marking the beginning of a new academic term led by the Left Unity alliance. The JNUSU for the 2025-26 session will be led by Aditi (AISA) as president, Gopika (SFI) as vice-president, Sunil (DSF) as general secretary, and Danish (AISA) as joint secretary. This year's election recorded a voter turnout of 67.17 per cent, with 5,818 out of 8,657 registered students casting their votes. Aditi received 1,970 votes, Gopika around 3,100, Sunil 2,005, and Danish around 2,100 votes. "The ABVP tried to sabotage the democratic process through vio-



ing JNUSU office-bearers containing casteist, misogynistic, transphobic and Islamophobic remarks. Instead of ensuring student

safety, the Delhi Police attacked those protesting against ABVP violence. Acting under political influence, the police attempted to silence students demanding justice. Yet, the students of JNU refused to be intimidated and united to defeat fascist forces on campus," the statement read. Alongside the JNUSU polls, elections were also recently held for the internal committee against sexual harassment. "Left-backed candidates Garvita, Shruti and Paran were elected as student representatives from the UG, PG and PhD constituencies. Their victory reaffirms the students' commitment to an accountable campus." The newly elected union delved into issues beyond campus

Man arrested for running over roadside eatery operator in west Delhi

New Delhi: A man was arrested on Tuesday evening after he mowed down a 54-year-old roadside eatery operator near the Moti Nagar flyover in west Delhi, police said. According to police, Ramkaran was found dead near the flyover with injuries on his lower abdomen and forehead. A PCR call was received around 7.15 am regarding the body lying near a banquet hall on Najafgarh Road. "A police team reached the spot and found the body of a man lying across the footpath," a senior police officer said, adding that there were visible injury marks on his body. The body was later identified as Ramkaran, who had injuries on his lower abdomen and forehead. His personal belongings were also found scattered around the spot, the officer said. He further said that the area was cordoned off and crime and forensic teams were called to inspect the scene. The body was later shifted to Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) Hospital for post-mortem examination. "During investigation, police examined several CCTV cameras in the vicinity and spotted a white Dzire car in a damaged condition, which was suspected to be involved in the accident," the officer added. Based on the findings, a case was registered. After technical surveillance and sustained inquiry, the accused driver, Mohit Yadav (25), from Guhori, Sector-53, Noida (Uttar Pradesh), was arrested, he said. Further investigation is underway, including verification of CCTV footage to establish the exact sequence of events leading to Ramkaran's death.

Health Minister denies shortage of medicines at Lok Nayak Hospital

New Delhi: Delhi Health Minister Dr Pankaj Kumar Singh on Friday termed media reports alleging medicine shortage at Lok Nayak Hospital baseless. The minister said after reviewing drug stocks across government hospitals, Medical Superintendents submitted reports confirming availability of essential medicines. Lok Nayak Hospital stated that all essential and life-saving medicines from the Delhi Government's approved drug list were in stock. It said daily monitoring of stock positions took place, with shortfalls replenished through procurement. The minister said, "The report from Lok Nayak, Sanjay Gandhi Memorial, Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar and Lal Bahadur Shastri hospitals confirms the availability of over 40 critical items, including Amikacin, Meropenem, Vancomycin injections, vaccines, syrups, tablets, IV cannulas and normal saline." "Two items - injection Linezolid and syrup Ipravent - were not available as these were not on the essential drug list," he added. The government said medicine supply was an ongoing process, with shortages resolved promptly. A ground report from The Tribune, published on November 3, showed that empty shelves greeted patients at the Lok Nayak Hospital pharmacy. When The Tribune visited the ground, patients said they received one or two prescribed medicines, with the rest unavailable. They were directed to the Jan Aushadhi Kendra on the premises to buy discounted medicines. The Jan Aushadhi Kendra sold medicines at 50-80 per cent discount. The hospital authorities did not respond to The Tribune's request seeking clarification on the shortage of medicines and the redirection of patients to Jan Aushadhi centres.

65-yr-old cancer patient jumps off terrace, dies

Gurugram: A 62-year-old woman, reportedly suffering from cancer, allegedly died by jumping from the fourth floor of her house in Sector 56 on Tuesday early morning. According to the police, the deceased was identified as Jyoti Wadhwa. She had been suffering from Stage 4 cancer for several years. Despite treatment, her condition continued to deteriorate, causing her to become depressed. Family members said she couldn't sleep even after taking painkillers at night. Around 5.45 am on Tuesday, when her kin were asleep, she quietly left her bedroom and went to the terrace on the fourth floor from the third and took the extreme step.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, DHANYA SADISH W/O D SADISH Permanent Residence MUKKAT KUNIVIL, ORKKATERI, ERAMMALA, KOZHICODE, KERALA-673501 Presently Residing at QTR NO-129/9, KARAM VIHAR, DELHI CANTT-110010 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as DHANYA M in my minor son VIG-NESH S aged 16 years in his 10th class Certificate. The actual name of mine is DHANYA SADISH, which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

I SUBHOD KUMAR S/O SATVEER SINGH R/O G-3/177 PAL FACTORY BHAGIRATH VIHAR JOHRI PUR DELHI-110094 have changed my name to SUBODH KUMAR FOR ALL PURPOSE

NAME CHANGE

I Said Ahmed Ansari S/O Basheer Ahmed R/O Gali No-2 Mustafabad Ioni ghaaziabad up changed my name to Shaheed Ahmed.

NAME CHANGE

I Nussaratt Jahan Begum W/O Abdul Basit Ansari R/O E-72 Gali No-3 Chand Bagh Delhi-110094 changed my name to Musrat Jahan.

NAME CHANGE

I Tinku S/O Vijay Kumar R/O 1/6373 ground floor Rohtash Nagar Shahdara Delhi-110032 changed my name to Tinku Kumar.

NAME CHANGE

I Sunil W/O Omvir Singh R/O Plot No-434/5, near shishu wala talab mundka Delhi-110041 changed my name to Sunil Kumar.

NAME CHANGE

I DESH RAJ S/O OM PRAKASH R/O H NO-523 Gali NO-3 CHANDLER LOK COLONY SHAHDARA DELHI-110093 have changed my name to DESHRAJ SHARMA for all future purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mrs. Madhu Bhatnagar Owner of the Residential Unit No C-501, 5th floor, in DPS Housing Society through DPS Sahkari Awas Samiti Ltd., plot no A-1002, sector-51, in Noida, District GAZIABAD, Uttar Pradesh, U.P. Mrs. Madhu Bhatnagar have lost Original allotment letter and possession letter issued by DPS Sahkari Awas Samiti Ltd, in favour of Mrs. Renu Saxena, for which complaint lodged to the police. Therefore, by way of this Public Notice it is hereby notified that any person, Attorney and/or entity, firm/company, society and/or member of the Society, Bank, HUF/member of HUF, Financial Institution having any claim, charge, interest, or lien whatsoever with respect to the Said house or otherwise, may notify to undersigned only on his rahulkuarmargupta 281401@gmail.com within 15 days from the date of this publication of notice, failing which any such claim etc. shall be deemed to be null and void, whereas title shall be deemed to be clear, and marketable without any defect or encumbrance and free to create equitable mortgage.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that our client Mr. Ganesh Aggarwal S/o Late Mr. Ram Kishan Aggarwal is the owner of Freehold Residential Entire Second Floor with Roof Rights in the Property Bearing No. 17/19, area 264.44 sq. yds., in Block No. 17 situated at Ward no. XII, Roshnara Extension Scheme, now known as Shakti Nagar, Delhi-110007, by virtue of Relinquishment Deed dated 24.06.2011 as Doc. No. 5447, Book no. 1, Vol. no. 3890, Pages no. 104-108, SR-1, Delhi, in the chain documents below mentioned documents not available i.e. (1) Death Certificate & SMC of Mr. Suraj Mal, (2) SMC of Late Mr. Ram Kishan Aggarwal, now our client is declaring that that any other Person does not have any right over the said property, and same has been finance by Utarkash Small Finance Bank Limited. Branch: PUSAROAD, DELHI. If any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the Said Property then contact us within 07 days from the date of Publication of this notice and or the same to the undersigned if found by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained.

[NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA]

F-211, Sector-3, Vaishali Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201010, Contact at 0958871432

New cyber scam trick asks you to dial a code, beware

The Sikh Times

New Delhi: A new scam is spreading quietly — one that doesn't require clicking on suspicious links or downloading malicious apps. All it takes is a single code you unknowingly dial. It begins with a scammer posing as a courier company representative from firms such as Blue Dart or DTDC. Claiming that a delivery person is unable to reach you, they urge you to "coordi-

nate with the delivery person on this number." The code they send appears harmless — something like *21*[Phone number]#. Yet, that short sequence stealthily diverts all incoming calls and SMS messages to a different number. Once activated, the scammers intercept one-time passwords (OTPs) for your banking and WhatsApp accounts. Within minutes, they can gain complete access — without you ever sharing a password or clicking a link. In a recent case, a scammer posing as a representative of an express

logistics company called a user, asking her to talk to the delivery person. Speaking to The Tribune, the victim said the caller instructed her to dial a code

— *21*7667932517# — to establish the connection. I pressed the call button but hung up almost immediately, sensing something was wrong. Within minutes, my WhatsApp began showing

signs of compromise. Someone tried to transfer my account to another number, and soon after, my calls and SMS messages were being diverted.

NAME CHANGE

I, hitherto known as VAISHNAVI KUMARI D/O SHREE KUMAR R/O M-115, M BLOCK, JAGAT RAM PARK, VTC: LAXMI NAGAR, PO: LAXMI NAGAR, SUB DISTRICT: GANDHI NAGAR, DISTRICT: EAST DELHI, STATE: DELHI, PIN CODE: 110092 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as VAISHNAVI YADAV.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, JARINA BANO W/O MULLA R/O RZ-351A, BRAHMAMUR, PANKHA NOKA, VTC: NAKOD, R/O: NANGAL RAYA, DISTRICT: SOUTH WEST DELHI, STATE: DELHI, PIN CODE: 110046 declare that name of my husband has been wrongly written as ASHIF AKHATYAN in my minor son MOHAMMAD ARYAN aged 15 years in his school records. The actual name of my husband is MULLA, which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

I, hitherto known as VEENA Alias MEENAKSHI KATYAL W/O ASHOK KATYAL D/O KAMU DASS R/O T-510C-82, BALJEET NAGAR, PATIL NAGAR, NEW DELHI, CENTRAL DELHI, DELHI-110008 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MEENAKSHI KATYAL.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as Joginder Kumar S/O Late Shankar Dass R/O 6/122 Subhash Nagar Delhi-110027 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Joginder Upneja.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, MONU RATHI S/O SITA RAM RATHI R/O H.NO. 1148, STREET-11, NEAR MADAN LAL HAL-WAI, SADAR NALA ROAD, SADAR BAZAR, NORTH DELHI, DELHI-110006, declare that name of mine and my father have been wrongly written as MONU and SITA RAM in my SC Certificate. No. SC/01/12/2277/14/6/2011/902/2010/302/1245. The actual name of mine and my father are MONU RATHI and SITA RAM RATHI respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, RAHUL S/O Sukhbir, R/O P. O. JUWA, KHARKHARI ROADNH, South West Delhi, Delhi-110073, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Sukhvir in my 10th class educational document. The actual name of my father is SUKHBIR, respectively which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

I, BAGARI W/O NISHAR ALI, residing at H NO-480, DEEPAK VIHAR, KHORA, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH 201301, have changed my name to VASGRI for all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE

I, MADHAV SINGH father of NO-17022381, Rank-CRN, Name-MOHAN Presently residing at H NO-36, VPO-KOTRA CHOPRA, TEHSIL-BERASIA, DIST-BHOPAL, MADHYA PRADESH-462101 have changed my name MADHAV SINGH to MADHO SINGH for all future purposes vide Affidavit Dated 13/11/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, GAURAV S/O RAJENDER KUMAR R/O A-525 GALI NO-1 PURANI POLICE CHOWKI NABI KARIM SWAMI RAM TIRTH NAGAR DELHI-110065, have changed my name to GAURAV KUMAR for all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE

I, PUSVINDER KAUR Mother of No-19006391X Rank-NK Name-GURPREET SINGH Presently residing at RAIPUR SANI, PO-KOTLA POWER HOUSE, DIST-RUPNAGAR, PUNJAB-140116, have changed my name from PUSVINDER KAUR to PUSVINDER KAUR for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 13/11/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, BAHADUR SINGH Father of No-19006391X Rank-NK Name-GURPREET SINGH Presently residing at RAIPUR SANI, PO-KOTLA POWER HOUSE, DIST-RUPNAGAR, PUNJAB-140116, have changed my name from BAHADUR SINGH to BAHADUR SINGH for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 13/11/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as Gurvinder Singh Chawla alias Gurvinder Singh S/O Surjeet Singh Chawla, R/O 75 ind Floor, West Mukherjee Nagar New Delhi North West Delhi Delhi 110009, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gurvinder Singh Chawla.

NAME CHANGE

I, hitherto known as Vandana D/O Bindu Kumar Singh, R/O L-12, Ground floor block-1, mohan garden, rama park, D.K.Mohan, Garden, PO: Uttam Nagar, DIST: West Delhi, Delhi-110059, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as VANDANA SINGH.

NAME CHANGE

I Shrikushna Bhimrao Wankhade father of Wankhade Sachin Shrikushna presently residing at Village Mhasla, Post - Ladegaon, Tehsil - Karanja Lad, Dist Washim (Mahy), 444110 have changed my name from Shrikushna Wankhade to Shrikushna Bhimrao Wankhade and DOB as 03 Aug 1969 to 01 Aug 1969 vide affidavit dated 08/11/2025 executed before Notary Public, New Delhi

NAME CHANGE

Mrs. Kamlesh Saigal Owner of the Residential Plot/ House no 162, Block-G, area measuring 197.10 sq. meters, situated in Sector-41, Noida, Dist. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P., Mrs. Kamlesh Saigal have lost Original allotment letter issued by NOIDA in favour of Mr. Manohar Lal Saigal, for which complaint lodged to the police. Therefore, by way of this Public Notice it is hereby notified that any person, Attorney and/or entity, firm/company, society and/or member of the Society, Bank, HUF/member of HUF, Financial Institution having any claim, charge, interest, or lien whatsoever with respect to the Said house or otherwise, may notify to undersigned only on his rahulkuarmargupta 281401@gmail.com within 15 days from the date of this publication of notice, failing which any such claim etc. shall be deemed to be null and void, whereas title shall be deemed to be clear, and marketable without any defect or encumbrance and free to create equitable mortgage.

NAME CHANGE

Off: 43B, Third Floor, Patparganj Village, Mayur Vihar Phase-I, Delhi-11 M-NO-7252922875

NAME CHANGE

I, MUHAMMAD SAAD REHMANI son of Shakeel Rehmani R/O 4157, Gali Shahtara, Ajmeri Gate, Delhi-110006 have changed my Name from Mohammad Saad Rehmani to Muhammad Saad Rehmani for all future purposes. That my true and exact date of birth is 03/09/1996.

NAME CHANGE

I, HUSSAIN REHMANI son of Shakeel Rehmani R/O 4157, Gali Shahtara, Ajmeri Gate, Delhi-110006 have changed my Name from Mohammad Hussain Rehmani to Hussain Rehmani for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, No. 14849163P, Rank-HAV Name-SARAVANAN M. Presently residing at NO-12/86 85-175, TUMBIPADI KADUVALAVU, TAMBIPADI, SALEM, TAMIL NADU-636305, have changed my father's name from MANICKAM to MANIKKAM PALANI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 13/11/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, Satpal Singh S/O Hayat Singh R/O C-140, Chandan Vihar, Near Shani Bazar Road, Noida Vihar, Nangloi, PO: Nangloi, Dist: West Delhi, Delhi-110041, have changed the name of my minor daughter Aarushi Bisht aged 14 years and she shall hereafter be known as Anushi

NAME CHANGE

I, SIMANT GUPTA S/O SURESH CHANDRA GUPTA R/O H.NO K-80 GALI NO-6 NEAR SBI BANK LAXMI NAGAR DELHI -110092, I have changed my name to SIMANT GUPTA Permanently

NAME CHANGE

I REEMA KAPOOR W/O MANISH CHOPRA R/O FLAT NO-4, U/G/F B6 AND B7 D.K. ROAD MOHAN GARDEN UTTAM NAGAR DELHI -

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as HARISH KHANNA S/O R.K. KHANNA R/O B-19 Greater Kailash Endave-2 Near Savitri Cinema, New Delhi, South Delhi, Delhi-110084 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as HARSH KUMAR KHANNA.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as SURINDER KUMAR S/O JAMAL DASS R/O B-351 Jankpur, Jankpur, B-1, S/O West Delhi, Delhi-110058 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SURINDER KUMAR BHARARA.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as ANJU MAGGU W/O AMAN MAGGU R/O D-38, Third Floor, Sapna Cinema, East of Kailash, South Delhi, Delhi-110065 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAMA MAGGU.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as Anurag Singh, R/O H. No. 645 H/1, Near Ashoka Apartment, Devli Village, Delhi, South Delhi, New Delhi 110062 hereby notify that I disclaim and disown all my interest in the name of Kamal Kanti Sharma, from all his moveable and immovable properties from today onwards and severed the entire relations from him due to his illegal acts and behaviour and conduct. If in future any unwanted happening occurred with Kamal Kanti Sharma, my client will not be responsible for the same.

NAME CHANGE

Chamber No. 673, Lawyers Chamber Block, Saket Court Complex, New Delhi-110017

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I ZAINAB MANZOOR D/O MANZOOR UL HAQUE R/O H.NO- 3675 to 3679 Third Floor, Qazi Apartment, Neta Ji Subhash Marg, PO- Darya Ganj, Sub District- Darya Ganj, District: Central Delhi, State- Delhi-110002, declare that name of my mother has been wrongly written as ERAM MANZOOR in my 10th and 12th class Educational Documents. The actual name of my mother is ERAM AMIR which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I SAMIYA MANZOOR D/O MANZOOR UL HAQUE R/O H.NO- 3675 to 3679 Third Floor, Qazi Apartment, Neta Ji Subhash Marg, PO- Darya Ganj, Sub District- Darya Ganj, District: Central Delhi, State- Delhi-110002, declare that name of my mother has been wrongly written as ERAM MANZOOR in my 10th and 12th class Educational Documents. The actual name of my mother is ERAM AMIR which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I BRUJMOHAN GERA S/O Shyam Sunder R/O S-163,164, Flat No-B-1, Kishan Juni Apartment Param Puri, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 hereby notify that I have changed my name to BRUJ MOHAN permanently

NAME CHANGE

I, KHWAJA ADNAN AHMAD AHRAR AHMAD S/O Khwaja Ahrar Ahmad R/O 278-A, Third Floor, Okhla Main Road, Jangra Nagar, Delhi-110025, have changed my name to KHWAJA ADNAN AHMAD permanently.

NAME CHANGE

I AHMAD KHWAJA AHRAR S/O Khwaja Ahrar Ahmad R/O Siddhivihar Apartment Ankaiya Pura Amravati Maharastra, have changed my name to KHWAJA AHRAR AHMAD for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, SONAM PANDEY W/O Manish Kumar Mishra R/O RZ-H5, Nanda Block, Mahesh Endave-1, Palam Village, Delhi-110045, have changed my name to SONAM MISHRA permanently

NAME CHANGE

I MOHAMMAD AYAAN S/O Mohd Maroof R/O House No. 4026, Gali Khan Khana Urdu Bazar, Jama Masjid, Delhi - 110006 have changed my name to Mohd Ayaan for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I Mohd Faraz Khan S/O Mohammad Ajmal Khan R/O House No. 1103 Street, Madarsa Hussaini Baksh Media Mahal, Jama Masjid, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Mohammad Faraz Khan for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I Parwan S/O Swapno Kumar Malakar R/O -263, Harjan Basti, Mandoli Vihar, VTC: Mandoli, PO: Mandoli Saboli, Sub District: Seema Puri, District: North East Delhi, Delhi-110093, declare that name of my father and mother have been wrongly written as Swapno Kumar and Beauty in my 10th and 12th educational documents, and name of my father has been wrongly written as Sapan Kumar in my Birth certificate No. MCDOLIR-2219-007351914. The actual name of my father and Mother are Swapno Kumar Malakar and Beauty

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I Parwan S/O Swapno Kumar Malakar R/O -263, Harjan Basti, Mandoli Vihar, VTC: Mandoli, PO: Mandoli Saboli, Sub District: Seema Puri, District: North East Delhi, Delhi-110093, declare that name of my father and mother have been wrongly written as Swapno Kumar in my 10th and 12th educational documents, and name of my father has been wrongly written as Sapan Kumar in my Birth certificate No. MCDOLIR-2219-007351912. The actual name of my father is Swapno Kumar Malakar

NAME CHANGE

I, SONAM PANDEY W/O Manish Kumar Mishra R/O RZ-H5, Nanda Block, Mahesh Endave-1, Palam Village, Delhi-110045, have changed my name to SONAM MISHRA permanently

NAME CHANGE

I, SONAM PANDEY W/O Manish Kumar Mishra R/O RZ-H5, Nanda Block, Mahesh Endave-1, Palam Village, Delhi-110045, have changed my name to SONAM MISHRA permanently

NAME CHANGE

I FAISAL JAMAL S/O MUSTHAFA HUSSAIN R/O HOUSE NO. 293, SAINT ANGELO OLD FARIDABAD, FARIDABAD, 121002, HARYANA. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MUNNA

NAME CHANGE

I, Tarun S/O Ranjeet Singh Chauhan R/O 3271, Door Wali Gali, Ram Bazar, Mori Gate, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Tarun Chauhan.

NAME CHANGE

My client Bijender Sharma, S/o Late, Mamohan Sharma, R/O 146, Asola Housing Complex, Behind Radha Swami Satsang, Asola Extension, Fatehpur Beri, South Delhi 110074, has disowned his son Kamal Kanti Sharma, from all his moveable and immovable properties from today onwards and severed the entire relations from him due to his illegal acts and behaviour and conduct. If in future any unwanted happening occurred with Kamal Kanti Sharma, my client will not be responsible for the same.

NAME CHANGE

Chamber No. 673, Lawyers Chamber Block, Saket Court Complex, New Delhi-110017

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I SURENDER KUMAR S/O RATI RAM, R/O House No. 87, Prakash Mohalla Garhi, Near Charch Garhi, East of Kailash, Phase-1, South Delhi, Delhi - 110065 have changed the name of my minor son namely DIVYANSH BAISOYA, aged 10 years and he shall hereafter be known as ANGAD BAISOYA.

NAME CHANGE

I, NTIN KUMAR S/O ONKAR SINGH, R/O House -02, Near Roshan Pura, Najafgarh, PO: Najafgarh, DIST: South West Delhi, Delhi - 110043 have changed the name of my minor son namely ADITYA alias ADITYA RANA aged 12 years and he shall hereafter be known as ADITYA RANA.

NAME CHANGE

This is to inform all public at large that I, Laxmiraj Singh, S/o Shri Jagmohan Singh, R/O H. No. 645 H/1, Near Ashoka Apartment, Devli Village, Delhi, South Delhi, New Delhi 110062 hereby notify that I disclaim and disown all my interest in the name of Kamal Kanti Sharma, from all his moveable and immovable properties, of whatsoever nature, whether existing in the past, present or to be acquired in the future, for all times to come because of the extreme misbehavior, harassment and breach of trust on his part not only to me but to my entire family. He shall not have any entitlement, right, title or interest in any of my assets, properties, earnings, possessions, goods, both moveable and immovable etc. Furthermore, I will not be responsible for any of his actions, debts, or liabilities, and any person or entity dealing with him will proceed solely at their own risk and consequences (Lakshmi Raj Singh)

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as Kuldpey S/O Ram Kumar R/O D-284 Block Prem Nagar, Najafgarh, South West Delhi, Delhi-110043 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kuldpey Singh.

NAME CHANGE

I Sunil Saxena S/O Ram Prakash Saxena R/O 32 A/1 Flat No-3, Gali No-3, Near Hazi Complex, East Azad Nagar, Krishna Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi-110051 have changed the name of my minor son Vihan aged 12 years and he shall hereafter be known as Navyansh Saxena.

NAME CHANGE

NEWS BOX

Trump wants skilled overseas workers to 'train Americans' then 'go back home': US Treasury Secretary

World . (Agency)
A day after US President Donald Trump voiced support for the H-1B visa programme, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent on Wednesday said that the administration’s broader vision is to temporarily bring in skilled foreign workers to train Americans, before returning to their home countries.
“The President’s vision is to bring in overseas workers who have the skills that left with offshoring,” Bessent said in an interview with Fox News. “Three, five, seven years, enough time to train US workers, then they can go home. The US workers fully take over.”
Bessent’s comments followed Trump’s remarks earlier this week defending the H-1B visa system, which allows US employers to hire highly skilled foreign professionals, particularly in technology and engineering.Trump said that while America must develop its own workforce, it also needs to “bring in talent from around the world” to fill critical skill gaps.
For decades, Bessent said, the US has offshored advanced manufacturing and technical jobs, especially in sectors like shipbuilding and semiconductors.“The President’s point is that we can’t just snap our fingers and expect Americans to learn how to build ships overnight,” he said. “We want to bring the semiconductor industry back to the US.”Describing the administration’s approach as a “home run,” Bessent emphasised that foreign experts would play a transitional role. “This idea of overseas partners coming in, teaching American workers, and then returning home, that’s the goal,” he said.

Congress Passes Key Bill To End Longest Government Shutdown In US History

BOGOTA.(Agency)
Washington:
A deal to end the longest government shutdown in US history cleared Congress on Wednesday, after the House of Representatives voted to restart disrupted food assistance, pay hundreds of thousands of federal workers and revive a hobbled air-traffic control system.The Republican-controlled chamber passed the package by a vote of 222-209, with President Donald Trump's support largely keeping his party together in the face of vehement opposition from House Democrats, who are angry that a long standoff launched by their Senate colleagues failed to secure a deal to extend federal health insurance subsidies.The bill has already passed the Senate and the White House said Trump will sign it into law later on Wednesday, ending the shutdown. It would extend funding through January 30, leaving the federal government on a path to keep adding about \$1.8 trillion a year to its \$38 trillion in debt."I feel like I just lived a Seinfeld episode. We just spent 40 days and I still don't know what the plotline was," said Republican Representative David Schweikert of Arizona, likening Congress' handling of the shutdown to the misadventures in a popular 1990s US sitcom."I really thought this would be like 48 hours: people will have their piece, they'll get a moment to have a temper tantrum, and we'll get back to work."He added: "What's happened now when rage is policy?"
No Promises On Healthcare
The vote came eight days after Democrats won several high-profile elections that many in the party thought strengthened their odds of winning an extension of health insurance subsidies, which are due to expire at the end of the year. While the deal sets up a December vote on those subsidies in the Senate, Speaker Mike Johnson has made no such promise in the House.

France Marks 10th Anniversary Of Paris Attacks That Killed 130

Paris .(Agency)
France marks the 10th anniversary on Thursday of attacks in Paris in which Islamic State gunmen and suicide bombers killed 130 people in a rampage through cafes, restaurants and the Bataclan concert hall, and many survivors are still traumatized.
The attacks were the deadliest on French soil since World War Two, scarring the national psyche and prompting emergency security measures, many of which are now embedded in law.The assault began with suicide bomb blasts outside the Stade de France sports stadium where then-President Francois Hollande and the German foreign minister were watching a friendly soccer international, and continued with gunmen opening fire at five other locations in central Paris.
Starting at 11:30 a.m.(1030 GMT), President Emmanuel Macron will join officials, survivors and relatives of victims paying tribute to those killed and wounded in the attacks. The memorial events begin at the Stade de France and move on to the restaurants and cafes that were attacked, as well as the Bataclan.Attack On The Bataclan
Sebastian Lascoux was inside the Bataclan where the rock band Eagles of Death Metal were playing when what he thought was the noise from firecrackers pierced the concert hall. It quickly became apparent that the venue was under attack.People "ended up all squashed together and collapsed as one," he recalled. "And then (there was) the smell of blood," said Lascoux, now aged 46. One of his friends was shot dead trying to shield another member of their party.
"He saved her life," added Lascoux, who still suffers from post-traumatic stress and cannot be in crowded places or enclosed spaces, even cinemas. Loud pops remind him of gunshots.Like some other survivors, Lascoux plans to attend Thursday's commemorations."What made the November 13 attacks unique was that everyone was a potential victim," historian Denis Peschanski said.

We're going to keep using our visa programmes: US Department of Homeland Security on H-1B visas

Kristi Noem was responding to a question on the administration's position regarding H-1B visas, following Trump’s recent remarks that the US must bring in talent from abroad because it lacks “certain talents.”

WASHINGTON . (Agency)
A day after US President Donald Trump defended H-1B visas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Kristi Noem said America will continue using visa programmes while ensuring their integrity. She also noted that more foreign-born people are becoming naturalised citizens under the Trump administration."We're going to keep using our visa programmes. We're just going to make sure that they have integrity, that we're actually vetting the individuals who

come into this country, that they want to be here for the right reasons, and that they're not supporters of terrorists and organisations that hate America," Noem said in an interview with Fox News.
Noem was responding to a question on the administration's position regarding H-1B visas, following Trump’s recent remarks that the US must bring in talent from abroad because it lacks “certain talents.”
"And that's what I think is so remarkable... under the Trump administration, we've sped up our process and added integrity to visa programmes, to Green Cards, to all of that. But also, more people are becoming naturalised under this administration than ever before. More people are becoming citizens because we're not just streamlining and rebuilding some processes into our immigration policies, we're also making sure that these individuals coming into our country and getting that privilege are here for the right reasons," she said.Noem further alleged that the Joe Biden administration had



allowed “thousands of terrorists” into the country."They opened the southern border. They abused our asylum programmes, abused our protective programmes and visa programmes, and we fixed all of it. It's remarkable what President Trump has done, and it's because he's a great leader, a visionary, and this man is going to go down in history as our greatest president ever," she said.Trump recently defended the H-1B visa programme, stating that America needs to bring in talent from around the world.“I agree, but you also do have to bring in talent,” Trump said in an interview

with Laura Ingraham on Fox News.Trump was responding to a question on whether H-1B visas would be a priority for his administration, given concerns that an influx of foreign workers could depress wages for Americans.When Ingraham noted that “we have plenty of talent,” Trump replied, “No, you don’t, no you don’t. You don’t have certain talents. And people have to learn. You can’t take people off an unemployment line and say, ‘I’m going to put you into a factory, we’re going to make missiles.’”Referring to a raid in Georgia, Trump said, “They had people from South Korea who made batteries all their lives. Making batteries is very complicated and dangerous, a lot of explosions, a lot of problems. They had 500–600 people in the early stages to make batteries and to teach people how to do it. But they wanted them to get out of the country. You’re going to need that kind of expertise. You can’t just take people who haven’t worked in five years and expect them to start making missiles.

Pakistan's prime minister offers talks to Afghanistan after deadly militant attacks

ISLAMABAD. (Agency)
Pakistan’s prime minister on Wednesday offered talks to Afghanistan’s Taliban government in a renewed peace overture, about a week after negotiations between the two sides collapsed in Istanbul, raising fears that a ceasefire brokered by Qatar and Turkey could unravel and trigger new border clashes.Shehbaz Sharif made the offer in a televised speech to parliament, a day after a deadly suicide bombing outside a court in Islamabad killed 12 people and wounded 27 others.



Pakistan had only made one demand to Afghanistan: rein in the militants.
“We want peace to prevail,” he said, and “Afghanistan should realize that what is good for us is good for them. But it cannot be that they ake promises and then fail to act."There was no immediate comment from Kabul to Sharif's offer.The latest development came hours after Pakistanis buried their loved ones killed in the suicide bombing at an Islamabad court, as authorities opened an investigation into the assault.The bombing in Islamabad underscored the country's

Bangladesh braces for disruptions as former ruling party calls for lockdown to protest Hasina trial

ANKARA .(Agency)
DHAKA: The Bangladesh capital on Thursday woke up to heightened security vigil over the Dhaka lockdown call by deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina's now disbanded Awami League in protest against her trial over last year’s protests that left hundreds dead.
A special tribunal in Bangladesh’s capital, Dhaka, was due to announce a date for the verdict against Hasina, who is facing charges of crimes against humanity involving a crackdown on the student-led uprising that ended her 15-year rule. She has been in exile in India since.Schools in Dhaka and major cities across Bangladesh switched to online classes and examinations while public transportation was severely disrupted Thursday as the interim government heightened security across the country.
The development has sparked tension in the South Asian nation with the now-



banned Awami League party urging its supporters and others to protest while the government and opposition to Hasina vowed to stop them.
Explosions of crude bombs and the torching of vehicles have been reported over the last three days in Dhaka and elsewhere, indicating that political chaos will continue in the country, which has a history of political violence.On Wednesday evening, arson was reported on a train and a bus in Dhaka, and crude bombs went off earlier in the day on the Dhaka University campus.Bangladesh’s

interim leader, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus, will address the nation on Thursday afternoon, his press office said.
Yunus took over as the head of an interim government three days after Hasina’s fall on Aug. 5 last year, and vowed to punish her.On Thursday morning, soldiers along with other security agencies were deployed to guard the premises of the special tribunal, which is due to announce the day of the verdict in a case that also involves former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan and former police chief Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun. Al-Mamun is an “approver” in the case, which means he pleaded guilty and became a state witness against Hasina.Al-Mamun was brought to the tribunal amid tight security Thursday while Khan is also believed to be in India. Both Hasina and Khan are being tried in absentia.Hasina was ousted on Aug. 5 last year after weeks of violence that left hundreds dead.

US Says Boeing Owes \$28 Million To Family Of Indian Victim Of 2019 Crash

United States. (Agency)
A US jury in the first civil trial over a fatal Boeing 737 MAX crash determined Wednesday that the aircraft manufacturing giant owes \$28.45 million to the family of a newly-wed Indian victim.The case involves the survivors of Shikha Garg of New Delhi, who died in the March 2019 Ethiopian Airlines crash, one of two fatal MAX crashes that together claimed 346 lives.
After about two hours of deliberation, a jury in federal court in Chicago returned with an award that included \$10 million for grief, \$10 million for Garg's pain and suffering, and other compensation.
"We happily accept the verdict. We came here for a jury trial and it's absolutely acceptable," Garg's widow, Soumya Bhattacharya, told AFP.READ: US Judge Drops Criminal Charges Against Boeing Over 737 MAX 8 Aircraft Crashes
Boeing expressed regret about the deadly accidents.
"We are deeply sorry to all who lost loved ones on Lion Air Flight 610 and Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302," a



Boeing spokesperson said."While we have resolved the vast majority of these claims through settlements, families are also entitled to pursue their claims through damages trials in court, and we respect their right to do so."Attorneys representing Bhattacharya had argued the estate should receive between \$80 and \$230 million, while Boeing's counsel had proposed \$11.95 million.The lawsuits stem from the March 10, 2019 flight that crashed six minutes after departing Addis Ababa for Nairobi, killing all 157 people on board.Garg's was the first case to go to trial after Boeing reached dozens of other civil settlements in cases brought by family members from the Ethiopian Airlines crash and from the Lion Air 737 MAX crash in 2018.Boeing had accepted responsibility for the Ethiopian Airlines crash and acknowledged the need to pay damages to Garg's survivors. But the trial weighed the sum, with Boeing's attorney contesting testimony from a plaintiff witness on the extent that Garg suffered prior to dying. Courtroom Apology
During this closing argument, Boeing attorney Dan Webb stressed the company's remorse, turning to Bhattacharya to express Boeing's apology in court.

A historic shutdown is over. It leaves no winners and much frustration

WASHINGTON . (Agency)
The longest government shutdown in history has come to an end, with almost no one happy with the final result.
Democrats didn't get the health insurance provisions they demanded added to the spending deal. And Republicans, who control the levers of power in Washington, didn't escape blame, according to polls and some state and local elections that went poorly for them.The fallout of the shutdown landed on millions of Americans, including federal workers who went without paychecks and airline passengers who had their trips delayed or canceled. An interruption in nutrition assistance programs contributed to long lines at food banks and added emotional distress going into the holiday season.
The agreement includes bipartisan bills worked out by the Senate Appropriations Committee to fund parts of government — food aid, veterans programs and the legislative branch, among other things. All other funding would be extended until the end of January, giving lawmakers more

than two months to finish additional spending bills.President Donald Trump signed the legislation Wednesday, just hours after the House passed it. The Senate had passed it Monday.President Donald Trump displays the signed funding bill to reopen the government, in the Oval Office of the White House, Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025, in WashingtonUS government shutdown forces some overseas bases to stop paying workersHere's a look at how the shutdown started and is likely to end:
What led to the shutdown
Democrats made several demands to win their support for a short-term funding bill, but the central one was an extension of an enhanced tax credit that lowers the cost of health coverage obtained through Affordable Care Act marketplaces.
The tax credit was boosted during the COVID-19 pandemic response, again through President Joe Biden's big energy and health care bill, and it's set to expire at the end of December.Without it, premiums on average will more than double for millions of Americans. More than 2 million



people would lose health insurance coverage altogether next year, the Congressional Budget Office projected.“Never have American families faced a situation where their health care costs are set to double — double in the blink of an eye,” said Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.While Democrats called for negotiations on the matter, Republicans said a funding bill would need to be passed first.“Republicans are ready to sit down with Democrats just as soon as they stop holding the government hostage to their partisan demands,” Senate Majority Leader John

Thune, R-S.D., said.Thune eventually promised Democrats a December vote on the tax credit extension to help resolve the standoff, but many Democrats demanded a guaranteed fix, not just a vote that is likely to fail.Thune's position was much the same as the one Schumer took back in October 2013, when Republicans unsuccessfully sought to roll back parts of the Affordable Care Act in exchange for funding the government. “Open up all of the government, and then we can have a fruitful discussion,” Schumer said then.Democratic leaders under pressure
The first year of President Donald Trump's second term has seen more than 200,000 federal workers leave their job through firings, forced relocations or the Republican administration's deferred resignation program, according to the Partnership for Public Service.
Whole agencies that don't align with the administration's priorities have been dismantled. And billions of dollars previously approved by Congress have been frozen or canceled.

NEWS BOX

Museum dog attack sparks demand to remove strays from public institutions

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, (Agency)

The stray dog attack reported from the Museum premises has triggered widespread concern across the capital, with the City Corporation flooded with calls demanding the removal of dogs from public institutions. However, the absence of adequate shelters has landed the civic authorities in a fix.

On Wednesday, the Corporation's dog squad captured four dogs from the public office premises following complaints from officials. "We are getting numerous requests from various establishments to remove stray dogs.

But the lack of shelters to house them remains a serious challenge," said an official. In the wake of Tuesday's incident — where five morning walkers were attacked by a stray dog — the Museum authorities have decided to tighten regulations inside the campus.

Consumption of food brought from outside has been restricted to prevent dogs from being attracted to the premises. "We have put up display boards prohibiting eating in certain areas. Our resources are limited, but efforts are to implement these measures effectively. People leaving food waste around is one of the main reasons for dogs entering the premises.

One more dog was removed from the premises on Tuesday morning," said P S Manjula Devi, director of Museum and Zoo. She added there has been no decline in the number of morning walkers or visitors since the incident. When asked about the security arrangements in Chennai after the blast in Delhi, he said even though there is no direct threat to the city, 1,200 police officers and personnel have been deployed in checks across the city. "Since the blast occurred near a metro station in Delhi, all the locations in and around metro stations in Chennai were thoroughly checked," he added.

Cops in bind over late-night checks at history-sheeters' houses amid Kerala HC fiat

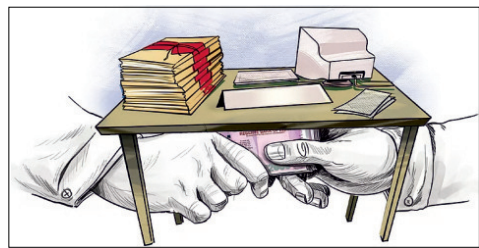
KOCHI, (Agency)

Police personnel in Kochi city are in a dilemma over conducting late-night checks at the homes of individuals whose names appear in the Rowdy History-Sheeteer (RHS) list maintained by the home department. While senior officers insist on conducting late-night surveillance visits, the Kerala High Court has cautioned the police against entering houses of such individuals, leaving officers uncertain about how far they can go.

"It is a regular practice to check the whereabouts of history-sheeters between 1am and 3am, and report details to higher officers. The practice was stopped after a High Court directive in June 2025 but restarted last month due to rising law and order issues," said a police officer attached to the Thoppumpady station's control room vehicle. During a recent night patrol in Thoppumpady, the police visited the house of a history-sheeteer named Thanseer. When the team knocked on the door, he objected, citing the court order. A brief scuffle followed before the police withdrew.

"We get verbal instructions from our seniors to conduct such checks, but there is no legal backing for what we do. When suspects cite the court order, we have no answer," the officer added. A sub-inspector from the Kochi city police said that the High Court's directive stemmed from an earlier incident involving Prasad C, alias Odi Prasad, of Mundamveli.

KSEB assistant engineer accepts Rs 90k bribe, nabbed in Kochi



KOCHI, (Agency)

The Ernakulam unit of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau on Wednesday nabbed an assistant engineer with the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) as he was accepting a bribe of '90,000 from a builder at Thevara.

Predeepan N, a resident of Kaloore, who works at the KSEB's Thevara division office, was caught red-handed accepting the amount from the complainant near a bus stop at Thevara around 6 pm, said a VACB source.

The complainant, an assistant manager with a private construction company, approached the office to convert a temporary electrical connection to a permanent one at a four-storeyed apartment building in Panampilly Nagar. However, the complainant was told that a permanent connection could be granted only if they met the assistant engineer.

The accused allegedly asked for a payment of Rs 1.5 lakh, and Rs 90,000 as a bribe and to avoid 'unnecessary hassles'. The complainant alerted the VACB DSP about the demand and a trap was laid," said the VACB official.

BBMP chief inspects late-night road works, orders speedy completion of flyover projects

The Bengaluru East City Corporation is executing approximately 5 km of the Hennur-Bagalur Road with whitetopping work.

BENGALURU, (Agency)

As part of the GBA's ongoing infrastructure projects, Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao conducted a late-night inspection from 11.30 pm on Tuesday to 2.45 am on Wednesday to review the progress of white-topping on Hennur-Bagalur Road, asphaltting works on the Outer Ring Road and other stretches, as well as the completion of the Hosakerehalli flyover and the JC Road white-topping project.

"White-topping work from Minerva Circle to Town Hall (1 km stretch) on JC Road is in progress. Half of the road has already been completed and opened for traffic, while the remaining 250 meters of work will be finished within four days," said Rao.

He issued strict instructions to the contractor to expedite the work. He also noted that the Hosakerehalli Flyover construction has been completed and minor pending works such as line marking and signage, are to be done.

The Bengaluru East City Corporation is executing approximately 5 km of the Hennur-Bagalur Road with whitetopping work. During his previous visit last week, the chief

commissioner had issued strict instructions to the contractor to expedite the work, following which the work has gained momentum.

"The Hosakerehalli Flyover construction has been completed. I have instructed officials to



finish minor pending works such as line marking and signage at the earliest," said Rao. Meanwhile, the Traffic Department has allowed traffic on the 380-meter stretch of the flyover. Rao said that out of the 5 km stretch, whitetopping has already been completed for 1 km on one side and 600 meters on the other. To accelerate completion, traffic will be

restricted on a 1.2 km portion from Poorna Prajna School to Gubbi Cross, allowing two-way movement on the remaining half.

The work is to be completed within 25 days, after which vehicular movement will be allowed on the finished section. Subsequently, similar phased restrictions of 1.5 km segments will be implemented, as per the approval granted by the Traffic Police.

To prevent traffic congestion during the execution of works, Rao directed the DCP to deploy Home Guards to ensure no vehicles are parked along the work zones and to manage the traffic flow efficiently.

At Bhadrappa Layout, asphaltting work is underway under the High-Density Corridor Project to repair damaged road surfaces. The Chief Commissioner instructed that quality be maintained and proper slope ensured for effective drainage of rainwater into the stormwater drains. Rao also directed that a mass cleanliness drive be undertaken along the High-Density Corridor roads to remove waste, debris, and silt from footpaths.

Orissa HC cancels its own ASO main exams over 'irregularity' concerns

BHUBANESWAR, (Agency)

Raising doubts on the fairness of the examination process, the Orissa High Court has cancelled the main written exam for the posts of its assistant section officer (ASO), which was conducted on July 13.

The examination will be conducted afresh on December 7, the registrar examination of the high court SK Dash Ray notified on Wednesday.

The Orissa High Court ASO exam is a four-stage selection process and the preliminary examination was held by the HC through an agency on May 4, following

which, 7,113 candidates had qualified for the mains. The mains examination was held on July 13.

"Since the Court entertains serious doubts in the conduct of the main written examination by the agency engaged for the said purpose, the Court has decided to cancel the same which was held on July 13, 2025 in order to ensure fairness in the examination process," the HC



order read.

It further stated that the main written exam will be held afresh on December 7 for the 7,113

candidates who had qualified the preliminary examination. The fresh examination will be conducted in three sittings for subjects English, general awareness & reasoning and mathematics. Candidates can download their e-admit cards from the recruitment corner of HC website between November 17 and December 5, Ray informed.

BJD alleges 'vote chori' in Nuapada by-election

BHUBANESWAR, (Agency)

Even as the Nuapada bypoll witnessed a record voting of 83.45 per cent, the BJD on Wednesday alleged it was the result of the irregularities resorted to by the BJP 'to win by hook or by crook'.

BJD spokesperson Lenin Mohanty said the BJP had brought large number of people from Chhattisgarh to cast their votes. Mohanty said from the beginning of the campaign, the BJD had demanded that border between Odisha and Chhattisgarh should be sealed as the both the states are BJP-ruled and the state government will exploit it during the bypoll. Neither the chief electoral officer (CEO), nor the district administration gave any importance to the complaint. Meanwhile, Opposition chief whip Pramila Mallik asserted that

despite the irregularities by the ruling BJP, BJD candidate Snehangini Chhuria will win by over a margin of 10,000 votes. She said if the BJP candidate Jay



Dholakia wins the bypoll, it will be clear that the ruling party resorted to large-scale irregularities including vote theft.

NTR district police launch 'Cyber Commandos' training to tackle cybercrimes, digital arrest scams

At least two officers from every police station in the Commissionerate will be trained in cybercrime handling, capacity building, and digital awareness to better serve the public.

VIJAYAWADA, (Agency)

In a significant move to boost cybercrime prevention and enhance digital investigation capabilities, NTR District Police Commissioner (CP) SV Rajashekhar Babu has launched a specialised training programme to equip police personnel with new knowledge of cybercrimes and digital arrests.

Under the initiative, at least two officers from every police station in the Commissionerate will undergo training in cybercrime handling techniques, capacity building, and digital awareness campaigns to serve the public better.

"We are handpicking young officers with engineering background and technology enthusiasts and giving them training in cybersecurity and

cybercrime-related aspects that we are facing in day-to-day life. These officers will be called 'Cyber Commandos,' and the team is going to be big in the coming days, serving as a one-stop solution to



cybercrimes," the CP said.

As part of this initiative, a comprehensive workshop was organised, where nearly 90 officers of various ranks took part. Detailed discussions were held on the prevention of cybercrimes, the concept of digital arrests, handling

social media-related cases, and ways to ensure speedy investigation and resolution.

The Commissioner highlighted the importance of educating the public on cyber safety practices to prevent

them from falling prey to cyberfraud. "Leveraging technology effectively in policing could not only improve service delivery but also reduce the workload on officers. All the trained personnel will apply their learnings to resolve cyber-related cases efficiently within their jurisdictions," he emphasised.

The training for these Cyber Commandos primarily focused on the Cyber Citizen mobile application, operations of the 1930 call centre, coordination with the NCRP Portal and 14C, and social media awareness.

Arkavathi allottees get alternative sites in NPKL; call BDA's move 'justice delayed'

BENGALURU, (Agency)

While the 755 site allottees of Arkavathi Layout who were unable to take possession of their sites were given alternative sites at the Nada Prabhu Kempegowda Layout (NPKL) in just 15 minutes, with Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) claiming it a historical move, the allottees are not happy.

They point out that NPKL is underdeveloped and may need five years to be developed, and their dream of owning land and building a home is still a distant dream.

BDA said that those who were running from pillar to post since 2005 to get an alternative site were awarded sites in NPKL, through the computer randomisation process on November 10 and claimed the move a historic milestone.

Advocate Rajeev K Jha, who represents the Arkavathi site allottees, said that they aren't happy with the allotment. "There is so much struggle the allottees have undergone since 2005. Their dream of owning a plot in Bengaluru and building their own house continues to remain a distant dream. NPKL is not fully developed, and allottees cannot even reach their sites easily; that much underdeveloped is the layout. Given the track record and the nature of the BDA's working style, it would take another five years for the road works and all the civic amenities to be built on the layout."

"BDA is trying to cover up bad things," he said. "Imagine the loss of benefits the site owners would have got by now, if there were no issues with the Arkavathi Layout. A father would have invested in land for himself in 2005 in the Arkavathi layout. But BDA has made it a generational purchase where his son or grandson may get the site," he said.

Some of the site owners of NPKL said that there is a lot of development work that is due in the layout. While they admitted that things are moving fast after P Manivannan took over as the Commissioner of BDA, they said work should speed up.

Balijatra is a mirror of the Odia soul, a testament to Odisha's eternal spirit: Governor

The Governor stressed that the state government's ongoing efforts to obtain UNESCO World Heritage status for Balijatra was a step towards placing Odisha's maritime legacy on the global map.

CUTTACK, (Agency)

Balijatra is not just a festival, it is a mirror of the Odia soul, a magnificent testament to Odisha's eternal spirit, said Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati on Wednesday.

Addressing the open-air trade fair in Cuttack, the Governor said the festival weaves together the courage of Kalinga's seafarers - the Sadhaba Putras and the creativity of modern Odisha into an unbroken thread of glory. "As the city of Cuttack becomes a grand confluence of tradition and innovation, every year, the festival reminds us that the Odia spirit knows no boundaries, it sails endlessly through time. Long before the world learned to navigate by compass, the people of ancient Kalinga had already conquered the winds and the waves. Their voyages were journeys of friendship and



learning, spreading the light of art, language and faith and carrying the message of compassion and peace across

Southeast Asia," Kambhampati added.

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UNESCO World Heritage status for Balijatra was a step towards placing Odisha's maritime legacy on the global map. The '200 crore Mahanadi Riverfront Development Project announced by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi will also transform the ghat into a world-class cultural and recreational hub, honouring the maritime legacy while boosting tourism and livelihoods, he said. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has announced the extension of Balijatra by one more day. The festival, which was earlier slated to conclude on Wednesday, will now end on Thursday. The decision has been taken in view of the popularity of Balijatra and the associated emotions of the public with the festival besides business of traders at the fair, Majhi said.

Next in Trump's crosshair: The United Nations

United States President Donald Trump is taking aim at the United Nations. Reshaping it is his next big foreign policy project. Trump aims first to try to bend the UN to his will, capture it, and remake the world body in his image. If he fails, he will try to discredit the UN and destroy it. But destroying the UN will be easier said than done. Notwithstanding its institutional rough edges—like the veto power for a few in the 15-nation UN Security Council (UNSC)—the world body in its present form is the most democratic global institution that humankind has known. The one-country-one-vote functional foundation of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), “the main policy-making organ” of the UN, means 2.02-sq-km Monaco has the same rights and privileges in the UNGA as the US, the sole superpower. India is credited with having contributed to the inscription of the one-member-one-vote principle as Article 18 of the UN Charter during negotiations in 1945 in San Francisco for its adoption. How does the 47th US president plan to go about his designs for transforming the UN? His first shot in this plan is likely to be fired at the end of this year, soon after the General Assembly president and the UNSC send a joint letter to all UN members inviting nominations for the post of the next UN secretary-general. It is one of toughest diplomatic jobs in the world. By convention, incumbent secretary-general António Guterres’s successor should be from Latin America and the Caribbean. Trump would like the post to go to a US national, someone with a mind like his. But any such attempt would be vetoed by Russia and China, probably by France as well. Then, Trump’s next step would be to induct a non-American who is sympathetic to his worldview. Tracking Trump’s words and actions on the global stage so far in his second presidential term, it is increasingly clear that he views the UN favourably now. That is the inverse of his attitude towards the UN when he was president from 2017 to 2021. Within days of moving into the White House this year, Trump turned his back on the UN’s Human Rights Council, its Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, and its Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. Then he showed up at the UNGA on the opening day of its annual General Debate on September 23. He arrived at the UN headquarters with a scowl: seven years ago, when Trump addressed the General Debate, the delegates laughed at him. He was ridiculed for his fantasies, his fictitious statements that did not bear fact-checking. Trump did not know what to expect during his latest address. To the US president’s great surprise, there were no sniggers, no derision. The entire UNGA listened to him silently, in attention. Trump was given 15 minutes, but he spoke for about an hour. Nobody stopped him. The General Assembly president, who did not hide her true feelings for Trump in her previous job as Germany’s foreign minister, did not use her gavel to cut short the US president. For Trump, this was more comforting than having to address the US Congress, where the chamber is almost equally divided between his Republican supporters and hostile Democrats who don’t listen in silence to the president’s State of the Union address. Trump clearly liked being at the UNGA this year. By all accounts, the contrast between how his speech was received at the UN two months ago and his humiliation at the same venue in 2018 was a turning point. Make America Great Again (MAGA) sources say its fallout on how Trump now sees the UN will unfold in the coming months.

The Guru gave his all for freedom of faith

Guru Tegh Bahadur’s supreme sacrifice carries a timeless message for posterity

THE 350th anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur’s martyrdom falls on November 24. Union and state governments, besides several organisations, including the RSS, are commemorating the occasion. While doing so, the focus must remain on the historical context and the correct message that the Guru’s supreme sacrifice holds for posterity. A narrow interpretation may merely recount the bigotry of some Mughal emperors, especially Aurangzeb. The Sikh religion evolved over two centuries, from the foundation of Kartarpur town by Guru Nanak Dev in 1504 to the creation of the Khalsa by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699. During this period, the Mughals first captured power, then lost it and later regained it under Humayun; their empire peaked under Akbar and eventually declined after Aurangzeb’s death.

Guru Arjan Dev (1606) and Guru Tegh Bahadur (1675) chose self-sacrifice over abandoning their religion or performing miracles. As the two sagas run parallel, their crucial linkages need to be analysed to understand Sikhism’s defence of freedom of faith. Guru Nanak Dev is said to have first encountered Emperor Babur in Hyderabad as his forces advanced into India. Babur’s successor Humayun lost the throne of Delhi to Sher Shah Suri; heading for exile in Iran, he made a halt to seek the blessings of Guru Angad Dev, the second Sikh Guru, in 1540. Two vital inflection points occurred during the Mughal rule which impacted Sikhism’s evolution.

It is important to recall that Emperor Akbar’s long reign (1556-1605) coincided with that of three Sikh Gurus — Guru Amar Das (1552-74), Guru Ram Das (1574-81) and Guru Arjan Dev (1581-1606). Akbar’s religious tolerance, the espousal of Din-i Ilahi (Religion of God) in 1582 and repeal of jaziya or tax on non-Muslims created an ethos in which Sikhism could flourish. Akbar visited Guru Amar Das in 1567 and also partook of langar.

Akbar favoured his grandson, Prince Khusrav, to succeed him as he considered his eldest son unfit to rule. But that son, Jahangir, succeeded him in 1605. When Khusrav rebelled against his father in 1606, he met Guru Arjan Dev on the way to Lahore. The Mughal army defeated and captured him. Although Jahangir was not totally bigoted, he could be unpredictably vindictive. He targeted Guru Arjan Dev mainly because the latter had received his rebellious son. Had Khusrav succeeded Akbar, perhaps tolerance and religious freedom would have persisted in India. After Guru Arjan Dev passed away in Mughal captivity, the Sikh religion mutated

under his son and successor Guru Hargobind, adopting martial training alongside religious discourse. He began carrying two swords, representing Miri and Piri, symbolising the temporal and the spiritual. Guru Hargobind’s period (1606-44) bridged the reign of Jahangir (1605-27) and Shah Jahan (1627-58). His limited Sikh force successfully fought six battles with the Mughal forces, sent by Shah Jahan, until a grown-up Dara Shikoh, the heir apparent, restrained targeting of Sikhs.

The second inflection point came when Shah Jahan’s sons became rivals over succession. The eldest, Dara Shikoh, favoured Sufi thinking and religious tolerance, besides



peaceful coexistence between Hindus and Muslims. He translated the Upanishads from Sanskrit to Persian to enable Muslim scholars to study them. Shah Jahan’s illness in 1657 started a power tussle. Dara fell seriously ill due to suspected poisoning by his main rival, Aurangzeb. Guru Har Rai, specialising in ayurveda, sent medicine that cured him. Dara sent gifts to the Guru in gratitude. However, he was defeated on the battlefield by Aurangzeb in 1658. He sought refuge in Punjab. The Guru extended him material help and obstructed Aurangzeb’s forces to assist his escape. Betrayed by former associates, Dara was captured and eventually killed. Destiny again betrayed India and the Sikh Gurus. The Sufi lost to a bigoted fundamentalist. When summoned by Aurangzeb in 1660, Guru Har Rai sent his son Ram Rai, who was held hostage. When questioned about Adi Granth hymns ostensibly berating Muslims,

Ram Rai amended them in a bid to please Aurangzeb. The Guru excommunicated him, passing the succession to his younger son Har Krishan, who succeeded him a year later. Aurangzeb lured Guru Har Krishan to Delhi, where he contracted smallpox and passed away in 1664. Since he had declared that a Baba from Bakala would be his successor, many claimants came forward. Eventually, Guru Tegh Bahadur emerged as the chosen one.

Thus the eventual confrontation between Aurangzeb and the ninth Guru was not just over Pandit Kirpa Ram leading a delegation of Kashmiri Pandits to seek the Guru’s protection against forced conversion to Islam. It was an

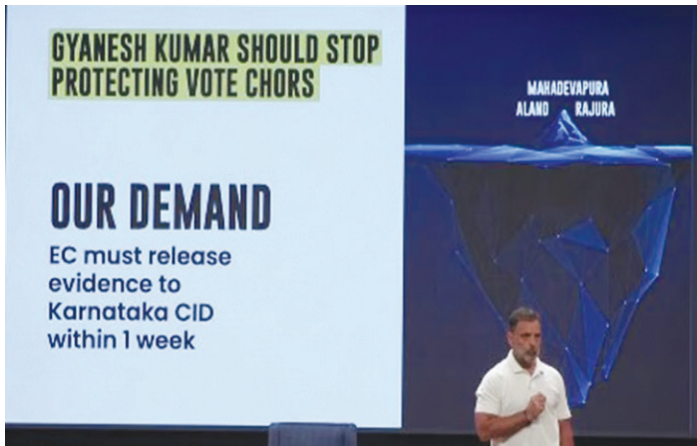
old tussle, reignited afresh, between the forces of bigotry and freedom of faith. It led to the birth of the Khalsa and greater resistance to Muslim invaders like Ahmad Shah Abdali and the remnants of the Mughal empire in Delhi. Today, there is a regression towards majoritarian, religion-influenced rule globally and in India, with secular constitutions or governance being put to the test. The US, once a model of secular governance with a wall between the Church and the State, is witnessing rising White Christian supremacism. The White House ordered flags at half-mast when a bigoted Charlie Kirk was shot. US Vice-President JD Vance publicly pushed his wife to convert from Hinduism to Christianity, wooing MAGA supporters. President Donald Trump’s strong supporter, Vivek Ramaswamy, a candidate for Ohio’s governorship, was trolled by MAGA followers on religious and racial grounds after he posted a photo with his sons on Halloween. In India, minorities, especially Muslims, feel targeted, especially when their nationalism is questioned. Proponents of Khalistan, such as Lok Sabha MP Amritpal Singh and his aides, are detained, but slogans and processions in support of Hindu Rashtra are tolerated. The rise of far-right parties in Europe has increased the risk of secular walls crumbling there too.

Hence, the commemoration of Guru Tegh Bahadur’s 350th death anniversary demands not just recrimination of past bigotry but renewed commitment to freedom of faith and conscience, which the Indian Constitution safeguards. Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1948, affirms this resolve. All must accept that true faith, as the Gurus demonstrated by self-sacrifice, lies in the acceptance of one Supreme God, ethical conduct and public service, besides being tolerant of multiple paths that lead to Him.

ECI must address trust deficit with transparency

The ‘vote chori’ campaign may seem like a show with little political impact; however, the concerns raised deserve to be dispelled through sound answers and actions

The credibility of India’s elections is the strength of its democracy. Rahul Gandhi’s persistent assault on the impartiality of the Election Commission of India has managed to sow a seed of suspicion about the integrity of one of the principal pillars of that credibility. As the Congress leader continues with his campaign against alleged ‘vote chori’—something that became an issue at the just-concluded Bihar polls—the onus is squarely on the ECI to address the trust deficit. Mere dismissal of the diligently-gathered accusations is utterly inadequate in countering the allegations of fraud and restoring the public’s trust in the electoral system. Rahul’s latest presentation was based on the 2024 Haryana assembly election, where he alleged the BJP won with the help of 25 lakh ‘fake votes’. While claiming that one in eight voters in the state was fake, he showed the picture of one woman that allegedly appeared 223 times on the voter list; another woman, apparently a Brazilian model, appeared 22 times under different names at 10 booths. At an age when election controllers around the world are considering ‘pre-



bunking’—publishing factual information before disinformation is aired—the ECI has chosen an ostrich-like posture. To the accusation Gandhi levelled in August citing data from Karnataka’s Mahadevapura, the ECI responded by asking him to register a formal complaint.

This time, its defence was that no appeal had been filed against the rolls and no multiple voting flagged during the election. Fair enough. But how does one explain 223 listings for one voter? Whether flagged in time or not, such gross anomalies punch holes in the touted impregnable fairness of the election process. The ‘vote chori’ campaign may seem like a show with little political impact; however, the concerns raised deserve to be dispelled through sound answers and actions. If not satisfactorily addressed, it will remain an issue at the upcoming elections. A recent survey that flagged a sharp drop in public trust in the ECI underscores the need to protect the constitutional body’s image as an independent and impartial entity. That deficit is the reason the special intensive revisions, aimed at restoring the integrity of electoral rolls, have come under a shadow. The honour of being the world’s largest democracy also comes with an enormous responsibility of safeguarding the credibility of the election process. That task belongs mostly to the ECI.

For due diligence on claiming your dues

When honouring claims is inefficient and rejection rates high, getting your rightful dues can be a nightmare. In the spirit of the govt campaign ‘Your money, your right’, particular attention should be paid to the EPFO, most of whose subscribers need help with the claims process

This October, the finance minister launched the nationwide campaign ‘Your money, your right’. The objective is to make people aware of unclaimed funds and assets of up to ₹1.84 lakh crore lying with various authorities. Coming after the GST and income tax incentives, unleashing such idle funds could further help private consumption and economic growth.

The expression ‘your money’ has three distinct dimensions. The first concerns ‘unclaimed’ assets—belonging to rightful owners who are unaware of their holdings. The solution lies in facilitating the ‘claiming of the unclaimed’ through greater awareness, accessibility, and procedural simplification. The second dimension concerns ‘withheld’ assets, where the owners are aware of their assets but have been unable to claim them, often despite repeated efforts. While the awareness campaign is expected to increase the number of claims, its real success will depend on the response of the custodians of such claims. It calls for an institutional commitment to ‘release the withheld’ promptly and efficiently. The third dimension concerns the flow of such assets, ‘serve the claimed’. Custodians must proactively identify, trace, and return assets to their owners before they become unclaimed. This forward-looking approach will give full effect to the campaign’s principle. The Reserve Bank seems to have become active on all three dimensions since launching the unified database for unclaimed deposits or UDGAM portal in August 2023. Further, this

September 26, it issued directions simplifying procedures for settling accounts of deceased depositors to nominees or to legal heirs. Shortly thereafter, it introduced an innovative, incentive-based scheme to reduce the stock of unclaimed deposits in the Depositor Education and Awareness Fund. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority has made tangible progress since 2022 in strengthening its Bima Bharosa portal, an integrated grievance redress system to facilitate claim settlements. The Securities and Exchange Board has operationalised the Mutual Funds Investment Tracing and Retrieval Assistant or MITRA, while the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority has introduced a facility enabling subscribers to claim refunds. A key to address all three dimensions lies in honouring the claims in time rather than rejecting them on technical or procedural grounds. Consider the case of the Investor Education and Protection Fund, which reportedly holds unclaimed assets about ₹1.1 lakh crore, comprising roughly ₹9,000 crore in unpaid dividends and about ₹150-crore unclaimed securities. These assets accumulated because companies and their registrars and transfer agents failed to disburse them to the rightful owners for several years. An authority was established in 2016 to facilitate the refund of unclaimed assets. However, its track record of refunds is yet to be inspiring. During 2023-24, while about 17,000 applications were approved, nearly 34,000 were rejected. Most of the unclaimed or withheld money

represents amounts individuals voluntarily deposited or invested. However, the situation is perhaps worse where they are mandatory, like subscriptions to pension or provident funds. The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is a glaring example of the challenges in ensuring



‘Your Money, Your Right’. A statutory body with 73 years of experience, it manages over ₹28 lakh crore in funds for some 8 crore active members. The EPFO primarily serves the lowest rungs of the working class, who require special support on their savings-to-pension journey. As both an empowered regulator and service provider, it should have been a model of efficiency. However, the reality is different. The claim that there’s only ₹8,500 crore in unclaimed funds, even if correct, masks the deeper problems. EPFO’s annual report for 2023-24 shows that overall, 25.5 percent of claims were rejected. Delays compound the problem, with 40 percent of claims taking more than 10 days

to settle. On paper, the reasons for rejection appear reasonable. However, anecdotal experiences tell a different story. Of rejection on account of ‘inadequate balance’ at the age of 65, ‘multiple unique account numbers’, ‘need to recheck of retirement rules of the organisation’; Issues with the digital interface turns out to be an obstacle race with multiple checkpoints and desk officials, each one dismissing casually. There is also a deep disconnect between the system genie and humans, leaving even a few well-intentioned officials helpless, making citizens trapped in endless loops.

Our experience made us recall the horror story of a subscriber in Kochi who committed suicide after nine years of pursuing his PF claims. Not surprisingly, this has spanned a parallel ecosystem of brokers who charge up to 20 percent to help people access their funds, since it takes ‘25 steps to withdraw your own money’. Hope, EPFO 3.0 will reduce the disconnects between humans and machines, and the incentive problems. Semi-functional processes and apps without application of mind are a disservice to our people. Systems must enable subscribers/rightful owners to realise their assets, like digital bank account transactions. While all systems must be efficient and customer-friendly, compulsory systems must be perfect. Only perfect systems can make your money your right. If that cannot be guaranteed by their custodians, such schemes should shift to a voluntary mode so that their users need not crush their heads in single-window routes to prolonged traps.

NEWS BOX

Chandigarh administration mulls extending Mayor's term to 5 years

Chandigarh . (Agency)

The Chandigarh Administration is preparing to give a go ahead to enhance the Mayor's term to five years. According to sources, Chandigarh Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria has asked the UT officers to prepare a report on the matter in a meeting with the Chief Secretary and other officers that took place at Raj Bhawan.

Already, the Administrator has changed the way of voting in Mayoral elections by way of show of hands, which will be implemented in the next election in a bid to prevent cross voting.

"The Administrator has asked to prepare a report so that it can be sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, which will further decide on the issue. Already Panchkula and Mohali have the Mayor's term for five years and a similar provision is being pushed for Chandigarh as well," a senior official of the Chandigarh administration said.

A Mayor in Chandigarh is elected from amongst the elected councillors for a one-year term. Every year in January, the Mayor elections take place in the 'City Beautiful'.

In Chandigarh, all executive powers rest with the Commissioner of the civic body, while the Mayor has none. The Mayor has just one power, which is to convene a House meeting or any meeting or just decide on which all agendas to bring in the General House meeting. All the previous Mayors have been complaining that despite them and the councillors being the only elected representative in the Union Territory (UT), they have no powers to get residents' works done. A councillor or a Mayor has to request the administration officials and ensure a good bond to see that work is done.

Gujarat DGP holds meet with senior officers, stresses importance of human intelligence

Ahmedabad . (Agency)

DGP Vikas Sahay on Wednesday headed a meeting with senior officers of the Gujarat Police through video-conferencing, following the alert in the wake of the blast in Delhi on Monday.

A statement from his office said, "With emphasis on ensuring citizen security, the meeting discussed in detail about strengthening the entire infrastructure of all field units including ATS." Sahay also reviewed the performance of the Special Operations Group (SOG) of all districts.

DGP Sahay underlined the importance of human intelligence not just for specialised units, but all police personnel, sources said. The sources said Sahay issued instructions on maintaining a registers of accused persons, including those with criminal history, who have been arrested earlier, especially in serious crimes related to terrorism activities, as well as those booked under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and Terrorist and Disruptive Activities Prevention Act (TADA), and other major crimes especially those involving drugs, arms, fake currency, and to monitor their whereabouts and activities.

'Ricin terror plot': Two accused from UP studied at same madrasa in Muzaffarnagar

Lucknow . (Agency)

Two of three men arrested by the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) last week in connection with the alleged Ricin terror plot were studying Hafiz courses at the same madrasa in UP's Muzaffarnagar.

While their families claimed the men were innocent, police had said the accused were allegedly plotting attacks using the lethal toxin and conducting reconnaissance of potential targets — including the RSS office in Lucknow, the Agriculture Produce Market Committee in Azadpur, Delhi, and the fruit market in Naroda. The ATS had arrested the trio — Dr Ahmed Mohiyuddin Saiyed (35) from Hyderabad; Azad Suleman Sheikh, (20) from Shamli; and Mohammad Suhail (23) from Lakhimpur Kheri — on November 8. Senior officials said they were trying to produce Ricin.

Azad is a resident of Jhijhiana in Shamli. His elder brother, Shezad Saifi, who works as a construction labourer in Sonapat, told The Indian Express: "Before Covid, Azad was studying at a madrasa in Muzaffarnagar's Budhana. During the lockdown, the madrasa shut so I took him with me to Sonapat, where he did odd jobs — repairing sewing machines etc. Once the madrasa reopened, he returned to his studies."

Around two months ago, his family said that Azad had returned from a Jamaat trip to West Bengal; he had gone with 12 others. "On November 7, he said he was going to the madrasa... On November 8... I received a call from a police officer in Gujarat about Azad's arrest." "There must be some misunderstanding..." he added. The family said they were aware Suhail was also studying at the same madrasa. Suhail is from Lakhimpur Kheri's Nighasan. His father, Mohammad Saleem, said, "Around three years ago, when the Covid situation improved, Suhail joined the madrasa in Muzaffarnagar to pursue Hafiz studies." Saleem said the family came to know about Suhail's arrest only when they received a call from the police.

Pathways on Railway Bridges Strengthen Safety and Accessibility across NFR

The Sikh Times

Maligaon, 13th November: In a major step towards improving safety, accessibility and operational efficiency Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has undertaken the initiative of providing pathways on railway bridges across its network. This initiative is aimed at ensuring safe movement for railway personnel engaged in inspection, maintenance and operational activities on bridges. As of October 2025, work has been awarded for all sanctioned projects, marking steady progress under NFR's safety enhancement plan. A total of 943 railway bridges across the Northeast Frontier Railway have been identified for pathway provision. Out of these, 382 bridges have already been provided with pathways, while works on 561 bridges are in progress. During 2024-25, work was undertaken on 32 bridges. For the year 2025-26, a target has been set to complete pathway on 109 bridges, with

work already in progress on 49 of covered. Rangiya Division has



them. Over the next five years, the highest number of bridges 452 bridges are planned to be (250), followed by Lumding

(227), Alipurduar (200), Katihar (163) and Tinsukia (103) divisions. The provision of pathways on bridges offers multiple benefits it ensures enhanced safety for railway personnel by providing a secure route for movement, reduces the risk of accidents and injuries and allows easier access to bridge structures for regular inspection and maintenance. These pathways also facilitate safe access during emergencies, such as when a rake stalls on a bridge, enabling loco pilots and technical staff to reach the site promptly. With this initiative, the Northeast Frontier Railway reiterates its strong commitment to safety, reliability and community welfare. The project exemplifies NFR's continuous efforts to modernize infrastructure, improve maintenance efficiency and enhance passenger and staff safety. Through such proactive measures, NFR continues to strengthen its vision of building a safe, inclusive and people friendly railway network in the north-eastern region.

Hold DISHA Committee meetings independently: Centre to Haryana after Varun Chaudhary's objection

Chandigarh.(Agency)

The central government has directed Haryana to hold DISHA Committee meetings independently, four months after the state government ordered holding meetings of the District Level Grievance Redressal Committee and the DISHA Committee simultaneously.

The Centre, however, said the joint meetings "may not be in conformity with the mandate of DISHA committees". The Centre's directions came after Ambala Congress MP Varun Chaudhary raised objections to the state's July instructions.

Speaking with The Indian Express on Wednesday, Chaudhary said this (the state's

July instructions) was apparently an attempt to "undermine powers of Members of Parliament in their respective constituencies, even as the Congress has as many Lok Sabha members as the ruling BJP (five each) from Haryana."

Both meetings have distinct mandates, Chaudhary said. "The DISHA committee meetings, chaired by a state minister, monitor the central-sponsored schemes, while the Grievances Committee meetings, chaired by the MP concerned, are primarily for listening to individuals' grievances."

In July, the Haryana Development and Panchayats Department had instructed all deputy commissioners that both meetings would be convened on the

same day and attended by both the minister and the MP. The department also issued a rotational schedule for all districts up to August 2026, which a section of Congress leaders viewed as an "encroachment on the rights of MPs".

In a letter to Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on September 25, Chaudhary termed the state's instructions "totally against the guidelines issued by the Union Ministry of Rural Development and the federal system". Chaudhary wrote, "It's also not practical for a minister and an MP to be available on the same day as a DISHA meeting takes six to eight hours."

Seeking Chouhan's intervention, Chaudhary warned, "The directions issued by the government of Haryana will lead to non-functioning of the DISHA Committee, and the objective of improvement in infrastructure, human development, and well-being of the people will get impaired."

Enhanced security measures implemented across N.F. Railway to ensure passenger safety and protect railway assets

The Sikh Times

Maligaon, 11th November: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of the Northeast Frontier Railway (N.F. Railway) has intensified security arrangements across all railway stations and onboard trains to ensure the safety and security of passengers and railway property. In view of recent security concerns, alerts have been issued to all RPF units and additional deployment of RPF personnel has been made at sensitive and vulnerable locations throughout the zone. Dog squads have been mobilized to assist in security operations and intensive anti-sabotage checks are being carried out



at stations, railway premises and onboard trains. Monitoring through CCTV surveillance systems has been strengthened, with round-the-clock observation of station premises and platforms. RPF personnel are maintaining heightened vigilance to detect and prevent any suspicious activities or unattended objects. The RPF is also closely coordinating with the Government Railway Police (GRP) and other security agencies to ensure seamless information sharing and effective joint action wherever required. Passengers are requested to cooperate with railway authorities during security checks and to report any suspicious items or activities immediately to the nearest RPF or railway staff. The N.F. Railway is committed to ensuring the safety and comfort of all passengers traveling across its network.

Northeast Frontier Railway Completes Major Road Over Bridge at Chapamukh

The Sikh Times

Maligaon, 12th November: In a significant step towards enhancing safety and ensuring smooth rail and road connectivity, Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has successfully completed the construction of a crucial Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of Level Crossing Gate No. ST-33 at Chapamukh. The ROB was inaugurated on 11th November, 2025 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, in the presence of senior Railway officials and dignitaries. With the commissioning of this ROB, Level Crossing No. ST-33 has been permanently closed. The newly inaugurated ROB connects Raha (NH-27) to Chapamukh Railway Junction and further to West Karbi Anglong, significantly improving connectivity and easing movement across the region. The bridge, constructed at a cost of Rs 84.6 crore, spans a total length of 1179 meters. This crucial infrastructure project is expected to benefit over 20 lakh commuters, facilitating smooth movement for an estimated 16 lakh vehicles annually. The completion of this ROB

will not only enhance road safety by eliminating level crossing hazards but also ensure faster and uninterrupted train operations in the area. With the opening of this ROB, a total of five Level Crossings out of a target of eight



have been successfully closed in the Lumding Division under Northeast Frontier Railway, marking another milestone in improving railway safety and infrastructure in the region. Northeast Frontier Railway continues to work towards improving passenger safety and operational efficiency through the construction of more Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Road Under Bridges (RUBs) in place of level crossings across its jurisdiction.

155 fresh farms fires in Punjab: SC directs Punjab to file report on steps taken to curb stubble burning

Chandigarh. (Agency)

On the day the Supreme Court directed Punjab to file a report on the steps being taken to curb stubble burning, as many as 155 farm fires were detected in the state on Wednesday.

The farm fires were detected by Consortium for Research of Agroecosystem Monitoring and Modeling from Space (CREAMS), IARI, New Delhi by using satellite remote sensing.

Punjab Agriculture minister Gurmeet Singh Khuddian told The Indian Express that the state machinery was trying its level best to control the fires and had succeeded to quite an extent. "You go around the countryside in Punjab and see for yourself. You will not find any farm on fire. These 155 fires must be the result of farmers just burning the residue in the corners of the fields which are

inaccessible to machines. Otherwise, the stubble is being managed through machines. You will see bales and bales of stubble in the countryside," Khuddian said. He added, "They blame us for pollution in Delhi. Now, farmers still have a reason to put the residue on fire. It is about economics. But what was the overdrive of bursting firecrackers on Diwali about? When it comes to them, then anything is allowed. Why do they not have electric firecrackers? The farmers have now understood that they will not set their fields on fire. They know it is not good for soil. The fire is not good for the micronutrients."

Earlier in the day, taking note of stubble burning leading to further worsening of air quality levels in Delhi-NCR, a bench comprising Chief Justice BR Gavai and

Justices K Vinod Chandran and N V Anjaria asked "Punjab and Haryana governments to file a report on what steps are being taken to curb stubble burning".



The Punjab government has been claiming that the stubble fires were in check. Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) data showed that farm fire cases dropped 70 per

cent in 2024, when 10,909 incidents were reported against 36,663 in 2023 and 49,922 in 2022.

With 155 fires incidents reported Wednesday, the total number of fires this season has reached 4,662, of which 58 per cent (2,720) occurred in past 12 days. While the highest number of 442 cases were reported on November 1, the number shows a 35 per cent decline compared to last year's 7,112 cases during the corresponding period.

After the CAQM instructed Punjab to establish a 'Parali Protection Force' at district and block-levels to monitor and prevent stubble burning, PPCB Superintendent Engineer Rajeev Gupta, the nodal officer for stubble management, said hotspot villages have been identified based on fire incident data.

Ricin poison terror plot: Gujarat ATS searches Hyderabad doctor's house, seizes chemicals & raw material

Hyderabad .(Agency)

AS PART of its probe into the alleged Ricin terror plot, the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) conducted searches at the residence of the arrested Hyderabad doctor on Tuesday and Wednesday, said officers. Sources said Cyberabad police personnel observed from a distance as the ATS team seized unidentified chemicals and raw material in cartons from Dr Ahmed Mohiuddin Saiyed's flat in Rajendranagar.

A team from the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) searched the home — that was also a 'workshop' — of 35-year-old Saiyed, main accused in an alleged bio-terror plot using the deadly chemical agent, Ricin. The team found "substances and material" that will be sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory for tests.

Sources told The Indian Express that primarily it appeared, on the basis of interrogation of the accused, that he had not yet successfully isolated the toxin from Castor beans (Ricinus communis) before his arrest in Gujarat and neither had he decided what delivery mechanism to use in the purported bio-terror attack that the ATS said it had foiled.

However, investigators in Gujarat are looking closely at the 2018 Ricin bomb plot in Cologne, Germany, where a radicalised couple had allegedly successfully isolated Ricin. However, they were apprehended before any attempt at an attack could be carried out.

On Sunday, the Gujarat ATS claimed that Dr Saiyed was a member of a suspected terror module and was allegedly preparing Ricin — a lethal toxin — to carry out large-scale attacks. His handler, Abu Khadija, the ATS claimed, is associated with the Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP). Two other men from Uttar Pradesh were also arrested in connection with the case.

Koli acquitted: Who killed the Nithari victims?

Between 2009 and 2017, the narrative of justice in the Nithari case was defined by the relentless verdicts of the trial courts. Across multiple cases filed by the CBI, the Ghaziabad trial court convicted Surinder Koli in 13 cases, and sentenced him to death. Moninder Singh Pandher, the house owner, was convicted and sentenced to death in two cases.

New Delhi.(Agency)

A landmark acquittal in the Nithari killings reopens haunting questions about justice, flawed investigations, and the disturbing possibility of an organ-trafficking network behind the gruesome disappearances of children. Between 2009 and 2017, the narrative of justice in the Nithari case was defined by the relentless verdicts of the trial courts. Across multiple cases filed by the CBI, the Ghaziabad trial court convicted Surinder Koli in 13 cases, and sentenced him to death. Moninder Singh Pandher, the house owner, was convicted and sentenced to death in two cases.

The foundation of these convictions rested heavily on Koli's alleged confessional statement and the recovery of human remains from the drainage system behind House Number D-5, Sector 31, Noida. Another five years passed before the tide turned.

OCTOBER 2023: THE SCRUTINY OF ERROR

The appeal process brought the entire edifice of the investigation before the scrutiny of the Allahabad High Court. In a critical intervention in October 2023, the court began a systematic dissection of the prosecution's evidence, revealing flaws deemed fatal to the legal process.

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The High Court declared the investigation botched and perfunctory. The court ruled:

Koli's confession was involuntary: Koli's key confession was inadmissible, having been extracted after prolonged, unauthorised police custody without adequate legal safeguards, thus violating fundamental constitutional rights.

Evidence was tainted: The recovery of skulls and bones from the open, public drain behind D-5 was deemed untenable under Section 27 of the Indian Evidence Act. The prosecution failed to prove that the recovery was made solely on the basis of Koli's confidential disclosure, destroying the chain of evidence.

No evidence against Pandher: The evidence against Pandher was found to be insufficient to connect him to the acts of murder or abduction. With these findings, the Allahabad High Court overturned all death sentences and life terms, acquitting both Surendra Koli and Moninder Singh Pandher. Only one case remained.

THE FINAL JUDGEMENT: CURATIVE PETITION (2025)

The final legal chapter closed in November



2025. Facing the sole remaining conviction against Koli (the Rimpa Haldar case, upheld in 2011), the Supreme Court invoked its curative jurisdiction.

It ruled that since the identical evidence used in the 12 other cases had been definitively rejected as inadmissible, to maintain the conviction in the final case would constitute a "manifest miscarriage of justice."

This final judgment led to the complete acquittal of Koli. The judicial record concluded that the prosecution had failed to establish the guilt of the accused "beyond a reasonable doubt."

Koli, once just a few hours away from the gallows, was ordered released based on the integrity of legal procedure overriding the gravity of suspicion.

WHO KILLED THE NITHARI VICTIMS?

An alternate theory suggests that the Nithari killings were not acts of an isolated perpetrator, but part of an organised criminal syndicate involved in illegal organ harvesting.

Forensic evidence, such as the surgical precision of dismemberment, missing torsos in recovered remains, and absence of blood or murder weapons at the primary crime scene, pointed to professional medical involvement in the narrative of rape and murder. However, it was systematically ignored by the Uttar Pradesh Police and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), leading to sharp judicial criticism in the 2023 Allahabad High Court verdict. The Allahabad High Court in 2023 condemned this failure vividly: "The possibility of organ trade being the cause of killings in Nithari, particularly when the resident of adjoining house i.e. House No. D-6, Sector-31, Noida, had been arrested earlier in a case of kidney scam has not been properly probed." With Koli's acquittal, the organ-trafficking theory remains the most plausible alternative, exemplifying systemic failures—bias against the marginalised, investigative shortcuts, and the inability to dismantle entrenched criminal networks.

Centre Orders Probe Into Al Falah University's Funding After Delhi Blast

New Delhi.(Agency)

The government has ordered the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to conduct a probe into the funding of the Al Falah University in Faridabad that has emerged as a key link between the terror suspects arrested over the Delhi blasts, sources said. It was at this institution that the conspiracy was allegedly hatched to carry out the 10/11 blast. The centre has now sought a forensic audit of the accounts of the Al Falah University. Besides, the Economic Offences Wing (Delhi Police) has also been asked to look into its functioning.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) had already been probing the Delhi blast. The financial investigation agencies swung into action after at least four doctors of the university were found linked to the blast that ripped through the heart of the national capital on Monday evening. At least 13 died and nearly two dozen were injured after a Hyundai i20 car exploded in slow-moving traffic near the Red Fort on November 11.

The Al Falah Connection

Spread over 70 acres, the Al Falah is a private institution located about 27 km from the Delhi-Haryana border. Dr Umar Mohammad, driver of the i20 that exploded on Monday, was a doctor at the university. So were Dr Shaheen Saeed, Dr Adil Rather, and Dr Muzammil Shakeel; all are in police custody currently and are being questioned. The police have found incriminating materials in the room of Dr Muzammil Shakeel at the university. This includes the diaries of two doctors that contained coded messages, besides electronic devices belonging to them.

"Asli Kaam After 4 pm": What Red Fort Blast Terror-Accused Doctor Said

New Delhi.(Agency)

Dr Shaheen Saeed - a key suspect in the Delhi Red Fort blast case - would speak darkly of her 'work' starting only after 4 pm every day, after she clocked out of her 'day job' at the Al-Falah School of Medical Sciences and Research Centre in Faridabad, sources told Thursday. Saeed also carried a rosary (known in Islam as misbaha or tasbeeh) and a hadith book (a collection of Prophet Muhammad's teachings), officials familiar with the investigation said.

A colleague of hers told of her 'strange behaviour'; she did not adhere to the institution's rules and would often leave without informing anyone, he said, asking not to be named. The institute, which has been served a show-cause notice by the NAAC, has distanced itself from the Red Fort attack and pledged cooperation with the investigation and "unwavering commitment to the security of the nation". Earlier this week Saeed was identified as the head of the women's wing of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist group. Intelligence suggests the JeM - responsible for the 2001 attack on Parliament and the 2019 Pulwama assault - was running this particular cell.

A resident of Lucknow's Lal Bagh, Saeed was arrested Monday, hours before a panicked fourth member of the terror cell - DNA tests identified him as Umar Mohammad - drove and detonated a Hyundai i20 stuffed with explosives near the Red Fort, killing himself and 13 others.

Intelligence sources said Saeed earlier served as Head of the Pharmacology Department at the Kanpur Medical College. She was later transferred to the Kannauj Medical College.

Two other suspects - Dr Mujammil Shakeel and Dr Adil Ahmad Rather - were arrested before Saeed, underlining a worrying 'white-collar terrorist' angle to the probe.

At least two of the cars used by the suspects have been traced back to Saeed - a Maruti Swift Dzire from which police recovered an assault rifle and ammunition, and a Maruti Brezza that may have been the preferred bomb delivery car if the police had not identified the terror cell.

White coat conspiracy: Doctors allegedly used for buying, hiding ammonium nitrate

New Delhi.(Agency)

In the past week, multiple investigations across the country have uncovered a chilling nexus of white coat terror conspiracy. Huge caches of ammonium nitrate and other material used for high-intensity explosives stored in rented rooms and vehicles linked to practising doctors show a tactic designed to avoid suspicion.

Agencies have pointed out that these doctors were hatching a larger conspiracy. Investigations have reviewed that a plan to move large quantities of a regulated chemical through civilian channels through those who are authorised by law for use was made. The fast-moving probe has led to multiple arrests and a widening multi-state investigation

into what police describe as a "white-collar" terror module. Police accounts and documents show that the operatives with legitimate professional cover — in these cases,



medical degrees, and hospital appointments — rent flats or use hospital-adjacent storage, purchase or receive ammonium nitrate in small

consignments that don't immediately trigger enforcement and consolidate it in safe houses. After the terror module was busted, authorities seized nearly 2,900 kg of bomb-making material, including ammonium nitrate, and arrested members who worked at the Al Falah Medical College and University in Faridabad.

WHY DOCTORS?

Security sources say terror outfits deliberately recruit and radicalise professionals because they attract less scrutiny. "They are told no one would suspect doctors," sources told India Today, adding that trust, combined with freedom of movement for hospital work and the ability to receive supplies under the guise of legitimate purchases.

India's CO2 Emissions See Slower Increase In 2025: Report

New Delhi.(Agency)

India's carbon dioxide emissions were projected to rise by 1.4 per cent in 2025, marking a slower increase than in previous years, according to a report published on Thursday by a global network of more than 130 climate scientists and research institutions. The slowdown is attributed to an early monsoon that reduced cooling demand and to rapid growth in renewable energy, which kept coal use almost flat, the Global Carbon Budget 2025 report, released at COP30 in Belem, Brazil, said. Despite this moderation, the report warned that India's emissions continue to grow overall.

Globally, fossil-fuel carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions were expected to reach a record 38.1 billion tonnes in



2025, up about 1.1 per cent from 2024. China's emissions were projected to rise by about 3 per cent in 2025, driven mainly by continued industrial activity and growth in coal consumption despite record renewable additions.

The United States, the world's second-largest emitter, is expected to see its emissions fall by around 2.2 per cent due to declining coal use and slower oil demand. The European Union's

emissions were projected to drop by 4.2 per cent. Together, these four top emitters account for nearly 60 per cent of global fossil CO2 emissions. The study said the remaining carbon budget consistent with limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius has fallen to roughly 170 billion tonnes of CO2, barely four years of emissions at current levels.

Atmospheric CO2 concentrations are projected to climb to 425.7 parts per million next year, around 52 per cent above pre-industrial (1850-1900) levels.

The report said the planet's ability to absorb CO2 through land and ocean sinks is weakening. The scientists estimated that about 8 per cent of the increase in atmospheric CO2 since 1960 is due to climate change reducing the effectiveness of these natural sinks.

What happened to 'act of war' policy? Uddhav Sena MP slams Centre over Delhi blast



New Delhi.(Agency)

Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena leader and Rajya Sabha MP Priyanka Chaturvedi on Thursday questioned the Centre's silence over its earlier declaration that any terror attack on Indian soil would be treated as an "act of war", following the deadly explosion outside Delhi's Red Fort earlier this week.

Taking to X, Chaturvedi wrote, "Would you have an idea what happened to the 'any act of terror will be considered an act of war' decision by the central government after the Pahalgam terror attack? Asking not for a friend, but for my nation. No compromise on this — need a tough response to such terror planners based in Pakistan".

Her remarks came days after an explosives-laden car detonated near Red Fort, killing 13 people and injuring several others. The government has termed the attack a "heinous terror incident" and directed agencies to investigate with "utmost urgency and professionalism". In April, after the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people, including tourists, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had announced a major policy shift, declaring that any act of terror against India would be considered an act of war. "It's now our policy that we will proactively eradicate terrorists wherever they are. Any act of terror is now considered an act of war," Singh had said after a high-level meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

That meeting, attended by NSA Ajit Doval, CDS General Anil Chauhan, and the service chiefs, marked one of the strongest policy pronouncements on terrorism in recent years. Singh had also warned that unless Pakistan took credible action against UN-designated terrorists such as Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar, India's future engagement with Islamabad would remain limited to issues of terrorism and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK).

Delhi blast: Ever since it has been thrust into the spotlight following the Red Fort blast, there has been no end to trouble for Haryana's Al-Falah University. Now, its funding as well as accreditation are under scanner.

New Delhi.(Agency)

Troubles don't seem to end for Haryana's Al-Falah University after it came into the spotlight following its links to the Red Fort blast accused and a terror module involving the Jaish-e-Mohammed. On Thursday, the university's website was taken down as it received a show-cause notice from NAAC for displaying a false accreditation claim. Meanwhile, the

Enforcement Directorate (ED) will probe the university's funding as well as the financial transactions of its doctors.

The institution in Faridabad's Dhauj village grabbed national attention after it emerged that Dr Umar Nabi, who carried out the Red Fort blast, killing 13 people, was employed there. Apart from Dr Umar, two of his accomplices, Dr Muzammil Shakeel and Dr Shaheen Shahid, part of a "white collar" terror network, also worked at the university.

The busting of the terror module and the arrests of doctors Muzammil and Shaheen have drawn increased scrutiny of the functioning of the university. In Arabic, 'Al-Falah' means success or prosperity. The week, however, has been disastrous

for the university.

On Thursday, NAAC, an autonomous body under the Union Education

Ministry, in its notice, said the institution's accreditation had expired and asked why legal action should not be taken against it. The NAAC said the 'Grade A' accreditation displayed on the

university's website was "absolutely wrong and misleading the public". The Al-Falah administration has been asked

to respond in seven days.

The Al-Falah School of Engineering and Technology's 'Grade A' accreditation expired in 2018, while that of the Al-Falah School of Education and Training was valid from 2011 to 2016.

The National Medical Commission (NMC) said appropriate action would be taken against the university following an investigation. Troubles, however, don't end there.

ED HEAT ON AL-FALAH UNIVERSITY

Sources said the ED would now conduct a detailed probe into the financial transactions of Al-Falah University, and individuals allegedly involved in the Delhi blast case.



NEWS BOX

NZ vs WI: New Zealand cruise past West Indies after Duffy sparks top-order collapse

New Delhi. (Agency)
Jacob Duffy’s early burst and a clinical New Zealand chase handed the hosts a comprehensive eight-wicket victory over the West Indies in the fifth T20I at Dunedin as the visitors crumbled in tricky, seaming conditions.The West Indies innings never really recovered after a reckless start. On a pitch that demanded caution up front, the visitors went after the bowlers and immediately paid for it, losing half their side inside the powerplay. Duffy controlled the lengths and exploited the awkward bounce to great effect, repeatedly finding the corridor and troubling the batters. He finished with superb figures of 4 for 35, ripping through the top and middle order in quick time.There were some brave counter-attacks lower down. Roston Chase battled with intent to make 38 off



32 balls, and Romario Shepherd produced late carnage with 36 off 22 to add much-needed respectability in the closing overs. Jason Holder also chipped in with useful cameos. Their combined efforts pushed the total to 137, which was likely short of the 160 to 170 range that would have been competitive under the cloudy skies.New Zealand’s reply was swift and largely clinical. The openers exploded from the first ball, racing to 69 inside seven overs and putting the chase beyond doubt early. Tim Robinson led the charge with aggressive intent, his 45 featuring powerful hits that unsettled the new-ball bowlers before he fell to a clever slower delivery. Devon Conway anchored the innings with poise and timing, finishing unbeaten on 41 while guiding the chase to the target.Mark Chapman provided brisk support, his 20 off 12 keeping the scoreboard ticking through the middle overs.

Australia's Steve Smith questions England's all-out pace plans for Ashes

New Delhi. (Agency)
Stand-in captain Steve Smith has questioned England’s decision to rely heavily on express quicks for the upcoming Ashes, suggesting the tourists may have misunderstood what works best on Australian pitches. With England preparing one of their fastest attacks in recent years, the stand-in Australia captain believes seam and swing, rather than pure pace, have traditionally been more challenging for batters in local conditions.The Ashes begins on November 21 in Perth. England arrived without the experienced pair of James Anderson and Stuart Broad, and Ben Stokes has instead backed speed through Mark Wood, Jofra Archer, Gus Atkinson, Josh Tongue and Brydon Carse. It is a significant shift from previous tours, although one Smith thinks may not suit Australian surfaces.“Those sort of nibblers can be quite tricky,” Smith said, hinting that England’s old formula might have served them better. “They might have got things the wrong way around, if that makes sense, in terms of the pace from previous years.”Smith



acknowledged that England’s current fast bowlers bring serious firepower, but he also noted that many were unavailable or too inexperienced on earlier trips. Even so, he believes that movement through the air or off the seam usually troubles batters more than speed, especially on the greener pitches prepared in recent seasons.He joked that some of the wickets in Australia have been so heavily grassed that they “have branches hanging off them.” When asked if facing outright pace is easier than dealing with deliveries that nip around, Smith indicated that movement presents the tougher challenge.“If you can do both, that is a good skill,” he said. “But sometimes the slower guys are almost harder to play on those wickets where you have to make the pace.

Pakistan move tri-series to Rawalpindi after Sri Lanka players flag safety concerns

Pakistan has shifted its upcoming T20 tri-series to Rawalpindi due to rising security concerns in the wake of a suicide attack in Islamabad.

New Delhi. (Agency)
Pakistan’s upcoming T20I tri-series featuring Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe has been moved in its entirety to Rawalpindi following the suicide bombing in Islamabad earlier this week. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) confirmed the shift on Thursday, November 13, releasing a revised schedule for the seven-match event.The tri-series is seen as an important preparation phase for all three teams as they build towards the 2026 T20 World Cup, to be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka.As part of the revised arrangements, the second game of the series has been pushed back by a day to November 20. Initially, Lahore was set to host five of the seven games, including the final on November 29. However, after discussions involving all three boards, it was agreed that



Rawalpindi would now host the entire tournament to ensure player safety and logistical consistency.Concerns were raised within the Sri Lankan camp after the bombing, with the Sri Lanka Cricket Board (SLC) acknowledging that several players expressed a desire to return home due to security worries. The episode prompted internal discussions, with players seeking clarity on safety protocols and their own

participation in the series.In response, SLC issued a directive instructing all players, support staff, and team officials to continue the tour as planned. The board emphasised its commitment to supporting Pakistan while also ensuring that any apprehensions within the squad were addressed. However, the SLC made its position firm: if any player or staff member still chooses to return home despite the directive, replacements will be

dispatched immediately so the tour can proceed without disruption.Furthermore, SLC stated that any individual who withdraws from the tour against instructions will face a formal review upon returning to Sri Lanka. The board will assess their actions and determine an appropriate course of action once the tour concludes.With the venue shift finalised and the boards aligned on security measures, the tri-series is now set to move ahead in Rawalpindi. The focus for all three teams will be on cricket, even as the backdrop of heightened security remains a significant storyline heading into the competition.

NO SRI LANKAN PLAYERS TO RETURN
The Sri Lankan team are set to continue their ongoing bilateral series against Pakistan with no players reportedly planning on returning home.As per a PTI report, Mahinda Halangoda, the team manager, clarified this with the Sri Lankan Cricket Board (SLC), having talked with the players."I can confirm that," he said.The report also reveals that the SLC President, Shammi Silva and the Sri Lankan High Commissioner in Pakistan have gotten involved to settle the concerns.

Japan Masters: Lakshya Sen enters quarterfinal after beating Jia Heng Jason Teh

KOLKATA. (Agency)
Lakshya Sen booked his place in the quarterfinals of the Kumamoto Masters in Japan with a clinical straight-games win over Singapore's Jia Heng Jason Teh on Thursday. The seventh-seeded Indian needed just 39 minutes to secure a 21-13, 21-11 victory, continuing his strong run on the international circuit.The result also sets up a high-profile quarterfinal against former world champion Loh Kean Yew, who, like Teh, represents Singapore. Sen, currently ranked world No. 15, started the match with confidence. He moved ahead 8-5 in the opening game, controlling the early exchanges with sharp footwork and precise placements.Teh briefly edged ahead at 10-9, but Sen quickly regained momentum and went into the interval with the lead. At 14-13, the game was still finely balanced, but



Sen shifted gears and produced a decisive seven-point burst to take the first game 21-13. The late surge showcased his ability to raise the tempo and close out tight passages of play.The second game was even more dominant. Sen raced to a 5-0 lead, immediately putting Teh under pressure, and stretched the advantage to 11-3 at the mid-game interval. With full control over the pace of the rallies, Sen continued to

dictate the terms with clean winners and well-timed smashes. Teh struggled to find openings as Sen maintained a steady rhythm, eventually sealing the match 21-11.Throughout the contest, Sen displayed the calmness and control that have defined his recent performances. His ability to convert half-chances, maintain pressure, and stay consistent in long rallies made the difference against Teh, who never looked fully settled after the early stages.The win sends Sen into a challenging quarterfinal against Loh Kean Yew, a player he has faced several times on the tour. The clash is expected to test Sen's form and resilience as he looks to push deeper into the tournament. In other Indian action at the Kumamoto Masters, HS Prannoy is scheduled to take on Denmark's Rasmus Gemke later in the day, adding further interest for Indian fans following the tournament.

No past scars, no fear: Hashim Amla on why South Africa's rookies may thrive in India



New Delhi. (Agency)
South African batting legend Hashim Amla believes that the relative inexperience of South Africa’s Test squad in Indian conditions might actually turn into an unexpected advantage. Instead of viewing it as a setback, Amla feels the lack of historical

baggage could free the Proteas from the psychological scars of previous tours.India has long been a difficult destination for South Africa. Their only Test-series victory on Indian soil came back in 1999–00, when Hansie Cronje’s men stunned a Tendulkar-led side 2–0. Since then, the Proteas have

endured a tough run, with their last Test win in India dating all the way back to 2010 in Nagpur.The South African team has quite a few inexperienced guys who have come to India for the first time, and that might also be an advantage because you come to a new place where you haven't played before,” he said during the SA20 India Day interactions. “You have a lot less baggage from previous tours, and you come with a fresh mind. That might work in South Africa’s favour.”As the Proteas brace for another demanding subcontinental challenge, Amla’s optimism offers an intriguing twist to the narrative. Instead of the fear of spinning tracks or memories of past struggles, this squad arrives with confidence, curiosity, and the hunger to prove themselves. Backed by the momentum of world champions and powered by new faces eager to make their mark, South Africa has an opportunity to redefine its story in India.Whether this clean-slate mindset transforms into success on the field will ultimately determine if the Proteas can finally turn a long-awaited corner in the subcontinent.

Sai Sudharsan has potential but needs to start converting his starts vs SA: Pujara

PERTH . (Agency)
Former India batter Cheteshwar Pujara believes the upcoming Test series against South Africa will be crucial for Sai Sudharsan, who has shown plenty of promise but has yet to convert his starts into substantial scores in his brief career. At 24, Sudharsan is still in the early stages of his red-ball journey. His technique and calm temperament have earned the trust of captain Shubman Gill and head coach Gautam Gambhir, but the numbers underline the work still ahead of him. In seven innings so far, he has scored only 147 runs with a solitary half-century, hinting at potential but falling short of the consistency expected from India's No.3."Yes, it will be an important series for Sai, but he's a young player who is maturing very quickly. He scored runs in England and also did well against the West Indies, so he has shown he has the potential. It's now about converting

his starts and making sure he doesn't give away his wicket. There were a couple of soft dismissals in England, so he will need to avoid that and turn his starts into big scores. Once he gets that first Test hundred, I think he will be a lot more confident," JioStar expert Cheteshwar Pujara said during a media interaction on the eve of the first Test of South Africa's tour of India 2025.Having made his debut earlier this year in England, Sudharsan has produced two 50-plus scores but has also been guilty of soft dismissals, often departing after doing the hard work. On Tuesday, the left-hander spent nearly the entire length of India's practice session at Eden Gardens batting intensively, preparing for the opening Test beginning Friday.Sudharsan showed promise in the recent Test series against the West Indies, scoring 87 and 39 in New Delhi. However, on both occasions, he fell after settling in—a recurring pattern India wants him to



break. His return for India A against South Africa A in Bengaluru were modest too, just 84 runs across four innings.In contrast, wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel has surged ahead with strong performances. The 24-year-old struck unbeaten centuries - 132 and

127* - in both innings of the second four-day match against South Africa A, rescuing India A from 126 for 7 in the first innings and making a strong push for a spot in the senior XI.COMPETITION BETWEEN JUREL vs SAIWhile Sudharsan still enjoys the management's backing at No.3, Pujara noted that the competition is real and could influence his batting role."And it's not just about the number three spot. It's also about proving that he belongs in the playing XI, regardless of whether he continues at number three or shifts depending on the team's requirements. As of now, yes, he is the one likely to continue at number three, but Dhruv Jurel has also shown a lot of potential. If Jurel starts scoring runs consistently, you never know, Sai might have to bat at a different position.Pujara added that Sudharsan's left-handedness makes the No.3 role even more significant for India's balance.



Cardiff. UEFA launched the tournament with fresh branding and a schedule designed to enhance fan experience and accessibility. The qualifying draw will take place in Belfast in December 2027, underscoring the event's pan-regional character. UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer hailed the tournament's potential, saying it would bring supporters to "iconic footballing cities like Birmingham and Glasgow," inspire young players, and generate billions in economic activity.The list of host venues features Villa Park in Birmingham, the National Stadium of Wales in Cardiff, Dublin Arena, Hampden Park in Glasgow, Everton Stadium in Liverpool, Tottenham Hotspur Stadium and Wembley Stadium in London, Manchester City Stadium, and St James' Park in Newcastle. Every stadium except Wembley will stage matches in the round of 16, and host nations that qualify directly will play their group games at home.

Sensex, Nifty open slightly lower despite global optimism, record-low inflation

Kolkata.(Agency)

Benchmark indices opened marginally weaker on Thursday even as global cues turned positive and India’s retail inflation eased to a record low of 0.25% in October.At around 9:21 am, the Sensex slipped 143 points to 84,323, while the Nifty50 fell 60 points to 25,816. Broader markets were also under pressure, indicating some profit booking after recent gains.

Dr. VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, said the market now “needs more triggers to take it to new record highs,” adding that with the Bihar election outcome mostly priced in, there are “no political triggers that can push the market significantly higher.”He flagged the possibility of an India–US trade deal and the sharp drop in inflation opening the door for an RBI rate cut in December, though “monetary policy transmission turning weak has become a challenge.”Vijayakumar expects the market to consolidate in the near term and react sharply once fresh cues emerge. “Positive triggers happening simultaneously can lead to short-covering pushing the market sharply up,” he said, though sustained upside may be difficult given FII selling and high valuations.

On the technical front, Anand James, Chief Market Strategist at Geojit, noted that a doji pattern in the previous session signals caution, even though oscillators still support further upside.

He sees Nifty potentially heading towards 26,130–26,550, but warns that the momentum could fade if the index fails to hold above 25,840, with a slide below 25,630 turning the setup bearish.Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research) at Mehta Equities, maintained a bullish stance, saying Nifty is now eyeing its all-time high of 26,277, supported by global market strength, softer inflation, optimism around a US–India trade pact, and hopes of a US shutdown resolution. Despite FIIs selling Rs 1,750 crore on Wednesday, he pegged support at 25,500, with a breakout above 26,107 likely paving the way for fresh highs.

Wipro, TCS, HCLTech: Know How Much Revenue Did IT Giants Earn Per Employee In Q2

New Delhi.(Agency)

India’s top information technology firms delivered a mixed performance on revenue per employee (RPE) in the September quarter, even as a few mid-tier players outshone industry leaders on productivity. According to data from UneathInsight Research, HCLTech led the pack among large-cap IT firms with a 2% rise in RPE to over \$16,000 (Rs 14.17 lakh), alongside a 3.7% increase in headcount. Market leader Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Tech Mahindra also recorded modest RPE gains of 0.5% and 1%, respectively, aided by workforce optimisation and project mix improvements despite reduced employee counts.In contrast, Infosys and Wipro saw RPE declines of 0.7% and 4.7%, respectively. UneathInsight attributed TCS’s growth to workforce restructuring, while HCLTech’s gains were driven by AI-led productivity improvements and strong project execution. Infosys’s headcount expansion signals investment in AI-driven roles for future deal wins, whereas Wipro’s flat hiring and weaker billability weighed on performance.Among mid-tier firms, Persistent Systems and Mphasis posted stronger RPE growth of 4.2% and 8.4%, respectively. Their ability to decouple revenue growth from headcount expansion—through cost efficiencies and smaller-scale, high-value projects—boosted overall productivity, according to an earlier ET report.Despite operating at a larger scale, analysts said HCLTech continues to deliver steady productivity improvements. “Around 30–40% of HCLTech’s RPE growth is driven by AI-led transformation and productivity initiatives,” said Gaurav Vasu, cofounder of UneathInsight, adding that hiring skilled AI and data engineers at a premium has also helped.

Tata Motors Shares Drop 3% Ahead Of Q2 Earnings Announcement

New Delhi.(Agency)

Tata Motors’ share price declined 3.17% to Rs 319.40 apiece on Thursday ahead of the company’s Q2 FY26 results announcement scheduled for November 13, 2025. The stock came under pressure a day after the listing of Tata Motors’ Commercial Vehicles (CV) division, with profit-booking weighing on sentiment. According to BSE data, shares worth Rs 28.88 crore were traded during the session.

On Wednesday, the CV business made a strong market debut, opening at Rs 335 per share on the NSE — a 28.48% premium to its implied value of Rs 260.75 per share. On the BSE, the stock listed at Rs 330.25 per share, up 26.09% over its adjusted value of Rs 261.90.Q2 Results UpdateIn an exchange filing, Tata Motors said its Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, November 13, to consider and approve the financial results for the quarter and half-year ended September 30, 2025. “A meeting of the Board of Directors of Tata Motors Limited (formerly TML Commercial Vehicles Limited) is scheduled to be held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, inter alia, to consider and approve the Audited Standalone Financial Results and Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results (with Limited Review) for Q2 and H1 FY26,” the company said.Tata Motors will also hold an analyst and investor call post the results announcement, which will be available on its corporate website at cv.tatamotors.com.Tata Motors’ merger took effect on October 1, with October 14, 2025, set as the record date. Shares of the Commercial Vehicles division were listed on both exchanges on November 12.Following the split, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd (TMPV) began trading independently on October 14 at around Rs 400 per share (adjusted for the demerger). Based on the pre-demerger closing price of Rs 660.

Honasa Consumer shares jump up to 9% after strong Q2 earnings: Should you buy

New Delhi.(Agency)

Shares of Honasa Consumer, the parent company of Mamaearth, jumped as much as 9% on Thursday after the company posted a sharp turnaround in its September quarter (Q2FY26) performance.The gains came as the market reacted to Honasa’s return to profitability and stronger margins, helped by a better product mix and consistent traction in its core beauty and personal care categories.The stock touched Rs 308.5 intraday on the BSE before cooling off to around Rs 294.05, still up over 4.30%. So far in 2025, the stock has risen nearly 20%, though it continues to trade below its IPO price of Rs 324.

Q2 RESULTS SHOW STRONG MOMENTUM

Honasa reported revenue of Rs 5,381 crore in Q2FY26, up 16.5% from a year ago, with volumes rising 16.7%. After adjusting for changes in Flipkart settlement accounting, like-for-like growth stood at a strong 22.5%. Profitability improved meaningfully. Gross margin expanded to

70.5%, up 172 basis points from last year, thanks to a favourable shift toward premium products.The Ebitda moved to 8.9%, compared with a loss of 6.6% in Q2FY25. Net profit came in at Rs 39.2 crore, reversing a loss of Rs 18.6 crore a year earlier. Analysts attributed this to disciplined cost controls, lower advertising spends and better operating leverage as volumes scaled up.

Core categories such as face washes, sunscreens, moisturisers and haircare contributed more than three-fourths of Honasa’s revenue and showed broad-based growth.Mamaearth regained momentum, adding 123 basis points market share in face cleansers according to NielsenIQ. Meanwhile, The Derma Co. crossed a Rs 750-crore annual revenue run rate and became India’s top sunscreen brand as per Euromonitor CY24. The company now aims to scale Derma Co. to a Rs 1,000-crore annual run

rate over the next couple of years.

GROWTH DRIVERS AND NEW LAUNCHES



Innovation continued to be a big focus this quarter. Honasa entered the prestige skincare space with the launch of Luminv and also acquired a 25% stake in Fang, a premium oral-care startup. The offline business expanded strongly too, with direct outlet coverage rising more than 35% year-on-year to about 2.5 lakh

FMCG retail outlets.Younger brands under the Honasa portfolio maintained over 20% growth, helped by launches such as Aqualogica’s Anti-Pollution sunscreen and Dr Sheth’s new prestige serums. Analysts believe these newer verticals will be the company’s next leg of growth as they diversify beyond Mamaearth.

ANALYSTS REMAIN SPLIT

Brokerages are sharply divided on whether the stock is worth buying at current levels — and the debate mainly centres around valuations.ICICI Securities has reaffirmed its ‘Buy’ rating with a target price of Rs 400, saying Honasa’s focus, execution and improving margin profile make it attractive for long-term investors.

Jefferies too remains bullish with a target of Rs 450, arguing that the company is now firmly back on a strong growth trajectory and that its aggressive offline expansion is paying off.

Fujiyama Power IPO opens for subscription: Check key details, latest GMP

New Delhi. (Agency)

The initial public offering (IPO) of Fujiyama Power Systems Ltd, a Noida-based rooftop solar products manufacturer, opened for subscription on Thursday, November 13, 2025. The company is looking to raise Rs 828 crore through a mix of fresh shares and an offer for sale (OFS). The issue will remain open until November 17, with the shares expected to list on the NSE and BSE on November 20.Fujiyama Power has set its price band at Rs 216 to Rs 228 per share, with a lot size of 65 shares.At the upper end of the band, the IPO size stands at Rs 828 crore, comprising a fresh issue of Rs 600 crore (2.63 crore shares) and an OFS of Rs 228 crore (1 crore shares). The company’s promoters also sold a small pre-IPO stake to ValueQuest Investment Advisors.Ahead of the main issue, Fujiyama raised Rs 246.9 crore from 15 anchor investors on November 12, allocating 1.08 crore shares at Rs 228 each.The anchor book saw participation from several well-known names such as Nippon India Mutual Fund, Tata Mutual Fund, BNP Paribas, Societe Generale, ValueQuest, LIC Pharos Multi Strategy Fund, Astorme Capital and Citigroup Global Markets Mauritius.Early subscription trends indicate a cautious but active start. As of 10:30 am on day one, the IPO was subscribed 2%, with the retail category booked 4% and non-institutional investors subscribing 1%. Qualified institutional buyers are yet to place their bids.

LATEST GMP and FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

In the grey market, however, sentiment remains muted. The Fujiyama Power IPO GMP today stands at Rs 0, meaning the stock is currently commanding no premium or discount to the issue price. The flat GMP suggests the market is waiting for stronger demand signals before assigning a premium.Despite the subdued unofficial market trend, Fujiyama Power’s financial performance has been strong in recent years.Revenue grew from Rs 6,641 million in FY23 to Rs 15,407 million in FY25, more than doubling in two years. EBITDA rose sharply from Rs 516 million to Rs 2,485 million, with margins improving from 7.8% to 16.1%.Profit after tax increased nearly sixfold during the same period, rising from Rs 244 million in FY23 to Rs 1,563 million in FY25, with PAT margins expanding to 10.2%.The company plans to use Rs 180 crore from the fresh issue proceeds to set up a manufacturing facility in Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, another Rs 275 crore to repay or prepay borrowings, and the rest for general corporate purposes.

Ashok Leyland shares jump after Q2 results. Should you buy, hold or sell

New Delhi.(Agency)

Ashok Leyland shares climbed sharply on Thursday, rising as much as 5.5% to Rs 150.49 in morning trade before easing slightly to trade around Rs 147.88 at 10 am.The stock is now up 42% over the past year, and Thursday’s rally came after the commercial vehicle maker posted a mixed but steady set of July–September quarter results.The company reported a 9.3% year-on-year rise in revenue to Rs 9,588 crore, broadly in line with expectations, driven by healthy volume growth across segments. Profit, however, remained flat at Rs 771 crore due to a Rs 40-crore one-time loss, unlike last year when a one-time gain boosted earnings.Operational performance remained strong: EBITDA rose 14.2% year-on-year to Rs 1,162 crore, marking the company’s eleventh straight quarter of double-digit growth, and the EBITDA margin improved to 12%.WHAT’S DRIVING THE STOCK



vehicle segments and consistent margin improvement, supported by a better product mix, exports and disciplined cost control.Brokerages broadly remain positive, though with varying degrees of optimism. Choice Institutional Equities said Ashok Leyland has maintained its leadership in medium and heavy commercial

vehicles (MHCVs) with a 31% market share in the first half of FY26, while also gaining ground in light commercial vehicles (LCVs).Export volumes jumped 45% year-on-year, driven by stronger demand in the Gulf,

Africa and SAARC regions.The brokerage highlighted the company’s premium product strategy as a major positive. New heavy-duty trucks in the 320HP and 360HP range, featuring more powerful six-cylinder engines, are expected to boost profitability in mining and construction.In LCVs, the firm’s ‘Saathi’ model and the planned launch of bi-fuel variants are expected to strengthen its presence in urban logistics. Bus capacity is also being expanded significantly, which should support rising domestic and export demand in FY26. Choice has a target price of Rs 161 and maintained its Buy call.

Jaypee Infratech Fraud: Manoj Gaur arrested; how home buyer funds were misappropriated

CHENNAI.(Agency)

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Manoj Gaur, managing director of Jaypee Infratech Limited. This action has been taken in a big case related to money laundering and misappropriation of home buyers’ money.The ED has alleged that Jaypee Associates Limited (JAL) and its affiliated companies have made a mess of about Rs 12,000 million through Gaur. According to the agency, the company misused the money received from home buyers and these funds were transferred to other companies.Unpacking Rs 12,000 cr Jaypee Money Laundering Case The ED has alleged that Jaypee Associates and its associated companies have committed fraud of around Rs 12,000 crore through Gaur. The investigating agency alleges that Jaypee Infratech Limited

misappropriated funds collected from homebuyers for its real estate projects and diverted them to other projects. This fraud resulted in the loss of many investors’ money and resulted in losses.The searches covered the offices and premises of bankrupt Jaiprakash Associates, the related entities of the real estate company, and its promoters and directors. The ED also searched locations, including Gaursons India Pvt Ltd, Gulshan Homz Pvt Ltd, and Mahagun Real Estate Pvt Ltd.Several FIRs were also filed in 2017, when homebuyers protested against the builder and alleged that their funds were misappropriated. The ED investigation is now attempting to clarify the extent of the irregularities and who is responsible. The arrest of Gaur may further intensify the ED investigation. The agency is now

investigating the entire matter through property attachments and financial tracking.In May 2025, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted raids at the premises of Jaypee Infratech, Jaypee Associates, and their associated companies under the PMLA. According to an ANI report, approximately 15 locations in Delhi, Mumbai, and other major cities were raided. During the raid, conducted on May 23, 2025, the investigating agency recovered several important documents. Digital devices and bank records were also seized. The ED also seized Rs 1.70 crore in cash.

Jaypee Infratech Insolvency

In 2017, Jaypee Infratech went into insolvency after the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) admitted an application filed by an IDBI Bank-led consortium.

boAt founders step down before IPO: Should investors be concerned

Having been the face of their brands for years, these founders suddenly moving to non-executive positions has raised questions about intent and timing.

New Delhi.(Agency)

India’s primary market has long-faced criticism for hosting overvalued IPOs. From sky-high pricing to post-listing underperformance, the “overvaluation” tag has been hard to shake off. But there’s a new pattern drawing attention in recent times, founders stepping down from their executive roles just before their companies go public.Having been the face of their brands for years, these founders suddenly moving to non-executive positions has raised questions about intent and timing.The latest example is boAt, the popular homegrown audio and wearables brand, where cofounders Aman Gupta and Sameer Mehta

have stepped back from executive roles weeks before the company’s Rs 1,500 crore IPO.According to the company’s Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP), both founders resigned from their operational positions, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Marketing Officer, and will continue as non-executive directors. The IPO comprises a Rs 1,000 crore offer-for-sale (OFS) and a Rs 500 crore fresh issue.This move, however, has stirred debate about whether it’s a routine step towards professionalisation or a red flag for investors.

WHY DID THE FOUNDERS STEP DOWN?

Abhishek Kumar, SEBI-registered investment adviser and Founder of SahajMoney, believes the timing of the decision is crucial.“The founders have stepped down just 29 days before filing of the IPO prospectus and are transitioning from operational roles earning Rs 2.5 crore each to non-executive positions without any salary or sitting fees,” he said.“This could be a calculated move to distance themselves, probably to avoid accountability for post-IPO performance. The timing also suggests they might be prioritising reduced liability rather than

demonstrating confidence in the company’s future under new leadership.” **IS IT A RED FLAG FOR INVESTORS?** According to Kumar, such actions are not taken lightly by the market.“Such acts are



indeed viewed as red flags by investors,” he said. “When insiders close to the business step back from operations right before listing, it signals limited conviction in the company’s long-term prospects.”While founder exits are not uncommon, they tend to attract attention when they coincide with other concerning factors such as leadership churn or slowing growth, both of which have reportedly been seen at boAt in recent months.

A STRATEGIC EXIT OR MONEY MOVE?

When asked if stepping down before an IPO could be a way for founders to unlock wealth, Kumar pointed to the structure of the public offering itself.“It could be an exit strategy. Usually during IPOs, when founders shift to board roles without operational duties, they often sell their shareholdings through offer-for-sale components,” he explained.“Unlike fresh issuance funds that go to the company, offer-for-sale proceeds go directly to selling shareholders such as founders and early investors. In the case of boAt’s IPO, Rs 1,000 crore is through OFS versus Rs 500 crore in fresh issuance — meaning most of the capital raised would benefit existing stakeholders rather than the company itself.”

The decision could affect how investors perceive the upcoming IPO, Kumar warned.“It is likely to impact investor confidence,” he said. “Founder exits compounded with surging employee attrition, declining revenue, and sudden profitability improvements create a perception of fundamental weakness, not strength.”However, he added that the IPO’s success will depend on overall market conditions.

Splitsvilla X6: Filming Begins in Chennai; All About Karan Kundrra And

Sunny Leone's New Season

The upcoming season of MTV’s hit dating reality show, Splitsvilla X6 (Season 16), is already creating buzz online — not just for its rumored contestants, but also for its grand shooting location. Though the official contestant list hasn’t been released yet, speculation is high that Roadies winner Kushal Tanwar and former India’s Got Talent finalist Shubhangi Jaiswal will be part of the season. Hosted once again by Karan Kundrra and Sunny Leone, the show promises high-voltage drama, new twists, and fresh dynamics between contestants seeking love under the tropical sun.

Splitsvilla X6 Shooting Location Revealed

While MTV has kept details under wraps, an eagle-eyed Reddit user has seemingly spilled the beans about where the new season is being shot. According to posts in a discussion thread, Splitsvilla X6 is being filmed at the Chariot Beach Resort in Mahabalipuram, Chennai, a stunning coastal property known for its scenic ocean views and sprawling landscapes.

Filming reportedly began on November 11, 2025, with both hosts arriving on location around the same time. One user commented, “Yess crew, Sunny has already reached. Karan on the way (sic).” Another confirmed, “Yes Chennai is the location. Just saw Sunny’s snap — she reached Chennai for SV shoot (sic).” The production is expected to wrap up within the next few weeks, with the show premiering on MTV and JioCinema shortly after.

Who Is Shubhangi Jaiswal?

Shubhangi Jaiswal, one of the rumored contestants, gained recognition through MTV Roadies

Double Cross, where she was a strong performer from Gang Elvish. She was also the second runner-up on India’s Got Talent Season 9 as part of the dance group Bomb Fire. Apart from her reality TV appearances, Shubhangi is the co-founder of The Wide Room, an indoor studio, and serves as a brand ambassador for Pulseit Fitness. Known for her blend of fitness and performance-driven content, she has built a strong social media presence.

Who Is Kushal Tanwar?

Kushal Tanwar, better known as Gullu or Guullu Boxer, is a popular content creator and the winner of MTV Roadies XX (Double Cross). Known for his humorous videos and fitness-related posts, Kushal has collaborated with several social media influencers.

Interestingly, Kushal has a background in hospitality — he studied Hotel Management at the Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology (IHMC), Pune — before shifting gears to the world of fitness and entertainment. With speculation rising and filming underway, Splitsvilla X6 promises to be one of the most talked-about seasons yet. Between the rumored Roadies reunion, scenic Chennai backdrop, and fan-favorite hosts, the excitement is only getting started.



Kajol Says Marriage Should Come With An Expiry Date; Prabhas' The Raja Saab Director Drops New Poster



Actors Vicky Kaushal and Kriti Sanon were the latest guests on Two Much with Kajol and Twinkle, the witty talk show hosted by Kajol and Twinkle Khanna. The episode took a hilarious and surprisingly candid turn when Kajol shared her rather unconventional opinion about marriage — that it should come with an expiry date and an option for renewal.

Prabhas has come a long way in his career and has made a special place in the hearts of his fans. In this long journey, he has impressed the audience with his strong screen presence, including one of the biggest hits, Baahubali. Well, recently, the actor completed 23 years in the film industry, and to mark the milestone, director Maruthi unveiled a brand-new poster from their upcoming film, The Raja Saab. The special reveal has taken the internet by storm, with fans flooding social media with congratulatory messages.

Priyanka Chopra has finally unveiled her much-awaited first look from SS Rajamouli’s next cinematic spectacle, Globetrotter. Taking to Instagram on Wednesday night, the global star introduced her character, Mandakini, leaving fans awestruck with the film’s grand scale and her fiery avatar.

Bigg Boss 19 is now heading for its finale next month, and it is said that after the double eviction of Abhishek Bajaj and Neelam Giri, Mridul Tiwari has also been evicted in a mid-week twist. Now, Mridul’s team has reacted to these reports of his mid-week eviction, and it appears that they have left it to Tiwari’s fans to decide what will happen if Mridul gets evicted from the show. Pop star Taylor Swift, fresh off her engagement to NFL star Travis Kelce, is reportedly seeking the assistance of longtime friend Selena Gomez as she dives into wedding preparations. Sources claimed that Taylor has asked recently-married Selena for advice on important choices, including guest lists, décor, menus, and flowers.

Priyanka Chopra Says Malti Marie Loved Spending Time With Mahesh Babu’s Daughter Sitara: 'Favourite Memory'



Head of the grand Globetrotter event, actor Priyanka Chopra treated her fans to an engaging Q&A session on X (formerly Twitter), sharing behind-the-scenes glimpses from the film and her personal life in Hyderabad. Among the many revelations, one that melted hearts was about her daughter Malti Marie and the sweet time she spent with Mahesh Babu’s daughter Sitara at SS Rajamouli’s farm.

Malti Meets Sitara at Rajamouli’s Farm

When a fan asked Priyanka whether she prefers to bring her family to film sets or focus entirely on work, the actor revealed that her daughter accompanied her during the Hyderabad schedule of Globetrotter. Responding to the fan, she wrote, “My daughter has been to set in Hyderabad and she had the best time with @urstrulyMahesh and Namrata’s beautiful daughter Sitara and went to @ssrajamouli’s farm and met a calf. Her favorite memory.”

The heartwarming anecdote quickly went viral, with fans praising Priyanka for balancing motherhood with her demanding international career.

Priyanka’s Return to Indian Cinema

The actress also interacted with fans about her experience shooting for a Telugu-language project and her long-awaited return to Indian cinema after years in Hollywood. Globetrotter, which is tentatively titled SSMB29, marks her first major Indian film since The Sky Is Pink (2019).

The film stars Mahesh Babu, Priyanka Chopra, and Prithviraj Sukumaran in lead roles and is being helmed by SS Rajamouli, who last directed the global phenomenon RRR.

The Big Reveal on November 15

A massive reveal event for Globetrotter is set to take place on November 15 at Ramoji Film City in Hyderabad. The makers are expected to announce the official title and unveil the film’s first look at the event, which will be live-streamed on JioHotstar. Recently, the makers released Prithviraj Sukumaran’s first look as the antagonist, sending social media into a frenzy. Fans are now eagerly awaiting Priyanka’s look from the film, expected to drop just before the event.

A New Era for Indian Cinema

With Globetrotter, SS Rajamouli appears to be pushing boundaries once again, uniting powerhouse talents from across industries and generations. And with Priyanka Chopra back on home turf — balancing motherhood, global stardom, and a return to Indian cinema — the anticipation for the film has only grown stronger.



Nimrat Kaur Ditches Her Luxury Cars For An Auto-Rickshaw Ride

Bollywood actress Nimrat Kaur recently ditched her car for an auto-rickshaw ride in Mumbai. In a video shared on Instagram, the Lunchbox actress was seen leaving a building, walking towards an auto-rickshaw, boarding it, and leaving the scene. As the video went viral, Nimrat’s humble attitude and approach towards simplicity won hearts.

Nimrat Kaur Joins The Cast of The Family Man Season 3

Nimrat has been making headlines for her role in The Family Man Season 3. The trailer of the spy thriller series showed Nimrat portraying the fiery character of Meera. During the trailer launch event, Nimrat explained how Meera differs from all her previous roles. “There’s nothing more fun than playing evil, and you don’t get to go to jail for it. That’s the best part,” she shared. She further explained, “In their universe, you can really do whatever you want and get away with murder and plotting and have a great wardrobe while you do it — in high heels, with flamboyance and sex appeal, and Meera is all about that! I find

her to be evil, but in couture! It’s a girl’s dream!” Nimrat Kaur will be seen sharing the screen with Manoj Bajpayee, Sharib Hashmi, Priyamani, Vedant Sinha, and Ashlesha Thakur, who will be reprising their roles from previous seasons.

Nimrat Kaur Shares Her Experience Of Filming the Series



During the trailer launch event, Nimrat shared her experiences and stated it was “mind-blowing.” Describing herself as a fan, Nimrat called the experience a “bucket list” thing. “To watch something and admire the creation, the characters, the actors — there’s a lot of curiosity and intrigue. To be a part of that story is really the biggest and most thrilling experience as an actor. So, it feels great!” she added. The Family Man Season 3 will premiere on November 21.

Famous Beaches in New Zealand

Being an island country, New Zealand is literally surrounded by long shorelines. Here you will find all kinds of beaches for swimming and surfing. New Zealand is literally surrounded by beautiful beaches. It has more than 9,000 miles of coast plus hundreds of pristine seashores. You can find all kinds of shoreline here—from jagged rocky shores to hidden black and white sands. With major cities located near the water, there are plenty of famous beaches in New Zealand to choose from. Whether you are looking for adventure or relaxation, you will surely find a stretch of coast to explore and enjoy.

So, if you love beaches and the lifestyle that comes with staying on a beach, then you will surely enjoy your visit to New Zealand during ICC Cricket World Cup 2015. Here you will find long sandy beaches, turquoise lagoon, ideal surfing spot and natural seaside hot springs. New Zealand offers a beach for every temperament.

If want to soak up the sun in New Zealand, here are the best stretches of coast found in the country.

Waui Beachin

This beach is near the city of Gisborne and surrounded by reserves and protected lands. The beach is huge and offers plenty of recreational activities from idyllic picnic spots, walking and jogging tracks to swimming and sunbathing.

Kaiteriteri Beach in Nelson

This beach has golden sand and receives the highest rate of sunshine hours in the country. Although not expansive, it is perfectly formed and has all the prerequisites for an idyllic seaside experience. The place has a busy vacation atmosphere with pack campgrounds and vacation homes. Do not forget to bring your camera as penguins, seals and dolphins are common seen here.

Piha Beach in West Auckland

This is the country's most famous surfing beach. It is found on the west coast and a half-hour drive from Auckland. Rugged cliffs frame the sea and the lush bush of the Waitakere Ranges provides opportunity for exploration, walks and picnics. This beach is definitely not for swimming and sunbathing but best for surfing.

Hot Water Beach

This gorgeous beach is located in Coromandel Peninsula. If you arrive 2 hours before or after low tide, you can experience a natural spa without paying a cent. Tourists came here with shovels to dig holes at the tide line then wait for the natural hot water to seep up through the sand. You can enjoy sea water that is full of healthy minerals such as calcium, magnesium and potassium. But beware of the notoriously strong rip tides near the outcrop.

Karikari Peninsula's Beach

This beach was made famous by the 1993 film, The Piano. It is vast and still-empty paradise with black sand and craggy cliffs with a 100-foot Karekare Falls tucked just inside the forest. It is famous for its annual beach race day every month of April with local ponies and horses race in order to raise money for a cause.



Located an hour north of Montreal in the Laurentian Mountains, Mont Tremblant attracts tourists from around the world. There is just enough adventure mixed in with the decadence of luxury hotels, fine wine and great food. Being a part of the Intrawest family, Mont Tremblant has all of the elements of Whistler in BC, Steamboat in Colorado and Panorama in Alberta. Intrawest has done an amazing job of transforming the base of each mountain into a world class village. Packed with wine bars and bistros as well as a satisfying mix of Asian, French and International cuisines, there is something here to satisfy any craving. It has coffee shops, pubs, cafeterias and places for fondues and raclettes.

Mont Tremblant, Canada

Re-named Whistler Mountain in 1965 (after the cry of the ubiquitous western hoary marmot, or Whistle Pig) the pleasantly car-free village centre was purpose-built, quite attractively, on the site of an old garbage tip, a favourite haunt of bears. It is now an attractive but sprawling village, dominated in the Upper Village by the imposing neo-gothic structure of the splendid Fairmont Chateau Whistler

Mont Tremblant Canada

hotel, and some truly terrific skiing on Whistler and Blackcomb mountains which have the largest vertical drop in North America: both are about a mile high. Vancouver, the gateway city, is one of the most beautiful in the world. Then comes the two hour "Sea-to-Sky Highway" (99 North) drive, the early stages along the magnificent Strait of Georgia coastline, with misty views of Vancouver Island.

One of Whistler's few snags is its low elevation. At 675 metres (2,214 feet), close to the maritime influence of the Pacific seaboard, it tends to attract more than its fair share of rain. Although this nearly always results in fresh snowfalls higher up the mountain, the prospect of going out in the rain to start a day's skiing puts a



Edinburgh in Pictures



Calton Hill

The capital's most significant pile of earth, Calton Hill has played a pivotal role in the history of Edinburgh. The hill has served various functions—from being used as a place of execution, to hosting a vigil for Scottish devolution—and it continues to

Edinburgh Castle

The Edinburgh Castle is a proud symbol of the Scottish nation. Watching over the capital like an overprotective father, the castle is not only the country's most instantly-recognisable sights, but also its most significant. Built in the 12th century, this beautiful

National Portrait Gallery

Scotland's National Portrait Gallery is a strikingly-red Gothic revival building containing some of the country's most renowned works of art. The enormous entrance hall houses a mural depicting some of the most important Scots throughout

Edinburgh Playhouse

The city's best known theatre venue—it is said that the theatre is haunted by the grey-suited ghost of Albert, an old stagehand who died in a freak accident here many decades ago—originally opened as a super-cinema in 1929, but is now the UK's largest

Holyrood Park

This beautiful Royal Park within spitting distance of the capital offers visitors a real taste of the Scottish Highlands. Sprawling across 650 acres of high hills, wide glens, steep cliffs, craggy ridges and deep lochs, it makes for a perfect excursion from the

Palace of Holyroodhouse

On a sunny summer's day in Edinburgh, there is nothing nicer than taking a leisurely stroll through the fragrant gardens at Holyrood Palace. Founded in 1128, the sublimely beautiful Holyrood Palace was once home to generations of Scottish Kings and

Shopping

From Princes Street in the heart of the New Town—the city's foremost shopping strip littered with high street giants like H&M and Topshop—to streets with a strong local flavour, Edinburgh has a good collection of atmospheric places to shop at.

Fish and chips

Whether it's the classic cod, chips and mushy peas or a battered sausage with gravy, you can't leave Edinburgh without sampling the famous chippies. You'll find eat-in and takeaway shops right across the city, but the best of the lot is The Tailend Fish Bar in Leith. The first of the posh chippies, it offers all the traditional dishes—cod and haddock, pies, chicken and sausages—but also has soups, salmon, prawns and more. If you can't make it to The Tailend, other great Edinburgh chippies include the award-winning L'Abla D'Oro which is also one of the city's must-eat spots.

Heart of Midlothian

As you're walking the Royal Mile, you should keep an eye out for the famous Heart of Midlothian. A beautifully decorative love-heart-shaped mosaic, built into the cobblestones beside St Giles Cathedral, it marks the original location of the now-demolished

Jenners

Jenners is more than just a shopper's paradise; unlike most British department stores, it also offers hair and beauty treatments, chiropody, manicures and more. An Edinburgh retail institution, this enormous department store has been a fixture on Princes

Cafes in Edinburgh

Spend an hour or two at one of the ambient, street-side cafes in the city. Amidst the multitude, Peter's Yard is said to have the best coffee, crispbread and cakes in Edinburgh. Add to that a lively atmosphere, a great location, friendly service and a sincere

St Giles' Cathedral

The religious centre of Scottish life for close to a millennium, St Giles' Cathedral is a pivotal part of the Edinburgh landscape. Also known as The Mother Church of Presbyterianism, the building is instantly recognizable by its architecture and famed crown

National Museum of Scotland

If you fancy a fascinating stroll through the country's long, rich history, then a trip to the Museum of Scotland should definitely feature on your itinerary. Scotland is famous for its creative influence—having invented the telephone, the bicycle, the steam

Royal Yacht Britannia

Once the official Royal Yacht of Queen Elizabeth II, the Britannia has since reinvented itself as Britain's finest exhibition ship. Permanently moored in Leith, the imposing vessel maintains its original design and function, so members of the public can

The Vaults

The Edinburgh Vaults are where history and the paranormal collide. Built in the late 18th century underneath the South Bridge, these vaults were forgotten about for over 150 years, but were opened to the public after excavations in the

The Water of Leith

This 12-mile stretch of walkway winds serenely through the Scottish capital from Balerno right to the port of Leith with plenty to amuse along the way. Keep your eyes open too for the knee-deep statues throughout the shallows and dotted on the banks. These

Bars and nightlife

There's no dearth of places in the city where you can have a tipple. From warm and friendly neighbourhood pubs, to more elegant bars, Edinburgh has plenty of venues which are great for some fun in the afterhours. The Bong Club is one of the most