

Maharashtra bypolls: Sunetra Pawar heads to decisive win in Baramati, BJP's Akshay Kardile leads in Rahuri

Sunetra Pawar appealed to NCP workers and her supporters not to take out victory processions once the result is declared.

Pawar in a plane crash near Baramati airstrip in Pune district on January 28. His wife Sunetra Pawar, contesting her first assembly poll, is poised for a huge win riding a sympathy wave, and given her family's strong hold on the constituency.

His son and BJP nominee Akshay Kardile was leading over his nearest rival, NCP (SP) candidate Govind Mokate, by over 21,000 votes, as per the latest trends.

New Delhi.(Agency) Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Sunetra Pawar headed towards a decisive win by a wide margin in the Baramati Assembly bypoll as vote counting was underway on Monday.



The Rahuri seat in Ahilyanagar district became vacant after BJP MLA Shivaji Kardile's death in October last year.

"I humbly appeal to all party workers and supporters who deeply loved Dada not to take out victory processions or celebrate with gullal. Let us maintain restraint and conduct ourselves in a manner befitting his ideals," Sunetra Pawar said.

BJP's Assam Fortress: Can Congress Exploit Anti-Incumbency In Key Seats?

Assam Assembly Election Results 2026: Polling in Assam was conducted in a single phase on April 9. A turnout of 85.96 per cent was recorded among the more than 2.50 crore registered voters.



New Delhi.(Agency)

The battle for Assam reaches its conclusion on Monday as votes are counted in the state assembly election, deciding whether the BJP-led NDA secures a third consecutive term in power or the Congress-led opposition manages to mount a challenge after an intense campaign.

Nagaon district will have three separate counting centres, while Kokrajhar, Tinsukia and Jorhat will each have two. Twenty-five companies of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) have been deployed to secure the counting centres and the strongrooms where the EVMs are stored.

Chief Electoral Officer Anurag Goel stated that two more CAPF companies will remain on static duty. Ninety-three companies of state armed police are already positioned in the districts.

How Parties Contested Polling in Assam was conducted in a single phase on April 9. A turnout of 85.96 per cent was recorded among the more than 2.50 crore registered voters. The Congress fielded the largest number of candidates with 99, followed by the BJP with 90.

Thalapathy Vijay to Chief Minister Vijay? TVK delivers Tamil Nadu blockbuster

While the counting of votes is still underway, trends suggest that Vijay's TVK is leading in 108 seats while the ruling DMK is ahead in just 52 seats.

Chennai.(Agency) In a stunning political upset that has redrawn Tamil Nadu's power map, actor-turned-politician Vijay has propelled his party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), to emerge as the single largest force in the state.



in Tamil Nadu's political narrative. WHAT THE TRENDS SUGGEST While vote counting is still underway, early trends

show Vijay's TVK leading in 108 seats, while the ruling DMK is ahead in just 52. The AIADMK has retained much of its rural base and is emerging as the second-largest party, leading in 73 seats.

Dronacharya Bhupender Dhawan's disciple, Surender Singh & Gurdit Singh won the laurel for India.

The Sikh Times New Delhi : Dronacharya Bhupender Dhawan's disciple, Surender Singh & Gurdit Singh won the laurel for India, in the German Powerlifting Championship held at Bitburg, Germany on dated 01st to 3rd May 2026.

Team Coach Dronacharya Bhupender Dhawan and wished them all the best for their future endeavors. The entire Indian team expressed their gratitude to



their coach, Dronacharya Bhupender Dhawan, as well as to IPL India and Sheru Classic World, stating: "We have achieved this success with the support of all of you. We dedicate all the credit to the Khelo India - Fit India Movement initiated by our country's Hon'ble Prime Minister."

DY CM Shivakumar alleges postal ballot tampering in Sringeri, terms it insult to democracy

Hasapete.(Agency) Deputy CM DK Shivakumar on Sunday alleged large-scale electoral malpractice in the Sringeri constituency, claiming that more than 200 postal ballots were tampered with in a well-planned conspiracy involving certain officials.

Termining the episode an insult to democracy, he demanded a thorough probe and strict legal action against those responsible. He said that the alleged irregularities came to light after the counting process, despite ballots having been duly signed and verified.

He alleged that over 280 votes initially cast in favour of the Congress candidate were deliberately invalidated by marking them with a different pen. "This was done after the election. Even during the recount, discrepancies were noticed. Though we gained two

Old guard uneasy as Uddhav moves to push Sena next gen

Mumbai.(Agency)

Uddhav Thackeray's decision not to contest the election for the legislative council is being interpreted as a sign of change of guard in the Shiv Sena (UBT). Party insiders say Uddhav is preparing the ground for handing over the party reins to son Aditya Thackeray.

When Uddhav became the Maharashtra chief minister in 2019, he got himself elected as a member of the legislative council, while Aditya was elected to the assembly. The father-son duo had both Houses covered then. Aditya continues to be an MLA from Mumbai's Worli constituency. Now, with the Shiv Sena (UBT) nominating Ambadas Danave as its candidate for MLC polls for the lone seat that the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) can win, Aditya's stock is set to rise in the party.

Sources say that Aditya's involvement in party's decision-making has already increased, even when it is not being taken kindly by its old guard. However, Aditya seems undeterred and is planning to make largescale changes for the next Lok Sabha and assembly elections. "When Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut unilaterally announced Sharad Pawar's name as the MVA candidate for the Rajya Sabha, Aditya Thackeray was in favour of re-sending MP Priyanka Chaturvedi to the House.

This time, the Shiv Sena, by choosing Danve, has dropped its claim over the Rajya Sabha seat that could have seen the re-nomination of Raut for the Rajya Sabha. Now, it will be tough for Raut to get elected to the Rajya Sabha. In short, Aditya chose to encourage and promote the state-level leadership of Danave over Raut," said a person who is privy to this development. Sources said that Aditya plans to build his own team of young leaders from different parts of Maharashtra. "In the coming day, we will see more changes that will help Aditya tighten his grip over the party," said an observer.

Our govt will provide sports equipment, coaches, and free training to players at every rural sports ground: CM Mann

The Sikh Times SAS NAGAR (MOHALI); 4th May: Punjab's villages are being put at the centre of a sweeping sports transformation, with Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann inaugurating 250 'Pendu Khed Maidans' (rural sports grounds) equipped with world-class facilities and laying out an ambitious roadmap to develop 3,100 such grounds across the state by July 15.

designed to produce athletes capable of competing at national and international levels. The scale of investment underlines this shift, with the sports budget rising from under ₹200 crore earlier to ₹1,790 crore, alongside efforts to revive Punjab's sporting legacy through the return of the Kila Raipur 'Pind Olympics'. With Punjab also set to host the Asian Hockey Championship for the first time, the Bhagwant Mann government is signalling a clear intent to place the state firmly on the national and global sports map while driving development in every village

a large-scale push to transform the state's sports ecosystem, with a clear focus on steering youth away from drugs and channelising their energy into productive avenues. "Promotion of sports culture can be the most effective tool in the state government's crusade against drugs. With the promotion of sports, the unbounded energy of the youth is being utilised for excelling in sports. The youth who are involved in sports have no time even to look at drugs because they are using all their might to excel in their respective fields," he said. He added, "This will go a long way in eliminating the curse of drugs from the state and

making the youth an equal partner in socio-economic development." Detailing the ????? of the initiative, the Chief Minister said, "With the objective of ensuring a healthy body and a sound mind, the Punjab Government is developing 3,100 Pendu Khed Maidans equipped with modern facilities across the state in the first phase, at a cost of ₹1,250 crore. Out of these, 250 grounds are being dedicated to the public today, and all 3,100 will be dedicated by July 15." He further outlined the phased rollout, stating, "250 grounds have been dedicated today, 500 will be dedicated on May 15, 250 on May 31, 500 on June 15, 1,000 on June 30 and 600 on July 15."

News box

Man dies by suicide at Gurgaon Sector 65 mall

Gurgaon.(Agency)

A 45-year-old man died allegedly by suicide at M3M Avenue 65 mall in Sector 65 on Saturday evening, with police suspecting a marital discord may have led to the extreme step. The deceased, Nishant, was a resident of Emaar Emerald Hills in Sector 65. Police said he had recently returned to India from the United States, where he was employed. He was staying with his parents and sister.

The incident took place around 7.30pm on May 2, when Sector 65 police received information. A team reached the spot and found the man with critical injuries. He was taken to a hospital where he was declared dead, an officer said. The body was sent for autopsy at a govt hospital and later handed over to the family. Police have initiated inquest proceedings and are recording statements of family members to ascertain the circumstances leading to the incident.

During preliminary inquiry, investigators found that Nishant had been married for around 12 years and both he and his wife were working abroad. "He was under mental stress due to the marital dispute," an officer said.

Gunmen open fire outside house, constable injured

Gurgaon.(Agency)

A police constable was injured after two assailants opened fire outside a house in Sector 45 late on Saturday night.

The attack occurred outside the residence of Saurabh, a former associate of singer Rahul Fazilpuria. Constable Kulbir, deployed there on security duty, suffered bullet grazes to his hand and leg. The assailants fled after the attack. Kulbir was hospitalised and is stated to be out of danger.

Police said the attack stemmed from a long-running money dispute between Saurabh and Deepak Nandal, named as the main accused. Nandal had previously issued threats against Saurabh, following which the latter was accorded police security in Feb. Investigators said Saturday's attack was carried out at Nandal's behest.

An FIR was registered on Kulbir's complaint under sections related to attempt to murder and other relevant provisions. Multiple crime branch teams have been deployed to trace the assailants, while a parallel probe is underway into a social media post claiming responsibility for the attack.

The post claimed the firing was orchestrated by the Deepak Nandal gang, mentioned another name — Satta Naushera — and carried a threat warning that "bullets will reach everyone's homes." Police said the authenticity of the post is being verified.

The attack has revived scrutiny of a broader web of crime linked to Fazilpuria. On July 14 last year, unidentified assailants in a white Tata Punch fired at Fazilpuria's vehicle on SPR Road. He escaped unhurt. A breakthrough came on October 26 when the crime branch arrested Sunil Sardhanja, 39, from Delhi airport. Sardhanja had fled to Central America via Dubai using a forged passport. Police said he allegedly supplied shooters and weapons in multiple cases, including the Fazilpuria attack, the murder of his associate Rohit Shokeen, and a firing at a builder's office in Sector 45. He faces 24 criminal cases and had previously jumped bail using forged documents.

15 e-buses on 4 routes, six-month trial to begin soon, to link airport with Greater Noida

Noida.(Agency)

Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) will launch 15 electric buses on four routes connecting the city areas with Noida International Airport next month. The routes will link key locations such as Gaur Chowk, Surajpur, Pari Chowk and other prominent areas in Greater Noida. The service will initially run for six months at an estimated cost of Rs 1.8 crore, and will be extended depending on the ridership and demand.

GNIDA CEO Ravi Kumar NG said that the initiative is being driven by the need for an environment-friendly public transport system in view of the airport becoming operational. "There is a growing demand for sustainable urban mobility as the airport will soon start operations. We have decided to launch 15 electric buses, which will be funded by the Authority and operated by UP Roadways," he said.

As per the plan, the first route will connect Char Murti Chowk, also known as Gaur Chowk, to Noida International Airport in Jewar via Surajpur T-point and Pari Chowk. The second route will also link Gaur Chowk to the airport but will pass through other Greater Noida sectors, also covering the Govt Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS).

The third route is proposed from Makoda roundabout to the airport via Knowledge Park and Sector P-7, while the fourth route will connect Sector 16 to the airport through Tilapata, Swarn Nagri, Yatharth Hospital and Gautam Buddha University. Four buses will operate on each of the first three routes, while three buses will ply on the fourth route. Commercial operations are scheduled to begin at the Noida International Airport on June 15, marking the launch of a second civil aviation hub in the Delhi-NCR region. IndiGo is set to operate the inaugural flight, followed by services from Akasa Air and Air India Express in the initial phase. With around 45 days remaining before operations begin, efforts to strengthen ground connectivity to the airport have also gathered pace. Yamuna Authority plans to introduce five hydrogen-powered buses between Pari Chowk and the airport. UP Roadways will operate bus services at a frequency of every 30 minutes from Pari Chowk and hourly from Noida City Centre. Additionally, state-run buses will connect the airport to cities such as Dehradun, Haridwar, Gurgaon, Faridabad and Delhi's Kashmere Gate, Sarai Kale Khan, Anand Vihar and New Delhi railway station.

8-lane makeover for SPR stretch between Vatika Chowk & Ghata Chowk

Gurgaon.(Agency)

A 6-km stretch on Southern Peripheral Road (SPR), between Vatika Chowk and Ghata Chowk, will soon be widened into an eight-lane corridor by paving adjacent road shoulders, effectively adding a lane on either side. GMDA has allotted the work to an agency, officials said on Friday. GMDA has estimated the project cost at Rs 6.5 crore.

The six-lane Vatika-Ghata stretch is a key link connecting Golf Course Road, Sohna Road, Gurgaon-Faridabad Road, NH8 and Dwarka Expressway, and witnesses heavy footfall due to rapid residential and commercial development along the corridor.

Although the main carriageway on this stretch was repaired in 2024, the shoulders remained unpaved. During dry weather, loose soil along the edges



adds to dust pollution, while during the monsoon, the stretch turns muddy and waterlogged.

Some commuters using these lanes to cut traffic have only added to the risk of accidents due to uneven surfaces and sudden merging near junctions. By converting these shoulders into

properly paved lanes, GMDA aims for more lane discipline, reducing unsafe overtaking and improving overall driving conditions. The project is officially slated for completion by the end of the year, but officials said efforts are being made to complete the work before the timeline. "The work has

been allotted and will start soon. We will be adding lanes by paving the shoulder to utilise the available road width more efficiently," a GMDA official said.

Commuters have welcomed the move, saying that the step was much needed. However, some residents pointed out that comprehensive improvements, including proper drainage systems, greenbelt development and pedestrian infrastructure, should also be undertaken.

"It is better late than never. Unpaved roads are major contributors to dust pollution. It's good that civic authorities are finally doing something about it. However, they should also focus on addressing other issues such as drainage and greenbelt along the stretch," Amitansh Verma, a resident of Sector Sushant Lok 3, said.

Haryana begins sacred grove identification drive

Gurgaon.(Agency)

Haryana has launched a first-of-its-kind exercise to identify and map sacred groves across the state — culturally protected biodiversity zones where faith, tradition and ecology intersect.

In south Haryana, forest officials have shortlisted four sites in Gurgaon district — Bhondsi near the Bhuvaneshwari temple, Gairatpur Bas, Kasan and Ghamroj. In Faridabad, Mangar Bani and the Badkhal temple zone are also under consideration. The exercise aims to recognise vegetation patches historically preserved by local communities through deity worship, customary laws and spiritual belief systems, often outside formal governance frameworks, and to create a structure for their long-term ecological protection.

"As announced in the Haryana Budget 2026-27, the identification of sacred



groves is currently underway," said Subhash Yadav, chief conservator of forests (south Haryana).

According to the forest department's criteria, a sacred grove is typically associated with local deities, ancestral spirits or worship practices; retains active religious or ritual significance; is protected by the community for cultural or

spiritual reasons; supports biodiversity with relatively low disturbance; and operates under customary protection systems. Additional considerations include the presence of rare or endemic species, gram sabha or panchayat support and a minimum area of around 2.5 acres. Officials note that many such sites exist across Haryana but have never been systematically mapped or formally recognised despite their ecological and social value.

The shortlisted villages are significant due to their location in and around the Aravali belt, where biodiversity-rich landscapes face mounting pressure from urbanisation, infrastructure expansion and ecological fragmentation. Identifying sacred groves here could help preserve native vegetation patches, shrine forests and community-protected commons that serve as critical biodiversity refuges.

Man kills wife, 4 children over loan dispute, attempts suicide

Gurgaon.(Agency)

A dispute over a loan escalated into a case of domestic violence in Gurgaon's Wazirpur, where a 35-year-old man allegedly killed his wife and four children before attempting suicide on Saturday night, sources said.

Mohammad Nazim, originally from Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh, had been under financial strain after taking a loan, which triggered frequent arguments with his wife, 31-year-old Nazma. Investigators said a fresh dispute broke out between the couple on Saturday, after which Nazim allegedly poisoned all five and attempted to take his own life. The victims — Nazma and the couple's

four children, Iqra (13), Shifa (11), Aayan (7), and Khadija Noor (6) — were found lying on the floor, frothing at the mouths. They also bore



strangulation marks. Nazim was found nearby with slit wounds on his throat and wrists, lying in a pool of blood. A blood-stained knife was recovered from the scene. The incident came to light when Nazim's younger brother, Zeeshan, who often visited for dinner,

arrived and found the bodies. He alerted their third brother, Arif, who called an ambulance. All six were rushed to hospital. "My sister-in-law and the children were immobile. My brother was bleeding," Zeeshan told.

Police received a call around 9.30pm, following which the crime and forensics teams, along with senior officers, reached the spot. A case of murder has been registered at the Sector 10A police station on a complaint by the house owner. Nazim, currently hospitalised and out of danger, is in police custody and will be formally arrested and interrogated once his condition stabilises. Nazim ran a salon in the Garhi Harsaru area. The couple had been married for 14 years and lived in the city for nine years, moving.

SC issues notices to multiple agencies on Yamuna pollution

Noida.(Agency)

A Supreme Court division bench has issued notices to Nagar Palika Parishad Khoda Mankanpur, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Public Works Department, Delhi govt, the River Rejuvenation Committee for Delhi and Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi's Irrigation and Flood Control Department after obtaining from Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) a list of authorities responsible for checking pollution in the Yamuna.

The apex court was hearing civil applications filed by Noida and the Delhi Jal Board, which have challenged the environmental compensation imposed on them by National Green Tribunal in 2022. The hearing took place on April 29. The bench also directed amicus curiae K Parameshwar to suggest a nodal authority to coordinate different departments and agencies

by the next date of hearing on May 13.

The tribunal had imposed an environmental compensation of Rs 150 crore on both agencies for failing to check sewage flow into the Kondli irrigation canal, which eventually drains into the Yamuna and contributes to pollution.

During the previous hearing on March 19, the bench of justices Manoj Mishra and Manmohan observed that rivers are national assets and must be protected.

It had directed CPCB to identify authorities that could be involved in preparing a comprehensive plan to address the issue. The pollution watchdog subsequently submitted a list of such agencies.

The bench noted that several of these agencies are already represented in court and issued notices to the remaining ones.

On the suggestion of additional

solicitor general SV Raju, it also decided to include the Delhi irrigation department.

Observing that multiple agencies are involved, the court underlined the need for better coordination to prevent sewage and industrial effluents from entering the Yamuna. It asked the amicus curiae to propose a nodal agency for this purpose.

Meanwhile, Devesh Mishra, joint secretary in the UP urban development department, filed an affidavit stating that encroachments on land earmarked for a sewage treatment plant in Khoda Mankanpur have been cleared and construction has begun.

Responding to the court's concern on whether the proposed 66 MLD sewage treatment plant, planned in 2024, would meet future requirements if completed by 2028, Mishra said a study by IIT Delhi found that the plant would be

adequate to meet demand until 2041.

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Our govt will provide sports equipment, coaches, and free

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Contd.....Front page Emphasising the role of these grounds in the anti-doping campaign, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "These Pendu Khed Maidans will play a revolutionary role in the 'Yudh Nashean Virudh' campaign. They will encourage youth to stay away from substance abuse and help them achieve their dreams of winning medals at national and international levels. These grounds will act as a beacon of hope and opportunity for budding players and will promote sports culture in Punjab."

wide walking track with floodlights for early morning and evening use. There will be courts for volleyball, football, and hockey along with additional courts based on locally popular sports." He added, "Facilities will also include a 400-metre six-lane running track, high-capacity lighting, submersible pumps with sprinkler systems, concrete benches, children's play areas, toilets

for men and women, wheelchair ramps, and storage for sports equipment." On training and support, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "Special focus is being laid on distributing sports kits and equipment and imparting quality training to the youth. Football and volleyball coaches will be appointed at all grounds, and free training will be provided to children so that

they can excel at national and international levels." He further said, "Village Sports and Fitness Committees will be formed for maintenance of these grounds." Underlining the financial commitment, he said, "The state has witnessed a historic increase

in the sports budget, with ₹1,791 crore allocated for 2026-27. A new sports policy introduced in 2023 ensures financial support for preparation, including

₹15 lakh for Olympics and ₹8 lakh for Asian Games." He added, "Paris Olympics bronze medal-winning

hockey players were awarded ₹1 crore each, Asian Games gold medalists were also awarded ₹1

crore each, and nine Olympic medalists have been given PCS and DSP jobs."

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I. KU ANU D/O MANIRAM YADAV R/O H.NO A-119 RAMA PARK VEER BAJAR ROAD MADAN CLINIK , MOHAN GARDEN DELHI-110059 have changed my name to ANU YADAV Permanently for all Future purpose

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for general information that I, SHIVANI DHANKAR D/O OMBIR SINGH R/O H.No. 10, 2ND FLOOR, NEW LAYALPUR, NEAR KABILA RESTAURANT, KRISHNA NAGAR, EAST DELHI, DELHI-110051, declare that name of my father and mother has been wrongly written as OMVIR SINGH DHANKAR and SARITA SINGH DHANKAR in my 10th and 12th Class Educational Documents and Passport No. T2727395 and name of my father has been wrongly written as OMVIR SINGH DHANKAR in my Graduation Degree, Aadhar Card No. 9863 8015 0116, Pan Card No. DU5P24694K, Voter ID Card No. UJ2451946. The actual name of my father and mother are OMBIR SINGH and SARITA SINGH, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform you that Mr. Himanshu Tripathi intends to purchase Property No. A-213/A, measuring 48 sq. yds., out of Kharsa Nos. 183 & 184, situated in the village Ghonda Gujan Khadar, abadi of Gali No. 9, Block-A, Gamri Extension, Ilaqa Shahdara, Delhi, from Mr. Jai Prakash. The initial original owner of the property was Mr. Muni Ram, who transferred the property to Mr. Khazan Singh through a registered GPA, Agreement to Sell (ATS), and Will dated 21.05.1974. Thereafter, Mr. Khazan Singh Adhikari transferred the property to Mr. Jai Prakash through a notarized GPA, ATS, and Will dated 23.05.2001. Consequently, Mr. Jai Prakash is stated to be the owner of the aforementioned property. The property is stated to be free from all kinds of litigation, encumbrances, liens, charges, or claims. Please also note that the said property is proposed to be financed by Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd., Ghaziabad Branch, U.P. If any person(s) objection & regarding subject property, then kindly may submit his/her objection within 07 days from the date of the Notice in writing. The said objection may be kindly sent to the Registered Post on the address given below and by E-mail, failing which, the claim as per aforesaid shall be treated as null and void in respect of the subject property.

[ASHWANI KUMAR]
Advocate
Chamber No. 122, Tehsil Compound, Ghaziabad, U.P. kumar2021ashwani@gmail.com

NAME CHANGE
I. SUNI JOSEPH wife of JC-202089P Rank- SUB (TIR) Name- PRAJESH V residing at VILL-MUNDUR, PO-NAMBULLIPURAM, DIST-PALGHAT, KERALA-678592, have changed my name from SUNI JOSEPH to SUNI PRAJESH for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 02/05/2026 before Notary Public Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I. AMRITA DEVI wife of No-6945459A, Rank-NK, Name- RAHUL KUMAR Residing at VILL-KHORI PAKAR KHARG, PO & TEH-AMNOUR, DIST-SARAN, BIHAR-841401, have changed my name from AMRITA DEVI to AMRITA SINGH for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 04/05/2026 before Notary Public, Delhi.

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I. AMRITA DEVI wife of No-6945459A, Rank-NK, Name- RAHUL KUMAR Residing at VILL-KHORI PAKAR KHARG, PO & TEH-AMNOUR, DIST-SARAN, BIHAR-841401, have changed my name from AMRITA DEVI to AMRITA SINGH for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 04/05/2026 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I. S. KISHORE BEE legally mother of Army no - 2803758K, Rank - Hav, Name - JAMBURE TUKARAM ANANDA, Presently Residing At - Vihe, Post - Vihe, Tel-Patan, Dist-Satara, State- Maharashtra, Pin - 415114 have changed my name from ANANDA to ANANDA SHIVA JAMBURE for all future purposes. In my son's service records, my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 21/11/1962 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/06/1949, vide affidavit dated 04/05/2026 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I. S. KISHORE BEE legally mother of Army no - 2803758K, Rank - Hav, Name - SHAIK AHAMADE MUJITABA, Presently Residing At - RUDRAMPETTA, CHANDRABABU NAGAR, SAIFULLA COLONY., Post-ANANTAPUR, Teh-ANANTAPUR, Dist - ANANTAPUR, State- ANDHHRAPRADESH, Pin - 515004 have changed my name from S. KISHORE BEE to SHAIK KISHORE BEE for all future purposes, in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 20-06-1963 instead of my correct date of birth as 01-01-1964. Vide Affidavit dated 04/05/2026 before Notary Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I. S. ALLABAKASH legally father of Army no - 2810362H, Rank - Hav, Name - SHAIK AHAMADE MUJITABA, Presently Residing At - RUDRAMPETTA, CHANDRABABU NAGAR, SAIFULLA COLONY., Post-ANANTAPUR, Teh-ANANTAPUR, Dist - ANANTAPUR, State- ANDHHRAPRADESH, Pin - 515004 have changed my name from S. ALLABAKASH to SHAIK ALLABAKASH for all future purposes, in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 27/07/1961 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1962. Vide Affidavit dated 04/05/2026 before Notary Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I. NIRMALA is legally spouse of Army No. 2803685H, Rank - Hav/Chappo Name - MADIWALAPPA HOSAMANI, presently residing at Vill - Hosur, Post - Hosur, Teh - Saundatti, Dist - Belagavi, State - Karnataka, Pin - 591111, have changed my name from NIRMALA to NIRMALA MADIWALAPPA HOSAMANI for all future purposes. Vide affidavit dated 04/05/2026 before Public Notary Delhi.

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NAME CHANGE
I. Mohamad Shoab Siddiqui S/O Mohd Zainuddin R/O O-54, Grand Floor, Batta House. Near Hari Masjid, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New Friends Colony, Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Shoab Ahmad.

NAME CHANGE
I. Hitherto known as SAURABH CHADHA S/O SATINDER KUMAR CHADHA R/O 18/11, First Floor, F/5, Side, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi, Central Delhi, Delhi-110008 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SAOURABH CHADHA.

NAME CHANGE
I. Hitherto known as TANISHA DIO SUSHIL KUMAR R/O RZ-213, Gali No-14, Sadh Nagar, Part-2, Palam Colony, South West Delhi, Delhi-110045 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as TANISHA JANGIR.

NAME CHANGE
I. DEV NARAYAN MEHTA S/O KUSHO MEHTA R/O RZD-103A PRATAP GARDEN BINDAPUR UTTAM NAGAR DELHI 110059, CHANGED MY NAME TO DEV NARAIN MEHTA.

NAME CHANGE
I. MANDEEP SINGH S/O SARDOOL SINGH R/O C-13 RAKABGANJ GURUDWARA DELHI 110001, CHANGED MY NAME TO MANDEEP SINGH PANESAR.

NAME CHANGE
I. MEENA W/O NIZAMUDDIN MALIK residing at C-25, SECTOR-39, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDD NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-201301 have changed my name to MEENA MALIK for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE
I. NIZAMUDDIN S/O JUMMA KHAN residing at C-25, SECTOR-39, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDD NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-201301 have changed my name to NIZAMUDDIN MALIK for all future purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that Mr. Jansaid and Mrs. Hajara W/o Mr. Kayoom, has applied for a Home Loan from Shivalki Small Finance Bank, by mortgaging the said property. Plot No. 78, having a land area measuring 50 Sq. Yds., out of Kharsa No. 280/2 Mi, Situated at Residential Colony "Rajeev Garden", Haddast Village Dharti Khurd, Pargana Loni, Tehsil and Distt. Ghaziabad, U.P. and bounded as under: East: House of Mr. Raj Kumar. West: House of Mrs. Gyan Wati. North: Road 20FL. West. South: House of Sharda. The said property is stated to be owned by Mr. Himanshu Tomar S/O Mr. Ombeer Tomar, vide Sale Deed registered as Document No. 4946, dated 17.03.2026, in the office of Sub-Registrar Loni Ghaziabad. Any person having any claim, right, title, interest, lien, charge, mortgage, or any other objection whatsoever in respect of the said property is hereby called upon to notify the same in writing with supporting documents to the undersigned or to Shivalki Small Finance Bank Noida Branch, within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that the title of the property is clear and marketable, and the Bank shall proceed further with the loan process.

Prashant Kumar, Advocate
PSR LAL FIRM, Office - RTB-162, Royal Tower, Indrapuram Ghaziabad -201014 Mob - 9999691983 E-mail - pslaw2024@gmail.com

NAME CHANGE
I. SANJAY S/O SON PAL SINGH R/O DAWDA, TIKARI, TIKRI JURAL, BAGHPAT, UTTAR PRADESH-250625, have changed the name of my minor daughter PRINCI aged 14 years and she shall hereafter be known as PRIVANSHI.

NAME CHANGE
I. KAMAL IS LEGALLY MOTHER OF NO JC 461546K, RANK-SUB NAME- CHAVAN UMESH RAMESH VILL- AMBEWADI, POST-SHIRASHI, TEH-SHIRALA DIST- SANGLI, STATE- MAHARA-SHTRA, PIN-415408 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM KAMAL TO KAMAL RAMESH CHAVAN FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES AND IN MY SON'S SERVICE RECORD MY DATE OF BIRTH INCORRECTLY MENTIONED AS 07-12-1959 CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 01-06-1954. Vide Affidavit DATED 04/05/2026 before Public Notary Delhi

NAME CHANGE
I. DATTU is Legally father of No-2806119N, Rank-HAV Name-GAWADE HANMANT DATTU V/NAGANAWADI, Post- NAGANAWADI, Teh - CHAND - GAUR Dist -KOLHAPUR (MAHARA-SHTRA) PIN-416509 have changed my Name from DATTU to DATTU WINGO BA GAWADE and date of birth from 31/07/1959 to 01/01/1968 for all future purposes. Vide affidavit dated 04/05/2026 before Public Notary Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I. SHANTIA is Legally Mother of No-2806119N, Rank-HAV Name-GAWADE HANMANT DATTU V/NAGANAWADI, Post- NAGANAWADI, Teh - CHAND - GAUR Dist -KOLHAPUR (MAHARA-SHTRA) PIN-416509 have changed my Name from SHANTIA to SHANTA DATTU GAWADE and date of birth from 31/07/1964 to 01/01/1966 for all future purposes. Vide affidavit dated 04/05/2026 before Public Notary Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I. NARAYAN is legally Father of No. 2804586M Rank- Hav Name- SHAMARU PINGAT presently residing at VILL- GOUNDWAD, POST- B.K. NANGRALI, TEH- BELGAUM DIST- BELGAUM, STATE, KARNATAKA, PIN-590010, have changed my name from NARAYAN to NARAYAN YALLAPPA PINGAT and date of birth from 22/03/1963 to 02/06/1960 for all future purposes. Vide affidavit dated 21.04.2026 before Public Notary Delhi.

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I. ANU BEHRAMI PANVELI W/O BEHRAMI PANVELI W/O BEHRAMI PANVELI residing at FLAT NO-2805, NEW JAI BHARAT APARTMENTS, PLOT NO-5, SECTOR-4, DWARKA, DELHI-110075 have changed my name to ANU B PANVELI W/O BEHRAMI PANVELI W/O BEHRAMI PANVELI for all future purposes.

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NAME CHANGE
I. Mohit Sikander s/o Brundru R/O House Number T-407, Gali Number-20, Near Amir Hamza Masjid, Gautampuri, Seelampur, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Mohd Sikander for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE
I. Geeta Rani w/o Mahesh Kumar R/O 9332, Tokri Wala, Azad Market, Delhi-110068 have changed my name to Gita Rani for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE
I. Mahesh s/o Om Prakash R/O 9332, Tokri Wala, Azad Market, Delhi-110068 have changed my name to Mahesh Kumar for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE
I. DANYAL ALI KHAN S/O ASIM ALI KHAN R/O 5047, KUCHA REHMAN TOWN HALL CHANDNI CHOWK DELHI 110006, CHANGED MY NAME TO DANIYAL ALI KHAN.

NAME CHANGE
I. Divyesh Bhagat S/O Sh. Dhruv Bhagat R/O C-21, Air India Employees CGHS Ltd. Dwarika Sector-3, PO: N.S.I.T. Dwarka, Dist: South West, Delhi-110078, Have Changed the Name Of my minor daughter KASHVI BHAGAT Aged 14 years and she Shall hereafter be Known as RADHIKA P BHAGAT.

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NAME CHANGE
I. MANOJ KUMAR SHARMA S/O HARI PREM SHARMA R/O 16X69, KISHAN DUTT GALI SUBHASH ROAD GANDHI ROAD SHAHDARA DELHI 110032, CHANGED MY NAME TO MANUJ SHARMA.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Information is hereby given to the general public that our client Sh. Sahun S/o Sh. Hameed is the owner and in possession of a Freehold Residential Plot measuring 453 sq. Yds. Part of Kheasuri, Ilaqa, Khatola, No. 626, Mu No. 68, Killa No. 205 (1-17), 26/2 (0-6), Situated at Village Dhaj, Sub-Tehsil Dhaj, Distt. Faridabad, Haryana. Our client executed the said property by virtue of a Transfer Deed dated 17.03.2021, vide reg. in Doc. No. 319, Book No. 1, Vol No. 0/9, Pg. No. 79.7528-30, dated 17.03.2021, SRO-Dhauj. In the chain of documents, the Original Sale Deed dated 27.12.2019 executed by (1) Sh. Pravez Khan, (2) Sh. Shakir, (3) Sh. Khalid Ali S/o Smt. Mahmood Khan in favour of Smt. Misakina Priya Sh. Sahun in respect of the said property vide Doc No. 461, in Book No. 1, Vol No. 0/13, on Pages No. 115/52 to 54, on this dated 27.12.2019, SR-Dhauj, is not available. Therefore, our client hereby declares that except him, no other person has any right, title, interest, claim or objection in respect of the above-mentioned property. The said property is presently financed / mortgaged with Piramal Finance Ltd., Branch: Jhandewalan 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 if found by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained

[NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA]
Advocate
F-211, Sector-3, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010 (Contact at 09958871432)

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NEWS BOX

United Airlines Boeing 767 from Italy clips light pole and truck during Newark landing

World. (Agency)

A United Airlines passenger plane struck a light pole while landing at Newark Liberty International Airport on Sunday, damaging a delivery truck on the nearby highway, authorities said. The aircraft, a Boeing 767, was arriving from Venice with 221 passengers and 10 crew members on board. The airline said no one on the flight was injured.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the plane landed safely after it "came into contact with a light pole" during its final approach. JUST IN: Baltimore bakery truck struck by a United Airlines plane coming in for a landing at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey. According to local reports, the plane was a United Airlines Boeing 767-400.

The New Jersey State Police said a landing tyre and the underside of the plane also struck a delivery truck. The pole then hit a Jeep travelling on the road. The driver of the truck was taken to hospital with minor injuries and later released, according to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which runs the airport.

Aircraft approaching Newark often fly low over the New Jersey Turnpike, one of the busiest sections of Interstate 95, with the runway beginning close to the road.

'Minor damage' as operations resume

The port authority said an object had been struck and that the truck was damaged. It added that the aircraft had "minor damage" and the runway was checked for debris before normal operations resumed. United said its maintenance team would assess the aircraft and that the crew had been taken off duty while a safety review takes place.

The National Transportation Safety Board said an investigator would arrive on Monday. It has asked the airline to provide the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder.

Nepal govt set to cancel nearly 1,600 'politically motivated' appointments

Kathmandu. (Agency)

Around 1,600 political appointees holding constitutional positions and heading government boards and corporations are set to lose their jobs en masse through a sweeping ordinance issued by President Ramchandra Paudel, local media reported. The move aims to target politically motivated appointments made by previous governments, including the Sushila Karki-led interim government formed after the 'Gen Z' movement, according to the reports.

The termination of service ordinance, approved by President Poudel, is expected to come into effect at any moment, rendering 1,594 people jobless. Those affected will include vice-chancellors, rectors and deans of universities; chiefs and commissioners of all constitutional bodies; heads of government media; and chiefs and board members of government authorities.

Once implemented, the ordinance will amend 110 laws and affect the functioning of as many bodies. The impact is expected to be particularly noticeable in sectors such as education, healthcare and public service delivery. And, in many cases, routine operations are likely to be disrupted due to the absence of authorised signatories, the media reports suggest. The Balendra Shah led government has yet to spell out a clear timeline or mechanism for fresh appointments.

Israel issues evacuation warning; kills 1, hurts 4 in Lebanon strikes

BEIRUT. (Agency)

Israeli strikes on southern Lebanon killed at least one person and wounded four rescuers on Sunday, the Lebanese health ministry said, as Israel maintained its attacks on the country despite a fragile truce in its war with Hezbollah.

In separate statements, the ministry said a strike on Arbasalim killed at least one person and wounded three, including a child, and another strike on Sriba wounded five people, including four rescuers from the Hezbollah-affiliated Islamic Health Committee.

"The ministry reiterates its condemnation of these repeated attacks and recalls what is included in Article 19 of the Geneva Convention regarding the need to verify that medical facilities are safe from any danger caused by attacks in conflict zones, while what is happening is exactly the opposite," it said.

Israel's military on Sunday issued new evacuation warnings in southern Lebanon for villages beyond the area it occupies. The warning covers more than 10 villages and towns, including several in the district of Nabatieh, which lies north of the Litani River, south of which Israel has stationed troops.

Arbasalim and Sriba were included in the warning. Lebanon's state-run National News Agency reported a series of Israeli strikes across southern Lebanon, including on towns not mentioned in the evacuation warning.

Since April 17, a fragile ceasefire has been in place between Israel and Lebanon, which was aimed at pausing the violence between the Hezbollah militant group and Israel's military. On Wednesday Israel's military chief of staff Eyal Zamir had threatened to strike Hezbollah "beyond the yellow line", which marks the area of Israeli control.

Three dead after suspected hantavirus hits polar cruise near Cape Verde**A suspected hantavirus**

outbreak on the MV Hondius has left three people dead and three ill off Cape Verde. The WHO is coordinating medical evacuation and assessing risks for passengers still on board.

World. (Agency)

Three people have died and three are ill after a Netherlands-based cruise ship was hit by a suspected outbreak of hantavirus, a rodent-borne virus that can cause fatal respiratory illness, authorities and media reports said on Sunday. Netherlands-based Oceanwide Expeditions said in a news release it was "managing a serious medical

situation" on a polar expedition ship, the MV Hondius, which was off Cape Verde, an island nation in the Atlantic west of Africa. The cruise departed from Argentina about three weeks ago with around 150 passengers and other locations on its way to Cape Verde, according to media reports.

A Dutch Foreign Ministry spokesperson confirmed that two Dutch passengers had died, but gave no further details. The World Health Organization said in an X post that one of the sick passengers was in intensive care in South Africa. Sky News reported the passenger is British, citing South Africa's Department of Health.

WHO said it was investigating the outbreak. Lab tests have confirmed hantavirus in one of the six people, the agency said.

Oceanwide Expeditions said Cape Verde authorities had not given permission for passengers requiring medical care to disembark, and Dutch authorities were

as when people sweep out sheds where mice have been living. WHO said the virus can be spread between people in rare cases. The illness begins with flu-like symptoms and can lead to heart and lung failure, with around 40% of cases resulting in death, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. There are no specific drugs to treat hantavirus, so treatment focuses on supportive care, including putting patients on ventilators in severe cases.

"WHO is facilitating coordination between member states and the ship's operators for medical evacuation of two symptomatic passengers, as well as full public health risk assessment and support to the remaining passengers on board," the WHO said. The British Foreign Office and South Africa's Department of Health did not immediately respond to requests for comment.



seeking to organize repatriation of two symptomatic passengers along with the body of a deceased passenger. Hantavirus can be spread when droppings and urine of rodents become airborne, such

Trump unveils Project Freedom to escort stranded ships through Hormuz

World. (Agency)

US President Donald Trump has announced a new maritime initiative, "Project Freedom," aimed at safely escorting foreign ships stranded in the Strait of Hormuz amid escalating tensions in the Middle East. In a post on Truth Social, Trump said multiple countries, most of them not directly involved in the ongoing regional conflict, had requested US assistance to help free their vessels, which remain stuck in the critical shipping corridor. He described the ships and their crews as "neutral and innocent bystanders" caught in a volatile situation.

Trump said the United States would guide these vessels out of restricted waters to ensure they can "freely and ably get on with their business." The operation is scheduled to begin Monday morning, Middle East time.

The US President emphasised that the

move is a humanitarian effort, noting that many ships are running low on food and essential supplies needed to maintain safe living conditions for large crews onboard. He added that the initiative is intended to benefit all



parties, including Iran and other countries in the region.

"I have told my representatives to inform them that we will use best efforts to get their Ships and Crews safely out of the Strait," Trump said, while adding that many of the vessels do not plan to return until the area is safe for

navigation.

Trump also indicated that US officials are engaged in "very positive discussions" with Iran, raising the possibility of broader diplomatic progress. However, he issued a warning that any interference with the operation would be met with a forceful response, underscoring the high-stakes nature of the mission in one of the world's most strategically important maritime routes.

The Strait of Hormuz is a key artery for global oil shipments, and disruptions in the area have significant implications for international trade and energy markets. Earlier, amid the Middle East conundrum, US President Donald Trump has poured cold water on Iran's latest peace proposal, dismissing it as "not acceptable". He turned down Tehran's 14-point framework, which aims to shift the current ceasefire into a more durable settlement.

Nepal objects to India-China plan for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra via Lipulekh Pass

World. (Agency)

Nepal on Sunday objected to India and China planning to conduct the upcoming Kailash Mansarovar Yatra via Lipulekh Pass, claiming that it is Kathmandu's territory. In a statement, the Nepalese Foreign Ministry said that Kathmandu was not consulted before finalising the route for the pilgrimage.

New Delhi has been maintaining that Lipulekh belongs to it. Nepal's objection to the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra came days after India announced that it would be held between June and August. "The Nepal government is clear and fully committed to its stand that Lipulekh, Limpiyadhura and Kalapani, lying in the East of the Mahakali river are its inseparable



territories based on the Sugauli Treaty of 1816," the foreign ministry said in the statement posted on social media. "The Nepalese government has reiterated its clear stand to both India and China regarding the Kailash-Mansarovar tour to be organised via Nepalese territory, Lipulekh," it said. Earlier, the Nepalese government had also requested the government of India

not to conduct activities such as road construction, expansion, border trade and pilgrimage in the area, it said. The statement added that the Nepalese government has also informed China about it. "The Nepal government is always committed to resolving the border issue through diplomatic channels based on historical agreement, understanding, facts, maps and proofs in view of close and friendly relations existing between Nepal and India," the ministry said. Nepal claims that Lipulekh and Kalapani are its territories, whereas India maintains that the territories belong to it. Nepal's K.P. Oli-led government in May 2020 included the territories, including Kalapani and Lipulekh.

United Airlines Flight Hits Truck While Landing At US Airport

Washington. (Agency)

A United Airlines plane hit a lamppost and a delivery truck on a New Jersey highway while landing Sunday at Newark Liberty International Airport, officials told AFP. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials said the Boeing 767 landed safely after arriving from Venice, Italy, and the agency would investigate the incident.

No injuries were reported on the plane, and the truck driver was taken to the hospital with minor injuries and released, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said in a statement.

The jet was carrying 221 passengers and 10 crew members. "While on approach to land at Newark Liberty International Airport, United Airlines Flight 169 struck a light pole on the New Jersey Turnpike around 2 p.m. local time on Sunday, May 3," the FAA said in a statement, adding that the plane sustained minor damage.

The Port Authority said in a statement that the plane caused "damage to a light post and a tractor trailer traveling south on the NJ Turnpike." The H&S Bakery truck "was unscathed" but "the wheel of the commercial plane crashed into the driver's window," according to Chuck Paterakis, a senior vice president for the company, who added "the truck driver suffered small cuts from the incident."

United Airlines said in a statement it plans to "conduct a rigorous flight safety investigation into the incident and our crew has been removed from service as part of this process."

New Jersey State Police, who responded to the highway incident, and aircraft manufacturer Boeing did not immediately respond to AFP's request for comment.

Rudy Giuliani Hospitalised: Former NYC Mayor in 'critical but stable' condition, spokesman confirms

Giuliani became widely known for his leadership in New York after the September 11 attacks, which led to him being called "America's mayor".

World. (Agency)

Rudy Giuliani, the former mayor of New York City and an ex-adviser to US President Donald Trump, is in hospital in critical but stable condition, his spokesman said on Sunday. Spokesman Ted Goodman did not say what caused the 81-year-old to be admitted or how long he has been in hospital. "Mayor Giuliani is a fighter who has faced every challenge in his life with unwavering

strength, and he's fighting with that same level of strength as we speak," Goodman said in a statement. He added that Giuliani "remains in critical but stable condition".

"He's fighting with strength" Giuliani last appeared publicly on Friday night when he hosted his online programme, America's Mayor Live, from Palm Beach, Florida. During the show, he coughed and said his voice was not well. "My voice is a little under the weather, so I won't be able to speak as loudly as I usually do," he said. Giuliani became widely known for his leadership in New York after the September 11 attacks, which led to him being called "America's mayor". He later worked as Trump's personal lawyer

and supported claims of fraud in the 2020 US election, which was won by Joe Biden. Courts and election reviews

found no evidence of widespread fraud. **Trump says hospitalisation is 'a tragedy'** Reacting to the news, Trump wrote on social media that Giuliani was "a True Warrior" and said his hospitalisation

was "so sad". "Our fabulous Rudy Giuliani... has been hospitalised, and is in critical condition," Trump wrote, adding: "What a tragedy... and now, look at Rudy."

Giuliani has faced legal troubles in recent years, including a defamation case brought by two former election workers in Georgia, who won a \$148 million judgment against him. He later reached a settlement allowing him to keep some assets.

He was also hospitalised in September after suffering injuries, including a fractured vertebra, in a car crash in New Hampshire.

Giuliani was elected mayor of New York in 1993 after serving as a federal prosecutor known for pursuing organised crime and financial cases.



Short news

Telangana continues to swelter, some rain respite ahead

HYDERABAD.(Agency)

Mahabubabad and Suryapet received light to moderate rainfall on Sunday, with rain activity expected to intensify across Telangana over the next three days. The weather department has forecast light to moderate showers in several districts.

On Sunday, the highest temperature was recorded in Balkonda of Nizamabad district at 45.8°C, followed by Raghavapet of Jagtial district at 45.7°C, Palakurthy of Peddapalli district at 45.4°C, and Sathnala of Adilabad district at 45.3°C.



According to officials, a north-south trough extending from southern Chhattisgarh through Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu up to the Comorin region is influencing current weather conditions.

Light to moderate rainfalls likely in parts of the state over the next three days. Temperatures are expected to remain stable for the next two days before gradually dropping by 2-3°C.

The department has also issued warnings for thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds of 30-40 kmph in several districts. By the third day, heavier rainfall accompanied by winds up to 50 kmph is likely in districts including Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Warangal and Hanumakonda.

Odisha govt tightens boat safety norms

BHUBANESWAR.(Agency)

The state government has decided to tighten safety norms for boats operating in its inland waters following a string of recent capsizing incidents in the country.

A high-level meeting on boat safety and security presided over by principal secretary in the Commerce and Transport department NBS Rajput was held on Sunday. It was decided that boat operators are required to ensure passengers wear life jackets upon boarding.

It was directed that all operational boats must carry an adequate number of life jackets equal to passenger capacity, along with life buoys and fire safety equipment as per norms. Authorities have been instructed to conduct rigorous surprise checks on boats. Besides, strict punitive action will be taken against operators found overloading vessels or failing to enforce the mandatory wearing of life jackets by all passengers and crew.

It was decided that there will be coordinated action among the Fisheries and ARD, Tourism, Forest, Environment and Climate Change departments and other concerned authorities to ensure no vessel falls outside the safety net.

Official sources said to support boat operators, the state government provides life safety equipment including lifebuoys, life jackets and fire extinguishers under the Sahid Baji Raut Noujatra Suraksha Yojana. The equipment is supplied free of cost to government boats and at a 95 per cent subsidy to private operators.

Intel warns of post-counting violence in Kerala; police tighten security

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.(Agency)

Ahead of the vote counting on Monday, the state intelligence wing has warned of possibility of political flare-ups in the state.

The intelligence report has pointed out that strife could brew in certain pockets of Kasaragod, Kannur, Kozhikode, Palakkad, Thrissur, Kollam and Thiruvananthapuram districts, and that additional forces should be deployed to avert any eventualities. The report emphasised that Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasaragod districts should be watched keenly, while hot spots in other districts should also be monitored.

Following these reports, the police have fielded 10,000 more policemen, apart from the local force, to crackdown on any violent incidents. About 2,000 personnel from the central armed police forces have also been deployed, sources told.

The intelligence wing also warned of possible attacks targeting certain candidates who contested the election. Candidates, whose threat perception were deemed high, has been provided police pickets outside their residences, while patrolling has also been increased to rule out any misadventure from the part of political criminals.

Police sources said there has been apprehensions on whether political showdown would in turn precipitate communal frenzy in certain troubled areas and special measures have been taken to keep things under control.

"Instructions have been given to identify agent provocateurs in each constituency limits and they have been issued warnings not to indulge in any criminal activities that could endanger peace," said a senior police official.

Gujarat Hardlook: Behind party's weakening Khadia connect, winds of change in BJP bastion

Ahmedabad.(Agency)

Centuries-old buildings that became central to the community, alongside those added during the Sultanate era, stand side by side in Khadia. In many ways, this part of Ahmedabad still mirrors the city's spirit during the textile mill era. But then migration, primarily provoked by mills' closure, changed the narrative. Ritu Sharma reports: A STRANGER cannot go unnoticed in Khadia, people say. Here, word travels "within minutes" through its narrow streets and the myriad of neighbourhoods set up on them.

Here, broad main roads taper into arterial lanes, which further narrow into bylanes connecting the meandering pol or alleys, leaving the din of traffic far behind. These alleys can barely accommodate a two-wheeler. The quieter, narrower sheri opens



into traditional homes with ornate wooden and lime-plastered facades. From the outside, they reveal little about the multi-room houses within, with large central courtyards standing over tanks that collect rainwater for harvesting.

Now a mix of traditional and contemporary buildings, Khadia lies at the heart of the 600-year-old walled city of Ahmedabad.

Over time, many families have moved out, as the narrow streets offer neither parking space nor the lifestyle associated with modern real estate.

Dr Hemant Bhatt, 58, a BJP media cell convenor, owns a house in west Ahmedabad but prefers to live in Khadia. "Around 300 years ago, Khadia was called Akbarpura, for it was the abode of the elite of the Sultanate era. Even today, there are several dargahs and masjid

(mosques), such as the Sarangpur Masjid, the Jama Masjid and Hazira Ni Pol, in the area. There used to be a wide road from the Sarangpur Darwaza to the Jama Masjid. Later, frequent Maratha attacks led to plunder... and the intricate, defensive structures you see today were developed during that period," he tells The Indian Express. The area has over 2,600 heritage structures.

Gujarat begins bird flu surveillance as Maharashtra culls 1.4 lakh chickens — 4 km from state border

Ahmedabad.(Agency)

The Gujarat government carried out surveillance of poultry farms in Tapi district for the third day on Sunday following chickens in neighbouring Maharashtra tested positive for avian influenza or bird flu, leading to a large-scale culling of birds across the border. Avian influenza is an infectious viral illness caused by Type A viruses that primarily affect wild aquatic birds and poultry, causing large-scale die-offs. The last time this zoonotic epidemic hit the border of Gujarat and Maharashtra was in 2021.

Dr Kanti M Damor, Regional Joint Director of the Animal Husbandry Department for South Gujarat told The Indian Express, "While there have not been any symptoms or poultry deaths due to bird flu in Gujarat as



of now, we started surveillance activities from May 1 and several teams of veterinarians are on the ground in Tapi district, conducting checks at all poultry farms, with coordination with the district administration."

The Indian Express on May 3 reported that the Maharashtra government has decided to cull over 1.4 lakh birds in Navapur of

Nandurbar district to prevent a larger outbreak. Navapur is only 3.8 km from Uchchhal taluka of Gujarat's Tapi district, just outside the 3-km containment zone mandated during such epidemics.

A veterinary official on the ground in Tapi told The Indian Express, "We have completed a round of surveillance and a specialised team of veterinarians from Surat have collected samples from the birds for testing. We have not seen any large-scale mortality so far, which would indicate the presence of bird flu. But, we are awaiting the results of tests."

The veterinary official said, "Apart from the three poultry farms, we are also surveying 12 villages in a 10-km radius in Uchchhal taluka for backyard poultry, using four teams including veterinarians and livestock inspectors."

Barricades to curb speeding, protect wildlife in Kawal

ADILABAD.(Agency)

Authorities are stepping up efforts to regulate traffic in the core area of the Kawal Tiger Reserve in the erstwhile Adilabad district, as rising vehicle movement continues to threaten wildlife. Barricades are being erected at multiple points to slow vehicles and curb high-speed movement through the protected zone. The move follows a resolution passed last year by the State Wildlife Board permitting heavy vehicle movement through the core area, while also recommending strict speed control measures. However, over the past six months, traffic has increased significantly, with heavy vehicles frequently using the stretch.

The core area has about 120 km of road, where vehicles, especially at night, often travel at high speeds, leading to a rise in animal deaths.

Heavy vehicles are also frequently parked along the roadside, adding to safety and ecological

concerns. Villagers allege a double standard in enforcement. While restrictions are imposed on activities such as beedi leaf collection and sand excavation in forest and Godavari river areas, heavy vehicles continue to pass through the core zone with limited



checks. They further claim that lorries, particularly 16-tyre and 18-tyre vehicles, use the route to bypass toll plazas, resulting in revenue loss to the government. Locals questioned why such movement is permitted when the forest department receives no

additional revenue.

Environmentalists have also raised concerns over monitoring gaps. While forest fires are tracked in real time from Dehradun, with alerts sent to field officials, they questioned why similar systems are not in place to regulate night-time vehicle movement.

Allegations have surfaced that some vehicles use fake slips to pass through the core area after 10 pm, violating existing rules. They have suggested installing speed guns, strengthening night patrols and imposing strict penalties to curb violations. Experts also noted that, as per Road Transport Authority norms, vehicle movement should be regulated based on road capacity. Despite the core area having a single road, heavy multi-axle vehicles continue to ply regularly. Forest officials said around 50 animals were killed in road accidents in 2025, ranging from reptiles to deer.

Hailstorms threaten rabi paddy crops in Odisha's Koraput

JEYPORE.(Agency)

Hailstorms accompanied by lightning and high-velocity winds over the past three days have reportedly caused extensive damage to standing rabi paddy crops in Koraput district, raising concerns among farmers.

Large swathes of agricultural land in Jeypore, Kundra and Borigumma blocks have been reportedly affected by the adverse weather, particularly as the paddy crop is currently in the crucial flowering stage. Farmers fear that the combination of hail impact and strong winds could significantly reduce grain formation and yield.

According to sources, nearly 25,000 hectares were brought under rabi paddy cultivation across these regions during the January-February sowing period. The crops, which depends on irrigation from the Upper Kolab dam reservoir, had shown promising growth until the recent spell of inclement weather.

However, recurring hailstorms and gusty winds have flattened portions of the crops with lightning strikes and heavy showers further aggravating the situation. Agricultural experts said damage at the flowering stage can severely affect productivity.

"The paddy flowering process will be severely affected and grains cannot matured fully amid such inclement weather conditions," said Prashant Parida, director of the regional centre of MS Swaminathan Research Foundation at Jeypore. District agriculture officer Lalatendu Mohapatra said the department is actively monitoring the climatic conditions and field staff have been alerted accordingly.

Atop Everest Base Camp, 21-year-old from Kerala reaches first milestone of Himalayan dream

ALAPPUZHA.(Agency)

It took determination, sacrifice and some astute financial management. But as he stood at the Everest Base Camp in Gorakshp, at an altitude of 5,364m, Kesav Suneesh felt closer to his lifelong dream of scaling Mt Everest.

Working as a helper in a vegetable shop at Kayamkulam and occasionally as a food delivery boy, the 21-year-old from Kandallor in Alappuzha had been steadily building towards the extraordinary goal. Last week, he achieved the first milestone, reaching the camp after days of trekking through the rugged terrain of Nepal.

"I always dreamed of conquering Everest. However, money is the biggest

challenge," said the BCom student from IHRD College, Karthikapally. Everest expeditions cost an estimated Rs 50 lakh, unaffordable for Kesav and his modest-earning family. Determined not to let circumstances define his limits, Kesav worked for months, earning about Rs 35,000 from the vegetable shop and making additional money through food delivery. With these savings, he began his journey.

The Nepal trip was not his first adventure. In September 2025, Kesav set out on a nationwide journey covering over 18 states. However, tragedy struck when his grandmother passed away, forcing him to return home in January. He resumed



work, saved again, and restarted his mission. On April 7, Kesav left Kayamkulam. Travelling in second-class train compartments and ordinary buses to manage costs, he reached Gorakshpur in Uttar Pradesh, then crossed into Nepal via

the Sonauli border. From there, he journeyed by bus to Salleri and began his trek on foot.

Over the next eight days, he covered more than 132 km, passing through Paiba, Tengboche, Dingboche and Loboche before finally reaching Gorakshp on April 19.

"My entire trip cost only around Rs 16,000," he said. "I carried a tent and camped wherever possible, and cooked food to reduce expenses." Kesav is fully aware that reaching the summit of Everest is a different challenge altogether, one requiring advanced mountaineering gear, professional guidance and weeks of preparation.

Dumped, thrown on road: Protests against prepaid meters spread in Uttar Pradesh

Lucknow.(Agency)

In Fatehpur, smart meters were dumped at a local power station. In Agra, women threw them onto the streets. In Aligarh, Firozabad, and Hathras, people marched to substations with the meters held aloft.

Across districts in Uttar Pradesh, unrest is growing among electricity consumers over "smart" prepaid meters. While authorities present prepaid metering as a nation-wide reform to improve billing efficiency and reduce losses, many consumers see it as a coercive move bringing higher charges and abrupt disconnections without safeguards.

According to sources, the protests gathered pace after automatic disconnections began in March. Conflicting readings of policy — across the Electricity Act, regulatory guidelines and recent statements by Union Power Minister Manohar Lal — have deepened uncertainty.

"In my 25 years of working for electricity consumers, I have never seen protests of this scale," Avadhesh Kumar Verma, chairman of the consumer pressure group Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Consumer Council and a member of Central and State Electricity Advisory committees, told The Indian Express.

The protests have also become a political flashpoint, with the Opposition seeking to corner the Yogi Adityanath government ahead of next year's Assembly election. Samajwadi Party chief and former chief minister Akhilesh Yadav framed the issue as corruption.

"The public is being fleeced under the pretext of installing 'smart meters'. The implementation of smart meters has become a vehicle for large-scale fraud.

The righteous butcher, a tale that has inspired countless generations

The story begins with a Brahmin named Kaushika, who was deeply immersed in his studies and spiritual practices. One day, while meditating under a tree, he was disturbed by a crane's droppings. In a fit of anger, Kaushika glared at the bird, and due to the power of his penance, the crane was reduced to ashes. Though he did not act intentionally, Kaushika realised that his anger had caused harm to an innocent creature; he was filled with remorse. Later, Kaushika visited a nearby village, where he approached a house to ask for alms. A woman inside the house asked him to wait while she attended to her husband. Kaushika grew impatient and angry by the delay, but was taken aback when the woman, without seeing him, said that she was not like the crane, meaning she wouldn't be harmed by his anger. Astonished by her knowledge of what had happened earlier, Kaushika realised that she possessed spiritual wisdom far beyond his own. Curious, Kaushika asked her about the source of her wisdom. The woman, recognising Kaushika's spiritual pride, advised him to visit Dharmavyadha, a butcher in the city of Mithila, to learn the true meaning of dharma.

Kaushika, intrigued and somewhat perplexed, made his way to Mithila. Upon arriving, he was surprised to find Dharmavyadha, a simple man, engaged in his daily work of butchering and selling meat. The sight was unsettling for Kaushika, who began to doubt that a person of a fulfilling life engaged in such a profession could teach him anything about dharma. However, as soon as Dharmavyadha saw Kaushika, he welcomed him warmly and said that he knew the Brahmin had been sent by the virtuous woman. Kaushika was amazed when Dharmavyadha narrated the entire sequence of events that had led him to come to Mithila, even though they had never met before. Dharmavyadha then explained the essence of dharma to Kaushika. He said that true righteousness is not about one's external actions or profession, but lies in performing one's duties with sincerity, honesty, and without attachment. Dharmavyadha explained that he was born into a family of butchers, and by performing his duty with the utmost dedication, he was upholding his dharma.

He also emphasised the importance of caring for one's family and fulfilling social responsibilities. Dharmavyadha took Kaushika to his home, where he lived with his parents, wife, and children. He explained that serving and caring for his ageing parents was his highest dharma, and he did so with great love and reverence. This, combined with his honest livelihood, made his life righteous.

Dharmavyadha's teachings profoundly impacted Kaushika, who realised that spiritual wisdom and righteousness were not limited to those who engaged in ascetic practices or religious rituals. Instead, dharma could be found in the faithful execution of one's duties in everyday life, regardless of occupation or social status. The tale of Kaushika and Dharmavyadha thus teaches us that every profession has its own dignity when performed with the right attitude and adherence to ethical principles.

The tale underscores the value of performing one's duty with determination and perseverance, devotion and integrity, and serves as a powerful reminder that true dharma lies in actions and intentions, not in external appearances.

This story has inspired countless generations to understand that righteousness and spiritual fulfilment are accessible to all, as long as one remains committed to one's duties with a pure heart and unwavering determination.

Saam, daam, dand, bhed, SIR

THE GREAT GAME: If the BJP wins Bengal, it will have proven its determination to take the state that has resisted its charms

FROM Punjab to Bengal, a certain inflammation is evident in the politics of two states on both ends of the country. In Punjab, the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) hoped to use May Day not as a distress signal (origin, the French phrase, "m'aider," to help), but to show that despite the defections in its ranks, the party stands united. Except, the special Assembly session called to celebrate workers' rights on May Day was overshadowed by a political slanging match that caused the House to be briefly adjourned and allowed the Opposition to accuse the ruling party of turning water into wine. How will this episode roil the already-muddying waters of Punjab politics? In one fell blow, the BJP has acquired seven new MPs, as AAP's Rajya Sabha faction broke away to join the BJP last week. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann will meet the President soon to say the split is a violation of the anti-defection law. Still, the badly shaken party is evaluating its strengths and weaknesses these days.

Even if none of the newly installed BJP seven are mass leaders — in fact, the perception that they quit AAP to join BJP under fear or favour is likely to go in AAP's favour — the fact remains that the BJP has thrown the first punch. The bout has begun. It will end when Punjab votes in the Assembly elections less than ten months from now. On the other end of the country, 48 hours from now, Bengal and the rest of the country will know if the wind has turned. Most exit polls have already awarded the state to the BJP. But something else is happening on the soil of Bengal. For the first time in years, India's foremost social science institution devoted to the study of democracy, the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) and its research arm, Lokniti, did not conduct any poll surveys in this round of Assembly elections. Well-known psephologist, Pradeep Gupta of Axis My India, refused to give seat projections for Bengal — although he gave projections for all other states that went to the polls — saying that 70 per cent of voters in the state refused to speak to his polling surveyors. And C-Voter polling agency's head, Yashwant Deshmukh, while refusing to give seat projections, said that if Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress was able to hold on to five key districts in and around Kolkata — Kolkata, Howrah, 24 North Parganas, 24 South Parganas and Nadia, because these account for 108 seats in the House of 294 seats — then she could still be chief minister. Indeed, if the BJP wins Bengal, it will have proven its determination to take the only state that has resisted its charms — via saam, daam, dand, bhed and SIR. The BJP would have certainly added to Chanakya's famous treatise that speaks of the four methods that any smart ruler uses to curb his flock —



manipulation, bribery, punishment and treachery — by imposing the Special Intensive Revision of rolls in Bengal. This meant that apart from the 27 lakh deletions of voters under the "logical discrepancy" clause, several thousand people simply ran out of time because they didn't have their papers in order. Now every political leader's DNA — except, perhaps, Rahul Gandhi who was wandering in the forests of the Great Nicobar Island or admiring the rain-shot hillsides of Dharamsala around the April 29 do-or-die Bengal vote — has the first four determinations ingrained in him. AAP's Manish Sisodia blurted them out last August when he said his party would not be averse to using them ("saam, daam, dand, bhed, sach, jhooth, sawaal, jawaab, ladai jhagra") in the fight for Punjab. Punjab BJP's Sunil Jakhar shot off a complaint to the Election Commission on Sisodia's comment at the time — but both leaders were certainly entitled to say what they did, their remarks well within the lakshman rekha of everyday politics. In Bengal, it was the addition of SIR — not a bad exercise in theory — to the electoral process, especially when time was running short and all kinds of silly mistakes with awful consequences were being made by the human hand in the attempt to digitise the state, that transformed the exercise

into one of callous cruelty. Be that as it may. The die is cast. The ballot boxes are shut. Three days after they were, on May Day, the announcement of hiking the price of a commercial gas cylinder by Rs 993 was made. Back here in Punjab, AAP will certainly need to stay the course if it has to fight off the Opposition. For the moment, it has the upper hand. The Congress remains a divided house — the qualities of its many leaders hardly add up to being more than the sum of their parts.

After the leadership training session by Rahul in Dharamsala, as my colleague Rajmeet Singh reports, its leaders were told to organise padyatras focusing on law and order in September. Moreover, a new evaluation system mandates office-bearers to upload photos and reports of their activities. Under Nehru's great-grandson, the transformation of the grand old party into an NGO is all too apparent to see.

As for the BJP, while it smells the weakness in AAP's Punjab, it still lacks the wherewithal to move in for the kill. Or at least that's exactly what Bengal thought about the BJP until now. Whether or not the state succumbs to the charms of PM Modi's party, fact is, it has been changed forever by the party's push in this state. All eyes now on May 4.

Price politics: Deferred LPG pricing returns fast

Price decisions, while driven by global pressures, may also be calibrated around electoral cycles

THE Rs 993 increase in commercial LPG prices, pushing the 19-kg cylinder beyond Rs 3,000, is striking as much for its timing as for its scale. Announced just days after Assembly elections concluded in four states, the move is bound to invite scrutiny. It suggests that price decisions, while driven by global pressures, may also be calibrated around electoral cycles. The hike itself was neither abrupt nor unexpected. Crude oil prices have climbed sharply in recent weeks, crossing the \$100-per-barrel mark amid escalating tensions in West Asia. Supply uncertainties and market volatility had already made a price correction inevitable. In that sense, the increase was anticipated; only its timing raises questions. The choice of timing — and of the segment — tells its own story. Domestic LPG prices remain untouched, sparing households a direct burden. Commercial users, however, face a sharp escalation.



This distinction shifts the impact away from voters and

onto businesses — restaurants, eateries and small vendors — who are more likely to absorb or pass on the costs. The effect will surface gradually in the form of higher food prices rather than immediate public discontent. For now, households have been shielded, but this respite may not last. If global crude prices remain elevated, pressure will inevitably build for a revision in domestic LPG and piped natural gas (PNG) tariffs as well. Such increases, if they come, are likely to be staggered and calibrated. But the burden would only have been deferred, not avoided.

When expected economic adjustments follow so closely on the heels of elections, it creates the impression that decisions are being timed as much by political convenience as by market logic. India's energy vulnerability is real, and periodic corrections are unavoidable. But when timing invites doubt, credibility becomes collateral.

From political theatrics in Punjab to SIR in Bengal

Even as the Rajya Sabha was conceived by the framers as the chamber of sober second thought, it now risks becoming the chamber of arithmetical absorption

Most exit polls have already awarded West Bengal to the BJP. If the BJP wins Bengal, it will have proven its determination to take the state that has resisted its charms via saam, daam, dand, bhed and SIR, writes Editor-in-Chief Jyoti Malhotra in her weekly column The Great Game article Saam, daam, dand, bhed, SIR. In Bengal, the die is cast; in Punjab, AAP will certainly need to stay the course if it has to fight off the Opposition. The fact remains that the BJP has thrown the first punch; the bout has begun. It will end when Punjab votes in the Assembly elections less than ten months from now. Coming back to SIR, at the centre of the SIR controversy lies a simple but uncomfortable question: When the Constitution guarantees the right to be registered as a voter, can a process, however well-intentioned, end up undermining that right, questions former Chief Election Commissioner of India, writes former Chief Election Commissioner of India SY Quraishi in his Edit article Bengal SIR left many voters behind. The law, through Section 21(3) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, permits revision of electoral rolls, whether intensive or summary. But it does not license exclusion as a by-product of administrative zeal. The perception of exclusion, when tied to something as fundamental as the right to vote, is itself a democratic injury, he writes. In moments of potential disenfranchisement at scale, the Court has often acted as a protective umbrella. In the SIR case, however, that umbrella appeared hesitant to open fully, he writes. Meanwhile, the announcement by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Raghav Chadha that he and six



of his Rajya Sabha colleagues had "merged" with the BJP was a clever piece of political theatre. By invoking paragraph 4 of the Tenth Schedule, the seceding members sought to dress up what was plainly a defection in the constitutional vocabulary of merger. The

architecture of the Tenth Schedule, however, was designed precisely to prevent such mischief, writes SC senior advocate Sanjay Hegde in his Edit article The Aaya Rams, Gaya Rams of Punjab today. The Rajya Sabha was conceived by the framers as the chamber of

sober second thought. It risks becoming the chamber of arithmetical absorption, he avers. Talking about the US-Iran conflict, Trump desperately needs a way out from his self-made military disaster, one whose outcome will determine the remainder of his term keeping in mind this year's upcoming US mid-term Congressional elections. Iran's current headline rulers see themselves as being in a stronger strategic position, writes Indian Foreign Service (ret'd) officer Gaddam Dharmendra in his Op-Ed article Iran's new, wild card — Houthis on the Red Sea. Iran's ruling security establishment has settled into a wait-and-watch mode. There is a 'blockade-on-blockade' situation, with Iran and the US competing to control shipping in the Strait of Hormuz. Iran, however, holds a wild card, ie, Yemen's Houthis, who can impose a third blockade in the Red Sea, disrupting oil supplies from Saudi Arabia's western Yanbu port.

Coming to technology, AI is being slowly bypassed by the Internet of Things (IoT), a network of physical objects embedded with sensors, software and communication technologies, enabling them to connect to the Internet and exchange data automatically without direct human involvement. But the very ubiquity that makes IoT revolutionary also makes it terrifying, writes Lok Sabha MP and former I&B minister Manish Tewari in his Edit article The incredible Internet of Things. The marriage of IoT and AI is a transition that dwarfs the original Internet's impact. The current state of affairs is both a staggering engineering triumph and a policy quagmire, he writes.

HRF, DBF demand halt to Adivasi relocation from Amrabad Tiger Reserve

The six-member team conducted a field inquiry on Sunday into the ongoing displacement linked to the expansion of the Srisailem Tiger Reserve landscape.

HYDERABAD . (Agency)

A fact-finding team, comprising members of the Human Rights Forum (HRF) and Dalit Bahujan Front (DBF), has called for an immediate halt to the proposed relocation of Adivasi communities from the Amrabad Tiger Reserve, alleging coercion, misinformation and violation of constitutional safeguards. The six-member team conducted a field inquiry on Sunday into the ongoing displacement linked to the expansion of the Srisailem Tiger Reserve landscape. Based on interactions with local communities, particularly the Chenchu tribe, the team claimed that the narrative of "voluntary relocation" being promoted by authorities is misleading.

According to the report, villages under Sarlapalli gram panchayat, including Kudichintalabayalu and Tatigundala Penta,

along with Vatavarlapalli and Kollampenta, are among those targeted in the first phase of relocation.

Officials from the Revenue and Forest departments have reportedly been asserting that a large number of Adivasis were willing to shift. However, the team found that only a handful — mostly those already settled outside forest areas — have shown any inclination to move.

"In a recent rally meant to demonstrate willingness for relocation, only one tribal individual participated, while the rest were non-tribals," the report noted, questioning the credibility of official claims.

No human-tiger conflict

The fact-finding team highlighted that the Chenchu Adivasis, classified as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), have lived in harmony with



wildlife for generations. They argued that there has been no recorded human-tiger conflict in the region for decades, attributing this to the community's deep ecological knowledge and cultural reverence for tigers.

The report further stated that Adivasis fear

losing their livelihoods, land rights and access to forest resources if relocated to plains areas such as Bacharam, located nearly 100 km away. Many families currently depend on agriculture, forest produce and livestock grazing within the Scheduled Areas.

Serious concerns were also raised about alleged procedural violations. The team claimed that no valid Gram Sabha meetings were conducted to seek community consent, as mandated under laws such as the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act and the Forest Rights Act.

In one instance cited from Okkasripalli village, signatures were reportedly collected under official supervision without fulfilling quorum requirements.

Harassed by authorities

Additionally, the report alleged that dissenting Adivasis are facing intimidation and harassment from authorities, while welfare schemes such as housing and infrastructure projects have been withheld in villages identified for relocation. Activists working to raise awareness have also reportedly been targeted with false cases.

The practice of obtaining consent from non-tribal individuals through documents in English — paired with verbal assurances of compensation, land and housing — was also criticised as coercive and misleading. Calling the situation "deeply troubling", the team said the relocation process violates constitutional protections under the Fifth Schedule, as well as safeguards under land and tribal rights laws. It stressed that conservation efforts must not come at

Short news

Minister distributes cycles, launches development projects in Addanki

ONGOLE . (Agency)

Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar on Sunday launched a series of welfare and development initiatives in the Addanki segment. At Uppalapadu and Vemparala Government Schools, the minister distributed free bicycles to 55 students and felicitated SSC topper Jasti Naga Venkata Sai Sri for securing the highest marks at the constituency level.

He praised government school students for achieving record results in the recent SSC examinations, attributing the success to reforms introduced by Education Minister Nara Lokesh.

Ravi Kumar emphasised that government schools are now competing effectively with private institutions, with the state prioritising rapid infrastructure upgrades. During his visit, the minister inaugurated a memorial cultural stage at Vemparala Government School, constructed with donor support.

He also opened several development projects, including a BT road worth Rs 5.10 crore from Shantinagar to Eleswaravaripalem, and CC roads worth Rs 1.15 crore in Uppalapadu, Mailavaram, and Vemparala villages. Under the RDSS scheme, new electric poles are being installed across the constituency. Ravi Kumar said the government is fulfilling election promises by constructing blacktop roads, CC roads, and side drains in rural areas.

Eco-friendly night stays to boost Vizag tourism

VISAKHAPATNAM . (Agency)

Soon, people of Visakhapatnam and tourists visiting the city may no longer have to travel to far-flung Agency areas to experience forests and nature trails, with the Forest Department preparing to launch night-stay eco-tourism activities at the Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary, bringing a wilderness experience within the city limits.

Located amidst the city and nestled within the Eastern Ghats, Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary is being upgraded under the Government of India's Nagar Van Yojana. Spread across nearly 71 square kilometres, the sanctuary is emerging as a key eco-tourism destination, offering a rare combination of biodiversity conservation and nature-based recreation in close proximity to the city.

Developed at a cost of Rs 2 crore, the Kambalakonda Nagaravanam is already attracting over 200 visitors daily and up to 500 on weekends. To manage the site, the Forest Department has engaged 25 members from local tribal communities, integrating livelihood generation with conservation efforts.

Visakhapatnam Range Conservator of Forests

Mohammad Diwan Mydeen said, "Visitors will soon be able to book small eco-friendly huts for overnight stays based on available packages and explore the sanctuary through trekking routes of 3 km, 5 km and 7 km, designed to cater to different age groups and fitness levels. Shorter trails are expected to appeal to families and casual visitors, while the longer stretches will offer a more immersive trekking experience for adventure enthusiasts."

Woman murdered by lover over blackmail using wife's video, accused arrested

Meerut . (Agency)

A shocking murder case linked to blackmail and extramarital relationships has been solved by police in Meerut, with the arrest of the accused, identified as Sonu (36). The victim, Gulafshan (35), was found dead in a field on Saturday morning. Her body bore multiple deep injuries, indicating a brutal attack. Police later recovered the weapon used in the crime from a nearby location.



According to investigators, Gulafshan had allegedly been blackmailing Sonu by threatening to circulate an explicit video of his wife. The video was reportedly recorded earlier by Gulafshan's husband, Monu, who himself was said to be in a relationship with Sonu's

wife. This tangled web of relationships eventually led to the murder.

Police said Gulafshan and Monu, residents

away from where the weapon was later found. During interrogation, Sonu confessed to the crime. He told police that

Gulafshan had been demanding money and threatening to upload the video online if he refused. Distressed and fearing exposure, Sonu allegedly lured her to a field on the pretext of a meeting and attacked her with a sharp-edged weapon, striking her multiple times on the head, neck, and body.

Investigators said the crime scene suggested that the victim tried to defend herself, as one of her fingers was severed during the attack. Blood was found scattered across a wide area, indicating a violent struggle.

Following a complaint filed by Gulafshan's father, Shahid, police registered a case and launched an investigation, leading to Sonu's arrest. Further legal action is underway.

NFR Improves Speed of Trains in Chaparmukh-Senchoa Section of Assam with New Bridge Construction

The Sikh Times

Maligaon, 4th May: The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has achieved a significant milestone in infrastructural upgradation with the successful commissioning of a new major bridge No. 7 on 3rd May 2026. The bridge has been constructed in the Chaparmukh-Senchoa section under Lumding Division along with a permanent track diversion. The new bridge consists of a configuration of Prestressed Concrete Slab & Open Web Girder representing a substantial engineering upgrade, which will replace the existing old bridge at the location. The old bridge, originally a metre gauge structure later retained with strengthening, during the

1994 gauge conversion to broad gauge, had operational limitations and was subjected to a Permanent Speed Restriction (PSR) of 40 kmph. Recognizing the technical demand for modernization and enhanced safety, the division undertook the rebuilding work along with the construction of a permanent diversion alignment to facilitate smoother and safer train movement in the section. The new bridge and diverted track were successfully connected to the existing running line at both ends through a well-coordinated cut-and-con-



nection operation executed under a traffic block of approxi-

mately six hours. Despite the operational challenges, the work was completed efficiently and the section was commissioned for train movement on the same day, demonstrating high levels of planning, coordination and execution by the engineering and operating teams. With the commissioning of this upgraded infrastructure, the earlier speed restriction of 40 kmph has been eliminated, resulting in improved operational efficiency, enhanced safety and smoother train operations in the section. This accomplishment underscores NFR's continued commitment towards strengthening rail infrastructure and ensuring reliable services for passengers and freight movement in the zone.

Tribal Man Beaten With Hockey Stick In Madhya Pradesh, Case Filed

A Baiga tribal man was beaten by security at Nigahi Coal Plant in Madhya Pradesh in a viral video.

Singrauli . (Agency)

A disturbing video from Madhya Pradesh's Singrauli district has triggered outrage after it showed a tribal man from the Baiga community being mercilessly beaten with a hockey stick inside the premises of the Nigahi Coal Handling Plant, operated by Northern Coalfields Limited. The victim has been identified as Anne Lal Baiga. In the video, which has now gone viral on social media, he is seen lying helpless on the ground, pleading for mercy as the accused allegedly continues to assault him. The security in charge, identified as MD Singh, is allegedly seen abusing and beating him with a hockey stick while bystanders watch. The most chilling part of the video is not just the assault but also the voices around it. As the tribal man keeps pleading, "I beg of you, please don't hit me," people standing nearby are allegedly heard encouraging the attacker, saying,

"Spare his head, but break everything else." The incident reportedly took place around a month ago near the Nigahi Coal Handling Plant area. According to the victim's statement to police, he had gone into the forest with his wife to collect firewood when security personnel posted in the area allegedly stopped him. They reportedly suspected him of stealing scrap material and then assaulted him in the name of interrogation. The video shows the man being beaten in front of his wife. He collapses to the ground, but the assault continues. His repeated pleas fail to stop the violence. The incident has sparked anger not only because of the brutality, but also because the victim belongs to the Baiga community, a vulnerable tribal group.

After the video surfaced, the Nawanagar Police Station took cognisance of the matter and registered a case against three



named individuals, including the security in-charge. Police said two accused have been taken into custody and are being interrogated. City Superintendent of Police Umesh

Prajapati said the victim had been identified as Annelal Baiga and that the video appeared to be around one month old.

According to him, the victim told police that he had gone to the forest to collect firewood when security personnel suspected him of scrap theft and assaulted him.

"Based on the video, a case has been registered against three named individuals. Two accused have been taken into custody and are being interrogated. Action is being taken under the SC/ST Act," the CSP said. The incident has now taken a political turn. On Sunday, Minister of State for Panchayat and Rural Development Radha Singh visited the victim's home in the Baiga settlement. She met Anne Lal Baiga's family, heard their account of the incident and assured them of support.

Delhi IAS coaching director held hostage in 1.9 cr MP extortion case, 6 arrested

Bhopal . (Agency)

In a major breakthrough, the Crime Branch in Bhopal has solved a high-profile extortion case involving Rs 1.89 crore from an IAS coaching institute director. Six accused, including the alleged mastermind and former student of the academy, have been arrested.

According to police officials, the prime accused, Priyank Sharma, orchestrated the crime by luring the victim, Shubhra Ranjan, to Bhopal from Delhi under the pretext of a seminar and expansion of new coaching centers. Once she arrived, she was taken to a secluded location and held hostage at



gunpoint. Investigators revealed that the accused threatened the victim with pistols and country-made firearms, forcing her to transfer Rs 1.89 crore into accounts linked to entities named 'Janakshila' and 'RS Enterprises.' Acting swiftly after the incident came to light, the Crime Branch managed to freeze the transferred amount within hours. Officials confirmed that the refund process is underway and the full amount is expected to be returned soon.

The victim had checked into a five-star hotel near Bhadbhada before being taken by the accused to Bagsewania, where she was confined in a rented flat for two days. During this period, the accused coerced her into making multiple online transfers.

In a shocking twist, the accused also created a fake kidnapping video of one of their accomplices to further intimidate the victim and prevent her from approaching the police. Investigations revealed that the rented flat was secured just a day before the crime, and a religious gathering was organized there to mask any noise and avoid suspicion.

7 new Metro corridors get Delhi Govt nod, to be developed at cost of Rs 48,205 crore

The latest expansion is focused on improving connectivity in densely populated areas in Outer Delhi and rural belt such as Narela, Najafgarh, Nangloi and parts of North Delhi, while also strengthening links across the existing network.

New Delhi.(Agency)

Seven new corridors, 65 stations, spanning nearly 100 km, set to be developed at the cost of approximately Rs 48,204.56 crore — the Delhi government has approved the Delhi Metro's new extension plan under Phase V(B). Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said on Sunday. The latest expansion is focused on improving connectivity in densely populated areas in Outer Delhi and rural belt such as Narela, Najafgarh, Nangloi and parts of North Delhi, while also strengthening links across the existing network.

"This project will play a key role in ensuring balanced and inclusive urban development across Delhi," the CM was quoted as saying in a statement by her office as the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) marked its 32nd Foundation Day.

The seven corridors, spanning about 97.16 km,



are Dhansa Bus Stand–Nangloi, Central Secretariat–Kishangarh, Samaypur Badli–Narela, Kirti Nagar–Palam, Jor Bagh–Mithapur, Shastri Park–Mayur Vihar Phase III and Keshavpuram–Rohini Sector 34. Among these, completion targets for four priority corridors, which are yet to be named by officials, is 2029.

The proposal for the project will now be sent to the Central government for approval. Last December, the Cabinet had approved

Phase V (A), a 16-km expansion, which primarily focuses on providing connectivity to the Central Vista corridor.

"The complete length of Phase V will be around 200 km across Delhi-NCR," DMRC MD Vikas Kumar had told The Indian Express in an interview earlier this year. These remaining corridors seek to expand metro coverage into the NCR states. The DMRC will now prepare revised Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for both priority and non-priority corridors before seeking final approvals from the Centre.

The Dhansa Bus Stand–Nangloi corridor, spanning about 11.8 km, will be fully elevated and connect areas such as Najafgarh, Bakkarwala and Nangloi, with existing interchanges.

The Central Secretariat–Kishangarh line, about 16 km long, will have a significant underground stretch and connect key

locations including Jawaharlal Nehru University and the Prime Ministers' Museum.

The Samaypur Badli–Narela corridor will extend the existing Yellow Line further north, bringing areas such as Holambi Kalan and Alipur onto the Metro map. The Keshavpuram–Rohini Sector 34 corridor, at over 16 km, will be fully elevated and serve residential and institutional areas in northwest Delhi. Other corridors will combine elevated and underground sections. The Kirti Nagar–Palam stretch will extend the Green Line and provide interchange points with the Pink and Magenta lines. The Jor Bagh–Mithapur corridor, nearly 17 km long, will connect South and Southeast Delhi with multiple interchanges, while the Shastri Park–Mayur Vihar Phase III Corridor will improve connectivity in East Delhi, including areas such as Trilokpuri.

Inferno in Vivek Vihar building leaves trail of death, rescue hurdles emerge in Delhi

New Delhi.(Agency)

It was anything but an ordinary morning in Vivek Vihar. Instead of calm streets and waking households, towering flames tore through a residential building, with thick smoke. The silence after the flames were extinguished was even more haunting, as grief replaced panic.

Jyotjit Sabarwal, head of the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Sewa Dal's disaster unit, said accessibility was a major challenge. "We got information around 6 am and



rushed with our team. The first body was found on the second floor. As we moved ahead, five more bodies were found on the third floor. On reaching the top floor, it was clear several people were trapped. A digital lock reportedly prevented their escape," he said.

Volunteers packed the bodies and transported them to Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital mortuary. "The bodies were stuck to the floor and hot at that time. We poured water before lifting them," he added. A resident said the fire started on the second floor and spread rapidly. "Someone alerted us around 3:30 am. We ran downstairs, but soon the staircase was engulfed," he said. Another resident, Vikas Sahani, said, "If firefighters hadn't arrived within minutes,

Delhi HC says no RTI access to spousal income

New Delhi.(Agency)

The Delhi HC has said that an individual cannot obtain details of their spouse's income by filing an application under the Right to Information Act. The ruling came in a case where a wife argued that such information was necessary for deciding her maintenance claim.

Justice Purushendra Kumar Kaurav said personal information, unless linked to public interest, is exempt from disclosure under Section 8 of the Act. The court also relied on the position of the Supreme



Court of India, which has held that income tax returns are personal information.

The case arose from a petition filed by the husband challenging a 2021 order of the Central Information Commission, which had directed income tax authorities to disclose his taxable income details for the financial year 2007–08 to his estranged wife.

Setting aside the CIC order as "unsustainable in law," the high court, in its April 28 judgment, said the information sought was clearly personal and did not fall under the exception of "larger public interest." The court added that the RTI Act aims to promote transparency in public authorities, not to allow disclosure of private information unrelated to public interest.

Thunderstorms, rain batter Delhi, air travel impacted across region amid IMD alert

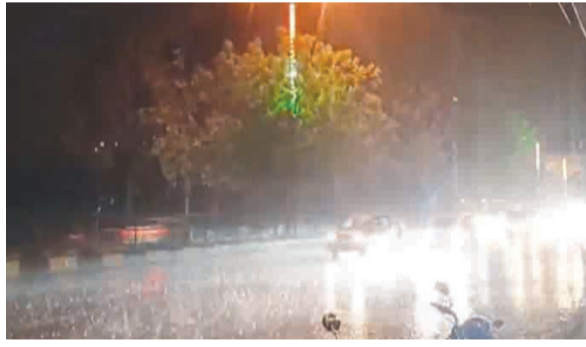
New Delhi.(Agency)

Rain lashed several parts of Delhi-NCR as the India Meteorological Department issued urgent nowcast warnings forecasting intense thunderstorms, lightning, hailstorms and strong winds over the next two to three hours, with significant impact already being seen across the region.

"Red warnings" have been issued for multiple districts of Delhi, including Central, East, New, North, North East, North West, Shahdara, South West and West Delhi. In Haryana, districts such as Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri, Hisar, Jhajjar, Jind, Karnal, Panipat, Rohtak and Sonapat are also under red alert, along with Mahoba in Uttar

Pradesh.

These areas are likely to witness severe thunderstorms with lightning, hailstorms, gusty winds of 60–80 kmph, and moderate



rainfall ranging between 5–15 mm per hour. "Orange warnings" remain in place for parts of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and southern Delhi districts, where thunderstorms with

wind speeds of 40–60 kmph and moderate rainfall are expected.

In a midnight update on May 4, the IMD said thunderstorm and duststorm activity with light to moderate rainfall and lightning is very likely across many parts of Delhi and the National Capital Region, extending into districts of Haryana, western Uttar Pradesh and parts of Rajasthan over the next two hours.

FLIGHTS OPERATIONS HIT

The adverse weather has also begun affecting air travel. SpiceJet said in a post on X that due to bad weather in Delhi, all departures and arrivals, along with consequential flights, may be impacted, urging passengers to check their flight status.

Overnight Rain, Thunderstorms In Delhi Bring Relief From Heat

New Delhi.(Agency)

Overnight thunderstorms and rain, accompanied by gusty winds, brought temperatures down across Delhi on Monday, with the minimum temperature dipping several notches below normal, according to the India Meteorological Department. At Safdarjung, the city's base station, the minimum temperature was recorded at 18.8 degrees Celsius, 5.9 notches below normal. IMD data showed Palam recorded a low of 17.9 degrees Celsius, 7.7 degrees below normal, while The Ridge logged a minimum temperature of 18 degrees Celsius, down by 7 degrees.

Lodi Road recorded a minimum of 20 degrees Celsius, 3 degrees below normal, and Ayanagar 19 degrees Celsius,

4.6 notches below normal, according to the IMD.

Rain lashed several areas in Delhi between late night and early morning hours. Safdarjung recorded around 5.7 mm of rain in the last 24 hours till 8.30 am on Monday, while Palam received about 5.7 mm. Among the other stations, Ayanagar recorded the highest rainfall at 13 mm, followed by Lodi Road and The Ridge at 4 mm each.



The maximum temperature in Delhi on Monday is likely to be in the range of 31–33 degrees Celsius, according to the IMD. Delhi's air quality was 'moderate' on Monday morning with an AQI reading of 106, according to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data. The CPCB classifies an AQI between 0 and 50 as 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe'.

Delhi enforces new traffic challan rules: Why delayed payments will cost you and more

New Delhi.(Agency)

Continued non-payment will lead to restrictions on vehicle-related services, including tax payments and licence or registration processes.

Traffic violators in Delhi will now have to deposit 50% of the fine before approaching a court to contest it under a new framework, which introduces a structured and time-bound process for settling challans with an emphasis on digital monitoring and stricter enforcement, a statement from Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's Office said on Sunday.

"Delaying traffic challans will cost dear, and payments must be made within deadlines," the CM was quoted as saying in the statement. It will trigger daily electronic notices.

Continued non-payment will lead to restrictions on vehicle-related services, including tax payments and licence or registration processes. Vehicles may also be flagged as "not to be transacted" on the portal, blocking



further transactions until dues are cleared. In certain cases, and subject to court orders, vehicles may even be impounded.

Calling the system "fully digital, transparent and accountable," the CM said it is aimed at improving compliance with traffic rules and reducing road accidents.

The Delhi government, as per the statement,

Delhi govt tightens rules on traffic challans

Under the new framework, avoiding challans will not be possible, and timely resolution will be mandatory. Violators cannot directly approach courts without first following the prescribed process.



New Delhi.(Agency)

The Delhi Government has introduced a structured, time-bound system for settling traffic challans, signalling a stricter approach to road discipline. The move aims to curb violations, improve safety, and ensure transparency through a fully digital process. Under the new framework, avoiding challans will not be possible, and timely resolution will be mandatory. Violators cannot directly approach courts without first following the prescribed process.

CM Rekha Gupta said the government will implement amendments to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The revised system is more stringent and technology-driven. Individuals committing five or more violations in a year will be treated as serious offenders, with possible suspension or disqualification of their driving licence.

Challans will be issued physically or electronically, including through camera-based surveillance. E-challans will be sent within three days if contact details are available, while physical notices will be delivered within 15 days. All records will be maintained on an online portal. Motorists have been advised to update their contact details.

After issuance, violators will have 45 days to pay or challenge the challan online. If ignored, it will be deemed accepted, with payment required within 30 days. If a challenge is rejected, payment must be made or the matter taken to court after depositing 50 percent of the fine.

The CM made it clear that once deadlines lapse, daily electronic notices will be issued. Continued non-payment will lead to restrictions on all vehicle-related services, including payment of taxes and processing of driving licence or registration-related requests.

will also implement amendments to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. As part of this, individuals committing five or more violations within a year will be classified as "serious offenders" and may face suspension or disqualification of their driving licence. Under the revised system, officials said, violators will have 45 days from the issuance of a challan to either pay the fine or challenge it before a grievance redressal officer through an online portal.

If no action is taken within this period, the challan will be deemed accepted, and the individual will have 30 additional days to make the payment. If a challenge is rejected, the violator can either pay within 30 days or move court after depositing half the challan amount. Failure to act within these timelines will result in the challan being treated as accepted, with payment required.

NEWS BOX

KKR players smash cake on Andre Russell's face after win vs SRH

New Delhi. (Agency)

Hilarious celebrations unfolded at the team hotel after Kolkata Knight Riders beat SunRisers Hyderabad at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium on Sunday. KKR exacted revenge on SRH this season, handing them a comprehensive seven-wicket defeat.

Spinners Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy spun a web around the SRH batting line-up before young Angkrish Raghuvanshi calmly guided the 166-run chase in Hyderabad. After the win, the team returned to the hotel and marked the occasion by smashing cake on the face of none other than Andre Russell, who had celebrated his birthday a few days before the game.

KKR posted a video of the celebrations on social media, where players can be seen rubbing a whole chocolate cake on Russell's face. Russell's former West Indies teammate Narine was the first to start the fun, while head coach Abhishek Nayar held Russell from behind as the rest of the squad watched the hilarious scene unfold.

KKR HAMMER SRH IN HYDERABAD

Kolkata Knight Riders continued their remarkable turnaround in IPL 2026 with a convincing seven-wicket win over SunRisers Hyderabad on Sunday, chasing down 166 with ease in Hyderabad.

Once winless in their first six matches, KKR have now won three on the trot to keep their playoff hopes alive. The turnaround has been driven largely by their spin attack, with Varun Chakravarthy leading the charge. The mystery spinner returned to form with figures of 3 for 36, troubling SRH batters with his variations, while Sunil Narine chipped in with two wickets and also brought up his 200th IPL scalp.

SRH started strongly after being put in to bat, with Abhishek Sharma and Travis Head racing to 44 in just 3.3 overs. Head looked particularly dangerous, smashing a 22-ball fifty and threatening a massive score. However, Chakravarthy turned the game on its head by dismissing him for 61 in the ninth over. The wicket triggered a collapse, with SRH losing nine wickets for just 60 runs. Heinrich Klaasen failed to capitalise on a dropped chance, while Ishan Kishan was left stranded without support from the middle order. Narine then delivered a decisive blow by removing Kishan and Salil Arora in the same over, as SRH were bowled out for 165 in 19 overs.

Dad, it's a private plane: Mark Wood reveals bizarre story about IPL team owner

Miami. (Agency)

England fast bowler Mark Wood revealed a bizarre story from his time in the Indian Premier League, recalling how a franchise owner once offered to fly him out on a private plane just to get him to play one match in the tournament. Speaking on a BBC podcast, Wood narrated an incident from a season where he had featured in a handful of games before falling ill. The England pacer said the team management, including the owner, was desperate to have him available despite his condition. Hence, the team owner offered to send a private plane, fly him out, get him to play the match, and then fly him back to the hotel.

It is important to note that the England fast bowler did not have an extensive run in the Indian Premier League. Wood's IPL career has been limited to just five matches across two franchises. He made a solitary appearance for Chennai Super Kings before featuring four times for Lucknow Super Giants in 2023.

The small sample size, combined with his own recollection of playing "about five games" in a season, strongly hints that the incident took place during his time with Lucknow. That context becomes important, because Wood went on to reveal that an IPL franchise owner personally called him up in an attempt to get him to play a match, even offering to fly him in on a private plane.

In the interview, Wood recalled that he had fallen seriously ill after playing four matches in the tournament. He had three days to recover for the game, but was unlikely to make it in time. What followed was perhaps in equal part funny and equal part sad.

HERE'S MARK WOOD'S IPL STORY

"I'll give you a story which wasn't fun. I wasn't very well. After about five games, I'd picked up an illness there, and the next game was about three days' time. So every half an hour, the doctor who had stayed back would come to my room, take my vitals, and try to get me right.

I remember one day, the IPL team owner was ringing me and he was like, 'How are we feeling? Are we ready to go?' I was like, 'Honestly, I've ate and drank nothing. I can't get out of bed still. I'm hoping that, you know, if I can think'.

IPL Play of the Day: Mohammed Siraj's opening-over storm blows away PBKS top order

IPL 2026: Mohammed Siraj

struck twice in the opening over to derail Punjab Kings against Gujarat Titans. The burst exposed how heavily Punjab's batting depends on a fast powerplay start.

Ahmedabad. (Agency)

There's a reason Punjab Kings have looked like one of the most dangerous batting units in IPL 2026. Their top four of Prabhsimran Singh, Priyansh Arya, Cooper Connolly and Shreyas Iyer has made a habit of taking games away inside the powerplay itself.

We saw that peak version not too long ago. A 126-run opening stand between Priyansh and Prabhsimran set up a fearless 265 chase against Delhi Capitals. That's the template.

Start fast, stay ahead, make the rest look easy. But cricket rarely sticks to the script for too long. Against the Gujarat Titans, that entire structure came crashing down early. No rhythm, no platform, just pressure from ball one. And at the centre of it was Mohammed Siraj, who didn't just strike early, he broke the game open before Punjab could even settle.

HOW SIRAJ ROCKED PUNJAB EARLY

Siraj didn't take time to warm into the game. He arrived switched on. Second ball of the innings, first breakthrough. Priyansh Arya, usually the one dictating terms, went hard at width but didn't get hold of it. At deep backward point, Nishant Sindhu dived low to his left and held on. Early damage.

Cooper Connolly walked in and walked back in the space of one ball. A sharp delivery jagged back in, took the inside edge and settled safely in Jos Buttler's gloves. The review only delayed the outcome.

Three balls, two wickets. Punjab's entire top-order blueprint undone before it could even begin.

By the time the over ended, the tone of the innings had already shifted. Yes, Shreyas



Iyer managed a boundary off the penultimate ball, but the damage was done. Punjab never quite recovered, crawling to 35 in the powerplay instead of dictating terms like they usually do.

Add in the pressure from Kagiso Rabada and Jason Holder, and suddenly the most

explosive top order of the season looked stuck.

GUJARAT NEEDS MORE OF SIRAJ

There's a reason why this spell matters beyond just one game. After their win over Royal Challengers Bengaluru, Rashid Khan had spoken about the bowlers needing to take more responsibility.

GT don't quite have the same explosive middle-order firepower as some other teams, so their margin often starts with the ball.

Coming into this game, Punjab were exactly the kind of side that could push totals into the 190-200 range or beyond if allowed a start. Instead, Siraj shut that door early. No momentum, no freedom, no platform. He now has 11 wickets from 10 matches this season. Solid numbers, but the feeling is there's still another level he can hit.

GT have quietly built a three-match winning run, but they're still outside the top four. With four league games left, they don't just need wins, they need control like this.

MI vs LSG preview: Mumbai, Lucknow fight for survival as early elimination threat looms

New Delhi. (Agency)

Mumbai Indians and Lucknow Super Giants are in all sorts of trouble and won't have much room for error when they lock horns in their IPL 2026 match on Monday, May 4 at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. Both teams are languishing in the bottom two spots on the table and need something more than special to turn their campaigns around. For MI, there's absolutely no place to hide, as another defeat would more or less end their campaign. No team in the history of the IPL has qualified for the playoffs with 12 points, and this is exactly why the upcoming game holds so much importance. The Super Giants, on the other hand, aren't in a comfortable position either, and with a net run rate of -1.106, they face an uphill task as well.

CAN LUCKNOW BOUNCE BACK?



When the Super Giants began their campaign with two wins in their first three games, they looked in pretty good shape. But as the tournament has progressed, they have gone from bad to worse. Having lost their last five matches, LSG are searching for inspiration to turn their fortunes around. Mohsin Khan did provide a spark against Kolkata Knight Riders with a five-wicket haul, but Rinku Singh's heroics

ensured KKR had the last laugh in Lucknow.

Rishabh Pant's struggles with the bat haven't helped the Super Giants by any stretch of the imagination. Mohammed Shami's role against MI will be crucial, given how challenging conditions at the Wankhede can be for bowlers, and this is where his wealth of experience could prove vital. With MI not in the best of form, LSG might see this as an opportunity to return to winning ways.

WILL ROHIT SHARMA RETURN AGAINST LSG?

It's been quite some time since Rohit Sharma last played, having been sidelined with a hamstring injury he sustained earlier in the tournament. In his absence, MI's top order has undergone several changes. With the team just one bad game away from eliminatio.

Shubman Gill continues social media banter, this time teases PBKS in Insta post



New Delhi. (Agency)

Shubman Gill once again grabbed attention off the field after Gujarat Titans' win over Punjab Kings. The GT skipper appeared to continue his now-familiar post-match banter, this time aimed at the IPL 2026 table-toppers. Gill has built a pattern of dropping something on social media after big wins. Shortly after the Ahmedabad victory, he shared a photo with Washington Sundar and Sai Sudharsan, recreating a pose closely linked with PBKS, adding fuel to the chatter online.

"Bas jeetna hai. Aava de." This isn't entirely new territory for Gill. Similar posts earlier in the season had already caught attention, but this latest one has only added to that growing pattern.

HOW SHUBMAN GILL HAS STARTED A BANTER STORM

Gill's social media has quietly turned into a post-match extension of GT's wins. It started in Chennai. After beating Chennai Super Kings at Chepauk, Gill posted a picture holding the iconic yellow whistle, a symbol deeply tied to CSK's "Whistle Podu" culture. The caption read "Nandri Chennai," which only added to the cheekiness of it. Then came the RCB game. After getting the better of Royal Challengers Bengaluru, Gill followed it up with another Instagram post featuring Virat Kohli. The caption, "Play Bold @jaseholder98," looked like praise for Jason Holder on the surface, but many fans read it as a clever twist on RCB's "Play Bold" tagline.

The pattern is clear. Beat a big team, drop a post that feels casual but lands like a nudge. Not loud, not over the top, but just enough to get people talking. Some fans are loving it. Others feel it's pushing the line. Either way, Gill seems to know exactly what he's doing.

World Relays: India end disappointing campaign with injury and DNF

New Delhi. (Agency)

India endured a forgettable outing at the World Athletics Relays, with injuries and Did Not Finish (DNF) results derailing their campaign on the second day of competition on Sunday. The biggest blow came in the men's 4x400m relay, where India's hopes of securing direct qualification for the 2027 World Championships in Beijing came crashing down. Amoj Jacob suffered cramps during the race and was forced to pull out after receiving the baton from first-leg runner Dharamveer Choudhary, resulting in a DNF for the team. Rajesh Ramesh and Vishal TK were scheduled to run the final two legs.

Having failed to qualify for the finals on Saturday, India were competing in the second qualification round on Sunday, where the top two teams from each heat were to seal their spots for the World Championships. The missed opportunity means India must now rely on the World



Athletics Top Lists route, a far more uncertain and prolonged path to qualification.

BATON FALLS IN MEN'S 4x100

The setbacks continued in the men's 4x100m relay, where a lack of coordination proved costly. Third-leg runner Ragul Kumar fell on the track while attempting to hand over the baton to Gurindervir Singh, leading to a disqualification. Harsh Santosh Raut and Animesh Kujur had run the opening two legs. Kumar, who appeared to be in discomfort, had to be assisted off the

track by volunteers. India's struggles with baton exchanges were further highlighted in the women's 4x100m event.

A fumbled exchange between Tamanna and Nithya Gandhe saw the baton dropped, forcing Gandhe to turn back and retrieve it after initially sprinting ahead. The team eventually finished with a time of 53.09 seconds in what turned out to be a chaotic run. Amid the disappointment, there was a minor positive for the Indian contingent. The mixed 4x100m relay team of Ragul Kumar, Nithya Gandhe, Animesh Kujur and Sneha SS set a new national record of 41.35 seconds, improving on the previous mark of 42.30 seconds set earlier this year. However, they could only finish sixth in their heat.

The mixed 4x400m relay team also fell short, with Theerthesh P Shetty, Kumari Saloni, Nihal William and Rashdeep Kaur finishing fifth in their heat with a time of 3:19.40.

Manchester United to hand Carrick permanent role after Champions League return?

Manchester United beat Liverpool 3-2 at Old Trafford to secure Champions League qualification under caretaker boss Michael Carrick. The result has sharpened the debate over whether Carrick should get the job permanently.

Manchester. (Agency)

Manchester United's return to the UEFA Champions League has intensified talk around Michael Carrick being handed the job on a permanent basis. The caretaker boss has overseen a sharp turnaround, and the latest win over Liverpool has only strengthened his

case. United confirmed their Champions League qualification with a 3-2 win at Old Trafford. Speaking after the match, Carrick reflected on the turnaround since taking charge in January.

"It's been a good run. We've beaten some very, very good teams and it's been challenging. Sometimes we've won it in some ways, sometimes we've won it in other ways. I love doing what I'm doing. It's a great position for me to be in and it feels pretty natural if I'm totally honest," Carrick said.

"I'm not being blasé because it's a difficult role, but it feels like I've been here a long time, in different times on and off, but I can understand what it brings and to be sat in this position is a good position to be in. We will just have to wait and see. When we came in, the Champions League was a little bit in the



distance so to be where we are, with three games to spare, is a good achievement," he added.

The result capped a strong run under Carrick, who has now won 10 of his 14 matches in charge, guiding United into the top five with games to spare after a difficult first half of the season.

WILL CARRICK BE MAN UNITED

PERMANENT MANAGER?

Carrick's numbers make a strong case. Since taking over in January, the 44-year-old has overseen a clear turnaround, with United climbing into third place with 64 points from 35 matches. More importantly, he has delivered Champions League qualification, something that looked unlikely when he first stepped in. Beyond results, there has been a visible shift in how United have approached games. They have found ways to win in different situations, something Carrick himself pointed to.

However, the decision is far from straightforward. A Champions League return brings added pressure, more fixtures, and the need for greater squad depth. United's hierarchy will have to decide whether Carrick is the long-term answer or if they look for a more experienced name to lead them into that next phase.

NCLAT dismisses Vedanta's appeal against selection of Adani group's bid for Jaiprakash Associates

New Delhi.(Agency)

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Monday dismissed the two petitions filed by Vedanta Ltd, where the mining group challenged the selection of Adani Enterprises' bid for debt-ridden Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL).

A two-member bench comprising Chairperson Ashok Bhushan and Member Technical Barun Mitra said: "No grounds have been made out by the appellant (Vedanta) to interfere with the decision of the adjudicating Authority (NCLT)."

"There is no merit in the appeal. Both appeals are dismissed. There shall be no orders to pass," said NCLAT. The decision of the Committee of Creditors was based on "overall consideration of the respective resolution plan and was taken in its commercial wisdom," said the appellate tribunal.

NCLAT also said there has been "no material irregularity committed by Resolution Professional while conducting the plan resolution process."

NCLAT also dismissed Vedanta's plea, where it had questioned the evaluation metrics adopted and had said its bid was Rs 3,400 crore higher in gross value terms and roughly Rs 500 crore more in net present value compared to the Adani Group's bid.

Rejecting this, NCLAT said "decision of CoC not approving the resolution plan of the appellant with a higher plan value of Rs 3,400 crores and NPV of Rs 500 crore as compared to plan of respondent No 3 (Adani) caOn March 17, the NCLT, Allahabad bench, approved Adani Enterprises Ltd's Rs 14,535-crore bid to acquire JAL through the insolvency process. This was challenged by Vedanta before the appellate tribunal NCLAT. On April 23, the insolvency appellate tribunal had concluded its hearing after hearing the petitioner Vedanta and respondents, including the Resolution Professional, Committee of Creditors (CoC) and Adani Enterprises.

OPEC+ hikes oil production quotas but stays mum on UAE pull-out

New Delhi.(Agency)

Saudi Arabia, Russia and five other OPEC+ countries increased their oil production quota on Sunday in an expected move aimed at demonstrating continuity at the cartel after the shock withdrawal of the United Arab Emirates.

The seven major producers will add 188,000 barrels per day to their total production quota for June amid the price pressure unleashed by the Mideast war, as part of "their collective commitment to support oil market stability", according to a statement published by OPEC.

The statement, following an online meeting of Algeria, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Oman, Russia and Saudi Arabia, made no mention of the United Arab Emirates, which quit the body on Friday, three days after announcing its withdrawal.

Rystad Energy analyst Jorge Leon told AFP that the silence on the UAE's departure was a sign of tense relations. Oil market analysts had widely expected the increase of 188,000 barrels, similar to the 206,000-barrel daily increases OPEC+ announced in both March and April when the portion allotted to the UAE was subtracted.

"By sticking to the same production path -- just minus the UAE -- it's acting as if nothing has happened, deliberately downplaying internal fractures and projecting stability," Leon said.

Strait of Hormuz bottleneck remains

But raising the quota on paper may not have much impact on actual production, which is already short of the limit. Untapped OPEC+ reserves are mainly located in the Gulf region, and exports there are trapped by the blockade of the vital Strait of Hormuz, imposed by Iran in response to the US-Israeli strikes that started the war on February 28.

Stock Market: Sensex, Nifty surge; Maruti share price jumps 4 per cent

Mumbai.(Agency)

The BSE Sensex rallied 70-7.92 points to 77,621.42 on Monday. The NSE Nifty gained 222.85 points to 24,220.40. The Stock Market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty jumped as crude oil prices eased and global sentiments improved. From the 30-Sensex firms, Maruti was the major gainer as the stock jumped 4 per cent after. Other gainers included, Adani Ports, Asian Paints and Mahindra & Mahindra, Hindustan Unilever, and Larsen & Toubro. Laggards included, Tata Consultancy Services, Titan Kotak Mahindra Bank, and Eternal. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, traded 0.27 per cent lower at USD 107.9 per barrel.

Market likely to be unduly influenced by Assembly Election Results

"Today's market action may be unduly influenced by the state election results with focus on West Bengal. But it is important to note that this will be only a very short-term sentimental impact," VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, told PTI.

"President Trump's declaration that the US will help and guide ships through the Strait of Hormuz has brought Brent crude down to around USD 108 levels. Also, there is a latest proposal from Iran to the US delivered through Pakistan," Vijayakumar added.

Shanghai's SSE Composite index, Hong Kong's Hang Seng index and South Korea's benchmark Kospi, were in positive territory. The US stock markets settled mostly higher on Friday.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) sold equities worth Rs 8,047.86 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data. Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs), however infused Rs 3,487.10 crore. Stock exchanges observed a holiday on Friday for Maharashtra Day.

OnEMI Technology IPO struggles with low demand, weak GMP: Why it's a high-risk bet

New Delhi.(Agency)

The IPO of OnEMI Technology Solutions is off to a weak start, with muted subscription and low grey market premium raising concerns about investor interest and risk. On Day 1, the issue was subscribed just 0.25 times. Retail participation remained extremely weak at 0.06 times, while qualified institutional buyers subscribed 0.69 times and non-institutional investors 0.11 times.

Grey market trends also reflect caution. The IPO's GMP stands at around Rs 4, suggesting an estimated listing price of Rs 175 — a modest 2.34% premium over the upper price band of Rs 171. This points to limited listing gains and subdued sentiment.

WHY IS ONEMI TECHNOLOGY IPO SEEING LOW DEMAND?

The weak response is largely due to concerns around the company's business

model, credit risk, and near-term growth visibility.

OnEMI operates in the digital lending space through brands like Kisht and Ring, focusing on borrowers with limited credit history. While this segment offers strong long-term growth potential, it also carries higher default risks.

KEY RISKS HIGHLIGHTED BY ANALYSTS

According to an IPO note by Geojit Investments Limited, the business comes with several structural risks that make it suitable primarily for high-risk investors.

One of the biggest concerns is the borrower profile. The company targets low- to middle-income customers, often with thin credit files, making them more vulnerable during economic stress. The note also highlights that although credit

quality has improved recently, with lower impairment costs and declining bounce rates, sustaining this trend will be critical. Any deterioration could impact earnings.

partnerships weaken.

BUSINESS TRANSITION ADDS UNCERTAINTY

OnEMI is currently shifting towards higher-quality borrowers and longer-tenure loans. While this is expected to improve stability over time, it has already impacted revenue growth in the near term. This transition phase adds uncertainty, making earnings visibility less predictable.

VALUATION MAY LOOK REASONABLE, BUT RISKS REMAIN

At the upper price band of Rs 171, the IPO is valued at a P/E of around 10.8 times based on annualised earnings. While this valuation may appear reasonable, it hinges on the company's ability to scale profitably while managing credit risks — a challenge in the unsecured lending space.



Who is Rohit Jain, the new RBI deputy governor?

New Delhi.(Agency)

The government has appointed Rohit Jain as the new deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India, bringing in a seasoned insider to one of the most important positions in India's financial system. The appointment, approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, will be for a three-year term starting on or after May 3, 2026, according to an official notification.

Jain replaces T Rabi Sankar, whose tenure ended after receiving two extensions in 2024 and 2025.

WHO IS ROHIT JAIN?

Rohit Jain is a career central banker with close to 30 years of experience at the RBI. He has been serving as an executive director at the central bank since December 2020 and was most recently in charge of banking supervision, a key role that involves overseeing the functioning and stability of banks.

Over the years, Jain has handled multiple critical functions within the RBI, giving him deep insight into India's financial system and regulatory

framework.

His appointment also makes him one of the deputy governors promoted from within the RBI, alongside S C Murmu, who was elevated in October 2025.

WHY HE WAS CHOSEN

Jain was among the senior-most



executive directors being considered for the role, along with Vivek Deep, Radha Shyam Ratho and Ajay Kumar.

His long experience within the RBI and his work in banking supervision are seen as key factors behind his selection.

The move signals continuity, with the central bank opting for an internal candidate who understands its systems and challenges.

WHAT DOES AN RBI DEPUTY GOVERNOR DO?

The RBI has four deputy governors, each handling multiple departments that are crucial to the functioning of the financial system.

As the senior-most deputy governor, T Rabi Sankar oversaw 12 departments, including financial markets regulation and payment systems. Jain's portfolio is yet to be announced and is expected to be finalised soon.

With Jain taking charge, responsibilities among the deputy governors are likely to be reshuffled. Jain's appointment maintains the RBI's mix of internal and external expertise in its leadership. The appointment comes at a time when the RBI is navigating global uncertainty, managing inflation risks, overseeing financial stability, and dealing with rapid changes in fintech and digital payments. Jain's experience in banking supervision could play a key role in strengthening oversight of banks and financial institutions, especially as the sector faces evolving risks.

Thermos recalls 8.2 million containers after stoppers caused vision loss



New Delhi.(Agency)

In a major safety recall, Thermos has announced the withdrawal of around 8.2 million food jars and beverage bottles after reports of defective stoppers forcefully ejecting and causing injuries, including cases of permanent vision loss.

According to a notice issued by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, the recall covers approximately 5.8 million Stainless King Food Jars and about 2.3 million Sportsman Food & Beverage Bottles sold between March 2008 and July 2024. The products were widely available through major retailers, including Target, Walmart and Amazon. CBS news quoted the company which said it has received 27 reports of incidents where consumers were struck by stoppers that unexpectedly ejected upon opening the containers. Some of these incidents resulted in lacerations requiring medical attention, while three consumers suffered permanent vision loss. The issue has been linked to a design flaw in the stopper, which lacks a pressure relief mechanism in its center, allowing internal pressure to build up and release suddenly.

The recall specifically includes:

► Stainless King Food Jars (models SK3000 and SK3020) manufactured before July 2023

► All Sportsman Food & Beverage Bottles (model Sk3010)

!The affected products were sold in multiple colors and feature the Thermos brand name printed on the sides, with model numbers located at the bottom.

!Consumers have been urged to stop using the recalled items immediately. Thermos is offering free replacement pressure relief stoppers or full product replacements, depending on the model.

Sensex, Nifty jump over easing crude oil prices; Maruti leads gains

New Delhi.(Agency)

Benchmark stock market indices opened higher on Monday, supported by easing crude oil prices as investors also kept an eye on the election results in the states of Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

The S&P BSE Sensex was up 778.78 points to 77,692.28, while the NSE Nifty50 jumped 223.80 points to 24,221.35 as of 9:35 am.

Dr. VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said that today's market action may be unduly influenced by the state election results with focus



on West Bengal.

"But it is important to note that this will be only a very short-term sentimental impact. The real market trend will be guided by the crude oil prices, which, in turn, will be decided by the news and happenings in West Asia. President Trump's declaration that

the US will help and guide ships through the Strait of Hormuz has brought Brent crude down to around \$108 levels," he added.

Also, there is a latest proposal from Iran to the US delivered through Pakistan. Another major factor influencing market behaviour will be the FII activity. The continuing momentum in the AI trade implies that FIIs will continue to sell in India. This might keep largecaps under check with activity moving significantly to the broader market. Therefore, any rally triggered by the domestic political developments will be used by FIIs to sell more. The global AI trade will continue to weigh on markets in the near-term.

How this woman built a Rs 1 crore net worth by 28 before her wedding

Just days before stepping into a new phase of life, a 28-year-old woman hit a goal many spend decades chasing—a Rs 1 crore net worth. And she did it without complex strategies or expert help.

New Delhi.(Agency)

There's something quietly powerful about hitting a financial milestone just as life takes a new turn. For a 28-year-old tech sales professional, reaching her first crore a week before her wedding wasn't just about money, it was about years of discipline finally showing up. Sharing her journey on Reddit, she kept it simple and honest. "I'm not a sophisticated

investor," she wrote. "My portfolio might be simple and conservative." And yet, it worked.

ASTEADY CLIMB, NOT A SPRINT

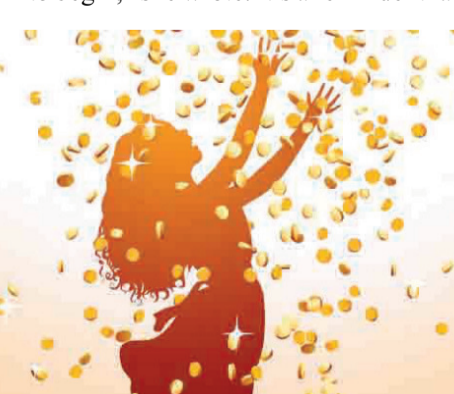
She began earning and investing at 21, without any formal financial guidance. No fancy strategies, no big risks, just consistency. Over seven years, she built a portfolio that now crosses Rs 1 crore, spread across mutual funds, gold, EPF, equities, and savings.

What stands out is not just the amount, but how she got there. There were no shortcuts—just regular investing, gradual increases, and patience.

KEEPING IT SIMPLE, KEEPING IT GOING

Her approach reflects what many financial experts often say but few follow with discipline. She increased

her investments whenever her income grew and kept her lifestyle in check. "Start early, even with small amounts. You don't need to be an expert to begin," she wrote. It's a reminder that



timing and consistency often matter more than perfect planning.

LESSONS LEARNT ALONG THE WAY

Looking back, she admits her strategy wasn't perfect. In the early years, she leaned heavily towards large-cap

mutual funds. Over time, she adjusted her portfolio to include a better mix.

She also feels she could have taken slightly more risk in equities earlier. Another key realisation was her high allocation to gold, which she now sees as limited diversification.

"Could have taken slightly more stock investment risk earlier," she noted, reflecting on missed growth opportunities.

PLANNING FOR THE NEXT PHASE

With her first major milestone achieved, she is now looking ahead. Her focus is on building a more balanced portfolio with exposure to stocks and global markets. "Diversify into stocks and global markets, and build stronger long-term growth toward the second crore," she wrote. She is also exploring land investments and hopes to create a steady source of passive income in the future.

Tara Sutaria

Dating Aditya Roy Kapur After Breakup With Veer Pahariya? Know Here

Tara Sutaria has recently gained headlines following reports that she and actor Veer Pahariya have parted ways, and now updates suggest that the actress is dating one of the industry's most eligible bachelors, Aditya Roy Kapur. Aditya Roy Kapur and Tara Sutaria are reportedly dating each other. While Aditya was recently linked to Ananya Panday and Tara was in the headlines for her relationship with Veer, it looks like the two actors have found love in each other. Filmfare confirmed in a recent report that Aditya Roy Kapur and Tara Sutaria are dating each other, and following the news, fans couldn't keep calm. Reacting to the news, one wrote, "Oh my? Best news! I love both of them" "Wooww both super good looking, cute, amazing ♥", another one commented. A third one shared, "They will be great together"

Veer Pahariya-Tara Sutaria breakup

Tara Sutaria and Veer Pahariya, who were believed to be going strong, found themselves at the centre of controversy late last year



following viral clips from AP Dhillon's Mumbai concert. During the event, Tara shared a friendly moment with the singer on stage, which quickly became a talking point online. Social media users zoomed in on Veer's

reaction from the audience, interpreting it as discomfort.

Shutting down speculation at the time, Tara took to Instagram to call out "false narratives" and "paid PR." Veer also clarified that the viral clip had been misleadingly edited. Later, social media influencer Orhan Awatramani, popularly known as Orny, shared an unedited video from the concert showing Veer cheering enthusiastically for Tara and AP Dhillon. Veer reposted the clip and wrote, "The truth always wins (What the media will never show you)."

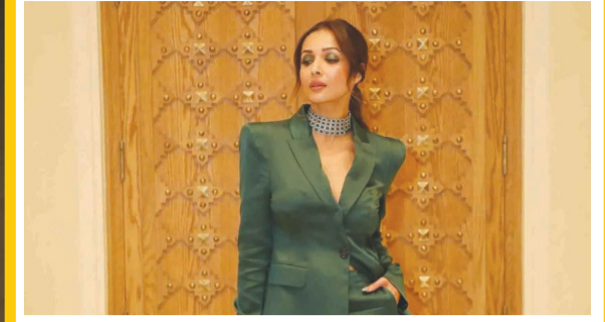
However, when reports of Veer and Tara's breakup made headlines just a few days after the concert controversy, netizens wondered if AP Dhillon's actions were the reason for their split. However, it should be noted that neither Veer nor Tara has issued any official statement regarding their breakup as of now.

About Aditya Roy Kapur's dating life

Actor Aditya Roy Kapur's dating life has always caught everyone's attention. The Metro... In Dino star, who was previously dating Ananya Panday and had been single since their breakup in 2024, was recently reported to be dating Goan model Georgina Dsilva.



Malaika Arora Reveals The First Person She Would Call In A Crisis And It's Not Who You Think



Malaika Arora, who often makes headlines for her fashionable looks and personal life, recently opened up about her close-knit girl gang comprising Kareena Kapoor Khan, Karisma Kapoor, and her sister Amrita Arora. She shares a strong bond with them, and their friendship has remained constant through the years, built on trust, honesty, and unwavering support.

Whether it's celebrating milestones or standing by each other during tough times, their equation goes beyond the glitz and glamour, rooted in genuine affection and understanding. Recently, Malaika, who has completed over 30 years in the entertainment industry, spoke about who's the first person she would call in a crisis.

While speaking to Hindustan Times, Malaika Arora shared that while family is her first pillar of support, her close-knit group of friends is equally dependable. She mentioned that her girl gang is just a phone call away and would show up without hesitation whenever needed. She said, "There are a couple of people that I would definitely want to reach out to."

Family goes without saying. The girls that I hang out with- they are a phone call away, literally. They are a call away, and I know they'll all be there. We stand up for each other. We're each other's support system. There are days where we don't even connect, we may not talk, but we'll always be there for each other."

In the same interview, Malaika was asked about navigating perceptions around the evolution of her appearance over time. She said, "There are days when these thoughts cross my mind, days when I question the obvious, and then there are days when I simply don't care because I know I'm doing what I love. I'm enjoying this phase of my life, I feel like I'm in my prime, and I'm still hungry to do so much more. That's what truly matters to me."

'Yeh Hai Sukh': Salman Khan's Cozy Moment With His Pet Dog Wins Hearts, Fans Say 'Love You Bhai'



Salman Khan has once again melted fans' hearts with an adorable social media post. The actor recently shared a cozy picture with his pet dog. In the now-viral picture, Salman can be seen relaxing while cuddling his furry companion. Dressed casually and appearing completely at ease, the superstar looked happiest in the company of his beloved pet. Fans quickly flooded the comments section.

Taking to his Instagram handle, Salman Khan shared a photo of himself cuddling his pet dog and wrote, "Yeh hai sukhi". In no time, it went viral and fans also reacted. One of the fans wrote, "Or aap hamare su-koon @beingsalmankhan." Another wrote, "My idol my Jaan my love my bhai." Many also dropped heart emojis in the comment section.

According to court proceedings, the bodyguard said the shooting outside Khan's home was carried out "with the intention to kill him," highlighting the seriousness of the attack that shocked the film industry and prompted heightened security around the actor. The firing incident took place outside Galaxy Apartments in Mumbai, where Khan resides. Investigators have linked the attack to members of a criminal gang that had previously issued threats against the actor. Police had earlier claimed the assailants arrived on a motorcycle and fired multiple rounds before fleeing the scene. Security footage and forensic evidence were later used to identify suspects connected to the case. The incident triggered a major investigation by Mumbai Police, with authorities tightening protection for Khan amid concerns over repeated threats from gang-linked operatives.

Salman Khan recently announced his upcoming project with the National Film Award-winning director Vamshi Paidipally. The yet-to-be-titled film will also star Nayanthara as the female lead. This project will mark Salman's first collaboration with the actress as well as the director. The duo started shooting for the action drama last week in Mumbai. Now, a fresh report suggests that the makers are planning to shoot a special asset to announce its title. As of now, the film is being called SVC63 as it is the 63rd production of the banner, Sri Venkateswara Creations. According to Mid-Day, Salman and Nayanthara have started shooting the highly anticipated film. However, the makers are set to shoot a separate promo video to announce the title. A source told the portal, "As is the case with many South films, titles of big releases are launched in style with visual assets."

Sara Ali Khan's

Reaction To Host's Joke On Paps Pages At Pati Patni Aur Woh Do Trailer Event Goes Viral

Sara Ali Khan, Ayushmann Khurrana, Rakul Preet Singh, and Wamiqa Gabbi were seen attending the Pati Patni Aur Woh Do trailer launch. A video from the event has gone viral on social media. The actor appeared visibly uncomfortable after the event host made a joke. Sara, who was listening to the interaction, seemed caught off guard by the remark.

The video shows the host cracking a joke at the paps for making videos of celebrities from behind and asking



netizens to identify. He said, "Aap log woh wali reel dalte ho na ke kissi celebrity ka backshot dalke ke pehchano kaun... Jhooth nahi keh raha main sab celebrities ko peeche se janta hun... Maine itna time bitaya hai uss cheez mein. Aage se pehchan paun ya nahi." Immediately, Sara was seen reacting and talking to other celebrities. She was heard saying, "Yeh kya bol raha hai" to Ayushmann Khurrana. Rakul Preet Singh and Wamiqa Gabbi were also seen hiding their faces.

The much-awaited trailer of Ayushmann Khurrana, Wamiqa Gabbi, Sara Ali Khan and Rakul Preet Singh starrer Pati Patni Aur Woh Do is out now, and it promises a laugh riot with double the confusion and triple the comedy, as Prajapati Pandey, a simple forest officer's life, spirals hilariously out of control when one good deed lands him in the middle of complete chaos. The trailer begins with Ayushmann Khurrana's entry as Prajapati Pandey, a simple forest officer who lands in the midst of complete chaos as his one attempt to help a female friend lands him in complete trouble with not one, not two, but three women, played by Sara Ali Khan, Wamiqa Gabbi and Rakul Preet Singh. As the confusion snowballs into an all-out comedy of errors, Vijay Raaz enters as a cop, dialling up the chaos even further. The comedy-drama, starring Ayushmann Khurrana, Sara Ali Khan, Rakul Preet Singh and Wamiqa Gabbi, is the highly anticipated sequel to the 2019 film Pati Patni Aur Woh.

Last year, the makers revealed that the film would release in theatres on March 4, 2026, during Holi. However, the film's release has now been postponed. The makers have announced a new release date, sharing that Pati Patni Aur Woh Do will now hit theatres on May 15, 2026.



Putting the fun into Work

Getting back to work after a long vacation or after that relaxing weekend can be quite a task. Mondays are daunting, while mid-week blues are enough to make you want to crawl under the covers and not go to work. But what happens when going to work becomes something to look forward to? Of late, many employers are getting quirkier and more innovative with their team bonding activities, engaging their employees in a fun and interactive atmosphere and making offices an actual fun place to work. From themed potlucks and TGIFs to traditional games, it looks like corporate offices today are breaking out of the strictly professional tag, and are focusing more on the person who matters the most — the employee.

Shrinika Thanikachalam, who works in a media agency in the city, says that their agency had recently organised a corporate potluck contest among the employees. "It was a really huge deal. We were asked to draw lots and we were split into three teams. Each team had to come up with a team name, a logo and a menu in a stipulated period of time. It was fun because everyone, men included, had to cook. We even formed a WhatsApp group to plan the entire thing."

The actual potluck happened over a three-day period, and our team, Bite and Chew, dialled things up with a live barbecue and mocktail counter in office. We had someone from another agency be the judge and we were asked to plan things out carefully, ensuring that food did not go to waste. While our team did not follow a particular theme, one of the other teams chose Kerala cuisine as their theme, and served dishes pertaining to that cuisine alone. We plan to make this a regular activity going forward." Tarun Mishra, who works with an IT firm in the city adds, "Potlucks are the easiest way to bond, as food is the binding factor among most people. They also add a personal touch as people

bring home-cooked meals. It involves a bit of self-pride, too, when people like your dishes. At our firm, we have potlucks on a regular basis, where people bring different kinds of dishes - it is like India on a platter. I remember once a girl had brought beetroot halwa and the dish was so tasty, it became a conversation starter for us. I had never spoken to this girl before. It does a lot in bringing out the best in people." There are other corporates which indulge in team bonding activities, which include team outings. Nomitha Nandakumar, who works at an MNC says, "We have regular team outings, not just within departments, but interdepartmental ones as well. These outings are usually fun, and packed with activities which include games you can play in groups such as treasure hunt and charades. At office, we have this break group and interchange policy, where employees are encouraged to come out of the comfort zone of their group and interact with new members of the team and work together. This ensures that there is no groupism of any sort. Then of course, there are the usual sports teams that each department has, and inter-department sports tournaments, too." Festivals are also a time when team bonding activities are at their peak. What is fascinating to note is that this is also the time when employees themselves take the initiative to do something out-of-the-box and quirky, keeping up with the general good spirit and cheer of the season. From Secret Santas and Best Christmas Tree contests during Christmas, to dressing up in ethnic wear for Pongal, there are many activities that take place. Poornima Ranjit, who works with a multiplex chain in the city says, "We are over 200 employees, and during festival times, we have activities where



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we have almost everyone participating in various games that are organised, depending on what festival it is. For instance, for Pongal, we had traditional games like lemon and spoon race. Apart from that, we also have activities in smaller groups like there was this game where we merged photos of two people in office and we had to identify who those people were. There was another game where we played only a video without the voice of a popular punch dialogue in a movie and the teams will have to enact and repeat the dialogue. Games like this is a great way to get to know people from other teams as well as take a break from the usual pressure you deal with at work." At Deepa and Arvind Athreya's event management company, there is no concept of employees — they are all family. "We have a number of activities in

place which take place on a regular basis — including TGIF, where we have book reading sessions and beer party on Fridays, flexi timings for ladies, movie nights once a month, fitness challenges for everyone (where we encourage people to walk 2 lakh steps every day).

We also babysit the children of our women employees from time to time, so they don't have to worry if they aren't able to find someone to look after their kids at any time," says Deepa, adding, "The concept is simple really. There is an environment of ownership and freedom here. We have witnessed people in our team walking that extra mile when in need. We build teams we love." Going that

extra mile to make employees, in fact, can indeed have tangible results. At Shrinika's firm, the employees got together to make an actual difference in their workspace. "We wanted to make the office a little more environment-friendly, so the employees got together and drafted a plan to convert our office balcony into a little green space. Once we got the approvals, we went all out and made a beautiful garden in the balcony, which we continue to nurture. We also converted our pantry into a sports-themed cafe. We painted the entire thing ourselves, and hung up posters of sportspersons...we went all out," shares Shrinika.

When your ex becomes your co-worker

Office breakups are the toughest, especially because you have to see you're ex every day at work and if that is not enough you've to work with them as well. An office breakup can affect you in several ways and can be very demotivating. We give you a few tips on how to deal with your ex when he/she is a co-worker...

- Be professional. Don't bring your personal problems to work. As difficult as



it may seem, treat your ex as just another employee at work.

- What is the status of the relationship now? Is he/she your friend now or just a colleague or will you consider dating them again? If you have made up your mind about moving on in life, it is better to cut them out.

- If you haven't gotten over the breakup as yet, don't talk about the relationship with your ex at work. It will only disturb the both of you!

- Don't gossip. Don't backbite about your

ex to your other co-workers, as they are going to find out sooner or later. Let the breakup stay between the two of you.

- Your ex is going to move on. If you see him/her get close to someone else at work, just ignore. It is hard to watch the person you loved, flirt with someone else, but acceptance is the best way to go about it. Do not react.

- If he/she is ignoring you at work and behaves as though nothing has happened, follow suit. You don't have to go out of the way to find out what the issue is. Now that you have broken up, it is better to mind your own business.

- Don't let the breakup demotivate you at work. Set higher goals and work towards them. Distraction will help.

- Increase your non-work social life. It is better to hang out with friends who are not your colleagues. Avoid talking about the breakup, and distract yourself completely.

- If you ex is doing everything to sabotage you at work, take time and clear out the differences. If that doesn't work, take the issue to a higher official and discuss the matter.

- Let time heal you. It might take a while, but time certainly will help!

Sharing personal information helps women get hired

A female applicant strongly raises her chances of getting hired if she gives out personal information, finds a new study, contradicting the conventional theory that if a woman wants equal footing professionally, she should not share any personal information.

The findings showed that female candidates who gave personal information clarifying her resume gaps raised their chance of being hired by 30 to 40 per cent, compared to a comparable female candidate who provided no personal information. "Our study provides the first-ever evidence that women who conceal personal information dramatically lower their hiring prospects," said Joni Hersch, a professor involved in the research.



Employers overwhelmingly preferred to hire female candidates who provided information to explain a resume gap, regardless of content.

"If we start to encourage honest conversations between employers and employees on an official level, it could lead to meaningful change in the quality of applicants, particularly in industries that have been so resistant to providing family-friendly work policies," added one of the researchers, Jennifer Bennett Shinnall.

For the study, the team included 3,022 people who acted as potential employers and had to choose between two job candidates, described as mostly similar except for their openness about a 10-year gap in their job histories. The gap was explained with information such as taking time off to raise children or a recent divorce as the reason for leaving and wanting to re-enter the workforce.

The link between grit and performance revealed



There are many paths to success, but the significance of grit in helping you reach that goal has been greatly overstated, according to a psychologist. Researcher Marcus Crede and his colleagues conducted a meta-analysis of all prior research on grit.

While some educators are working to enhance grit in students, Crede says there's no indication that it's possible to boost levels. And even if it was possible, it might not matter.

Grit is defined as perseverance and commitment to long-term goals. The research is relatively new compared to the decades of work on performance indicators such as conscientiousness and intelligence. "If you look at the questions on the grit measure, they're often almost identical to the questions that we ask when we measure conscientiousness. Many are almost word-for-word the same. It's really just a repackaging or relabeling of conscientiousness, which we've known about for over 50 years. It's perhaps a sexier title, but it's nothing new," Crede said.