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Will the Police Commissioner of Delhi Take Historic Action in the Indira Vikas Colony Government Land Scam?

The Sikh Times Gurcharan Singh Babbar

In a shocking and deeply disturbing revelation concerning Indira Vikas Colony, serious allegations have surfaced regarding the illegal occupation and sale of prime government land worth hundreds of crores of rupees.

located near Dr. Mukherjee Nagar, is alleged to have been constructed entirely on government land without any lawful allotment, registry, mutation, or approved building plans.

A fundamental question arises: Why would any registrar register Power of Attorney documents for government land worth hundreds of crores without verified and authentic ownership documents?

It has been alleged that the registrar offices may have played a role in enabling the illegal transfer of government property by registering forged documents prepared by builder mafia and property dealers.

According to the complaint submitted to the Police Commissioner: Builder mafia and property dealers allegedly created forged Power of Attorney



documents. Five-storey buildings were constructed illegally. No government allotment exists. No DDA registry



exists. No mutation records exist. No approved building maps exist. Lifts have been installed without Fire Department permission. 100% plot coverage has been done, leaving extremely narrow lanes. It is further alleged that

local officials of Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Development Authority, Delhi Fire Department, Local police, Local political representatives may have colluded with land mafia, property dealers, and builders in facilitating

illegal construction on government land.

The situation is not merely about financial irregularity. A large number of buildings in Indira Vikas Colony are now being operated as PG accommodations. Hundreds of migrant students reside there.

If, unknowingly, a fire breaks out in this congested colony: Narrow lanes will block fire tenders. Buildings have no approved safety clearances. Lifts are installed without authorization. Emergency evacuation is nearly impossible. The lives of hundreds of innocent students could be at grave

risk. Meanwhile, wealthy financiers allegedly purchased these illegally built properties from builder mafia and are earning lakhs of rupees per month by renting them as PG accommodations.

The complainant has clearly stated before the Police Commissioner that: There is no personal dispute.

The matter is being raised purely in national interest. The goal is to expose those who looted government property worth billions. The request is to seize all Power of Attorney documents lying in the registrar offices.

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Another Youth Congress leader arrested over shirtless protest at AI Summit

New Delhi .(Agency)

The Delhi Police has made the fifth arrest in connection with the alleged disruption and shirtless protest by Youth Congress workers during the AI summit at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

of the ongoing investigation into the protest at the summit venue, and further inquiry is underway to ascertain the role of each individual in the incident.

Earlier, the Delhi Police had intensified their probe into the Youth Congress's shirtless protest at the India AI Impact



Summit, conducting raids in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. The Delhi police also seized a vehicle that belonged to Krishna Hari and was recovered from Delhi. During the search of the car, police allegedly found T-shirts and posters believed to be linked to the protest.

after around 10 activists barged into the AI Summit venue in New Delhi and staged a dramatic shirtless protest against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Police have told a court that the protest appeared to be part of a "larger conspiracy" and said they are probing the funding behind the demonstration, including who financed the printed T-shirts bearing political slogans.

AI Impact Summit into an arena for its "gandi aur nangi" politics, saying that asking questions is its right and the PM cannot suppress its voice to protect himself.

Hang my head in shame: Mahua Moitra slams Taliban's anti-women law, jabs govt

New Delhi .(Agency)

Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra has lashed out at the Taliban after reports emerged that a newly introduced penal code in Afghanistan effectively legitimises domestic violence against women and equates their status with that of "slaves".

officials.

In October 2025, she had condemned the government after Taliban Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi addressed a press conference in Delhi attended exclusively by men journalists.

"The government has dishonoured every single Indian woman by allowing the Taliban minister



"The Indian government laid out the red carpet for this very Taliban a few months ago. As an Indian woman, I hang my head in shame. For my Afghan sisters — we stand with you against these demons," she tweeted.

Details of the reported penal code from Taliban-ruled Afghanistan have alarmed women's rights activists. According to accounts circulating among rights groups, the code places women on the same legal footing as "slaves".

to exclude women journalists from the presser. Shameful bunch of spineless hypocrites," Moitra had said at the time.

Her attack came after photographs from the event showed Taliban leaders addressing a men-only room, with women reporters absent — a situation critics said replicated the group's gender exclusionary policies on Indian soil.

ED now has a target, here's how many chargesheets they need to file

New Delhi .(Agency)

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has set an ambitious target of filing 500 prosecution complaints (chargesheets) in the current financial year and has directed its zonal offices to intensify efforts to trace and secure proceeds of crime parked in foreign jurisdictions, particularly Dubai and Singapore.

Chaired by ED Director Rahul Navin and attended by senior officers from across the country, the conference -- the last before the close of the financial year -- focused on fast-tracking investigations, ensuring meaningful achievement of targets, and logically concluding pending cases.

Field formations were urged to identify mature cases fit for final prosecution complaints and minimise delays, with an emphasis on reducing the lifecycle of new investigations to one to two years, barring exceptionally complex matters.

The 500-prosecution-complaint target was reiterated, with instructions to zones to prepare for an even higher benchmark in the next financial year.

Senior officials stressed that statutory powers under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) must be exercised with fairness and accountability, ensuring that summons and enforcement actions are issued judiciously and based on clear application of mind.

A major focus area of the conference was tracking foreign assets. Zonal heads were directed to step up efforts to uncover layering structures, beneficial ownership patterns, and cross-border fund flows.

Officers were advised to make greater use of Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) requests, Letters Rogatory, extradition processes, and intelligence-sharing mechanisms to secure overseas evidence and restrain assets abroad.

Siddaramaiah slams JDS, defends social justice, says Congress backs diverse leaders

New Delhi .(Agency)

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday mounted a strong defence of his social justice plank, taking a dig at JDS's HD Kumaraswamy and asserting that the Indian National Congress alone has a tradition of nurturing leadership beyond family lines.

The Chief Minister said a recent article he wrote to mark Social Justice Day had triggered wide political debate. Welcoming the discussion, he argued that systems must remain dynamic to serve people better and maintained that his commitment to equity has remained consistent over four decades in public life. He also expressed readiness for an open debate on caste and

representation. Defending the piece, he said: "An article I wrote for a newspaper as part of Social Justice Day celebrations has sparked multifaceted debate in the state's political circles. If water remains stagnant, it turns into slush; if it flows, it becomes clearer." "The social system is similar—if it does not remain rigid and instead becomes dynamic, it transforms in a people-centric manner. From this perspective, I welcome the discussion surrounding my article," he added. Responding to criticism that he was invoking caste considerations for political gain, Siddaramaiah dismissed the charge and turned the spotlight on the Janata Dal



(Secular), alleging that its top leadership has historically remained confined to one family. Without naming individuals beyond Kumaraswamy and his father, HD Deve Gowda, he questioned how many leaders from the Vokkaliga community had been

groomed within that party.

In contrast, he said the Congress has produced and promoted leaders from diverse social backgrounds, including Vokkaligas, Lingayats and backward classes, elevating them to the state's highest office. He noted that he himself, hailing from a backward community, was given the opportunity to serve as Chief Minister more than once.

The Chief Minister further asserted that if a Dalit leader were to occupy the top post in the state in the future, it would be through the Congress. He said such advancement would be based on merit and ideological commitment rather than lineage, and challenged rival parties to articulate.

Each ration kit will include 2 kg moong-chana dal and sugar, 1 kg salt, 200 grams turmeric, and 1 litre mustard oil: CM Mann

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CHANDIGARH, 23rd February: In a landmark initiative aimed at strengthening food and nutrition security for the first time at this scale in Punjab, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Monday announced the launch of the 'Meri Rasoi Yojna', under which 40 lakh families will receive free quarterly food kits starting April, in addition to wheat provided under the National Food Security Act. Unveiling the scheme, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said his government "knows how to generate resources for people's welfare schemes" and works with "honesty and vision," emphasising that ensuring nutritious food for every child is a moral responsibility, not merely a promise. He added that the upcoming pro-people Budget

will further broaden welfare measures to safeguard the interests of every section of society. Addressing the media, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said the initiative reflects the Punjab government's commitment to strengthening food and nutrition security for every household in Punjab.

Recalling Punjab's stellar contribution in making the country self-reliant in food production, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "The hard working and resilient farmers of Punjab have worked tirelessly to ensure that no one in the country sleeps hungry. Our state has always led from the front in feeding the nation. However,

there are still some families within Punjab who struggle to manage daily meals. Keeping their hard-

ships in mind, the state government has started this ambitious 'Meri Rasoi Yojna'." Detailing the scheme, the Chief Minister noted,

"Under this scheme, the state government will provide food kits to 40 lakh families. Each kit will contain two kilograms of lentils, two kilograms of sugar, one kilogram of salt, 200 grams of turmeric powder and one litre of mustard oil for monthly consumption. These food kits will be provided in addition to the wheat already being distributed to eligible beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act." He further informed that Markfed will serve as the nodal agency for providing these kits and they will be supplied free of cost by the Food and Civil Supplies department," CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, adding that the government

has put in place a robust mechanism to ensure smooth distribution. Emphasising Punjab's legacy, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "Punjabis have steered the country out of food crises in the past, and this initiative is part of the series of pro-people policies that our government has undertaken for public welfare. This guarantee was not written and was not part of our party's manifesto, but it is our moral responsibility towards the people of Punjab, and we are fulfilling it." Highlighting the impact on children and families, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "This initiative will ensure that every child in the state has access to nutritious food, thereby strengthening food and nutrition security across Punjab." He announced that the distribution will begin in April.

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These documents will clearly reveal who sold government land and who facilitated the transactions. It is further urged that strict legal action be taken not only against builder mafia and property mafia, but also against officials of registrar offices, MCD, DDA, Fire Department, and any public servant found involved.

The Police Commissioner of Delhi now stands at a decisive moment. If this matter is investigated independently and thoroughly: It could expose one of the biggest urban land scandals in Delhi. It could protect hundreds of innocent students. It could recover government land worth hundreds of crores. It could establish a historic example of accountability.

The appeal clearly states: Indira Vikas Colony is built on government land. No one has allotment. No one has mutation. No one has DDA registry. No one has approved building plan. No one has lift installation permission. Buildings are dangerously congested. If a fire breaks out, hundreds of lives may be lost.

Delhi has witnessed many land scandals in the past. But the Indira Vikas Colony matter raises fundamental questions about governance, accountability, and safety. Will the Delhi Police take immediate action? Will forged Power of Attorney documents be seized? Will officials who allegedly colluded with land mafia be investigated? Will illegal constructions be examined under criminal law? The nation now watches.

This is not merely a colony dispute — this is about the protection of government property, the rule of law, and the safety of innocent students. The Police Commissioner has been urged to personally take this matter into his own hands and set a powerful precedent inside Delhi.

News box

SCERT cleans portal: 4k outdated e-modules removed

Noida.(Agency)

State council of educational research and training (SCERT) has removed nearly 4,000 outdated e-learning modules from its online platform ahead of the 2026-27 academic session. The exercise followed a three-month review to ensure students receive accurate, updated and syllabus-based study material.

The clean-up was carried out through the DIKSHA portal, a national digital platform that provides learning resources for Classes 1 to 12. Officials said the portal contained duplicate files, draft material and topics that were no longer part of the prescribed syllabus. These uploads often created confusion among students and teachers. "By deleting such content, SCERT has made the platform more organised and easier to use," officials said. Manoj Kaushik, in charge of the educational technology wing at SCERT, said digital learning must remain aligned with classroom teaching. "A team of subject experts is reviewing each subject, removing outdated chapters and adding relevant topics where required. The revised content is being prepared in line with curriculum guidelines to ensure students access only necessary material for their studies and examinations," he said. The new digital content will be available in audio, video and PDF formats. Video lessons will feature subject experts explaining chapters in simple language, while audio support will help students understand the text. Students will also have the option to mute the audio and read independently. Teams of designers and writers at the institute are finalising the format and structure of the new modules. The content development process will gather pace in April and May, with focus on Mathematics, Science and English, as students in government schools often face difficulties in these subjects. Once uploaded, teachers will be able to share the updated material with their classes in the

Gurgaon Sector 22B road riddled with deep craters, commute a nightmare



Noida.(Agency)

Residents of Sector 22B have complained about the poor condition of internal roads, stating that no major repairs or recarpeting have been carried out since they were laid nearly a decade ago. According to residents, the roads have since developed deep potholes, cracks and uneven patches. Motorists said driving on these stretches has become difficult and increases the risk of accidents. They added that repeated complaints to the civic body have not led to timely repairs. "Large potholes have appeared across several stretches. Drivers are forced to move slowly to avoid them. This increases the risk of accidents. We raised the issue with MCG multiple times, but there was no visible action on the ground," said Bhim Singh Yadav, former RWA president of the sector.

Residents said the situation worsens during the rainy season when potholes fill with water and become difficult to spot. In dry weather, the craters are temporarily filled with debris and loose soil, which leads to dust as vehicles pass. "The dust rises every time a vehicle drives over these patches. Children and elderly residents who step out for walks are affected most by it. There have been instances of elderly residents falling down while on their walk," said Naresh Yadav, a resident. An MCG official acknowledged the issue and said the process for road resurfacing has been initiated. "We have floated the tender for resurfacing of internal roads in the sector.

Smashed earthen pot on head': How live-in partner tortured Tripura woman in Gurgaon PG; held her captive for 3 days

Gurgaon.(Agency)

The live-in partner of the 19-year-old student from Tripura poured sanitiser on her private parts and burned them after holding her captive for three days at a paying guest (PG) accommodation. Days after the accused was arrested, it has now come to light that the woman - a second-year BSc Biotechnology student at a private university in the city - was subjected to extreme physical abuse by her partner between Feb 16 and 18 at the PG accommodation in Sector 69. The man was arrested on Feb 19. Her mother has claimed that the accused (19) urinated on the student and burned her private parts "three times every day during the confinement", adding, the woman told her over the phone: "I don't have time, I will be killed." The woman, in her statement to the police, said that the accused made a video of her during the assault. The woman is undergoing treatment in Delhi after sustaining multiple injuries. He also used a knife to cut her at various places on the body, she alleged. The mother alleged, "(The

accused) raped my daughter on the false promise of marriage." According to the FIR registered at Badshahpur police station, the accused met the woman through an online app on Sept 6, 2025. By the end of that month, she visited him at his residence in Delhi where - she said in her complaint - he promised marriage and established physical relations with her for the first time. The two later began living together in a rented accommodation in Gurgaon. She said, "He grew increasingly suspicious and violent." In Jan, he assaulted her and pressured her not to inform her family. On Feb 13, they shifted to the PG in Sector 69, which was taken on rent in the name of the accused. The violence escalated on Feb 16. The complainant said, "He beat me repeatedly, struck my head against a bed and an almirah, hit me with a steel bottle and smashed an earthen pot on my head." She alleged that he poured sanitiser on her private parts and set them on fire, threatening that he would beat her so severely that she would "never be able to walk properly or become a mother" He also used a knife to inflict

cuts on her legs and assaulted her with kicks and punches over the next three days. The FIR says that the woman was confined inside the room during this



period. On Feb 18, around 10pm, she managed to call her mother from his phone and informed her about her condition in Bengali, as he did not understand the language. Recounting the call, the mother said her daughter sounded terrified. "A man has been assaulting me for the last three days. He hit me and also burnt me. He will kill me today," she recalled her daughter telling her at around 10pm. After receiving the

call, the mother alerted the police control room. A team reached the PG and took the woman to Civil Hospital in Sector 10. Doctors initially declared her unfit for a statement and referred her to Safdarjung Hospital. After being declared fit, she gave a detailed statement to the police.

The accused was arrested after the case was registered under sections 115 (voluntarily causing hurt), 118(1) (voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means), 118(2) (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt), 127(2) (wrongful confinement), 69 (sexual intercourse by employing deceitful means), and 351(2) (criminal intimidation). Police spokesperson Sandeep Turan (ASI) said, "The girl was rescued by police and hospitalised. Her condition is currently stable. Police took immediate action and arrested the accused. Police are continuously in contact with doctors and family and some opinion is yet to be received from the doctors, if any further sections need to be added.

Waste mounds block Gurgaon underpass, width of service road shrinks

Gurgaon.(Agency)

An underpass at Islampur on Sohna Road has turned into an unauthorised dumping ground, leaving commuters struggling with foul smell and piles of garbage along the stretch. This low-height vehicular underpass was meant to help local traffic cross from one side of the corridor to another. However, regular dumping of household rubbish along the stretch has made commute difficult. Waste is frequently dumped near the entry and exit points, resulting in piles of rubbish accumulating. Stray cattle and dogs are often seen scavenging through the waste and scattering it further. Residents alleged that there has been little visible enforcement to deter violators. They have demanded regular monitoring, immediate clearance of waste and strict penalties to prevent



dumping. "The underpass has become an unauthorised dumping site. There is no monitoring. MCG should deploy manpower and issue challans to those who are dumping waste here. Without penalties, this will continue," said a resident of Sector 30, seeking anonymity. The dumping has also reduced the usable

width of the adjoining service road. The lane was already narrow, and with waste piled along the edges, vehicles were left with limited space to pass. At times, rubbish spilled onto the motorable portion, further restricting movement, commuters said. Chairman of Malibu RWA's Federation, Vijay Shiv Nath, who frequently uses the stretch, said the condition reflects poorly on the city's civic management. "With rubbish piling up and sometimes spilling onto the road, the road is getting narrower," Nath said.

Ravinder Yadav, additional commissioner of MCG, said, "This is unauthorised dumping. We will clear the site immediately."

450 shanties built on land along Gurgaon's Golf Course Road razed

Gurgaon.(Agency)

Continuing its crackdown on unauthorised settlements along the Golf Course Road belt, district authorities on Saturday carried out a demolition drive in Saraswati Kunj, Sector 53, razing nearly 450 shanties spread over nearly two acres. The operation, conducted on Feb 21 with police assistance from Sector 53 police station, was completed without any major law and order issues, officials said.

Enforcement teams said the structures had come up illegally on notified land and were removed following complaints and prior notices. Officials said the action was aimed at preventing further encroachment and protecting public land and road access in the area.

Saraswati Kunj, established in 1983, has been affected by legal and ownership disputes for over two decades. In 2004, its cooperative group allegedly allotted nearly 9,000 plots despite a capacity of about 4,000 houses, while only around 1,500 plots have been allotted so far. In 2016, the Haryana govt set up a commission to examine irregularities and identify original allottees. Authorities have since barred fresh construction pending resolution of the disputes.

Despite the restrictions, unauthorised structures have continued to come up without approved building plans or mandatory permissions. Officials said several encroachments were found on govt land and on the internal roads meant for public movement. In Sept last year, the department of town and country planning demolished nearly 350 shanties, two under-construction houses and a boundary wall in the colony. Similar drives were also conducted in June, during which illegal houses were demolished and buildings sealed.

Officials said Saturday's action was in continuation of these efforts. "Encroachments and unauthorised constructions in disputed colonies are being monitored closely. Action is taken after due process to ensure public land and access routes remain free," an official

Teen's family untraceable, man held for rape bid walks free

Noida.(Agency)

A Bihar man, charged with sexual assault of a minor in 2017, was acquitted after the complainant's family remained untraceable despite repeated efforts to trace their whereabouts. Neither the plaintiff nor the survivor could be examined in court. With no credible witnesses, the prosecution failed to prove the charges, and the court ordered the accused's release for lack of evidence.

Special Pcoo judge Vikas Nagar noted that no satisfactory evidence was available against Mithlesh Kumar to prove that he committed sexual assault or use of criminal force on the minor with the intent to outrage her modesty. The case dates back to Oct 31, 2017, when the minor's father filed a complaint at Sector 20 police station. He stated that around 12.30pm, his wife saw Mithlesh committing 'obscene and indecent acts' with their

daughter, adding that he fled when he was caught. A case under Section 354 of the IPC (attempt to outrage the modesty of a woman) and Section 6/7 of the POC SO Act was registered. After recording the survivor and her mother's statement, the accused was arrested, and a chargesheet was filed on Dec 20, the same year. A special Pcoo court on March 22, 2018, framed charges against the accused under Section 354 of the IPC and Section 7/8 of the Pcoo Act. Kumar refused the charges and pleaded innocence, following which the trial began.

The prosecution presented two witnesses, the investigation officer and the scribe of the FIR. In the case that has been ongoing for eight years, police never recorded the statement of the 4.5-year-old survivor before the magistrate, nor got her clothes examined in a forensic lab. The prosecution, on the other hand, failed to

present the plaintiff, the father of the survivor, and the eyewitness, the mother of the survivor, before the court for recording their statements. They also did not produce any document in support of the minor's age at the time of the alleged offence.

The court noted that the family lived in a rented house at the time of the alleged crime and was later untraceable. PW1, SI Jaiveer Singh, said that the complainant did not show him the minor's clothes, which she wore at the time of the alleged incident. "I neither collected the girl's clothes nor did I send these clothes for examination," he said.

SPP JP Bhati said that the prosecution was not in a position to examine any more witnesses and thereby requested to close the prosecution evidence. The court observed that there was no document to support the age of the minor.

Gurgaon to enforce two-stage checks of demolition waste before construction and occupancy

Gurgaon.(Agency)

Delhi-NCR is being pushed into a system where every kilogram of construction and demolition (C&D) waste must be traceable. From April 1, anyone undertaking construction, renovation or demolition on plots of 200 sq metres or more in Gurgaon will be required to show exactly where their waste went, according to the new directions issued by Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM). Demolition waste — in the biggest shift — will have to be accounted for twice, once before construction begins and once again before a building is allowed to be occupied. The long-running practice of off-loading debris onto roadsides, vacant plots or forest edges will no longer slip through the cracks. Builders and homeowners will have to declare, at the plan-approval stage, how much debris they expect to generate. A Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) official said, "If demolition is part of their project, they will be required to



take the waste to an authorised C&D collection or processing facility and produce a formal receipt. This receipt will become a core document not only for starting construction but also for obtaining completion and occupation certificates. A structure may be finished, but unless this paperwork is in order, it cannot legally be occupied. "These requirements place significant responsibility on govt agencies as well. To make compliance realistic, CAQM directed Gurgaon's civic and planning bodies to ensure there is at least one authorised C&D waste collection point within every 5km by 5km grid of

the city. This means MCG and other development authorities must identify locations, notify them and put in place the infrastructure needed for regular collection, storage and processing. The presence of a designated drop-off facility in every grid effectively removes the excuses that historically justified dumping waste in open spaces.

The directions also reshape the role of municipal bodies. They will now be responsible for ensuring that debris is transported and disposed of in an environmentally sound manner. This involves verifying

transport routes, preventing trucks from diverting loads to unauthorised spots and making sure that waste actually reaches the notified facilities. "Construction and demolition dust is a year-round source of particulate pollution in cities like Gurgaon, but enforcement has been weak because responsibility is fragmented," executive director at Centre for Science and Environment Anumita Roychowdhury said, adding, "Linking waste disposal to building approvals and completion certificates is important because it creates a clear compliance trail and makes local authorities accountable, not just builders." To strengthen oversight across the NCR, the directions call for a digital tracking system built jointly by the govts of Haryana and Delhi. This system will feature geo-tagged waste-collection points and GPS-tracked vehicles carrying debris. Every trip will leave a digital trail, from the plot it originated on to the facility

where it was dropped. Missing waste, route deviations or unexplained gaps in the chain can then be flagged.

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Each ration kit will include 2 kg moong-chana dal and sugar, 1 kg salt, 200 grams turmeric, and 1 litre mustard oil: CM Mann

Contd.....Front page "Starting from the month of April, these kits will be distributed free of cost every quarter," CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said. He assured that quality would not be compromised under any circumstances. "The Punjab government will ensure strict quality checks on all items supplied. Any complaint regarding poor quality or irregular supply will be dealt with strictly," he said. Reiterating his gov-

ernment's resolve, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "Our government is firmly committed to the well-being of every section

of society. The ensuing pro-people budget of the state will be another step forward in strengthening welfare measures for the people of Punjab."

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NAME CHANGE

I, PANKAJ SACHDEVA S/O HARBAN LAL SACHDEVA R/O 286, 3rd Floor, Geeta Colony, Gandhi Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi-110031 have changed the name of my minor daughter KAISHA SACHDEVA aged 9 years and she shall hereafter be known as HANISHKA SACHDEVA.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as CHANDER SHAKHAR S/O MANSARAM R/O C-195, Sector-1, Avantika Rohini, Near Durga Mandir, Rohini Sector-7, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as CHANDER SHEKHAR.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as PRABHJIT KAUR TATHGURU W/O SIMRANJIT SINGH R/O A/51, Double Street, Near Chicken House Jangpura Extension, South Delhi, Delhi have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PRABHJIT KAUR.

NAME CHANGE

I, Sanjay Kumar S/O Bindeshwar Ram R/O Qtr No. -1229, Type-3, SPG Complex, Sec-8, Dwarka Bagdola, Raj Nagar -II Delhi Cantonment South West Delhi -110077, have changed the name of my minor son Sahjanj aged 10 years and he shall hereafter be known as Sahjanj Kumar.

NAME CHANGE

I, AMALE DADA DNYANDEO, is legally father of my minor son ANIL KUMAR GUPTA, R/O FLAT NO-1803, TOWER NO-12, ORANGE COUNTY, INDIRAPURAM, AHINSAKHAND-1, SHIPRA SUN CITY, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201014, declare that name of my minor daughter has been wrongly written as MANAN GUPTA in my minor daughter ASWI GUPTA aged 3 years in her BIRTH CERTIFICATE NO-B-2023; 9-56044-013637. The actual name of my minor daughter is ASWI GUPTA, which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

NAME CHANGE

I, ANITA KUMARI wife of No-15681915N, Rank-HAV, Name-RAJNESH KUMAR PONIYA residing at VPO-JATOI, TEHSIL-HATHRAS, DIST-HATHRAS, UTTAR PRADESH-204213, have changed my name from ANITA KUMARI to ANITA PONIYA for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 16/01/2026 before Notary Public, Delhi.

CHANGE OF DATE OF BIRTH

I, RANJANA SUBHASH SHINGOTE, is legally mother of my minor son, 2814234H, Rank - Sep, Name - SHINGOTE KAMLESH SUBHASH, presently residing at Vill - Khamundi, Post - Khamundi, Teh - Junnar, Dist - Pune, State - Maharashtra, 410504, have changed my date of birth from 01/09/1970 to 30/08/1971 for all future purposes. Vide affidavit dated 23/02/2026 before Public Notary Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Mr. Sandeep Kaishan is the absolute owner of Portion of Plot No. 96, area measuring 50 Sq. Yds., Out of Old Khasra No. 505/1 (New No. 1123), situated at Om Vatika, Kasba Dairi, Pargana and Tehsil Dairi, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.-203207. The Sale Deed dated 19.08.2008, executed by Mr. Shivender Pal Singh in favour of Mrs. Ran Pal respect of the Said Plot i.e., Plot No. 96, area measuring 50 Sq. Yds., Out of Khasra No. 505/1, vide Document No. 9949, in Book No. 1, Volume No. 1437, Page No. 177 to 196 on 19.08.2008, duly registered in Sub Registrar Dairi, have been misplaced by Mr. Sandeep Kaishan. An FIR regarding the loss of the aforesaid document has already been lodged vide LR No. 114578/2026, Dated 19.02.2026. Any individual or entity in possession of the aforementioned Original Sale Deed dated 19.08.2008, is requested to return it at the earliest. Kindly contact Advocate Deepak Malik, 9540419009/9540419009 within 7 days from the date of this notice.

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I, Sake Mithyala Murtli S/O Sake Pullana R/O 7-43, C K Pally, Dist-Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh - 515651, have changed my minor daughter's name from S Beebi aged 15 years to S Mokshita forever.

NAME CHANGE

I, Penta Ram Panna S/O Sundar Sai Panna R/O Ward No-03, Vivekanand Colony, Charcha Baikunthpur, Shivpur Charcha Colly, Koriya, Chhattisgarh - 497339, have changed my name to Isidore Panna.

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I, Manjappa S/O Siddabassappa R/O 17, Bannikere, Kommanahalli, PO-Kommanahalli, Dist-Shimoga, Karnataka - 577225, have changed my minor son's name from Baby Aged 13 years to Nachiketh M Kote Gowdu forever.

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I, Ravishankar M/S/O Late Muniswamy R/O 23 Anugraha, 33rd Main, 5th B Block, Bavani HBSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore South, PO-Hosaherehalli, Dist-Bangalore, Karnataka - 560085, have changed my name to Ravishankar Medarametta.

NAME CHANGE

I, Hammad Amjad Begum W/O Niaz Mohammed R/O H-No-9-11-129, Ahmed Pura Colony, VTC-Nizamabad, PO-Jawahar Road, District-Nizamabad, Telangana - 503001, have changed my name to Hameeda Amjad.

NAME CHANGE

I, N. Lokanadham S/O N Guruswamy R/O 170, C T Bed Road, TR Nagar, Bangalore South, PO-Basavanagudi, Dist-Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560004, have changed my minor daughter's name from Nakkanti Varshini aged 14 years to N Varshini forever.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, Anil Kumar Guru S/O Aina Guru R/O Risol, Tarasahi, Risol, Jagatsinghpur, Odisha-752119, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Rina Guru in my Provisional Certificate cum Memorandum of Marks of Secondary Education and my mother name as Jemina Guru in my High School Certificate & Provisional Certificate cum Memorandum of Marks of Secondary Education. The actual name of my father and mother are Aina Guru and Juma Guru respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients Piteram Vaid & his wife Dayawati Vaid Both R/O H.No. 81, Near Shiv Mandir, Abul Fazal Enclave-1, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, have severed all relations and disowned their son Anil Vaid & his wife Pooja Vaid, from all their Moveable/Immovable properties due to their misconduct. My clients shall not be responsible for their acts in the future.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that our client Mrs. Urmila Devi, purchasing Freehold Residential Plot, area measuring 33 Sq. Yds., Out of Total Area Measuring 200 Sq. Yds., Out of Khasra No. 1041, Situated at Waka Sivana Mauja Hal Colony Raj Nagar, Tehsil & Distt. Gurgaon Haryana, from Mr. Shailender Kumar & Jitendra & Mrs. Lalita & Mr. Usha & Mr. Shivang & Mrs. Garima, initially Mr. Ram Narayan S/O Mr. Bhoop Singh was the absolute owner in respect of Plot, area measuring 200 Sq. Yds. Out of Khasra No. 1041. Thereafter Mr. Ram Narayan died on 08.11.2013 & his wife Mrs. Prem Lata Died on 21.11.2017 & her son Mr. Shankar Lal Died on 05.04.2021, our client is declaring that any other Person does not have any right over the said property, which is to be financed by Piramal Finance Ltd. under Bankers' New Delhi. If any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the Said Property then contact us within 07 days from the date of Publication of this notice and or the same to the undersigned and by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained.

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I hitherto known as ANUP BALKRISHNA KANASE S/O B.B. KANASE, R/O House Number-12C, Sarai Julena DDA, Escorts Health Institute, New Friends Colony, South Delhi, Delhi-110025 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ANUP B KANASE.

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I ANAMIKA RANAWAT W/O ANUP KANASE R/O House Number-12C, Sarai Julena DDA, Escorts Health Institute, New Friends Colony, South Delhi, Delhi-110025 have changed the name of my minor son ATHARV KANASE aged 14 years and he shall hereafter be known as ATHARV KANASE RANAWAT.

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It is for general information that I, BHAN MATI D/O MUNAR W/O INDERJEET R/O B280, Navjeevan Camp, Govind Puri, Kalkaji, PO: Kalkaji, Dist: South Delhi, Delhi-110019 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as MANTI DEVI in my Pan Card No. JTPDD6088Q. The actual name of mine is BHAN MATI which may be amended accordingly.

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NEWS BOX

India, China And Brazil Among Winners After US Court Blocks Trump Tariffs

world. (Agency)

In a swift reversal of fortunes, countries that had been hardest hit by US President Donald Trump's tariffs have emerged as the biggest winners from the Supreme Court's decision to strike down his emergency levies.

China, India and Brazil are among those now seeing lower tariff rates for shipments to the US after the court ruled Trump's use of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act to impose duties was illegal. While Trump subsequently announced plans for a 15% global rate, Bloomberg Economics calculated that would mean an average effective tariff rate of around 12% - the lowest since his "Liberation Day" tariffs were released in April. For Asia, Morgan Stanley economists say the weighted average tariff rate will fall to 17% from 20%, with average levies on goods from China declining to 24% from 32%. Relief may be temporary as the Trump administration seeks to impose sectoral and economy-specific duties to rebuild its tariff regime. Still, "the peak level of uncertainty on tariffs and trade tensions has passed," Morgan Stanley economists led by Chetan Ahya wrote in a note. The new across-the-board levy effectively resets the playing field for America's trade partners. For the likes of China, which also saw a 10% fentanyl tariff scrapped by the courts, exports now face less punitive rates. Losers include economies including the UK and Australia that had negotiated lower levies of 10% under the old "reciprocal" framework.

The dollar and futures on the S&P 500 slid on Monday as uncertainty over trade policy dampened sentiment. Chinese stocks in Hong Kong rallied.

Senior US officials are pressing partners including the European Union and Japan to stick to commitments they made in earlier negotiations. They also sought continuity in the one-year truce with China, with Trump planning to soon visit Beijing for a meeting with President Xi Jinping. China, in the midst of a long holiday, has yet to officially comment on the Supreme Court decision.

"We want to make sure that China is complying with its part of the deal," US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer told Fox News Sunday. "So that means they continue to buy the products they said they would buy."

From Winter White House To Private Club, All About Trump's Mar-a-Lago

world. (Agency)

An armed man, in his early twenties, breached the security perimeter of Mar-a-Lago, the Florida residence of US President Donald Trump, on Sunday. The incident occurred at around 1:30 am when the man drove onto the property near the north fence carrying a shotgun and a fuel canister.

US Secret Service agents and a Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office deputy confronted the suspect and shot him dead. Trump, who usually spends his weekends in Mar-a-Lago, was not present on the property at the time of the incident.

All about Mar-a-Lago

Mar-a-Lago, which translates to Sea to Lake, is a luxury resort and private club in Palm Beach, US, and is also considered a National Historic Landmark. It is the last large estate in the area that still looks almost the same as when it was first built in the 1920s. It was built between 1924 and 1927 for a very rich businesswoman named Marjorie Merriweather Post. After her death in 1973, the US government got the property. Merriweather Post's idea was that the estate could be used as a diplomatic retreat or a presidential winter residence. About 10 years later, the government decided it could not keep the property because it was expensive to maintain and gave the ownership back to the Post Foundation. In 1985, Trump bought Mar-a-Lago from the Post Foundation. From 1985 to 1995, he used it as his private home, and in April 1995, he changed it into a private members-only club called The Mar-a-Lago Club.

Netherlands' Youngest And First Openly Gay Prime Minister To Take Oath

Amsterdam. (Agency)

The new Dutch government will be sworn in on Monday, with 38-year-old centrist Rob Jetten set to be the country's youngest-ever prime minister and the first openly gay one. Jetten pulled off a stunning election win in October, coming from behind to dethrone the far-right Freedom Party (PVV) led by firebrand politician Geert Wilders by a razor-thin margin. The snap election was called after the PVV withdrew from the previous coalition, the Netherlands' most right-wing government in recent history, which lasted just 11 months. Jetten's D66 has teamed up with the centre-right CDA party and the liberal VVD to form a coalition, but will fall nine seats short of a parliamentary majority with only 66 seats. The parties took 117 days to form their coalition -- much less than the 223 days taken to form the previous government. After his election victory, Jetten declared that it was possible to beat populist movements "if you campaign with a positive message for your country". On the campaign trail, Jetten said he wanted to "bring the Netherlands back to the heart of Europe because without European cooperation, we are nowhere". In a manifesto published in January, the three parties pledged full support for Ukraine and vowed to live up to the country's NATO spending commitments. Although the new government is not as far to the right as the previous one, it still has a "right-wing signature", Sarah de Lange, a professor of politics at Leiden University, told AFP. "The coalition has opted for budget cuts rather than running a deficit to finance any investments it wants to make" and there is "substantial continuity between the immigration plans of the new government and the previous one", De Lange said. The parties have pledged to press ahead with a crackdown on migration, including measures such as tougher rules on family reunification.

Mexico fears more violence after army kills leader of powerful Jalisco cartel

GUADALAJARA. (Agency)

School was canceled in several Mexican states and local and foreign governments alike warned their citizens to stay inside, as widespread violence erupted following the army's killing of the powerful leader of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel.

Nemesio Rubén Oseguera Cervantes, known as "El Mencho" was the boss of one of the fastest-growing criminal networks in Mexico, notorious for trafficking fentanyl, methamphetamine and cocaine to the United States and staging brazen attacks against government officials who challenged it. He was killed during a shootout in his home state of Jalisco as the Mexican military attempted to capture him. Cartel members responded with violence across the country, blocking roads and setting fire to vehicles. President Claudia Sheinbaum urged calm and authorities announced late Sunday they had cleared most of the more than 250 cartel roadblocks across 20 states. The White House confirmed that the U.S. provided intelligence support to the operation to capture the cartel leader and applauded

Mexico's army for taking down a man who was one of the most wanted criminals in both countries. Mexico hoped the death of the world's biggest fentanyl traffickers would ease Trump administration pressure to do more against the cartels, but many remained hunkered down and on edge as they waited to see the powerful cartel's reaction.

Many fear more violence

Guadalajara, the capital of Jalisco state and Mexico's second-largest city, was almost completely shut down on Sunday as fearful residents stayed home. Passengers arriving to the city's international airport Sunday night were told it was operating with limited personnel because of the burst of violence. Jacinta Murcia, a 64-year-old nutrition products vendor, was among those nervously walking late Sunday night through the airport, where earlier in the day travelers sprinted and ducked behind chairs fearing violence. Most flights into the city were suspended on Sunday. Murcia anxiously scrolled through news stories on social media showing the face of "El Mencho" and sent messages to her children,

who were tracking her location as she tried to travel across the city to her house after dark. "My plan today leaving the airport is to see if there are any taxis, but I'm scared of everything. That there are blockades,



that there's a curfew, that something could happen," she said. "I'm all alone." Authorities in Jalisco, Michoacan and Guanajuato reported at least 14 other people killed Sunday, including seven National Guard troops. Videos circulating on social media showed tourists in Puerto Vallarta walking on the beach with smoke rising in the distance. In another part of the airport a group of elderly Mexicans

gathered, discussing how to get home. "We better all go together," one said. "Go with God." A blow against a cartel could be a diplomatic coup. David Mora, Mexico analyst for International Crisis Group, said the capture and outburst of violence marks a point of inflection in Sheinbaum's push to crack down on cartels and relieve U.S. pressures. U.S. President Donald Trump has demanded Mexico do more to fight the smuggling of the often-deadly drug fentanyl, threatening to impose more tariffs or take unilateral military action if the country does not show results. There were early signs that Mexico's efforts were well received by the United States.

U.S. Amb. Ron Johnson recognized the success of the Mexican armed forces and their sacrifice in a statement late Sunday. He added that "under the leadership of President Trump and President Sheinbaum, bilateral cooperation has reached unprecedented levels." But it may also pave the way for more violence as rival criminal groups take advantage of the blow dealt to the CJNG, Mora said.

17 killed, 24 injured as bus plunges off mountain highway in Nepal

A bus from Pokhara to Kathmandu went off the Prithvi Highway after midnight, rolling down a slope into Trishuli River near Benighat; dozens aboard.

KATHMANDU. (Agency)

A packed bus on its way to Nepal's capital drove off a mountain highway in Nepal early Monday, killing 17 people and leaving another 24 wounded. There were dozens of people on board the bus, which was heading from the resort city of Pokhara to Kathmandu when it drove off the Prithvi highway after midnight, police said.

The bus rolled down a mountain slope and landed on the banks of Trishuli river near Benighat, about 80



kilometers (50 miles) west of the capital, Kathmandu. Police said rescuers reached the accident site soon after the accident and the injured were pulled out of the wreckage and driven to hospitals for treatment. Police are investigating the cause of the accident.

Bus accidents in Nepal are common, mostly due to poorly maintained roads

and vehicles. Much of the Himalayan country is covered by mountains and connected only by narrow roads. The bus landed on the banks of the fast flowing mountain river. Two buses with 65 people on board fell into the same river in 2024 and were lost, with most aboard either killed or still missing.

US Secret Service fatally shoots man attempting to access Trump's Mar-a-Lago in Florida

MIAMI. (Agency)

US Secret Service agents fatally shot a man armed with a shotgun who breached the security perimeter of President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Trump was in Washington at the time of the incident, which officials said happened around 1:30 am (0630 GMT). The suspect, a man in his early 20s, was spotted by the north gate of the Mar-a-Lago property, carrying a shotgun and a fuel can, the Secret Service said. Agents confronted the man and told him to disarm but he raised his gun. "The only words that we said to him was 'drop the items,'" Palm Beach County sheriff Ric Bradshaw told reporters.

At which time he put down the gas can, raised the shotgun to a shooting position," Bradshaw said.

A deputy and two Secret Service agents

then shot him. The man was pronounced deceased and no US officers were injured. The Secret Service said no one under its protection was present in Mar-a-Lago at the time. Bradshaw, the Palm Beach sheriff, identified the shooter as 21-year-old Austin Tucker Martin, a resident of a small town in North Carolina about 700 miles (1127 kilometers) north of Mar-a-Lago, according to the Washington Post. Martin was an illustrator of landscapes and golf courses, and had an older sister who died three years ago at the age of 21, though obituaries did not provide a cause of death, the Miami Herald reported. Political violence rising Trump, who often spends his weekends in Mar-a-Lago, has been the target of several assassination plots or attempts. Earlier this month, Ryan Routh, 59, who plotted to assassinate Trump at a Florida golf course in September 2024,

two months before the US election, was sentenced to life in prison. Routh's planned attack on Trump came two months after an assassination attempt on the Republican leader in Pennsylvania, where 20-year-old Matthew Crooks fired several shots during a rally, one of them grazing Trump's right ear. That attack, in which a rallygoer was killed, proved to be a turning point in Trump's return to power. It yielded a now famous photo of a bloodied Trump raising his fist to the crowd and urging his followers to "fight, fight." Crooks was immediately shot and killed by security forces and his motive remains unknown. Political violence has escalated in a deeply polarized country where the political discourse has become increasingly aggressive and inflammatory. In September last year, right-wing influencer and staunch Trump ally Charlie Kirk was shot dead during an event at a university in Utah.

What to know about the killing of a powerful cartel leader in Mexico

MEXICO CIT. (Agency)

The Mexican army killed the country's most powerful cartel leader and one of the United States' most wanted fugitives on Sunday, notching a major victory while cartel members responded with a wave of violence across the country. The killing of Jalisco New Generation Cartel leader Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes during an attempt to capture him in Jalisco state was the highest-profile blow against cartels since the recapture of former Sinaloa cartel boss Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzmán a decade ago. Following Oseguera Cervantes' death, gunmen unleashed violence across the country. Cars burned out by cartel members blocked roads in nearly a dozen Mexican states and left smoke billowing into the air. People locked themselves in their homes in Guadalajara, Mexico's second-largest city and Jalisco's capital, and school was canceled Monday in several states as security forces were placed on alert all over the country. Even Guatemala reinforced security on its border with Mexico. The killing could give the government a leg up in its dealings with the U.S. Trump administration, which has been threatening tariffs or unilateral military action if Mexico does not show results in the fight against the cartels. But the long-term effect on Mexico's security landscape remains unclear.

Here's what to know:

'El Mencho' was the leader of a fast-growing criminal group Oseguera Cervantes, better known as "El Mencho," was 59 years old and originally from the western state of Michoacan. His ties to organized crime went back at least three decades.

In 1994, he was tried for trafficking heroin in the U.S. and sent to prison for three years. Upon returning to Mexico, he quickly rose through Mexico's drug trafficking underworld. Around 2009, he founded the Jalisco New Generation Cartel, which became Mexico's fastest-growing criminal organization, moving cocaine, methamphetamines, fentanyl and migrants to the United States, and innovating in violence with the use of drones and improvised explosive devices. The cartel earned a reputation for brazen attacks on Mexican security forces, including downing a military helicopter in Jalisco in 2015 and attempting a spectacular, but unsuccessful, assassination of Mexico City Police Chief Omar Garcia Harfuch, who is now Mexico's federal security secretary. It recruited aggressively, experimenting with new ways to reach potential members online. Oseguera Cervantes died in a battle with troops sent to capture him. Oseguera Cervantes was killed during an attempt to capture him, as his followers attempted to fight off Mexican troops. Mexico's Defense Department said in a statement that the army launched an operation in the southern part of Jalisco state to capture Oseguera Cervantes, involving the Mexican Air Force and special forces. The cartel counterattacked, and in the ensuing confrontation, federal forces killed four members of the criminal group, including its leader, and wounded three others who died later during transfer by air to Mexico City, according to the statement.

Kim Jong Un reelected to top post of North Korea's ruling party as it hails his nuclear buildup

SEOUL. (Agency)

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was reelected to the top post of the ruling Workers' Party, with delegates crediting him for bolstering the country's nuclear arsenal and strengthening its regional standing, state media reported Monday.

The report from the party congress, where Kim is expected to outline his key political and military goals for the next five years, suggests he will double down on accelerating a military nuclear program already equipped with missiles capable of threatening Asian U.S. allies and the American mainland. The congress, which began last Thursday, comes as Kim grows increasingly assertive in regional politics, following an aggressive expansion of his nuclear arsenal and closer ties with Russia forged through joint war efforts in Ukraine, which have deepened his standoffs with Washington and Seoul. Analysts say Kim will likely use the meeting to unveil new military goals, including strengthening conventional forces and integrating them

with nuclear capabilities, while reemphasizing a campaign for economic "self-reliance" through mass mobilization, following gradual post-pandemic gains fueled by rebounding trade with China and arms exports to Russia.

North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency said Kim was reelected as the party's general secretary with the "unshakable will and unanimous desire" of thousands of delegates on the fourth day of meetings Sunday. Under party rules, the congress, which Kim has held every five years since 2016, elects the general secretary to serve as the party's top representative and leader. Kim, 42, has held the party's top post throughout his rule, though the title changed from first secretary to chairman at the congress in 2016 and then to general secretary at the congress in 2021. The party said in a statement that by building up nuclear forces, Kim has created a military capable of handling "any threat of aggression" and "any form of war," and

credited his leadership with "reliably guaranteeing" the country's future and "boosting the pride and self-esteem" of North Koreans.

KCNA said the congress adopted revisions to



party rules during Sunday's meeting but did not immediately provide details. Experts had anticipated that Kim would use the congress to entrench his hard-line stance toward South Korea and possibly rewrite party rules to codify his characterization of

inter-Korean relations as between two "hostile" states. State media so far haven't mentioned any comments by Kim or other senior leaders at the congress directly addressing relations with Washington and Seoul.

North Korea has suspended all meaningful diplomacy with the United States and South Korea since the collapse of a 2019 summit between Kim and U.S. President Donald Trump over disagreements about exchange sanctions relief for steps to wind down Kim's nuclear and missile program.

Kim's government has rejected dialogue offers from Trump since the American president began his second term, urging Washington to drop its demand for North Korea's denuclearization as a precondition for talks. Inter-Korean relations further deteriorated in 2024 when Kim abandoned the North's long-standing goal of peaceful reunification and declared the war-divided South a permanent enemy.

NEWS BOX

No staff, Tamil course at Anna university in limbo

CHENNAI. (Agency)
Tamil and Technology, which was introduced as a credit course for first-year engineering students by Anna University in the 2021-22 academic year and touted as a significant step towards integrating language and technology in higher education, has no assigned faculty now since the contracts of temporary teachers were not renewed in December. Students say in the current semester, not a single Tamil class has been conducted so far. With internal examinations scheduled to begin on Monday, anxiety is mounting among first-year students who feel unprepared. The course was aimed at familiarising first-year students with historical engineering achievements of the state. Since its launch, the subject has largely been handled by temporary faculty appointed on a contract basis across the university's constituent colleges. However, the programme now faces uncertainty after the contracts of 328 temporary teachers working across 13 constituent colleges and three regional campuses were not renewed in December. In addition to the Tamil credit course, these teachers were handling papers such as Re-Engineering for Innovation and Life Skills for Engineers. The delay in contract renewal has left the Tamil credit course without instructors for nearly two months. "We have not had even one Tamil class this semester. Internal exams are starting, and we don't know what to study or how to prepare," said a first-year engineering student of a constituent college in Madurai. "It is not just Tamil. Other subjects like Re-Engineering for Innovation and Life Skills for Engineers have also not been taught. We feel completely lost. We will struggle to write the examination without having attended proper classes," said another student.

12,931 temples across TN renovated at a cost of Rs 8,000 crore over five years

CHENNAI. (Agency)
Renovation works have been carried out in 12,931 temples across Tamil Nadu at an estimated cost of over Rs 8,100 crore in the last five years, the DMK government said in a release detailing initiatives undertaken by the HR&CE department. According to the release, kumbhabhishekam has been conducted in 4,332 temples that had not undergone the ritual for decades — in some cases, for centuries. A special conservation scheme covering 352 temples that are more than 1,000 years old has also been launched, it stated. The department has retrieved 8,107 acres of encroached temple land worth Rs 8,436 crore. In addition, lakhs of acres has been surveyed and demarcated using modern technology to prevent further

encroachments. Financial assistance for renovation has been enhanced for 5,000 temples located in Adi Dravidar and tribal habitations and for another 5,000 rural temples, the release said. Master plans worth Rs 1,770 crore are under implementation at major shrines, including the Palani Murugan Temple and the Ramanathaswamy Temple in Rameswaram. Infrastructure upgrades such as rope cars, lifts and coastal protection works have also been taken up. The release further stated that welfare measures for devotees include expansion of the Annadhanam scheme benefiting crores annually, free pilgrimage for senior citizens and enhanced subsidies for spiritual tours.

Three killed as car collides head-on with scooter, crashes into van in Ramnad

RAMANATHAPURAM. (Agency)
Three persons were killed and four others were injured in an accident involving three vehicles along the Madurai-Dhanushkodi National Highway near Kunjarvalasai on Sunday. According to sources, a scooter collided head-on with a car, which then crashed into an oncoming van. Two passengers of the car — Felsia (30) from Sattur and her mother-in-law Sumathi (50) — and the man riding the two-wheeler were killed, with the identity of the latter yet to be ascertained. Felsia's husband Tamilmani (34) — a cinematographer from Tiruppur — who was the driver of the car, and their two young daughters were among the four persons injured in the accident, and they have been admitted to the Government Medical College Hospital in Ramnad. According to the police, a group of more than 10 relatives from Tiruppur and Sattur had travelled to Rameswaram the previous night in two vehicles, including the car. On Sunday, they performed rituals for a deceased relative at the Agni Theertham seashore and offered prayers at the temple. During their return journey, near Kunjarvalasai, a scooter ridden by a man from the opposite direction suddenly swerved to the right and onto the path of the car, resulting in a violent head-on collision. The car then crashed into an oncoming van, police said. While Sumathi and the two-wheeler rider were killed on the spot, Felsia, who was in the co-driver seat, was trapped inside the vehicle.



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Surat-based diamond businessman and realtor Vasant Gajera, brothers booked in cheating case

Following a Gujarat High Court mandate issued on a businessman's complaint, the Surat police are now hunting for the Gajera brothers

Surat. (Agency)
The Surat Crime Branch in Gujarat Monday registered an FIR in a Rs 1,928-crore cheating case against Vasant Gajera and his three brothers, a noted real estate and diamond business family based in the city.

Praveen Agarwal, a resident of Surat, filed the complaint in this case. Agarwal, his wife and father were 43 per cent shareholders of Shanti Residency Private Limited, a company owned by Vasant Gajera and others. Agarwal alleged that the brothers had sold off his stakes in the firm fraudulently, reducing it from 43 per cent to 4.02 per cent. Based on the application of Agarwal, the Gujarat High Court on February 12 directed the Surat police to file an FIR against Vasant Gajera and his brothers Ashok and Rakesh. Agarwal, in his complaint, said that the Shanti

construction firm had constructed Millennium Markets-1, 2, 3, 4 on the Ring Road. Agarwal, in his complaint, further alleged that Gajera and his teams had sold off 2,334 shops in

remaining amount as cash from buyers. An official from the Crime Branch said that they have dispatched teams to various locations to apprehend the suspects. According to police sources, Vasant and his brothers may have returned to their hometown, and the police are working to track their movements.

Vasant's older brother Dhiru Gajera is a former MLA who was elected on both BJP and Congress tickets at different times. They are both regarded as influential figures within the Patidar community.

Disposing of Agarwal's petition, the High Court said in its order, "The contents of the application submitted by the petitioner before police authorities (EOW, Surat), shall be taken into consideration while registering the FIR and the provisions of the law shall be invoked as mentioned in the application submitted by the petitioner."



Millennium Market with Rs 1,928 crore in 2010. Gajera allegedly deposited Rs 150 crore in the firm's bank account and took the

Lucknow University students protest fencing of Mughal-era Lal Baradari, claim namaz access blocked

Lucknow. (Agency)
Student protests broke out at Lucknow University after the administration fenced off Lal Baradari, a Mughal-era structure located within the campus, claiming it was unauthorised.

University authorities, however, maintained that the structure is in a dilapidated condition and the fencing has been put up purely as a safety measure to prevent entry into the structurally weak building.

Students also claimed the move restricted access for Muslim students and community members who offer prayers at a mosque inside the structure during Ramzan; the university administration refuted this.

The protest erupted on Sunday shortly after fencing work at Lal Baradari commenced amid heavy police deployment, with students, led by members of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) and Samajwadi Chhatra Sabha, calling it "unauthorised". "The gate through which our Muslim brothers used to enter Lal Baradari to offer prayers has been locked and

sealed. Our protest is currently underway outside the building," said Vishal Singh, national coordinator of the NSUI.

He said they have sought the reopening of the hall and restoration of the structure, and have urged



the university to request the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to carry out an inspection and release its report in the public domain.

Samajwadi Chhatra Sabha leader Prem Prakash Yadav alleged that the action was being carried

out without any prior notice, that too during the Ramzan period, and said they would stage a silent protest in response.

The university, however, said some students had removed portions of the fencing and thrown away construction materials kept near the site. Heavy police presence was deployed across the campus to prevent any untoward incident. Vishal also claimed namaz was offered outside the Lal Baradari building. Videos surfaced online showing the students offering namaz while other students formed a human chain. Describing the gesture as a message of communal harmony amid the prevailing tension, Vishal said the students also broke their fast outside the building after offering prayers.

Lal Baradari earlier housed a bank and a canteen but owing to its deteriorating condition, both ceased operations there around 2017-18. Although directions had been issued restricting entry into the premises, some students were reportedly continuing to enter the structure.

Silent music therapy boosts milk bank output at Mumbai hospital

Mumbai. (Agency)
Playing soft instrumental music during milk expression has led to a sharp rise in breast milk collection at Mumbai's Cama and Albless Hospital, according to a hospital study. Silent music therapy refers to the use of calming instrumental background music played softly, without lyrics or loud beats, during breast milk expression in a hospital or milk bank setting.

The therapy, introduced in July 2024 at the hospital's human milk bank, was linked to a steady increase in milk collection and distribution over the next two years, even as the number of donor mothers declined.

Hospital records from January 2023 to December 2025 were reviewed for the study. In 2023, before the therapy began, 4,811 mothers donated 2.73 lakh millilitres of milk. Of this, 2.63 lakh millilitres

were given to babies. After the music therapy was introduced in July 2024, 2,185 mothers donated 4.15 lakh millilitres, a 52 per cent rise in collection. Milk distributed that year rose to 4.07 lakh millilitres.

In 2025, with only 1,646 donors, milk collection increased further to 5.20 lakh millilitres. Distribution also rose to 4.94 lakh millilitres. Between 2023 and 2025, total milk collection increased by 90.8 per cent, while distribution rose by 87.7 per cent.

The study also found that the average milk donated per mother increased sharply. In 2023, each donor gave about 56.7 millilitres. In 2024, this rose to 190.2 millilitres, and in 2025 to 316.5 millilitres.

Dr Tushar Palve, medical superintendent of the hospital, said breast milk production depends on two hormones —

prolactin and oxytocin. "Stress suppresses oxytocin release, making milk ejection harder. Music therapy reduces stress by lowering cortisol. This helps oxytocin release and improves milk flow," he said, adding that after music was introduced in the milk bank, the hospital saw a consistent rise in milk production. Sister Nirupama Dongre said many donor mothers, especially those whose babies were admitted to neonatal intensive care units, felt anxious. "Anxiety and separation stress are known to inhibit milk flow. Donor mothers reported feeling calmer and more confident during milk expression. Silent music therapy is simple and cost effective and can be adopted across milk banks," she said.

Human milk banks provide breast milk to premature and sick babies when their mothers are unable to produce enough.

UP ATS arrests 'spurned lover' for sending threat emails to blow up Jaunpur court

Lucknow. (Agency)
The Uttar Pradesh Police's Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) on Sunday arrested a 28-year-old man from Azamgarh for allegedly sending emails last week threatening to blow up the Jaunpur district court.

The accused, Vishal Ranjan, a resident of the Sidhara area in Azamgarh, had also demanded Rs 1 lakh from Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, using the name and phone number of a Jaunpur resident whose marriage had been fixed with a woman Ranjan reportedly wished to marry.

A total of five emails using different names and mobile numbers were sent, some of them belonging to the friends of the youth whose marriage was arranged with the woman. The threat caused panic, prompting the police, dog and bomb disposal squads, to carry out an extensive search of the court premises. A case was registered the same day on February 17 at the Line Bazaar police station in Jaunpur against an unidentified person. "Through technical investigation,

we traced Vishal Ranjan and arrested him after questioning. We gathered sufficient evidence against him before making the arrest," a senior ATS official said.

Vishal Ranjan, a graduate, has been preparing for government job competitive examinations, it is learnt. Police said he possessed



considerable knowledge of cyber technology. Five mobile phones and a laptop were recovered from his possession.

The examination of the devices revealed the email ID used to issue the threat on February 17 was created using those phones. The investigators also found that nearly 50 email IDs and 20 Facebook accounts had been created under different names.

Socio Economic Review: Why are fewer students opting for technical engineering courses in Gujarat despite rise in seats

Ahmedabad. (Agency)
Despite an increase in the number of sanctioned seats, the admission in technical degree programmes in Gujarat has recorded a decline in the academic session 2025-26, the Socio Economic Review for the year 2025-26 shows.

The Socio-Economic Review for the year 2025-26, a report that presents a profile of key socio-economic activities and achievements in different sectors of the state economy for the year 2024-25, was released by the Gujarat government on Wednesday.

Following the increase in two years — 2023-24 and 2024-25 — the number of admissions declined by over 1,400 seats in the current academic session, 2025-26. The Admission Committee for Professional Courses (ACPC)

regulates the admission of candidates to the professional degree courses in Gujarat.

According to the data in the SER, against 91,355 sanctioned seats across technical degree programmes including engineering, pharmacy, architecture, MBA and MCA, only 49,737 admissions were registered against 51,147 students in the year 2024-25.

Of these, degree engineering programmes constitute the majority. Officials cited low Class XII state board results as a reason for this decline.

"Last year, the Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board (GSHSEB) Class XII Group A (non medical) result was low. This automatically will result in low registration for engineering and other technical courses," N N

Bhuptani, the member secretary of ACPC, told. However, the pass percentage of GSHSEB Class XII A group (non medical) was 91.90 per cent in the results declared in May 2025, higher than 90.11 per



cent in May 2024. **Female students** The number of female students opting for degree technical courses increased in the last five years, it dropped in diploma programmes in Gujarat.

From 31,887 total female students across 203 degree technical courses, the number increased to 32,813 in 2025-26. On the other hand, in 183 diploma institutes, the number of female students dropped from 24,954 to 22,562, the SER revealed.

"At the end of the academic year 2024-25, the total intake capacity stood at 77,735 seats in degree engineering, 13,49 seats in degree architecture, 9,102 seats in degree pharmacy, and 645 seats in degree Hotel Management. During the academic year 2025-26 (Provisional), intake capacity increased to 79,703 seats in degree engineering and 9,970 seats in degree pharmacy. However, the intake capacity declined in degree Hotel

Management and degree architecture to 450 seats and 1,232 seats, respectively," the SER 2025-26 states.

At the end of academic year 2024-25, the total intake capacity for MBA and MCA courses was 18,700 seats and 9,211 seats, respectively.

During the academic year 2025-26, the provisional capacity increased to 21,596 seats for MBA and 10,303 seats for MCA. "Similarly, during the same academic year 2025-26 as per the provisional admission data, the intake capacity of Class X based diploma engineering was 69,987 seats, reflecting a decline of 2,530 seats. However, the intake capacity of Class XII based diploma pharmacy courses increased to 2,350 seats, showing an increase of 107 seats," the SER said.

Gujarat hardlook: Taming leopards on the prowl

Kochi. (Agency)
AROUND 10:35 am on a Tuesday in late January, a woman spotted a leopard sitting on the stairs of a two-storey building on the main street in Daman and hell broke loose. The family living upstairs runs a sweets shop on the ground floor. A forest department team reached the spot and began efforts to rescue the big cat.

The family members on the top floor were evacuated and the street was cordoned off. A forest guard fired a tranquiliser gun and the animal fell motionless. Believing it was unconscious, a forest guard went closer and the leopard pounced on him, grabbing his leg. While the forester was rescued, the team realised that they needed reinforcements. Forest department teams from Valsad, Surat and even Dahanu in Maharashtra, totalling nearly 25, had to be called in for help. After a 10-hour operation, the leopard was captured by 10:30 pm that day — only after two more tranquiliser shots were fired. The four-year old big cat, weighing 60 kg, was then taken to the Vasona Safari park in Silvassa.

This is not an isolated incident. Of late, there has been a rise in human-leopard conflicts in the state and experts attribute this to depleting prey base on account of increasing urbanisation.

The leopard population in Gujarat rose from 1,395 in 2016 to 2,274 in the census last held in 2023.

Dhanpuri rescue centre
In the 36 cages, 18 leopard cells lined parallel on each side in the Jambughoda forest — 23 are occupied. Of these, 17 are "man-eaters", confined here for life. One of the leopards is Tilak, which "mauled" a man, the driver of an excavator, in Narmada district, leading to his death.

Another leopard, Bhavani, killed a 52-year-old woman in Chichina in Dang; Gauri's victim was a child in a village in Valsad. There are also Ram, Raja, Rani and Bhim — one of the most aggressive of the lot and yet to come to terms with his life as an inmate. These are all leopards captured from sites where they killed humans and likely to remain in the rescue centre for the rest of their lives.

Lt Gen Prem Bhagat and the Sikh Light Infantry uniform

Two gorgeous colours — ‘bunting yellow’ and ‘flame of the forest’ — are part of the uniform of the Sikh Light Infantry regiment. The story of these colours being chosen for the Sikh LI is related to a titan of the Indian Army, Lt Gen Premindra Singh (Prem) Bhagat, VC. As a young officer, Prem Bhagat of Bombay Sappers, an engineers’ group of the Army, found himself bound for East Africa at the beginning of World War II. Thereafter, in the Battle of Keren, the engineering detachment under his command fought alongside Sikh troops of the Frontier Force Rifles. For his valour, Bhagat was awarded the Victoria Cross. Great courage is often buttressed by a greatly developed sense of humour. As a Gentleman Cadet in the Indian Military Academy, Bhagat’s dossier report read: “This GC has too high an opinion of himself, he always wears his uniform peak cap at a rakish angle, against dress regulations.” For this misdemeanour, Bhagat was brought in front of the Academy adjutant, that time a British officer. Young man, you always wear your cap wrongly, how do you justify your action?” he asked. “Sir, I like wearing my cap like this only,” replied Bhagat. “Only the Prince of Wales has the privilege of wearing his cap at this



angle,” said the adjutant. “Sir, I am no less than the Prince of Wales,” replied GC Bhagat.

In early 1945, Capt Prem Bhagat was sent to do the Staff Course at Camberley in United Kingdom. Here, the Deputy Commandant of the Staff College, who had never been to India and knew nothing about Indian Army officers, asked him apprehensively and very slowly, “Bhagat, do you know any English?”

Capt Bhagat replied very slowly, copying the manner of the British officer: “Know a leetle beet Eenglees.” After a few days, Bhagat’s turn came to deliver a lecture as a student officer. The Deputy Commandant, being the chief instructor, was also in attendance. Bhagat gave a lecture in fluent English. The Deputy Commandant was both angry and smiling. Sometime in 1966, the officers of Sikh LI regiment requested him to be Colonel of the Regiment. Gen Bhagat happily agreed. As Colonel of Sikh LI, Gen Bhagat observed that the uniform was rather drab and dull for such a lively and brave regiment. He decided to infuse some colour. One day, while motoring from Lucknow to Dehradun, with his aide de camp, Maj Raikar, they crossed a vast stretch of road covered with ‘flame of the forest’ trees in full bloom. It was an enchanting sight. Gen Bhagat decided that this was the colour well suited for the Sikh Light Infantry, along with ‘bunting yellow’ and the war bugle symbol.

Lt Gen Bhagat remained the Honorary Colonel of the regiment for life. As the IMA Commandant, it was Gen Bhagat who started the custom of inviting the parents of the passing-out Gentlemen Cadets for the pipping ceremony and of throwing Commandant’s dinner for them.

Is it a quantum leap or distant dream in AI and Indo-US trade deal

After all, Galgotias University showcasing a robotic dog made by China as an indigenous innovation is a telling story of how distant the dream is

With a trade deal in its kitty and US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor’s announcement that President Donald Trump will soon visit India, Gor seems to be going out of his way to help India smoothen the rough road to the White House, writes Editor-in-Chief Jyoti Malhotra in her weekly column The Great Game Sergio Gor & Marco Rubio — Our men in Washington. Gor’s very powerful colleague, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, will soon break bread with us in New Delhi. If India needs the US market, the Americans also need us. PM Modi must make nice with President Trump, but also decide at what cost, she writes. One interesting thing she brings to the table is Rubio’s words at the Munich Security Conference recently, when he said, “In 1945, for the first time since the age of Columbus, (the West) was contracting...” In the last leg of her article, she reminds Rubio that his reference to Columbus at Munich was actually an incomplete one. That Columbus may have “discovered” America, he was really looking for India. Bringing in a different perspective, former Governor, Manipur, and ex-DGP, J&K, Gurbachan Jagat writes in his Edit The pivot to the hard right that the centrist, liberal ideology has been pushed back by the tidal wave of a dogmatic right. Liberal democracies and liberal economies are giving way to authoritarianism in politics and economics; the world order is reverting to the nation state. The world is at the mercy of a few technocrats and authoritarian rulers like US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, among others. Great technological advancements like AI are coming at a time when liberalism in politics and government is giving way to the hard right, he feels, and AI can become an ‘uncontrolled fire’ if countries don’t get together to introduce a system of checks and balances. India hosted the mammoth AI Impact Summit in New Delhi last week that brought together heads of state, policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, startup owners and civil society from around the world to explore how AI can advance economic growth, ethical governance and social development. Evaluating where India stands in the arena of frontier technologies — AI, semiconductors, robotics, genomics, quantum computing — we lag behind in capital allocation, writes Lok Sabha MP

Manish Tewari in his Edit piece A quantum leap is a distant dream. He supports his argument: China spent \$38 billion on semiconductors in 2025, while India has committed to spend \$0.12 billion in 2026-27. India’s total National Quantum mission budget is around \$670 million over eight years; China’s estimated investment is \$15 billion. Japan committed \$7.4 billion in 2025 alone. The human capital crisis is deeper. India produces over 91,000 graduates annually in fields relevant to quantum technology. This places us second globally, behind only the EU. Yet this statistic masks a rot. These graduates are not being converted into quantum engineers. The reason is brutally simple: there are no jobs, he writes. Previous AI summits in the UK and South Korea were driven by fears about AI. The Paris Summit balanced fears with opportunities. In New Delhi, opportunities

innovation, it cannot afford to neglect the basics — support to both fundamental and applied R&D and enforcement of academic and quality parameters.

In his three-day official visit to India, French President Emmanuel Macron focused on strengthening cooperation in different domains, including defence, trade, innovation, and AI. Against this backdrop, former chief of naval staff Admiral Arun Prakash (ret’d) assessed one part of India’s defence requirements in his Edit piece The long wait for indigenous engines. A major dampener on India’s enthusiastic claims of Atmanirbharta in the defence sector has been the persistent absence of domestically designed and manufactured ‘prime movers’ (the engines that power major military platforms). None of the critical power plants — gas turbines, diesel engines or electric motors — is fully indigenous, he writes. We need to face the fact that arcane technologies are hard to come by, and we must acquire or purchase them from wherever available — regardless of cost — rather than struggle ineffectively, wasting time. He vouches for shedding our embedded bias against the private sector and initiate a collaborative model with private industry in the larger national interest. The Supreme Court refused to hear a petition against Assam CM Hemanta Biswa Sarma on the issue of an AI video showing him pointing a gun towards two Muslim men, and directed it to the Gauhati HC. When citizens approach the Supreme Court alleging that a sitting CM has engaged in speech targeting a vulnerable minority community, they invoke a constitutional guarantee in Article 32, writes SC senior advocate Sanjay Hegde in his Edit piece The Supreme Court shifts the onus. The Constitution says the right to move the Supreme Court for the enforcement of fundamental rights is guaranteed. The text contains no requirement to first approach the high court. It contains no clause that says the right shrinks when the cause list in any court grows longer. This selective restraint raises questions, he writes. Article 32 was designed precisely for moments when the violation of fundamental rights demands direct recourse to the highest court. It is a plea for judicial responsibility. The Court need not grant relief. It need not order an FIR. It need not pronounce on guilt. But it should hear the matter. It should examine the allegations. It should give reasons, he argues. The framers of the Constitution did not design Article 32 as a procedural maze. They designed it as a direct path.



were the leitmotif, writes strategic analyst KP Nayar in his Op-ed article AI Impact Summit & Indian-origin IT CEOs. Not to miss the unexpected controversy of Galgotias University showcasing a robotic dog, calling it an indigenous innovation, actually developed by a Chinese company. The hype and overemphasis on startups have resulted in our institutions making tall or fake claims, as Galgotias has done, writes science commentator Dinesh C Sharma in his Op-ed article Robot dog debacle raises tough questions. If the government is interested in promoting research and

Roots and rivers: Tree felling, halted desilting expose policy gaps in Punjab

At stake is India’s pluralism and the constitutionally guaranteed right to freedom of religion.

PUNJAB’S environmental governance is once again under scrutiny. The illegal felling of a decades-old banyan tree in Nangal and the recent intervention by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) halting river desilting across the state reveal a troubling pattern: safeguards exist on paper, but compliance often depends on citizen outrage or judicial correction. In Nangal, the cutting of mature trees — reportedly in violation of a high court ban — exposed institutional apathy. Departments seemed unsure of jurisdiction, while residents and activists demanded accountability. Legacy trees are ecological anchors, carbon sinks and community heritage. Desilting, meanwhile, is necessary to prevent floods and maintain river health. But at what cost of human greed are we willing to draw the line? The debate over riverbed excavation, especially when commercial sand extraction is involved, underscores the tension between immediate utility and long-term ecological damage. The NGT’s stay on desilting operations highlights the tribunal’s relevance



and limitations. A Punjab and Haryana Court ruling has

clarified that the NGT cannot mandate action; it can only recommend. Actual enforcement rests with state governments. This means states must treat environmental activists as their eyes and ears and rely on vigilant citizens to flag violations. In another instance, the cleaning of Ludhiana’s Buddha Nullah has languished for years. While repeated proposals have been made, little tangible action is seen.

Punjab’s challenges are real. Floods, sedimentation and infrastructure pressures demand intervention. But urgency cannot justify opacity. Transparent tendering, prior environmental assessment and scientific planning are safeguards. That interventions by citizens and courts are required in enforcing accountability — as in the above cases — reflects a governance deficit. Unless regulatory compliance becomes proactive rather than reactive, the ecological costs will only compound.

Universe: Why compassion runs deeper than benevolence or kindness

All of us are already capable of compassion, it only needs to be ignited

There are several human values and moral virtues we tend to club together with compassion, such as mercy, kindness, benevolence, service, charity and love. Even though all of them can help you become a better human being, it is important to note that they stem from different sources and have varied impacts. Unlike virtues and values, which are often constructed and derived externally, compassion is inborn, innate and natural. Mercy and benevolence may seem similar to compassion; they can benefit others and bring you joy and contentment, as well as respect and recognition. But compassion runs deeper. It is that powerful and natural force that transforms not just your personal life but your immediate surroundings and the world. Acts of mercy are often sporadic and spontaneous. You can choose to spend your money or take time out from your busy schedule to help someone in need, but you do not try to eliminate the social, political or systemic causes of their suffering. The hungry person you feed today is satiated for the day and the warm clothes you gave a homeless person could help them survive a cold winter. Still, a single act of mercy does little to lessen their vulnerabilities. Additionally, the relationship between the giver and the recipient of a merciful act is defined by a noticeable hierarchy, in which the former is placed above the latter. Conversely, compassion maintains a relationship of mutual respect and dignity. All of us are already capable of compassion, it only needs to be ignited. Though its makeup is similar to mercy, kindness can have a wider scope. It is reflected in a person’s everyday behaviour and actions. Acts of kindness, like mercy, can help provide momentary comfort to those in trouble. Also, even the kindest people may not be free of an inherent desire for recognition, which motivates them



to act. This can be demonstrated through an amusing Persian folktale. There once lived a kind and cheerful man named Mullah Nasruddin who was widely respected for his generosity. Nasruddin was also known to be fond of his clothes. Once, his friend, a poet, was invited to recite ghazals at a mushaira. The poet asked Nasruddin if he could borrow a pair of trousers. Nasruddin gave the finest trousers he owned. When his friend took the stage, Nasruddin asked some acquaintances what they thought of the trousers the poet was wearing. When someone remarked that they were stunning, Nasruddin proudly said they were his. On their way home, the poet told Nasruddin he felt embarrassed by the disclosure.

When the poet was invited to another mushaira, he again asked Nasruddin to accompany him. When speaking to some members of the audience, Nasruddin praised the trousers the poet was wearing but added they were not his. The poet again implored his friend to not mention the trousers again. On Nasruddin’s assurance, the poet took him to a third mushaira. This time, Nasruddin drew attention to the trousers by saying he’d never reveal their owner. Exasperated, the poet publicly removed the trousers and returned them. In comparison to kindness, the effects of benevolence are felt for longer. There is a story in the Mahabharata that illustrates the difference between benevolent and compassionate deeds. Having won the battle of

Kurukshetra, King Yudhishtira organised a celebratory feast. Thousands of people, from princes to paupers, participated. They enjoyed the delicious spread of food and were rewarded with gifts. Suddenly, Yudhishtira spotted a mongoose. Half of its skin was golden. The mongoose began rolling around where the religious rituals had been performed. Yudhishtira asked, ‘What are you doing?’ The mongoose replied, ‘I’m trying to turn the remaining half of my body golden.’ Seeing that Yudhishtira was still perplexed, the mongoose explained: ‘A few days ago, I came upon a tiny hut. I could see a poor family of four — a middle-aged man, his wife, son and daughter-in-law — getting ready for dinner. Four plates were neatly arranged on the floor. The wife said she only had enough wheat to make one roti. Just as she had served them a quarter each of the roti, a hungry stranger approached their door. The middle-aged man invited him and gave the man his share. The other three did the same. The grateful stranger ate all four pieces and left. When the family had fallen asleep, I entered the hut and began rolling on the spot where a few roti crumbs had fallen. That’s when half my body turned golden. I thought that rolling on the spot where a righteous king like you had performed a sacrifice would turn the rest of my body golden but, sadly, that did not happen.’ Though both Yudhishtira and the family had fed the hungry, the King had expected his benevolence would earn him good karma, while the family had acted out of compassion, thinking of the stranger’s hunger as their own. In compassionate action, there is no expectation of any form of reward. Service, unlike kindness and benevolence, comes closer to compassion.

Punjab police arrest two main accused in Nalagarh blast case

Solan.(Agency)

In a breakthrough, the Punjab Police has busted a terrorist module linked to the Nalagarh IED (RDX) blast case.

Jalandhar police, in a joint operation with SAS Nagar police, arrested two main accused, involved in the crime. The blast had rocked Nalagarh on January 1, 2026, in Himachal Pradesh.

According to police sources, the accused have been identified as Mahavir alias Kaka and Manpreet alias Mani, both residents of SAS Nagar, Punjab. During the search, a 9mm Glock pistol and live cartridges were recovered from their possession.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the suspects were acting under the instructions of a mastermind based abroad.

According to investigating agencies, the accused were in contact with foreign handlers Gopi Navnasharia and Jassi Kulam. Both are said to be associated with the banned terrorist organisation Babbar Khalsa International (BKI).

Police said the accused and their associates procured a consignment of IEDs (RDX) and hand grenades on foreign instructions. One of the IEDs from this consignment was used to detonate the Nalagarh police station.

Punjab Police has already arrested six other accused in this case, who were involved in the collection and transportation of terrorist material. Now, with the arrest of Mahavir and Manpreet, the entire module has been unmasked.

Police sources said that eliminating such networks is a priority to maintain peace and law and order in the state. Punjab Police has said the campaign against terrorism and drug trafficking will continue unabated. FIRs have been registered in the cases, and further investigations are underway.

10-year-old girl crushed to death by truck near school in Prayagraj

Prayagraj.(Agency)

A 10-year-old girl was killed in a road accident in Prayagraj on Monday morning when a speeding truck hit the motorcycle she was riding to school. The accident occurred around 7:21 am in front of Naini Central Jail, just about 500 meters from the victim's school. The girl, identified as Falisha (10), a resident of Mahewa, was on her way to school with her younger brother and uncle. According to family members, Falisha and her brother were students of Bethany Convent School. Their father had passed away three years ago, and their mother works as a teacher in a private school.

On Monday morning, their mother prepared tiffin for the children and sent them to school with their uncle, who was riding the motorcycle. The uncle was driving, while the two children were seated behind him. Falisha was sitting at the rear, with her brother seated between her and their uncle.

As they reached near Naini Central Jail, a truck coming from the Mirzapur side reportedly hit the motorcycle from behind. The impact threw the uncle and the younger brother several feet away. However, Falisha fell under the truck's wheels, leading to her death.

Hearing about the incident, family members rushed to the scene. A large crowd of local residents gathered shortly after. The grieving family placed the girl's body on the road in protest, leading to a traffic jam stretching nearly a kilometre on the Prayagraj-Mirzapur highway. Police reached the spot and initiated further investigation into the incident. Efforts were underway to clear the traffic and restore normalcy in the area.

HP CPI(M) to protest against annual hike in water, garbage & property taxes

Shimla.(Agency)

The Shimla unit of the CPI(M) has decided to launch a protest against the annual hike in water, garbage and property tax rates, which will come into effect from April 1.

Shimla district unit secretary Vijander Mehra said in a press release issued on Monday that residents have been facing a 10 per cent annual increase in water, garbage and property taxes. He said such recurring hikes are likely to disturb the budget of every common household in Shimla town. He alleged that a new tax regime has been introduced under which taxes are being increased every year. "People are paying more taxes but getting nothing in return. Most of the levies collected by civic bodies and the state government are being transferred towards payment of committed liabilities, while essential services like water and garbage management are becoming costlier," he said.

Mehra further stated that the hike in property tax would also burden tenants, as landlords may pass the additional cost to them. It would also impact homeowners who are already paying monthly instalments on housing loans. Citing the State Economic Survey, he claimed that per capita tax in the state has increased to around Rs 45,000 per annum. However, he alleged that the common individual does not benefit proportionately from state expenditure. He also alleged that there is pressure from various corporate houses on the state and Central governments to withdraw subsidies and impose higher taxes and user charges on basic services, including sanitation and health.

'Golden seed' glut: Why Punjab's seed potato hub faces crisis every few years

After a four-year cycle of stability, prices have crashed, which leaves growers caught between high input costs and a market that has vanished.

Jalandhar.(Agency)

In the heart of Punjab's Doaba region — the "seed potato bowl" of India — the land is currently dotted with heaps of freshly harvested tubers. But for farmers like Nirmal Singh of Malsian, these heaps represent a financial catastrophe. After a four-year cycle of stability, prices have crashed, which leaves growers caught between high input costs and a market that has vanished.

Nirmal, who farms on 24 acres, says, "I take three crops a year, but the lease alone costs me Rs 18,000 to Rs 20,000 per crop." Out of 24-acre land, 6 acres are his while the remaining on lease. "Input costs are Rs 9 to 10 per kg, but the market is offering Rs 3 to 6. I'm not even recovering the

input cost, what to say about the cost of the lease."



Punjab's Doaba region, comprising Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Hoshiarpur and SBS Nagar, is known as the country's premier seed potato belt. Nearly 60 to 65 per cent of the region's

total potato production is used as seed and supplied to all major potato growing states. The state produces around 33 lakh tonnes of potatoes annually, of which nearly 20 lakh tonnes qualifies as seed.

Given this scale, the farmers argue that there should ideally never be a glut in seed potato from Punjab. Yet, paradoxically, every third or fourth year, Doaba's growers face a severe price crash.

This year is one such season.

"If Punjab alone produces one-third of the country's seed requirement every year, demand should remain stable," says Nirmal. "Farmers generally replace seeds every third year. That means our production should naturally fit into the cycle of national seed demand."

Fifth accused held in Hallomajra kidnapping-murder case: police

Chandigarh.(Agency)

Police identified the accused as Vijender Kumar, alias Trudo (18), a resident of Aadarsh Colony in Zirakpur, who was apprehended on Sunday in connection with the case registered on February 6 at the Sector 31 police station under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Police said Vijender is a Class 11 student who also works as a photographer and has no previous criminal record.

Police said several suspects linked to the crime had already been taken into custody soon after the crime, and with the arrest of Vijender Kumar, all the identified accused in the case have now been apprehended. The Police have already arrested Mohit (19), resident of 3BRD Air Force area, Chandigarh; Rajnish Kumar alias Addi alias Kilwish (19), resident of



Preet Colony, Zirakpur; acRaman Singh alias Negi (23), resident of Surendra Enclave, Zirakpur; and Shemal Singh (23), resident of Shivalik Vihar, Zirakpur.

On February 5, complainant Vijay Kumar informed the police that his relative Sushil, alias Sahil, was abducted by three to four youths astride motorcycles near Ravidas

Mandir in Hallomajra.

Police said the complainant suspected the involvement of a man named Anil and his associates, alleging the crime was carried out in retaliation for an accident case registered in Zirakpur in which Anil's brother Manpreet had died after a collision with Sahil's car.

During the investigation, police found that the abducted man was taken to Preet Colony in Zirakpur, where he was assaulted. He was later taken to the civil hospital by the accused in an unconscious condition and was pronounced dead upon arrival, police said.

Police suspect the accused attempted to mislead the authorities by presenting himself as an unidentified person.

Over 28.58 lakh patients visited OPD in 2025: 32 PGI depts demand 182 more posts of asst profs to provide better patient care

Chandigarh.(Agency)

With a heavy influx of patients at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research in Chandigarh increasing over the past ten years, as many as 32 departments have demanded the creation of 182 additional assistant professor posts to improve patient care.

PGI has seen a consistent rise in OPD patients and admissions, except during the Covid-19 pandemic, with the maximum number of patients visiting the Institute's OPD being from Punjab, followed by Chandigarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

In 2016, 25,15,466 patients visited various OPDs, 26,84,508 in 2017, 28, 69, 150 in 2018, 29,14,343 in 2019, 10,50,442 in 2020, 14,23,487 in 2021, 23,06, 375 in 2022, 27,050,20 in 2023, 27, 20,170 in 2024, and 28,58,761 in 2025, according to data obtained from the PGI.

Similarly, admissions at the institute saw a steady increase, with a shortage of beds a constant issue in the wards. In 2016, 89,207 admissions were recorded, which consistently grew to 1,01,536 in 2023, 1,04,830 in 2024 and 1,08,918 in 2025. The surge put unprecedented pressure on the healthcare workers and resources, with a demand for more workforce.

The institute has more than 65 departments/clinics, with the departments of internal medicine, paediatrics, general surgery, ophthalmology, cardiology, endocrinology, and gastroenterology, among several departments, seeing a massive increase in the surge of patients. But the shortage of faculty members is causing unprecedented pressure on the workforce, with a demand for more assistant professors in critical departments, including gynaecology, neurosurgery, endocrinology, gastroenterology, etc.



Woman dies by suicide in Southeast Delhi's Sunlight Colony area

New Delhi: Her family has alleged that she faced sustained abuse from her husband and in-laws since her marriage nearly two years ago. According to police, a PCR call about the incident was received around noon on Saturday. When officers arrived at the scene, the woman, identified as Sadhna, was found hanging in her room in the Sidharth Basti locality. Her body was sent for post-mortem and later handed over to the family. Statements of her mother and brother were recorded by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Defence Colony.

Sadhna's mother, Sunita, alleged that her daughter endured constant harassment. "She was never happy in that house. They kept hurting her," she said tearfully. Recalling the morning of the incident, Sunita said she had spoken to Sadhna around 8.30 am. "She didn't say anything was wrong. I left for work soon after. Later, my elder daughter called to inform me that Sadhna had taken her life. By the time I got home, her body had already been taken down." The family has filed a written complaint with the police and submitted a video as evidence. "We want justice. Those responsible for pushing my daughter to this must be punished," Sunita demanded. Police said the case is under investigation and action would be taken based on the findings. Meanwhile, a video circulating on social media shows Sadhna in tears, alleging repeated physical abuse by her husband, Yogesh, and his family. In the footage, she claims the violence began after she married Yogesh against the wishes of both families. Police are currently verifying the video's authenticity.

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General Public is hereby informed that my client SHRI Ramvishw AND SMT. Mumti Devi R/O K-2/114/1, Harijan Basti, Sangam Vihar, New DELHI-110080 HAVE DISOWNED/DEBARRED THEIR Daughter NAMELY MS. Rinki Pal from their all movable and immovable assets/properties and severed their all relationship with her since she has solemnized her marriage with Ashish S/o Shri Rakesh Kumar R/O T-265F/2, Chirag Delhi, New Delhi-110017 without consent and permission of our aforesaid clients. Anybody dealing with them will do at his/her/their own risks, costs and responsibility.

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NDMC plans major upgrade of Atal Adarsh Vidyalaya

New Delhi: The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has set in motion a comprehensive plan to upgrade Atal Adarsh Vidyalaya, Mandir Marg, with the aim of developing it into a model institution that combines modern, future-ready education with the preservation of Delhi's architectural heritage. NDMC Vice-Chairman Kuljeet Singh Chahal, along with senior officials from the Education, Civil, Electrical and allied departments, inspected the school on Friday to assess the existing facilities and chart out a roadmap for its upgrade. During the inspection, Chahal said the NDMC runs 45 schools catering to nearly 30,000 students, and sustained efforts were being made to improve teaching standards, learning outcomes and overall educational levels in line with the Prime Minister's vision for quality and future-oriented education. He stressed that the Mandir Marg school, given its heritage value, must be upgraded carefully without disturbing its original architectural character. Highlighting the historical significance of the campus, Chahal said the building was originally designed as Municipal Boys High School by Russell, the then Chief Architect of the

same period as Connaught Place and the Lutyns' Zone. Emphasising heritage conservation, he said the school should be maintained with pride while being equipped with modern facilities. Chahal directed officials to undertake whitewashing and improved lighting of the front facade, upgrade laboratories and library, improve entry points and exterior electrical wiring and install additional safety railings.

NAME CHANGE

I, KRANTI BAGHEL is legally Wife of No. 15679884A Rank- HAV Name- RUPNATH presently residing at VILL-KAPSI, PO-MARKATOLA, TEH-KANKER, DIST-KANKER. (CHHATTIGARH)-494670 have changed my name from KRANTI BAGHEL TO KRANTI BAI BAGHEL for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit Dated 23/02/2026 before Notary Public New Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, Subender Baisla S/O Balak Ram R/O B-38 street no 2 gazipur dairy farm Delhi 110096, changed my name to Subender Singh.

NAME CHANGE

I, Gunjan Kumari Bansal W/O Gaurav Aganwal R/O H.No- 112A, Sayyad Wara, Old Faridabad Haryana 121002, changed my name to Gunjan Bansal.

NAME CHANGE

I, Sakunt W/O Mohd Ibrahim R/O 170 Iaherwari Punhana Nuh Mewat Haryana 122508, changed my name to Sakunt

NAME CHANGE

I, SUPRIYA AWASTHI W/O PRASHANT DIXIT R/O R-806,8TH FLOOR, SISIPAL VIHAR, SECTOR-49,SOUTH CITY-2, GURGAON, HARYANA-122018 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANIL KADYAN FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

NAME CHANGE

I, ANIL KUMAR S/O MAHABIR SINGH R/O 583/34 JANTA COLONY ROHTAK HARYANA-124001 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANIL KADYAN FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

NAME CHANGE

I, NEEARAJ S/O LAL BABU R/O HOUSE NO.341, DLF PHASE 3,GURJAR CHOWK, NEAR RK PUBLIC SCHOOL, NATHUPLUR, GURGAON, HARYANA-122002, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NIRAJ KUMAR FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

NAME CHANGE

I, NIRMALA, is legally spouse of Army No. 2803685H, Rank - Hav (Chefcom), Name - MADIWALAPPA HOSAMANI, presently residing at At - Hosur, Post - Hosur, Teh - Paragad, Dist - Belgum, State - Karnataka - 591111, have changed my name from NIRMALA to NIRMALA MADIWALAPPA HOSAMANI and my date of birth from 10/06/1986 to 01/01/1990 for all future purposes. Vide affidavit dated 23/02/2026 before Public Notary Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, LILABAI, is legally mother of Army No. 2813403M, Rank - Sep, Name - BHOIR OMPRAKASH BABU, presently residing at Vill - Veluk, Post - Kasara, Teh - Shahapur, Dist - Thane, State - Maharashtra - 421602, have changed my name from LILABAI to LILABAI BABU BHOIR and my date of birth from 06/08/1960 to 01/06/1940 for all future purposes. Vide affidavit dated 23/02/2026 before Public Notary Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, RAMIDAS, is legally mother of Army No. 2810217L, Rank - Hav, Name - AVHAD SURESH RAMDAS, presently residing at Vill - Chapadgaon, Post - Dapur, Teh - Simar, Dist - Nashik, State - Maharashtra - 422806, have changed my name from RAMIDAS to RAMIDAS MOHAN AVHAD and my date of birth from 01/06/1963 to 01/08/1964 for all future purposes. Vide affidavit dated 23/02/2026 before Public Notary Delhi.

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'Shirtless protest' at AI Summit: Fifth arrest from Gwalior; police call IYC National President for questioning

Police also recovered T-shirts and posters used in the protest from the vehicle of one of the arrested accused.

New Delhi.(Agency)
The Delhi Police on Monday claimed to have arrested another member of the Indian Youth Congress (IYC) from Gwalior in connection with the 'shirtless protest' at the AI Summit that concluded last week in Delhi, officials said.
Police have also called IYC National President Uday Bhanu Chib for questioning at Tilak Marg Police Station in connection with the case; he has arrived and his questioning is underway. The accused, Jitendra Singh Yadav, was arrested on Sunday and remanded to two-day police custody after being produced before the court.
With this arrest, the total number of people arrested in connection with the case has reached five. Police said that around six more people are on their radar and are yet to be arrested. Police said Yadav has been serving as national coordinator of the IYC

since 2024 and is also a member of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI). He pursued a Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com) degree from GICTS College, Gwalior, between 2012 and 2014.
Around 11 people allegedly staged a shirtless protest during the AI Impact Summit on Friday, prompting the Delhi Police to register an FIR at Tilak Marg Police Station under sections related to criminal conspiracy, causing hurt to a public servant, assault on a public servant, disobedience of a public servant's order, and unlawful assembly.
The protesters were purportedly wearing T-shirts with the Prime Minister's picture printed on them, which they had concealed under their jackets and sweaters. After entering hall number 5 of Bharat Mandapam some of them removed their upper garments and chanted slogans against Prime Minister



Narendra Modi, police said. Four of them, Krishna Hari, Youth Congress National Secretary; Kundan Yadav, Bihar Youth Congress State Secretary; Ajay Kumar, UP Youth Congress Vice-President; and Narasimha Yadav, Youth Congress

National Coordinator, were arrested from the spot. They were sent to five-day police custody by a court on Saturday.
The probe so far
Police said two more IYC members were called for questioning on Sunday; however, they were released in the evening from Tilak Marg Police Station.
A dedicated team of the New Delhi district is working to nab the remaining accused, conducting raids at various locations in the NCR and other states to apprehend them. Police said some of them have been identified. Officials said they have recovered T-shirts and posters used in the IYC protest from a car belonging to one of the arrested accused.
A team of Delhi Police also visited Himachal Pradesh on Sunday, inquiring if the men gathered there before coming to the AI Summit for the protest.

Firefighters, policemen among 14 injured in fire at residential building in Northwest Delhi

New Delhi.(Agency)
Fourteen people, including three fire officials and three police personnel, sustained injuries after a fire broke out at a four-floor residential building in Northwest Delhi's Majlis Park on Saturday morning, officials said. They said that the fire started in the parking area on the ground floor due to a short circuit and soon spread to the other floors. Delhi Fire Services (DFS) officials said they received a call regarding the fire around 9:01 am. Three tenders were initially sent to the spot. Additional units were deployed later. Officials said the fire was almost brought under control with the help of locals when the DFS tenders reached the spot. However, soon it triggered an LPG cylinder that re-ignited the flames. This caused injuries to the locals and officials who were inside the premises at the time, they said.
The building is owned by one Deepak Goyal, who lives with his mother, younger brother, wife and children on the first and second floors of the building. The fire had spread to the second floor before it was finally brought under control, the DFS said.
Locals who sustained injuries were identified as Vishal Raj (40), Rajesh Narayan (39), Jagdeep Singh (54), Sher Khan (32), Deepak Goyal (40), Rahul Raj (43), Pankaj Aggarwal (52) and Pooran Chand (50).
The fire was declared "under control" at 10:25 am.
The injured fire personnel — identified as Leading Fireman Suresh Bahal (57), Fire Operator Seeta Ram Meena (29) and Fire Operator Ved Prakash (50) — sustained burn injuries ranging from 20 to 30%. All are posted at Wazirpur Fire Station. The injured policemen were identified as SI Prem Pal, ASI Sandeep and Constable Rahul. All were initially sent to Max Hospital and Babu Jagjivan Ram Memorial Hospital and later referred to Safdarjung Hospital.

Delhi: Temperature to hit 30° by end of this week

This comes just days after the city witnessed a significantly hot day on February 16, recording the hottest day of the year so far, with maximum temperatures soaring well above seasonal norms.

New Delhi.(Agency)
NEW DELHI: The maximum temperature range in the national capital is likely to cross 30 degrees Celsius by the weekend, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Meanwhile, the city's air quality continues to remain in the "poor" category.
According to the weather department, the minimum temperature is expected to hover between 13 and 15°C, while the maximum temperature is predicted to range between 29 and 31°C.
By the end of this week, the IMD has predicted the maximum temperature to be around 31-33°C. This comes just days after the city witnessed a significantly hot day on February 16, recording the hottest day of the year so far, with maximum temperatures soaring well above seasonal norms.
Throughout the upcoming week, the IMD has predicted a



mainly clear sky with pleasant mist during the night and morning hours. Meanwhile, the air quality of the city continued to remain poor, with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) noting an AQI of 229 as of 4 pm on Sunday.
The CPCB classifies AQI between 0 and 50 as "good", 51-100 as "satisfactory", 101-200 as "moderate", 201-300 as "poor", 301-400 as "very poor", and 401-500 as "severe". A few days back, the Commission for Air Quality Management revoked Stage II restrictions of GRAP in Delhi and other National Capital Region towns following a slight improvement in air quality levels amid changing weather conditions. This was because Delhi had received light rain during that time.

Two Delhi schools get bomb threats emails again, premises evacuated

Both calls were later declared a hoax. This is the third time in a month that schools have received such threats.

New Delhi.(Agency)
Army Public School in Delhi Cantonment received a bomb threat email on Monday, prompting authorities to evacuate the school and carry out checks of the premises. Officials later said nothing suspicious was found.
According to an official from the Delhi Fire Service (DFS), a call regarding the threat was received at 8.50 am and fire department officials, along with the Bomb Detection Team (BDT), Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) and Dog Squad, reached the school and conducted the checking. Air Force Bal Bharati at Lodhi Colony also received a similar bomb threat email today. According to the DFS, they received the call around 9.36 am about

the threat to the school. Both calls were later declared a hoax after checking. This is the third time in a month that



schools have received such threats. On February 13, around a dozen schools, including Sardar Patel Vidyalaya in Lodhi Estate, Kendriya Vidyalaya in Gole Market, and Delhi Tamil Education Association on Pusa Road

received bomb threat emails.
On February 9, around 12 schools, including Delhi Public School, Bal Bharati in Rohini and Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, received a bomb threat email, which was later declared a hoax.
On January 29, at least eight schools in Delhi received bomb threat emails from an unknown person, who used a VPN to send the emails. Most earlier email threats remain unsolved by the police. Over the past one and a half years, such threats have been received more than 50 times by schools, colleges, and other government institutions on their official email accounts, but breakthroughs in these cases have remained very limited.

JNU admin files complaint after late-night student protest over V-C's 'casteist' remarks spirals into clashes, stone pelting

New Delhi.(Agency)
Taking "serious cognizance" of what it described as "disturbing incidents" on campus, referring to Sunday night's student protests against the Vice-Chancellor, the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) administration Monday said it has filed complaints.
It claimed "several academic buildings... were reportedly locked by a group of protesting students". The administration claimed protesters had entered the Central Library and "reportedly threatened unwilling students, intimidated them to join the protest," leading to "a scuffle between two student groups on Campus on the night of 22nd February, 2026". It "condemned the "unruly behaviour... aimed at repeated destruction of public property and its inclusive ethos".
The university said "strict action under the University's rules and regulations and under BNS is being taken, adding

that "presently, all classes and other activities are being conducted". What happened on Sunday
A large student protest late Sunday night spiralled into clashes, with both the Left-led students' union and the Akhil



Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) accusing each other of violence and alleged stone-pelting.
Over a hundred students marched from Sabarmati T Point to the East Gate near the Vice-Chancellor's residence, escalating demonstrations against V-C

Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit over remarks she made in a recent podcast interview and the rustication of elected office-bearers of the JNU Students' Union.
As the march progressed, purported videos began circulating on social media showing groups of students hurling stones, while physical scuffles broke out at multiple points on campus.
Left-affiliated student groups alleged that ABVP members initiated the violence.
"See how ABVP started stone pelting when Bahujan and progressive students of the campus rise against the casteist VC and the rustication of the Union," a message circulated by Left groups alleged, accompanied by purported video clips of the clashes.
Another statement described the events as a "massive attack on the ongoing students' movement," alleging that protesters were isolated and assaulted.

'Called sex workers, asked to sell momos': Delhi couple booked for hurling racial slurs at 3 women from Arunachal



New Delhi.(Agency)
A couple has been booked for allegedly hurling racial slurs and intimidating three women from Arunachal Pradesh in South Delhi's Malviya Nagar, police said on Sunday. According to the Delhi Police, a case has been registered at the Malviya Nagar police station under BNS sections 79 (word intended to insult a woman's modesty), 351(2) (criminal intimidation), 3(5) (common intention) and 196 (promoting enmity on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language) against Harsh Singh and his wife Ruby Jai. The women and the couple live in the same building.

Police said the women were allegedly targeted on February 20 around 3.30 pm when they were getting an air conditioner installed at their rented home. During the process, some debris allegedly fell in the houses of the accused, who live on the lower floor.
Following this, the accused allegedly verbally abused the trio. The complainants alleged that derogatory and racial remarks were made even as they apologised. The women accused Ruby of insulting them by saying that they worked at "massage parlours", and that they should go and sell momos.
A purported video of the incident was widely shared on social media where the accused woman could be seen saying that her husband is the "son of a politician". Referring to the trio, she can be heard saying in the clip that they are "Rs. 500 mein massage parlour mein kaam karne wali dhandewali (sex workers who work at massage parlours for Rs 500)." Advocate Reena Rai, representing the three women, was quoted as saying by PTI that the incident reflects the persistent racial prejudice faced by people from the Northeast in the national capital.
"As neighbours, they should have provided these women, who live far away from home, a sense of security. Instead, they harassed them and made filthy remarks," said Rai, who hails from Sikkim.
"We are as much Indian as anyone else. Why are we treated like outsiders just because we are from the Northeast? We, too, have the right to live with equality and dignity," she added. Further legal action will be taken as per law, police added.

Who is Shabir Ahmad Lone, the J&K man 'behind ISI-Bangladesh terror outfit'

Previously jailed in 2007, police said Lone jumped bail to flee to Bangladesh and is now coordinating a cross-border module for strikes in India. On Sunday, Delhi Police said they busted the module and arrested 8 men.

New Delhi.(Agency)
Shabir Ahmad Lone, the alleged main handler of the Bangladesh-based terror module busted by the Delhi Police, is suspected to have used illegal routes to travel between Bangladesh and several Indian cities, including Delhi, to "recruit and indoctrinate youth", police sources said. He is alleged to have visited Delhi's Shaheen Bagh last year for the same purpose, they said.
These details emerged during questioning of the eight alleged members of the module — including six Bangladeshi nationals — who were arrested in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, police sources said. A few people from Shaheen Bagh have also been questioned as part of the probe, sources added. The module was busted two days after security agencies issued an alert about a possible terrorist attack near the

Red Fort by terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). Police claimed it is backed by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). This is the second time that Lone's name has surfaced in connection with terror activity. He hails from Kangan village in Srinagar.
Lone was arrested by the Special Cell on July 27, 2007, for allegedly being a member of the LeT. In 2012, he was sentenced to six years in prison by a Delhi court after he was found guilty of sections 25, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act for being in possession of a pistol. The court had acquitted him under sections 121, 121-A/122 of the IPC and sections 17, 18 and 20 of the anti-terror UAPA Act.
At the time, the Special Cell also claimed to have recovered 280 US dollars from Lone, following which the Enforcement Directorate (ED) registered a PMLA case



against him in 2009. In 2019, he was granted bail by a court in the PMLA case. It ordered that Lone would not directly or indirectly make any threat, inducement or promise to any person acquainted with the

facts of the case, and not leave the country without the court's permission.
But, police said, he fled the country and escaped to Bangladesh via an illegal route.
Police further alleged that at the time of his arrest in 2007, Lone had purported links with senior figures associated with the Jamaat-ud-Dawa, including Hafiz Saeed and Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi. These claims were cited as part of the police's broader investigations into cross-border militant networks. Police also alleged that Lone had undergone militant training, including basic (Daura-e-Aam) and advanced (Daura-e-Khaas) courses at a training facility in Muzaffarabad in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POC). Police said Lone is now among fugitives most wanted by Indian security agencies. As per police records, he also goes by the aliases 'Raja' and 'Kashmiri'.

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How can you forget what Axar has done Ashwin slams vice-captain's snub after SA loss

New Delhi. (Agency)

India's team selection in the Super 8 defeat to South Africa has triggered debate, and Ravichandran Ashwin has weighed in strongly. The former India off-spinner questioned the call to leave out vice-captain Axar Patel after the 76-run hammering in Ahmedabad. South Africa outplayed India comprehensively on Sunday, handing the hosts their heaviest defeat in T20 World Cup history. But beyond the result, the spotlight quickly shifted to the XI — Washington Sundar retained, Axar Patel benched. Speaking on his YouTube channel, Ashwin stressed that India should have focused more on stability in such a crucial ICC match, and not jump into such a decision for the sake of tactical matchups. "In World Cup tournaments like these, Vimal bhai, I understand that in the IPL and other leagues, match-ups can be useful and sometimes you have to change the team because you're playing 14 games. But in ICC events like this, the more stable you can keep your team, the better it is," Ashwin said. Ashwin recalled how Axar, during the 2024 T20 World Cup final against the same



opponents, got India out of a similar troublesome spot they were on Sunday. "I 100 percent agree that if you want to use Washington Sundar against left-handers, then you play him — I understand all of that. But Axar Patel has been your MVP in T20 cricket. Let's not forget what Axar Patel did in the last World Cup against South Africa. The situation India were in today during the chase — it was the same kind of situation when Axar Patel came in back then," he added. What made things worse is that Sundar's contribution to India's performance was largely underwhelming with both bat and ball. This ended up attracting a lot of criticism towards the India management and coach Gautam Gambhir.

WHY INDIA PICKED SUNDAR OVER AXAR VS SA

At the toss, Suryakumar Yadav described it as a tactical move. South Africa had three left-handers in their top five, and the idea was to use Sundar's off-spin to move the ball away from them.

India served humble pie as South Africa smash the cupcake right back at us

New Delhi. (Agency)

Sport has always been a great leveller. And on Sunday, 22 February in Ahmedabad, India found that out the hard way as South Africa handed them a 76-run hammering in their opening Super 8 clash at the T20 World Cup 2026. This was not just any game. It was a rematch of the 2024 T20 World Cup final, a game that broke South African hearts in Barbados. The kind of result that stays with a team, a nation and a fanbase for a long time. A rematch of that nature needed no extra seasoning. The storyline wrote itself. And yet, someone decided to add a little extra spice. The kind that left a bitter taste long before the toss was even made.

THE AD THAT LIT THE FUSE

Star Sports, the official broadcaster of the tournament in India, released an advertisement in the build-up to the match. On the surface, it was a playful nod to the rivalry between the two sides since the final



in Barbados two years earlier. Two fans, one Indian and one South African, reach for a cupcake, a cheeky reference to the T20 World Cup title. The South African fan gets to it first, but the Indian fan brushes it off, saying they can keep the cupcake while India will win the cup altogether.

So far, so harmless. Then came the scene that crossed the line. The South African fan is shown choking on the cupcake, a direct reference to South Africa's history of painful exits in ICC knockout games. That was not banter. That was disrespect dressed up as entertainment. The reaction was swift. Fans in India and abroad took to X to share their displeasure and the noise was loud enough that the advertisement was pulled down entirely.

Arsenal's Eze sinks Spurs again, Liverpool late show floors Forest

← **Mikel Arteta's men rose to the challenge to inflict more pain on their local rivals in Igor Tudor's first match as interim Tottenham boss.**

LONDON. (Agency)

Eberechi Eze was the scourge of Tottenham again as his double restored Arsenal's five-point lead at the top of the Premier League in a 4-1 win on Sunday, while Liverpool needed Alexis Mac Allister's 97th-minute goal to beat Nottingham Forest 1-0.

Eze, who nearly joined Spurs prior to moving to Arsenal from Crystal Palace in August, scored his first goals since netting a hat-trick in the first north London derby of the season in November. The pressure was on Arsenal to respond after back-to-back draws at Brentford and Wolves had allowed Manchester City to close in at the top.

Mikel Arteta's men rose to the challenge to inflict more pain on their local rivals in Igor Tudor's first match as interim Tottenham boss. "I think you have to bring context to the



situation and this is the beauty of football," said Arteta. "We lift everyone up immediately. Now we have to show what we are made of. That is about attitude and how you respond to a difficult moment." Eze has even struggled for minutes in recent weeks as

Arteta has favoured other options. But restored to the starting line-up, he repaid his manager's faith. The England international hooked in the opening goal from close range just after the half-hour mark, but Tottenham levelled almost immediately through Randal

Kolo Muani. Viktor Gyokeres restored Arsenal's lead early in the second half with his most significant goal so far for the Gunners. Eze was on hand to roll in his second goal after Guglielmo Vicario denied Bukayo Saka.

Missed Virat Kohli When India went searching for 300 in a 188-run chase

New Delhi. (Agency)

Why did Axar Patel not play in the Super 8 match against South Africa? Well, that's an inexplicable tactical blunder. As big as the stadium Sunday's T20 World Cup match was played in. But India still had 11 men on the field, more than capable of getting the job done. IND vs SA, Super 8: HIGHLIGHTS | SCORECARD

So let's cut to why India were humbled, or made to eat the cupcake (IYKYK), beyond that obvious tactical error. Here's a stat before we go any further. India have successfully chased a target of more than 150 only thrice in their T20 World Cup history — 173 against South Africa in 2014, 161 against Australia in 2016, and 160 against Pakistan in 2022. All three matches share a common denominator: Virat Kohli. 82 off 51, 72 off 44, and that magical 82 off 53 in Melbourne. India were chasing 188 on Sunday at the Narendra Modi Stadium against the finalists of the 2024 T20 World Cup. Did they need Virat Kohli? India would certainly have loved him in the middle. At least we fans would have. But was this batting unit, led by Suryakumar Yadav, incapable of reaching the target? No. It was capable. And those were things the hungry Proteas had in abundance. South Africa won the toss and chose to bat.

They were 20 for 3 in the powerplay, thanks to a ferocious opening burst from Jasprit Bumrah and Arshdeep Singh. But David Miller leaned on his experience, and the knowledge of having played three years for Gujarat Titans at this venue, to steer his



team out of trouble. Alongside him stood a young gun: Dewald Brevis. Unlike the Indian batters, he swallowed his ego. Also Read: India served humble pie as South Africa smash the cupcake right back at us. Make no mistake. Brevis, much like the new generation of Indian batters, is known for making a mockery of bowling attacks. But on Sunday, with a senior partner beside him, the Chennai Super Kings star respected the

conditions. He respected the opposition. "It's a fantastic ground. It's a little bit shorter down the straight than square. I always look to line-up and hit straight," said Miller after his match-winning 63 off 35 balls, speaking about his love for the ground.

FAMILIAR OFF-SPIN TROUBLE

In the very first over of the chase, India were rocked. All eyes were on Abhishek Sharma, the World No. 1 T20I batter, heading into the Super 8 match on the back of three ducks. Thankfully, he did not take strike. Ishan Kishan, his in-form partner, did.

Against, well, you know who — a part-time off-spinner in Aiden Markram.

The moment Markram floated it up, Kishan's eyes lit up. Nothing wrong with that. But instead of hitting the part-timer back over his head, he went for a wild cross-batted swipe and managed only a top edge.

Here's another stat for you. In this T20 World Cup, India have lost 12 wickets to right-arm off-spinners — and every single one of them has been a part-timer: Markram, Gerhard Erasmus, Aryan Dutt, and Salman Ali Agha.

IND vs SA: Mohammad Amir clarifies slogger remark, sends message to Abhishek Sharma

DHAKA. (Agency)

Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Amir clarified his remarks about Abhishek Sharma, acknowledging that many did not appreciate the "slogger" tag he gave the out-of-form India opener. Speaking after India's humbling 76-run defeat to South Africa in a T20 World Cup 2026 Super 8 match on Sunday in Ahmedabad, Amir said he rates Abhishek as one of the finest young talents, but sent the World No. 1 T20I batter a public message. Mohammad Amir had created a stir when he called Abhishek Sharma a slogger, saying the highly rated opener does not have the defensive technique to handle quality bowlers in challenging conditions.

Amir stood by his comment, but stressed that he did not intend to demean Abhishek by calling



him a slogger. Amir's latest remarks came after Abhishek was dismissed for 15 off 12 balls in India's failed chase of 188 against South Africa at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. "I was talking about him from the point of view of a bowler. I was talking about his technique. People felt bad because I used the word slogger," Amir told a Pakistani TV channel. By that, I meant his technique is such that a good team, a bunch of good bowlers, can trap him. Look at the 14 runs he scored, he scored all of them on one side. The balls he hit were bad balls. But, when Rabada started bowling well, he was not able to figure it out. "He is a good player. Even after bagging three ducks, he has the same intent. He did not go onto the back foot. He is positive."

Also Read: Why India's semifinal chances look bleak after 76-run defeat to SA

Then came the public message to Abhishek.

"As a senior player, if my message goes to him, I will tell him: Your technique gets exposed in international cricket. If you can show some patience and play the ball on its merit, then it will be better. "He has the skills, but it depends on him how well he will utilise them. I said that in that sense. People felt bad," he added.

WILL INDIA DROP ABHISHEK VS ZIMBABWE?

Abhishek, who had been battling a stomach infection during the group stage, finally got off the mark on Sunday, but looked scratchy throughout his innings.

Tilak Varma disappointed me: Sunil Gavaskar slams batter's approach in SA loss

New Delhi. (Agency)

India's Super 8 campaign began with a reality check in Ahmedabad, and Sunil Gavaskar did not mince words about Tilak Varma's approach in the defeat to South Africa. The former India captain said he was disappointed with the left-hander's shot selection in a chase that still allowed room for patience. India's unbeaten run in the T20 World Cup 2026 ended with a heavy loss as South Africa posted 187 for 7 and bowled the hosts out for 111. In a chase of 188, early wickets once again hurt India, and Tilak's brief stay in the middle added to the concerns around the top order. Tilak walked in early after Aiden Markram dismissed Ishan Kishan in the first over. With the asking rate under 10 an over, there was time to settle. Instead, the left-hander tried to take on Marco Jansen from the outset, stepping down the track in the second over and edging behind to Quinton

de Kock for just one. Speaking on Star Sports after the match, Gavaskar questioned



the decision to attack so soon. "Yes, I think he's been a very street-smart batter. I was a little disappointed with his approach today because, look, a wicket had already fallen. Yes, the required rate was 9.5 runs an over, but it wasn't like you were chasing 15 runs an over," Gavaskar said. "So you could have given yourself a little more

time, particularly because at the other end, Abhishek Sharma hadn't got runs.

Therefore, the responsibility was yours to try and stick around with Abhishek and build a partnership, get past those six overs. With a wicket gone, you don't have to get to 70. Even 55 would have been a good sort of platform," he added.

HOW HAS TILAK VARMA PLAYED IN THIS WORLD CUP?

Tilak's tournament has been inconsistent. Across five matches in T20 World Cup 2026, he has scored 107 runs at an average of 21.40 and a strike rate of 118.88. While he has had starts in the group stage, the tempo has not matched his usual T20 standards.

This is in sharp contrast to his overall record against South Africa. Prior to this game, Tilak had scored 496 runs in 10 T20Is against the Proteas at an average of 70.85 and a strike rate of 163.15, including two centuries and two fifties.

T20 World Cup: Cringe cupcake ad taken off after India lose to South Africa

← **T20 World Cup: A pre-match cupcake ad mocking South Africa resurfaced after India's 76-run loss in Ahmedabad. The defeat not only dented pride but also left India's semi-final hopes hanging by Net Run Rate.**

New Delhi. (Agency)

The cupcake has come back to bite India. After South Africa's crushing 76-run win in Ahmedabad, a pre-match promo mocking the Proteas has turned into easy ammunition for fans across social media. India were bowled out for 111 chasing 188, suffering their heaviest defeat in T20 World

Cup history and seeing their Net Run Rate plummet to -3.80. What was meant to be playful hype before the Super 8 clash now feels painfully mistimed. In the days leading up to the match, a cafe-themed ad had shown an Indian fan joking about "repeating history" from the 2024 final while teasing a South African supporter over a cupcake. The punchline leaned into old narratives around South Africa's ICC record. But once the Proteas flipped the script on the field, the internet flipped it right back.

South African actor and influencer Thanja Vuur posted a cupcake-themed dig on Instagram after the result, playfully turning the metaphor around. Her post quickly gained traction, with Proteas supporters enjoying the reversal of roles. It remains unclear whether the video was taken down before or after the match. But once South Africa produced a dominant display on Sunday night, the promo, wherever it stood, quickly became an uncomfortable footnote.

HOW SOUTH AFRICA THRASHED INDIA South Africa did not just win, they took control and never let go.

Reduced to 20 for 3 inside the powerplay, the



Proteas looked shaky early. But David Miller flipped the script. His 63 off 35 balls, packed with seven fours and three sixes, shifted the tempo. Alongside Dewald Brevis, who matched him stroke for stroke, Miller stitched a 97-run stand that rebuilt the

innings and pushed South Africa to 187 for 7 — a total that felt above par under lights in Ahmedabad.

India's chase unravelled quickly. Aiden Markram struck in the first over to remove Ishan Kishan. Tilak Varma fell soon after, and the pressure kept mounting. The top order failed to counterattack, the middle order could not string together partnerships, and the asking rate spiralled beyond control.

By the time the lower order walked in, the game was already slipping away. India were bowled out for 111, handing South Africa a 76-run win, which has now sent their push for a World Cup title defence in trouble. India are still in the race, but the margin for error is gone. They face Zimbabwe in Chennai on February 26 and West Indies in Kolkata on March 1. Two wins are essential, and the size of those wins could matter just as much because of the Net Run Rate hit.

Are you saving enough for retirement Why the Rs 1 crore target is outdated

New Delhi.(Agency)

For most working Indians, retirement planning begins with a guess. A round number. Something that feels big enough. A crore. Maybe Rs 1.5 crore if you want a buffer. But new research from OmniScience Capital suggests that these familiar figures fall far short of what it actually takes to fund a long retirement. The reason is pretty simple. We are living longer, our lifestyles cost more than they used to, and the price of almost everything from groceries to healthcare keeps rising every year. Inflation does not pause just because you stop working, and that is where the real gap begins to open. Consider a typical case from the analysis. A person retires with Rs 1 crore, needs Rs 6 lakh a year to live today and lives till the age of 100. On paper, the starting amount seems reasonable. In reality, the math shifts quickly once inflation enters the picture. A lifestyle that costs Rs 6 lakh at age 60 becomes Rs 11.5 lakh at 70. It climbs to Rs 22.1 lakh at 82, Rs 34.5 lakh at 90 and touches Rs 62 lakh by the time the person reaches 100. These jumps are not extreme assumptions. They are simply the result of everyday inflation compounding quietly in the background. INFLATION REWRITES YOUR RETIREMENT MATH

When you place these rising expenses against the retirement products most Indians use, the gaps show up immediately. A fixed deposit strategy looks safe at first. The interest feels predictable. But the income cannot keep up with rising costs.

By age 70, the FD income is already more than 50% short of what is required. Soon after that, the retiree begins dipping into the principal. By the mid-70s, the corpus can be depleted.

Life annuities guarantee income for life, which is reassuring. But the payout remains fixed. At 60, it may be comfortable. At 70, it becomes tight. By 100, the purchasing power deficit can cross 80%. In the study, the deficit crosses 30% as early as age 70.

The income continues but buys much less with every passing year. Systematic withdrawal plans through hybrid mutual funds fare better because they offer some growth. But they remain vulnerable to what the report calls sequence-of-returns risk.

ITR refund delay: Taxpayer lost Rs 1.5 lakh over fake refund message; how to identify Red flags

CHENNAI.(Agency)

Even as the issue of refund delays are concerning tax payers, an episode of ITR refund fraud has come to the limelight. Reportedly, fraudsters have duped a tax payer into losing Rs 1.5 lakh owing to ITR refund scam. Tax advisory platform TaxBuddy has shared a post on X (formerly Twitter) regarding the modus operandi of the scam. TaxBuddy has said that since refund delays create anxiety, scammers use this to play with the tax payers' mind. The fraudsters use Urgency, Fear of losing money and Final notice type language leading to panic situation among tax payers. And this is when, they click dubious links and compromise their data, explained TaxBuddy. ITR filers should also know that Tax Dept does not send refund verification links via SMS, nor does it ask for OTP over call/message. The I-T department also does not collect bank details through random emails. Refund status is checked only via the official Income Tax e-Filing Portal.

You should always check your refund status via Income tax official website.

Check ITR and refund status online

You can check your refund status online through the Income Tax e-Filing portal or the NSDL TIN website.

Here's a detailed guide on how to check the status of your tax refund.

Markets trade with strong gains over US tariff developments; Sensex jumps 563 points

New Delhi.(Agency)

The Indian equity markets opened the week with strong gains early on Monday amid positive global cues and investors' sentiment, buoyed by the US Supreme Court decision that struck down President Donald Trump's tariffs.

As of 9.25 am, Sensex added 563 points, or 0.68 per cent, to reach 83,375, and Nifty gained 170 points, or 0.67 per cent to settle at 25,741. Main broad-cap indices performed in line with the benchmark indices, as the Nifty Midcap 100 added 0.12 per cent, and the Nifty Smallcap 100 gained 0.86 per cent. All major sectoral indices traded in the green except Nifty IT (down 0.10 per cent) and chemical (down 0.26 per cent). Nifty PSU bank was the major gainer, up 1.13 per cent. Nifty metal and auto were the other major gainers, up 0.77 per cent and 0.83 per cent, respectively. Analysts welcomed India's trade negotiating team delaying their visit to the US in the light of the changed scenario after the US court striking down Trump's tariffs.

From the market perspective, this is indeed a positive, but not sufficient to trigger a sustained rally in the market, they added.

Immediate support for Nifty is placed at 25,370 levels, while resistance is anchored at 25,700 level, market watchers said. Nifty's structure suggests stabilisation and a gradual recovery in market confidence after recent choppy price action, supported by sustained buying interest at lower levels and an improving short-term outlook, they further said.

The Bank Nifty also staged a strong rebound, in the last trading session outperforming the broader market after prior weakness. Immediate support is seen in the 60,800-60,900 range, while resistance is placed around 61,300-61,400, they added.

IDFC First Bank hit by Rs 590-crore fraud: What we know so far

The Indian team was earlier scheduled to start the three-day meeting on February 23 in the US. Joint Secretary in the Commerce Ministry, Darpan Jain, is the chief negotiator of India for this agreement.

New Delhi.(Agency)

A routine account-closure request from a Haryana government department has triggered one of the most serious fraud investigations ever reported by IDFC First Bank. What began as a simple balance check has now expanded into a Rs 590-crore reconciliation exercise, a regulatory disclosure, multiple internal meetings at the highest levels of the bank, and a sharp selloff in the lender's stock.

THE RED FLAG THAT STARTED IT ALL

The first alert came when a Haryana department asked the bank to shut its account and transfer the funds elsewhere.

While processing the request, the bank realised the amount recorded by the department did not match the balance reflected in its own books. Over the next few days, starting February 18, several more Haryana government entities approached the bank with similar concerns. Each one claimed balances that differed from what the bank's system showed. A preliminary internal assessment revealed that the irregularities were concentrated within a specific cluster of Haryana government-linked accounts at the bank's Chandigarh branch. According to the formal disclosure filed with stock exchanges, the bank believes the issue does not extend to other customers of the branch. The suspected amount under reconciliation is approximately Rs 590 crore, though the bank has said the final impact will depend on recoveries, insurance, validation of claims and legal processes.

Despite the bank's immediate attempt to contain the situation, investors reacted

sharply once the exchanges published the disclosure. Shares of IDFC First Bank plunged nearly 20% on the Bombay Stock Exchange. The sudden slide reflected intense concern over governance lapses, the involvement of



government accounts and the size of the suspected fraud. For a lender that has spent the last few years positioning itself as disciplined and tightly governed, the breach hit reputationally as much as financially.

WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN?

In response, the bank suspended four employees linked to the irregularities and reported the matter to the Reserve Bank of India, law enforcement agencies and statutory authorities. Its Special Committee for Monitoring and Follow-up of Frauds met on February 20, followed the next day by the Audit Committee and the full Board. The lender said it has appointed KPMG to carry out this independent forensic audit. It has also sent recall and lien-mark requests to other banks where suspicious beneficiary accounts have been identified.

On a call with analysts, senior management described the incident as involving unauthorised activity carried out by certain employees, potentially in collusion with external parties.

The bank reiterated that it remains well capitalised and said the ultimate financial hit will depend on how much money can be clawed back and what insurance covers.

Completed 60 months of continuous cover? Your insurer may not deny your claim now

The Insurance Regulatory Authority and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has passed a historic reform cutting the moratorium period from eight years to five years.

New Delhi.(Agency)

For years, one of the most distressing moments for an Indian family in a medical crisis was not just the diagnosis, but the dreaded claim repudiation letter. Historically, these rejections were often based on outdated prescriptions, a casual remark in a discharge summary or a

misunderstanding of a medical history note that had not been satisfactorily disclosed in the original application form at any time prior to the required time period. To eliminate this trust gap, The Insurance Regulatory Authority and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has passed a historic reform cutting the moratorium period from eight years to five (60 months). This is an important change that will have a greater effect on the claim settlement process than any other change has had.

WHAT IS THE MORATORIUM PERIOD?

Currently under IRDAI regulations, once the continuous moratorium period of a health insurance policy has been satisfied by the insured, the insurance company is prohibited from refusing to pay claims based on any failure to disclose information or misrepresentation of fact (except in cases of proven fraud).

Prior to now, this protection would only apply after 8 years of continuous insurance on the policy. Now, it applies after 5 continuous years under the same policy or a properly migrated policy. A significant reform in consumer protection is the decrease in the term of a health insurance policy from eight years to five years.

After an insured has had no lapse in coverage for 60 consecutive months, the insurer cannot decline an individual for coverage due to a pre-existing medical condition that was not disclosed when the policy was executed even though the reason for that denial might be discovered during an investigation into the insured's claim. This change creates certainty, stability, and fairness for long-term policyholders, specifically seniors and families who have consistently renewed their health insurance policies each year.

Bombay HC quashes stay order on fraud proceedings against Anil Ambani

New Delhi.(Agency)

In a setback to industrialist Anil Ambani, the Bombay High Court on Monday quashed a single bench interim order that stayed proceedings initiated against him and Reliance Communications Ltd to classify their bank accounts as fraud.

A division bench of Chief Justice Shree Chandrashekhar and Justice Gautam Ankhad allowed the appeals filed by three public sector banks and auditor firm BDO India LLP against the December 2025 interim order passed by a single bench of the HC.

The division bench, while quashing the single bench order, termed it "illegal and perverse". Ambani's counsels sought the HC to stay its order so that they could approach the Supreme Court, but the request was declined.

The banks last month challenged a December 2025 single-bench order granting interim relief to Ambani and



his company. The order had cited violations of mandatory RBI rules and a classic case of banks "waking up from deep slumber" after years. The single bench order stayed all present and future action by Indian Overseas Bank, IDBI Bank and Bank of Baroda, noting that the action was based on a legally flawed forensic audit and violated the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) mandatory guidelines.

The three banks in their appeal said the forensic audit, which led to accounts being classified as "fraud", was legally

valid and based on serious findings of fund siphoning and misutilisation. This was recorded in the report submitted by the audit firm BDO LLP, they contended. The banks, in their plea, also said Ambani had raised a technical challenge to the forensic audit before the single bench. They sought the division bench to quash the single bench's interim order, claiming it was "perverse".

Ambani had challenged before the single bench show-cause notices issued by the Indian Overseas Bank, IDBI and Bank of Baroda, seeking to declare his and Reliance Communications' accounts as fraud accounts. As an interim relief, he sought a stay of the notices and an injunction against any coercive action on the ground that BDO LLP was not qualified to conduct the forensic audit as its signatory was not a chartered accountant. BDO LLP was an accounting consultant firm and not an audit firm, Ambani claimed.

Selling your gold or silver mutual fund? Read this before you pay tax

Thinking of selling your gold or silver fund after the recent price rise? Before you click that sell button, have a closer look at the tax rules. Even a small timing mistake can change your tax bill significantly.

New Delhi.(Agency)

Gold and silver prices have been moving sharply, and many investors are quietly booking profits. But just when the gains look comforting, the tax calculation often comes as a surprise. The reason is simple, i.e., precious metals are not taxed in one single way. The tax depends on how you hold them, how long you hold them, and how you sell them. Even a difference of a few months in your holding period can change your tax bill.

Indians invest in gold and silver in several ways. Some prefer jewellery, coins or bars. Others buy digital gold. Many investors now choose exchange-traded funds (ETFs), gold or silver mutual funds,

and Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs). Each option has its own rules on cost, liquidity and taxation. Understanding these rules is essential before you decide to sell.

HOW GAINS IN GOLD AND SILVER ETFS ARE TAXED

If you invest in gold or silver ETFs and hold them for more than one year, your gains are taxed at 12.5% as long-term capital gains (LTCG). However, if you sell within one year, the gains are treated as short-term capital gains (STCG) and taxed at 20%. Gold and silver fund of funds follow slightly different rules. Here, you must hold the investment for at least two years to qualify for the 12.5% LTCG tax. If you sell before completing two years, the gains are added to your income and taxed according to your income-tax slab. This difference in holding period is important. Selling even a few months early could mean paying a higher tax rate.

NO LTCG EXEMPTION LIKE EQUITY FUNDS

Many equity investors enjoy a long-term capital gains exemption of up to Rs 1.25 lakh per year. However, this benefit does

not apply to gold and silver funds. Since these are not classified as equity-oriented instruments, they do not qualify for that exemption. This means every rupee of



taxable gain in gold and silver funds is subject to tax as per the applicable rules.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU MAKE A LOSS WITHIN ONE YEAR?

If you sell gold or silver ETFs or fund of funds within one year and incur a short-term capital loss, you can adjust that loss against short-term or long-term gains from other capital assets such as shares, other ETFs or equity mutual funds.

This helps reduce your overall tax liability. However, the nature of the transaction matters.

INTRADAY TRADING IN GOLD AND SILVER ETFs

Some investors trade gold and silver ETFs within the same day to benefit from price swings. In such cases, the profit is treated as speculative business income rather than capital gains. These profits are added to your total annual income and taxed according to your income-tax slab rate.

Losses from intraday trades are treated as speculative losses.

They can only be set off against speculative profits. For example, if you incur a loss in an intraday gold ETF trade but earn profit in another intraday trade in shares or ETFs, you will pay tax only on the net profit. But such losses cannot be adjusted against normal capital gains from delivery-based investments. Delivery-based ETF trades, on the other hand, are treated as capital gains and follow the capital gains tax rules.

Sanjeeda Shaikh

To Make Special Appearance In Yash Starrer Toxic? Here's What We Know

Yash starrer 'Toxic' is one of the most highly anticipated films, and it will release in theatres on March 19. The film features a strong female cast including Nayanthara, Kiara Advani, Huma Qureshi, Rukmini Vasanth and Tara Sutaria. Variety India reports that apart from the five leading ladies, Sanjeeda Shaikh has also joined the film in a special appearance.

Sanjeeda Shaikh Joins Toxic For Pivotal Cameo

Sanjeeda Shaikh, most popularly known for her television roles, has been gradually making her mark in the film industry and the OTT space with her impressive performance in projects such as 'Fighter' and 'Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar'. Now, Variety India reports that she has joined Yash starrer Toxic in a special appearance. While details about her role aren't yet known, she will reportedly play a brief yet pivotal character that serves as a crucial link within the film's narrative. Toxic marks Sanjeeda's first pan-India project. Meanwhile, apart from Toxic, Sanjeeda will also be seen in Ajay Devgn starrer 'Dhamaal 4', which is set to release on July 3, 2026. She also has Netflix's 'Ikka' alongside Sunny Deol and Akshaye Khanna in the pipeline.



About Toxic

Written by Yash and Geetu Mohandas and directed by Geetu Mohandas, Toxic: A Fairytale for Grown-Ups has been shot simultaneously in Kannada and English, with dubbed versions releasing across Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and more, positioning the film on a global stage. Produced by Venkat K. Narayana and Yash under KVN Productions and Monster Mind Creations, Toxic is set to hit theatres on March 19, 2026. It will lock horns at the box office with Ranveer Singh starrer Dhurandhar 2, which is also set to release theatrically on the same date.

The teaser of Toxic was released by the makers recently. The response to the teaser has been electric and explosive, with the asset trending on YouTube in 9 countries, along with India, underlining the film's massive global pull. The Toxic teaser reveals a massive, cinematic world that is both vibrant and brutal. Moving from a circus setting to an East Asian-inspired backdrop, the story spans different time periods with a dark, edgy atmosphere. At the centre of this cinematic storm stands Rocking Star Yash, undergoing a transformation that is nothing short of a total reinvention. His physical evolution serves as one of the film's most powerful statements, showcasing a range of appearances—from a lean, agile silhouette to a massive, battle-hardened physique—all forged through relentless discipline.



Chahat Pandey On People Romantically Linking Her To Rajat Dalal: 'Change Your Thinking'



The 50's recent episode showed a shocking elimination day in the Mahal, with 5 contestants leaving the show. One of them was Chahat Pandey, who was making headlines for her growing bond with Rajat Dalal. Now, the actress has opened up about her equation with Rajat and clarified that there is no romantic angle involved, and that Rajat is "like a brother" to her.

When questioned about her equation with Rajat Dalal, Chahat, in an interview with Free Press Journal, shared, "What can I even say? Some things don't feel good at all. When I stepped out of the house and saw that people had linked Rajat and my name together, it did not feel good. Because after Bigg Boss, Rajat himself had made a video, which is still available on YouTube, if you search for it, you will find it, where he clearly said that after Bigg Boss, Chahat is like my younger sister. So that itself makes it clear that there is nothing like that."

She further continued, and while sharing how romantic music on their videos has changed the perspective, Chahat added, "Then we met again on this show, but people's perspectives did not change. They started seeing our friendship from a different angle. All our videos, if he is hugging me or any other video, if you remove the love angle music and instead put brother-sister music on it, your perspective will change. So this proves how social media can be used in such a negative way. It is an example of how social media can play a role in damaging someone's image."

Calling this constant linking of two people without their approval unfair, Chahat shared, "Taking someone's name like this without their permission and without their acceptance is not a good thing. Please change your perspective, change your thinking. There is a good bond between Rajat and me, which you saw in Bigg Boss as well. Even after Bigg Boss, when we came out, we were shocked to see what was happening outside because there was nothing like that."

'Sharam Karo': Dipika Kakar's Son Roasts Her For Forgetting Wedding Anniversary, Shoaib Ibrahim Reacts



Television star couple Shoaib Ibrahim and Dipika Kakar recently gave fans a dose of laughter after their three-year-old son Ruhaan adorably poked fun at his mother for "forgetting" her wedding anniversary that falls on the 22nd of February.

In a recent YouTube vlog shared by Shoaib, the actor was seen teasing Dipika for being confused about their anniversary date. Dipika who appeared confused and forgetful was seen asking him whether their wedding anniversary falls on February 23 or 24. Shoaib continued to pull her leg,



further jokingly questioning how she could forget their wedding anniversary.

Taking the joke a little further, Shoaib turned to their little son Ruhaan and jokingly prompted him to say "Sharam karo mama" (Have some shame, mom). But little Ruhaan took the entire fun a step ahead and to everyone's surprise, said, "Sharam karo Dipika Kakar," leaving both his parents in splits. The unexpected response from the three year-old boy left Shoaib and Deepika bursting into laughter. Dipika later was then seen pretending to be upset over her son's remark, but the adorable baby boy melted her heart as he walked up to her, hugged her and planted a kiss, making her smile again.

Talking about Shoaib and Dipika's love story, it began on the sets of the television show 'Sasural Simar Ka', where they first met and gradually grew close over the period of time. The couple dated for several years before tying the knot on February 22, 2018, in a traditional ceremony in Maudaha, Shoaib's hometown. The couple welcomed their first baby, a son whom they call Ruhaan, in June 2023.

Taapsee Pannu

On Navel Obsession In Songs: 'It's Not As Much As In South Cinema'

Actor Taapsee Pannu has never been one to shy away from uncomfortable conversations. And this time, she is candidly addressing the way women's bodies are framed on screen whether in South Indian films or in Hindi cinema.

In a recent interaction with Shubhankar Mishra, the actress reacted to the long-standing perception that song sequences in Bhojpuri and South Indian cinema often emphasise the navel. Responding to the observation, she said, "I am also trying to understand. It's not that item songs in Hindi cinema don't focus on it, but it's not as much as in South Cinema. Hindi cinema is more about cleavage."

Pannu, who began her career in Telugu and Tamil films before transitioning to Bollywood, also spoke about certain behind-the-scenes practices she encountered during her early years in the industry. She revealed that actresses in some South films are frequently instructed to wear padded bras for song shoots.

Describing how such directions are typically conveyed, she questioned the indirect communication chain on set — from the director to the assistant director, then to the styling team, moving to hair and wardrobe departments before

finally reaching the actress. She underlined how awkward these situations can become.

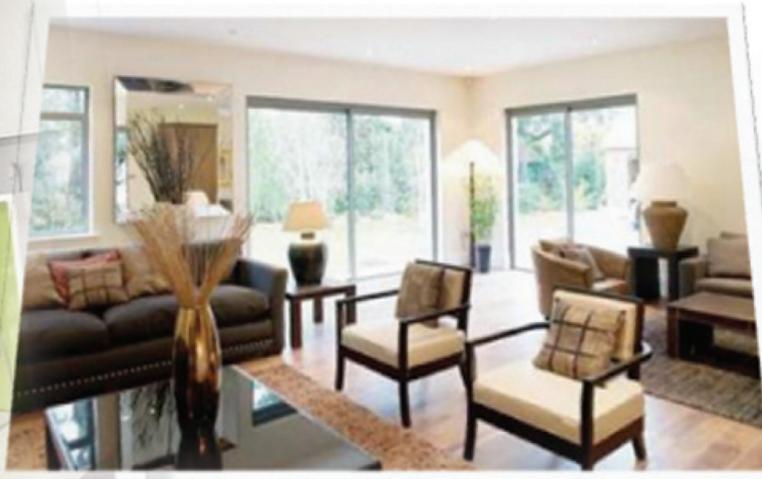
She elaborated, "Imagine how embarrassing it would be. You're shooting a song, someone gets up in the middle, walks off, everyone knows exactly what's



happening. All the men are sitting there, watching what looks different when you come back."

Before establishing herself in Hindi cinema, Pannu made her acting debut with the Telugu film Jhummandi Naadam in 2010 opposite Manoj Manchu. She went on to appear in several Telugu and Tamil projects, becoming a familiar face in the southern film industries. Her trajectory in Bollywood shifted significantly with films like Baby and Pink, which brought her critical recognition and repositioned her as a leading performer known for strong, issue-based roles.





windows

Floor-to-ceiling glass windows is how the French won the West over, at least when it comes to decor. French windows automatically give spaciousness to the room. There are two reasons for this. They provide more natural light to stream into your room. Also, instead of an opaque wall, you have glass and openness extending beyond it.

4. Do have a white floor or ceiling

This may sound too stark for us Indians, since we love colour and all things vibrant. Having a stark white ceiling or floor is an international trend that is catching on in India. The easiest option for a white floor is marble. There is a variety available

out there, so feel free to experiment. For a bit of warmth, lay out a soft rug. As for the ceiling, white is usually right. Says Girish Gogia, former interior decorator, "A milk white ceiling doesn't feel heavy on the head." Pure and pristine, white is the best colour to instill a sense of airiness. Choose from ghost white, eggshell, pearl, cream or the popular 'off white'.

5. Do invest in multi-functional decor

Streamline your room with multi-functional pieces. For instance, a dining table that folds into a coffee table or seater. A trunk or an ottoman with built-in storage to keep your reading material in. In the mood to splurge? A number of decor labels are now available in India. For a DIY approach, look up the internet to design your own functional pieces.

6. Do use paints in pastels

As far as walls are concerned, try to paint from the pastel family to make it appear brighter. Pastel colours are also easy on the eyes. "In fact, you can take the pastel theme further and do up your home with upholstery in pastel shades," says interior decorator Suraj Dutta.

"Looking at the current scenario in Mumbai where the apartments are small, opt for lighter shades. The flooring shouldn't have too much design. It should have straight lines. Silver leafing and champagne leafing on the walls and even on the ceiling make your room appear larger. The technique adds a royal touch to your home and is quite the rage right now. It looks equally good in a 2 BHK flat as it does in an apartment studio of a bachelor."

6 ways to make your room

Look bigger

From optical illusion to colour schemes and fine art, there are plenty of ideas to dig into for a more spacious-looking living space

1. Don't clutter with furniture

"People tend to have too much furniture in their house in a bid to show off their taste. This doesn't give a feeling of lightness, but only creates clutter and makes your room look smaller than it already is," says interior designer Shehzad Khan.

Conversely, spacing your furniture out and resting it flat against the wall is a fool's errand. It doesn't ensure a bigger room, instead your

room ends up looking sparse. The trick is to angle it right. For instance, you can place a small console behind the sofa to create a sense of space. You can do the same thing with your bed and a side table in the bedroom.

2. Don't use too many small paintings

Fine art lends aesthetics and a sense of timelessness to your home. However, scattering small paintings or prints all over the walls will make a shoebox-sized home look smaller and more congested than it already is. Instead, invest in one life-size three-dimensional scenic painting on canvas, the keywords here being life-size and scenic. "Use wall cladding on the chosen surface and install the 3D canvas on it," says Gogia. Scenery gives a lot of depth to the wall. A DIY option is to paint the wall yourself.

This way, you get to express and show off your creativity too. The market is also flooded with readymade wallpapers of scenic pictures that can be directly purchased and applied to one wall.

3. Do install French



Five elements of Feng Shui



While making a home, knowing the positives and negatives might be carefully considered. Feng Shui is one of the most trusted way to keep the energies in your house pleasant. Here are five elements of Feng Shui...

Fire

It consists of colours like red and orange, and materials like electricity. The element is determined by the shape of a triangle and by objects like candles, fireplace, stove, television, stereo, lights, electronics, etc.

Earth

It consists of colours like brown and yellow, and materials like brick, stone and ceramic. The element is determined by the shape of a square and by things like masonry, marble, tile, pots, etc.

Water

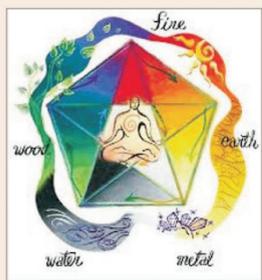
It consists of colours like black and dark blue, and materials like glass. The element is determined by wavy and irregular shapes and by objects like sink, tub, toilet, faucet, aquarium, pool, glass items, plumbing etc.

Wood

It consists of green and blue colours, and materials like wood and paper. The element is determined by the shape of a rectangle and by objects like plants, wood items and books, etc.

Metal

It consists of colours like white and grey, and metallic objects. The element is determined by oval and round shapes and by objects like pots, pans, silverware, appliances, metal items, etc.



Simple uses of leftover

Lemons

One of the most-used vegetables, but ignored most of the times are lemons. They are integral part of our kitchen, but they are also easily ignored and that they are extremely useful is something we forget at times. Here are four simple ways leftover lemons can be used to do things that are exceptionally amazing.

Sparkle stained utensils

If you have utensils that have tough stains — for instance the bottom of the cooker that gets burned due to lack of water, your brass utensils that have lost shine with time. Simply leave some lemon in boiling water and you can get rid of the stains in your cooker. Also, simply rub lemon on your brass utensils and leave them for a while and then scrub them with your regular dish washing liquid.

Remove oil and grease from hands

Do you know why finger bowls at restaurants have lukewarm water dipped with a piece of lemon to wash your hands after the end of a sumptuous meal? Because of its acidic properties that helps get rid of oil and grease. In fact, you can simply rub lemon on your nails to get clean, white nails,

Revive your whites

The best way to revive your whites is to soak them in lemon water for some time before

washing them in your regular washing powder. In fact, it also helps you get rid of stains from your favourite white clothes. They help the fabric clean every possible dirt due to its acidic property out its original white back.

Freshen up your home

Not known or used by many, the simplest way let your home and kitchen smell nice and refreshing is by planning lemons around your house. Not just the plant, which is indeed the best thing to do since it exudes an amazing fragrance, but also by rubbing lemon in white clothes and keeping them in neglected corners and changing them every two-three days to keep your home smelling nice. Also, you can rub lemon on your kitchen platform to get rid of any foul smell.



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Decals to spruce the House

Has your house been looking the same for quite some time now, and you think it's high time to change and tweak its appearance.

Here's the trick, use decals to get a whole new look. All this with minimal investment and yes, it does change things like a dream.

Quote print

Get your favourite quote to the forefront and

this will keep you motivated and add to the look of the house.

Quirky print

Quirky prints are very in now, you can combine designs, colours and add life to your plain wall.

Car print

For those car lovers you can get the decal of your dream car and make sure it stays right in front of your eyes. What better than decorating your house with things you are passionate about.

Motifs

These give a classy look to the room, motifs in gold and silver can be used over subtle plain colours.