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Teacher Eligibility Test mandate will destabilise schools, MK Stalin warns PM Modi

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to amend the RTE and NCTE Acts to protect teachers appointed before August 23, 2010, from mandatory TET requirements after a recent Supreme Court ruling.

New Delhi.(Agency)
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene and amend the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, and the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) Act, 1993, to protect lakhs of teachers appointed before August 23, 2010, from mandatory Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) requirements. In a letter to the Prime Minister, Stalin said the issue has created an "urgent and significant" crisis affecting "lakhs of teachers across the country, including a substantial number in Tamil Nadu."

Referring to the Supreme Court's September 1, 2025 judgment, he noted that the ruling requires all in-service teachers who have not cleared TET to do so within two years or risk losing their jobs. The order also states that teachers with less than five years of service left may continue but cannot be promoted unless they qualify in TET. Stalin said this interpretation overrides the earlier NCTE exemption for teachers appointed before August

23, 2010.

"The retrospective application of TET creates a significant disruption of long-settled service rights," he wrote, adding that it "poses a serious



risk of destabilising the functioning of the school education system." Pointing out that nearly four lakh teachers in Tamil Nadu alone fall in this category, Stalin stressed that they were "fully eligible, properly qualified, and duly recruited

under the statutory rules in force at the time of their appointment." Imposing TET now, long after their entry into service, would lead to "significant administrative and personal hardship," he said.

The Chief Minister warned that no state could replace such a vast number of teachers within a short period. "Replacing such a large number of teachers is not feasible for any State," he wrote, highlighting the shortage of qualified candidates and challenges in rural and remote areas.

He further said that depriving long-serving teachers of promotions due to a qualification introduced years after their appointment would cause "disproportionate hardship and stagnation," despite decades of experience. Stalin requested the Prime Minister to instruct the Ministry of Education to amend Section 23 of the RTE Act and Section 12A of the NCTE Act. "Such amendments alone can ensure that teachers who were in service as on 23.08.2010 are duly protected, remain eligible for promotions, and continue to contribute without disruption," he said.

Wait, will call you: Rahul Gandhi's text to DK Shivakumar amid CM seat buzz

Amid the leadership tussle in Karnataka, Rahul Gandhi responded to D K Shivakumar after a week of his attempts to reach out. Gandhi messaged him, "Please wait, I will call you." The exchange comes amid ongoing internal churn.



Karnataka .(Agency)

Amid the leadership tussle in Karnataka, and with the Congress high command reportedly expected to decide on any change in the chief minister before the December 1 Parliament session, Rahul Gandhi has responded to Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar after a week of his attempts to reach out.

According to party sources, Shivakumar had been attempting to speak with Rahul Gandhi regarding the internal developments. Gandhi responded with a short WhatsApp text: "Please wait, I will call you." The exchange comes at a time when the Congress is facing heightened speculation over possible changes in the state leadership.

A batch of MLAs loyal to Shivakumar, including ministers, travelled to Delhi to press their demand for a change in the Chief Minister's post. In Karnataka, the alleged "2.5-year power-sharing deal" has triggered infighting between loyalists of Siddaramaiah and his deputy, DK Shivakumar.

With Siddaramaiah midway through his term, Shivakumar's supporters have stepped up pressure on the party's top leadership to deliver on what they claim was an earlier agreement. On the other hand, Siddaramaiah's camp has denied that any formal rotational arrangement exists. They argue he remains committed to completing a full five-year term, and that the so-called pact was never officially sanctioned. Meanwhile, leaders at the Congress high command have stayed publicly silent or cautious.

DK Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah aide hold late-night meet amid leadership buzz: Sources

Karnataka .(Agency)

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar reportedly held a late-night meeting with PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi on Tuesday, with both leaders cancelling all scheduled appointments to meet at an undisclosed location.

Jarkiholi, considered a key lieutenant of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and a political rival of the Deputy Chief Minister within the Congress, is learnt to have told close aides that he is attempting to resolve differences with Shivakumar.

Discussions between the two continued well past midnight, sources from the Deputy Chief Minister's camp said. Earlier in the day, Shivakumar



had hinted at "secret talks" dating back to the May 2023 election results, adding to speculation over the timing of the meeting.

The two leaders, who worked together as KPCC President

and Working President during the 2023 polls, are understood to have held wide-ranging talks on the party's roadmap for 2028, 2029 and the post-Siddaramaiah era, with the Chief Minister believed to be nearing the end of his electoral journey. A major focus of the discussions was reportedly on consolidating OBC support and positioning Jarkiholi as a key backward-classes leader. The meeting primarily centred on settling differences between the two.

The meeting comes against the backdrop of a deepening leadership tussle within the Karnataka Congress. Supporters of Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar moved to Delhi, urging the party high command to implement what they claim was a 2023 "power-sharing" promise to rotate the Chief Ministership.

Days After Disowning Family, Rohini Acharya's Post For Father Lalu Yadav

New Delhi.(Agency)

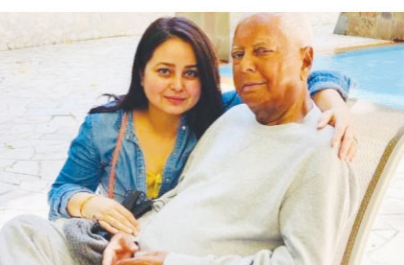
Rohini Acharya, the estranged daughter of Lalu Prasad Yadav, has come to the defence of the family she had disowned in a series of online outbursts earlier this month. She has hit out at Chief Minister Nitish Kumar over a decision that would see the Lalu family part with the 10, Circular Road address in Patna, the government bungalow where they lived for two decades.

Rabri Devi, wife of Lalu Yadav and former chief minister of Bihar, has now been allotted House No. 39 on Harding Road in Patna for her use as the Leader of Opposition in the

Legislative Council. Acharya called the change of address an "insult" to Lalu Yadav. "Sushasan Babu's development model. Insulting Lalu Prasad Yadav, the messiah of crores, is the top priority. They may throw him out of the house, but how will you throw him out of the hearts of Bihar's people? If not his health, at least respect Lalu Ji's political stature," she said in an online post.

The cause of Acharya's anger could be the political signalling that this change of address brings.

Rabri Devi was allotted the 10, Circular Road bungalow in 2005 after she vacated the official Chief



Minister's residence for Nitish Kumar on 1, Aney Marg. The significance of the plot can be gauged from the fact that it oversees the Chief Minister's residence. The bungalow stayed with the Yadavs since - specifically in the name of

Rabri Devi. Nitish Kumar didn't ask for the Yadavs to vacate the bungalow for these 20 long years despite switching sides often and changing political equations in the state. However, with the BJP emerging stronger in the recent elections, the scenario has changed. The eviction order for Rabri Devi appeared to bring Acharya closer since she had disowned them last week. Acharya, who had saved Lalu Yadav's life by donating her kidney in 2020, had raised serious allegations against her family members, including a slipper being raised at her.

Soul of Constitution has proved Bharat is one, will be one forever: V-P Radhakrishnan

New Delhi.(Agency)

Vice President C P Radhakrishnan on Wednesday urged everyone to work together towards achieving the goal of 'Viksit Bharat', and asserted that the soul of our Constitution has proved that Bharat is one and shall remain so forever.

Addressing a Constitution Day event at the Central Hall of the Old Parliament building, now called 'Samvidhan Sadan', Radhakrishnan urged public representatives to adopt dialogue, debate and discussion to serve the people's rightful aspirations. "No country can be made great just like that, without the contribution of the people. We have to perform our respective roles with duty consciousness," he said.

"The greatest tribute to our magnificent Constitution on this day is to pledge ourselves to live up to its values," the vice-president



said. Urging public representatives, he said, "It is our prime duty, be it in Parliament or the state legislatures or in the local bodies, to adopt dialogue, debate, and discussion to serve the people's rightful aspirations."

"In the same spirit of our Constitution makers, we

should now work towards the goal of Viksit Bharat during this Amrit Kaal," the vice-president said.

"In a globally changing economic and geo-political scenario, we all require reforms in many spheres of life," he said, noting that electoral reforms, judicial reforms and financial reforms are very important.

Radhakrishnan also said the GST -- the 'one nation-one tax' mechanism -- has added to the prosperity of the people besides facilitating ease of doing business. "It paved the way for removing the complicated multiple tax systems and all the check posts in the country overnight. It proved that the government had a lot of faith in the common man," he said. The vice-president also said that the Constitution reflects our strong commitment towards social justice, and economic empowerment of the weaker sections.

SP removed as MP CM Mohan Yadav slams police over failure to arrest accused in six-year-old's rape case

BHOPAL.(Agency)

Inability of the police to arrest a 23-year-old youth who abducted a six-year-old girl and raped her before abandoning her in a serious condition in the jungles on November 21, led to the removal of Raisen district police superintendent Pankaj Pandey on Tuesday night.

The Madhya Pradesh chief minister, Dr Mohan Yadav, chaired a high-level emergency law and order review meeting at the state Police Headquarters (PHQ) in Bhopal on Tuesday night, where he expressed displeasure with the police action so far in the case pertaining to the rape of the six-year-old girl in Raisen district of central MP. Not only did the CM express displeasure over the manner in which the case of a minor's rape was dealt, even four days after the shocking incident, but he was also not

satisfied with the police response to the road blockade in Raisen's Mandideep area.

He ordered the immediate removal of Raisen district police superintendent Pankaj Pandey, who has been attached to the state PHQ as an Assistant IG (AIG). The Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) for Bhopal Zone I, Ashutosh, will be the new SP of Raisen district. The CM further directed the immediate removal of the in-charge of Misrod police station in Bhopal. This action is being seen as the direct result of the Misrod police's failure to deal with cases of crime, particularly the recent vandalism of property by armed youths at a café.

In connection with the Raisen incident, the CM expressed severe displeasure not only with the police's inability to apprehend the accused who has now remained at large for four days



but also with their "lax response" in handling the massive public protests and road blockades that have affected the central MP district.

Importantly, the 23-year-old youth identified as Salman, remains on the run, even four days after allegedly committing the gruesome

crime with the six-year-old girl. On November 21, he had allegedly lured the minor (who was playing outside her house) to a nearby jungle with the promise of giving chocolate. Once in the jungle, Salman allegedly raped the minor and abandoned her there. While the minor is slowly recuperating from the mental and physical trauma at the AIIMS-Bhopal, massive protests have been reported by local residents, particularly women, outside the Gauharganj police station in Raisen district. The continued sit-in protests have been followed by violent protests and massive highway blockades. While the police initially used mild force (a baton charge) to clear the highway, the protesters quickly returned, forcing the deployment of personnel from five different police stations.

MP CM Dr Mohan Yadav held emergency meeting at Bhopal PHQ, expressing displeasure over police inaction in six-year-old girl's Raisen rape case.

News box

Good luck or bad data? Air ‘cleaner’ in city than rest of NCR this season

Gurgaon.(Agency)

Never mind the haze that you’ve been engulfed in for weeks, if you go by official AQI (air quality index) data, Gurgaon is seeing the cleanest run among NCR cities in the year’s peak pollution phase.In the 42 days between Oct 15 – the start of the peak pollution phase – and Nov 25, the city has seen no ‘severe’ days (when AQI touches or breaches 400). Delhi saw three, Noida five and Ghaziabad eight.Gurgaon has pulled off another surprise at the other end of the scale. It has recorded three ‘moderate’ days (AQI between 101 and 200). Delhi has seen none, and Noida and Ghaziabad one each.

Millennium City has also seen the least ‘very poor’ days (AQI of 301-400) in this 42-day period, just 8 compared to Delhi’s 27, Noida’s 26 and Ghaziabad’s 23. In the most polluted phase within this period, from Nov 11-25, Gurgaon’s AQI was conspicuously divergent from the three other cities.Data can be divergent on some days because of local factors, and wind speed and direction, but these will typically be anomalies. It’s unusual for the difference to sustain over a period of time, as it has this year.So is it good luck or bad data? Experts believe it’s a bit of both.Asked about it, a Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) official denied any problems with the data. "Data generated by continuous monitoring stations is automatically validated through algorithms, and any abnormal spikes triggered by equipment issues are removed, so reported AQI reflects actual ground conditions."A former CPCB official said the AQI data reflects actual atmospheric conditions and not faulty sensors. "The system is in-built with self-calibration protocols for all parameters monitored for measurement of air quality. Air quality is dependent not only on the profile of pollutants but also on prevailing local meteorological conditions, particularly wind speed," said Dipankar Saha, former head of the air laboratory at CPCB.

CJI to inaugurate ITI for inmates at Bhondsi jail

Gurgaon.(Agency)

Chief Justice of India (CJI), Justice Surya Kant, who took oath as the 53rd CJI on Monday, will visit the city on Dec 6 to inaugurate the newly constructed ITI at Bhondsi jail. This ITI is established to provide skill training to the inmates. This will mark Justice Kant’s first visit as CJI to the city.The initiative reflects the judiciary’s sensitive approach to transforming jails into centres of reform, rehabilitation, and skill development. Technical education and practical training will be provided to inmates, enabling them to re-establish themselves in society after release.In view of the Chief Justice’s proposed visit, a High Court delegation led by Justice Ashwini Kumar Mishra of the Punjab and Haryana High Court reached District Jail Bhondsi on Monday. The delegation also included Justice Pankaj Jain, Justice Kuldeep Tiwari, Justice Sudipti Sharma, and Justice Shalini Singh Nagpal.During the inspection, the delegation thoroughly observed the ITI-related infrastructure, training capacities, and facilities in the jail. They gathered detailed information on the preparations from the jail superintendent and other officials and gave necessary directions to ensure all arrangements are completed smoothly.Justice Ashwini Kumar Mishra, during the inspection, visited the workshop, jail radio, computer lab, electronics lab, physics lab, music room, salon, and skill development centre. He examined in detail the resources available at each centre, training materials, availability of trainers, and participation of inmates.Justice Surya Kant belongs to Haryana’s Hisar district. He was the advocate general of the state before being elevated as a permanent judge to Punjab and Haryana High Court in 2004. As an HC judge, he heard several cases related to HSVP and land acquisition of Dwarka Expressway. He assumed the role of Chief Justice of High Court of Himachal Pradesh in 2018 and was elevated to Supreme Court in 2019.

Greater Noida’s ageing sewer network is crumbling under city’s weight

Noida.(Agency)

More than 30 years after Greater Noida was conceived as a model city with wide, signal-free roads, manicured green belts and a grid of over 100 sectors, the shine is fading under the weight of a rapidly growing population and neglected underground infrastructure. What residents now live with is a sewer network so old, corroded and overburdened that lines are bursting somewhere in the city almost every couple of minutes. The crisis is most acute in the sectors that were developed the first—Alpha 1 and 2, Beta 1 and 2, Gamma, Delta 1 and 2, Swarn Nagari, P3 and parts of Omicron—where the original network laid in the early 1990s remains largely unchanged despite the city’s population swelling from a few lakh to nearly 10-12 lakh today.

After every moderate spell of rain, the system buckles. Sewer water spills onto roads, and a foul, persistent stench becomes part of daily life.This Sept, dirty sewer water entered several homes in Alpha 2 after a heavy bout of rain. Residents from sectors P3, Alpha 2, Mu 2, Sigma 4 and Beta 1 complained of chronic sewer overflows for weeks in Aug.Residents claimed the infrastructure has simply not kept pace with the city’s expansion. What was designed for a fraction of today’s population is now crumbling, rusting and leaking with alarming frequency."Older sectors like Alpha, Beta and Delta have been facing continuous sewer issues for several years," Subhash Bhati, RWA president of Alpha 2, said.Another resident from Alpha 2, who had raw sewage flooding his house and garden this monsoon, said there was a "stench of drains and faeces" in the area which "stayed with me well after the rainwater subsided". "This was my home and it feels like it was destroyed. You could smell it everywhere," he said. Most of these houses were sold for multiple crores with promise of good roads and civic infrastructure. In Delta 2, the main sewer line has been damaged for six months, and residents said the pace of repairs is painfully slow.

Haryana in red, is among India’s top 3 most polluted: Study

Ghaziabad .(Agency)

Haryana has slipped into the red zone of India’s air quality map. No district is meeting the national annual PM2.5 standard.Every district in the state has breached the annual safety threshold for fine particulate matter — 40 µg/m³ — underscoring the scale of exposure across the state. This places the state as the third worst in the country after Delhi and Chandigarh, says a new satellite-based study for 2024.The Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA) report flags Haryana as a major pollution cluster in the Indo-Gangetic Plain. Gurgaon is among seven Haryana districts that are making news for wrong reasons. They are among India’s 50 most polluted districts. Compared to the annual safety threshold for fine particulate matter, all of them record PM2.5 levels double, sometimes nearly triple, the national standard.

Gurgaon ranks 13th at 81.3 µg/m³, followed by Faridabad (16th, 80.7), Jhajjar (17th, 77.0), Sonipat (23rd, 69.9), Charkhi Dadri (29th, 66.7), Rohtak (37th, 66.0)

and Rewari (42nd, 64.7). CREA dismisses the notion that weather is the primary factor; the quick rebound suggests that sustained emissions from industry, transport, waste burning and energy production are driving the crisis. CREA notes that this concentration of hotspots puts Haryana in the same risk band as Delhi, Punjab and Bihar. Seasonal analysis adds perspective.

Delhi remains the worst across all seasons, while Punjab peaks during the monsoon. For Haryana, the picture is one of uninterrupted exposure: there is no season when PM2.5 returns to safe levels statewide. The study argues that combining satellite data with a denser and better-sited monitoring network would sharpen accuracy across India.

With 100% district-level violations in Haryana, CREA analyst Manoj Kumar said, "The National Clean Air Programme must shift from a city-based approach to district-based planning. Satellite-derived PM2.5 should be formally integrated into the national clean air programme (NCAP)



to track performance, assess exposure gaps and guide real-time interventions. It also calls for accountability mechanisms under which states are evaluated and incentivised based on measurable reductions in PM2.5 using standardised satellite and ground indicators. The report concludes that for hotspot states like Haryana, piecemeal fixes will not suffice. Reducing emissions at source — industry, power generation, transport, and biomass burning — must become a policy mandate rather than a long-term aspiration."The broader national map is equally discouraging. Sixty percent of

NIA takes Muzammil to Faridabad hideouts, Al-Falah

Gurgaon.(Agency)

Faridabad: Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie, the Al-Falah University doctor arrested in connection with the Nov 10 Delhi blast, was on Monday taken to various locations in Faridabad by a National Investigation Agency team that wanted to recreate the crime scene.The day began with Muzammil returning to the two rooms he had taken on rent to store 2,900kg of ammonium nitrate, an explosive material. NIA sleuths also took him to the university campus, where he worked and lived, and to the room of a cab driver in Dhauj village where the doctor had stored an electric grinder and portable furnace — tools allegedly used in bomb-making.

According to sources, Muzammil — who had been in the custody of Jammu and Kashmir Police ever since his arrest on Oct 30 — was brought to Delhi only last week as the probe intensified. Investigators, who spent hours combing through evidence in Muzammil’s two rooms, learnt that the doctor had rented one of them in Sept, paying Rs 1,200 a month in advance. The

landlord, known locally as "Madrassi", told police, "He never stayed here, only brought in his bags. I had no idea what



was going on inside."It was in this room in Dhauj that cops had seized 358kg of ammonium nitrate a few days before the blast.The search continued to the other room of Muzammil in Fatehpur Taga — 4km from the university. Here, police had found a larger cache of 2,600kg of explosives on Nov 9, a day before the blast. The house owner, a local cleric, was arrested following the discovery.

Muzammil was also taken to his university accommodation — believed to be the

nerve centre where the terror plot was hatched. Over two years, Muzammil, along with Dr Umar Un Nabi — who was in the i20 that blew up near Red Fort — and Dr Shahin Shaheed — another doctor in the university — are believed to have planned the attack within the campus walls itself.Diaries recovered from their rooms earlier have revealed coded references to multiple operations that were being planned. Sources said NIA was now probing the doctors’ suspected links to handlers in Pakistan and Turkey.

By midnight, the NIA team had completed its sweep of Faridabad and taken Muzammil back to Delhi under tight security.Faridabad police, meanwhile, have ramped up checks across sensitive areas, urging vigilance among residents. "We are leaving no stone unturned to ensure the safety of our residents. Our teams have been conducting regular checks and asking people to remain cautious when renting rooms or issuing SIM cards," said Yashpal, a spokesperson for Faridabad police.

Fix civic infra flaws on premises of court and file report, Gurgaon agencies told

Gurgaon.(Agency)

It is the primary duty of every public authority to "ensure cleanliness, hygiene and safety" in a public institution, the district court said on Tuesday. It has sought a detailed reply from the authorities.While taking note of poor civic infrastructure inside the court premises, the court directed the authorities to jointly remove all existing infrastructure problems in the district court complex. The court has told authorities to submit a weekly status report every Monday "until all the nuisances are permanently eliminated" from the premises.Ensure daily sweeping, cleaning and removal of garbage from the entire court premises and complete removal and neutralisation of stray dogs, monkeys and other animals from the court complex — these are among the directions that were issued over a petition filed by the district bar association.The petition highlighted a

plethora of issues accusing MCG, GMDA, the public works department (PWD) and the district administration of their "collective failure to maintain hygiene and infrastructure in the court premises."Civil judge (senior division) Manish Kumar observed prima facie evidence of overflowing sewers, stagnant sewage water, broken internal roads, accumulated garbage and the menace of stray dogs and monkeys within the premises.The authorities will have to file a joint comprehensive action-taken report along with individual affidavits by the commissioner of MCG, CEO of GMDA, executive engineer of PWD and deputy commissioner of Gurgaon detailing the steps taken and the time-bound plan for the permanent resolution of the aforesaid issues within a week’s time.The court cannot shut its eyes to a situation where the "temple of justice" has been allowed to become unhygienic, foul-smelling and unsafe, it said.MCG claimed that the

sewer line inside the court complex does not fall within its jurisdiction and that its responsibility starts only from Beriwalla Bag. PWD is responsible for the sewer line inside the court premises.The court observed that irrespective of jurisdictional disputes among authorities, advocates, judicial officers, staff and litigants cannot be made to suffer on account of such disputes.Association counsel Manish Shandilya told TOI that the court directed the authorities to also ensure desilting, cleaning and ensuring the free flow of all sewer and drainage lines, repairing broken internal roads and removing stagnant water."Complete removal and neutralisation of stray dogs, monkeys and other animals from the court complex and installation of necessary measures to prevent their re-entry are to be ensured to guarantee the safety and security of advocates, litigants, judicial officers and staff.

India’s 749 districts breach the annual limit. In winter, violations cross 80%, only to drop during the monsoon and surge again soon after. The study stresses that state averages mask local distress. A state may appear compliant on paper while industrial belts inside it continue to suffocate. Maharashtra is cited as a prime example: its overall average meets the national limit, yet several districts within it record extreme pollutant loads.

Meanwhile, Delhi has emerged as the most polluted of all states and Union territories in India, according to a new satellite-based assessment released by Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA). The capital recorded an annual population-weighted PM2.5 concentration of 101 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m³) — 2.5 times higher than the country’s national ambient air quality standard and 20 times the World Health Organization guideline. The study found that the Indo-Gangetic airshed, of which Delhi is a part, continues to have the highest pollution levels.

Footpaths, service lanes: Revamp for road linking IFFCO Chowk and SPR in Gurgaon

Gurgaon.(Agency)

GMDA is drawing up a plan to revamp the 7.5km stretch between IFFCO Chowk and SPR, one of the city’s busiest corridors.The plan, including two-lane service roads, footpath-cum-drainage networks and upgraded junctions, aims to ease the chronic congestion on the three-lane carriageway that runs parallel to Golf Course Road and serves as a key link to Cyber Hub, Udyog Vihar, NH8 and Faridabad.The 60-metre-wide road passes through sectors 27, 28, 29, 43, 47, 52, 52A, 56 and 57.Officials said the stretch faces congestion due to the absence of continuous service roads. With no dedicated lanes for internal traffic, vehicles from adjoining colonies constantly merge onto the main carriageway, slowing movement and creating choke points throughout the day.Once developed, these service roads are expected to take nearly 40% of the present load off the main carriageway, a senior GMDA official said.The redesigned cross-section also includes pedestrian infrastructure and a footpath-cum-drainage system to address frequent waterlogging, along with junction upgrades to improve turning movements at crowded intersections. The stretch accommodates two metro stations and six junctions, four of which — Millennium City Centre, Ardee Mall, Tau Devi Lal Park and Hong Kong Bazaar — are major congestion points. The corridor is lined with dense residential and commercial development, including gated colonies, urban villages, hospitals, malls and office hubs, contributing to heavy peak-hour movement.Residents said the service road proposal was long overdue. RWA president of Ardee City Praveen Yadav said, "This stretch has been choking for years. At peak hours, traffic piles up for nearly 1km at the Ardee City traffic light alone. This is the only remaining direct link connecting NH8 and SPR, which has not been upgraded yet.

After 13 years in Delhi, she took a 3-month break. When she returned, no one wanted her as a tenant

Gurgaon.(Agency)

When she returned to Delhi this month after a three-month sabbatical from work, Maria Bilal could not find a house to rent. "It was like the city I lived in for 13 years did not want me anymore. It’s the place where I made friends, found my identity and built a life from scratch, but it felt so alien," said the 36-year-old communications professional, who has spent all her working life in Delhi.

Since the Lajpat Nagar house she last lived in was no longer available, Maria contacted brokers, who showed her other houses in Lajpat Nagar as well as Jangpura, Vivek Vihar and Noida. But when it came to signing the agreement, she hit a wall every time.Brokers returned with the same reply — the owner does not want to give the house to a Kashmiri Muslim, said Maria, who landed in Delhi on Nov 11, a day after the terror attack near Red Fort that was executed by a module of radicalised doctors from J&K.Maria said she furnished her professional credentials and told prospective landlords she



had worked with the central govt, hoping it would make them trust her. "But they just could not let go of their doubts," she said.

It’s a feeling many Kashmiris have voiced publicly and privately in the aftermath of the Delhi terror plot. So much so that J&K CM Omar Abdullah stepped in with a public reminder that actions of a "handful of people should not define the vast majority of peace-loving residents of J&K". "Not every Kashmiri is on the side of terrorists. It is only a handful of people who have tried to disturb the peace and

harmony here," the CM said last week.

Bilal went through three brokers. "One of them was embarrassed to tell me that the homeowner did not want a Muslim tenant, so he kept delaying the meeting but after getting rejected by so many owners, I knew exactly what was happening," said Maria, who eventually found one house, "but the owner asked for Rs 20,000 more than the market rate".

She has now returned to Srinagar, a move she hopes is "temporary" because her life is here in Delhi.Omar Peerzada, who

works as a management consultant in Gurgaon, said it’s anyway hard for Muslims to rent houses in Delhi-NCR and it’s only going to get tougher now. Omar moved to an upscale society in Gurgaon — "where no one cared about my religion" — after struggling with house-hunting in Delhi. "But it has lately become difficult for me to afford my house in Gurgaon. I thought I could shift somewhere cheaper but people don’t want to give their houses to Kashmiri Muslim tenants," he said.Omar said he tried searching for an apartment in Noida and Ghaziabad but came up against all kinds of RWA rules. "Somewhere, they don’t want a single man, somewhere they don’t want meat eaters. So, for now, I have no choice but to put up with the expenses and continue living in Gurgaon," he said.

Neeraj Sahgal, a property dealer in Delhi, agreed some find it more difficult to get a house. "But not every homeowner cares about the tenant’s religion. Even I have faced issues with prospective tenants getting

rejected because the owner does not want to give their house to a Muslim, but there are also people who don’t care about these things.

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Guneet Kaur Chahal Chotian's poetry collection 'Badlaan Uhle Chann' was launched by Sukhi Bath

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Malagar khamno
Sangrur, November 26: Punjab Bhawan Surrey Canada founder Sukhi Bath Sahib was honored with the Lifetime

for his special and remarkable contribution to the mother tongue Punjabi. During this project "New Pens, New Flight" started by them, the children's writer Guneet Kaur

lished by JP Publication Patiala under the able guidance of Ma. Avtar Singh Chotian. The work presented on this occasion was highly appreciated by all the present literary fig-

Canada, Jaswant Singh Khaira Secretary Akal College Council Mastuana Sahib, Dr. Dalvir Singh Kathuria, Sukhwinder Singh Phul, Project Incharge Unkar Singh Teje, Avtar Singh Chotian District President Sangrur, famous writer Madam Shashi Bala, Harbans Singh Jandali (father of Canadian Cabinet Minister Ruby Sahota) who arrived from Canada, Prabhdyal Singh Khanna, Principal Sukhdeep Kaur Sidhu and Inj Shiv Arya Chairman National Nursing College and Chairman Cabbage International School, Abhejit Singh Grewal and Kanwarjit Singh Brar, besides Prof. Sondeep Kaur Brar, Eng. Praveen Bansal, Harjit Singh Dhingra, Mulchand

Sharma President Punjabi Sahitya Sabha Dhuri, Sukhwinder Singh Lote General Secretary Malwa Writers' Association, Dr. Sukhwinder Singh Director Live Guard Nursing College, Mahant Harpal Das, Master Harbans Singh Sherpur, Raj Kumar Arora, Prin. Charanjit Kaur Patiala, Dalbar Singh Chatthe, Balwant Singh Joga Pin. Dr. Jaspal Singh, Dr. Jagdeep Singh Ahuja Principal Tara College, Satdev Sharma, Dr. Harpreet Kaur Khalsa, Kulwinder Kaur Dhingra,

Rajdeep Kaur Brar, Satvir Singh Amritsar Dr. Mehboob Thind Malorkotla, S. Baldev Singh Gosal and Dr. Bhagwant Singh President Punjabi Sahitya Sabha Sangrur, Dharmi Tungan and other personalities were also present. S. Avtar Singh Chotian and Guneet Kaur Chahal were also honored by Sukhi Baath and other famous personalities on the occasion of the public launch of the poetry collection 'Badlaan Uhle Chann'.



Achievement Award by Akal College Council Mastuana Sahib in collaboration with Da Jist Sangrur

Chahal, a resident of village Chotian, dedicated the poetry collection 'Badlaan Uhle Chann' pub-

ures, political, social and religious personalities. In this event, Sukhi Bath Punjab Bhawan Surrey

Citing privacy concerns, JNU students dismantle face recognition system

The Sikh Times

New Delhi: Tensions escalated on the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) campus on Sunday after a group of students dismantled newly installed facial recognition devices at the Dr BR Ambedkar Central Library, alleging that the administration had secretly introduced the surveillance system without consultation. Videos circulating online showed students removing the machines and raising slogans, while security personnel attempted to intervene. The protest swelled as more students joined in, calling the system "intrusive" and "anti-student." The JNU Students' Union (JNUSU) said the installation violated earlier assurances that no decision would be taken without forming a committee and consulting students. "The administration installed the FRS devices without any notification or student consultation. This is a clear violation of our privacy," JNUSU General Secretary Sunil Yadav said. In a detailed statement issued later, the union described the

removal of the devices as a "collective victory" of the campus community. JNUSU alleged that the chief librarian, Manorama Tripathi, continued pushing for the system "with complete disregard for students" and that no committee was ever formed, despite assurances. "Emails were repeatedly sent asking students to submit their data as if consent had already been granted," the statement said, adding that the administration acted as though the systemsurveillance technology over basic facilities. "Instead of fixing broken chairs, water issues, or reading rooms, the administration is focusing its budget on a facial-recognition system. It shows their priorities," student representative Danish Ali said. According to students, the university had tried to introduce the technology earlier this year but paused after objections. Its reinstallation during the student election period has further fuelled anger, with many calling

pus into a controlled and dictatorial space." Students also criticised the administration for prioritising was ever formed, despite assurances. "Emails were repeatedly sent asking students to submit their data as if consent had already been granted," the statement said, adding that the administration acted as though the systemsurveillance technology over basic facilities. "Instead of fixing broken chairs, water issues, or reading rooms, the administration is focusing its budget on a facial-recognition system. It shows their priorities," student representative Danish Ali said. According to students, the university had tried to introduce the technology earlier this year but paused after objections. Its reinstallation during the student election period has further fuelled anger, with many calling

the move "non-transparent." A senior university official confirmed that a security report has been sought regarding the "vandalised public property" and said action will be taken once findings are reviewed. The incident has renewed debate over surveillance practices and biometric data collection in educational institutions, especially in the absence of national laws governing consent, data storage and the scope of monitoring. Further administrative action is expected later this week.

Public Notice

This is to inform to the public at large that my client Ms. Alisha Parveen, D/o Sh. Anwar Khan, R/o 375 Post, Master Gali Dhandhan Mohalla Badarpur, South Delhi New Delhi 110044. (UID No. 7475 8595 5341) My client has changed her religion from Muslim to Hindu and adopted Hindu religion and also changed her name as Alisha, of your own free will, without any pressure. She is muslim by birth now she has got married to Mr. Akash S/O Prem Pal R/O A-1/505 Jy Colony Madanpur Khadar, Sarita Vihar, South Delhi, New Delhi 110076. UID No. (5019 3506 8849) on dated 21st NOV-2025 at aya Samaj Mandir at New Delhi as per the Hindu customs and rite. The both side family member were aware of their relationship.

JAY KUMAR (ADVOCATE)
High Court & District Court of Delhi.
Ch. No.969 Patiala House Court
New Delhi 110002

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that our client Mr. Harender S/O Mr. Prem Chand is the owner of Freehold Residential Plot Land area measuring 14 Marle 02 Sarsai i.e. 430 Sq. Yds. Out of Khewat/Khata No. 4349 Mustali No. 25 Killa No. 5 (5-18) Situated at Araji Jarai Waka Mauja Panheda Kalan Tehsil Ballabhgarh District Faridabad, Haryana, by virtue of Transfer Deed dated 04.10.2023 Vide Doc No. 5349, Book No. 1, Registered on 04.10.2023, in S.R.-Ballabhgarh, and till date and has lost/Misplace his Original (1) Transfer Deed dated 28.01.2021 executed by Mrs. Koko W/o Sh. Padam Singh and Mrs. Geeta D/o Late Mr. Padam Singh in favour of 1. Mr. Sunil Kumar S/O Mr. Padam Singh 2. Mr. Ram Dutt S/O Mr. Padam Singh 3. Mr. Sham Veer S/O Mr. Padam Singh Vide Doc No. 5604, Book No. 1, Registered on 28.01.2021, in S.R.-Ballabhgarh & (2) Death Certificate & SMC of Late Mr. Padam Singh now our client is declaring that that any other Person does not have any right over the said property, and same has been financed by Piramal Finance Ltd. Branch Faridabad Haryana. 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]
Advocate
F-211, sector-3 Vaishali Ghaziabad
Uttar Pradesh-201010, Contact at 0955871432

NAME CHANGE

I, PANCHALI mother of No-2618150H Rank-LINK Name-RAJESH P residing at H.NO-2219, DHARMARAJA NAGAR, VPO-PEDDATALAPALLI, DIST-KRISHNAGIRI, TAMIL NADU-635901, have changed my name from PANCHALI to PANJALI PERUMAL for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 26/11/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, LATHA wife of No-2611698L Rank-HAV Name-SUNIL KUMAR N residing at 676/1, PAPPANA LINE, OLD BYAPPANAHALLI, BANGALORE NORTH, MARUTHI SEVANAGAR, BANGLORE, KARNATAKA-560033, have changed my name from LATHA to LATHA S for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 26/11/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, SHAMANTHU mother of No-2611698L Rank-HAV Name-SUNIL KUMAR N residing at 676/1, PAPPANA LINE, OLD BYAPPANAHALLI, BANGALORE NORTH, MARUTHI SEVANAGAR, BANGLORE, KARNATAKA-560033, have changed my name from SHAMANTHU to SHAMANTHU M for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 26/11/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, MANJU DEVI is a legally wedded wife of Mr. 186773W Rank PIONEER Name JENDER KUMAR presently residing, VPO- GUDHA, TEH-KANINA, DIST-MAHENDERGARH, (HARYANA)-123027, have changed my name from MANJU DEVI to MANJU and date of birth from 28/02/1985 to 16/04/1983 for all future purposes. Vide affidavit dated 24.11.2025 before Sub Division Magistrate Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, LATHA wife of No-2611698L Rank-HAV Name-SUNIL KUMAR N residing at 676/1, PAPPANA LINE, OLD BYAPPANAHALLI, BANGALORE NORTH, MARUTHI SEVANAGAR, BANGLORE, KARNATAKA-560033, have changed my name from LATHA to LATHA S for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 26/11/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, hitherto known as MAAGURAM S/O DEVIRAM R/O B-5/82, Sector-11 Rohini, Sector-7, Po: Rohini, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as VIJAY.

NAME CHANGE
I, hitherto known as YASH SEJWAL, son of Shri KARAN SINGH, residing at F-574, Lado Sarai, Mehrauli, South Delhi, Delhi-110030, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as YASH CHOUDHARY.

NAME CHANGE
I, hitherto known as Chumchum S/O Rajesh Kumar R/O 250 Top Floor, Bank Enclave, Laxmi Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi-110092 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gouresh Barnania.

NAME CHANGE
I, ANUJ KUMAR S/O Kishan Pal Singh R/O A-48 FF, Kh.No-9/3, Gali No.4, Ambedkar Vihar Jhili Pur, Karawal Nagar, North East Delhi, Delhi-110094 have changed the name of my minor son Aarab Singh Rathour alias Aarabha Rathaur aged 13 years and he shall hereafter be known as Aarav Singh Rathour.

NAME CHANGE
I, hitherto known as Nangi Devi W/o Ramji Lal R/O C-1/230, Rohi Ni Sector 20, North West Delhi, Delhi-110088 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nanki Devi.

NAME CHANGE
I, hitherto known as ANISHA VISHWAKARMA D/O GANGA VISHWAKARMA R/O T-235/A, G/F, BALJEET NAGAR, NEAR GURDWARA, PATEL NAGAR, DIST: CENTRAL DELHI, DELHI-110008, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ANISHA B K

NAME CHANGE

I, GITA DEVI Mother of No-4283316L Rank-HAV Name-JAY PRAKASH SINGH residing at VILL-LODIPUR, PO-BEAPUR, DIST-PATNA, BIHAR-801503, have changed my name from GITA DEVI to GEETIA for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 24/11/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, DARBAR RAY Father of No-4283316L Rank-HAV Name-JAY PRAKASH SINGH residing at VILL-LODIPUR, PO-BEAPUR, DIST-PATNA, BIHAR-801503, have changed my name from DARBAR RAY to DARBAR SINGH for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 24/11/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, CHAUDHARY MEENABEN wife of NO-14660110M Rank-NK Name-PATEL RAMESHBHAI KHEMBABHAI R/O VILL- JORAWARGADH, DIST-BANASKANTH, GUJARAT-385320 have changed my name from CHAUDHARY MEENABEN to PATEL MEENABEN RAMESHBHAI for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit Dated 26/11/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, SALIMUDDIN S/O DEEN MOHAMMAD R/O HOUSE NO. W-8/D/FLATS TURKMAN GATE DELHI-110006, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SALEEM FOR ALL PURPOSES.

NAME CHANGE

I, MOHAMMAD Mohib Alam s/o Aminuddin R/O I-10, First Floor Haji Colony, Ghaffar Manzil, Jaiya Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Mohd Mohib Alam for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE
I, KUMARI AYUSHI Daughter of JC-773428F Rank-SUB Name-RAMKUMAR residing at VPO-BILASPUR, TEHSIL-MUZAFFARNAGAR, DIST-MUZAFFARNAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-251001, have changed my name from KUMARI AYUSHI to AYUSHI PAL for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 26/11/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, KUSUMLATA Mother of JC-773428F Rank-SUB Name-RAMKUMAR residing at VPO-BILASPUR, TEHSIL-MUZAFFARNAGAR, DIST-MUZAFFARNAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-251001, have changed my name from KUSUMLATA to KUSUM for all future purposes and in my son's service records my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1952 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1946 vide Affidavit dated 26/11/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, Shabeera, W/O Dr Farrukh Khan, R/O Property No.217 Ground Floor, Sukhdev Vihar Road, Near Friends Colony, Near Fortis Escorts Okhla, Sukhdev Vihar, Near Friends Colony, PO-Near Friends Colony, DIST-South East Delhi, Delhi, 110025, have changed my name to SHABEENA KHAN FOR all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE
I, Mohd NAEEM S/O MOHD SALEEM R/O H No-1304, GALI SHARIF WALI KALAN MAHAL, DARYA GANJ, DELHI-110002, have changed my name to MOHAMMAD NAEEM for all future purpose.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
The Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work:
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

No.	Name of work with its location	Providing/Laying 1x450 mm dia DI carrier pipe through 1x600 mm dia MS casing pipe for water/sewerage Under Railway track at km: 141/27-29 between JHI-NRW, 1x250 mm dia DI carrier pipe through 400 mm dia MS casing pipe for water/sewerage purpose Under Track at km: 162/3-5 between DHY-NRW and 1x400 mm dia carrier pipe through 600 mm dia MS casing pipe Under Railway Track at km: 162/4-6 between DHY-NRW on DLH-BTI section (NIT 107-25-26-W-V).
2.	Approx. Cost of Work	(1) Rs. 1,18,10,443.75
3.	Earnest Money	(1) Rs. 2,09,100.00
4.	Date and Time of Submission of Tender and Opening of Tender	Bidding Start date for work no. Up to 15:00 hrs. on 05.12.2025 opening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs. on 19.12.2025
5.	Website particulars published e-tender notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and website where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 128-W/260/Tender Notice/NIT-107/25-26-W-V Date: 25.11.2025 3662/2025

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Over 1K cybercriminals detained in 48-hour op

New Delhi: The Delhi Police have arrested or bound down more than 1,000 people during a 48-hour-long operation named Cy-Hawk, carried out across the national capital against cyber fraudsters, an official said on Friday. The operation was carried out jointly by units of the district police and the Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO). Multi-district raids uncovered a vast network of individuals involved in cheating, phishing, fake customer-care scams, investment frauds and digital payment thefts. With real-time analytical support from the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C), the police mapped hotspots, analysed suspicious mobile numbers, verified mule accounts and linked multiple financial trails with cyber complaints filed across the country. Joint Commissioner of Police (IFSO) Rajneesh Gupta said. He said 4,467 individuals were rounded up for verification, 877 were arrested or bound down and 509 notices were issued under Section 35 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. The police also registered 360 FIRs, linked 3,777 NCRP complaints to specific mule accounts and mobile networks, traced nearly Rs 1,000 crore in defrauded funds and neutralised several illegal call centres.

Man dies of suspected electrocution in Kirari

New Delhi: A 30-year-old man died of suspected electrocution at Lal Dharamshala in Inder Enclave Phase-II, Kirari, Northwest Delhi, police said on Thursday. The deceased, identified as Harendra, hailed from Mainpuri, UP. The incident came to light after officials at SGM Hospital, Mangolpuri, informed the Prem Nagar police station about the arrival of an unidentified male on Wednesday night who was brought in dead by a local. According to the police, Harendra was electrocuted while fetching water from a tap located near some exposed electrical wiring on the premises. Colleagues and bystanders rushed him to SGM Hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, HEMANT KUMAR S/O SUBHASH SINGH, residing at Plot no.273, Block-2, Lane -5, Kashimiri Colony, Pataki road, Najafgarh, South West Delhi, Delhi - 110043, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as SUBHASH CHAND in my 10th & 12th and B.com educational documents. The actual correct name of my father is SUBHASH SINGH, which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

NAME CHANGE

I, Dharamveer S/O Satpal Kapoor R/O H NO-1749 3rd Floor, Geeta Colony, East Delhi - 110031 Have changed my name to Dharmveer Kapoor for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, VIKAS GOEL S/O SU BHASH GOEL R/O 2nd B - 15, Nehru Nagar, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201001 have changed the name of my minor son AARADHY GOEL aged 13 years and he shall hereafter be known as AYUSHMAN GOEL.

NAME CHANGE

I, AMIT KUMAR YADAV S/O Shri BHAGWAN YADAV R/O House No. - 135, near Hanuman Mandir, Begam Pur, North West Delhi, Delhi - 110086 have changed the name of my minor son LOKAVYA, aged 10 years and he shall hereafter be known as LUCKY.

NAME CHANGE

I, Abhijit Choudhury S/O Late Pran Gopal Chowdhury, R/O - C-12, 2nd Floor, Acharya Niketan, Opposite to Radheshyam Mandir, Mayapuri Vihar Phase 1, New Delhi - 110091, have changed my name to Abhijit Chowdhury for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

JAMSIDA W/O SAFI R/O VPO MALAB, TEHSIL NUH, DIST. NUH, (HARYANA) 122107, HAVE CHANGED OF MY NAME JAMSHIDA TO JAMSIDA FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE

NAME CHANGE

I, Dr Farrukh, S/O Late D.A.H Khan, R/O A1/1805 Tower-15 Purvanchal Royal City, Chhnapur Khadar, Ch-5, Near Gautam Buddh University, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh - 201310, Have changed my name to FARRUKH KHAN FOR all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE

I, Shabeera, W/O Dr Farrukh Khan, R/O Property No.217 Ground Floor, Sukhdev Vihar Road, Near Friends Colony, Near Fortis Escorts Okhla, Sukhdev Vihar, Near Friends Colony, PO-Near Friends Colony, DIST-South East Delhi, Delhi, 110025, have changed my name to SHABEENA KHAN FOR all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE

I, Chahat W/O Ashwini malik R/O 5804-06 near shiv mandir near chandrawal jawhar nagar malkaganj delhi 110007 changed my name to Chahat Dahiya.

NAME CHANGE

I, MOHD NAEEM S/O MOHD SALEEM R/O H No-1304, GALI SHARIF WALI KALAN MAHAL, DARYA GANJ, DELHI-110002, have changed my name to MOHAMMAD NAEEM for all future purpose.

Public Notice

It is for general information that I, SOWATI DEVI W/O LATE PARAM SINGH R/O M14C, BASANT LANE, RAILWAY COLONY, PAHAR GANJ, CENTRAL DELHI-110055 declare that name of mine and my minor son were named wrongly written as SOBATI DEVI and LABIS SINGH in my minor son namely LABISH RAWAT aged 14 years in his school record. The actual name of mine and my minor son are SOWATI DEVI and LABISH RAWAT respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that our client Mrs. Gitan Wati Verma W/o Mr. D.P. Verma is the owner of Freehold Residential House No. 1/11388, area measuring 200 Sq. yds. Out of Kharsa No. 129, Situated at Village Udhlanpur in the abadi of Subhash Park Extension, Rani Jhansi Road, Naveen Shahrada, Delhi-110032, by virtue of Notarized GPA & ATS dated 19.11.1982 now our client is declaring that that any other Person does not have any right over the said property, and same has been sold too be Mrs. Gulnaz and same has been finance by Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd. Branch: Adarsh Nagar, New 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 14 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]
Advocate
F-211, sector-3 Vaishali Ghaziabad
Uttar Pradesh-201010, Contact at 0955871432

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that Name - **Seema W/O Mr. Anil Kumar** Present Address: I/ No 884/5 Gali No 6A Patel Nagar Near Banka Bihari Mandir Gurgaon Haryana. (seller). Be it known to all concerned on behalf of my client (Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited) that the Regd Deed Details -1 Sale Deed No 6733, Book No 1, Dated 08.11.1993 Executed by Oscar Developers (Thru its authorized signatory Mr. Anoop Kumar Jaitoa) in favour of M/s Bon Ton Importers & Exporters Pvt. Ltd. Shop No. 327 on Second Floor. And 2. Sale Deed No 28251, Book No 1, Dated 05.03.2008 Executed by M/s Bon Ton Importers & Exporters Pvt. Ltd. (Thru its authorized signatory Mr. Yugal Keshav Kochhar) in favour of Mrs. Prem Devi W/O Mr. Ram Kumar Yadav. Shop No. 327 on Second Floor and 3. Sale Deed No 33326, Book No 1, Dated 25.02.2011 Executed by Mrs. Prem Devi W/O Mr. Ram Kumar Yadav in favour of Mrs. Purnima Gaur W/O Mr. Nitin Gaur. (part of property chain) is missing, document and it is part of Commercial Shop No. 327 on 2nd Floor Municipal Committee No. 11196 having its covered area of measuring 270 Sq.Ft with full verandah in the front situated in the commercial complex known as "Aap Ka Bazar" Alwar Road Roshanpura Gurugram, Haryana, and Now Agreement To Sale Dated 24/10/2025 Executed by Mrs. Seema W/O Mr. Anil Kumar in favour of Mrs. Veena W/O Mr. Vinod. Shop No. 327 on Second Floor. And The same property is mortgaged to **Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited**, SCO-36, Sector-15-Part-II, Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin-122001 (My client). In respect of the aforesaid property papers are misplaced/lost and aren't traceable and a report in this regard has been lodged with P. S. Haryana .

Vide Application Number : 132270462501158 , Lost dated 01.04.2019 Any person (s), Association, or any other Legal Entity finding the same are requested to return the same to the undersigned forthwith. Any person (s) having any sort of right, claim, title or interest in the subject property under or on the basis of the said lost/misplaced document, or otherwise, may put forth his/her/its claim, along with the document(s) in support thereof, to the undersigned within 15 days from the publication of this notice, failing which no claim of any kind whatsoever shall be entertained thereafter.

Deepak Malik
(Advocate)
Address - Plot 604, Shop - 2, Kataria Complex, Dayanand Colony, Gurgaon

NEWS BOX

Families displaced after tornadoes hit Houston as Thanksgiving week begins

world. (Agency)
Kenny Beck surveyed the damage Tuesday to his family’s two-story home after at least two tornadoes tore through the Houston area, damaging over 100 homes at the start of a busy Thanksgiving travel week that has Americans closely eyeing the weather. “Half my roof on the back is gone,” Beck, 46, said as workers cleared large tree branches and other debris from around nearby houses in the suburb of Cypress. “We’ve lost a lot of ceiling because of the rain. Our garage door got sucked in.” No injuries were reported from Monday’s storm but it uprooted trees, downed power lines and scattered debris throughout some neighborhoods northwest of Houston. The National Weather Service on Tuesday had confirmed at least two tornadoes, one in Cypress with winds up to 105 mph (168 kph) and another around the community of Klein with winds up to 115 mph (185 kph).

Beck said that while repairs are being made, his family will have to move out of the home where they’ve lived and shared many moments and memories with family and friends over the past 20 years.I’m just hoping that here in a couple of months, we can get back in and we can start making more of those memories,” Beck said.Meanwhile, multiple rounds of storms and showers were expected in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. The storm system was expected to move to the Northeast by Tuesday night, with another one in the forecast in the Pacific Northwest. ‘Even though the official start of winter is nearly a month away, a wintry storm was developing in the northern part of the country, with snow falling in North Dakota.“That’s impacting North Dakota, Minnesota, including Minneapolis, and then portions of the northern Great Lakes,” said weather service meteorologist Marc Chenard in College Park, Maryland. He said snowfall was expected into Wednesday.As much as 8 inches (20 centimeters) of snow had fallen by late Tuesday afternoon in parts of North Dakota and South Dakota, according to the National Weather Service. In North Dakota, officials closed parts of Interstate 94 and Interstate 29 due to ice, low visibility and multiple accidents.

US climber among two killed after fall on New Zealand's tallest peak

BEIJING. (Agency)
Two climbers, including a man from the United States, died after falling near the summit of Aoraki, New Zealand’s tallest mountain, authorities confirmed on Wednesday.Police said the men were part of a four-member climbing team attempting the peak on Monday. According to the Associated Press, a distress call reached authorities late that night, prompting an immediate helicopter search. Two climbers -- a mountain guide and their client -- were located and rescued without injuries.Attempts to find the remaining two continued through the night. Search helicopters scanned the upper slopes in challenging alpine conditions. Their bodies were discovered on Tuesday morning (local time) and recovered later in the day by specialist crews from rescue organisations and government agencies.Police Area Commander Inspector Vicki Walker said neither of the two men had been formally identified, but confirmed that "one of the deceased is a United States national". She added that authorities are in contact with the US consulate and that a coroner’s investigation will follow.

GUIDE AMONG THE DEAD
The second victim was an internationally recognised climbing guide and a member of the New Zealand Mountain Guides Association. In a statement, the association said it was mourning the loss of an experienced professional who was well known in the country’s alpine community.Sgt Kevin McErlain told The Timaru Herald the two men who died had been roped together when they fell near the summit ridge of Aoraki, which stands 3,724 metres (12,218 feet) above sea level on New Zealand’s South Island.

FBI probes 6 Democrats who urged US military to refuse illegal orders

world . (Agency)
The FBI has requested interviews with six Democratic members of the US Congress who in a video message told members of the military they can legally refuse to carry out unlawful orders, a Justice Department official told Reuters on Tuesday. The move comes a day after the Pentagon threatened to recall Senator Mark Kelly, a Navy veteran and one of the six lawmakers, to active duty potentially to face military charges over what Secretary of Defence Pete Hegseth described on social media as "seditious" acts.President Donald Trump, who critics have said has sought to harness the power of the government to try to stifle dissent, accused the six Democrats of sedition and said in a social media post that the crime is punishable by death.The Justice Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the FBI interviews with the lawmakers were to determine "if there's any wrongdoing, and then go from there." The FBI is headed by Trump appointee Kash Patel.

NOT THE AMERICA I KNOW'
In statements on Tuesday, the Democrats described the FBI move as an effort by the Trump administration to intimidate them into silence."The President directing the FBI to target us is exactly why we made this video in the first place," US Senator Elissa Slotkin of Michigan, a former CIA officer and one of the six Democrats, said on X. "This is not the America I know, and I'm not going to let this next step from the FBI stop me from speaking up for my country, and our Constitution."The lawmakers have said their video statements accurately reflected US law. American troops swear an oath to the US Constitution, not the president, and under military rules must follow "any lawful general order or regulation.

Bangladesh's convicted ex-PM Hasina's party announces nationwide protests till Nov 30

LONDON. (Agency)
DHAKA: Bangladesh's ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League party on Tuesday announced nationwide agitations and "resistance marches" till November 30 in protest against the death sentence handed to the former premier by what it described as an "illegal" tribunal. On November 17, the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT-BD) sentenced 78-year-old Hasina to death along with then home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal on charges of committing "crimes against humanity" after a trial held in absentia. Hasina is currently in India, while Kamal is also believed to be hiding in the country. In a post on its official social media account, the Awami League alleged that the tribunal's verdict was part of a political "conspiracy" by the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government to keep Hasina and the party "out of the election" scheduled for February next year.Rejecting the "illegal verdict of the illegal ICT tribunal" and demanding the resignation of



Yunus, the party announced protests, demonstrations and "resistance marches across all districts and upazilas (sub-districts) until November 30".The party

said the "farcical" judgment had been "rejected with contempt" by citizens and described the tribunal proceedings as a "mockery of a trial."The Awami League

Inalienable part of India': MEA responds after China defends detention of Arunachal woman

World. (Agency)
India has issued a strong demarche (a formal diplomatic protest) to the Chinese side, in Beijing and in Delhi.

India took strong exception to China over the “arbitrary detention” of Thongdok, while firmly reiterating that the state is an “integral and inalienable” part of the country.

Responding to media queries on recent remarks by Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the woman, who held a valid Indian passport, was detained while transiting through Shanghai International Airport en route to Japan.Jaiswal said the matter had been taken up “strongly” with Chinese authorities, who have yet to "explain" their actions. He said that the detention violated international air travel conventions as well as China’s own rules permitting 24-hour visa-free transit for all nationalities.Reasserting India’s position, the MEA spokesperson said: "No amount of denial by the Chinese side is going to change this indisputable reality.

Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India." Earlier, China denied allegations that an Indian woman was harassed by



Chinese immigrationofficials at Shanghai Airport.Pem Wang Thongdok, a UK-based Indian citizen, had alleged that she was stopped during a three-hour layover at Shanghai airport because officials allegedly refused to recognise her Indian passport, claiming that Arunachal Pradesh 'is part of China.'

China justified the actions taken by the immigration officials, stating that they had acted according to laws and regulations.Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said Pem

Wang Thongdok had been provided a place and rest, along with food and drink, and was not subjected to any compulsory measures or detainment, contrary to her allegations."We have learnt that China's border inspection authorities have gone through the whole process according to the laws and regulations and fully protected the lawful rights and interests of the person concerned," Mao said.Pem Wang Thongdok was travelling from London to Japan on November 21 and had a three-hour transit stop at Shanghai Airport.Her passport was declared 'invalid' solely because it listed Arunachal Pradesh as her birthplace.Mao Ning, reiterating China's claims over Arunachal Pradesh, said, "Zangnan is China's territory. China never acknowledged the so-called Arunachal Pradesh, illegally set up by India."Thongdok, managed to get in touch with the Indian Consulate in Shanghai through a friend in the UK -- where she lives -- and was escorted to a late-night flight by the officials.

Death toll rises to 13 after heavy rain triggers Thailand's worst floods in years

KYIV.(Agency)
At least 13 people have died in southern Thailand as severe flooding continues to sweep across nine provinces, according to news agency Reuters. Thai government has put the armed forces in charge of the relief operation and prepared large-scale evacuations after heavy rains block rescue routes and cut off access to several areas.The flooding, among the worst to hit the region in years, has left water levels as high as two metres in some districts. The crisis has also extended across the border into Malaysia, where eight states have been inundated after days of monsoon rainfall.Thailand’s military has deployed a C-130 transport aircraft carrying medicine, food and drinking water. The navy said it is dispatching 14 boats and the aircraft carrier Chakri Naruebet, which will carry two helicopters, doctors and field kitchens capable of producing

3,000 meals a day."The fleet is ready to deliver forces and carry out actions as the Royal Navy orders," the military said, adding that the carrier can also function as a floating hospital. **HAT YAI BEARS THE BRUNT** Relief efforts have centred on Hat Yai, the commercial hub of the south and a key city in Thailand’s rubber industry. The city recorded 335 millimetres of rain on Friday, its highest in a single day in 300 years, officials said.Authorities are using boats, high-clearance trucks and even jet skis to reach people trapped in low-lying areas. "I ask people to leave the area 100 per cent because if the floods are high, there will be problems providing food and care." Governor Rathasart Chidchod told Channel 3 TV. Footage from Hat Yai showed torrents of brown water sweeping through commercial streets, vehicles submerged up to their roofs and

residents clinging to floating boxes as rescue teams in life vests evacuated families.Officials say 2.1 million people have been affected, with 13,000 already moved into emergency shelters. Many more remain stranded. "We are five people and a small child without rice and water," a Facebook user, The Hong Tep, posted in an appeal for help. "Phone reception has been cut – water is rising fast." **MALAYSIA ALSO HITHARD** In neighbouring Malaysia, more than 19,000 residents have been evacuated to 126 relief centres, mainly near the border with Thailand. Images from Perlis state showed teams wading through knee-deep water to reach homes, while boats ferried elderly people and children to safer ground.Malaysia’s Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said a team deployed in hard-hit Kelantan could support other states if conditions worsen.

Israel identifies the latest remains returned from Gaza as hostage Dror Or as hostage Dror Or

LONDON. (Agency)
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Wednesday that Israel had identified the latest remains returned from Gaza as hostage Dror Or.That leaves the bodies of two hostages in Gaza as the first phase of the Israel-Hamas ceasefire agreement nears a conclusion. Palestinian militants released Or’s remains Tuesday. Israel has agreed to release 15 Palestinian bodies for each hostage returned.Dror Or was killed by Islamic Jihad militants who overran his home in Kibbutz Beeri on Oct. 7, 2023, Israel’s military said. His wife, Yonat Or, was also killed in the attack.That day, Palestinian militants killed some 1,200 people across southern Israel and abducted 251 to Gaza. Kibbutz Beeri was one of the hardest-hit farming communities in that attack that started the war in Gaza.Two of Or’s children, Alma and Noam, were abducted by the militants on Oct. 7 and released in a hostage deal in



November 2023.Almost all of the hostages or their remains have been returned in ceasefires or other deals. The remains of two — one Israeli and one Thai national— are still in Gaza.Gaza’s Health Ministry says more than 69,700 Palestinians have been killed and 170,800 injured in Israel’s retaliatory offensive. The toll has increased during the ceasefire both from new Israeli strikes and from the recovery and identification of bodies of people killed earlier in the war.The ministry does not distinguish between civilians and combatants in its figures but has said women and children make up a majority of those killed. The ministry, part of the Hamas-run government and staffed by medical professionals, maintains detailed records viewed as generally reliable by independent experts.

Trump says he's sending envoys to see Putin, Ukrainians after fine-tuning plan to end war

WASHINGTON .(Agency)
President Donald Trump said Tuesday his plan to end the war in Ukraine has been “fine-tuned” and he’s sending envoy Steve Witkoff to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Army Secretary Dan Driscoll to meet with Ukrainian officials. Trump suggested he could eventually meet with Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, but not until further progress has been made in negotiations. Speaking to reporters on Tuesday evening aboard Air Force One, Trump said resolving the war was difficult, and described what had been a 28-point plan as a work in progress. “That was not a plan — it was a concept,” Trump said. Trump’s plan for ending the nearly four-year war emerged last week. It heavily favored Russia, prompting Zelenskyy to quickly engage with American negotiators. European leaders, fearing for their own future facing Russian aggression but apparently sidelined by Trump in drawing up the proposal, scrambled to steer the negotiations toward accommodating their concerns.Trump said he believed Witkoff

would be meeting with Putin next week in Moscow, with his son-in-law Jared Kushner potentially joining the meeting. “People are starting to realize it’s a good deal for both parties,” Trump said.The president played down the element of his plan that would require Ukraine to cede territory to Russia, suggesting that Russian forces were already likely to seize the land they’re seeking.“The way it’s going, if you look, it’s just moving in one direction,” Trump said. "So eventually that’s land that over the next couple of months might be gotten by Russia anyway.”At the center of Trump’s plan is the call on Ukraine to concede the entirety of its eastern Donbas region, even though a vast swath of that land remains in Ukrainian control. Analysts at the independent Institute for the Study of War have estimated it would take several years for the Russian military to completely seize the territory, based on its current rate of advances.Trump downplays transcript of Witkoff talks with Russian counterpart



Trump made his comments after Driscoll held talks late Monday and throughout Tuesday with Russian officials in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, to discuss the emerging proposal.“The talks are going well and we remain optimistic,” Lt. Col. Jeff Tolbert, spokesman for the Army secretary, said in a statement. Witkoff, a real estate developer turned diplomat, has been Trump’s chief interlocutor with Putin, while Driscoll, who is close to Vance, has stepped up his involvement in the administration’s peace push in recent days. As the talks were taking place, Russia

launched a wave of overnight attacks on Ukraine’s capital, Kyiv, with at least seven people killed in strikes that hit city buildings and energy infrastructure. A Ukrainian attack on southern Russia killed three people and damaged homes, authorities said.Trump spoke to reporters after Bloomberg News published a transcript of an Oct. 14 call between Witkoff and Putin’s foreign policy adviser Yuri Ushakov where Witkoff coached his counterpart on how Putin should handle a call with Trump. Trump downplayed Witkoff’s reported approach as “a very standard form of negotiation.”But U.S. Rep. Don Bacon, a Nebraska Republican who has been critical of Trump’s approach to Ukraine, said the transcript showed Witkoff favors the Russians. “He cannot be trusted to lead these negotiations. Would a Russian paid agent do less than he? He should be fired,” Bacon said on social media.Bloomberg said it reviewed a recording of the call, but did not say how it obtained access to the recording. The Associated Press has not independently verified the transcript.

NEWS BOX

Police sub-inspector trapped in ACB net in Nashik

Nashik . (Agency)
MIDC Police Station Sub-Inspector Raju Brijlal Patil (42) was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs one lakh from a complainant.
According to the sources in ACB, the complainant's son has been arrested by the police based on a complaint registered against him at the MIDC Police Station.
The complainant had approached Patil who demanded a bribe of Rs 1.60 lakh in order to make the case weak while filing the chargesheet sp that his son can get bail as soon as possible in this case.
However, after bargaining, the complainant agreed to pay an amount of Rs 1 lakh.
Then the complainant contacted ACB and informed them about this.
After verification of the complaint, an ACB team laid a trap in the premises of MIDC police station and caught red-handed Patil with the bribe money on Monday (yesterday) evening.
After this, the team detained Patil and registered a case under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act against him at Sinnar police station.

Court rejects bail plea of accused in Mithi river scam

Mumbai. (Agency)
A sessions court here has rejected the bail application of Shersingh M. Rathod, arrested for his alleged role in connection with the multi-crore Mithi River desilting scam. The court in its order, a copy of which was made available today, observed that Rathod played an active role in the conspiracy along with co-accused Ketan Kadam, who allegedly used shell companies to route funds and helped set contract terms in collusion with BMC officials.
Rathod, proprietor of M/s Maindeep Enterprise, is accused of conspiring with Kadam to execute an MoU and agreement to hire machines despite M/s Virgo Specialties Pvt Ltd not possessing the required machinery in January 2021.
He is also alleged to have prepared a fake MoU using forged signatures of deceased land owners for submission to the BMC, and of furnishing bills for dumping silt even though the project had not been carried out.
The scam, which allegedly involves multiple contractors and civic officials, is under active investigation by the Economic Offence Wing of the Mumbai police to trace the financial trail and identify beneficiaries of the siphoned funds.
The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is also conducting a parallel probe on the alleged financial irregularities and corruption related to the river's cleanup project Earlier ED had raided Bollywood actor Dino Morea's residence and examined various records and documents related to the financial transaction of the actor and his brother, Santino Morea, was for their possible links with the firm linked to the Mumbai multi-crore Mithi River desilting project and close links with the arrested accused Ketan Kadam of Vodar India Ltd.
One of the arrested accused Jay Joshi of Virgo Specialties Pvt Ltd, was earlier granted bail by the session court after his bail plea was rejected by the local court.

Gang vandalising vehicles in Pune punished by Police

Pune. (Agency)
Following a series of vehicle vandalism incidents in Pune, that created panic, police swung into action and have taken firm action against the culprits.
The accused who belonged to a gang were publicly punished, paraded before the citizens, and forced to walk on their knees as part of the police's disciplinary measure.
Two days earlier, around 20 to 25 vehicles were vandalised in the Fursungi area. The entire incident was captured on CCTV.
Members of a koyta (sickle-wielding) gang were seen damaging four-wheelers and rickshaws in Adarsh Nagar, Fursungi. Shockingly, the gang also shouted slogans while destroying the vehicles.
After the footage went viral on social media, the police launched an intensive search for the gang. Following a thorough investigation, the police successfully apprehended the accused today. They were then given on-the-spot punishment in front of the public as a stern message against criminal activities.

Special initiative launched to educate school, college students about Indian Constitution

Pune. (Agency)
Mumbai, Nov 25 (UNI) A special educational initiative aimed at introducing school and college students to the Indian Constitution has been launched by Rajiv Patil, the first mayor of the Vasai-Virar Municipal Corporation. The programme has been organised to mark 75 years of the Indian Constitution and is intended to provide young students with fundamental knowledge of constitutional principles in a simple, accessible and engaging format.
As part of the initiative, Marathi and English editions of the book 'Our Constitution', authored by Padmashri Ramesh Patange, will be released on Wednesday at 5 pm. Organisers stated that a Hindi edition of the same book will also be made available shortly to ensure wider reach among students across different linguistic backgrounds.

‘North Karnataka needs more districts, better governance and not statehood’

Kalyana-Karnataka districts lag in human development, with poorer education, healthcare, jobs, irrigation, and industry than Bengaluru.

Karnataka . (Agency)
The demand for a separate North Karnataka state has resurfaced once again, this time from within the ruling party. Congress MLA Bharamgouda (Raju) Kage has written to the President of India, the Prime Minister, the governor and the chief minister, calling for a new state carved out of 15 northern districts. He cited decades of neglect since the unification of Karnataka in 1956 and pointed to a signature campaign supported by over one crore people.
Behind the letter lies a grievance that is both old and real. Districts in what is now called Kalyana-Karnataka consistently rank at the bottom on human development indicators. Access to quality education, healthcare, irrigation, industry and stable employment is much weaker than in Bengaluru and the southern belt.
Large numbers of young people from Raichur, Yadgir, Koppal and Ballari migrate to other states or cities for basic livelihood. The state



itself has acknowledged this gap through the DM Nanjundappa Committee report on regional imbalance, the more recent Govind Rao committee set up to review it, and through the special status granted to the Kalyana Karnataka region under Article 371(J) of the Constitution. The problem is not lack of diagnosis, but lack of adequate response.
The question, however, is whether breaking Karnataka is the only way to address this crisis. Statehood is a drastic remedy. It requires a long and uncertain process under Article 3 of the Constitution, a political consensus that does

not yet exist, and a complex division of assets, staff and institutions.
It would raise fresh questions about the sharing of rivers and reservoirs in a region already strained by water disputes. It would also cut across the emotional idea of ‘Akhand Karnataka’, which was built through a long movement for a unified Kannada-speaking state. Before choosing such an extreme instrument, it is necessary to examine whether less disruptive but serious structural reforms have been exhausted.
The core complaint that residents of North Karnataka describe is not only about the amount of money spent, but about distance from power. In several districts, many taluks are more than 100 km from the district headquarters. For a woman who needs a signature on a scholarship form, a farmer who disputes land records or a worker who wants to pursue a grievance, this can mean losing a full day, spending on travel and depending on local intermediaries.

Barred from KSCA polls, Shantha Kumar moves Karnataka HC

BENGALURU.(Agency)
KN Shantha Kumar, contesting for the post of president of the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), moved the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday after the electoral officer rejected his candidature on technical grounds. As things stand now, former India pacer Venkatesh Prasad will be uncontested for the president's post. An official statement from Team Brijesh, which backs Kumar, stated that the technicality is materially trivial. “The nomination of KN Shantha Kumar for the post of president of the KSCA was rejected because the sports body he represented had an outstanding subscription arrear of Rs 200,” the statement read.
Team Brijesh confident of relief from court
“Not a large unpaid bill, not a financial scandal, not even a technical violation of significant



consequence, just Rs 200 spread across four years, an amount that would barely buy two cups of filter coffee on MG Road,” the statement read.
Team Brijesh is confident that the court will rule in their favour, as a source from the camp expects the court to hear Kumar's petition on

Wednesday. The statement read, “In this case, the arrear belongs not to Shantha Kumar personally, but to the association he represents.” It also charged the KSCA electoral body with misconduct.
“The rejection of a presidential nomination over Rs 200 creates an impression not of strict adherence to rules, but of overzealous technical policing or worse, of an attempt to keep a particular contender out of the fray. When sports bodies begin treating petty lapses as disqualifying crimes, the credibility of the election process suffers,” it read.
Apart from Kumar, the electoral body also disqualified Vinay Mruthyunjaya, who was running for the post of secretary from Team Game Changers led by Venkatesh Prasad.

Some Congress leaders met us to form govt: Ashoka

KALABURAGI. (Agency)
“Some Congress leaders approached us to explore the possibility of forming a government with the help of rebels if the situation warrants. But we told them that BJP is not interested in fishing in troubled waters,” said senior BJP MLA and Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka here on Tuesday. He told reporters that people are confused whether an elected government is functioning in the state as the ruling party factions are busy purchasing their own MLAs for a show of strength before the Congress high



command.
Former deputy chief minister Govind Karjol, who too was present, said whoever bids the highest will become the chief minister in Congress. The auction has started with Rs 7 crore, he alleged. He said three factions — Siddaramaiah's, DK Shivakumar's and Lingayats' — are in the race for chief minister's post. Though Dalits have thrown in their hats, they will not succeed, he felt.
Ashoka said Siddaramaiah is creating confusion among Congress legislators by saying he will be chief minister for a full five years, then changing the stance to say he would abide by the high command. At the same time, Shivakumar is busy meeting Naga Sadhus and visiting temples for blessings to become chief minister, he added.

Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel inaugurates Navsari Bus Port, promises ‘all-round development’

Surat . (Agency)
Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel on Tuesday visited Navsari town for the first time after its upgradation from Nagar Palika to a municipal corporation.
Laying the foundation stone, Patel inaugurated development projects worth Rs. 475 crore. He inaugurated the Navsari Bus Port – the 13th such port out of 15 bus ports planned by the state government across the region under the Public-Private Partnership model.
Addressing a gathering at the Town Hall in Navsari, CM Patel said, “When Navsari was Nagar Palika, the annual budget was around Rs 150 crore, and now, after it has become a Municipal Corporation, the annual budget is around Rs. 850 crore. The entire area remains the same, but the budget has increased, which will bring more development in the corporation's area. There will be all-round

development.”
On a tour over the past three days, Patel said he had inaugurated development projects in different districts, including Rajkot, Kutch, Jamnagar and Navsari, worth Rs. 2320 crores.
“In the last three days, such a huge amount of funds has been spent on



development, which will lead to easier living for the citizens of Gujarat,” Patel said.
Patel assured the citizens of Navsari that the flow of funds from the state and central governments will flow every year for Navsari's development.

CM Patel added, “There was a target to build 15 bus depots across the state to bus ports, so that citizens should experience elegance. Today, we have inaugurated the 13th such bus port in Gujarat. These depots have been built under a Public-Private partnership, which includes banquet halls, restaurants, multiplex cinema halls, shopping malls, etc., so that people should have a better experience.”
He appreciated the work done by Navsari BJP MP and Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Paatil, who had done exceptionally well in the “Catch the Rain project”.
Congratulating the people of Navsari, he said, “Under such a programme, Navsari remained in seventh position in the Western Zone and received an award. Additionally, Navsari was among the top ten cities in the state and among 41 cities across the country under Swachh Survekshan.”

Pakistani couple ‘elopes’ to Gujarat’s Kutch, detained



Ahmedabad. WEEKS AFTER a Pakistani couple crossed the International Border into India from their village in Sindh province allegedly after their families opposed their relationship, another “couple” from Pakistan was intercepted in the early hours on Monday by the Border Security Force (BSF) along the Gujarat frontier, police said.
The two were spotted by BSF personnel between pillars 523 and 524 on the Indian side of the border with Pakistan around 2:50 am on Monday and handed over to the Balasar police station, Kutch (East), around 4 am on Tuesday, police said.
The duo identified themselves to the police as Popatkumar Nathu Bhil (24) and Gauri Gulab Bhil (20) but could not produce any formal identification, officers said. An investigation officer told The Indian Express that the two only carried 100 Pakistani Rupees (PKR). The officer added, “They claimed to be in a relationship but their families were against it.”
While the BSF did not release a statement in the matter, police said the two claimed to be residents of a village in Tharparkar district, located in Mirpur Khas Division of the Sindh Province, Pakistan.
The two would be taken to the Joint Interrogation Centre in Bhuj city, Kutch, and questioned by security agencies, police said. Kutch (East) Superintendent of Police Sagar Bagmar was unavailable for comment on Tuesday.
On October 8, another “couple” from Pakistan – Toto alias Tara Ranmal Chudi and Meena alias Puja Karsan Chudi – were detained by the police at Ratanpar village in Kutch. They told the police that they lived in the same locality, near a temple in a village of Islamkot in Pakistan and since the families were against their relationship, they “eloped” on October 4.

Nariman Point to Virar in under an hour? Here’s how new sea link will redraw Mumbai’s north-south map

The Uttan-Virar Sea Link, a high-speed, eight-lane north-south coastal corridor, is expected to enable seamless travel from Virar to South Mumbai.

Mumbai. (Agency)
The Maharashtra government on Tuesday approved the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Uttan-Virar Sea Link, a project that will eventually serve as the northernmost arm of Mumbai's coastal road network. When completed, this corridor is expected to become the final missing piece in a future ring road skirting the city's western shoreline, enabling a seamless high-speed drive from Nariman Point to Virar and, later, Palghar.
What is the Uttan-Virar Sea Link project?
The Uttan-Virar Sea Link (UVSL) is planned as a high-speed, eight-lane north-south coastal corridor within the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. It has been conceptualised to connect Uttan, near Bhayandar, with Virar through a 24.35 km sea bridge. This is the first phase of a

larger vision that involves extending the corridor further north from Virar to the upcoming deep-draft port at VadHAVAN in Palghar.
Phase 1 spans a total of 55.12 kilometres, including both the sea link and approach roads. These include 24.35 km of sea link between Uttan and Virar, the 9.32 km Uttan connecting road, a 2.5 km Vasai connecting road and an 18.95 km Virar connecting road.
The project is estimated to cost Rs 58,754 crore. To fund it, the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) has been permitted to raise Rs 44,332 crore from foreign lenders, with Japan's JICA being explored as a primary source. The state government will contribute Rs 11,116 crore towards taxes, land acquisition and rehabilitation, while MMRDA will add Rs 3,306



crore.
Does this sea link improve commuting to South Mumbai?
On its own, the Uttan-Virar Sea Link does not directly improve connectivity to South Mumbai. Its significance lies in the fact that it is a crucial component of the state's long-term plan to create a continuous coastal road network along western Mumbai, effectively

forming a ring road around the city. This network will consist of the fully operational Mumbai Coastal Road, the Bandra-Worli Sea Link, the under-construction Bandra-Versova Sea Link and the Versova-Bhayandar elevated coastal corridor. Only when all these stretches are completed will commuters be able to travel seamlessly from South Mumbai to

Virar on an uninterrupted, high-speed coastal route.
Which current problems will the sea link help solve?
Once the full coastal chain is in place, the sea links together will help reduce pressure on the Western Express Highway, SV Road and Link Road, all three of which routinely face heavy congestion. They will also fill the existing gap in coastal connectivity north of Versova, where no direct coastal route currently exists.
Today, travel between the far northern suburbs and South Mumbai can take between 90 minutes and two hours. With the complete coastal corridor in place, this time is expected to be reduced considerably. Virar to South Mumbai could take around 45 to 55 minutes, while travel from Vasai or Uttan to South Mumbai could drop to 30 to 40 minutes.

Old hobbies give way to new addictions

Think this out. What are you addicted to? What’s your addiction? What’s your daily fix? All of us have one. It could be your morning newspaper read. It could be your morning cup of filter coffee. Or both. But each one of us has one, if not many.

Addiction, then, is the disease I am writing about. I call it one as it seems to be quite an epidemic as of now. It’s all around us. It is within us. And yet we don’t recognise it to be what it is. We continue oblivious, leading ostensibly happy lives.

Without pointing fingers out at the society all around us, let me talk of my personal addictions. I am addicted to my morning cup of coffee accompanied by my favorite newspaper every morning. If it’s a holiday for the newspaper, my coffee doesn’t taste half as good. And vice versa. I am addicted to the habit of posting on X, Threads, Instagram, and LinkedIn first thing every morning. I need to do it every day. I am addicted to chocolate just as I am addicted to rice. A meal without rice is no meal to eat at all.

You have your addictions and I have mine. Some are addicted to cigarettes, some to alcohol, and some to endlessly flipping fingers on Instagram reels. All are addictions for sure. Some happened on their own by habit, and others got planted there by purpose. Either way, over a period of time, each one of us has a bundle of addictions which we have either bought into on our own or have been subliminally forced to own by someone out there profiting from the addiction business altogether. Whatever it is, there seem to be very few people around who can claim they are addiction-free. If you are one of them, I doff my ‘Mysuru peta’ to you. I have just closed a study on the addictions of the young in India. The definition of this swathe of ‘young’ lies in the age-group of 10-35 in India. We did this probe across 13 big urban agglomerations and 106 villages in India. We had a sample size that is representative across the regions and the data-peek I present at the macro level here is as fresh as three weeks new. Let me just cover the top-line finding. The big headline.

The young in India are bored. Despite being engaged in a frenetic lifecycle of study, work, and play, the young are bored. They are typically bored of whatever they do. If you are studying, you are bored of studying. If you are teaching, you are bored of teaching. This boredom index varies across age groups and regions, but by and large, everyone is bored and wants to do something different. Something apart from what they are doing. In the old days, the hobby was an escape mechanism. Today, the hobbies of yore have died. Stamp-collecting went away with the literal death of the traditional postal system itself. Pen-friendship (a hobby where you made friends with people you never met through the exchange of letters) died with it as well. The birds are still around, but who wants to be a bird-watcher? Bee-keeping is a clumsy thing to do.

The young in India today are sublimating every differentiated hobby of the past into the common hobbies of the day forced upon them by the digital revolution that has overtaken our lives. All of a sudden, the advent of television in the country itself brought in the prime addiction of watching short and long format programs on television. This killed the hobby of going to the movies in theatres and transitioned it to a swathe of stuff you can watch on television today in the privacy of your drawing room. Digital media today has killed every hobby there is. Whatever your old hobby was, it can be done virtually online. You can travel to distant places online, meet new people on dating sites, and can listen to music digitally with ease today. Every hobby has got reduced to something you can do with ease with the digital ally. The old hobbies have given way to new addictions. While hobbies were a benign pleasure, the new addiction that dominates the young in India today is a bit worrying on the score of many being negative in terms of encouraging sloth, repetitiveness and the inane habit.

Lessons from the Red Fort blast

Why the bogeys of land, love and Pak-sponsored global jihad ultimately fail

THE terrorist car bombing at Red Fort on November 10 has led investigators to an alleged radicalised network of individuals, most of them doctors, mainly from Kashmir but also from other states, who were reportedly influenced by pan-Islamist ideologies, namely al-Qaeda and the ISIS, and mentored by “handlers” in faraway Afghanistan, Pakistan and Turkey. This is not the first time that India is confronting a group of highly educated, radicalised persons who wanted to overwhelm the Indian state with acts of terrors. In the 2000s, a group called the Indian Mujahideen (IM) claimed or was blamed for a string of bombings in various cities of India — Mumbai, Delhi, Pune, Varanasi.

IM still remains on India’s list of banned organisations though it has been considered to be inactive since the 2013 arrest of one of its founders, Yasin Bhatkal. Two others were reported to have found safe haven across India’s western border. IM itself was said to be an offshoot of Students’ Islamic Movement of India (SIMI). People’s Front of India is another such group. India held that IM was Pakistan’s creation, an allegation that Pakistan denied. In the present case, a Kashmiri maulvi who preached at a mosque in Nowgam, is alleged to have worked as an “overground” operative of the Pakistan-based and protected Jaish-e-Mohammed. There is said to be no other evidence yet to say conclusively that the radicalisation of the doctors was mentored by the Jaish.

Irrespective of whether the group had Jaish links, or was a manifestation of global jihad, or even if the “module” was self-radicalised, the question really boils down to what lessons India draws from the Red Fort incident to check such radicalisation. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told an interviewer during his July 2005 visit to the US that he “took pride in the fact that, although we have 150 million Muslims in our country as citizens, not one has been found to have joined the ranks of al-Qaeda or participated in the activities of Taliban”. Why is that, the interviewer, Wolf Blitzer of CNN, asked. “This is because India is a functioning democracy,” Singh replied. “We are a secular state where all sections of communities, regardless of religion, caste and creed, they may belong to — can participate in our mainstream national activities. Being a democracy, being a secular democracy where all religions are free to practice their respective faiths without fear, without favour. I think that’s something which has prevented that sort of eventuality.”

Singh did not mention things he must have known were already concerns for the security agencies. India’s secular

compact was fraying by then. In Kashmir, the Pak-backed Hizbul Mujahideen, which had entered the fray in the 1990s, had split and a cold peace had descended in Jammu & Kashmir, as the government embarked on a dialogue with Pakistan and separately with political stakeholders in the state. The battleground shifted to the Indian mainland. The IM came up around the same time that Singh made those remarks, and SIMI had been in existence for a few years. In the radicalisation of the educated, professionally qualified, well employed young men who joined the ranks of IM, three themes dominated the narrative — the destruction of the Babri Masjid in



1992, the cross-country trail of communal violence before and after this turning point, and the 2002 riots in Gujarat. Over the last 10 years, the apparent political, economic, and social marginalisation of India’s Muslim community is no state secret. The acts of casual and deliberate and often deadly violence against Muslims, the bogeys of love jihad, land jihad, exam jihad, the bulldozing of homes of Muslim men suspected of crimes, the regular dog whistles by those in high office, plus concerted efforts to replicate the “Babri model” with demand in courts to dig up mosques across the country to find temples purportedly buried under them are hardly normal for a secular democracy where all religions co-exist peacefully, as Singh described India. In Kashmir, the

Red Fort car bombing revealed new dimensions to an old problem. Until now Kashmiri Muslims who have taken to the gun have cast their battle against the Indian state as one to liberate their land from an “occupying force”. This is the first time that Kashmiri radicals have sought to widen the battleground. The radicalised doctors also challenged the old wisdom that Kashmiri Muslims and other Indian Muslims consider themselves discrete communities that would never make common cause. Their network, which includes a woman doctor from UP, points to a small crack in that wall. Call it an unintended “integration” — of Muslim grievances.

As for the intended integration through the August 2019 constitutional changes in J&K, there is no concealing anymore that it was about territory, not the people. To those asking why Kashmiri students were flocking to Al Falah, firstly, as Indian citizens, they can go anywhere in the country to study. But perhaps more importantly, this particular institution, located in Haryana’s Faridabad, a district with the second highest Muslim majority after Mewat, suggested more physical safety than colleges in UP or Maharashtra. The harassment of Kashmiris in Delhi and other cities in North India has been so routinised that their mistreatment after the Red Fort attack barely made the news. But the ugly fracas over the admission of mostly Muslim students to a medical college in Jammu, named after the region’s famous Hindu diety, Mata Vaishno Devi, frames why Kashmiri students leave the state to find higher education. Meanwhile, the statehood promised by the Centre to the Supreme Court is nowhere in sight. Last year’s election was celebrated for the record voter turnout, but the elected government remains powerless.

India today is not the same country that Singh described proudly in 2005. Fraying then, the secular fabric has now developed huge holes. But the former PM’s words should serve as a reminder at this time when people are asking, why doctors, why Red Fort? The answer is not to bulldoze the homes of suspects as a form of instant justice.

The reasons Pakistan’s ISI or purveyors of global jihad such as ISIS or al-Qaeda and its purported Kashmir wing, Ansar Ghazwat’ul Hind, failed to find more than a handful of converts to their agendas or ideologies in Kashmir or elsewhere among the nation’s two hundred million Muslims is in large part due to the constitutional guarantees to the nation’s minorities. They remain India’s most important weapon against radical agendas.

Simpler labour laws must also aim to protect scarce jobs

Zoos need to be open about any disease outbreaks, even small ones, and keep their wildlife health records updated and accessible

At long last, the Union government has notified the four labour codes. In 2019 and 2020, it repealed as many as 29 labour laws and replaced them with four amalgamated codes — on wages, industrial relations, social security, and occupational safety and working conditions. Though these were passed by parliament five years ago, the absence of the rules required for enforcement had kept them in abeyance. The government’s stated rationale is that multiple overlapping laws made compliance and enforcement difficult, and that many colonial-era provisions were outdated. Though unstated, the move is also aimed at making India more attractive for foreign investment. Opposition trade unions have broadly condemned the new codes as an ‘anti-labour’ move designed to usher in a ‘hire-and-fire’ regime. The old threshold — companies employing 100 or more workers requiring government permission for closure or lay-offs — has been raised to 300, giving firms more flexibility to shut down or rationalise departments and manning levels. Similarly, the 8-hour working



day — considered a hard-won right secured by trade unions over decades — has been altered by the stroke of a pen. For industry, the codes promise less red tape. The number of returns will come down from 39 to just one electronic return, and licences will be offered through single-window clearances. But the Association of Indian Entrepreneurs

reckons the codes will raise operating costs for smaller enterprises. For millions of unorganised workers, the focus will now shift to defining and enforcing minimum wages. Among the categories listed for minimum wages, work predominantly performed by women has often been slotted under the unskilled category; livestock care, for instance, is assumed to be done by men. A flexible hire-and-fire regime, while workable in a robust economy with plentiful jobs, can be detrimental in Indian conditions. Regular jobs are scarce and unemployment is rampant. Yet much of the job-protection framework has been dismantled. Today, barely 6.3 percent of the workforce is unionised, and labour disputes have dropped dramatically — from 354 in 2014 to just 76 between 2015 and 2023. Generating and protecting jobs must, therefore, be a priority for governments. The new labour codes may be a start, but the need for course correction will be felt more urgently down the line.

Post-COP30 global climate order

COP30 achieved a breakthrough on adaptation finance and recognised that countries will chart diverse paths. Some rich countries are likely to ramp up unilateral trade measures in the name of environmental integrity, whereas others will form climate coalitions. India must evaluate all available paths for itself

The last couple of days at the 30th Conference of Parties (COP30) in Brazil witnessed intense battles — between the legitimate demand of the developing world to enhance financial support for the energy transition and adaptation, and the push on climate ambition as perceived by the developed world. At every COP, the developed world seems a lot more concerned about its own industry, jobs, and the climate impact on its communities and ecosystems. It pushes the developing world to accelerate emission mitigation, even in the absence of adequate financial support. The same script repeated itself in the push for a ‘fossil fuel transition roadmap’, down to the last minute, at COP30.

COP is a platform where countries come together to give some and take some in the spirit of ‘global mutirão’, or community action, as framed by the Brazilian presidency. When so many countries come together to make difficult choices, there are two potential ways to ensure action. Either create a tight, legally-bound architecture where countries that don’t act on climate are penalised, or have a bottom-up voluntary architecture based on trust and accountability. The Copenhagen COP (COP15) showed the world that top-down would not work. The Paris Agreement was built on the latter, a voluntary framework, and has already bent the emissions curve. By bringing real-world constraints, such as development barriers and lack of adequate finance, and workable pathways to the fore, the developing world helped chart a more honest course at COP30. It delivered meaningful wins — a long-awaited breakthrough on adaptation finance; real progress on just transition by recognising that countries will chart diverse, development-linked pathways; and, despite a difficult geopolitical year, a deal that kept the multilateral process intact.

Enhancing mitigation ambition means difficult choices.

This is when the spirit of mutirão is tested. The big question is: would this bottom-up architecture, where countries undertake actions based on their national circumstances, work? The text coming out of COP30 emphasises the criticality of multilateralism to give a message to the world: it is important to not be swayed by what is happening to the global order. Trust is the bedrock of multilateralism. It will only be created if there are spaces for honest conversations on issues close to parties’

national interests. The COP30 presidency took a significant step in this direction by allowing some core issues to be discussed, even if it was impossible to put these on the formal agenda. Parties were heard, a critical first step to rebuild trust. However, continuous backsliding on the core principle of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, constant denial of the means of implementation, and implementation of unilateral trade measures don’t bode well for the future of the Paris Agreement. As research by the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water has highlighted for years, the transition to a net-zero world is an economic transformation. Countries whose economies are critically dependent on fossil fuels either for economic or energy security and access are bound to resist hard in the absence of meaningful and mandatory financial support. So the key question now is: which direction are we going post-COP30? The Global South is already acting on many fronts — simply because it cannot afford not to. CEEW research shows India’s current climate policies could cut about 4 billion tonnes of CO2



between 2020 and 2030 — 1.6 times the EU’s 2023 emissions.

The developing South will further accelerate transition if low-cost, predictable, and meaningful financial support is available — the required quantum of which is far beyond what developed countries have so far been willing to support. Most likely, the desired finance will never come. But the developed world, especially the EU, is deeply committed to the idea of global ambition.

There are potentially two directions from here. First, countries in the developed world will ramp up unilateral trade measures under the guise of environmental

retaliate through its own version of CBAM or other trade measures; and it can assess the implications of being a part of climate coalitions. India should realise that the game is no longer being played solely at the UNFCCC platform. It has to meaningfully assess and devise strategies to engage in the other two arenas as well, committing equal intellectual investment. It has to somehow balance between principles and realpolitik. The outcome of COP30 shows that the task has become more complicated, but so is India’s capacity to shape it with clarity, confidence, and real solutions.

NEWS BOX

My remarks on BLOs distorted, claims Jharkhand Health Minister Irfan Ansari

Ranchi. (Agency)

Jharkhand Health Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari, who kicked up a controversy after telling people to lock up the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) inside if they visit their homes for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, on Tuesday sought to clarify his statement, terming it a "distortion" of his words and an attempt to create unnecessary confusion.

He is quoted as having told people: "If anybody (BLO) comes to remove your name (SIR) from the voter list, lock them inside your house....I will come and open the lock. Never allow them at any cost to remove your name from the voter list," he said. Ansari also alleged that the BJP is conspiring to brand people as "infiltrators" and eliminate their names from the voter list under the guise of SIR.

The opposition BJP termed his remarks as an attack on Booth Level Officers (BLOs). Ansari rejected the allegations.

The minister said that cybercrime has been rising steadily in Jamtara, and certain individuals have been impersonating BLOs in order to extort or intimidate people under the pretext of adding or deleting names from the voters' list. "My remarks were aimed purely at alerting the public. But the BJP twisted my straightforward caution and tried to project me as some sort of 'national hero'. This only shows that the BJP has completely lost its sense of judgement and moral direction," he said.

Clarifying his original statement, Dr. Ansari stressed that a BLO is an authorized representative of the government and the Election Commission, and all additions or deletions in the voter list must take place strictly as per the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) procedure.

Five killed as car plunges into Sharda Canal in Bahraich

Lakhimpur Kheri. (Agency)

A tragic accident occurred late Tuesday night when an Alto car returning from a wedding ceremony plunged into the Sharda Canal near Paras Purwa village on the Dakehrwa-Girjapuri Highway in the Padhua police station area. Five people lost their lives, while the driver remains critically injured, police confirmed on Wednesday.

The incident occurred around 1:00 am on Wednesday. Residents reported hearing a loud splash as the car fell into the canal, which prompted nearby people to rush to the scene. By the time they arrived, the vehicle had almost completely submerged. Witnesses said the passengers were seen struggling inside, but the car sank within moments.

Locals immediately informed the police. Sub-Inspector Abhishek Singh and his team from Padhua police station reached the site. With the help of villagers, they arranged a rope and a boat to enter the canal. Villagers tied the submerged vehicle with the rope and managed to pull it to the bank.

The doors of the car were reportedly locked, forcing rescuers to break the windows with bricks. All six occupants were removed from the vehicle. One victim briefly regained consciousness after CPR, but five others remained unresponsive. They were rushed to CHC Ramiya Behar, where doctors declared five people dead.

The deceased have been identified as Jitendra (23), Ghanshyam (25), Lalji (45), Surendra (50), and Azimullah, all residents of the Ghaghra Barrage area of Sujauli police station in Bahraich. Four of the deceased were employees of the Ghaghra Barrage in Bijnor. The driver, Bablu, is admitted in critical condition.

Govt implementing major reforms to ensure quality & inclusive education across HP: Ajay Verma

Kangra. (Agency)

Himachal Pradesh Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) Vice Chairman Ajay Verma today said that the state government is implementing major reforms to ensure quality and inclusive education across the state. He said 850 institutions have been developed as Centres of Excellence, while the newly established Rajiv Gandhi Day-Boarding Schools and government CBSE schools will play a significant role in shaping students' futures.

Verma was addressing the annual prize distribution function at Government Senior Secondary School, Doogiyari, where he was the chief guest. Airport Authority Director Amit Saklani, Indrajit, Deepika Jain and DIET Principal Rakesh Sharma were also present.

He said the government has fulfilled its commitment to introduce English-medium education from Class 1 in all government schools. The Doogiyari school, located in the heart of Kangra, has now been included in the state's CBSE list, which will benefit thousands of students by providing quality education at affordable fees. Modern facilities will be added to the school, he said, expressing gratitude to the Chief Minister.

Verma added that advanced Rajiv Gandhi Day-Boarding Schools are being set up in every Assembly constituency, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities to promote holistic development.

Deputy Mayor Bedi blames GMADA, forest officials, says 'major betrayal with the public'

The issue took a fresh turn after the forest department approved the swapping of the 23-acre PLPA land with land in Mattewara (Ludhiana).

Ludhiana. (Agency)

Mohali Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi has termed the proposed land swap of 23 acres from Sector 90 with land in Ludhiana's Mattewara Forest as a "major betrayal with the public", accusing Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) and forest department officials of gross negligence and misleading practices.

Bedi said GMADA had misled thousands of plot holders for years under the guise of letters of intent (LOI) and collected crores in fees through repeated transfers of these LOIs. "It is shocking and ridiculous that GMADA officials now claim they had no idea that these 23 acres fall under the Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900 (PLPA)," Bedi stated.

He asserted that PLPA land cannot be swapped with land in another district, "especially not



100 km away in Ludhiana". Bedi said he has already written to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to halt the swap and is prepared to move to court if necessary.

'Plot holders must be allotted plots immediately'

Calling for corrective action, Bedi demanded that

all those from whom crores were collected be immediately allotted plots in other Mohali sectors, enabling them to finally start building their long-awaited homes. He emphasised that no development project is above public health, law, and environmental norms, and strict action must be taken against officials who "tampered with legal provisions".

Swap approval triggers new controversy

The issue took a fresh turn after the forest department approved the swapping of the 23-acre PLPA land with land in Mattewara (Ludhiana). The file is now pending final clearance at the Union Ministry of Environment, Chandigarh Regional Office.

GMADA has stated that once Central approval is received, development work in Sector 90 will begin immediately. In the first phase, 144 acres will be developed for residential, commercial, institutional and public infrastructure.

On posters and walking barefoot, Bains drew attention for good and bad

Chandigarh. (Agency)

With his posters dotting the roads leading to Anandpur Sahib and the city, Education Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA from Anandpur Sahib, Harjot Bains remained in focus during the commemoration of 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Teg Bahadur.

Bains, who walked barefoot during all three days of the function, wore shoes only after the bhog of completion of akhand path Tuesday. He even attended the special session of Vidhan Sabha while being barefoot.

Anandpur Sahib was chosen for the commemoration events considering its association with the ninth Sikh Guru and Bains represents the Assembly segment. The entire government machinery worked overtime for commemoration function. It took more than a month to set up the tent city and the Vidhan Sabha at Bhai Jaita Ji memorial. Invites were sent to Prime Minister, President, Union ministers, Chief Ministers of 28 states, farmers

leaders and other political leaders. The government made arrangements for the parking of tractors and trolleys and toilets so that people



do not face inconvenience at any point. A light and sound show with 500 drones was arranged. Bains worked overtime to oversee arrangements. He uploaded videos while overseeing the arrangements even at night-time. Even his rivals

acknowledged his efforts, terming the commemorative function a "one man show."

It was widely expected that an announcement will be made from the floor of the Vidhan Sabha declaring Anandpur Sahib as Punjab's 24th district. It, however, did not happen. This gave his political opponents, both within and outside the party, a handle to mock him. "I am thankful to the CM that he did not make an announcement of an independent district. His (Bains') stock would have gone up. It helps us now," said a rival.

The sentiment of festivity in Anandpur Sahib turned into disappointment after the special session of Vidhan Sabha. A resident summed it up: "They spent crores on setting up Vidhan Sabha, tent city and making other arrangements. They do not have money to set up a district. If so much of government paraphernalia was in city for so many days, we expected an announcement".

In UP, domestic and small commercial units can avail discount on power bills

Lucknow. (Agency)

The Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) has launched the 'Bijli Bill Rahat Yojana 2025-26' to provide financial relief to domestic and small commercial consumers. This scheme will operate from December 1, 2025, till February 28, 2026.

receive special discounts on their pending electricity bills. Consumers will be able to avail a discount of up to 25% on the principal amount along with a 100% interest waiver. Additionally, consumers will be provided with the option to pay in easy monthly instalments to settle small outstanding dues.



The scheme also includes redressal of bills that have increased due to system errors or technical reasons. Such bills will be automatically reduced by the corporation's technical system based on average consumption, eliminating the need for consumers to visit offices for bill revisions. In cases related to power theft, the opportunity for relief and settlement will be available as per the prescribed procedure, which will expedite the resolution of pending cases.

To avail the benefits of the scheme, consumers can register through <http://www.uppcl.org>, the

The Power Corporation has prepared a comprehensive relief package under which domestic consumers (up to 2 kilowatts) and shopkeeper consumers (up to 1 kilowatt) will

UPPCL Consumer App, departmental offices, fintech agents, meter readers, or public service centres. The registration fee is Rs 2,000, which will be adjusted in the consumer's bill.

UP: BLO on SIR duty falls sick, dies; DM orders probe

Additional District Magistrate Alok Kumar said an inquiry panel comprising the Chief Revenue Officer and the Assistant Superintendent of Police has been directed to examine the incident from all angles and submit a report at the earliest.

Lucknow. (Agency)

A 35-year-old assistant teacher deployed as a Booth Level Officer (BLO) for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise of electoral rolls died in Gonda on Tuesday, police said, adding prima facie, it was a case of poisoning.

In a video circulated widely on social media, a man identified as Vipin Kumar Yadav is seen lying on a hospital bed and purportedly heard saying that he had been under pressure from the SDM, BDO, tehsildar, and other officials.

Additional District Magistrate Alok Kumar said an inquiry panel comprising the Chief Revenue Officer and the Assistant Superintendent of Police has been directed to examine the incident from all angles and submit a report at the earliest. When asked about the video, Kumar said that the committee will examine it as part of its probe, and further action will be taken based on the findings.

Yadav, a native of Jaunpur, was appointed as the BLO for Khempur, which falls under the Mankapur Assembly constituency in Gonda district.

According to officials, Yadav left his house around 7.30 am on Tuesday when he suddenly fell ill and collapsed on his way to work. He was taken to a nearby hospital, where he was administered first aid before being shifted to the Gonda district hospital. From there, he was referred



to Lucknow for specialised treatment. He was accompanied by a sub-divisional magistrate rank officer and a doctor. However, upon reaching Lucknow, doctors declared him dead on arrival.

The chief medical officer (CMO) at Gonda district hospital, Dr Rashmi Srivastava said preliminary assessment indicates a case of poisoning, but the exact substance consumed will be confirmed after the forensic examination of the viscera.

Three years after Agnipath protests, UP govt to review cases after BJP MLA's plea

Lucknow. (Agency)

The Himachal Cabinet also decided to engage Months after BJP's Jewar MLA Dhirendra Singh urged Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to withdraw cases filed against the youth during the 2022 Agnipath recruitment scheme protests, the Uttar Pradesh government has initiated a review into the matter, it is learnt.

During the protests, youths had damaged trains, buses and vehicles and set them on fire at several places in the state. Several private and government properties were also damaged in stone-pelting. A total of 51 cases were lodged in 15 districts of the state.

The state government has now written to district police heads and district magistrates where cases are registered, directing them to review related FIRs within their jurisdictions, it is learnt.

The maximum cases — 11 — were lodged in Jaunpur followed by Varanasi and Chandauli at 9 and 8 cases, respectively. Four cases are lodged in Aligarh; three cases in Mathura, Ballia, Ghazipur; two cases each in Gorakhpur and Basti; and one case each in Agra, Gautam Budh Nagar Government Railway Police (Ballia), Ghaziabad, Fatehgarh and Rae Bareilly.

They include charges of rioting, assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty, voluntarily causing hurt to deter public servant from his duty, robbery and criminal intimidation. The police had also invoked charges under the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act against the accused.

As per sources, police and district magistrates of Aligarh, Agra and Mathura have received the letters and issued directions to the

authorities concerned to prepare the report as per directives. "Once the report is finalised, it will be forwarded to the government



without delay," said a senior government official posted in one of the 15 districts.

In a letter written in September to the CM, MLA Singh stated that many "innocent and

unsuspecting youth" were drawn into the Agniveer-related agitation after being provoked by Opposition parties and certain anti-social elements.

He wrote that the Agnipath scheme was introduced by the Prime Minister and the state government to provide young citizens an opportunity to join the armed forces and contribute to nation-building. However, widespread misleading information circulated by the Opposition created confusion and fear among the youth, putting their futures at risk, he said.

Singh further mentioned that during the protests, some young persons, overwhelmed by emotion, became involved in activities that were seen as violations of law and order, resulting in criminal cases being registered against them.

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta says city still lacks basic infra; blames previous government

►The CM said the govt will soon beautify key stretches, including the Ghanta Ghar—Azadpur corridor, with redesigned roofing, better carpeting and improved footpaths.

New Delhi.(Agency)
Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday criticised previous governments for failing to provide essential civic infrastructure, saying that large parts of the national capital still lack proper water and sewer lines even after decades of governance. Gupta said she has personally seen “no improvement” in several areas over the last 15 years.
“When I cross these areas, I have not seen anything change. After 15 years of Congress and 11 years of the AAP government, the situation remains the same. In half of Delhi, there is still no water line, no sewer line. Water tankers are still supplying water. It is surprising that this is the condition of the national capital,” she said. Gupta said that after 27 years, desilting and repair work have finally begun on key pipelines and sites to address chronic water shortages.
“The system is still based on the 1973 master plan. In the last 50 years, no new system has been created. Nobody seemed worried,” she



said. Targeting legislators, she said MLAs often cite funds on paper but fail to prioritise

basic civic issues.
“Earlier, MLAs would show funds of Rs 5 crore in documents. But have we ever asked them to make a list of the issues in their constituencies and then use the funds to solve them? If there is proper planning, money will never be an issue,” she said. The CM also announced that the government will soon take up beautification of key stretches, including Ghanta Ghar-Azadpur corridor, which, she said, needs redesigned roofing, improved carpeting, footpaths and an overall facelift. She added that colonies such as the historical area also required large-scale beautification.
Referring to the previous government’s Mohalla Clinic model, she said it lacked adequate facilities and functioned mainly as an “advertisement tool.” In contrast, she said, the newly inaugurated Ayushman Mandirs provide diagnostic services, medicines and essential healthcare under one roof. “Anyone can visit our facilities and see how they function,” she said.

Faridabad sees major drop in crimes against women in 2025; police credit safety drives



New Delhi.(Agency)
Faridabad Police has reported a significant reduction in crimes against women in 2025, attributing the decline to their intensified efforts under various safety initiatives. Their data until October 31 reveals a notable decrease in cases of sexual violence and abduction compared to 2024.
The number of cases registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act dropped by 62, from 202 in 2024 to 140 this year. Rape cases saw a reduction of 38, from 101 in 2024 to 63 in 2025. Molestation and sexual harassment cases also decreased from 68 in 2024 to 54 this year.
Kidnapping incidents reduced by eight, from 57 last year to 49 in 2025. A police spokesperson credited the success to swift and decisive actions, including targeted security measures in identified crime hotspots. Large-scale awareness programs were conducted to educate women on their rights and available safety resources. Police Commissioner Satendra Kumar Gupta emphasized that women’s safety remains a top priority. “We are committed to ensuring women’s security and encourage the public to report crimes promptly to local police, Dial 112, or the Women Helpline at 1091,” he said.

JNUTA flags ‘crisis of governance’; seeks removal of V-C in fresh appeal to President Murmu



New Delhi.(Agency)
The Jawaharlal Nehru University Teachers’ Association (JNUTA) has again raised concerns over what it calls a deepening “crisis of governance” at Jawaharlal Nehru University, writing to President Droupadi Murmu for the third time this year.
The association said repeated appeals to vice-chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit have brought “no corrective action,” and that her decisions are now leading to violations of fundamental rights and key institutional procedures.
The latest complaint centres on a senior faculty member who retired in September while her promotion application, pending since 2019, remained unprocessed. JNUTA said the V-C had publicly assured that the promotion would be cleared to allow her to “retire with dignity”, yet no selection committee was formed, nor was she formally declared ineligible - a move the association termed a violation of Articles 14 and 16(1), citing the SC’s 1999 Ajit Singh vs State of Punjab ruling. JNUTA also accused the VC of altering proceedings of the University Court regarding the “unjustifiable termination” of a young faculty member.

Major fire breaks out at west Delhi godown; one person feared trapped

Preliminary reports said the fire was first spotted around 2.15 am, and locals alerted the fire brigade in person as the warehouse was close to residential areas.

New Delhi.(Agency)
A major fire broke out on Tuesday afternoon at a paints godown in West Delhi’s Naraina Industrial Area, and one person is feared trapped inside.
The owner of the building, who reportedly entered it after the blaze started, has not yet been traced. According to fire officials, they received information about the blaze around 2.30 am, following which 25 fire tenders were rushed to the spot to douse the flames.
A police officer said that they reached the location soon after receiving the



alert. Preliminary information suggested that the fire was first noticed around 2.15 am, and locals physically informed the fire brigade as the warehouse was located close to residential areas. The owner of the shop, Rohan, a resident of Rajouri Garden, had reportedly entered the building about half an hour before the PCR call was made. He remains untraceable. By around 7.30 am, the second and third floors of the structure had collapsed, the officer added.
All emergency agencies are at the spot, and mitigation efforts are still underway. A case under Section 287 of the BNS is being registered. Officials said the cause of the fire will be determined only after a thorough inspection.

MCD school principal suspended after transfer over sexual harassment allegations; enquiry underway

The accused allegedly sent “obscene” messages to teachers subjecting them to “mental and sexual harassment”.

New Delhi.(Agency)
The principal of an MCD school in Kishangarh, who was recently transferred to a school in Sultanpuri on grounds of alleged sexual harassment, was suspended from service on Monday, as per an order.
According to an order issued by the Education Department of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, “the principal of MCPS Sultanpuri has been placed under suspension with immediate effect pending enquiry.”
Amit Kharkhari, Chairman of the MCD’s Education Committee, said the matter is under investigation and the committee is awaiting the enquiry



report. He added that issues of this nature require strict action.
The accused, who earlier served as principal at MCD Primary School (Co-ed), Kishangarh, allegedly sent “obscene” messages to teachers

subjecting them to “mental and sexual harassment”. One of the teachers, requesting anonymity, said they had been enduring such behaviour for a long time. “He would send inappropriate messages and delete them quickly, leaving no proof. We managed to record the chats & share them with higher authorities,” she said.
Speaking on workplace harassment, Vibha Singh, Vice President of the Municipal Corporation Teachers’ Association, said the policy must cover not just sexual harassment but also mental harassment, as such behaviour creates discomfort.

Experts flag infrastructure gaps as Delhi's draft EV policy nears rollout

The proposals aim to accelerate Delhi’s shift toward clean mobility and reinforce its position as a leader in EV adoption.

New Delhi.(Agency)
Amid reports of Delhi’s transport department finalising a fresh draft for the city’s electric vehicle policy, industry experts are assessing whether the existing infrastructure is adequate to support the government’s ambitious transition from internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles to Evs.
The draft policy, expected to be made public after ministerial approval, recommends strengthening the city’s EV charging ecosystem, expanding battery-swapping stations, developing battery recycling facilities and widening the e-rickshaw network.
The proposals aim to accelerate Delhi’s shift toward clean mobility and reinforce its position as a leader in EV adoption. However, experts caution that the feasibility of these recommendations hinges on addressing several infrastructural and supply-related

challenges.
Anurag Singh, advisor at Primus Partners and an industry expert noted that deploying EV infrastructure at the scale envisioned poses multiple hurdles. “In the case of Delhi, as well as most Indian cities, there are challenging points such as the availability of electricity, grid capacity, charging points, and especially given current restrictions related to China—the availability of raw materials needed to manufacture EVs and batteries,” he said.
Experts emphasise that while India is progressing in clean energy and advanced automotive technologies, the country is still some distance away from achieving the level of readiness required for a fully mature EV ecosystem. Supply chain constraints, particularly for battery components, remain a key concern. Delhi’s previous

EV policy, introduced in 2020, expired in August 2023 but has undergone multiple extensions as the government works on the revised framework.



It is currently effective until March 2026. Under the 2020 policy, the city saw a rapid increase in EV adoption and charging infrastructure, but officials and industry watchers agree that significant expansion is still required. As of August 2025, government data shows that Delhi

has 1,967 EV charging stations, with plans for further expansion as part of the new policy.
A Delhi-based EV industry expert said the national capital has been “aggressively pushing for electrification,” and its targets are achievable. On battery recycling, he noted that while the need is currently limited due to the early stage of market penetration, startups have already entered the space. With time, he added, recycling will become an integral component of the EV ecosystem.
Anti-smog gun installed on 149 buildings
Hospitals, malls and court complexes are among the commercial establishments that have already fitted anti-smog guns as civic agencies race to meet a November 29 compliance deadline, officials said on Tuesday.

NEWS BOX

Guwahati Test: Simon Harmer wrecks havoc as India struggle to reach 90 for 5 at tea

GUWAHATI. (Agency)
Skipper Rishabh Pant failed to survive the vagaries of a typical fifth day track as off-spinner Simon Harmer once again turned into India's nightmare extracting turn and vicious bounce to put South Africa on the cusp of victory in the second Test and a series clean sweep after 25 years.
The target of 549 was never in equation but the manner in which India struggled their way to 90 for 5 at tea signalled that Harmer (4/23 in 19 overs) was more at ease on this track than Washington Sundar and Ravindra Jadeja had been through the two innings.
The Barsapara track was one of the best Indian tracks provided in recent times where batters with proper technique and application were able to score, as the pacers who knew their lengths excelled and spinners with guile ruled the roost.After eight wickets in Kolkata, Harmer has already picked seven in the current game and looked good for a few more.Sai Sudharsan (14 batting off 138 balls) is lucky to have survived three clear cut dismissals, including a plumb leg before off



Harmer (on day 4). He was caught behind but Marco Jansen overstepped for a no-ball and a catch was dropped in the slip, and the left-hander never looked convincing for even once during the two-hour session. He seemed to get out at any point of time. But good news for India was that he hung around.In the morning, Harmer breached through Kuldeep Yadav's (5 off 38 balls) defence after a half-an-hour vigil while Dhruv Jurel (0) got a pair for the first time in Tests.This time it was Harmer, who bowled a slider that drifted away while the batter jabbed at it to give catching practice to Aiden Markram stationed at first slip.Rishabh Pant lofted Keshav Maharaj into the stands but he knew that survival was difficult.It was Harmer, who got one delivery to bounce and even as Pant tried to defend awkwardly was caught after it flew off the shoulder of the bat to Markram.Ravindra Jadeja (23 batting, 40 balls) joined Sudharsan and hit Maharaj over deep mid-wicket for a six while adding 32 runs for the sixth wicket to delay the inevitable.

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New Delhi. (Agency)
MANCHESTER, England: Pep Guardiola made 10 changes to his team and Manchester City paid the price.A 2-0 defeat to Bayer Leverkusen in the Champions League on Tuesday made it back-to-back losses for City and raised questions over Guardiola's decision to leave out so many of his star players — including top scorer Erling Haaland."I take absolutely full responsibility," the City manager said. "It was too much. (It was) the first time in my life I've done it and it was too much."Guardiola acknowledged his mistake at halftime at the Etihad Stadium —



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But even the introduction of the Norway striker couldn't turn the game in City's direction, making it five losses in all competitions this season and adding pressure to its next game in the Champions League against Real Madrid next month.
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It was the first time this season Haaland has been left out of the starting lineup for a game in the Premier League or Champions League. He has scored 22 goals for club and country."You never know what would happen in the game with other players. Everybody thinks with Erling, Bernie (Bernardo Silva) and the others we should be better, but I don't have the answers," Guardiola said. "We cannot play Erling all the time for 95 minutes."Alejandro Grimaldo fired Leverkusen in front after 23 minutes and Patrik Schick headed in a second in the 54th."No matter who they put on the pitch it's a quality team," Leverkusen coach Kasper Hjulmand said. "It's a great team. No matter who played I think we did well."

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Champions League: Chelsea thrash Barcelona, Leverkusen stun Manchester City

New Delhi. (Agency)
On a night marked by sweeping rotations, costly errors and a dazzling moment of brilliance from 18-year-old Estevo, both Manchester City and Barcelona suffered damaging defeats in the Champions League on Tuesday, throwing the league-phase standings wide open.
Pep Guardiola, taking charge of his 100th Champions League match as Manchester City coach, watched his heavily rotated side struggle in a 2-0 defeat to Bayer Leverkusen. Barcelona fared even worse at Stamford Bridge, collapsing to a 3-0 loss against Chelsea after an own goal and a red card compounded a miserable outing.
LEVERKUSEN PUNISH ROTATED CITY
Guardiola made 10 changes from the weekend defeat to Newcastle, leaving Erling Haaland among the substitutes, but the gamble backfired as Leverkusen's pace and precision in transition proved too much for the Premier League champions.Alejandro Grimaldo broke the deadlock in the 23rd minute with a curling low finish into the far corner, before Patrik Schick rose highest to head home a second early in the second half."It feels wonderful and we gave everything till the last second," Schick told DAZN after the win, which underlined Leverkusen's rising

European credentials.City missed the chance to climb to the top of the standings, with the leading trio unchanged ahead of Wednesday's fixtures featuring Bayern Munich, Arsenal and Inter Milan.

10-MAN BARCELONASTUMBLE



Chelsea cruised past Barcelona to secure their third league-phase victory and strengthen their push towards the summit.The visitors unravelled after Ronald Arajo received a second yellow card shortly before halftime for a reckless challenge on Marc Cucurella. Already under pressure, Barcelona were punished further when Jules Kound inadvertently turned the ball into his own net in the 27th minute following confusion in the box.The second half belonged to Estevo, who showcased his immense potential with a stunning solo effort in the

55th, holding off two defenders before finishing with composure. Liam Delap sealed the result in the 73rd from close range.Barcelona's fourth defeat in 10 matches across competitions is likely to intensify scrutiny on coach Hansi Flick, whose approach continues to draw criticism.The result leaves Chelsea fifth and level on 10 points with City and Dortmund, while Barcelona drop to 15th as Juventus surged to 21 points with a dramatic win.
MOURINHO SECURES BENFICA WIN
While Guardiola endured frustration, Jos Mourinho finally celebrated his first Champions League victory with Benfica. Samuel Dahl's superb sixth-minute volley set the tone in a 2-0 win over struggling Ajax, with Leandro Barreiro adding a late second.Ajax, who entered the match level with Benfica at the bottom, have now lost all five of their Champions League fixtures and just once in their last 10 games overall, deepening their crisis.
AUBAMEYANG INSPIRES MARSEILLE
Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang struck twice in four minutes early in the second half to complete a comeback as Marseille defeated Newcastle 2-1, boosting their qualification hopes.

How Yashasvi Jaiswal can learn from Sachin Tendulkar's SCG masterclass to regain form

New Delhi. (Agency)
Yashasvi Jaiswal is, by every measure, a generational talent, the kind that comes once in a cricketering era. His rise has been steep and spectacular: from the breakout star of the 2020 U19 World Cup to a fearless performer for Mumbai and the Rajasthan Royals, and now an indispensable presence in India's Test setup. In just half a decade, Jaiswal has climbed rungs that many struggle to reach in an entire career.
But even meteoric journeys have moments of turbulence. For Jaiswal, one of the rare dips has arrived in the ongoing home Test series against South Africa. Despite a fluent 58 in the first innings in Guwahati, his cumulative tally of 83 runs at 20.75 tells a harsher story, one of a player briefly out of rhythm.
This slump sits in contrast with his broader



numbers, which remain staggering. Jaiswal averages nearly 50 in Tests and only recently matched the record for the joint fastest Indian with 2,500 runs in the format. Yet this series has laid bare a chink in his armour. Left-arm seamers have found a way to trouble him consistently, exposing a discomfort that opponents have wasted no time exploiting. For the first time in a while, Jaiswal looks vulnerable, and teams have sensed it.
THE BIG STRUGGLE
Only four bowlers have managed to dismiss Yashasvi Jaiswal three times in Test cricket, and tellingly, three of them are left-arm seamers: Mitchell Starc, Marco Jansen and Nandre Burger. The pattern is hard to ignore. During India's 2023-24 tour of South Africa, Burger nicked him off three times. Nearly two years later, with the Proteas now visiting India, it is Jansen who has been haunting his crease.Even with Starc, the story is similar. Of the three times the Australian quick has removed him, two have been ducks. And of Jaiswal's six Test ducks so far, half have come at the hands of left-armers.The numbers paint a clear tactical picture.

Gautam Gambhir doing his job, but players need belief: Suresh Raina defends India coach

New Delhi. (Agency)
India's growing troubles in Test cricket have once again come under the spotlight during the ongoing second Test against South Africa in Guwahati, where the hosts have struggled both with the bat and in terms of clarity in approach. As criticism continues to mount on head coach Gautam Gambhir for the team's recent slide in red-ball cricket, former India all-rounder Suresh Raina has emerged in his defence, insisting the responsibility ultimately lies with the players, not the coachWith India staring at another difficult result on home soil and questions being raised about selection calls, team balance and the overall direction under Gambhir, Raina addressed the growing debate in an exclusive conversation with



India Today, while also pointing to a lack of self-belief in the current side."I don't think that's the issue. The coach is doing his job. A year ago, the team won the Champions Trophy. Before that, there was a long drought, then a World Cup was won in the USA, and recently another ICC trophy has come as well," Raina said.We are talking

about a two-time World Cup winner as a coach, someone who performed in finals and has played across all formats. The coach can guide the players, but in the end, it is the players who have to go out there and score runs. They have to dig in and find ways to make runs," he added.
India lacking self-belief: Raina
Turning his attention to India's on-field shortcomings, Raina pointed towards a visible dip in confidence and self-belief within the batting unit, something he feels is now affecting their ability to handle pressure situations."I feel there is a slight lack of belief at the moment. In our time, even when we were down in a series, we always believed we could come back.

PSL turmoil: Multan Sultans owner quits amid rift with Pakistan Cricket Board

MANCHESTER . (Agency)
Ali Khan Tareen has officially exited his role as owner of the Pakistan Super League (PSL) franchise Multan Sultans after the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chose not to offer him a renewal of his franchise agreement on Tuesday. Unlike the other five PSL teams, which secured renewals for the next decade, Multan Sultans now face an uncertain future regarding their ownership. The decision follows several months of escalating friction between Tareen and the league's governing body, culminating in his announcement on X, where he described the move as a difficult but inevitable conclusion."I know I'm not everyone's cup of tea, and I'm okay with that. But I have always been honest and I have always spoken my mind. I never learned how to play it safe or just play along. That simply isn't who I am. And if staying means compromising those principles there is only one choice I can make," Ali Khan said in his post."So, this is goodbye."
The Multan Sultans owner whsed the franchise well, highlighting how deeply he valued the



team and his association with the PSL.Despite the financial losses year after year, I never once thought about walking away. The Sultans have always meant more to me than just numbers. And I have always been willing to go as far as needed to protect it," he said."Please know that this team has always been much more than its owner. It

belongs to you and to South Punjab. So whoever takes control of the Sultans next, please keep supporting them with the same passion. You can count on me to be in the stands supporting them too."Tareen's resignation comes after a public standoff with the PCB. His criticism of the board's management of the PSL prompted sharp

responses, and he repeatedly maintained that he was never approached regarding a renewal offer. The PCB escalated matters by issuing him a legal notice, alleging breaches of contractual obligations and demanding a public apology — a demand he refused to meet.
The conflict reached a tipping point when Tareen openly challenged the PCB's governance, calling out the current leadership under Mohsin Naqvi for its handling of the PSL and its intolerance of dissent from stakeholders. In response to the legal notice, Tareen recorded a video in which he read aloud and replied to the board's claims before tearing up the document on air. He also criticised the lack of communication from PSL management, noting he had never received any call or invitation to discuss concerns and was confronted only with legal action.With Multan Sultans performing strongly on the field, the uncertainty surrounding their ownership marks a significant moment for the PSL.

Hiring demand strong; manufacturers face talent crunch

New Delhi,.(Agency)

Manufacturing companies are finding it increasingly difficult to hire the right talent even as hiring intent in the sector remains strong. The demand for talent is expected to rise by 10–12% in FY27, according to estimates by HR and staffing firms. TeamLease Edtech notes that while overall hiring demand could grow by about 12%, companies are struggling to source skilled mid-level candidates with the right domain expertise and capabilities.

According to TeamLease’s Employment Outlook Report for HY2 FY25, manufacturing, engineering and infrastructure together show an 8.7% net increase in employment for FY25. Translating this sentiment into annual demand, FY25 is likely to see 0.9–1.1 million roles, driven by industrial corridors, EV supply chains, construction, and capex-led expansion.“If current investments continue, hiring demand in manufacturing could rise to 1.1–1.3 million in FY26, and 1.3–1.5 million in FY27 as industrial capacity, logistics integration and large-scale infrastructure projects mature,” says Shantanu Rooj, founder and CEO, TeamLease Edtech.

Rooj adds that while hiring intent remains strong, the nature of demand is shifting. “Firms now seek hybrid engineers (automation, IoT, industrial analytics) rather than purely traditional hands-on roles. While India’s labour pool is sizable, there remains a gap in job-ready, specialised technicians. Firms often find entry-level candidates teachable but struggle to find mid-level candidates with both domain and digital skills out of the box,” he told TNIE.The TeamLease report also notes that across all businesses in the services sector, 4–4.5 million jobs are likely to be created in FY26 due to digital adoption, GCC expansion, financial inclusion and growing consumption.Sonal Arora, country head, Gi Group Holding, said, “By the next financial year, we expect hiring demand in manufacturing to be 8–10% higher than this year, while demand for mid- and senior-level roles is expected to rise by 4–5%.”Rohit Thakur, CHRO, Auto & Farm Sector, M&M, says: “While India has a strong labour pool, finding sufficiently trained and skilled workers—especially for new-age technologies—remains a challenge. Hence, we focus heavily on reskilling and upskilling our workforce.”Amit Arora, senior vice president, Triviron Healthcare, says that although the talent base is expanding, it remains difficult to find an exact match for niche skills readily in the market.

GDP in second quarter to grow at 7-7.5%

New Delhi.(Agency)

The economy continues to be on a strong footing as analysts expect the second quarter GDP to grow at 7-7.5% boosted by high rural consumption as a result of low inflation and GST rate rationalization. Though the second quarter GDP growth is estimated to be lower than the first quarter number of 7.8%, a higher than 7% growth in the second quarter would still be higher than RBI’s FY26 estimate of 6.8%.

The government will release the Q2 GDP growth numbers on November 30.

State Bank of India, which estimated the Q2 GDP at 7.5%, feels growth is being supported by a pick-up in investment activities, recovery in rural consumption, and buoyancy in services and manufacturing, underpinned by structural reforms like GST rationalization that also helped unleash a festive spirit that decisively showcased triumph of hope over hype.“In continuum of the good numbers from festive led sales, percentage of leading indicators in consumption and demand across Agri, Industry, service showing acceleration has increased to 83% in Q2 from 70% in Q1. Based on the estimated model, we obtain a forecast of real GDP growth of 7.5% in Q2FY26 with possibility of an upside surprise,” it said in its report.According to IDFC First Bank chief economist Gaura Sen Gupta, high frequency growth indicators are showing improved growth momentum in Q2FY26, even before the GST cuts. “Pick-up in rural demand indicators have become broad-based supported by rise in rural wages and second consecutive year of good monsoons. Tractor sales jumped by 31%YoY in Q2FY26 and 7.7% rise in FMCG sales volume growth. Labour market conditions in rural areas have improved with sharp decline in demand for jobs under NREGA since July 2025 onwards,” she says. IDFC First Bank estimates the Q2 GDP likely to have grown at 7.3%.

FM meets Regional Directorates, Registrar of Companies to fast-track mergers, bring more transparency

New Delhi.(Agency)

Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman met Regional Directorates and Registrar of Companies on Tuesday to discuss issues on processing of forms, fast-track mergers, delivery of services like incorporation/voluntary exit of companies/LLPs through the central facilities, e-governance, harmonisation of forms. At the meeting—also attended by Minister of State for Corporate Affairs Harsh Malhotra and senior officials of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs— they discussed on issues related to adjudication, inquiries, inspection and investigation (3Is) manuals, prosecution, appeals against adjudication orders, compounding of violations etc.“Today is the era of governance, and therefore MCA’s driving principle should be to make governance easy, transparent and with focus on facilitation. MCA must strive to be futuristic to be able to serve stakeholders in a time-bound manner,” added Sitharaman. MCA has so far standardised its manuals on enforcement and further process and rule simplification to ensure a transparent and timely delivery of services. Further, Sitharaman directed MCA that a live dashboard may be built to ensure that more transparency is brought to the systems in MCA.MCA has taken several measures to ensure smooth functioning of the companies.

102 Indian seafood exporters allowed access to EU market

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New Delhi.(Agency)

Several sea food exporters have managed to safeguard themselves from the severe impact of the US tariff as the European Union allowed 102 Indian sea food exporters to tap the European market, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday. Speaking with the media, Goyal said the government had initially anticipated a short-term setback for marine exporters after the US did not move forward on a bilateral trade pact this year. "Our seafood exports which we thought will take a hit as we have not been



able to conclude the bilateral trade agreement. We are happy to note that thanks to quality control measures, we have succeeded in getting Indian seafood exporters access to the EU market after 9 years," said Goyal. With the Quality Control Order (QCO) in place, the Ministry is hopeful that the Indian exporters have become more competitive

and will be able to tap more markets in future. With the EU allowing the export of seafood, there has been considerable growth in the sector in the last three months. With the US President Donald Trump imposing tariffs, sea food was one of the worst affected sectors. “From April to October last year our (seafood) export was \$4.21 billion. This year it is already

\$4.82 billion. All of this leads to job creation and business opportunities,” added Goyal.European countries have historically been difficult markets for marine products. The bloc had not approved any Indian fishing, fisheries or marine-processing establishments for nearly a decade, blocking significant export potential. According to the Commerce Ministry, the breakthrough could have been possible only after India’s push to tighten its domestic quality ecosystem through a series of Quality Control Orders (QCOs). While QCOs were aimed at upgrading India’s standards regime, they also became a point of negotiation with the EU, which was seeking greater assurance on compliance before relisting Indian exporters.According to the Ministry, the EU nod is significant not only for immediate export volumes but also for India’s broader ambition to reposition itself as a reliable supplier of high-standard marine products.

How confusing investment tools with goals is costing you

New Delhi.(Agency)

Ask anyone about money, and you’ll get a debate that sounds like IPL commentary."Mutual funds or insurance?" "Stocks or real estate?" "ETFs or FDs?" Everyone has an opinion. Everyone wants the “best” option. Everyone wants high returns and fast results. The problem is, most people aren’t investing based on their goals — they’re just following the crowd. Someone’s cousin made a fortune in a stock and suddenly you feel like you need to jump in too. Before you know it, you’re in the same current without ever asking, “Does this even work for me?” Think of it this way: just because a medicine exists does not mean you need it. You don’t pop it because someone else did; you go to a doctor to understand what works best for you. Financial planning works the same way. You cannot invest based on hearsay, hype, jingoism or whatever is trending. Before using any financial tool, you need to ask: Is this a need or a want? Is the goal short-term

or long-term? Do I need liquidity? Once you fix the goal, the right tool naturally follows.It’s easy to fall for traps with exciting returns, lifestyle upgrades, peer pressure or the “this stock is the next big thing” buzz. But life rarely hands you one challenge at a time. School fees, a home loan, a parent’s health emergency or an unexpected crisis — they can all come together. Hence, relying on just one tool is like trying to build a house with no foundation — one storm and the whole thing collapses.Let’s take an example: Kartik, 38, earns Rs 20 lakh annually and feels like he is juggling a lot.

Ten years from now, his daughter needs Rs 40 lakh for engineering. Twelve years from now, Rs 60 lakh for his son’s medical degree. Meanwhile, he pays Rs 70,000 a month on a 15-year home loan, and retirement is 20 years away. If something happens to him tomorrow, his family will need at least Rs 2–3 crore just to keep the home running.So which tool will help him

achieve all this? The truth is, there is no single tool that will do it all. Kartik will need a combination of tools, each doing its job. So, the right question is not “Which tool is better?” but “Which tool will solve which part of the goal, and which combination ensures all goals are met on time?” Each tool exists for a reason. For example: Insurance protects your family, adds a safety net, builds long-term wealth and guarantees payouts that secure your goals if life hits a curveball.Equity and mutual funds grow wealth over time — choose as per your risk appetite.Debt instruments provide stability and predictability, balancing portfolio volatility.And what’s the cost of chasing a single tool or being on a bandwagon? Ask those who put everything in stocks during a market high backed by positive buzz without any knowledge or understanding — only to see it wiped out overnight by geopolitical tensions, trade wars or any reason that triggers a market crash.

Sensex roars back above 85,000; metals, PSU banks power mid-morning surge

New Delhi.(Agency)

By late morning on Wednesday, the Indian stock market staged a strong rebound, with the Sensex surging sharply around 11:30 AM after a soft spell earlier in the week. The momentum was broad and energetic, lifting benchmark indices as well as the wider market. The Nifty 50 reclaimed the 26,100 zone, signalling renewed risk appetite among investors after several sessions of cautious trade.

The BSE Sensex surged 855 points to 85,358 in mid-morning trade, and the momentum continued as buying interest stayed strong across the index.

The rebound was not confined to a handful of heavyweights. Buying interest was visible across sectors, with metals and public-sector banks contributing prominently to early gains. These segments benefited from

improving global sentiment and the growing conviction that interest-rate reductions may be approaching both



internationally and at home. Rate-sensitive pockets such as financials, real estate and autos also attracted steady demand, buoyed by expectations of softer borrowing costs in the coming policy cycles.

Market breadth strengthened noticeably as mid-cap and small-cap indices advanced nearly in line with the

frontline benchmarks. The wider participation suggested that investors were willing to re-enter segments that had underperformed during the recent correction. The recovery also reflected a shift in mood after a brief but persistent slide that had weighed on overall sentiment earlier in the week.

Even so, the day’s surge came against a backdrop of lingering caution. A considerable number of individual stocks remain well below their recent highs, indicating that the broader market is still working through the after-effects of earlier volatility. For today’s rally to evolve into a more durable upswing, traders will be looking for consistency in global policy cues, stability in foreign fund flows, and a supportive domestic macroeconomic environment.

Most Indians Are Saving Rs 5 Out Of Rs 100 Vs Parental Savings In 70s, 80s --Why Money Rules Are Not Same In 2026 Explains Fin Expert

New Delhi.(Agency)

Angel investor and Financial Expert Ankur Warikoo believes that India is facing a silent but severe household savings crisis. He has proposed three simple formulas following which people can save more money and live a comfortable life.

Warikoo in a Youtube video-explainer said that India’s household savings rate has plunged to just 5.1 percent. In simple terms, if a family earns Rs 100, they save only Rs 5 which is the lowest level in 47 years. In contrast, our previous generations saved far more compared to us. He said that savings have crashed and debt has risen. In his words, "debt has exploded in India".Warikoo said that India's total household debt has increased to Rs 120 lakh crore. But what matters more is where this debt will take us. Historically, families borrowed primarily to buy assets like homes or gold. Nowadays, people take out loans to buy cars, phones, clothing and even vacations. He stated that consumption is rising faster than income, as is credit.

Warikoo said that a ajor warning sign is the surge in credit card stress. He stated that outstanding credit card balances now total



Rs 3 lakh crore with 28 percent of users defaulting. He said that the average credit card balance is Rs 33,000 in a country where the national average salary is around Rs 25,000. Between 2023 and 2025, the default rate for personal loans under Rs 1 lakh was 44 percent.

Financial stress resulting in mental stress Warikoo stated that financial stress is affecting mental health with some studies

indicating that roughly 19 percent of suicides in India are related to financial stress.Warikoo believes that traditional financial advice will not work in 2026. He said fixed deposits yield 6 to 7 percent but after tax returns are only around 6 percent. Real inflation is closer to 8 to 10 percent. All these indicate that your savings are losing value year after year.

Warikoo said that housing has become

nearly unachievable. Property prices in many cities have risen to Rs 4 to 5 crore while salaries have grown at only 6.3 percent per year over the last decade. Because of this disparity, most people are unable to own homes.

What are the financial survival strategies?

Warikoo has offered a playbook for everyone in 2026. He claimed that if someone follows these three formulas in their financial journey then they will receive everything in life without exception.Warikoo stated that the first step towards financial success is to upskill yourself. He said that you must focus on your skills and beat the annual average growth of salary by at least 2x or 3x.

Second, invest and take calculated risks. He said taking calculated investment risks through equity markets will help build money in the long run.

The final stage is to consider a side gig in addition to your primary source of income. He said that the side gig could be music, graphics, content or code which would help build up your money over time.Warikoo has advised people to "Save a lot of money and live a simple and amazing life".



‘A Chapter Has Closed’:

Divvyanka Tripathi’s

Emotional Tribute To Dharmendra

Television actress Divvyanka Tripathi paid an emotional tribute to Bollywood legend Dharmendra, stating that “a chapter of Indian cinema has quietly closed.” In a poignant message to the Times of India, the ‘Yeh Hai Mohabbatein’ star expressed her profound sorrow at the legendary actor’s death. Besides being a movie idol, Divvyanka called Dharmendra a very influential figure whose loss will be felt by generations.

Divvyanka emphasised that Dharmendra’s influence went much beyond his accomplishments in film. She claimed that he had a personal impact on people’s lives by representing warmth and power, and that his death signifies the quiet but significant end of an era.

Divvyanka Tripathi Mourns Dharmendra’s Death

Divvyanka said that his impact shaped Bollywood’s very structure and that his loss creates a gap that is difficult to fill. “Dharmendra ji wasn’t just an icon; he was that rare presence who made you feel connected even if you’d never met him,” Divvyanka said. She talked about his golden words of wisdom, his easy demeanour, his magnetism on film, and his grounded character that inspired millions as she considered his unmatched effect. “That has no expiry date,” the TV actress added.

Divvyanka added that the late actor’s career was more about the emotional bond he had with fans, coworkers, and future performers than it was about blockbuster hits or iconic roles.

A Quiet End to a Glorious Era

Divvyanka’s remarks reflect the fact that Dharmendra’s death marks the end of a significant period in the history of cinema as well as the loss of a renowned performer. The warmth, modesty, and charm of a previous generation of Hindi film heroes seem to have silently gone with him.

“You don’t see many artists who stay so relevant across generations,” she observed. He was a unique phenomenon in the film industry because of his capacity to move audiences, both in the 1960s and now. “With him gone, it really feels like a chapter of Indian cinema has quietly closed.” “His legacy isn’t just in his films, it’s in the emotion he brought into people’s homes,” the actress continued. Dharmendra’s warmth, charm, and emotional genuineness in every role made him a part of countless families, living rooms, and memories.



Priyanka Chopra

Jonas Heads Home To Los Angeles After Varanasi Shoot Schedule

Global star Priyanka Chopra Jonas has been actively involved in the shooting of SS Rajamouli’s upcoming film Varanasi, with most of the filming taking place in Hyderabad, and previous schedules in locations like Kenya and Odisha. Despite her hectic schedule, Priyanka recently managed to return home to Los Angeles, as she shared in her latest Instagram Story with the caption: “Heading home... finally!” It is speculated that the trip may be related to both personal commitments and promotional tasks as the international celebrity juggles her Hollywood life with her return to Indian film, even if the specific details for the trip are not known.

Priyanka Chopra Spotted At Hyderabad Airport

The Quantico actress, who recently wrapped another schedule for filmmaker SS Rajamouli’s upcoming film Varanasi, was spotted at Hyderabad airport looking relaxed and effortlessly stylish. Keeping it low-key in comfortable loungewear, she navigated the airport with ease.

Mastering Telugu For Her Role in ‘Varanasi’

During her preparation for Varanasi, the actress made headlines by confirming she will dub her own Telugu dialogues in the film. In response to a query from a fan on Instagram, she only said, “Yes, I am. Practising hard.”

Backstage footage from a launch event in Varanasi shows her practising lines, working with a language teacher, and even visiting Hyderabad temples to understand the local culture better. She has acknowledged that Telugu is not her native tongue, but with support from Rajamouli and his crew, she is challenging herself to fully immerse herself in the role, which has pleased many.

Priyanka Chopra Returns to Indian Cinema with Rajamouli Film

Priyanka is making her much-anticipated comeback to Indian cinema with Varanasi, and her participation has already created a lot of excitement. Priyanka plays a character named Mandakini in Rajamouli’s sci-fi action-adventure, which also stars Telugu superstars Mahesh Babu and Prithviraj Sukumaran.



Riteish And Genelia Deshmukh Are ‘Proudest and Loudest’ Cheerleaders As Son Riaan Turns 11



It’s a special day for one of Bollywood’s most loved couples, Riteish and Genelia Deshmukh. Their elder son Riaan turns 11 today. The proud parents are filled with both joy and emotions, feeling as though those 11 years have flown by in the blink of an eye, and the moment they welcomed him into the world still feels like yesterday.

The couple took to Instagram to share adorable pictures with their son and penned warm notes expressing their unconditional love, support, and pride.

Riteish Deshmukh’s Long Note on Son Riaan’s Birthday

Riteish posted unseen pictures of Riaan with his parents and younger brother Rahyl. The caption felt like a touching letter from a father to his son. He wrote, “Dear darling Riaan, Today you turn 11, and my heart feels like it’s going to burst with pride and love.”

It’s just wonderful to watch you grow into the kind, caring, thoughtful, and (most importantly) respectful young boy you are becoming. Every single day you make Aai and Baba feel like the luckiest parents in the world.” He added, “You teach me so much without even knowing it. You remind me to laugh loudly at silly things, to live fully in this moment, to not carry tomorrow’s worries on today’s shoulders, and to look at the world with curious, happy eyes.

Because of you, I’m learning again how beautiful simple things can be: building Lego towers that reach the ceiling, doing silliest dance steps they you call aura farming, or just lying on the bed telling you stories till you fall off to sleep.”

The actor further mentioned that he will always be the biggest cheerleader of his son. He wrote, “I promise to always cheer the loudest at your matches, listen properly when you talk (even if it’s about Lamina Yamal for the hundredth time), and hold your hand for as long as you let me. I’ll keep trying to be the kind of grown-up you think I already am, because you deserve nothing less.”

Remember Rita Reporter From TMKOC? She Made It To Asia Book Of Records At 40 For This Feat



If you watched Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah back in 2008, you’d remember the iconic ‘Rita Reporter.’ Priya Ahuja Rajda, who played the role, moved on from the show years ago, but fans have missed her ever since.

Recently, she made everyone proud by entering the Asia Book of Records for holding a weighted plank, an incredible feat at the age of 40. She shared the news on her Instagram and wrote, “This medal is more than lifting 75 kgs-it carries every early morning, every sore muscle, every setback, every tear...and every single time I told myself, ‘Just don’t give up today.’” She added, “Being recognised by India Book Of Records And Asia Book Of Records, for the highest weighted plank by a female in India. Asia — holding 75kgs for 42.48 seconds is not just a fitness milestone, it’s a personal transformation.”

In her caption, she explained that strength is built in silence and reminded everyone that the key is to keep moving forward. She concluded her post with, “If my journey inspired even one person to believe in their own strength, then every second of this effort was worth it. Here’s to becoming stronger, inside and out.” She also thanked her trainer and husband in her caption.

Bhavya Gandhi reacted to her post with a fire emoji. Actress Aastha Chaudhary commented, “Omg this is amazing. Super proud of you girl.”

‘I Really Wanted To Do Something Big’

In an interview with The Times of India, Priya shared, “I really wanted to do something big for myself before my 40th birthday because people often feel that after becoming a mother or after 40, you cannot do anything for yourself.”

Sharing more about her journey to entering the Asia Book of Records, Priya revealed that she and her trainer chose 75 kilos for the official record because it was the weight she felt the most confident about. She shared that her husband, Malav Rajda, was her biggest support throughout the journey, adding that she could focus on training every day because he took care of their son every morning.

‘Age Is Just A Number’

Having achieved this incredible feat at the age of 40, she shared that age didn’t matter. She said, “Age is just a number.

You need to love yourself and stay physically and mentally fit. If you are not happy, your family cannot be completely happy.” She also added that she has a lot to achieve right now.

A new study has found that kids from high socioeconomic background are more likely to rely on parental help as adults.

Author Anna Manzoni of the North Carolina State University said that she wanted to know how young adults become independent of their parents, adding that she ended up focusing on what he called 'partial independence,' when people don't live with their parents but still get financial support from them.

In the study, Manzoni looked at data on 6,471 people between 18 and 32 who participated in the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health and found that 41.4 percent of the participants who were between the ages of 25 and 32 when the study conducted its most recent interviews in 2008 still relied on financial support from parents.

Manzoni said that those who attended four-year colleges and those from higher socioeconomic backgrounds were much more likely to be partially independent in their early 20s.

However, people who attended college were more likely to become financially independent as they reached their late 20s and early 30s.

She said that this was especially true for people who paid their own way through college, adding people whose parents supported them financially throughout college were also more likely to move back in with their parents at some point.



Kids from wealthy families more dependent on Parents



Dad's diet key to wellbeing of Offspring

A dad's diet before they conceive could be genetically passed onto the children, with a subsequent impact on those children's mental health, the team from Melbourne-based RMIT University reported.

While mothers' diet and impact on children has been widely



Even if your five-year-old kid does not know what money can buy for him or her, the moment he or she gets to know the value of it, chances are the knowledge may make him or her less philanthropic in nature, says an interesting research.

In other words, the act of handling money makes young children work harder and give less.

This effect was observed in children who lacked the concrete knowledge of money's purpose and persisted despite the denomination of the money.

"Money is a double-edged sword. It produces good outcomes in terms of concentration and effort but bad outcomes when it comes to helping, taking, and donating," said professor Kathleen Vohs from the University of Minnesota and co-author of the study.

For this, the researchers conducted five experiments and one study involving 550 children (ages three-six) in Poland and the US.

In one experiment, the children were asked to either sort

Learning value of money may make kids less kind



money or buttons before completing a challenging puzzle.

After sorting money or buttons, the pre-schoolers were asked to help the experimenter prepare a task for another child.

The children who had sorted money were less helpful in terms of gathering crayons for the experimenter than those who had first handled buttons.

An additional study tested whether candy might elicit a similar response to money.

The kind of food your father relished may have a direct impact on your health and overall wellbeing, according to new research.

researched, this is believed to be the first time the behavioural and hormonal effects of the male diet on offspring has been studied.

During the study, lead researcher and professor Antonio Paolini allowed male rats to eat abundant amounts of food and compared them to those with access to 25 percent fewer calories in their diet.

"Even though the fathers had no contact with their offspring and the mother's behaviour remained relatively unchanged, the offspring of the food-limited rats were lighter, ate less and showed less evidence of anxiety," he noted.

The differences appeared to be 'epigenetic', meaning the younger rats' genes functioned differently as a result of their fathers' experience.

"The results suggest that the diet of one generation may affect the next," Paolini pointed out.

Reduced calories may sharpen survival instincts, making animals less anxious and more adventurous in the way they explore their environment.

The environmental factors could also have an effect on sperm production in men in the days leading up to conception, posing an additional risk to the health of their children.

"This makes it important for both mothers and fathers to consider their environment and things such as diet, alcohol consumption and smoking, before conceiving," the authors noted.



After sorting money, buttons or candy, the children were informed that they could take up to six Disney stickers.

All of the children who sorted money took at least three stickers, whereas only 78 percent of children who sorted candies and 76 percent who sorted buttons took as many.

The children were then told they could give some of their stickers to other children who did not participate.

Kids who sorted money prior to receiving their stickers donated half as many stickers compared to kids who sorted buttons or candy.

"Our findings with children as young as three years old suggest potentially significant implications for achievement, generosity, and interpersonal harmony," added Lan Chaplin, associate professor of marketing at the University of Illinois.

According to Vohs, the results with children mirror patterns from European, Asian and North American adult samples.