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Nehru did Vande Mataram's tukde tukde, Congress gagged whole country: Amit Shah echoes PM in Rajya Sabha

New Delhi.(Agency)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, speaking in the Rajya Sabha during the discussion on Vande Mataram on Tuesday, accused former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of "doing tukde, tukde" of the national song and later dividing the country. He alleged that the Congress "gagged the entire nation" and that people who chanted Vande Mataram were jailed.

Shah also targeted Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, for skipping Monday's discussion in the lower house of Parliament, which was led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Leading the Vande Mataram discussion in the Rajya Sabha, the Union Home Minister said that Vande Mataram is not limited to Bengal and discussions on it will inspire generations.

Rejecting claims that the discussion was linked to "Even today, when a soldier makes the supreme sacrifice at the border, the words on his lips are Vande Mataram. It became a rallying cry during the freedom movement and remains a source of inspiration. Through this discussion in both Houses of Parliament, children and young people, including future generations, will better understand the enduring importance of Vande Mataram," Shah said.



The Union Home Minister further said that members in the Lok Sabha had questioned the need for a discussion on the Vande Mataram and asserted that the relevance of Vande Mataram existed in the past and will continue in the future.

"Those who fail to see its importance should introspect," Shah said.

the upcoming Bengal Assembly elections, he said that although Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay hailed from the state, Vande Mataram was never confined to it.

Duty rules non-negotiable Minister talks tough on IndiGo, bats for new airlines

New Delhi.(Agency)

In a strong message to IndiGo over the recent turmoil in its operations, Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu asserted that the revised pilot and crew rostering rules were non-negotiable as he assured strict action against India's largest airline. Speaking in the Lok Sabha, Naidu said IndiGo operations were stabilising across airports even as he firmly underscored that no airline, however large, would be permitted to cause such hardships to passengers.

"IndiGo disruptions are stabilising... No airline, however large, will be permitted to cause such hardship to passengers through planning failures, non-compliance or non-adherence to statutory provisions," he said amid sloganeering by the opposition.

Nearly 500 IndiGo flights were cancelled on Tuesday as the chaos spilt into the second week. However, the cancellations were much less than what unfolded last week. As airports witnessed chaotic scenes, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)

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stepped in to grant IndiGo a temporary exemption from stricter night duty rules for pilots under the new Flight Duty Time Limitation (FDTL) norms.

However, the move came under widespread criticism, with experts accusing the Centre of caving in after arm-twisting by IndiGo, which controls about two-thirds of India's domestic traffic.

Don't believe DMK: Actor Vijay at Puducherry rally, first after Karur stampede

Actor-politician Vijay held his first public meeting in Puducherry after the Karur stampede. He praised the Puducherry government for allowing the rally, targeted the DMK and BJP, and raised local infrastructure and fishermen issues.

Puducherry.(Agency)

Actor-politician Vijay on Tuesday held his first public meeting in Puducherry after the Karur stampede, thanking the government for granting permission when, he said, a similar event was not allowed in Tamil Nadu.

He began his speech by greeting "Puducherry makkal" and said, "We are not different, we are the same." Addressing the gathering, Vijay said Puducherry had historically shown Tamil Nadu the way by electing MG Ramachandran in 1974, three years before his 1977 victory in Tamil Nadu. "Puducherry taught us we should not miss leaders like MGR," he said, adding that his party would raise issues of "Puducherry makkal" just as much as those of Tamil Nadu.



Vijay praised the ruling NR Congress and Chief Minister N Rangaswamy for what he called "unbiased security"

for the event, despite his party campaigning independently.

"The Puducherry government is not like the DMK government in Tamil Nadu," he said, adding that he hoped the Tamil Nadu government would "learn from this."

NR Congress is currently part of the NDA. Vijay also targeted both the DMK and the BJP, saying people should not "believe the DMK government," alleging that its only duty was to "make people believe and cheat." He further said the Union government should not "corner Puducherry the way it is cornering Tamil Nadu."

Our goal is to make firefighting systems modern and efficient': CM Rekha Gupta

The Sikh Times

New Delhi, 09 December: Delhi Chief

Minister Rekha Gupta has issued clear directions to the Delhi Fire Service (DFS) to ensure that the process of issuing No Objection Certificates (NOCs) related to fire safety is made fully transparent and seamless so that hotels, restaurants, nightclubs, multiplexes and other commercial establishments do not face unnecessary difficulties. She stated that the purpose of the NOC system is not to discourage business owners but to ensure public safety. The Chief Minister added that the Fire Department is being equipped with all modern tools and technologies. If the department requires any resources, it should inform the Government, which will make them available. The Chief Minister issued these directions during a high-level review meeting with the Fire Department at the Delhi Secretariat. Urban Development Minister Ashish Sood, Chief Secretary Rajeev Verma, and senior officers of the Fire Service and Law Departments were



present at the meeting. The Chief Minister instructed officers that if any rule is causing genuine applicants difficulty, it should immediately be brought to the Government's notice so that corrective steps can be taken. She said there must be no ambiguity or unnecessary delays in the process of issuing NOCs. The licensing system must be clear, simple and time-bound so that business owners are not forced to make repeated visits to government offices. She added that the Government's goal is to make Delhi's fire-

fighting systems modern, efficient and fully trusted by citizens. The Chief Minister stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government has been consistently implementing policy reforms to promote 'Ease of Doing Business' across the country. It is the Government's policy that procedures for starting and running businesses must be simple, transparent and time-bound. She said that Licences, including fire NOCs are part of the same vision not to trouble business owners but to allow operations to function safely. The Chief Minister clarified that the Delhi Government, in line with the Central Government's policy, is continuously simplifying departmental procedures so that industries, hotels and the services sector in the capital do not face unnecessary administrative hurdles. During the meeting, the Chief Minister expressed deep concern over the recent incident of a fire in a nightclub in Goa, in which 25 people lost their lives. She said such incidents serve as a warning that Delhi must remain constantly vigilant.

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INDIA bloc MPs submit impeachment notice against judge over lamp lighting row

New Delhi.(Agency)

The DMK on Tuesday submitted a notice with 120 signatures to the Speaker seeking impeachment proceedings against Madras High Court Judge GR Swaminathan.

DMK parliamentary party leader Kanimozhi, the party's Lok Sabha leader TR Baalu, Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra handed the impeachment notice to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. According to the impeachment notice dated December 9, 2025, the motion was moved under



Articles 217 read with 124 of the Constitution of India for the removal of the Madras High Court judge. Copies of letters sent to the President of India and the Chief Justice of India were also

enclosed with the motion.

The move comes amid the simmering dispute over the lighting of the traditional Karthigai Deepam lamp atop the hill at Thiruparankundram, a site with a temple and a nearby dargah, following the judge's order permitting the ritual. According to the judge's verdict, the lamp was to be lit on the "Deepathoon" pillar by December 4. The decision rejected objections from the temple authorities and dargah management, and asserted this would not infringe on the religious rights of the Muslim community.

Rules must ease life, not trouble people: PM's message for ministers, MPs at NDA meet

Tamil Nadu.(Agency)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called on lawmakers to undertake reforms across sectors while ensuring they serve the people, not burden them. "Ensure that people do not face any trouble on account of the government. Rules and regulations are well and good, but they should be made to improve the system and not to harass the public," said Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, recounting the PM's words at a Wednesday meeting with MPs from the ruling National Democratic Alliance. "Prime Minister Modi has said in very clear words that there should not be any such law or rule



which unnecessarily troubles the common citizens. This should not happen. Laws should not be a burden on the people, but for their convenience," added Rijiju.

The PM's remarks come during a time when India's largest airline, IndiGo, has been rocked by a week-long bout of operational chaos. But it isn't clear whether PM Modi was referring to this crisis while making his comments today. Rijiju's comments today suggested that the PM's remarks may have been more generic in nature. Since last Tuesday, the airline has cancelled or delayed hundreds of flights because of a shortage of pilots after it failed to plan adequately for new rules limiting how many hours they work. The flight cancellations stranded thousands of passengers and triggered fierce criticism of both corporate and regulatory oversight.

Court notice to Sonia Gandhi over name in voter list before acquiring citizenship

A magisterial court on September 11 dismissed Tripathi's plea, saying the fundamental ingredients necessary to constitute the alleged offences against Sonia Gandhi are lacking.

New Delhi.(Agency)

A Delhi court on Tuesday issued notice to former Congress President Sonia Gandhi and Delhi Police seeking their responses on a criminal revision petition seeking registration of a criminal case against her for the offence of cheating and forgery, claiming her name was added to the 1980 voter list before acquiring Indian citizenship in 1983. Special Judge Vishal Gogne issued notices to Gandhi and Delhi Police on a criminal revision plea filed by one Vikas Tripathi challenging a magisterial court order refusing to order the registration of a First Information Report (FIR) against Gandhi for alleged

inclusion of her name in the electoral roll of the New Delhi Parliamentary constituency in 1980 despite attaining Indian citizenship in April 1983.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACMM) Vaibhav Chaurasiya on September 11 dismissed Tripathi's plea, saying an endeavour has been made by the petitioner to invoke the provisions relating to the offences of cheating and forgery against Gandhi. However, the fundamental ingredients necessary to constitute the alleged offences are lacking.

The magisterial court further said that mere bald assertions, unaccompanied by the

essential particulars required to attract the



statutory elements of cheating or forgery, cannot substitute for a legally sustainable accusation as petitioner Tripathi is merely relying only upon an extract of the electoral

roll, which is a photocopy of a photocopy of the alleged extract of uncertified electoral roll of the year 1980.

"Such a course, in substance, amounts to a misuse of the process of law by projecting a civil or ordinary dispute in the garb of criminality, solely to create a jurisdiction where none exists," the magisterial court said.

ACMM Vaibhav Chaurasiya also said that the court is not empowered to adjudicate upon questions which, by express constitutional and statutory mandate, fall within the exclusive domain of the Centre in matters relating to citizenship and the authority to

determine the eligibility of a person to be included in or excluded from the electoral roll solely rests with the Election Commission of India. "It becomes manifest that the present complaint (by Tripathi) has been fashioned with the object of clothing this court with jurisdiction through allegations which are legally untenable, deficient in substance, and beyond the scope of this forum's authority.

Such a stratagem constitutes nothing but an abuse of the process of law, which this court cannot countenance," the magisterial court said while dismissing Tripathi's plea seeking registration of FIR against the former Congress President.

News box

Design OK, GMDA to now look for companies to build flyover in Gurgaon

Gurgaon.(Agency)
GMDA is set to float the tender for a proposed flyover at Dadi Sati Chowk. A senior GMDA official said all prerequisites have been met."Design vetting and cost estimates are done and the drawings are ready. The request for proposal is now being prepared. Once the document receives approval, we expect to issue the tender by the end of this month," the official said.As per the approved design, the flyover will span 630 metres. The flyover, which will ease one of the new sector's most congested junctions, was approved by the govt in July last year during the 13th Authority meeting.

The project — that will decongest the critical intersection of sectors 85, 86, 89 and 90 — cost is estimated at Rs 59 crore, which includes the shifting of utilities. Once work begins at the site, the flover is expected to take two years to complete.According to GMDA's traffic survey, the junction currently witnesses peak-hour traffic of around 9,770 PCU (passenger car unit), causing long delays and bottlenecks for commuters. The volume of traffic is expected to exceed 10,000 PCU by the time construction begins.Of the entire length, around 360 metres will be built as a viaduct and the remaining length will be constructed using reinforced earth (RE) walls on both sides.The structure will be 11 metres wide with three lanes, lined by 7.5-metre-wide service roads on both sides.Pedestrian and non-motorised transport infrastructure has been integrated into the design with a two-metre-wide walkway and a1.5-metre-wide cycle track planned on both sides.Officials said the functional design aims to ensure a seamless flow of vehicles from Dwarka Expressway toward Manesar and vice-versa, without interruptions caused by cross-traffic at the roundabout.Grade-level traffic will shift to the service roads, while through-traffic will move over the flyover, allowing safer and seamless movement for both commuters and pedestrians.

Bank executive arrested for approving home loans on fake documents
Noida.(Agency)
A bank employee was arrested for his alleged involvement in a multi-crore fake home loan racket.

The accused, Shubham Saxena, a resident of Sadopur Jhal, Badalpur, previously worked as a sales executive with HDFC Home Loans and was currently posted as a team manager with SBI Home Loans in Delhi. Police said that he played a major role in facilitating fraudulent loan approvals using forged identities.The racket was being operated through forged documents and collusion between builders and bank employees.Additional SP, special task force, Noida, Rajkumar Mishra said that gang members Tahir Hussain, Anil Sharma and Ashok Kumar alias Rinki illegally procured original documents of Shahida Ahmed.They used the documents to create a fake identity under the name Ratna Vasudeva. Another member, Aman Sharma, allegedly used forged fingerprints of Shahida to obtain Aadhaar and PAN cards in the name of Ratna Vasudeva.A bank account was then opened in Federal Bank using the fake documents, into which Rs 4.8 crore was transferred as a home loan from HDFC Bank. "The property registry for the sanctioned loan was executed on December 5, 2024, in the name of Sanaualla. However, Sanaualla did not appear on the day of registration. Instead, Mohammad Wasi impersonated him, completed the biometrics, and got himself photographed as the buyer," Mishra said.Police found that the witnesses on the registry—named as Satish Sharma and Tarachand—were also fictitious identities. Their Aadhaar cards were forged, with the photographs replaced by those of Tahir Khan and another associate identified as Iqbal. The fake mobile number registered in the Federal Bank account of Ratna Vasudeva was found linked to Tahir Khan as well.

Minda gets Yamuna Expressway land for Rs 500 crore manufacturing unit
Noida.(Agency)
Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) on Monday allotted a 23-acre industrial plot in Sector 10 to Minda Corporation Limited, clearing the way for a major manufacturing investment along the Yamuna Expressway industrial corridor. Another company, Polynomous Industries, will also set up a manufacturing unit in Sector 10.

According to YEIDA, Minda will invest Rs 522 crore to set up a manufacturing facility for wiring harnesses and related connection systems. The proposed unit is expected to have an annual production capacity of around 48 lakh units and generate significant direct and indirect employment in the region. The project with Minda was approved under the Uttar Pradesh Investment Promotion Policy, under which incentives were extended as Minda Corporation is part of a Fortune 500 group.Minda Corporation, a flagship company of the Spark Minda Group, has 27 operational manufacturing units across India, Vietnam, Italy, Japan, and Indonesia. The company operates in areas such as mechatronics, information and connected systems, plastics and interiors, aftermarket products, electric vehicles and electronics, and runs R&D centres in Pune and Bengaluru.YEIDA CEO Rakesh Kumar Singh handed over the allotment letter to Minda Corporation executive director Akash Minda, in the presence of Amit Jalan, head of corporate affairs, Spark Minda Group, YEIDA additional CEO Nagendra Pratap Singh, and officer on special duty Shailendra Bhatia.

Earlier this year, YEIDA also issued a letter of intent (LoI) to Minda Corporation for the manufacturing unit. Previously, the group, in partnership with Korea's Daesung and India's Loconav, was allotted 22 acres in Sector 24 for manufacturing ignition switches and steering locks.Meanwhile, Polynomous Industries, a leading manufacturer of advanced polymer compounds, plans to invest Rs 75 crore on a 10,000 sqm plot, creating 500–600 jobs.Polynomous supplies polymer materials to major electronics, home appliance, and automobile component manufacturers, with applications ranging from refrigerators and washing machines to two and four-wheelers, LED lighting systems, and electrical equipment.

3k doctors on strike, health services spared on first day in Haryana

Gurgaon.(Agency)
Over 3,000 doctors employed in govt hospitals across Haryana launched a two-day strike from Monday, alleging that the state govt failed to fulfil the three major demands they have been raising with the authorities for years.Meanwhile, deputy commissioner Ajay Kumar has imposed prohibitory orders that will remain in force on Dec 8 and 9.

The key demands of the doctors, who had earlier issued an ultimatum, include setting up a distinct cadre for specialists, selection of senior medical officers through internal promotions and implementation of a dynamic assured career progression (ACP) scheme on a par with their counterparts in central govt hospitals.The protesters, owing allegiance to Haryana Civil Medical Services Association (HCMSA), said direct recruitment of senior medical officers adversely affected the promotion prospects of a large number of doctors.

"There is a pressing need to amend these rules," said an HCMSA member. "In certain states, there is a provision for promotion after fixed intervals. For instance, a medical officer in a central govt hospital in Bihar is eligible for promotion in 4, 9, 13 and 20 years. This is not the case in Haryana. More than 95% of doctors here retire with just one promotion in their entire career, from medical officer to senior medical officer," he said.The prohibitory orders were imposed under Section 163 of BNSS within a 200-metre radius of all govt health institutions, including the civil hospital, sub-divisional hospitals, polyclinics, community health centres and primary health centres. The order bans the gathering of five or more persons near these facilities and will remain in force till the strike continues. The administration warned that violations would invite action. As per the order, gathering of five or more persons within

the restricted perimeter has been prohibited.The district magistrate said there is an apprehension that the strike could disrupt essential healthcare services and lead to a breach of public order, unrest and inconvenience to the general public. In Nuh, duty magistrates were appointed on the orders of district magistrate Akhil Pilani. The strike, however, did not affect OPD



78 feeding spots for 24k dogs in Gurgaon, experts say not enough

Gurgaon.(Agency)
A total of 159 stray dog feeding spots, including 78 in the MCG area, have been designated in the district by civic bodies in their respective jurisdictions.On Monday, deputy commissioner Ajay Kumar organised a district-level committee meeting to conduct a detailed review of stray dog control, their humane management, implementation of safety measures and departmental coordination.

Appropriate signboards are being installed at these feeding spots in the corporation area. MCG joint commissioner Preetpal said the civic body has given the responsibility of managing stray dogs to two agencies.Around 20 feeding points have been determined in the Manesar area. Another 16 feeding spots have been identified in Municipal Committee Farrukhnagar, 15 in Municipal Council Sohna and 30 in Municipal Council Pataudi-Jatoli Mandi.The DC said, "We appealed to citizens not to abandon helpless animals on roads, so that a safe and smooth traffic system can be ensured."The DC directed all concerned departments to prepare a priority list of all



sensitive locations in the district — such as schools, hospitals, bus stands, railway stations and playgrounds — to ensure that a surveillance system, safety measures and "quick response mechanism" are implemented at these places.

The meeting, which took place against the backdrop of an increasing number of stray dogs in the district, a call for public safety and effective compliance with Supreme Court directives, focused specifically on strictly implementing the animal birth control (ABC) programme, removing dogs from schools, hospitals, playgrounds, bus stands, railway stations

How you lose control of your phone with a single WhatsApp click

Gurgaon.(Agency)
A 78-year-old man losing Rs 23 crore after being shown an AI-generated video of "CBI officers" is not an isolated incident, but represents the biggest rising cyber threat, cybersecurity expert Rakshit Tandon warned as he demonstrated to the audience how phones get hacked and what one must to do stay alert in an engrossing session at TOI's first 'Don'tGetScammed' Townhall on Sunday.Tandon said there was a sharp spike in APK (Android Package Kit) frauds, where malicious files are sent on WhatsApp disguised as pension verification forms, life certificate updates, challan links, or even wedding invitations. "The moment you click the APK, your phone is compromised. The hacker takes complete control within

seconds," he said.

He cited the case of a 75-year-old widow in Haryana who lost Rs 12 lakh after clicking an APK titled 'DNP Life Certificate Update.pk'. Similar APK files are now being sent disguised as traffic e-challans, which many are falling prey to.

Children, too, are becoming soft targets. "Kids download games from third-party APK stores to avoid charges. These are loaded with spyware," Tandon said. Giving an example, he said a child downloaded a game on his grandfather's phone, leading to Rs 10 lakh disappearing from the grandfather's account. Games like Roblox (13+) and unofficial Minecraft downloads, he warned, are "danger zones" for children.Highlighting the global scale of cyber risks, Tandon said

password leaks have reached unprecedented levels. "If you've reused passwords, you're already at risk," he cautioned.Tandon also warned about SIM-swap and eSIM frauds, where criminals impersonate telecom staff. "If they crack your email password, they can activate your eSIM on their device and start receiving all your OTPs," he said. Once that happens, accounts are emptied using pre-approved loans.Urging people to act, Tandon said, "Check your exposure on haveibeenpwned.com, change compromised passwords, enable two-step verification, and use passkeys." He advised parents to keep children off social media till the age of 15 and stop third-party game downloads.

services at Civil Hospital in Sector 10 in the city on the first day. Anticipating possible disruptions, the health department made contingency arrangements at hospitals to minimise the impact and ensure uninterrupted patient care.Officials said they were hopeful that the issue would be resolved through dialogue, averting a prolonged crisis that could put pressure on the state's healthcare system.Jogi Singh from Jharsa, who visited Civil Hospital with his seven-year-old son, did not face any delay in getting an appointment or medicines. "My son has had a fever and body ache for the past few days. I was worried about the strike, but there was no problem at all," he said. Suresh Saini from Sector 10 also did not have to wait for long. "I came to consult a gynaecologist for my pregnant wife. We received all the help we needed," he said.

A third of bars & restos in Gurgaon lacks fire NOCs

Gurgaon.(Agency)
The Goa nightclub fire that claimed over two dozen lives on Sunday has invited scrutiny of entertainment venues in the city.The fire department has announced a comprehensive inspection and fire audit of all clubs, pubs, and restaurants to assess their fire readiness.Estimates suggest that approximately one-third of 600 establishments, including clubs, pubs, bars, restaurants and ahatas (BYOB venues) are operating without the necessary fire NOC, a critical document that certifies compliance with fire safety regulations.

The inspection process will involve a thorough review of each establishment's fire safety measures, including the availability and functionality of fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, emergency exits, and sprinkler systems. The department will also assess staff training in emergency response procedures and the overall maintenance of fire safety equipment.Joint director of fire department, Gulshan Kalra, said that the primary goal is to ensure that all public venues in Gurgaon are fully equipped to handle any fire-related emergencies."The department urges all establishments to proactively review their fire safety measures and ensure compliance with the necessary regulations," he said.Establishments found lacking in compliance will be given a stipulated period to rectify the deficiencies. Failure to do so may result in penalties, including fines and potential closure until they comply. For the sake of aesthetics, fire safety equipment is often kept hidden from plain sight in restaurants, pubs and bars.Most entertainment venues often have one entrance that makes evacuation difficult during an accident.Moreover, since most of these places serve alcohol, the liquor fumes make the atmosphere inside such an entertainment venue highly flammable.A resident of Sector 50, Rohit Mishra, said several clubs and pubs do not meet the fire safety measures."There are clubs and bars with narrow entry and single entry and exit points," he said, adding that some of the establishments are operating in very cramped places.

Scammers hack your mind before they hack your device: Haryana DGP at TOI Townhall

Noida.(Agency)
The real battlefield of cybercrime isn't inside phones and bank servers but circuits of the human mind. This was the unequivocal message from Haryana's director-general of police OP Singh to our readers at the TOI's first 'DontGetScammed' Townhall in the city on Sunday.With cybercrime becoming an exponentially rising threat, the sense of urgency in society to build better defences against it was evident in the full house that greeted DGP Singh at Imperial Gardens in Sector 102 on Sunday afternoon. There were many questions, ranging from basic safety practices to hacking of phones. The DGP, well experienced in this domain with a stint as ADGP,cyber, answered with facts, and a characteristic dash of humour.Cybercrime numbers are stark. From Jan-Oct this year, 35,564 complaints related to cyber fraud have been received in Gurgaon alone. These crimes have cheated residents of more than Rs 230 crore through baits like investment frauds, fair tactics like 'digital arrests', and impersonations to trick people into sharing sensitive information such as OTPs. And while coordination between police, banks and other agencies has improved, recovering money stolen through cybercrime is not easy. For example, though 2,230 arrests in different cybercrime cases have been made in the city this year, police have managed to recover only Rs 46.6 crore.Against this backdrop of escalating digital vulnerability, awareness is the best defence against scams. The townhall with the DGP aimed to do just that.

Before moving to solutions and interventions, the DGP gave a reality check. Haryana, he said, received tens of thousands of cyber fraud complaints last year. Losses ran into hundreds of crores. Victims came from every income group. And the most shocking detail? Most attacks succeeded not because of high-end hacking, but because of e m o t i o n a l manipulation."Scammers hack the mind before they hack the device," Singh told the audience, among them executives, software engineers,

bureaucrats, senior citizens, homemakers, teenagers, and young parents with toddlers. "What they exploit is not technology, but behaviour — your impulses, your fears, your hopes," he added.

Singh explained that digital fraud hinges on six universal human triggers: fear, urgency, trust, curiosity, greed and carelessness. "These six vulnerabilities," he said,"are the scammer's favourite toolkit. They don't need your account number. They just need a moment when you stop thinking."Across the hall, heads nodded. A woman whispered to her husband, "This is exactly how that fake courier text fooled me last year."

"Fraudsters study routines. They know when salaries are credited. That's when they offer high-return fake investments," Singh said, offering an insight into how cyber cons plant their click baits. To a question about deepfakes, Singh responded: "Deepfakes are not dangerous because of technology — they're dangerous because they imitate trust."

To drive home the psychological

dimension of cybercrime, the DGP played out hypothetical situations. A man, he said, receives a call claiming his electricity supply will be cut in 15 minutes. A woman gets a message, he said, that her bank account has been 'suspended'. A student gets a text about a parcel awaiting verification.

The two to three seconds that decide one's response is where scams are a hit or a miss, the DGP said. "When fear hits, the brain's rational centre shuts down. And scammers know this better than most psychiatrists."The line drew laughter but an uneasy one because the words resonated with the audience. They rang true. The setting of Imperial Gardens added a layer to the discussion. Located along the rapidly developing Dwarka Expressway stretch, with a population dominated by young professionals, tech workers, and families that use the whole array of digital services, including UPI, credit cards, e-commerce and banking, it brought an invested audience to the session.

As one resident put it, "We're all

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Safdarjung docs end strike after CTVS HoD issues apology

New Delhi: Resident doctors at Safdarjung Hospital ended their strike on Thursday after the Head of the Cardio-Thoracic and Vascular Surgery (CTVS) Department issued a verbal and written apology to the senior resident who was allegedly assaulted last week. Dr Arun Kumar, senior resident at Safdarjung Hospital, Hospital stated on Thursday that senior and postgraduate residents would resume duties. The strike started after a senior anaesthesia resident faced verbal and physical assault by the Head of the Cardio-Thoracic and Vascular Surgery (CTVS) Department on November 28.

NAME CHANGE

I, hitherto known as FARDEEN HUSSAIN S/O CHAMAN KHAN R/O NEW F-60, TAGORE GARDEN S.O, WEST DELHI, DELHI-110027 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as FARDEEN KHAN.

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I ANJUM NISA W/O MOHD AAKIB R/O D-180 GALI NO-02, D1-BLOCK, ASHOK NAGAR, NAND NAGRI, NORTH EAST DELHI-110093 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANJUM NISHA

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GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT BACK CHAIN OF VILLANO. 56, LAND AREA MEASURING 60 SQ.YDS., WITH ROOF RIGHTS ON PLOT NO. 56, PART OF KHASRA NO. 704, SITUATED AT KRISHAN VATIKA, VILLAGE ACHHEJA, PARGANA AND TEHSIL DADRI, DISTT. GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, UP (SAID PROPERTY) I.E. ORIGINAL SALE DEED DATED 21.08.2018 EXECUTED BY MR. ASHOK KUMAR IN FAVOUR OF M.S. SURE INFRA PROJECTS PVT. LTD. THROUGH ITS DIRECTOR MR. SURENDER KUMAR SINGH IN RESPECT OF THE SAID PROPERTY VIDE DULY REGD. AS DOC. NO. 16595, IN BOOK NO. 1, VOLUME NO. 12312, ON PAGES NO. 371-390, ON DATED 21.08.2018, IN THE OFFICE OF SRO-DADRI, U.P. HAS BEEN LOST BY CURRENT OWNER I.E. MRS. VANDANA, C/O MR. DHEERAJ KUMAR SHARMA, R/O 56A, MARIPAT STATION ROAD, VILLAGE ACHHAHA, GHAZIABAD, U.P. AND SAID OWNER MRS. VANDANA PURCHASED THE SAID PROPERTY VIDE SALE DEED DATED 23.10.2018 EXECUTED BY M.S. SURE INFRA PROJECTS PVT. LTD. NOW MRS. VANDANA WANTS TO TAKE LOAN AGAINST THE SAID PROPERTY FROM TRU HOME FINANCE LIMITED. PLEASE SUBMIT THE SAID ORIGINAL SALE DEED IF FIND BY ANY PERSON. ALSO PLEASE CONTACT WITH WRITTEN OBJECTION LETTER WITH RELEVANT DOCUMENTS WITH UNDERSIGNED IF HAVING ANY OBJECTION IN RESPECT OF SAID PROPERTY/SALE DEED WITHIN 07 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION. ITS USE BY ANYONE IS ILLEGAL.

ADITYA VERMA, ADVOCATE
E-16, MANSAROVAR PARK, SHAHDARA, DELHI-110032
MOBILE NO. 9999042521

PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED, MRS. MEENA PATWAL ALIAS MRS. MEENA RAWAT, C/O MR. MEHRABAN PATWAL, R/O KHASRA NO. 874/1, LAL DORA, BURARI DELHI-110084, BOTH ARE SAME PERSON AND HAVING OWNERSHIP AND IN POSSESSION OF MIG THIR FLOOR FLAT BEARING NO. TF-01, AREA MEASURING 65 SQ. YARDS BUILT ON PLOT BEARING NO. E-19 OUT OF KHASRA NO. 1149, SITUATED AT HINDON YAMUNA SAHKARI AWAS SAMITI LIMITED COLONY KNOWN AS HINDON VIHAR, VILLAGE BAROLA, NOIDA, U.P. (SAID PROPERTY) AND ACQUIRED THE SAID PROPERTY VIDE SALE DEED DT. 27.12.2013 EXECUTED BY MRS. LATA SINGH IN FAVOUR OF MRS. MEENA PATWAL IN RESPECT OF THE SAID PROPERTY, (DOC. NO. 15060, IN BOOK NO. 1, VOL. NO. 5722, ON PAGES 319-352, ON DT. 27.12.2013, SRO-2/NOIDA), NOW MS. PURVA GIRI GOSWAMI IS GOING TO PURCHASE THE SAID PROPERTY FROM OWNER / SELLER MRS. MEENA PATWAL ALIAS MRS. MEENA RAWAT, C/O MR. MEHRABAN PATWAL, WHICH WILL BE MORTGAGED WITH TRU HOME FINANCE LIMITED AS SECURITY AGAINST HOUSING LOAN FOR PURCHASING OF SAID PROPERTY, PLEASE CONTACT WITH WRITTEN OBJECTION LETTER AND RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO UNDERSIGNED IF ANYONE HAS AN OBJECTION IN RESPECT OF SAID PROPERTY WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

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NAME CHANGE

I, Lakshmi Chand Garg, S/o Churia Mal, R/O House No. 108, ward no. 07, assandh, Karnal, Haryana-132039, have changed my name to Lakshmi Chand.

NAME CHANGE

I, RAJNI W/O MOHIT SHARMA R/O H.NO-398, KUMAHARAN MOHALLA, DHARUHERA, REWARI,HARYANA-123106, I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJNI SHARMA FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES

NAME CHANGE

I, LAXMI BULLI Mother of No-2619268W Rank-LHAV Name-HANAMANT SADASHIV BULLI Presently residing at A/P-GOSABAL, TQ-GOKAK, DIST-BELAGAVI, KAR-NATAKA-591227, have changed my name from LAXMI BULLI TO LAKSHMAVVA BULLI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 09/12/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, SADASHIV S BULLI Father of No-2619268W Rank-LHAV Name-HANAMANT SADASHIV BULLI Presently residing at A/P-GOSABAL, TQ-GOKAK, DIST-BELAGAVI, KAR-NATAKA-591227, have changed my name from SADASHIV S BULLI to SADASHIV BULLI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 09/12/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, Prithvi Singh s/o Pritpal Singh R/O 29, Hari Nagar, Ashram, New Delhi-110014 have changed my name to Prithvipal Singh for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, PREM NATH TIWARI Father of JC-388641L Rank-SUB Name-SANTOSH KUMAR TIWARI residing at VILL-JHAUWA, PO-JHAUWA, TEHSIL&PS-AURAI, DIST-BHADOHI, UTTAR PRADESH-221402, have changed my name from PREM NATH TIWARI to PREM NATH for all future purposes, in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1953 instead of my correct date of birth as 08/11/1949 Vide Affidavit dated 09/12/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, MANSI D/O BHARAT SINGH NEGI R/O A-42,DEENDARPUR EXTENSION, STREET NO-3,NAJAFGARH,DELHI-110043,HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR DAUGHTER, NAME FROM PRIYANKA TO PRIYANKA NEGI FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES

NAME CHANGE

I, MANSI D/O BHARAT SINGH NEGI R/O A-42,DEENDARPUR EXTENSION, STREET NO-3,NAJAFGARH, DELHI-110043, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANSI NEGI FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE

NAME CHANGE

I, Mohammad Hakam s/o Himmat Khan R/o Village birsika post ujina tahseel nuh Distic nuh , Haryana- 122107 ,have changed my name to Hakam

NAME CHANGE

I, Narottam Sharma S/O Om Parkash R/O R-9/53-D, Udaygiri-II, Sec 34 Noida, Gautam Budha Nagar UP - 201301 Have changed my name to Narottam Saran for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, Sidhartha Nagabushana S/O Hosakere Seetharama Nagabushana R/O Jd-12,First Floor, Flat No-4,Khirkhi Extension,Malyiva Nagar,South Delhi-110017 Have changed my name to Sidhartha SN (Sidhartha Shimoga Nagabushana) for all future purposes.

STORES E-PROCUREMENT

Tender Notice No.: S/30/2025-26; Dated: 04-12-2025. E-
Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works:-
SN. 1: Tender No. 61/25/5564/OT/190/2025-26;
Closing/ Opening Date: 31-12-2025

Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: Manufacture and Supply of 10mm thick modified Composite Grooved Rubber sole Plate for UIC rail for curve sleepers conforming to RDSO drawing No. T-8998 according to IRS Specification for 10 mm thick CGRSP for placing beneath Rails Provisional- 2007 No. RDSO/M&C/RP-200/2007 with latest alternations. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery], [Inspection Agency: RITES Non-TPI, Stage Insp: NA, Stages:0] [UVAM Linking: Item: 3100584, RAIL PADS Sub item: CGRSP] Item Type: Goods (supply), Qty: 70000 Nos for SSE/P.Way/TD/Bongaigaon, NFR (Assam) P.L. No.-601600270755.

NOTE:- For full details of Tender notice and tender documents, tenderer may log on to the website (www.ireps.gov.in) prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tenders are required to log in themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with **IREPS**. In case they are not registered with **IREPS**, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.

PCMM/ Maligaon



E-AUCTION FOR AWARDING OF LICENSE OF LEASE SLR OF VARIOUS TRAINS

E-Auction catalogue for leasing of SLR of various trains over Alipurduar Division. **Description:** Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment). **Rate Unit:** Per Trip Licensing Fee.

Auction Catalogue No.: C-AP-PCL-LEASE			
Seq No.	Lot No./Category	Trips/Days	
AA/1	15468-SLR-F1-BXT-SGUJ-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/2	12378-SLR-F1-NOQ-SDAH-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/3	15468-SLR-R1-BXT-SGUJ-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/4	15769-SLR-F2-APDJ-MXN-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/5	13142-SLR-R1-NOQ-SDAH-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/6	15769-SLR-F1-APDJ-MXN-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/7	15768-SLR-R1-APDJ-SGUJ-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/8	15768-SLR-F2-APDJ-SGUJ-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/9	13150-SLR-F1-APDJ-SDAH-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/10	15753-SLR-F2-APDJ-GHY-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/11	15778-SLR-F1-APDJ-NJP-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/12	15768-SLR-F1-APDJ-SGUJ-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/13	15468-SLR-F2-BXT-SGUJ-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/14	15417-SLR-F1-APDJ-SHTT-22-2 (Parcel-SLR)	313	
AA/15	15417-SLR-F1-APDJ-SHTT-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	313	
AA/16	15753-SLR-F1-APDJ-GHY-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/17	15753-SLR-R1-APDJ-GHY-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/18	15769-SLR-R1-APDJ-MXN-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/19	13142-SLR-F2-NOQ-SDAH-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/20	13148-SLR-F1-BXT-SDAH-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/21	13142-SLR-F1-NOQ-SDAH-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730	
AA/22	15483-SLR-F1-APDJ-DLI-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	730	

Auction Start Date & Time (All Lots) : 11:00 hrs. on 12-12-2025;
Auction Close Date /Time : 15:00 hrs. on 12-12-2025. The above auction Notice has already uploaded in the website www.ireps.gov.in under E-Auction Leasing Module.

Divisional Railway Manager (C), Alipurduar Jn.



NAME CHANGE

I, SUNIL GUPTA S/O MAHINDER PAL/R/O RZ-77 GALI NO-6 MOHAN BLOCK WEST SAGAR PUR DELHI-110046 have changed my name to SUNIL KUMAR GUPTA for all future purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, Sadhika Parveen alias Sadhika Parveen D/O Late Hamid Ali Ex.W/O Siraj Ahmad R/O House No. 1, Street No -1, Main Chowk , Kardam Puri, Gokal Pur, North East Delhi , Delhi -110094, declare that I got divorce from my husband vide court decree ML No.60/2015 dated 11.12.2017. Further I declare that name of my mother and father have been Wrongly Written as Maryoob Jahan and Mohd Syedhamid in my 10th and 12th educational documents, and name of mine has been wrongly written as Sadhika Paveen in my Bachelor of Arts Degree. The actual name of mine, my mother and father are Sadhika Parveen, Margub Jaha and Hamid Ali

NAME CHANGE

I, Rajesh Singhania S/O Hari Kishan R/O A-2/98- 2nd floor paschim vihar delhi 110063 changed my name to Rajesh Kumar .

NAME CHANGE

I, Sunil Kumar S/o Ram Prasad Bhatnagar R/O House No. 40/11, Nehru Colony, Rohtak Haryana - 124001 have changed my name to Sunil Bhatnagar for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, SANTOSH KUMAR S/O Prabhu Dyal Yadav R/O H.NO.508, Sector-3,, Ballabhgarh, Faridabad-121004, have changed my name to SANTOSH YADAV permanently.

Public Notice

It is for general information that I, Sanjeev Kumar S/o Mittar Sain Sanjeev Kumar R/O 173, Giridhar Enclave, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201005 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Sanjiva Kumar in my Service Book. The actual name of mine is Sanjeev Kumar.

Public Notice

It is for general information that I, AYESHA PARVEEN W/o SUHAIL KHAN R/O FLAT NO-B-702, P NO-1439-40, AHINSA VATIKA RAM NAGAR, SHAHDARA, NORTH EAST DELHI, DELHI-110032 declare that name of my Minor daughter has been wrongly written as HIFZA KHAN in my minor daughter namely HIFZA aged 16 years in her 10th Class EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTS. The actual name of my Minor daughter is HIFZA, which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

NAME CHANGE

I, Saima Ali W/o Asad Ali R/O R-2/15, Gali No.21, Brham Puri, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Sayma Parveen.

NAME CHANGE

I,Aman S/o Naresh Kumar R/o X-961, 10A, Near Monti Baba Temple, Brahmapuri, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Aman Kumar.

NAME CHANGE

I, TEJINDER SINGH S/O gurcharan singh khurana R/O FLAT NO-129, 4TH FLOOR, C.BLOCK, MAX HEIGHT, SONIPAT, HARYANA-131029 have changed my minor daughter name from JASMEH KAUR TO JASMEH KAUR KHU-RANA for all future purposes.

Public Notice

My Client DHANI RAM S/O LATE SHI LAL CHAND & RAMESHWARI W/O DHANI RAM R/O E-504, CAMP NO.2, J.J. COLONY, NANGLOI NEW DELHI-41, have served all their relations with their son DEEPAKAR due to his bad habits. My client have also dis-owned and debarred their said son from all their moveable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with DEEPAKAR will do so at his/her their own risk and responsibilities and my client will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by them. Ly Madhur Agarwal.

NAME CHANGE

I, MOHD AZAM KHAN S/O SALEEM KHAN R/O H.NO-1070, GALI NO-35, MAIN ROAD, JAFARABAD NORTH EAST, DELHI-110053, have changed my name to MOHAMMAD AZAM KHAN for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, NITIN S/O SATISH CHANDER R/O H NO-428-A, POCKET-II, MAYUR VIHAR PHASE-I, DELHI-110091, have changed my name to NITIN NAUTYAL for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I,Jwan Khan s/o Mohd Hazur R/O O-44, Chanakya Place-2, New Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Jeevan Khan for all future purposes

NAME CHANGE

I, Sanjay s/o Ratan Singh R/O 168, Devi Village, Devi, South Delhi-110082 have changed my name to Sanjesh for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, NAINTRA W/O Manoj Kumar R/o Flat No.82, MIG Metro Apartments, Jahangir Puri, Delhi-110033 have changed my name to NAYAN TARA permanently

NAME CHANGE

I, No-15731568N Rank-NK Name-PRABHUJOT SINGH Presently residing at VPO-DHANAUARI, TEH-CHAMKAUR SAHIB, DIST-RUPNAGAR, PUNJAB-140103, have changed my name from BALJEET KAUR to BALJIT KAUR for all future purposes and in my service records my mother's date of birth wrongly mentioned as 20/06/1966 instead of her correct date of birth as 01/01/1967 vide Affidavit dated 09/12/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Public Notice

It is for general information that I, Arshlan Ahmed S/O Ishlayaque Ahmed R/O House no. 648 A House name - Khurshid Manzil, Gali no. 8, IBlock, Near Gareeb Nawaz Masjid, Sangam Vihar, Delhi, South Delhi, Delhi - 110080 Declare that name of mine and my father has been Wrongly written as Arshlan Ahmad and Ishlayaque Ahmad in my All Educational Documents. The actual name of mine and my father are Arshlan Ahmed and Ishlayaque Ahmed

NAME CHANGE

I, SANGEETA is legally spouse of No. JC 423982C Rank NB SUB Name BHAWANI SINGH presently residing at VPO-RANSIGAON, TEH-BILHARA, DIST-JODHPUR, STATE-RAJASTHAN, PIN-342601 have changed my name from SANGEETA to SANGITA KANWAR for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 09/12/2025 before Notary Public New Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, KAVITHASINI is legally wedded wife of No. 15705630H Rank HAV Name SINI DAS S presently residing MECHERYIL HOUSE, PO-VADACKAL, DIST-ALAPPUZAHA (KERALA)-688003 have changed my name from KAVITHA SINI to KAVITHA LAKSHMI O S for all Future Purposes. Vide Affidavit Dated 09/12/2025 before Notary Public New Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I Bilkis W/O Mohd Momin R/O. H.No-6605/A, Gali No-6, Main 25 futa Road, Old Mustafabad, Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Bilkish

Public Notice

I,Avishek Paul C/o Sunil Kumar Paul R/O F 161, 1st Floor, Central Park, Flower Valley, Block F, Flamingo Floor, K R. Mangalam University, Village Dhunela, Sector 32/33, Dhunela (182), Gurgaon, Haryana -122103 That in the Birth Certificate of my minor son aged 8 years his name has been wrongly written as Hirhan Sahi Paul instead of Hirhan Paul Sahi which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I VINAY KUMAR S/O RAJ KUMAR R/O E-405, MATHURA ROAD, DMRC QTR. PO: SARITA VIHAR, DIST: SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110076, declare that name of my wife has been wrongly written as POONAM YADAV in my minor daughter namely ANSHIKA YADAV aged 10 years in her School Records. The actual name of my wife is POONAM DEVI which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I VINAY KUMAR S/O RAJ KUMAR R/O E-405, MATHURA ROAD, DMRC QTR. PO: SARITA VIHAR, DIST: SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110076, declare that name of mine, my wife and my minor daughter have been wrongly written as VINAY YADAV, POONAM and JANVI in my minor daughter namely JANVI YADAV aged 13 years in her School Records. The actual name of mine, my wife and my minor daughter are VINAY KUMAR, POONAM DEVI and JANVI YADAV respectively, which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

NAME CHANGE

I, KARANJEET KUMAR S/O UMESH KUMAR JHA, residing at 113-A, Krishan Kunj Extension Part-1, Laxmi Nagar, East Delhi-110092 have changed the name of my minor son LAKHIT, aged 2 years and he shall hereafter be known as RIVANSH SINGH.

NAME CHANGE

I, VIJAY CHAWLA S/O MADAN LAL CHAWLA R/O HOUSE NO 642/17, NEAR BATRA HOSPITAL, SHIVAJI NAGAR, GURGAON, HARYANA-122001 HAVE CHANGED MY DAUGHTER NAME DHRUTI CHAWLA TO SIDHI CHAWLA FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES

NAME CHANGE

I, Poonam Sriwastav W/O Vinay Sriwastav R/O 2087/7E, Gali No. 20,Yadav Sweets, Prem Nagar, Patel Nagar, PO: Patel Nagar, Dist: Central Delhi, Delhi -110008, have changed the name of my minor daughter Ridhi Sriwastav aged 08 years, and she shall hereafter be known as Ridhi Sriwastav

NAME CHANGE

I, hitherto known as Sourav Kumar S/O Kapil Dev Shah Permanent Residence of Near Cross Road, part-2, Street No -8, surrender Colony, Jharoda Majra, Burari, Po Burari Dist North Delhi, Delhi-1100084, have change my name and shall hereafter be known as Sourav kumar Shah.

NAME CHANGE

I, Reshma Madwal R/O Sandeep Ankush Madwal R/O Flat No-S-29, Rainbow Nest Apartment, Annappoorneshwari nagar, Gidadao nenahalli, PO-Visanenad, Dist-Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560091, have changed my minor son's name from Rachit R. Sriwasta Aged 13 Years to Rachit S Madwal forever

NAME CHANGE

I Manulu Pooga D/o Mannem Raju R/O 13-3-595/A/1/10, Durga Nagar, Jiyaguda, VTC-Asifnagar, PO-Karwan Sahu, Dist-Hyderabad, Telangana - 500006, have changed my name to Mannem Pojitha

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as RANDHIR SINGH S/O MOHAR SINGH R/O T-1/4 Budh Vihar Phase-1, Nithari, SULTANPURI C Block, North West Delhi-110086 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SHAMSHER SINGH.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as SURYA S/O VJAY R/O 516/2, Ground Floor, Ajit Vihar Shakti Enclave, Banke Bihari Apartment, Burari, North Delhi, Delhi-110084 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SURYA GUPTA.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as SURESH KUMAR ROY S/O SARBATI LAL RAY R/O Flat No.-J-89, Ground Floor, Dilshad Colony, Jilimili, Shahdara, Delhi-110095 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SURESH RAY.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, DEVENDER KUMAR SAINI S/O LATE, RAM CHARAN SAINI R/O Qtr-49, Ground Floor, Block-C, Nivedita, Kunj, R.K Puram, Sect-10, South West Delhi, Delhi-110022 declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as DEVENDER KUMAR and RAM CHAREN SAINI in my all Educational Documents. The actual name of mine and my father are DEVENDER KUMAR SAINI and LATE. RAM CHARAN SAINI respectively which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

I, CHETNA SHARMA W/O RAHUL CHAWLA R/O WZ-39 1ST FLOOR GALI NO-18 PHASE-3 OM VIHAR UTTAM NAGAR DELHI-110059 , have changed my name to CHETNA CHAWLA for all future purposes.

Chinese court orders Malaysia Airlines to pay compensation over missing flight Mh370

BELJING. (Agency)
A Beijing court has ruled that Malaysia Airlines must pay 2.9 million yuan (\$410,000) each to the families of eight passengers who went missing in the mysterious disappearance of the MH370 flight more than a decade ago. The court ordered the airline to pay each family compensation for the death of their loved one, funeral expenses, and damages stemming from emotional distress, it said in a statement Monday. Although it is not known what happened to the passengers, they have been declared legally dead. There were 239 passengers and crew members on the flight that disappeared after departing Kuala Lumpur for Beijing in 2014.

Despite years of searches, it's unknown why the plane went down or what happened to the people on board. Most of the passengers were Chinese, and their families in China have continued to seek answers. The court said that another 23 cases remain pending. In 47 other cases, families have reached agreements with the airlines and withdrawn their suits. Last Wednesday, the Malaysian government said it would resume a search for the missing plane starting Dec. 30.

'Why India dumping rice into US': Trump's new tariff threat amid US trade talks

world. (Agency)
US President Donald Trump said India should not be “dumping” rice into the U.S. market and said he will “take care” of the issue, emphasising that tariffs would easily solve the “problem.” This comes amid United States Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Allison Hooker's visit to New Delhi and Bengaluru from December 7 to 11.

The visit is expected to sharpen the strategic focus of the US-India partnership at a time when both sides are navigating economic friction, geopolitical volatility and rapid technological shifts. According to the US Embassy, Hooker will prioritise advancing the US-India strategic partnership, deepening economic and commercial ties, expanding American exports, and accelerating collaboration in emerging technologies, particularly artificial intelligence and space exploration. Her visit comes amid renewed efforts in Washington and New Delhi to stabilise ties after weeks of heightened tensions over the Trump administration's 50% tariff on Indian goods and India's continued purchase of Russian energy.

On Monday, Trump hosted a White House roundtable with farming and agriculture representatives, joined by key cabinet members including Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins.

He announced USD 12 billion in federal aid for farmers. Meryl Kennedy, who runs her family's agribusiness, Kennedy Rice Mill in Louisiana, told Trump that rice producers in the southern United States are “really struggling” and that other countries are “dumping” rice into the U.S. market. When asked by Trump which countries are dumping rice into America, Kennedy, sitting next to the President, replied, “India, and Thailand; even China into Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico used to be one of the largest markets for US rice. We haven't shipped rice into Puerto Rico in years.”

2 Afghan Teens Jailed For Raping 15-Year-Old Girl In England

world. (Agency)
Two teenage Afghan asylum seekers, who had both arrived in Britain alone in the last year, were given long detention sentences on Monday for raping a 15-year-old girl in central England.

The boys, Jan Jahanzeb and Israr Niazal, both aged 17, carried out the attack in a park in Leamington Spa in May after taking the girl, who was very drunk at the time, away from her friends, prosecutors told Warwick Crown Court. The court was played footage that the highly distressed girl had managed to capture during the attack, in which she could be heard sobbing loudly and screaming: "Please help me ... let me go ... I want to go home." "The day I was raped changed me as a person," the girl, who said the incident was her first sexual experience, said in a victim statement.

MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUE
Crimes, particularly sexual offences, committed by asylum seekers have become a major political issue in Britain, especially as the government is seeking a solution to stop thousands of migrants arriving in small boats from across the Channel. Last month, an Afghan national pleaded guilty to raping a 12-year-old girl in Nuneaton, in central England, while an Ethiopian man was jailed in September after being convicted of sexually assaulting a teenage girl and another woman in Epping, north of London.

Both cases sparked large-scale protests, some of which turned violent, and prompted demonstrations across the country at hotels housing asylum seekers. Immigration concerns have also helped to propel the populist Reform UK party to lead in opinion polls.

In an acknowledgment of the public concern, the judge Sylvia de Bertodano ordered that the two teenagers, who pleaded guilty in October, could be named despite being only 17, saying it was in the public interest to do so. Jahanzeb, who turns 18 at the start of next year, was given detention of 10 years and eight months, while Niazal was sentenced to nine years and 10 months in detention. Jahanzeb's lawyer Robert Holt said his client had travelled through Europe alone to get to Britain in January, succeeding on his fourth attempt to cross the Channel on a small boat. He faces automatic deportation after his sentence is completed.

Protesting Greek farmers swarm onto airport tarmac in Crete, forcing halt to flights

The clashes in Crete are the latest escalation in farmer protests over delays in the payment of European Union-backed agricultural subsidies in the wake of a scandal which revealed fraudulent subsidy claims.

DOUANKARA. (Agency)
ATHENS: Angry farmers protesting delays in the payment of subsidies swarmed onto the aircraft parking area of the international airport on the southern Greek island of Crete on Monday, managing to evade riot police who used tear gas and stun grenades to keep them back. Images from local media showed dozens of

farmers standing on a section of the tarmac at the Nikos Kazantzakis international airport in Heraklion, the main town in Crete, forcing the airport to suspend all flights. Clashes also broke out near the airport of Crete's second-largest city, Chania, with riot police using tear gas to disperse protesting farmers who pelted them with rocks and overturned a police patrol car, local media reported. Two people were reportedly injured in Chania. The clashes in Crete are the latest escalation in farmer protests over delays in the payment of European Union-backed agricultural subsidies in the wake of a scandal which revealed fraudulent subsidy claims. Farmers have deployed thousands of tractors and other agricultural vehicles at border crossings and key points along highways across the country, periodically stopping traffic and threatening to completely blockade roads, as well as ports and airports. On Friday, riot police fired tear gas at protesting farmers attempting to



block the main access road to the international airport outside the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki. Police have been enforcing traffic diversions in several parts of northern and central Greece to skirt the blockades, while farmer roadblocks at the country's northern borders with Bulgaria, Turkey and North Macedonia have already hampered truck traffic, causing long backup lines of freight vehicles. The payment delays have come as authorities review all requests following revelations of widespread fraudulent

claims for EU farm subsidies. Protesters have argued that the delays amount to collective punishment, leaving honest farmers in debt and unable to plant their fields for next season. Greece's farming sector has also been hit this year by an outbreak of goat and sheep pox that led to a mass cull of livestock. Michalis Chrisochoidis, the minister for public order, said last week that the government remained open to talks with protest leaders, but warned that it wouldn't tolerate the shutdown of major transit points. Protests by farmers are common in Greece, and similar blockades in the past have sometimes severed all road traffic between the north and south of the country for weeks. The subsidy scandal prompted the resignation of five senior government officials in June, and the phased shutdown of a state agency that handled agricultural subsidies. Dozens of people have been arrested for allegedly filing false claims, in response to an investigation led by the European Public Prosecutor's Office.

Civilian deaths mount as Cambodia—Thailand border fighting escalates

world . (Agency)
Cambodia has retaliated in a reignited border conflict with Thailand, the former leader of Cambodia said Tuesday, after Phnom Penh accused Thai forces of shelling positions overnight in fighting that has killed seven civilians and a Thai soldier.

The Thai military fired shells into the border province of Banteay Meanchey after midnight, killing two people travelling on National Road 56, the Cambodian defence ministry said in a Facebook post. Ministry spokeswoman Maly Socheata later told reporters that seven civilians had been killed and 20 wounded in Thai attacks as of Tuesday morning. The ministry said in a separate statement that the Thai army had resumed attacks around 5:00 am Tuesday in border regions, including in the area of centuries-old temples, such as the UNESCO world heritage site, the Preah Vihear temple. Five days of combat in July between the two Southeast Asian nations killed dozens of people and displaced around 300,000 on both sides of the border before a truce took effect.

The two countries have blamed each other for the renewed fighting, which saw Thailand launch air strikes and use tanks against its neighbour on Monday. Cambodia's influential former leader



Hun Sen said Tuesday his country had retaliated against Thailand, after Phnom Penh denied firing back for two days. "After being patient for more than 24 hours in order to respect the ceasefire and for time to evacuate people to safety, yesterday evening we retaliated with more (responses) last night and this morning," the Senate president and former prime minister said in a Facebook post. "Now we fight in order to defend ourselves again," he added. Tens of thousands of people have evacuated from border regions since the fresh fighting began on

Sunday, officials have said. In Thailand's Surin province, Sutida Pusa, 30, who runs a small food shop, told AFP on Monday that her young and elderly relatives were moved to an evacuation centre the day before, while others stayed behind to guard their property. She has travelled back and forth between the temporary shelter and her house -- located less than 20 kilometres (12 miles) from the border -- to care for family members in both places. "I wanted to see the situation first, as the sounds of fighting aren't as loud as during the major clash on

July 24," she said. "We never trust the situation." Cambodian information minister Neth Pheaktra told AFP that at least four civilians were killed by Thai shelling on Monday in two border provinces. Around 10 other civilians were wounded, he said on Monday. The Thai army has said one soldier was killed and 18 others were wounded since Sunday. It said Tuesday that Cambodian artillery shells had fallen on two civilian homes in Sa Kao province, with no casualties reported.

Federal judge throws out Trump order blocking development of wind energy

WASHINGTON .(Agency)
A federal judge on Monday struck down President Donald Trump's executive order blocking wind energy projects, saying the effort to halt virtually all leasing of wind farms on federal lands and waters was “arbitrary and capricious” and violates U.S. law. Judge Patti Saris of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts vacated Trump's Jan. 20 executive order blocking wind energy projects and declared it unlawful. Saris ruled in favor of a coalition of state attorneys general from 17 states and Washington, D.C., led by New York Attorney General Letitia James, that challenged Trump's Day One order that paused leasing and permitting for wind energy

projects. Trump has been hostile to renewable energy, particularly offshore wind, and prioritizes fossil fuels to produce electricity. Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell hailed the ruling as a victory for green jobs and renewable energy. “Massachusetts has invested hundreds of millions of dollars into offshore wind, and today, we successfully protected those important investments from the Trump administration’s unlawful order,” Campbell said in a statement. James said she was grateful the court stepped in “to block the administration’s reckless and unlawful crusade against clean energy.” “As New Yorkers face rising energy costs, we need more energy sources, not fewer,” James said.

“Wind energy is good for our environment, our economy, and our communities.” The coalition that opposed Trump's order argued that Trump doesn't have the authority to halt project permitting, and that doing so jeopardizes the states' economies, energy mix, public health and climate goals. The coalition includes Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington state and Washington, D.C. They say they've invested hundreds of millions of dollars collectively to develop wind energy and even more on upgrading transmission lines to bring wind energy to the electrical grid.

Japan assesses damage from 7.5 magnitude quake that injured 33

TOKYO. (Agency)
Japan was assessing damage Tuesday and cautioning people of potential aftershocks after a late-night 7.5 magnitude earthquake caused injuries, light damage and a tsunami in Pacific coastal communities. At least 33 people were injured, one seriously, the Fire and Disaster Management Agency said. Most of them were hit by falling objects, public broadcaster NHK reported. Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi told reporters an emergency task force was formed to urgently assess damage. “We are putting people's lives first and doing everything we can,” she said. At a parliamentary session Tuesday, Takaichi pledged the government would continue its utmost effort and reminded people they have to protect their own lives. The 7.5 magnitude quake struck around 11:15 p.m. in the Pacific Ocean, around 80 kilometers (50 miles) off the coast of Aomori, the northernmost prefecture of Japan's main Honshu island. The U.S. Geological

Survey measured the quake at 7.6 magnitude and said it occurred 44 kilometers (27 miles) below the surface. A tsunami of up to 70 centimeters (2 feet, 4 inches) was measured in Kuji port in Iwate prefecture, just south of Aomori, and waves up to 50 centimeters struck other communities in the region, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. NHK reported the waves damaged some oyster rafts. The agency lifted all tsunami advisories by 6:30 a.m. Tuesday. Chief Cabinet Secretary Minoru Kihara said about 800 homes were without electricity and Shinkansen bullet trains and some local lines were suspended in parts of the region in the early hours of Tuesday. East Japan Railway said it is aiming to resume bullet trains in the region later Tuesday. Power was mostly restored by Tuesday morning, according to the Tohoku Electric Power Co. About 480 residents sheltered at Hachinohe Air Base and 18 defense helicopters were mobilized for a damage

assessment, Defense Minister Shinjiro Koizumi said. About 200 passengers were stranded for the night at New Chitose Airport in Hokkaido, NHK reported. Part



of a domestic terminal building was unusable Tuesday after parts of its ceiling cracked and fell to the floor, according to the airport operator. The Nuclear Regulation Authority said about 450 liters (118 gallons) of water spilled from a spent fuel cooling area at the Rokkasho fuel reprocessing plant in Aomori, but that its water level remained within the normal

range and there was no safety concern. No abnormalities were found at other nuclear power plants and spent fuel storage facilities, the NRA said. JMA cautioned about possible aftershocks in the coming days. It said there is a slight increase in risk of a magnitude 8-level quake and possible tsunami occurring along Japan's northeastern coast from Chiba, just east of Tokyo, to Hokkaido. The agency urged residents in 182 municipalities in the area to monitor their emergency preparedness in the coming week, reminding them that the caution is not a prediction of a big one. Monday's quake occurred just north of the coastal region where the magnitude 9.0 quake and tsunami in 2011 killed nearly 20,000 people and destroyed the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. “You need to prepare, assuming that a disaster like that could happen again,” JMA official Satoshi Harada said. Smaller aftershocks were continuing Tuesday.

NEWS BOX

Pampakuda ward poll postponed after canddate's death

Kochi. (Agency)

Polling in the 10th ward of Pampakuda Grama Panchayat has been postponed after Congress candidate C S Babu passed away unexpectedly early on Tuesday, prompting an immediate halt to the election process.

The 59-year-old candidate reportedly collapsed at his residence around 3 am this morning. Despite immediate medical attention and being rushed to a nearby hospital, he was declared dead. Authorities have stated that the exact cause of death is under investigation.

In accordance with election rules, the District Election Officer announced that polling in the 10th ward cannot proceed as scheduled. However, elections for the remaining wards of Pampakuda Panchayat, as well as block and district panchayat elections in the area, will continue as planned.

The Election Commission is expected to announce a revised date for polling in the 10th ward soon, following standard procedures that mandate postponement when a contesting candidate passes away before the election.

LDF—UDF misleading people, aligned with Jamaat-e-Islami: BJP

Thiruvananthapuram . (Agency)

Kerala BJP State President Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Tuesday accused both the CPI(M)-led LDF and the Congress-led UDF of misleading the people of Kerala, claiming that the Chief Minister's recent remarks have indirectly confirmed political support from Jamaat-e-Islami to both fronts.

Chandrasekhar said Jamaat-e-Islami represents a "dangerous political ideology" and alleged that the LDF and UDF have aligned themselves with an organisation that advocates the establishment of an Islamic state.

"It is extremely alarming that such religious extremist groups are being allowed to influence our democratic framework," he said.

He accused both the Left and the Congress of placing political gains above people's welfare and security. "Kerala's civil society must put an end to this dangerous political partnership by supporting the NDA," he added.

The BJP leader further criticised the CPI(M) and the Congress for debating "who can safeguard Kerala's interests" while, according to him, both fronts have failed the state over decades. "People are questioning what these parties have actually delivered. Even during the UPA regime from 2004, when the CPI(M) offered support and eight ministers were in the cabinet, what was done for the state?" he asked.

Chandrasekhar said successive governments had failed to generate employment for Kerala's youth, allowing unemployment to reach its peak. He added that neither front had acted to control inflation or protect the faith of Ayyappa devotees.

He also alleged that four-and-a-half kilograms of gold went missing from Sabarimala and both fronts ignored the issue. "For 20 years, the Devaswom Board has been turned into a hub of middlemen by these two fronts," he said, adding that organisations like SDPI and Jamaat-e-Islami were brought into Kerala's political space by the CPI(M) and the Congress.

He reiterated that only the Narendra Modi-led central government had consistently acted in Kerala's interest and extended more assistance to the state than what it received during Congress rule.

Public outrage over govt policies to reflect in Kerala local polls: Congress

Thiruvananthapuram. (Agency)

Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee President and MLA Sunny Joseph has said that the local body elections being held today will serve as a clear verdict against the Kerala government's "anti-people governance."

Joseph alleged that the government has abandoned public welfare and instead chosen to protect "looters and the corrupt." He said the CPI(M) leadership had even attempted to shield those implicated in the Sabarimala gold-loot controversy.

He charged that by imposing excessive taxes and failing to curb spiralling prices, the government has pushed people across all sectors into severe distress. Despite unemployment touching alarming levels, the administration remains indifferent, he said.

Joseph noted that both the agricultural and coastal sectors are facing deep crises, while the government has failed to act decisively, even as recurring wild-animal attacks continue to claim human lives. Accusing the police of partisan behaviour, he said the resulting breakdown in law and order has further eroded public confidence.

He added that the state government had slashed plan funds for local bodies and reduced key allocations meant for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities, undermining development initiatives.

Sunny Joseph asserted that widespread public anger will be reflected in today's polls and urged voters to elect all UDF candidates to deliver a strong message against the government's failures.

Bangalore University struggles to keep leash on stray dogs at Jnanabharathi

The department of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries has also directed the educational institutions to install signage indicating the designated place to feed the canines.



BENGALURU.(Agency)

The state government has ordered all universities and colleges to designate an area on their

campuses to feed stray dogs and to stop feeding them near hostels or canteens.

The department of Animal Husbandry and

Fisheries has also directed the educational institutions to install signage indicating the designated place to feed the canines. The order comes as the Bangalore University is struggling to handle the increasing number of stray dogs on its Jnanabharathi campus.

Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor Jaikar S said, "The University campus is spread over 1,200 acres and there are many stray dogs. Most of these dogs are abandoned by the residents living around the campus. We cannot shut the gates because many public vehicles, including BMTC buses, ply through the campus. As a result, we are unable to keep a tab on the number of dogs and control their birth."

He added, "We have sought the help of civic officials to sterilise the dogs and control their population on the campus. In August, two of our students were bitten by a dog when they went for a morning walk on the campus."

There are around 250 dogs on the Bangalore University campus. When asked about designating a place to feed the dogs, Jaikar said, "It is under process and nothing has been decided yet."

Promotion can't be withheld on contemplation of disciplinary action: Karnataka HC

The petitioner sought directions to the KPTCL to give him a promotion to the post of Accounts Officer with effect from April 16, 2018.

BENGALURU. (Agency)

Noting that promotion cannot be withheld on mere contemplation of disciplinary action yet to crystallise into a charge sheet against an employee as on the date of assessment for promotion, the Karnataka High Court directed the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) to promote Assistant Accounts Officer Maruthi Rao to the post of Accounts Officer with effect from April 2018 and give all consequential benefits.

"A charge sheet surfacing years after the Departmental Promotion Committee convened cannot retrospectively deprive the petitioner of a promotion that he was rightfully due and ought to have been granted upon the fair assessment of his representation. The corporation appears to have proceeded in blissful disregard of settled doctrine pertaining to commencement and pendency of disciplinary proceedings, thereby acting in

blatant contravention of the governing principles of Service Jurisprudence", said Justice M Nagaprasanna, allowing the petition



filed by Maruthi Rao from Dharwad.

The petitioner sought directions to the KPTCL to give him a promotion to the post of Accounts Officer with effect from April 16, 2018. Owing to certain omissions and commissions, pending initiation of disciplinary proceedings, the petitioner was placed under suspension, which

was revoked after three months. His juniors were accorded promotions.

Long thereafter, on October 29, 2021, a charge sheet was issued against several others alleging offences of certain misconduct. The said charge sheet is pending consideration. The petitioner then submits a representation on July 12, 2024, claiming promotion on the score that, as on the date on which the petitioner and others were assessed for promotion, his case could not have been ignored, as there was no charge sheet on the said date. The court noted that the charge sheet was issued only on October 29, 2021, nearly four years subsequent to a meeting of the Departmental Promotion Committee, which had, on April 16, 2018, accorded promotion to the juniors of the petitioner. The petitioner on the said date, admittedly, did not suffer any disqualification and yet his case was excluded for promotion, the court added.

Cops crack down on fake ghee manufacturing unit

New Delhi: The Delhi Police have busted a large-scale spurious desi ghee manufacturing unit in the Alipur area here and seized 1,500 kg of fake clarified butter and 55 litres of synthetic essence used to prepare it, an official said on Thursday. Acting on a tip-off, a team of the Outer North district on Tuesday raided the premises of Bansal Agro Food Industries in Kheda Kalan. "The factory was manufacturing and packaging fake desi ghee under multiple popular brand names for supply across Delhi and neighbouring states," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Outer North) V Hareshwar Swami said. He said officials from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) were alerted after the initial tip-off, and a joint team conducted the raid following due legal procedures under the new law. "During the search, the team found large quantities of ready-to-distribute spurious ghee stored in tins, cartons and packets. FSSAI officials also collected samples for laboratory testing," the DCP said. According to the police, the unit was being operated by Gyanendra Singh, a resident of Burari, who has allegedly been manufacturing fake desi ghee since 1995 and shifted operations to the current premises in 2014. "Singh supplied the product across the national capital and adjoining states. The total seizure includes 50 tins (15 litres each), 10 cartons containing 30 packets (500 ml) each, nine cartons of 1 litre packets, two tins of another brand (15 litres each), 21 tins of 15 litres each, eight tins of 15 litres each and 11 plastic cans of 5 litres each, along with several brands of synthetic essence," he added. A case has been registered and further investigation is underway.

Gurugram businessman killed after hit by speeding car while cycling

Gurugram: Amitabh Jain, a 58-year-old businessman, was killed in a hit-and-run incident in Gurugram's DLF Phase 2 area on Wednesday. He was cycling on Akashneem Marg around 7.15 am when a speeding car struck him from behind. The driver fled the scene, leaving Jain to die. The CCTV footage shows Jain cycling in the left lane with ample space for the car to overtake. The driver didn't stop, and Jain sustained critical injuries, succumbing to them later. An FIR was registered against the unknown driver under Sections 106, 281, and 324(2) of the BNS at the DLF Phase 2 police station. Police retrieved the vehicle's registration number from CCTV footage and identified the owner, who had recently sold the car. A manhunt is underway to arrest the driver. Jain's family suspects foul play, and locals question if it was a targeted attack due to personal enmity. The police are investigating all angles.

Woman nabbed for swiping jewellery worth Rs 33 lakh in Karol Bagh

New Delhi: A 35-year-old woman was arrested for allegedly stealing jewellery worth Rs 33 lakh from a jewellery firm employee in Karol Bagh, police said on Thursday. Her movements were tracked through CCTV footage for 16 km before she was apprehended, they said. On November 21, the manager of a jewellery firm filed an e-FIR reporting the theft. He alleged that he and his colleague had visited Karol Bagh a day earlier for repair work and lost a bag containing gold jewellery while they were returning to their store in an e-rickshaw. A police officer said footage from CCTVs revealed the theft to be the handiwork of a woman, a resident of Sultanpuri.

India's semiconductor drive gains pace, 4 units start pilot production: Vaishnav

Bengaluru . (Agency)

India's semiconductor and high-performance computing ecosystem is rapidly expanding, union Minister IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said on Tuesday at the inaugural Supercomputing India 2025 Conference, marking a major milestone in the nation's technological journey.

Out of ten semiconductor fabrication units set up in the country, four have already commenced pilot production, while the remaining units are in various stages of design and construction. Indian design teams are working on cutting-edge two-nanometer and three-nanometer chips, signaling a significant leap in domestic chip-making capabilities.

"This ecosystem is developing very rapidly. Our aim is to complement our strong services-based IT industry with product-based technology and advanced manufacturing," Vaishnav said. He added that semiconductor and electronics manufacturing, alongside India's AI-driven services sector, will strengthen the country's position in global technology markets.

Vaishnav welcomed over 5,000 delegates, including 2,000 academicians and 175 exhibitors from 20 countries, highlighting that the conference provides a platform to showcase advancements in AI, quantum computing, and semiconductors. He emphasised that such technologies are reshaping the global economy and reaffirmed India's commitment to solutions "Made in India, Designed in India, and Made for the World."

Pointing to India's robust digital infrastructure, Vaishnav noted the widespread adoption of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), which has surpassed international standards, and the presence of one of the world's largest 5G networks, bringing technology access to nearly every citizen.

He expressed hope that the conference would lead to greater global collaborations, industry-policy alignment, and a significant boost to India's innovation ecosystem.

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Patna Jn.	14:00	----	----

Days of Run : 02396 Ex Anand Vihar T. on 10.12.2025 (Wednesday)
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15.00	----	Anand Vihar T.	19.00

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Accommodation: 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC (Economy)

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Darbhanga Jn.	23:00	----	----

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Banaras	04:15	----	----

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Chandigarh	04:00	----	----

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Accommodation: 3 Tier AC (Economy), Sleeper & General

Train No. 04462/04461 New Delhi-Howrah Jn-New Delhi Reserved Special Express 02 TRIPS			
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23.30	----	Howrah Jn	01:30

Days of Run : 04462 Ex New Delhi on 10.12.2025 (Wednesday) and 04461 Ex Howrah Jn on 12.12.2025 (Friday).
Stoppage: Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn., Tundla Jn., Etawah Jn., Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn, Janghai Jn, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Bhabua Road, Sasaram, Dehri On Sone, Anugraha N Road, Gaya Jn, Koderma, Parasnath, Dhanbad Jn, Asansol Jn., Durgapur, Bardhaman & Bandel stations
Accommodation: 1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC

Train No. 04006/04005 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Bandra T.-Hazrat Nizamuddin Reserved Superfast Special Exp. 02 TRIPS			
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11.00	----	Bandra T.	14:40

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Accommodation: 1st AC, 1st AC cum 2 Tier AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC

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----	23.00	New Delhi	13.40
16.30	----	Sabarmati BG	19:00

Days of Run : 04034 Ex New Delhi on 10.12.2025 (Wednesday) and 04033 Ex Sabarmati BG on 11.12.2025 (Thursday).
Stoppage: Rewari Jn., Alwar Jn., Jaipur Jn., Kishangarh, Ajmer Jn., Beawar, Marwar Jn., Falna, Abu Road & Palanpur Jn. stations
Accommodation: 1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC

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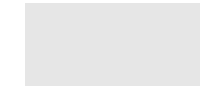
India-Russia ties poised to gather pace

The state visit by Russian President Vladimir Putin to India drew heightened international attention, which gave it the colouring of a geopolitical event. Three European ambassadors assigned to Delhi from France, Germany and the UK even resorted to pamphleteering to smear Russia, compelling a rare rebuke by the government. In the event, though, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Putin kept the focus on the bilateral content, with a long-term perspective. Although the presence of the ghost at the banquet would have been on their minds, neither Modi nor Putin showed any signs of it. In fact, Putin embarked on the journey to Delhi right after his momentous 5-hour negotiations in the Kremlin with US President Donald Trump’s special envoy Steve Witkoff and son-in-law Jared Kushner, which have held out hopes that guns may soon fall silent in the battlefields of Ukraine and promises a historic breakthrough in the adversarial Russian-American relationship that has posed formidable challenges lately to Indian diplomacy.

To be sure, the Delhi summit was held in the backdrop of a tumultuous shift of tectonic plates in the alignment of major powers, especially Russia and India. In his first public remarks with Putin, Modi went straight to the point, saying India was anything but ‘neutral’ in the Ukraine situation and stood for peace. It was a bold articulation of support for the coordinated efforts by Putin and Trump to bring the war to an end, the diabolical moves by the European Union and the Kiev regime to smother the nascent peace process notwithstanding. By coincidence, perhaps, Trump chose Friday, even as Putin’s visit was under way, to unveil the new National Security Strategy (NSS) of his presidency, which painted European powers as weak and raised doubts about their long-term reliability as partners; reinforced the ‘America First’ philosophy espousing non-intervention overseas; and called for shifting US military assets to the Western Hemisphere, “away from theatres whose relative import to American national security has declined in recent decades”.

The NSS stressed improved ties with both Russia and India. On the one hand, it messaged that ending the Ukraine war is a core US interest to “reestablish strategic stability with Russia”, while on the other hand, it stated the Trump administration’s determination to “improve commercial (and other) relations with India to encourage New Delhi to contribute to Indo-Pacific security”. Conceivably, Moscow and Delhi could anticipate the drift of the forthcoming NSS document presaging an imminent shift in the Trump administration’s strategic calculus. It must have been a daunting challenge to choreograph a summit with a superpower in such a fluid setting, and it probably accounted for the anti-climactic look of the Modi-Putin summit. The joint statement, titled ‘INDIA-RUSSIA: A Time-Tested Progressive Partnership, Anchored in Trust & Mutual Respect’, prudently steered clear of the geopolitical convulsions in the international environment. The entire turf of defence ties lies submerged. There was no trace of ‘anti-Americanism’ in the summit’s proceedings. Nonetheless, the joint statement firmly reaffirmed the further strengthening of the special and privileged strategic partnership and “emphasised the special nature of this long-standing and time-tested relationship, which is characterised by mutual trust, respect for each other’s core national interests and strategic convergence”. It asserted that “as major powers with shared responsibilities, this important relationship continues to be an anchor of global peace and stability that should be ensured upon the basis of equal and indivisible security”.

Suffice to say, the joint statement unequivocally rejects the Western pressure on India to sever its relationship with Russia. The relevant paragraphs defiantly state, “The leaders positively assessed the multi-faceted mutually beneficial India-Russia relations that span all areas of cooperation, including political and strategic, military and security, trade and investment, energy.



The Army’s ethic

Unity in diversity, anchored in the hierarchy of faith, oath and purpose

THERE are moments when a court judgment does more than settle a dispute; it restores direction. The Supreme Court’s ruling upholding the dismissal of an officer who declined to accompany his soldiers into a regimental place of worship is one such moment. It reaffirms a truth soldiers have always lived and democracies must continually reinforce: a Republic stands on the strength of its institutions, and institutions stand on the integrity of their covenants. In public debate, and in some commentary, the case has been misconstrued as an opportunity to revisit long-standing military practices. This interpretation misses the central point. This was not a dispute about ritual but about cohesion, duty and the constitutional architecture of a plural Army.

It arose in a regiment where a mandir and a gurdwara stand side by side and have long served as a unified Sarva Dharma space. The officer refused to enter, asserting that his faith did not permit stepping into the sanctum. Across the Army, such spaces do not demand belief; they affirm coexistence. They ask only that cohesion not fracture in the presence of diversity. Even after counselling and a pastor’s reassurance that entering would not compromise his faith, he continued to stand apart.

Unity in diversity has never meant fragmenting units or engineering representation to a diktat. The Army has never understood unity as a matter of numbers, ratios or prescribed compositions. Whoever stands together, wherever they come from and in whatever proportion they appear, is also unity, because cohesion is not arithmetic; it is lived experience. This is why the suggestion made in some commentary that the case should prompt a revisiting of class compositions or regimental practices misses the point entirely. Unity in the Army is not constructed by external design; it is sustained by shared duty, shared danger and the oath that binds every soldier to the next. One incident, however visible, cannot be used to reopen or reinterpret an institutional architecture. A refusal of duty calls for understanding, not redesign, and certainly not redesign by those unfamiliar with the letter, the alphabet and the grammar of the very ethic they seem to reinterpret. The Army’s practices were not shaped in abstraction; they were forged by the realities of land warfare, the demands of cohesion and the lived experience of diverse units fighting as one. To treat a single case as an opportunity for structural change is to mistake a moment for a mandate and an incident for an



the profession of arms. A lawful regimental practice had been set aside by personal interpretation. In a force where unity is operationally non-negotiable, that constituted indiscipline. The Army acted within its mandate; the court upheld this because it strengthened the constitutional spine of a force that serves without favour or fear. To understand why belief cannot outrank duty, one must recall the grammar of soldiering. The letter of land warfare has never changed: hand to hand, bayonet to bayonet, man to man, tank to tank. The closeness of battle leaves no room for fracture. The alphabet is the Army’s diversity of arms and service. The grammar is the assault, the eviction, the capture and the hold, the unforgiving syntax of land battle that demands unbroken cohesion. Through letter, alphabet and grammar, the constant is the man: his instinct, his motivation and his enduring code,

Naam, Namak, Nishan. Unity in diversity is not an aspiration; it is an operational necessity. Whether a unit is all class, mixed class or fixed class, officer leadership is always mixed. The Sarva Dharma Sthal exists for this architecture. It is not ritual; it is a post-Independence institutional design that ensures every soldier can stand with his comrades even when they do not worship alike. It is the Army’s own indigenous grammar of unity, a space where identity dissolves into duty. This judgment matters because the Army is the Republic’s most visible school of constitutional citizenship. It is where language, region, caste and creed appear in every company line yet do not determine privilege or precedence. The Army’s ethic is not the erasure of difference but the refusal to let difference become division. It allows a million identities to wear one uniform without asserting themselves at the cost of another. This ethic is not decorative. It is the foundation of discipline, trust and operational integrity. A commander cannot stand apart from his men at the very moment that symbolises collective identity. Nor can a unit remain cohesive if individuals reinterpret institutional practice through personal preference. The court recognised that such a path would weaken a secular, apolitical force. The Army’s secularism protects the rights of all by ensuring that none asserts primacy.

There is also a reminder for the Army. Cohesion is not guaranteed by tradition alone. It is renewed each time the oath is placed above interpretation and each time the collective ethic is upheld without hesitation. The Army does not choose belief for its soldiers; it ensures belief does not fracture the centre.

In an age when societies struggle to hold their balance, when noise outruns nuance and identity outruns empathy, the Indian Army’s ethic becomes a national anchor. It shows that coexistence is a daily act, not an ideal. It shows that difference can be held without hierarchy and common purpose can transcend inherited lines. It shows that fidelity to the covenant steadies the institution in moments of strain. By upholding the Army’s decision, the Supreme Court has reinforced a principle that has carried India through wars, upheavals and uncertainty. The centre that holds is not built of stone or ceremony. It is built of fidelity to the covenant that binds a million soldiers into one. When that covenant is upheld, the Republic stands steadier, the institution stands clearer, and the message to every rank remains unmistakable: unity in duty is not negotiable.

Karnataka Congress truce holds, crisis unsolved

Camp politics and indiscipline have long plagued the Congress; groupism and loose remarks by followers have kept Karnataka’s political pot boiling

The joust for power in Karnataka may have paused, but tension between the two main players of the Congress remains. With the government completing half its term in November, the leadership crisis reached a breaking point. Two breakfast meetings between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar brought little clarity on whether power will change hands soon. While koli (chicken) curry and Cartier watches dominated media and opposition chatter, the outcome stayed hazy. The leaders have left the decision to the high command, insisting they remain “brothers” who will work together for the state and aim to win the 2028 elections. For now, hostilities have cooled due to other pressures: the winter session in Belagavi, where an aggressive opposition is set to corner the government over the power tussle, and the Congress’s recent drubbing in Bihar. The legislature session beginning Monday promises to be stormy, with the Bharatiya Janata Party and Janata Dal (Secular) likely to raise issues concerning sugarcane and maize farmers, procurement centres and compensation for crop losses. Corruption and the caste



census will also take centre stage. The BJP plans a massive protest, a padayatra and a ‘Grama Vastavya’ led by B Y Vijayendra and R Ashoka to reach rural voters and highlight local grievances. The government is expected to take up 33 Bills, including the contentious Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention and Control) Bill,

2025. Given its internal divisions, the BJP wouldn’t want to pass up a chance to attack the Congress over the CM tussle and its impact on governance. Camp politics and indiscipline have long plagued the Congress; groupism and loose remarks by followers have kept Karnataka’s political pot boiling. Ministers shuttling to Delhi, second-rung leaders declaring ambitions, and religious and community heads commenting on power equations have all hurt the party’s image. Yet the Congress’s strength in Karnataka lies in its two top leaders playing complementary roles—Siddaramaiah as a mass leader and Shivakumar as the organisation’s anchor. The party has faced similar infighting in Punjab, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, and its inability to manage competing power centres led to its collapse in those states. Voters expect stability and performance, and cannot be taken for granted. The Congress leadership must craft a strategy to keep its Karnataka unit united or risk losing the state as well.

Lessons from yesterday

While growing up, I witnessed women struggling to earn their keep by balancing education and the heavy share of household work. One maintained a brave front, while the other continued with an iron resolve of loathing self-pity. This mirrored a society where faith, too, can fail

Social media had some wounding snippets of news this week: a bridegroom cruelly trolled for being dark, young people despairing of getting an education, and parents working themselves to the bone for their children’s sake. It made me want to share some personal history that reflects the ongoing struggle for respect and opportunity in our society, and how faith can fail. My paternal grandmother, Lalita, was widowed at twenty-six. She and her children, my father and his elder sister Kanthi, were sent to her brothers as poor relatives. My father got everything, but the uncles did not think it necessary to educate Kanthi. Nevertheless, when Kanthi was eight, Lalita requested that she be sent to school so that she could earn her living one day. The uncles said she would have to be married, but nobody suitable would marry a fatherless girl without money, so they would have to find Kanthi some poor man willing to take her for free. They said it was enough if she could read and do household accounts. Tripurasundari, Lalita’s mother, said nobody would want to marry Kanthi for being dark-skinned, since she was born brown in a pink family. She vehemently opposed Kanthi’s education more than her sons did. Ringed by dragons, Lalita politely asked them not only to send Kanthi to school but also to let her have music lessons. This gave the uncles a ladder to climb down without losing face. They said Kanthi could either

go to school or have music lessons. To pacify their mother, they also said Kanthi had to get the highest marks in class each year if she wanted to go to the next one. There was nowhere that Kanthi could study peacefully, and she was frequently interrupted by her grandmother for a new chore. Tripurasundari, a sore loser, never stopped saying how dark Kanthi was, a burden on Earth with her lack of looks and dowry. Kanthi silently swore never to get married. Later, despite immense family pressure, she held by that decision. Kanthi was not always the first in class, but she pushed herself hard so she never slipped below the top five. If Lalita caught Kanthi reading a storybook, she beat her with the visiri kattai, the wooden handle of her palmetto fan. Lalita had paid Kanthi’s school fees with her pride and did not intend to let her squander her chance. This pressure to escape indignity through study ruled Kanthi’s life. Going to college, too, was an epic struggle. Her professor at Madras University, Malcolm Adiseshiah, encouraged her. Eventually, she taught economics at no less than Delhi University. Lalita and Kanthi earned their keep, and my father’s, by doing a heavy share of housework. Lalita maintained a brave front, while Kanthi said with iron resolve, “I loathe self-pity.” The Freedom movement had begun to stir up the Madras Presidency, the oldest bastion of British rule in India. The uncles were pro-British and

disliked political opinions in women. So, Kanthi and Lalita spoke of it covertly, for Lalita was intensely nationalistic. Lalita had somehow taught herself to read English, Hindi and Urdu, and used



part of her scant allowance to buy newspapers in all three languages. She began to keep a secret political diary that Kanthi read only after her death. In it, said Kanthi, she had poured out all her hopes and apprehensions about the social and political future of the country, its communal rifts, and her own absolute abhorrence of caste and gender discrimination. Tripurasundari scoffed at Lalita’s reading, especially of English books, but could not really object since Lalita sat down to read only in the afternoon after completing any number of household chores. A cousin from Vellore began to visit in the early 1940s. A well-read and highly

intelligent lady, she was married to a rich but uneducated man, who liked to drink and party with the men of his neighbourhood. This lady had not been allowed to study but had taught herself to read. She had a keen interest in Marxism, and in Lalita she found a kindred spirit. She came by often, and they would read the Communist Party paper Janasakti. They secretly procured P Jeevanandham’s banned Tamil translation of Bhagat Singh’s essay Why I Am an Atheist, which they hid under a newspaper cover. Lalita and her cousin spent hours discussing politics at the temple, the only place they could visit freely. It is a piquant thought that these two outwardly meek women sat in a corner of the open courtyard of a temple as the safest place in which to discuss Marxism, atheism and caste. Lalita introduced her cousin to Dr Samuel, a Tamil Christian lady doctor known as ‘Apathikaari Amma’, the woman apothecary. Dr Samuel gave Lalita a picture of Baby Jesus and Mother Mary, which she kept in her puja corner, in accordance with the ingrained Hindu belief that ‘God is One’, next to a picture of her beloved Kanchi Kamakshi. Kanthi, however, turned atheist, disgusted by the cruelty of ‘believing’ society. When my father found employment and took Lalita away to hired lodgings in Madras, she took a sweet-natured Dalit couple in as part-time help.

NEWS BOX

Notorious criminal killed in police encounter in Shamli

Shamli. (Agency)

In a major crackdown on history sheeters in Uttar Pradesh, police in Shamli district shot dead a wanted criminal carrying a reward of Rs 50,000 during an encounter on Tuesday morning.

The accused, identified as Samaydeen, was surrounded by police when he opened fire, prompting retaliatory action.

According to officials, the encounter took place after the Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force (UP - STF) and the local Shamli police received intelligence inputs about Samaydeen's presence in an isolated forest area of the Kandhla police station limits. Acting swiftly, multiple police teams cordoned off the area.

When officers called on Samaydeen to surrender, he allegedly fired indiscriminately at the police personnel, forcing them to return fire. Several rounds were exchanged during the encounter.

Samaydeen was considered one of western Uttar Pradesh's most notorious criminals. He had a long criminal history and was wanted in numerous serious cases, including robbery, dacoity, and attempted murder. His continuous involvement in organised crime and evasion of arrest had led authorities to announce a cash reward of Rs 50,000 for information leading to his capture.

Senior police officials stated that the encounter was carried out in self-defence, as the accused had fired with the intent to kill. After the exchange ended, police recovered Samaydeen's body from the scene along with an illegal pistol, used and unused cartridges.

The area has since been secured with heavy police deployment, and further legal procedures are underway. Authorities believe the encounter will help curb criminal activities and deter other offenders in the region.

THRC resolves 579 out of 680 complaints in 9 yrs

Agartala. (Agency)

The Tripura Human Rights Commission (THRC) has resolved as many as 579 cases related to human rights violations between 2016 and 2025, out of a total of 680 complaints.

THRC Secretary D B Reang on Tuesday said that the Commission has recommended compensation in 62 cases, cumulatively amounting to Rs 97,03,309 during the period. Since its inception, the Commission has been instrumental in driving awareness and engagement related to human rights issues.

Through a diverse range of initiatives, it has organised 22 awareness programs aimed at educating the public on fundamental rights and responsibilities. In addition to these efforts, it has coordinated 12 internship programs to build capacity among young professionals and budding legal minds.

He said THRC is set to commemorate International Human Rights Day on Wednesday, where Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha will grace the occasion as Chief Guest, imparting his insights on the significance of fostering human rights across communities on the theme "Human Rights: Our Everyday Essentials," highlighting the crucial role of human rights in daily life.

CM Reddy to hold power-packed meetings on day 2 of Telangana Rising Global Summit

Hyderabad. (Agency)

The second day of the two-day Telangana Rising Global Summit is set for an intense round of engagements as Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy prepares to participate in nearly 20 meetings spanning a wide spectrum of sectors.

Representatives from education, power, tourism, life sciences, food processing, automobiles, electronics, AI and various industrial domains are scheduled to meet the Chief Minister, with several MoUs expected to be formalized through the day, official sources said.

The CM will arrive at Future City by helicopter from MCHRD at 0930 hours, kicking off a packed schedule. At 1000 hours, he will virtually unveil the newly installed Telangana Thalli statues located in district collectorates across the state, marking a moment of cultural significance during the summit.

Later in the evening, the Chief Minister will hold a special meeting with Mahindra & Mahindra Chairman Anand Mahindra. The discussion is expected to focus on investments in green vehicles and rural enterprise initiatives, areas the state aims to push aggressively as part of its growth strategy.

At 1800 hours, the government will release the Telangana Rising Vision Document, outlining the state's roadmap for future development. The summit will draw to a close at 1900 hours with a grand ceremony featuring a drone show and fireworks built around the theme "Telangana is Rising – Come, Join the Rise."

Greater Noida to Host Western Sydney University's First India Campus

The Sikh Times

New Delhi: The Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) yesterday formalised its partnership with Western Sydney University (WSU) to establish Uttar Pradesh's first foreign university campus in Noida. The agreement marks a significant step in GNIDA's efforts to position the region as a global education and innovation hub, aligning with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision to advance Uttar Pradesh as a leading destination for international institutions. The signing materialized at ITC Maurya, New Delhi, in the august presence of senior leaders from the Government of Australia, the Government of Uttar Pradesh, and India's higher-education community. Prominent attendees included Shri Awanish Awasthi, Advisor to the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Alok Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Infrastructure and Industrial Development and Corporation, Shri MP Agarwal, Principal Secretary Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Professor George Williams, Vice Chancellor and Vice President, Western Sydney University, Professor Deborah Sweeney, Provost, Western Sydney University, Arvind Gupta, Director, Deloitte, and Saumya Srivastav, ACEO, Greater Noida Authority. They were joined by The Honourable Jason Clare MP, Minister for Education, Government of Australia, Dr Vineet Joshi, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), and academic leaders from VNMKV, IIT Ropar, and Haryana Agricultural University. The partnership supports the establishment of WSU's new campus within the Greater Noida Authority complex and will strengthen access to global teaching, research, and industry-linked learning in fields such as sustainability, water management, agriculture, artificial intelligence, and business innovation. As part of its phased launch, the university plans to offer programs in

Business Analytics, Marketing, Data Science, Sustainable Water Futures, and Agriculture in the first year, followed by MBA programs in Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Supply Chain



Management in the second year. Speaking at the event, Shri Awanish Awasthi, Advisor to the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, said, "Uttar Pradesh is growing rapidly in both education and infrastructure, and partnerships like this reflect the confidence that the world now places in our state's development agenda. The arrival of a leading Australian university is not just symbolic; it opens a new horizon of opportunities for our young people, particularly girls, who are achieving extraordinary milestones. This campus will help them pursue ambitions once difficult to access within the state. As Uttar Pradesh moves steadily toward becoming a trillion-dollar economy, such collaborations will assay a crucial role in creating skilled, future-ready talent that contributes meaningfully to India's growth story." Reflecting on the collaboration, Shri Alok Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Infrastructure and Industrial Development and Corporation, said, "This collaboration represents a significant step toward narrowing the gap between the aspirations of

our youth and the opportunities available to them within the state. Uttar Pradesh houses one of the youngest populations in the country, and Greater Noida has already established itself as a thriving hub for tech-

nology, manufacturing, and innovation. I am confident that Western Sydney University's presence will further strengthen this ecosystem by bringing global expertise in artificial intelligence, machine learning, data sciences, and emerging fields. We are pleased that GNIDA has leased approximately forty thousand square feet for the new campus, reaffirming Greater Noida's growing reputation as a preferred destination for global institutions and forward-looking educational initiatives. With the region evolving as a centre for technology, manufacturing, and innovation, the presence of a leading international university will enrich our academic landscape and create opportunities for deeper collaboration in research, skill development, and industry integration. This strategic partnership reinforces our commitment to creating high-quality academic pathways and industry-aligned skills that prepare students for addressing the demands of tomorrow's economy." Representing Australia, The Honourable Jason Clare MP, Minister for

Education, Government of Australia, said, "This partnership gloriously demonstrates the shared commitment between Australia and India to support young people in gaining the skills they need for a sustainable and globally competitive future. Western Sydney University is one of Australia's leading institutions, and its presence in India marks an important milestone in our educational cooperation. I am proud to see this next chapter unfold, because it represents more than an academic partnership, it reflects trust, respect, and a collective vision for empowering the next generation." Sharing WSU's vision for the new campus, Professor George Williams, Vice Chancellor and Vice President, Western Sydney University, said, "Greater Noida emerged as the natural choice for our first campus in India because it aligns perfectly with Western Sydney University's mission and growth ambitions. From its planned infrastructure to its strong connectivity and expanding innovation ecosystem, the region provides the ideal foundation for high-quality global education. Our goal is to bring deep expertise in sustainability, water management, agriculture, technology, and industry-integrated learning to support India's priorities in these domains. We are committed to building a campus that delivers world-class academic experiences, robust industry partnerships, and transformative opportunities for students across India and beyond." Professor Deborah Sweeney, Provost, Western Sydney University, closed the ceremony by acknowledging the commitment of all partners and highlighting the potential of the new campus to empower India's next generation of learners and innovators. The event concluded with a formal document exchange between Western Sydney University and GNIDA, marking the beginning of a long-term collaboration shaped around education, research, and future-ready skills.

General Manager of NFR Inspects Darjeeling Himalayan Railway

The Sikh Times

Maligaon, 9th December: Shri Chetan Kumar Shrivastava, General Manager of Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR), carried out a comprehensive review and inspection of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR). His visit aimed at strengthening operational efficiency, heritage conservation and passenger experience across the UNESCO World Heritage railway. Over the course of the visit, the General Manager undertook a detailed examination of key sections, interacted with field officials, inaugurated significant new assets and reviewed developmental initiatives integral to the long-term preservation and modernization of DHR. The General Manager inspected the Tindharia – Rongtong section, assessing the condition of assets, progress of ongoing works and adherence to safety protocols along this challenging stretch. He inaugurated the newly built Diesel Locomotive No. 606, commending the team for ensuring high-quality construction, robust safety standards and superior performance parameters. He also reviewed the maintenance practices being followed across DHR and expressed appreciation for the meticulous upkeep of rolling stock,



interactive and immersive exhibits that highlight the engineering marvel and historical legacy of DHR. He then flagged off the special centenary run of steam locomotive 806B "Queen of the Hills," marking 100 years of its service, a celebration that underscored NFR's commitment to preserving the railway's iconic steam heritage. During his inspection of the Ghum-Sonada section, the General Manager reviewed track conditions, operational practices and safety systems, praising the efforts

taken to maintain world-class safety while preserving the line's UNESCO World Heritage authenticity. At Kurseong, he inaugurated the newly constructed Diesel Locomotive No. 607 and unveiled the upgraded Kurseong Archives, a major enhancement expected to serve local residents, researchers, tourists and heritage enthusiasts with improved documentation and historical resources. He also inspected passenger interfaces, operational facilities and heritage assets. He provided detailed guidance to officials on improving passenger amenities, strengthening operational efficiency and ensuring that all developmental projects remain sensitive to the heritage character of the railway. He also emphasised the importance of sustained maintenance, responsive passenger services and continuous innovation to keep DHR aligned with global heritage standards. The General Manager visit reaffirmed Northeast Frontier Railway's commitment to protecting the unique legacy of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway while driving forward initiatives that enhance comfort, safety and overall travel experience for passengers. His focused review and forward-looking directives are expected to significantly support DHR's long-term vision of combining heritage conservation with modern, passenger-friendly operations.

Our goal is to make firefighting systems modern and efficient': CM Rekha Gupta

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She emphasised that regular inspections of safety standards in large events, hotels, restaurants and clubs are essential to prevent such accidents. The Chief Minister directed that establishments lacking fire-safety equipment or violating prescribed standards must face action in accordance with the rules. She said fire safety is not solely the responsibility of the department; establishment owners also have a collective responsibility to ensure that all fire safety measures are in place on their premises. The Chief Minister also noted that certain complaints have been received claiming that unnecessary rules and procedures are causing delays in obtaining NOCs. She directed officials to identify such cases, submit a report, and prepare proposals to simplify the rules. The Chief Minister instructed the Chief Secretary and departmental officers to review the existing procedures and, if required, draft new guidelines so that Delhi's firefighting system becomes swift, transparent and reliable. She reiterated that the Fire Department is continuously being provided with modern equipment for firefighting. If the department still requires any resources, it should inform the Government. The process of providing them will be undertaken immediately.

Teen stabbed to death in Delhi's Rohini, 3 juveniles apprehended

New Delhi: The police have apprehended three juveniles in connection with the murder and launched further investigation. According to the police, they received information on Thursday from a hospital in Rohini about the teenager, who was brought with stab injuries and was declared dead. "During the inquiry, the team recorded the statement of the cousin of the deceased, who is also a juvenile. He claimed to be an eyewitness to the incident. He told the police that he rushed to the spot along with his friend Armaan (18) after receiving a call about a quarrel involving others," a police officer said. The officer further said that the deceased and others were involved in a heated argument with three boys — all 15 years old. During the scuffle, one of the juveniles allegedly stabbed him in the abdomen and thigh, the officer said, adding that the accused fled the spot soon after. "We checked CCTV footage and gathered local intelligence. Two of the juveniles were apprehended.

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It is for general information that I AMANULLAH KHAN S/O MANGAROO KHAN R/O C-242, FOURTH FLOOR, ABUL FAZAL ENCLAVE PART-2, JAMIA NAGAR, OKHLA, PO: NEW FRIENDS COLONY, DIST: SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110025, declare that name of my wife has been wrongly written as SHABANAM PERVEEN in my minor daughter namely HAFSAH AMAN aged 17 years in her 10th Class educational documents. The actual name of my wife is SHABANAM PARVEEN which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

I, SARWAT W/O MOHAMMAD ISMAIL residing at A-19/147C, DDA FLAT INDER LOK DELHI 110035 have changed my name to SARVAT for all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE

I, MOHD ISMAIL S/O MOHD YAHYA residing at A-19/147C, DDA FLAT INDER LOK DELHI 110035 have changed my name to MOHAMMAD ISMAIL for all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE

I, AJIT KUMAR SINGH S/O BHAGWAT PRASAD SINGH, R/o House No. 35 FF, Pocket-16, Park, Sector-22, Rohini, Begumpur, North West Delhi, Delhi-110086, have changed the name of my minor son LAKSH SINGH aged 10 years and he shall hereafter be known as CHANDER SEKHAR SINGH, for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as AKANSHA SAHU D/o BHAGWAN DASS, and W/o RAHUL GOYAL, R/o H.No. B-42, R.S.T. Enclave, Khajani Nagar, Jhoni Pur, PO: Dayalpur, Dist. North East, Delhi-110094, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AKANSHA GOYAL, for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as DEEDAR SINGH S/o GULZAR SINGH, R/o House No.-161, Block-I, Phase-1, Ashok Vihar, Delhi, NCT of Delhi, 110052, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KEWAL KRISHAN.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as MOHD ALI S/o MOHD IQBAL GAZI, R/o K-288, K-Block, New Seelampur, PO: Seelampur, Dist. North East Delhi, Delhi-110053, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MOHAMMAD JAMAL RANJHA.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, SHAHROZ S/o SARWAR ALI, R/o H.No.432, Gali No.01, New Karampuri, Gokal Pur, PO: Gokal Puri, North East Delhi, Delhi-110094 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as MOHD SARWAR ALI in my 10th and 12th class educational documents and PAN Card No. TYPS8575K. The actual name of my father is SARWAR ALI, which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, SHANE ALI S/o SARWAR ALI, R/o H.No.432, Gali No.01, New Karampuri, Gokal Pur, PO: Gokal Puri, North East Delhi, Delhi-110094 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as MOHD SARWAR ALI in my 10th, 12th and Graduation educational documents, PAN Card No. DOPPA2123L and Driving Licence No. DL1 2025090619. The actual name of my father is SARWAR ALI, which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, SHAZEB S/o SARWAR ALI, R/o H.No.432, Gali No.01, New Karampuri, Gokal Pur, North East Delhi, Delhi-110094 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as MOHD SARWAR ALI in my 10th and 12th class educational documents and PAN Card No. OLUPS0989B. The actual name of my father is SARWAR ALI, which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, SHAHIL S/o SARWAR ALI, R/o H.No.432, Gali No.01, New Karampuri, Gokal Pur, PO: Gokal Puri, North East Delhi, Delhi-110094 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as MOHD SARWAR ALI in my 10th and 12th class educational documents and PAN Card No. TZBPS8575K. The actual name of my father is SARWAR ALI, which may be amended accordingly.

Delhi government notifies occupational safety draft rules, mandates advisory board

The labour department has invited suggestions and objections on the draft rules, which will be considered by the government after 45 days.

NEW DELHI.(Agency)
The Delhi government has notified draft Delhi Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2025, to ensure a safe working environment for workers employed in hazardous and accident-prone industrial activities.
The draft rules provide for the constitution of a 10-member Delhi Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board headed by the labour commissioner, and safety committees in establishments employing 250 or more workers.
The labour department has invited suggestions and objections on the draft rules, which will be considered by the government after 45 days.
The draft rules state that every employer of a factory and building or other construction work will annually conduct, free of cost,

medical examination of every worker aged 45 years and above, within 120 days from the commencement of every calendar year. Every employer in the industry involving hazardous processes will arrange to conduct free-of-cost medical examinations for every worker annually, within 30 days from the commencement of every calendar year, as mentioned in the draft rules.
Additionally, no employee will be employed in any establishment unless he has been issued a letter of appointment. Under sub-section (1), Section 10 and Section 11 of the draft rules, the employer or manager of an establishment will, as early as possible, send a notice to the labour department inspector cum facilitators, about the occurrence of any accident that results in the death of a worker or results in bodily injury likely to cause death. The dangerous occurrence will include the



compressed air; collapse or failure of a crane, derrick, winch, hoist or other appliances, explosion due to explosives, fire, leakage or release of harmful toxic gases and such other incident.
Under sub-section (2) of section 17 of the draft Rules, the Delhi government will constitute the “Delhi Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board”. The board members will include the chief inspector-cum-facilitator, labour department, member secretary, Delhi pollution control committee, director, Delhi health services, two representatives of employees and two members of the district crisis group having expertise in occupational safety and health.
Establishments involving hazardous processes and employing 250 or more workers will mandatorily form safety committees. The draft Delhi Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2025, was notified earlier this month. The draft rules also lay down working conditions stipulating daily and weekly working hours, wages and overtime payments.
New Rulebook for Safer Workplaces
►10-member Advisory Board to be set up, headed by Labour Commissioner
►Safety committees mandatory for establishments with 250+ workers in hazardous sectors
►Appointment letter compulsory for every employee
►Weekly working hours capped at 48 hours

At 291, Delhi's air quality improves to 'poor' category



New Delhi.(Agency)
Delhi's air quality improved slightly on Tuesday, with the city recording an overall Air Quality Index (AQI) of 291 in the "poor" category at 9 am, according to the Central Pollution Control Board. The city's AQI on Monday morning stood at 318 in the "very poor" category, the CPCB data showed. Of the 38 monitoring stations across Delhi, 18 reported air quality in the 'very poor' category (AQI above 300), while 20 recorded 'poor' air quality (AQI above 200), as per data on the CPCB's Sameer app. According to CPCB, an AQI between 0 and 50 is classified "good", 51 to 100 "satisfactory", 101 to 200 "moderate", 201 to 300 "poor", 301 to 400 "very poor" and 401 to 500 "severe". On the weather front, the minimum temperature settled at 9.2 degrees Celsius, 0.4 notches below normal, while the morning relative humidity touched 100 per cent. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast fog for the day. The maximum temperature is expected to reach around 22 to 24 degrees Celsius later in the day.

Delhi Court extends NIA custody of four accused in Red Fort blast case

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New Delhi.(Agency)
A Delhi court on Monday extended the National Investigation Agency (NIA) custody of four accused in the November 10 Red Fort blast case by four more days. The accused doctors Muzammil Ganai, Adeel Rather, Shaheena Saeed and preacher Irfan Ahmed Wagay were produced before Principal and Sessions Judge Anju Bajaj Chandna on the expiry of their initial 10-day custody granted on November 29.
The hearing took place amid tight security in and around the Patiala House Courts, with mediapersons barred from entering the courtroom.
This is the latest development in the NIA's ongoing probe into what investigators have described as a “white-collar” terror module, originally exposed by the Jammu and Kashmir Police. The explosion outside the Red Fort on November 10 killed 15 people and left several others injured.

Delhi education department rolls out Winter plan for schools

The directorate of education (DoE) has emphasised that younger students are vulnerable to cold-related illnesses, making it imperative that schools ensure safe and conducive learning environments.

New Delhi.(Agency)
With the capital bracing for an intense winter marked by cold waves, dense fog and biting winds, the Delhi education department has rolled out a Winter Readiness Plan for all schools from ensuring hot meals and lukewarm drinking water to fixing broken doors, shifting assemblies indoors, monitoring students' clothing, and even providing heaters for security guards.
The comprehensive directive, issued on December 8, pushes all government, government-aided and private unaided recognised schools to take proactive, child-centric measures as the capital prepares for a prolonged cold spell.
The directorate of education (DoE) has emphasised that younger students are vulnerable to cold-related illnesses, making it imperative that schools ensure safe and conducive learning environments. One of the core measures outlined in the circular is the strengthening of the mid-day meal (MDM) programme. Schools must serve hot, freshly prepared and nutritious meals on time to ensure

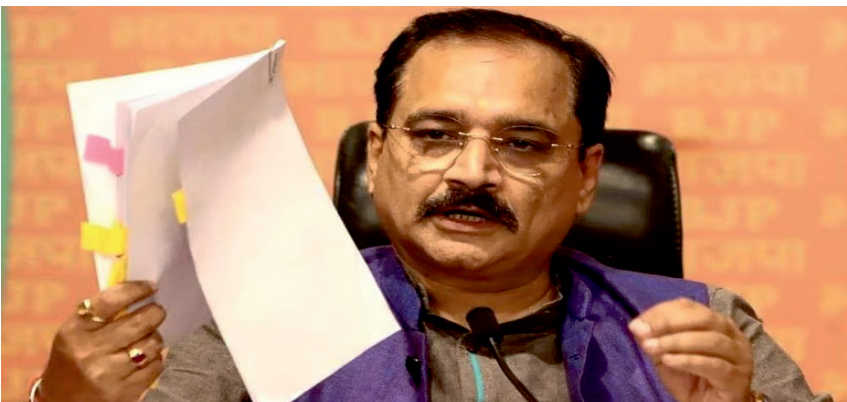


they reach children while still warm. They must also arrange adequate indoor seating so students do not have to eat in the cold.
To help students better cope with freezing temperatures, schools have been advised to provide lukewarm drinking water using kettles, insulated jugs or heating equipment, with SMC funds available for government schools to facilitate this. Regular cleaning of water containers and prioritising younger children for warm water access have been highlighted as essential steps. Class teachers are required to conduct daily checks to ensure students arrive in proper winter clothing, helping identify children who may need support.
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ED move against former minister gives hope: Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva

The case pertains to alleged irregularities in the upgradation of 10 sewage treatment plants in the capital during the tenure of the Arvind Kejriwal government.

New Delhi.(Agency)
Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva on Monday welcomed the Enforcement Directorate's chargesheet against former Delhi water minister Satyendar Jain and former Delhi Jal Board CEO Udit Prakash Rai in the alleged Rs 17.70-crore sewage treatment plants tender scam. The case pertains to alleged irregularities in the upgradation of 10 sewage treatment plants in the capital during the tenure of the Arvind Kejriwal government.
Sachdeva said the filing of the chargesheet has renewed hope that those involved in the scam “under the Kejriwal government” will soon face



punishment. He added that the case appears strong as the ED has already attached assets worth Rs 15.36 crore belonging to Jain and other accused, and the agency has duly informed the court about the attachments.

Goa trip of family hailing from Delhi ends in ‘loss beyond comprehension’, last rites held

But what began as a joyful trip turned into a nightmare when a devastating fire broke out at a nightclub, killing four members of the group.

New Delhi.(Agency)
Bhavna Joshi, her husband, and her three sisters left Delhi on December 4 for a long-awaited holiday to Goa. But what began as a joyful trip turned into a nightmare when a devastating fire broke out at a nightclub, killing four members of the group. Bhavna emerged as the sole survivor, left to cope with the unimaginable loss.
A pall of gloom descended in northeast Delhi's Karawal Nagar, when their bodies arrived at their home on Monday afternoon. The atmosphere was filled with mourning as coffins reached around 2.30 pm. After the postmortem examination, the bodies were flown to Delhi, and the last rites were performed at Nigambodh Ghat.
Bhavna's husband, Vinod, and her sisters Saroj, Anita, and Kamla were among the 25 people who died when a fire engulfed the nightclub in North Goa's Arpora on Saturday night. Bhavna survived with injuries, police said.
The group had planned the trip for months, repeatedly postponing it due to various obstacles. They finally managed to travel on December 4 and were scheduled to return on December



9. Vinod had joined them to ensure they felt safe throughout the journey. When the fire broke out, all five were present. As chaos spread, Vinod pushed Bhavna out through the main gate to save her, then rushed back inside to rescue Kamla, Saroj and Anita, but got trapped. Deepak, a relative, said Vinod's family—originally from Almorah in Uttarakhand—included his elderly mother, Bhavna, their five-year-old daughter, and 11-year-old son. Kamla and Bhavna were real sisters married into the same household. Anita had married Vivek Joshi of Lucknow on December 11, 2024. Saroj, who worked in the travel industry, was unmarried and

DMRC partners with IIT-Hyderabad to strengthen last-mile connectivity

The partnership, formalised on Monday, seeks to leverage the technical expertise and innovation capabilities of both organisations in the field of autonomous navigation.



New Delhi.(Agency)
The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has signed a MoU with IIT-Hyderabad's Technology Innovation Hub for Autonomous Navigation (TiHAN) to advance next-generation mobility solutions aimed at strengthening last-mile connectivity and public transport networks.
The partnership, formalised on Monday, seeks to leverage the technical expertise and innovation capabilities of both organisations in the field of autonomous navigation.
Officials said the collaboration will focus on developing safe, smart and scalable mobility systems that can support driverless ground vehicles, robots, drones and other autonomous platforms designed to operate without human intervention.
TiHAN, established under the Department of Science and Technology's National Mission on Cyber Physical Systems, specialises in creating autonomous navigation and data acquisition systems. These technologies enable unmanned platforms to navigate complex environments, collect real-time data and enhance transportation efficiency. DMRC officials said such advancements could significantly improve last-mile connectivity for metro commuters.
The MoU was signed by Shobhan Chaudhuri, Advisor (R&D) at DMRC, and Dr. Santosh Reddy, Hub Executive Officer at TiHAN, in the presence of DMRC Managing Director Dr. Vikas Kumar, Director (Infrastructure) Manuj Singhal and other senior DMRC officials. From IIT Hyderabad, Dean (Innovation) Prof. Malla Reddy and Prof. P. Rajalakshmi were also present.

NEWS BOX

Rohit Sharma helped me feel comfortable, play freely in early career: Shardul Thakur

Mumbai. (Agency)
India all-rounder Shardul Thakur’s return to Mumbai Indians has brought a sense of familiarity and renewed purpose, and the all-rounder credits Rohit Sharma for shaping that comfort early in his career. Traded from Lucknow Super Giants for Rs 2 crore ahead of IPL 2026, Thakur believes reuniting with Rohit will help him rediscover the freedom and clarity that defined his formative years in competitive cricket.
Speaking on the Mumbai Indians website, Thakur said Rohit played a defining role in allowing him to express himself during the early stages of his journey. The fast bowler also shared that their bond grew naturally, giving him the confidence to perform without fear or hesitation."He (Rohit Sharma) made me comfortable, he allowed me to be free



with him, he allowed me to express myself. We became comfortable with each other and he played a major part in it," Shardul said."I was lucky enough to experience the dressing room early in my days. I was already feeling comfortable in front of senior players. Somewhere down the line, whatever the way I was treated during Mumbai Indians camp also, that small gesture from the Mumbai Indians helped me a lot to grow in my career," he added.His association with MI dates back to 2010, when he joined as a young support bowler. Thakur said that early exposure to a championship-level environment helped him grow rapidly. He bowled in practice games, interacted with senior players, and gained invaluable confidence.
“I was already feeling comfortable in front of senior players. That small gesture from Mumbai Indians helped me a lot to grow,” he said.Thakur credits coaches Rahul Sanghvi and Paras Mhambrey for mentoring him daily, while sharing space with icons like Sachin Tendulkar, Harbhajan Singh, Andrew Symonds, Munaf Patel and Rohit Sharma left a lasting impact. The memory of peeking into Wankhede Stadium from a passing train to catch a glimpse of Tendulkar remains one of his most nostalgic stories.

IND vs SA 1st T20I, Cuttack weather report: Will rain play spoilsport in series opener

New Delhi. (Agency)
Having won the ODI series, India will now take on South Africa in a five-match T20I series beginning on Tuesday, December 9, at Barabati Stadium in Cuttack. After being whitewashed in the Tests, the Men in Blue struck back by clinching the ODI leg and will now look to carry that momentum into the T20Is as well.The Suryakumar Yadav-led side is unbeaten in the format since their T20 World Cup 2024 triumph, having won every series since. With the next World Cup just two months away, the defending champions are focused on fine-tuning their preparations for the upcoming mega event.
As India build up to the T20 World Cup, there are growing speculations regarding the weather conditions ahead of the first T20I. While the afternoon forecast is bright and sunny, the evening is expected to be cloudy



during the match.There is a ten-percent chance of rain in the evening, which might cause some interruptions. With cloudy conditions expected and dew likely to settle in during the second half, the captain winning the toss may prefer to bowl first.The pitch at Barabati Stadium features a new red-soil base and is traditionally known to assist batting. Spinners often come into play during the middle overs, and teams batting second are expected to gain an advantage due to the presence of dew. All in all, it is set to be an excellent batting surface with plenty of runs on offer.Meanwhile, South Africa will be determined to bounce back after a disappointing ODI series. Led by their own explosive core of T20 specialists, the visitors will look to challenge India with an aggressive approach.

Hardik, Axar on cusp of historic landmarks as India eye T20I series win vs South Africa

India and South Africa are set to clash in a five-match T20I series, starting December 9 in Cuttack. After losing the Test series, India bounced back to win the ODI series and will now aim to carry that momentum into the T20Is.

New Delhi. (Agency)
India enter the T20I series against South Africa following a mixed home campaign. After losing the preceding Test series 2–0, they bounced back to claim the ODI series 2–1. In the decisive third ODI at Visakhapatnam, opener Yashasvi Jaiswal scored an unbeaten 116, while Virat Kohli contributed a lively 65, guiding India to a comfortable nine-wicket victory.The ODI win was significant not only for the result but also for restoring confidence and composure. India’s bowlers, particularly Kuldeep Yadav and Prasidh Krishna, performed under pressure, restricting South Africa to 270.India now head into the T20I series with strong



momentum, having remained unbeaten in bilateral T20I series since a 2–3 loss to the West Indies in August 2023, winning nine series and drawing one since then.Despite recent setbacks in Tests, the white-ball team appears rejuvenated. With a balanced squad, renewed confidence, and the backing of the home crowd, India will be keen to carry this momentum into the T20Is and reinforce their

dominance in the shortest format.246 - Runs Suryakumar Yadav needs to become the third Indian batter in Men’s T20Is after Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli to complete 3000 runs.Runs Suryakumar Yadav needs to complete 9000 runs in T20s. Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Shikhar Dhawan are the other Indians to have achieved the feat. 6 - Sixes Suryakumar Yadav needs to complete

400 sixes in T20s. Amongst Indians, only Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma have achieved the feat.163 - Runs Shubman Gill needs to complete 1000 runs in T20Is. 4 - Runs Tilak Verma needs to complete 1000 T20Is runs. He can also become the fourth-fastest to the milestone with Virat Kohli on top followed by Abhishek Sharma, KL Rahul and Suryakumar Yadav. 2 - Wickets Hardik Pandya needs to complete 100 wickets in T20Is. Arshdeep Singh is the only Indian to have reached the landmark in Men’s T20Is.2 wickets, 140 runs - If Hardik Pandya scores 140 runs and picks up 2 wickets, he will be the first Indian and fourth overall to achieve the landmark of 2000 runs and 100 wickets in Men’s T20Is. The others are Shakib Al Hasan, Mohammad Nabi, Virandeep Singh and Sikandar Raza.47 - Runs Axar Patel needs to become the first Indian to score 3500 runs and take 250-plus wickets in Men’s T20s.5 - Runs Sanju Samson needs to complete 1000 runs in Men’s T20s Runs Sanju Samson needs to become the sixth Indian to score 8000 runs in Men’s T20s. The others are Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Shikhar Dhawan, Suryakumar Yadav and KL Rahul.

Josh Hazlewood ruled out of Ashes, Pat Cummins set to return for Adelaide Test

New Delhi. (Agency)
Australia fast bowler Josh Hazlewood has been ruled out of the entire Ashes series due to an Achilles issue. The right-arm seamer hurt his hamstring while featuring in Australia’s domestic Sheffield Shield competition and subsequently missed the first two Tests.He was scheduled to join the Australian squad in Brisbane to continue his recovery, but unfortunately developed Achilles soreness during his rehabilitation, which has resulted in him being ruled out of the entire rubber.Australia head coach Andrew McDonald informed the media about Hazlewood’s injury and revealed that his focus is now to be fully fit for the T 2 0 World Cup 2 0 2 6 in India.“Unfortunately, Josh won’t be a part of the Ashes. Really, really flat for him. A couple of setbacks that we didn’t see coming, and we thought he would play a huge part in the series. It’s a totally separate injury. It’s somewhere lower in the calf to Achilles region. His preparation will then shift towards the World Cup, which is an

incredibly important campaign for us,” McDonald was quoted as saying by cricket.com.au.Meanwhile, in a major boost for Australia, captain Pat Cummins



will return for the third Test scheduled to be played in Adelaide from 17–21 December. McDonald revealed that Cummins underwent match simulations at the Allan Border Field and confirmed that he is ready to go for the third Test.“There won’t be any match opportunities for Pat (before Adelaide) – and this is something we’ve

done with Pat before long-ish layoffs, where we’ve put some time and effort into rebuilding his body. He was out at Allan Border Field whilst everyone was at the Gabba; he simulated pretty much what a match will look like out there with multiple spells. His body’s ready to go and, barring anything else happening in the next week, I’d be expecting Pat to be tossing the coin and putting the blazer on,” McDonald added.Despite the absence of their two pace stalwarts, Australia registered comfortable wins in the first two Tests in Perth and Brisbane and are now leading the series 2–0. In Cummins’ and Hazlewood’s absence, Mitchell Starc took the responsibility on his shoulders and delivered back-to-back match-winning performances, claiming 18 wickets across the two matches, along with a brilliant knock of 77 in Brisbane. With Cummins set to return for the third Test, Australia’s bowling attack will receive a major boost as they aim to take an unassailable 3–0 lead in the series.

Has Mohamed Salah already played his last Liverpool game Arne Slot has no clue

Arne Slot's admission that he has "no clue" about Mohamed Salah's future deepened Liverpool's ongoing uncertainty. The fallout from Salah's interview has left the club navigating one of its most delicate moments of the season.

New Delhi. (Agency)
FLiverpool’s uncertain season took another dramatic turn as head coach Arne Slot admitted he has “no clue” whether Mohamed Salah will feature for the club again. The Dutchman’s comments came just days after Salah’s explosive interview at Leeds, where the Egyptian forward suggested his relationship with the manager had deteriorated. The fallout has cast a shadow over Liverpool’s preparations

during a crucial period, with the forward now left out of the squad for the Champions League trip to Inter Milan.Speaking at his pre-match press conference on Monday, Slot said he was caught off guard by Salah’s claims and



was surprised to hear the forward airing such frustration publicly. Slot confirmed that the only communication since the interview was informing Salah he would not travel to Italy, adding that he had never sensed a breakdown between them.“I have no clue,” Slot replied on whether Salah will

be playing for Liverpool again. “I cannot answer that question at this point in time,"However, the manager also made it clear that Liverpool’s decision to exclude Salah was deliberate. Slot said he remains calm and polite but “not weak,” emphasising that the club needed to respond in its own way to Salah’s remarks. He declined to speculate on who Salah meant when the forward said he had been “thrown under the bus,” saying only the player could answer that.I haven’t felt that at all until Saturday evening for sure. When I don’t play someone usually players don’t like the manager that much but he was really respectful to the staff and manager, his teammates and he trained very hard so it was a surprise to me when I heard the comments he gave. But it is not the first or last time a player who doesn’t play says something similar to what he did. But my reaction to that is clear and that’s why he is not here tonight," Slot said.



contribute to a top tier that is more colourful, unpredictable and star-studded than usual.The BCCI’s final shortlist consists of 350 players, trimmed down from 1,390 registrations — featuring 240 Indians, 110 overseas names, 224 uncapped Indian talents and 14 uncapped overseas entrants. With 77 slots available, including 31 for overseas players, December 16 in Abu Dhabi promises plenty of theatre, especially when these top-bracket names go under the hammer.

IPL 2026: 350 players finalised for auction, Quinton de Kock makes surprise entry

The BCCI has unveiled the full list of players finalised for the IPL 2026 auction scheduled to be held in Abu Dhabi on December 16. 240 Indians and 110 overseas players will go under the hammer during the bidding event.

New Delhi. (Agency)
A total of 350 players have been finalised for the Indian Premier League 2026 (IPL 2026 auction) as the BCCI unveiled the list on Tuesday, December 9 1,390 players had originally showed their interest for the bidding event, scheduled to be held on

December 16 in Abu Dhabi. After the shortlisting process, the final pool has been trimmed to 350 players, comprising 240 Indian and 110 overseas recruits. The group includes 224 uncapped Indian players and 14 uncapped overseas players, ensuring a strong blend of experienced options and emerging talent.The ten franchises will have 77 available slots to fill during the auction, including 31 positions reserved for overseas players. With teams aiming to rebuild or strengthen ahead of the 2026 season, intense bidding battles are expected.The highest base price category remains at Rs 2 crore, with 40 players opting to enter the auction in this premium bracket. As always, big-name stars in this band are set to be among the most sought-after on auction day. Among Indians, only Venkatesh Iyer and Ravi Bishnoi have kept their base price at Rs 2 Crore.The auction proceedings will begin at 1:00 PM

UAE time (2:30 PM IST) on Tuesday, December 16 as teams begin their preparations for another action packed



season of the T20 extravaganza. The final list includes 35 new names which were not part of the initial list and one surprise entry among them is Quinton de Kock. The wicketkeeper batter played for Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the last season after being bought at the mega auction for Rs 2 Crore. However, he was

released by the franchise after an underwhelming season, which saw him score just 152 runs from eight innings.Steve Smith,Josh Inglis in final list Cameron Green, Matthew Short and Steve Smith headline the list of Australian players hoping to attract bids at the auction. Even Josh Inglis, whose availability remains uncertain due to his wedding, has surprised his former franchise by putting his name forward.The extensive roster also features England’s Jamie Smith and Jonny Bairstow, New Zealand stars Rachin Ravindra, Daryl Mitchell and Devon Conway, as well as Sri Lankan talents Wanindu Hasaranga and Matheesha Pathirana, among several others.
Among all ten franchises, Kolkata Knight Riders will head to mini-auction with the largest purse of 64.30 crore, while Chennai Super Kings have the second largest amount with 43.40 crore at their disposal.

Are new ITR forms coming before Fy28 Here's what the government says

New Delhi.(Agency)
The government will roll out new Income Tax Return (ITR) forms under the Income Tax Act, 2025 before the 2027–28 financial year begins. Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary shared this update in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

NEW INCOME TAX ACT TO BEGIN FROM APRIL 2026
The new Income Tax Act was passed on August 21, 2025 and will officially come into effect from April 1, 2026. Once it begins, it will replace the six-decade-old Income Tax Act of 1961. The new law aims to simplify complicated clauses, cut down on unnecessary wordage, and make tax compliance smoother for individuals and businesses.

ITR FORMS BEING REDESIGNED FOR THE NEWSYSTEM
Chaudhary said that a CBDT committee is currently working on simplifying the ITR forms. The committee is consulting tax experts, industry bodies, and field officers to redesign the forms in a clearer and more user-friendly format. Under the new law, all forms, including quarterly TDS returns and annual income tax returns, are being updated to match the revised tax framework.

ITR FORMS FOR FIRST YEAR OF NEW REGIME COMING SOON
The ITR forms for the first tax year under the new Act, 2026–27, will include changes announced in the 2026 Budget. These forms will be notified before FY28 begins.

ICICI Prudential AMC IPO: Big brand, mega issue; but GMP slipping

Kolkata.(Agency)
Grey Market Premium, or GMP, of a public issue is an unofficial indicator, is extremely volatile and cannot guarantee anything, gain (or loss) on listing. Yet investors set great store by it and analysts often interpret it as a marker of the level of enthusiasm of investors in a public issue. The ICICI Prudential AMC IPO is set to flag off its bidding process on Dec 10. But despite the importance of the AMC in the mutual funds market, there has been a sharp drop in the GMP of the issue over the past few days. ICICI Pru is one of the most significant public issues in the market in 2025, which is being labelled as the year of IPOs. There is no clear explanation so far on why the GMP has dropped so dramatically. But there could be a few pointers. The recent volatility in the secondary markets could be impacting investor sentiment negatively. Also the issue comprises only OFS or Offer for Sale shares. A total of 4.9 crore shares will be sold by Prudential Corp Holding. The IPO will open on December 12 and close on December 16. The proceeds of OFS shares go the existing shareholders who offload their stake and the money doesn't accrue to the company. Also a low GMP itself offers a negative rub off on common investors -- they often construe it as a market of the investor sentiment around an issue.

ICICI Prudential AMC IPO price band
The ICICI Prudential AMC IPO price band has been fixed at Rs 2,061-2,165 per share. The anchor investment round will take place on Dec 11. The basis of allotment will be decided on Dec 17 and listing will take place on Dec 19. To manage this mega issue, ICICI Pru AMC has appointed a battery of lead managers -- Citigroup, Morgan Stanley, BofA, Axis Securities, CLSA, IIFL Capital, Kotak Mahindra Capital, SBI Caps, ICICI Bank, Goldman Sachs, Avendus, BNP Paribas, HDFC Bank, JM Financial, Motilal Oswal, Nuvama and UBS.

ICICI Pru business
ICICI Prudential AMC is a giant in the domestic MF industry and is the country's second-largest asset manager. This ranking takes into consideration quarterly average assets under management and ICICI Pru AMC is found to command 13.2% market share. It posted a PAT of Rs 1,618 crore and revenue of Rs 2,949.4 crore for the H1FY26 period.

Paramount's bid for Warner Bros: Trump says Netflix, Paramount are no friend of his

New Delhi.(Agency)
As the corporate thriller intensified around the \$108-billion hostile bid from Paramount to take over Warner Bros and as the array of banks, billionaires and sovereign-wealth funds around the deal swelled, US President Donald Trump remarked that neither Netflix nor Paramount Skydance are great friends of his. It was clearly an effort to distance himself from both the raider and the target. Significantly, the stage is set for a riveting thriller with the dramatis following personae lined up -- the US president's son-in-law, a very large alternative-asset manager and (Larry Ellison) the CEO's father who once could boast of a fortune similar to that of Elon Musk. Reports indicated that the parties seemed to be coming together for spoiling Netflix Inc.'s deal last week.

Paramount CEO's assurance on funds
Reports said that Paramount CEO David Ellison (son of Larry Ellison) said in a letter to the Warner Bros board that the financing partners his firm would assure of the certainty to conclude the deal successfully. "We are providing you with funds certain from one of the wealthiest families in the world, a domestic counterparty, while also eliminating any cross-conditionality, which should give WBD's board complete comfort and certainty as to our ability to close in a timely fashion," he wrote in the letter.

The level of spice rises with the information that the Paramount CEO's father Larry Ellison, 81, and a founder of Oracle Corp, is a friend of Donald Trump and was also labelled by Bloomberg Billionaires Index as the world's richest person in September this year, when his wealth jumped by \$89 billion in a day.

Proposed insurance ombudsman rules: What policyholders should know

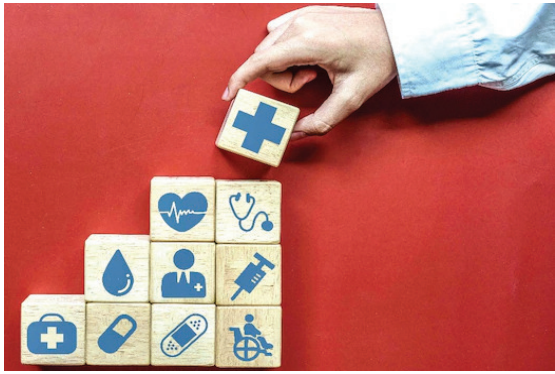
The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) recently released the Draft Internal Insurance Ombudsman Guidelines, 2025. These rules propose a new accountability structure inside insurance companies to speed up dispute resolution and reduce harassment of consumers.

New Delhi.(Agency)
After years of rising insurance complaints, delayed claim settlements, and growing anger over rejected payouts, the regulator has finally put a tighter grievance framework on the table. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) recently released the Draft Internal Insurance Ombudsman Guidelines, 2025. These rules propose a

new accountability structure inside insurance companies to speed up dispute resolution and reduce harassment of consumers. It is important to note that these are still only proposed rules and not law yet. The guidelines will take effect only after final notification and will apply three months after that. If implemented in their present form, they could significantly change how insurance complaints are handled in India.

WHY IRDAI DECIDED TO STEP IN
IRDAI has acknowledged in the draft that as insurance coverage expands, policyholder expectations rise. When those expectations are not met, they turn into formal complaints. Despite existing grievance systems, many genuine disputes remain unresolved because insurers still end up reviewing their own decisions. The proposed framework attempts to correct this conflict by placing an independent review authority inside every insurer.

WHO WILL BE THE INTERNAL INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN
Under the proposal, every insurer that has



completed three years of operations will be required to appoint an Internal Insurance Ombudsman. Reinsurers are excluded. The officer must have at least 20 years of experience in the insurance

sector, must have held a senior role, and must not be a present or former employee of the insurer or its group companies. The appointment will be for a fixed term of three years, extendable once, or until the age of 70, whichever is earlier. The salary must be entirely fixed, with no performance-linked incentives. The purpose is to ensure that grievance decisions are free from business pressure.

NEW POWERS INSIDE INSURANCE COMPANIES
The Internal Ombudsman will become the highest internal grievance authority within the company. Under the draft, this officer will have the power to decide complaints involving amounts up to Rs 50 lakh. The process will first attempt settlement through conciliation or mediation. If that fails, the ombudsman will pass a reasoned order on the merits of the case.

Sliding rupee, liquidity crunch: Why Dalal Street is suddenly feeling the heat

New Delhi.(Agency)
Dalal Street is no stranger to turbulence, but the unease gripping the market right now feels different. This is not the frenzy of panic-selling or the drama of a global shock. It is the quieter, more unsettling churn of uncertainty. As the rupee slides and easy money dries up, investors are beginning to pull back, and the Sensex and Nifty are feeling the heat. In the past few sessions, benchmark indices have come under sustained pressure as selling deepened across key sectors such as banking, IT, metals and rate-sensitive stocks. What began as routine profit-booking has now taken the shape of a broader risk-off trade. According to Akshat Garg, Head of Research and Product at Choice Wealth, the nervousness in the market is rooted in a clear macro shift rather than any sudden deterioration in corporate earnings. Dalal Street isn't nervous without reason. The market is reacting to a mix of weakening liquidity and a sliding rupee, and together they are creating a clear risk-off undertone," Garg said.

RUPEE'S SLIDE DRIVING

UNCERTAINTY
A softer rupee rarely goes unnoticed by equity markets. When the currency weakens sharply, it immediately raises worries around imported inflation,



squeezes corporate margins for import-heavy sectors and increases the likelihood of intervention by the Reserve Bank of India. Garg said this is exactly what is now unsettling investors. "Whenever currency volatility spikes, equities start pricing in uncertainty, not fundamentals, and that's exactly what we're seeing," he said. A weakening rupee also changes how foreign investors assess risk. Currency losses begin to compound equity risk, making Indian assets less

attractive in the short term and adding to selling pressure just when markets are already fragile.

FII SELLING CREATES LIQUIDITY VACUUM

For months, abundant liquidity ensured that every market dip was quickly bought. That comfort has now faded. On the liquidity front, Garg pointed out that the recent withdrawal of systemic liquidity and the cautious stance of foreign portfolio investors have taken away that easy support. The 'easy bid' that was supporting every dip is no longer there," he said. When money becomes selective, valuations start getting questioned, and even minor negative news can trigger outsized reactions. This is exactly what markets are witnessing now.

Domestic investors are still showing resilience, but even their behaviour is changing. Instead of chasing the broader index, flows are becoming increasingly stock-specific, focusing on companies with stronger balance sheets and clearer earnings visibility. The era of blind index buying, for now, appears to be on pause.

IMF Lists India's UPI As World's Largest Real-Time Payment System

New Delhi.(Agency)
The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has recognised India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) as the world's largest retail fast-payment system by transaction volume, the Parliament was informed on Monday. Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary told the Lok Sabha, in a written reply to a question, that this fact has been highlighted in the IMF's report on 'Growing Retail Digital Payments (The Value of Interoperability)' dated June 2025. Further, as per the ACI Worldwide report on 'Prime Time for Real-Time' 2024, UPI tops the global list with a 49 per cent share in the global real-time payment system and a transaction volume of 129.3 billion. Brazil is placed in the second position with a market share of 14 per cent and a transaction volume of 37.4 per cent,



followed by Thailand in the third spot with a market share of 8 per cent and a transaction volume of 20.4 billion. China figures in the fourth place with a market share of 6 per cent and transaction volume of 17.2 billion. The minister further stated that in order to support small-scale merchants in adopting digital payment systems, including UPI, various initiatives have been taken up by the government, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), and the National Payments Corporation of

India (NPCI) from time to time. These, inter alia, include an incentive scheme for promotion of low-value BHIM-UPI transactions, and the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF), which provides grant support to the banks and fintechs for deployment of digital payment infrastructure (such as POS Terminals and QR codes) in tier-3 to 6 centres.

As of October 31, 2025, approximately 5.45 crore digital touch points have been deployed through PIDF in tier-3 to 6 centres. Further, as of FY 2024-25, a total of 56.86 crore QR were deployed to approximately 6.5 crore merchants, the minister said. The Government, the RBI, and the NPCI have initiated deepening digital transactions through RuPay and UPI across businesses, including public services, transport, and e-commerce platforms on a nationwide basis.

Gold, Silver Open Flat Ahead Of US Fed Policy Outcome; Gold Unchanged At Rs 1,29,978 Per 10 Grams

On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold February contracts were unchanged at Rs 1,29,978 per 10 grams during early trade.

Mumbai.(Agency)
Gold prices were steady in early trade on Tuesday, as investors stayed cautious ahead of the US Federal Reserve's interest rate decision.

On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold February contracts were unchanged at Rs 1,29,978 per 10 grams during early trade. In the domestic market, MCX Gold (Feb) is trading near Rs 1,29,952, closely tracking the global uptrend while also receiving support from rupee weakness," market experts said. "The Rs 1,29,200 region continues to act as a key short-term support. As long as this level holds, the path remains open toward the Rs 1,30,000–Rs 1,31,000 resistance zone," analysts stated.

Silver, however, moved higher, with MCX silver March futures rising 0.50 per cent to Rs 1,82,705 per kg.



The focus in global markets is now on the Federal Reserve, which will announce its policy decision on Wednesday (December 10). The meeting comes at a time when the US job market is showing signs of cooling, even as inflation

remains above the central bank's 2 per cent target.

Recent data showed that the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) price index, the Fed's preferred inflation measure, rose 0.3 per cent in September,

matching the increase in August.

On an annual basis, the index climbed 2.8 per cent, slightly higher than the 2.7 per cent rise seen in the previous month.

Meanwhile, US private payroll data released last week indicated the sharpest decline in more than two and a half years, with private sector jobs falling by 32,000 in November. At the same time, unemployment benefit claims dropped to 1,91,000 in the week ending November 29, the lowest level in more than three years and well below economists' expectations of 2,20,000.

Economists at Comerica expect the Federal Open Market Committee to reduce the federal funds rate by 25 basis points, bringing it to a range between 3.50 per cent and 3.75 per cent in its final policy move of the year. Although expectations of a rate cut generally support gold prices, the gains are being limited by higher bond yields. The benchmark US 10-year Treasury yield climbed to a two-and-a-half-month high on Monday, adding pressure on the precious metal.



Kritika Kamra

Says It's A 'Privilege' To Be A Protagonist Written By A Woman' In The Great Shamsuddin Family

The much-awaited trailer of The Great Shamsuddin Family is finally out, and audiences are already buzzing about Kritika Kamra's presence in it that feels real and lived in. Slated to premiere on 12th December on Jio Hotstar, the film marks the return of Anusha Rizvi, the acclaimed filmmaker behind Peepli Live. The film features an impressive ensemble cast including Farida Jalal, Shreya Dhanwanthary, Juhi Babbar Soni and Sheeba Chadda, bringing together generations of stellar performers in a story rooted in emotion, humour and timely social relevance.

Kritika Kamra, who headlines the project, shared her excitement about the film and the journey of portraying a character crafted by a female filmmaker with a distinct voice.



Kritika Kamra says "Being at the centre of a story written by a woman especially someone as sharp, thoughtful and fearless as Anusha is a privilege I deeply value. When I read the script of The Great Shamsuddin Family, I was instantly drawn to how authentic, layered and unapologetic her characters are. Women on screen are often boxed into stereotypes, but this story gives women the space to be flawed, funny, messy, vulnerable, assertive..everything at once." "This film is also very special to me because it gave me the opportunity to work alongside an incredible team of women both behind and in front of the camera. Sharing screen space with legends like Farida ji and Dolly ji and perform with phenomenal actors like Sheeba ma'am, Juhi and Shreya has been a learning experience I will always cherish. I truly believe our film has warmth, joy and at the same time something deeply meaningful to say. I'm proud to be part of a narrative that celebrates complexity, womanhood and identity in such an

honest way." Director Anusha Rizvi brings her signature grounding in realism, humour and social observation to this project, promising an experience that is sure to leave an impact. With its stellar cast, strong emotional core and relatable humour, The Great Shamsuddin Family is set to be a good holiday watch for families to enjoy together as it arrives on Jio Hotstar on December 12.

Farah Khan And Dilip Join 'Mangal Lakshmi' For Special Episode: 'Kitchen Is Guaranteed To Get Garam'



With her iconic humour and trademark spice, filmmaker Farah Khan joins Colors' television series 'Mangal Lakshmi' alongside internet favourite Dilip for a special episode where the kitchen turns into a lively fusion of dance and offbeat cooking tasks. In the ongoing track, the Pehla Swaad competition hits its most crucial stage with the Ticket to Finale challenge, where Bhabhiji (Neelu Waghela) as the new head chef pushes Mangal and Saumya into unexpected cooking tests. As Farah and Dilip introduce a thrilling 'jodi challenge', Saumya teams up with Adit, leaving Mangal to face the heat alone. And now, with the finale within reach, will Mangal be able to deliver a dish that not only wins the judges' hearts but seals her place in the competition?

Shooting for a special episode of COLORS' Mangal Lakshmi, Farah Khan said, "Arre bhai, jab kitchen ka maha-yudh ho raha ho Mangal Lakshmi mein, mujhe toh aana hi tha! I'm super excited to judge the 'Pehla Swaad' ticket-to-finale challenge — yahan khaane ka taste bhi test hoga aur contestants ka patience bhi. With my full-on Farah-tadka, thodi masti, thoda masala, and my cook Dilip joining the madness, the kitchen is guaranteed to get garam. Mangal aur Saumya dono ko mile surprises aur shocks, but who plates up the real winner's swaad, that you'll have to watch. All I can say is, this episode serves flavour, fun, and full-on fireworks."

Deepika Singh spoke about sharing screen space with Farah Khan in 'Mangal Lakshmi'. She said, "Mangal Lakshmi is at a phase where the pulse of the story is a woman finally rising for herself and for the business she built alongside other women; and the audience has showered a lot of love to the show throughout Mangal's journey. That's why creating a special Pehla Swaad episode with Farah Khan is a landmark moment, because the legend stands for everything my character aspires to. We've all admired her work, and having her on set instantly lifted the energy of an already thrilling challenge. Performing the cooking-and-dance act and then hearing her genuine words of encouragement is something I'll cherish my entire life."

Bigg Boss 19 Winner Gaurav Khanna Wanted The Show Extended: 'Request Karta Tha Confession Room Mein...'



Gaurav Khanna is over the moon after winning Bigg Boss 19! Last night, during the grand finale, Salman Khan handed him the trophy, while Farrhana Bhatt was announced as the first runner-up. Now, after winning Bigg Boss 19, Gaurav Khanna has shared that he wanted the show to continue longer. He revealed that he would request Bigg Boss for at least a one-week extension as he wanted to celebrate his birthday (on December 11), with the entire nation.

Gaurav Khanna Reveals He Wanted Bigg Boss 19 To Continue Longer

In a video shared by JioHotstar on Instagram, Gaurav Khanna says, "To be honest, I am feeling a little sad because I wanted the show to extend a bit longer. I was really enjoying myself inside." He would tease his housemates by saying he wanted the show to continue, while they kept saying they wanted to go home and couldn't understand why he wanted to stay longer. He said that he really enjoyed his time in the BB house, and behaved exactly as he would in his own home. "I was doing all the things I do at home — wearing the clothes I want, repeating the clothes, washing dishes," he said.

Gaurav further added that people have seen him act in many shows, so he wanted to show his fans how he is in real life. "I didn't want to do anything that I wouldn't do in real life. I really liked spending 105 days inside. Now the only sadness is that leaving such a big house and going back to my small home will be a bit of a challenge as I enjoyed walking around," he said.

When asked about his plans after the show, Gaurav added, "I missed my wife Akanksha, so I will take her out somewhere. And my birthday is coming on the 11th, and I used to request Bigg Boss in the confession room to please extend the show by one week because I wanted to celebrate my birthday with all of India on Bigg Boss. But it's okay."

Gaurav Khanna won Bigg Boss 19, while Farrhana Bhatt emerged as the first runner-up, followed by Pranit More, Tanya Mittal and Amaal Mallik.

Kareena Kapoor

Celebrates 'Amma' Sharmila Tagore's 81st With Throwback Album

Veteran actress Sharmila Tagore turned 81 on Monday. Born on December 8, 1944, she has been a part of many memorable films including Anupama, Sawan Ki Ghata, An Evening in Paris, Safar, and several others.

Over the years, she has earned immense love and respect from the film industry and her fans. Naturally, her birthday led to a flood of wishes online. But family always comes first, so the most heartwarming message had to come from them. Kareena Kapoor took to Instagram to extend her birthday wishes to Sharmila, and her post was nothing short of adorable.

Bebo's Birthday Wish For Sharmila Tagore

Kareena shared a carousel of photos, with the first picture featuring Sharmila posing with Saif and little Jeh. The second captured a sweet moment of the daughter-in-law and mother-in-law walking together, and in the third, Sharmila was seen playing with her grandson again.

While the actress' caption read, "Happy birthday dearest Mother-in-law," she also added little notes to each photo. On the first picture, she wrote, "Happy birthday Amma." The second photo had the note, "Always trying to follow your footsteps," and the third one simply read, "All heart, always."

The comments section of the post was filled with wishes for the veteran actress. A user wrote, "Happy Birthday to a graceful, elegant lady." Another one said, "Happy Birthday to the beautiful soul, and a beautiful mother-in-law of Kareena Kapoor Khan. We love you Bebo."

Someone remarked, "Happy birthday to the most

gracious, gorgeous and elegant lady!! She has aged like the finest wine on Earth." An individual commented, "Sharmila Ji is the most versatile heroine of the Golden Era."

Saba Pataudi Pens A Sweet Birthday Wish For Mom

Saba Pataudi shared a series of photos featuring her mom's throwback moments, family pictures, and a few frames of her posing with her mother, Sharmila Tagore on Instagram. Her caption was long, warm, and full of love. She wrote, "Diva to many, mother to us.

Moments and memories, treasured so much! A journey of a lifetime, growing up with you, learning the ropes, and surviving each other too!" She concluded her caption with, "With love and blessings, wishing you the best of health. Happiest Birthday Ammu! Love you always and forever."

Her comment section, too, was filled with love, with fans pouring in wholesome birthday messages for the veteran actress.





Food investments

As February is a month of budgets — or namely, the Budget — it made me think about food in a similar way. If getting the best out of your investments is indeed the goal, why not maximise the time and resources spent on food? The fact is that all food aren't created equal and some do absolutely nothing for either your well-being or your health. To that end, I thought I'd chime in with those that offer the best returns on investment.

Carbs

I think one the biggest and most consistent reactions from my clients is one of shock when I prescribe a healthy dose of carbs on my meal plans. So many people are shocked that I prescribe pretty much everything in moderation, including rice (starchy water drained out), pasta (same), bread, rotis, rava and noodles. Carbs are fuel, carbs are beautiful, they spare

my proteins for its important functions and, eaten in moderation, work beautifully to provide you with better sleep, more energy, and leave you with a better mood.

Antioxidant-rich Food

Antioxidant foods combat disease and ageing. Environmental stressors, unhealthy foods, excessive drinking as well as smoking, elevate the levels of free radicals in our bodies. While some amount of free radicals are naturally flushed out, an excess of free radicals in the body have been linked to cancer and ageing. Fruits, vegetables and vegetable juices are packed with antioxidants.

Egg Whites

Clocking in at 16 calories per egg white, this food is the best source of protein in existence. Egg white is a 100% reference protein, which basically means that

100% of the protein in it is absorbed by your body, making it a very efficient food to eat. Quinoa is another great complete protein, and is an alternative for vegetarians.

Water

When it comes to investments, water is the best kind of SIP. Research shows that water helps your body burn more calories, produce bile (that in turn digests fat), and also helps you feel fuller.

Probiotics

Probiotics (derived from 'pro' and 'biota', which means 'for



life') are friendly microorganisms that are essentially good bacteria and help with digestion, hunger management, absorption and elimination. Probiotic drinks are available as standalone foods, and even probiotic enhanced milk/ milk products are available as well. Drink up. Eat well.

Mushroom and Tomato Toast



A tempting Continental recipe, this Mushroom and Tomato Toast is a perfect quick meal you can have in your breakfast. Sautéed mushrooms, tomatoes and jalapenos served with toasted bread slices have an amazing aroma and flavour that can make anyone's day. This easy recipe is also ideal for your kid's lunch box and picnics.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon virgin olive oil
- 2 chopped, de seeded jalapeno
- 1 chopped tomato
- 1 pinch coriander powder
- 8 toasted bread slices
- 1 finely chopped onion
- 250 gm washed & dried, sliced mushroom button
- 1 pinch chilli powder
- 1 pinch cumin powder

1 pinch salt

How to make Mushroom and Tomato Toast

Step 1

Heat oil in a large pan. Add onions and jalapeno. Saute for 3 to 4 minutes, until the onion is soft and translucent. Add the mushrooms and tomato.

Step 2

Cook till the mushrooms are soft. Add the chilli powder, coriander powder, cumin powder and salt. Saute for a minute or two.

Step 3

Spread the mushroom-tomato mixture on 4 slices of toasted bread. Cover with the remaining 4 slices. Cut into triangles and serve with ketchup.

Eating probiotics may improve sleep, cut impact of stress

Intake of probiotics -- dietary fibers found naturally in foods like chicory, artichokes, raw garlic, leeks and onions -- may help improve sleep and act as a buffer against the physiological impacts of stress, a study shows.

Probiotics are certain types of non-digestible fibers that probiotic bacteria feed on, such as the fibers found in many plant sources like asparagus, oatmeal, and legumes as well as in breast milk.

The findings showed that rats on the prebiotic diet spent more time in non-rapid-eye-movement (NREM) sleep, which is restful and restorative and is dreamless, than those on the non-prebiotic diet.

"We found that dietary probiotics can improve non-rapid eye movement (REM) sleep, as well as REM sleep after a stressful event," said lead author Robert Thompson, post-doctoral student at University of



Colorado - Boulder.

"Given that sufficient NREM sleep and proper nutrition can impact brain development and function and that sleep problems are common in early life, it is possible that a diet rich in probiotics started in early life could help improve sleep, support the gut microbiota and promote optimal brain/psychological health," added Monika Fleshner, Professor at University of Colorado -

Boulder.

For the study, published in the journal Frontiers in Behavioural Neuroscience, the team fed three-week-old male rats a diet of either standard chow or chow that included probiotics. They then monitored the rats' body temperature, gut bacteria and sleep-wake cycles -- using EEG, or brain activity testing -- over time.

After being exposed to a stressor, the rats on the prebiotic diet also spent more time in rapid-eye-movement (REM) sleep.

REM sleep is believed to be critical for promoting recovery from stress -- previously been shown to reduce healthy diversity of gut bacteria.

But rats on the prebiotic diet were buffered from the impact, maintaining a healthy and diverse gut microbiota and normal temperature fluctuations even after stress exposure, the study said.

Bruschetta Al Pesto

Healthy and delicious, Bruschetta Al Pesto is your go to breakfast on days you want to indulge. You can prepare this quick Italian recipe when you have guests on tea or when you are throwing a party. It is an ideal snack recipe and goes well with most drinks and beverages.

INGREDIENTS

- 24 pieces ciabatta bread
- 100 gm pine nuts
- 450 gm mozzarella cheese
- 45 ml virgin olive oil
- 50 gm basil
- 200 gm parmesan cheese
- 2 teaspoon oregano
- 1 dash ground black pepper

How to make Bruschetta Al Pesto

Step 1

Cut each bread diagonally into 12 slices. Cut the mozzarella into small pieces. Spread the sundried tomato paste on each slice.

Step 2

Arrange the cheese on the bread and put the slices on a baking tray. Sprinkle the herbs and drizzle the oil.

Step 3

Bake in a preheated oven at 220 degree C for 5 minutes or till the cheese starts bubbling.

Step 4

Remove from the oven and allow to stand for a minute before serving.



Garden vegetable thin crust pizza is a cheesy vegetable filled pizza that is full of peppers and mushrooms. This pizza recipe has thin crust which is crispy and relishing. If you are looking for a vegetarian recipe of pizza, this should be your first pick.

INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 cup sliced zucchini
- 1/4 cup finely chopped capsicum (green pepper)
- 1/2 cup mozzarella
- 3 thinly sliced jalapeno
- 1/2 cup Wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon dry yeast
- 1/2 cup Water
- 1/4 cup Pizza sauce
- 2 cup thinly sliced mushroom
- 3 pinches chilli flakes
- 1/4 cup boiled Frozen Sweet corn

How to make Garden Vegetable Thin Crust Pizza

Step 1



Mix the yeast, sugar and water in a large bowl. Keep aside for 10 minutes.

Step 2

Add maida, wheat flour, olive oil and salt. Mix well to combine.

Step 3

Transfer the dough to a lightly floured surface. Knead dough for 5 to 8 minutes, add extra flour if required. Knead till smooth and slightly damp, but not sticky.

Step 4

Keep the dough in a bowl and cover with a warm, damp cloth. Keep aside for 30 minutes.

Step 5

Transfer it back to a lightly floured surface. Gently roll out to about 12 inches.

Step 6

Place it onto a greased baking sheet. Spread pizza sauce.

Step 7

Arrange zucchini slices, mushrooms, corn, jalapenos, and capsicum. Sprinkle red chilli flakes and mozzarella cheese.

Step 8

Bake in a preheated oven at 230C/450F for 20 to 22 minutes or until crust is golden brown and slightly crispy. Remove and serve hot.

Garden Vegetable Thin Crust Pizza