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Centre 1st Offered To Change Dharmendra Pradhan's Portfolio, CJP Rejected: Sources

NEW DELHI. (Agency)

As the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protests raged in the national capital last week demanding Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation as Education Minister, the Centre's first proposal to the CJP was to change Pradhan's portfolio. Sources have told NDTV that the proposal to change Pradhan's ministry was conveyed to the CJP team by Union Ministers JP Nadda and Jitendra Singh, who were negotiating with the group. Nadda and Singh met the CJP team at the former's residence on July 20 for the first time, even as a massive crackdown on protesters was taking place on the streets of the capital during the Parliament march call given by the

protesters. Sources said that Nadda and Singh offered to shift Pradhan from Education to a different ministry as a way to end the impasse, but it was rejected by CJP negotiators Saurav Das and Ashutosh



would be no compromise other than Pradhan's resignation. Sources also added that the CJP negotiators believed that agreeing to anything less than a resignation would trigger a sharp backlash among the protesters. The BJP has, however, denied the reports that the Centre offered to change Pradhan's portfolio. Calling the reports "baseless", BJP MP Sambit Patra said: "Dharmendra Pradhan has resigned. The reports in media are misleading and fictitious". Dharmendra Pradhan resigned as Education Minister on Saturday afternoon, just hours before the third round of talks between the CJP and Union ministers. After that, the CJP called off its protest. Leader of Opposition

Rahul Gandhi had also made it clear that merely changing Pradhan's portfolio won't cut any ice with the students or the Opposition.

Meta apologises for brief removal of PM's selfie video; govt summons global head

NEW DELHI. (Agency)

Social media giant Meta on Tuesday apologised after a selfie video posted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing student protesters was briefly removed from Facebook before being restored.

According to sources, the video was removed due to a technical glitch. The government is looking into the incident and has summoned top Meta executives to explain the temporary takedown.

In a statement, a Meta spokesperson said, "The content was removed in error and has since been restored."



Sources said the government is taking the incident "very seriously". The Ministry of Information and Technology has already sent summons to the global heads of Meta and Instagram. The video in question was posted just before midnight last Thursday (July 23), and featured PM Modi appealing directly to students amid nationwide protests demanding the resignation of then Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the NEET-UG paper leak.

The brief disappearance of the video was noticed immediately by BJP leaders and online commentators, who lost no time in flagging it to Meta and demanding answers. "Facebook has crossed every limit. It has blocked Prime Minister Narendra Modi's post on strict action against paper leaks from being seen in India," tweeted BJP's Tajinder Bagga. "Who gave this foreign platform the authority to censor India's Prime Minister and decide what Indians are allowed to read?"

Heavy rain lash Himachal, landslides bury vehicles, block over 100 roads

Shimla. (Agency)

Moderate to heavy rain affected several parts of Himachal Pradesh, including Shimla, on Monday evening, with landslides and flash floods disrupting roads, water supply schemes and power infrastructure. In Chamba district, landslides caused major damage, burying about a dozen vehicles



under debris and affecting homes in residential areas. The state emergency operation centre said 108 roads were closed due to landslides and flash floods, while 38 water supply schemes and nine transformers were disrupted. The Meteorological Department on Tuesday warned of a moderate flash-flood threat in a few watersheds and neighbourhoods of Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Sirmour and Solan over the next 24 hours.

How Saayoni Ghosh went from Mamata's firebrand MP to govt defender in Parliament

New Delhi. (Agency)

Former Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Saayoni Ghosh, once among the fiercest critics of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP, is set to speak in support of the Centre's anti-paper leak bill in Parliament, marking a dramatic shift in her political stance following her exit



from the Mamata Banerjee-led party Ghosh, who joined the Congress Party (NCP) after rebelling against Mamata Banerjee following the TMC's drubbing in the Bengal Assembly polls in April, has emerged as one of the government's most vocal defenders during the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament.

The Centre has nominated Ghosh to participate in Tuesday's debate on the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, making her one of the key speakers expected to defend the proposed legislation after opposition protests stalled debate in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

Will oppose you too: What CJP protest sensation Md Irfan told Rahul Gandhi

Chennai. (Agency)

He has no political affiliation and has had no formal education. However, among the sea of protesters at Delhi's Jantar Mantar, Mohammad Irfan, a hawker, captured India's attention for his unfiltered views on everyday struggles of labourers and the underprivileged. As videos of Irfan from the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protest -- in which he was seen reciting the Preamble and verses by the Urdu poet Ahmad Faraz -- went viral, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi met him on Monday. Irfan told Rahul that he would not hesitate to protest against him if

Mohammad Irfan, a hawker, became an unlikely internet sensation after videos of him at the Cockroach Janta Party protest went viral. In a wide-ranging interview with The Lallantop, Irfan opened up about his interaction with Rahul Gandhi and why he would first meet Amit Shah before PM Modi.

the Leader of the Opposition failed to keep his promises. In a wide-ranging interview with India Today's sister outlet, The Lallantop, Irfan opened up about his discussion with Rahul, his own experiences of poverty, the challenges faced by labourers, and why he would like to meet Home Minister Amit Shah before Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Assam flood situation improves marginally, over 4.4 lakh still affected

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Guwahati. (Agency)

Assam's flood situation improved on Tuesday, with no fresh fatalities reported, the number of affected people falling to 4.45 lakh, and water levels receding in several districts, officials said.

The death toll remained at 68, and no person was reported missing, according to an official bulletin. A five-member central team visited Sivasagar, one of the worst-hit districts in the current wave of floods, and reviewed the situation in Upper Assam. Officials said six districts



continued to be affected by the deluge, while relief, rescue and restoration work remained under way. According to officials, Sivasagar, Golaghat, Charaideo, Jorhat, Nagaon and Kamrup (Metropolitan) were still impacted by the floods.

Charaideo remained the worst-hit district with 1.88 lakh affected people, followed by Sivasagar with 1.44 lakh and Jorhat with 74,458. Till Sunday, more than 5.24 lakh people across five districts were affected. Altogether 90 relief camps were operational, sheltering 28,695 displaced people, while 94 relief distribution centres were also functioning, the bulletin said. The Dhansiri (South) river was flowing above the danger level at Numaligarh in Golaghat district. Multiple agencies, including the NDRF, SDRF and civil defence personnel, were carrying out rescue and relief operations.

Monthly Remuneration of Contractual Sanitation Workers Revised to 20,520 From August 1: Harjot Singh Bains

The Sikh Times

CHANDIGARH; 28th July: In a major relief to thousands of sanitation workers across Punjab, the Bhagwant Mann Government on Tuesday announced a comprehensive welfare package for Safai Sevaks and Sewermen working in Urban Local Bodies. The government has decided to bring outsourced sanitation workers with three years of continuous service under direct contracts, regularise contractual workers who have completed five years of service along with those engaged in 2021, and revise the monthly remuneration of contractual sanitation staff to ₹20,520 with effect from August 1, 2026. Announcing the decisions at a press conference held at Punjab Bhawan, Punjab Local Government Minister Harjot Singh Bains said, "Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has approved the immediate

conversion of Safai Sevaks and Sewermen working on outsourcing in Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats who have completed three years of service into direct contractual employees. This decision will provide major relief to our respected Safai Sevaks and Sewermen." Describing it as another landmark decision of the Bhagwant Mann Government, the Local Government Minister said, "CM Bhagwant Singh Mann has also decided that all contractual Safai Sevaks and Sewermen who have completed five years of service, along with all those engaged in 2021, will be regularised. This is a historic step that will ensure the welfare of every Safai Sevak and Sewerman serving Punjab." Explaining the implemen-

tation process, Minister Harjot Singh Bains said, "All Municipal



Corporations, Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats have been directed to place the matter before their respective Houses and pass resolutions. Urban Local Bodies have complete service records of every worker. Once each House for-

wards its resolution along with the details of eligible employees, the state government will issue the final approval. The faster a Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council or Nagar Panchayat sends its proposal, the faster we will approve it and complete the process of regularisation in accordance with the directions of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann." The Local Government Minister further said, "As announced yesterday, the revised remuneration will come into effect from August 1, 2026. Employees being shifted from outsourcing to direct contract will receive a monthly remuneration of ₹20,520. This will significantly increase their take-home pay, while the applicable statutory contribu-

tions will continue to be deposited in their respective funds." Calling the decisions a major milestone for sanitation workers, Harjot Singh Bains said, "This decision restores dignity to the very hands that keep our cities clean. Today, the Bhagwant Mann Government has fulfilled its commitment to our sanitation workers. We are building a society rooted in equity, respect and dignity for those who work tirelessly to keep our towns and cities clean." The Minister said the decisions were taken after extensive consultations with employee representatives. "We held detailed discussions with several union leaders yesterday. Today, the Cabinet Sub-Committee comprising Finance Minister S. Harpal Singh Cheema and Food and Civil Supplies Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak held marathon meetings with representatives of sanitation workers' unions. Contd.....page-3

Release minors, those without criminal past: SC's big order on student protesters

The Supreme Court ordered that no coercive action be taken in connection with any FIRs lodged against the students involved in the Cockroach Janta Party-led protests in Jantar Mantar and other states.

New Delhi. (Agency)

The Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered states to release all students below the age of 18 and those without any criminal antecedents who were arrested or detained during the nationwide protests over exam paper leaks. In wide-ranging interim measures, the Supreme Court



also ordered that no coercive action be taken in connection with any FIRs lodged against the students involved in the Cockroach Janta Party-led protests in Delhi's Jantar Mantar and various other states. A three-judge bench led by Chief Justice Surya Kant, however, made it clear that the protection would not extend to those with criminal background. The Supreme Court also hinted that it might order a probe by a high-powered committee into allegations of police excesses against protesting students. The probe will also look into allegations of attacks on police personnel as well.

The top court also issued notices to the Centre and the governments of Maharashtra, Bihar, Assam, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi.

News box

NGT seeks plantation plan for sewage-hit city forest

Noida.(Agency)

The National Green Tribunal directed Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation to consider the feasibility of carrying out a plantation drive in the Sai Upwan city forest this monsoon season and submit an affidavit on the same by Sept 16.

Whether the city forest has been degraded due to solid waste disposal, unauthorised construction work and damage caused to 70,000 trees has remained the bone of contention, with two important cases being considered by the tribunal simultaneously.

The principal bench comprising Chairperson Justice Prakash Srivastava and expert member Afroz Ahmad gave the order on July 2 while hearing the matter of illegal and unscientific waste disposal — both solid and liquid. It came in response to Ghaziabad district magistrate and the UP Pollution Control Board’s claim that all remedial measures were already taken for removal of waste and there was no overflow of wastewater in the city forest.

“If the solid waste dump in the area concerned has been cleared, and the land has been reclaimed, Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation will consider the feasibility of carrying out the plantation during this monsoon season in that area and will submit the details thereof in the next affidavit,” the tribunal ruled.The claim, however, was challenged by advocate Akash Vashishtha, counsel for the applicant, former corporator Rajendra Tyagi, who sought four weeks to file a rebuttal.

Tyagi alleged that around 70,000 trees in the forest have dried up and been destroyed by non-forest activities in the space, which is earmarked as a city forest in the Master Plan 2031.

Ghaziabad mall rape-murder: Teen who gave girl toffee struck her head 4 times with rod, say police

Noida.(Agency)

In a 200-page chargesheet, filed in the July 10 gang rape and murder of a seven-year-old girl in a mall under construction in Raj Nagar Extension area, police stated that the accused had inflicted three to four fatal blows on the child’s head after the sexual assault.Nandgram ACP Ziauddin Ahmad said of the two men arrested, the younger one, Vinay Kumar (18), who had initially befriended the girl, offered her toffees, and then lured her to the construction site with a promise of chips and cold drinks, was more aggressive than the other accused, Sahibuddin (22).The chargesheet stated that while the two planned to sexually assault the girl, Vinay convinced Sahibuddin to kill her, saying the child would identify them.“It was Vinay who took an iron rod he found at the site and struck the girl’s head three to four times. When they were sure that the child was dead, they carried the body to the staircase and threw the body into the basement from the shaft,” the ACP said.Charges against the two men were filed under sections 70(2) (gang rape), 65(2) (rape of a woman under 12 years of age), 66 (for causing death or resulting in persistent vegetative state of victim), 140(1) (kidnapping or abduction), 103(1) (murder), and 3(5) (criminal acts done by several persons) of the BNS and several sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

Sewage treatment plant deaths in Greater Noida: Safety norms ignored? Cops question witnesses

Noida.(Agency)

Police have stepped up their probe into the deaths of two men inside a sewage treatment plant (STP) tank at a Greater Noida housing society, questioning eyewitnesses, society staff and others to determine whether mandatory safety protocols were ignored before they entered.The focus of the investigation has shifted to whether protective equipment, gas detection tests and other precautions required for confined-space cleaning were in place before contractual sanitation worker Shashikant Sharma (40) entered the tank at Eldeco Society in Sector 150. Police are also examining the circumstances that led security guard Akash Singh (22) to descend into the tank in an attempt to rescue him.The incident took place around 2.30am on Sunday. Police suspect Shashikant lost consciousness after inhaling toxic gases inside the STP tank. Akash, who entered to save him, was also overcome by the fumes. Fire personnel later pulled both men out, but doctors declared them dead.Following complaints by their families, police registered an FIR against the maintenance agency’s manager, an unidentified contractor and other unidentified persons under BNS sections relating to causing death by negligence and endangering life. Four persons detained on Sunday continue to be questioned.ear before entering the hazardous enclosure.

Challans can’t save lives, says Dwarka Expressway accident survivor’s mother

Gurgaon.(Agency)

Thirty-four-year-old Akanksha survived only by luck. But her mother says the near-fatal crash that killed her cab driver could have been avoided if authorities had kept banned slow-moving vehicles off Dwarka Expressway in the first place. “Even after my daughter’s accident, we still see e-rickshaws and slow-moving vehicles on the expressway every day. Mere challans cannot save lives. A family lost its 22-year-old son and my daughter was fortunate enough to survive. Why can’t these vehicles be stopped from entering the expressway?” said Hridayesh Kumari, questioning how e-rickshaws carrying protruding iron rods continue to ply a high-speed corridor despite the ban. A week after the July 17 crash that killed 22-year-old cab driver Shivendra Kumar and left Akanksha seriously injured, her family says the tragedy exposed enforcement failures that authorities are yet to fix. The accident has renewed scrutiny of prohibited slow-moving vehicles on high-speed corridors. A week on, police are yet to arrest the e-rickshaw driver, who fled the scene after the crash. Police found that the e-rickshaw travelled nearly 3km on the expressway, much of it in the fast lane, before the collision.

Akanksha, who works at a paper mill in Gurgaon, was returning home to Dwarka Mor after an office meeting when her app-based cab developed a mechanical snag midway. The driver, expecting repairs to take nearly two hours, arranged a second cab so she wouldn’t be delayed. She called her mother to say she had switched vehicles and would be home soon. The next call the family got was to say she had been seriously injured. The Hyundai Aura she was travelling in rammed into a slow-moving e-rickshaw carrying protruding TMT bars near Sector 36A. The rods pierced the windshield and fatally struck driver Shivendra Kumar in the neck.

Akanksha, seated on the rear left, survived with multiple injuries after the airbags deployed. Hridayesh said the cab was travelling at normal speed and that the e-rickshaw braked suddenly, leaving the driver little chance to avoid the impact. Passers-by pulled Akanksha from the cab, tied a cloth around her bleeding head, and got her to hospital by ambulance.Akanksha also suffered injuries to her face and eye that required stitches, and was admitted for nearly 72 hours. She has since been discharged but is still in pain and recovering at home, unsure whether her injuries came from the iron rods or from hitting the car’s ceiling.

SHO faces abetment FIR after power grid staff dies by suicide in Faridabad

Gurgaon.(Agency)

An FIR was registered against an inspector on Monday after a senior technician with Power Grid Corporation allegedly died by suicide in Faridabad.Satish (60), a resident of Bhanakpur village in Ballabgarh tehsil, was found hanging at his home on Sunday morning, a day after being questioned by police in connection with a nine-year-old case.Following allegations by his family that he was harassed during the investigation, the FIR was registered under Section 108 of the BNS at Sector 58 police station against Kheri Pul SHO Devender for abetment to suicide.While sources said Satish left a suicide note and named inspector Devender as responsible for taking the extreme step, official sources denied the same, with police saying, “No such note has been mentioned in the FIR and police have not officially confirmed its recovery”.According to police, Satish was being questioned in connection with the reinvestigation of an old “negligence case” registered under sections 337 and 338 of the IPC. The case involved the electrocution of a child and a woman in 2017 in Faridabad.His son alleged in the complaint that Satish took the extreme step after being mentally harassed by police during questioning and after being threatened with arrest.He alleged that his father went to the police station at 10.30am and was let go after 6pm. Satish was told he would be arrested on Monday. The family has also alleged that he was denied water or even to go to the washroom.However, a senior police officer said, “There was no proposal to arrest Satish, who joined the investigation at Kheri Pul police station on July 25 at 10.30am and remained there until about 5 or 6pm. He cooperated with the investigation and was allowed to leave.”The case pertains to the incident in which the two people died of electrocution after a tree beneath a high-tension electricity line became electrified. Four-five children were playing underneath the tree during the time.Police earlier filed an untraced report in the case. However, the complainant challenged the investigation before a court, which ordered a reinvestigation. The victims’ family also approached Haryana Human Rights Commission.During the fresh probe, police sought details from Power Grid Corporation to determine responsibility for maintaining the high-tension line, a police officer said.

Outside condos, along roads: A gaping risk waiting for next victim in Noida

Noida.(Agency)

The security guard outside Expo Mart has learnt to read the events calendar at the centre by the state of the drain outside. When an event is coming, sanitation workers show up and remove the muck. When the event ends, the attention dissipates. Expo Mart is barely 500 metres from Knowledge Park 2’s Kaladham society, where 6-year-old Aavyaan Surya drowned in a water-filled pit — nearly 15 feet deep — dug up for installing a tubewell on July 25 evening.



along the drain. It is so unsafe, but no one says anything,” the guard said.In Noida’s Sector 150, along a stretch of nearly 2 km, stands an abandoned construction pit, its concrete pillars and rusted reinforcement bars jutting out. It lies close to where Yuvraj Mehta, 27, a software engineer, drowned in Jan this year.Located right next to ATS Pristine, the site has no barricades or warning signs around it. Just 50 metres away, an uncovered sewer drain continuously discharges water into the pit, filling it with stagnant sewage and turning the abandoned.

Cop halts NH-8 traffic, shuts shops after CNG leak from crashed truck

Ghaziabad.(Agency)

A disaster was averted following an accident on NH8, thanks to the alertness and swift response of a traffic police constable. On Monday morning, soon after constable Sandeep detected a gas leak from the CNG kit of a truck-trailer following an accident near Shikohpur, he stopped traffic on the busy highway, evacuated nearby shops and alerted emergency services, preventing “a possible major mishap”, traffic officials said. The incident occurred at 5am when the truck-trailer met with an accident on Delhi-Jaipur Highway. “The leak created a dangerous situation on a busy national highway. The constable ensured that the risk was contained before it could escalate,” a senior traffic police officer told TOI, adding that Sandeep’s prompt decision-making and presence of mind played a crucial role in preventing a potentially “catastrophic” incident. No injuries were reported. Within minutes, an emergency response vehicle and teams from the fire department reached the spot and began taking necessary safety measures. Fire personnel ensured that the leaking gas did not ignite while police regulated traffic and kept commuters at a safe distance.Traffic officials said the truck driver and his helper escaped unhurt in the accident. The damaged truck was removed from the highway within 15 to 20 minutes, following which traffic movement on NH8 was gradually restored, they added.According to the police, a vehicle was moving ahead of the truck involved in the accident.

Only 3 of 132 illegal bleach units paid pollution penalty in Panipat since 2016

Gurgaon.(Agency)

A list of bleach houses and bleaching units in Panipat — against which the state pollution board took closure action between 2016 and 2025 — has highlighted the gap between enforcement and recovery of damages.During these nine years, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) ordered the closure of 132 bleach houses and bleaching units, but environmental compensation (EC) has been recovered in only three cases so far, according to an RTI reply. An HSPCB official told TOI he would check the matter.The RTI reply, obtained by activist Varun Gulati, includes a unit-wise list of bleach houses and bleaching units. The annexure shows that the status in most other cases was marked as “order awaited”.In its reply, HSPCB said EC has been recommended in all these 32 cases but has not been finalised due to observations received from the higher authority. The board also said that prosecution against these units is under process.HSPCB member secretary Yogesh Kumar told TOI, “There is some issue. We are currently gathering details regarding the illegal units and their ownership.”The three cases in which compensation has been recovered include Rs 3.5 lakh from Unique Enterprises, Karhans — in 2024; Rs 2.12 lakh (bleach house owned by Ramesh Kumar, Jatal village); and Rs 1.75 lakh (bleach house owned by Naresh Kumar, Jatal village) — the other two in 2019. The records show that closure action has been taken against bleaching units across Balana, Binjhol, Samalkha, Nimbri, Kurar, Naultha, Chandoli and other villages over nine years, indicating that illegal bleaching operations have remained a recurring enforcement challenge in the district. To avoid confusion, Gulati said a second RTI was filed because the first reply did not explain why compensation had not been recovered in most cases. The second RTI was not about all 132 units, but

specifically sought the status of 32 bleaching units that are part of proceedings before National Green Tribunal (NGT).“The first RTI gives the larger picture of enforcement since 2016 and shows that closure action has been taken against 132 units. Since most cases still mentioned ‘order awaited’ for EC, I sought a separate clarification regarding the 32 units referred to in the NGT proceedings. The second reply explains the present status of those cases,” Gulati said.Environmental compensation is based on the ‘polluter pays’ principle, under which industries found violating environmental norms can be directed to compensate for the damage caused. While HSPCB’s records indicate continued enforcement against bleaching units, the RTIs show that the process of finalising and recovering compensation remains incomplete in a large number of cases, with the board attributing the delay in the 32 NGT-linked cases to pending observations from the higher

authority.

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If the Main Accused Is a Wanted Criminal, What Purpose Does Keeping His Mother in Jail Serve Argument by Renowned Supreme Court Advocate Dr. A.P. Singh

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New Delhi: The deceased, Guddi Kumari, was married to Ganga Prasad with great pomp according to Hindu rites. However, her husband Ganga Prasad and his family were unhappy with the dowry given by Guddi's parental family. Guddi's husband and in-laws — including Shubhkala Devi, Rita Devi, Phool Devi, Poonam Devi, Santosh Ram, Vikram, and Shyam Sundar — took loans from two or three banks in Guddi's name and divided the entire loan amount among themselves. Even after this, they continued demanding five lakh rupees and a four-wheeler car from Guddi's parental family. When these demands were not met, all of the above in-laws allegedly planned the act together and, on the cold night of 10 September 2024 at around 11 pm, locked Guddi inside the house and began beating

her with an iron rod, injuring her. To prevent neighbours from hearing any noise, they allegedly held her hands and feet, stuffed a cloth into her mouth, and strangled her with a rope, causing her death on the spot. After this, they reportedly tried to make the body disappear, but finding no opportunity to do so, they left the corpse at the doorstep, hid all the dowry items at a neighbour's house overnight, and fled. As they fled, Guddi's one-and-a-half-year-old infant daughter began crying loudly, and it is alleged they attempted to kill the child by throwing her into a pond — but neighbours managed to save the infant safely. The next day, when Guddi's parental family learned of the incident, they rushed to the scene, and a case was registered the following day at Baheri police station under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, including Sections 80, 85, 3, and 5. Police arrested Shubhkala Devi on 13 September 2024 and conducted raids at several

locations, but Ganga Prasad — Guddi's husband and the main accused in the case — could not be arrested despite the police's best efforts. After the chargesheet was filed in the case, the Sessions Judge of the District Court rejected Shubhkala Devi's bail application. The matter then went to the High Court, which also took a strict stance and rejected her bail plea as well. Finally, having endured physical, mental, and financial hardship in jail, Shubhkala decided it was

better to approach the Supreme Court, and entrusted renowned advocate Dr. A.P. Singh to argue the matter on her behalf. Dr. Singh's team filed a Special Leave Petition (Criminal) before the Supreme Court. The case was listed before a special two-judge bench of the Supreme Court comprising Justice Sanjay Kumar and Justice K. Vinod Chandran. The case was admitted, and Dr. A.P. Singh presented his arguments in his characteristically forthright style. Notice was issued to the

State Government, which filed a counter-reply to Dr. Singh's petition, following which a rejoinder was filed on Shubhkala's behalf. The State Government was unable to satisfy the court as to what purpose was served by keeping Shubhkala — the mother of the main accused, who remained a wanted fugitive — in jail any longer. Accepting this argument put forth by Dr. A.P. Singh, the special bench of Justice Sanjay Kumar and Justice K. Vinod Chandran directed the District Court to release Shubhkala Devi immediately on an appropriate bail bond. The bench also outright rejected the State's counsel's request to keep the matter pending until fresh facts could be brought after the Supreme Court's summer vacation.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that Mr. Tarun Kumar (Intending Borrower) intends to purchase the Residential Flat No. G-4, super HIG, Upper Ground Floor, without Roof Rights, Built on Plot No. 791, covered area measuring 99.40 Sq. Meters, Situated at Shalimar Garden Extn-1, Village Pasoda, Pargana Loni, Tehsil and District Ghaziabad, U.P., from Mrs. Kavita Rani Sinha, who acquired title to the property by virtue of Gift Deed Dated 08.05.2028 executed by Mr. Uday Kumar Sinh?. In the property chain Original Sale Deed Dated 21.07.2004 executed by Mr. K.K. Bharajwad & Mr. Moolchand, vide Doc No. 6857, Book No. 1, Vol. No. 2509, on Pages No. 1-48, on Dated 21.07.2004, SR-III, Ghaziabad has been lost and already FIR lodged vide LR no. 70014562/2026 on dt. 21.04.2026. The property is stated to be free from all encumbrances, liens, charges, mortgages, claims, and other third-party interests. The physical possession of the property is presently with Mrs. Kavita Rani Sinha. The proposed purchase of the aforesaid property is to be financed by Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited, Branch: Noida, Uttar Pradesh. If any person(s) objection & regarding subject property, then kindly may submit his/her objection within 7 days from the date of the Notice in writing. The said objection may be kindly sent to the undersigned by way of 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, Telsil Compound, Ghaziabad, U.P. kumar2021ashwani@gmail.com

NAME CHANGE

I RITU PANDAY D/O RAMESH PANDEY R/O A166 JALEBI CHOWK MADANPUR KHADER NEW DELHI 110076 have changed my name to RITU PANDEY.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as RAMPALI alias TEJPALI alias RAMPALI Wife SANTU R/o 302, Balmiki Colony, Asola, Fateh Pur Beri, South Delhi, Delhi- 110074 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAMPALI.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Smt. Usha Jasmine Upadhyay Wife of Late Sh. Atma Nand Upadhyay, R/o. RZ-B-1/66, First Floor, Opposite Sant Nirakari Bhawan, Vijay Enclave, Palam Village, Post-Palam Village, South-West Delhi-110045, have disowned and debarred her daughter Shalini Goel her movable, immovable properties and I have no relation with them in future.

Moni Kumar Advocate

CH. NO. 717, SAKET COURT NEW DELHI-110017

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sh. Vasu Dev, R/o- H. No.C-38, Krishna Park, Devli, Khanpur, New Delhi-110062 has disowned/debarred his Son namely Rahul and Daughter in law (Bahu) from all his movable/immovable properties/assets and severed all his relations with his son and Daughter in law due to their misbehavior/misconduct towards my client. If anybody deals with them in any manner will do so at his/her own risk and responsibility. My client shall not be responsible for any kind of acts done by them.

RIZWAN KHAN ADVOCATE

CH.NO.574, LAWYERS BLOCK SAKET COURT, NEW DELHI-17

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mr. Chander Sehgal S/o Mr. Satpal Sehgal (25% Undivided), Mr. Naresh Manuja S/o Mr. Jai Kishan (25% Undivided) and Mr. Krishan Kumar Dutta S/o Mr. Anand Ram Dutta (50% Undivided), are the Owners in respect of Residential Built-up Property Bearing Plot No. 103-A, Built on Plot No. 103, area measuring 36 Sq. Yds., out of Khasra No. 227, situated in the revenue Estate of village Nawada, Delhi State, Delhi in the colony known as Bhagwati Garden Extension, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, by virtue of Notarized GPA dated 08.05.2026, ATS & Will, executed by Mr. Nilesh Barman Alias Nilshan Barman S/o Mr. Niraj Nandana Barman and said property to be sold to Mrs. Anjana Rani W/o Mr. Ramesh Kumar, and same to be finance by SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd., General public hereby informed that if anybody has any charge/interest/title in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mrs. Lata Verma wife of Mr. Sanjay Verma and Ms. Deepali Sunariya daughter of Mr. Prem Chand, are the Owners in respect of Upper Ground Floor, without roof terrace rights of Property Bearing No. H-135, area measuring 50 sq. yds., out of Khasra No. 412, situated in the revenue estate of Village Nawada, in the Colony known as Mohan Garden, in Block-H, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, by virtue of Notarized GPA dated 15.01.2026, ATS & Will, executed by Mr. Vijay Kumar Sharma son of Mr. Ashwani Kumar and said property to be sold to Mrs. Neelam Sharma, and same to be finance by SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd., General public hereby informed that if anybody has any charge/interest/title in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

Rahul Raj, Advocate,

SG Associates LLP B-01, Plot no. 20, Kaushambi near HDFC Bank, U.P. E-MAIL: sgrassociateslp@gmail.com Ph: 8130309204

NAME CHANGE

I, Iftikhar S/O Yunus R/O 291,kushalliya,Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201302 Have Changed My Name to Iftikhar Ahmad Khan for All Future Purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, Usha Devi, W/O Chandan, R/O 52, Block C, Camp No 4, Jwala Puri, Sunder Vihar, Delhi- 110087 have changed my name to Usha Kumari for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, Azad Chauhan, S/O Kartar Singh, R/O RZ 58/284, Gitanjali Park, West Sagarpur, Nangal Raza, Delhi-110046 have changed my name to Azad Kumar for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, Simran Kaur, W/O Jasbir Singh, R/O WZ- 103 Ground Floor, Sant Nagar, Tikrit Nagar, Delhi- 110018 have changed my name to Simranjeet Kaur for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, RIZWANA W/O RIAZUDDIN R/O H No 97, GALI PEEPAL WALI, CHATTALAL MIAN, DARYA GANJ, DELHI-110002 have changed my name to RIZWANA BEGUM for all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE

I, Sarita Garg W/O Akshay Kumar R/O Address- 72, Patti Hulasrai, Near Bugraji Chauraha, Siyana, Bulandshahr, UP 245412 Have change my name to Sarita Agarwal for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, Kaha Kashana Anjum D/O Abdul Mazid Khan R/O Kishwar Farms U/s Piperhala Post Abgaon Usri Mitauli Kheri Uttar Pradesh 262727 Have Changed My Name to Kakhshan Anjum for All Future Purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, MOHD. SAJID S/o MOHD MAJID R/o H No. - E 654, Sudhir Enclave, Ram Park Extn., Haqiatpur Urf Khudawas, PO : Loni, Dist : Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201102 have changed the name of my minor son MD HANSRAJ alias HAIDER ALI aged 7 years and he shall hereafter be known as HAIDER ALI.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I AAFRIN D/O MOHD FIROZ R/o Flat No. - L, Block C - 11 2nd/Floor, Urban Shelter 980 New EWS Adarsh Apartment, Dwarka, Sector - 16B, N.S.I.T, PO : N.S.I.T Dwarka, Dist : South West Delhi, Delhi - 110078, declare that the name of my Father has been wrongly written as FIROJ KHAN in my 10th and 12th Class Education Documents. The actual name of my Father is MOHD FIROZ Which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

I, RADHEY SHYAM S/o JUGENDRA R/o A - 305, Gali No. - 6, Circular Road, Sonia Vihar, Karawal Nagar, PO : Karawal Nagar, Dist : North East Delhi, Delhi - 110094 have changed the name of my minor daughter MAYANK JAISWAL aged 7 years and she shall hereafter be known as MEENAKSHI JAISWAL.

NAME CHANGE

I, Sushom Kumar Garg S/o Ashok Garg R/o BE-216, Street No.5, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to Sushom K Garg.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, KAUSHALENDRA RAJPUT S/O CHHEDI LAL, R/O RZ-265, Durga Vihar Phase 2, Gali No-13, Najafgarh, VTC: Dindar Pur, District: South West Delhi, State: Delhi, PIN Code: 110043, declare that name of my mother has been wrongly written as RUPA RAJPUT in my all Educational Documents. The actual name of my mother is RUPRANI DEVI which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

I, AMARJEET SINGH S/O GOVIND SINGH R/O A-24 PUNCHVATI APPT, VIKASPURI DELHI 110018, CHANGED MY NAME TO AMARJIT SINGH.

NAME CHANGE

I, SAYRA BANO W/O MOHD SHAM-SUDDIN ANSARI R/O FLAT NO.PVT C-5 KH.NO.38/22, 2ND FLOOR STREET NO 4 ROYAL APPARTMENT SANGAM VIHAR JHARODA MAJRAAO, BURARI DIST NORTH DELHI 110084, CHANGED MY NAME TO SAYRA BANO ANSARI.

NAME CHANGE

I MOHAMMAD HASHIM KHAN S/O RAHIM KHAN R/O51 SECOND FLOOR GALI NO 10 BRU PURI EXTENSION NO 10 KHUREJI KHAS KRISHNA NAGAR DELHI 110051 CHANGED MY NAME TO HASHIM KHAN

NAME CHANGE

I MOHAMMAD KHURSHID KHAN S/O HASHIM KHAN R/O 51 SECOND FLOOR GALI NO 10 BRU PURI EXTENSION NO 10 KHUREJI KHAS KRISHNA NAGAR DELHI 110051 CHANGED MY NAME TO KHURSHID KHAN

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, JAHIRUDDIN KHAN S/O ABDUL RAZAQ KHAN, R/O K-18, K-Block CHANKYA PLACE, Part-2 UTTAM NAGAR, west-Delhi, Delhi- 110059, declare that name of mine have been wrongly written as JAHIRUDDIN MOHAMMAD BABER KHAN, in my 10th class and name of mine have been wrongly written as JAHIRUDDIN MOHAMMAD BABER KHAN, in my 12th class educational documents. The actual name of mine as JAHIRUDDIN KHAN, respectively which may be amended accordingly.

SUPPLY WORKS

E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **SN. 1. Tender No.: DB265534, PL Code (Group): 33102570010.** Description: Articulated Spherulastic Rubber Bearing as per FASL Drawing No.FASL/SB/0848 for FASL Make AAR-H Tight Lock Coupler for LHB Coaches and RDSO Specification No:-RDSO/2011/CG-03 (Rev 01). [Warranty Period: 48 Months after the date of delivery]. Earnest Money: ₹1,05,210/-

Date & Time of closing of tender: 14:30 hrs. of 20-08-2026. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Material Manager, Dibrugarh

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SUPPLY WORKS

E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **1. E-Tender No.: NB265553, Dated:24-07-2026; Item Description:** Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Proving out of Airless Shot Blasting Machine Swing Table 2400 mm Type with Double Drg. Dust collector-Auto shaking arrangement as per Technical Specification as per Annexure-A (Attached), Make-Surfex, Kuber Engg., Shankar Engg. or EQUIVALENTS [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. Qty.: 01 Set; **PL Code (Group):** 654401620015; **Earnest Money:** ₹1,16,710/- Date and time of closing of tender at 14:30 hrs. on 21-08-2026.

2. E-Tender No.: NB261534, Dated:24-07-2026; Item Description: Sealed maintenance free battery 1100 AH VRLA type with inter cell and end cell connector conforming to RDSO's Specn No: RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0009-2014 (Rev-2) [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. Qty.: 3 Sets. **PL Code (Group):** 45170393; **Earnest Money:** ₹80,210/- Date and time of closing of tender at 14:30 hrs. on 24-08-2026.

For details please visit IREPS website <https://www.ireps.gov.in>.

Dy. CMM/New Bongaigaon

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E-AUCTION PROGRAMME FOR SALE OF RAILWAY SCRAP MATERIAL

E-auction programme for sale of Railway Scrap materials under jurisdiction of Dy.CMM/NFR/New Jalpaiguri for the month of Aug' 2026 unit wise, is hereby given as under: For GSD-New Jalpaiguri

SN	Month	Date Fixed
1	Aug/2026	13-08-2026 & 27-08-2026
For Alipurduar Division		
SN	Month	Date Fixed
1	Aug/2026	13-08-2026 & 27-08-2026
For Katihar Division		
SN	Month	Date Fixed
1	Aug/2026	13-08-2026 & 27-08-2026

Interested bidders can participate in E-auction programme through IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Material Manager/New Jalpaiguri

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STORES E-PROCUREMENT

Tender Notice No.: S/11/2026-27; Dated: 23-07-2026. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works:-

SN. 1: Tender No. 20/26/0510/OT/68/2026-27;

Closing/ Opening Date: 14-08-2026

Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: High Voltage Bushing to CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0052 Alt-E or latest. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: No., Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking:Item: 2100518, High Voltage Bushing] Item Type: Goods (Supply). (i) Qty - 18 Nos Malda Town Depot, NFR (West Bengal). (ii) Qty - 7 Nos for New Guwahati Depot, NFR (Assam). (iii) Qty - 7 Nos for Siliguri Jn. Diesel Depot, NFR (West Bengal). P.L. No. - 29810024.

SN. 2: Tender No. 20/26/0397/OT/69/2026-27;

Closing/ Opening Date: 14-08-2026

Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: Zinc Chromated (Dipping process) Oil Cooler Radiator for Converter/Transformer to CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0102, Alt-E or latest & ABB ID No. 3EHP590472 R0001 or latest. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: No., Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking: Item: 2100091, Oil Cooler Radiator for Converter Transformer] Item Type: Goods (Supply). (i) Qty - 4 Set Malda Town Depot, NFR (Assam). (ii) Qty - 4 Set New Guwahati Depot, NFR (Assam). (iii) Qty - 4 Set for Siliguri Jn. Diesel Depot, NFR (West Bengal). P.L. No. 29730077.

SN. 3: Tender No. 61/26/5167A/OT/70/2026-27;

Closing/ Opening Date: 10-08-2026

Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: (1) Supply and commissioning of Digital Wheel Diameter measuring Gauge with LED display for measurement of Rail wheel (mounted & unmounted). [Warranty Period: 12 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods (Supply). Qty - 3 Nos for SSE/TM/Maligaon, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. - 61990080012. (2) Supply and commissioning of Set of Wheel Profile Gauge and Wheel Profile Master Gauge. [Warranty Period: 12 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods (Supply). Qty - 5 Nos for SSE/TM/Maligaon, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. - 619900690017. (3) Supply and commissioning of Set of Oxide-film cutting equipment (Gas cutting & welding machine) set consists of 04 items (i) Industrial Oxygen Gas Full cylinders HSN Code-28044090 qty -01 no. (ii) Oxygen Regulator HSN Code 9019 qty -01. (iii) Dissolved Acetylene Gas Regulator HSN Code No 9032 qty -01. (iv) Dissolved Acetylene Gas Full Cylinder HSN Code 29012910 qty-01 [Warranty Period: 12 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods (Supply). Qty - 3 Nos for SSE/TM/Maligaon, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. - 619900700011. (4) Supply and commission of Hydraulic Jack 50 Tones. [Warranty Period: 12 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods (Supply). Qty - 3 Nos for SSE/TM/Maligaon, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. - 619900710016. (5) Supply of Heavy Duty Material Handling Trolley. [Warranty Period: 12 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods (Supply). Qty - 3 Nos for SSE/TM/Maligaon, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. - 619900720010. (6) Supply of Hydraulic Puller cum pusher for removing and fixing bearing, fan and Impeller of aux - motors with trolley and lifting arrangement. [Warranty Period: 12 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods (Supply). Qty - 3 Nos for SSE/TM/Maligaon, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. - 619900730015. (7) Supply and commissioning of Electric Welding Machine (Rectifier type). [Warranty Period: 12 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods (Supply). Qty - 6 Nos for SSE/TM/Maligaon, NFR (Assam) for 619900750014. (8) Supply installation and commissioning Set Of Multi functional rework station soldering desoldering system along with accessories. [Warranty Period: 12 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods (Supply). Qty - 3 Nos for SSE/TM/Maligaon, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. - 619900760019.

SN. 4: Tender No. 60/24/5027C/OT/71/2026-27;

Closing/ Opening Date: 28-08-2026

Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: Supply, installation & commissioning of Double Girder type Gantry crane 20 Ton capacity as per Schedule - 1 of bid document part-II including DSL (type and length of DSL as specified in schedule-I), spares as per schedule-IV and additional spares and items viz slings/lifting tackles as specified in schedule-I, maintenance tools as per schedule-V, any other accessory treated as concomitant accessory. [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: No., Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods (Supply). Qty - 1 Nos for SSE/ICWS/Tindhrina, NFR (West Bengal). P.L. No. - 909002830024. (2) Long Travel (LT) rail not laid down at the site. Firm to design & lay down Rail with complete foundation works. Supply of Rail, Rail Clamp, Supply and Fixing of RCC Rail Mounting (Size 350x450) with Required Excavation & PCC Base. SCOPE OF WORK FOR WORK OF SETTING UP THE BASE I.E. RCC RAIL MOUNTING WITH REQUIRED EXCAVATION as per details attached in the Tender. [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages:0] Item Type: Service (essential service). Qty - 1 Nos for SSE/ICWS/Tindhrina, NFR (West Bengal). P.L. No. - 90900283.

SN. 5: Tender No. 60/25/5316A/OT/72/2026-27;

Closing/ Opening Date: 08-09-2026

Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: Supply, Installation & commissioning of EOT crane 10 Ton and DSL (length of DSL as specified in schedule-I) along with spares as per schedule-IV and additional spares and items viz slings/lifting tackles as specified in schedule-I, maintenance tools as per schedule-V and any other accessory treated as concomitant accessory. [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: No., Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods (Supply). Qty - 1 Nos for SSE/C&W/Badarpur Jn., NFR (Assam). P.L. No. - 659015210014.

SN. 6: Tender No. 30/26/0073/OT/73/2026-27;

Closing/ Opening Date: 18-08-2026

Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: Buffer Plunger riveted with Face Plate and fitted with Buffer Spindle, Hex nut and Bulb cotter complete. Drawing - RDSO Drawing No. - RDSO SK -98145, item-3,5,6,7,8,17, alt-12, with latest alteration, RDSO Drg. - SK-94255, Alt.-6, with latest alteration, RDSO Drg. - SK - 94254, Alt.-3, with latest alteration, IRS Drg. No. - W/BD-353, Alt.-8, with latest alteration & RDSO Drg. - WD-94068-S-1, Alt.-4, with latest alteration. Mat. Spec. - As per drawing with latest revision and amendments and conforming to ICF STR No. - ICF/MD/SPEC - 252, Issue status - 01, Rev-00, Amnd. No. - 04 of June 2022, with latest revision and amendments. [Warranty Period: 36 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: No., Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods (Supply). Qty - 1 Nos for SSE/ICWS/Tindhrina, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. - 37130109.

SN. 7: Tender No. 60/24/5104A/OT/74/2026-27;

Closing/ Opening Date: 14-09-2026

Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: (1) Supply, Installation & Commissioning of EOT CRANE 5 TON along with DSL (length of DSL as specified in schedule-I), spares as per schedule-IV and additional spares and items viz slings/lifting tackles as specified in schedule-I, maintenance tools as per schedule-V, any other accessory treated as concomitant accessory. [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: No., Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods (Supply). Qty - 1 Nos for SSE/WTS/New Bongaigaon, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. - 603220230721. (2) Supply, Installation & Commissioning of EOT CRANE 5 TON along with DSL (length of DSL as specified in Schedule-I), spares as per schedule-IV and additional spares and items viz slings/lifting tackles as specified in schedule-I, maintenance tools as per schedule-V, any other accessory treated as concomitant accessory. [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: No., Stages:0] [U/VAM Linking:] Item Type: Goods (Supply). Qty - 2 Nos for SSE/Demu/IC/Siliguri Jn. NFR (West Bengal). P.L. No. - 603220230496.

NEWS BOX

New round of Israel-Lebanon talks set August 4: US official

WASHINGTON.(Agency)

The US State Department confirmed Monday that the next round of talks between Israel and Lebanon will be held in Rome on August 4 through 6, as Israel prepares to withdraw from two "pilot zones" in southern Lebanon.

Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani first announced the next round of US-mediated talks last week, with a State Department official detailing the talks to AFP on the condition of anonymity."In Rome, technical groups will focus on advancing the full implementation of the framework agreement," the official told AFP, adding that the planned discussion "includes expanding the pilot zone process, resolving all outstanding border issues, and working on a comprehensive peace and security agreement."

The Israel-Lebaon framework deal emerged after war broke out between Israel and Iran-backed militant group Hezbollah on March 2, against the backdrop of the wider West Asia war.

It calls for an end to the war in Lebanon, disarmament of the Lebanese movement, the deployment of Lebanese troops in the south and for Israeli forces to steadily withdraw from the country in two "pilot zones.""The experience of the initial zones will help us perfect pilot-zone implementation so it can expand in a phased manner," the US official added. Lebanon's army on Sunday condemned Israel's ongoing military operations in the south of the country, arguing it was preventing its full deployment under the framework deal.Beirut has reported intermittent Israeli strikes and artillery shelling on the south despite the lull in fighting.

Trump defends his sweeping tariffs and watches 'America First' drag races during Michigan stop

MILFORD.(Agency)

President Donald Trump came to Michigan on Monday and argued that his economic policies have revived the auto industry and American manufacturing, even as some businesses contend that the sweeping tariffs he's imposed have actually hurt the state.

Trump visited a sprawling General Motors facility in the Detroit suburb of Milford that is a testing ground for its vehicles. He pumped a fist after watching a trio of drag races that involved muscle cars and luxury vehicles like the Corvette Z06, Cadillac Escalade V, and EV Hummer — events the announcer promised were "all America First power."It was the kind of thundering speed the president is expecting at an IndyCar race in Washington next month, which is part of America's 250th birthday celebrations.

In a subsequent speech inside a design facility, the president cheered GM's plans to expand production domestically in coming years and declared himself a president who was standing up for auto workers "at long last.""I've done more for you than your parents, OK?" he joked.

How South Korea Is Using AI Cameras To Prevent Suicides

world.(Agency)

When AI-powered cameras on bridges over Seoul's Han River raise the alarm that someone may be about to jump, acting quickly is vital.

The waterway is a landmark of the glittering South Korean capital, but also a frequent scene of despair in a country with one of the world's highest suicide rates.The artificial intelligence-driven surveillance system alerts first responders if someone lingers in certain locations, enters an area deemed unsafe or picks up one of the bridges' dedicated suicide-prevention phones.It has been strikingly effective, said Kim Jun-young, chief of the Hangang Bridge CCTV Integrated Control Center, with the rescue rate over the river rising to more than 99 percent from 56 percent in 2012Her approval ratings remain high compared to past administrations so it's not as if Takaichi's political grounding is shaking," said Kenji Yamamoto, chief market economist at Daiwa Securities.Emergency crews can reach most bridges within five minutes -- the critical window to intervene and save a life, he said."We see our role as giving them one more chance to think it over, because it may not be the decision you want," Kim told AFP.From a height of about 30 metres (100 feet), striking the water is akin to crashing a car at 60 kilometres per hour (37 miles per hour), he said.Persuading people who have made up their minds is not easy, Kim said, as they often struggle with rescuers or sprint away "as if running a 100-metre race".Others can make a final, split-second decision when they hear approaching sirens, before help arrives.

Ukraine to buy up to 20 Gripen jet fighters, Sweden to donate 16

Sweden in 2024 suspended plans to send Gripen jets to Ukraine after partner countries requested that priority be given to providing US F-16 fighters.

STOCKHOLM.(Agency)

Ukraine plans to buy up to 20 latest-model Gripen fighter jets and Sweden will donate 16 older models to boost its air defence, the two countries said Thursday during a surprise visit to Sweden by the Ukrainian president. Ukraine plans to allocate 2.5 billion

euros (\$2.9 billion) from an EU loan for the new aircraft, the Swedish governmentsaid in a statement.

Regarding the latest model Gripen E jets, "the aim is to quickly conclude a final agreement with deliveries as of 2030", Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said at a joint press conference with President Volodymyr Zelensky at an air base in Uppsala, 70 kilometres (45 miles) north of Stockholm.The 16 donated aircraft will be delivered in early 2027, Kristersson said."This is a historic decision for Sweden, but it also strengthens Ukraine's air defence significantly," he added.The two countries signed a letter of intent in October on Kyiv's purchase of 100 to 150 Gripen E aircraft.Zelensky said

Ukraine, battling Russia's invasion since 2022, hoped to buy all 150 planes."We hope we will be able to



secure financing for all of them," he said.Sweden in 2024 suspended plans to send Gripen jets to Ukraine after partner countries requested that priority be given to providing US F-16 fighters.Thursday's announcement

was part of Sweden's 22nd military aid package to Ukraine, worth a total of 25.2 billion kronor, the Swedish government said.The Scandinavian country is a strong supporter of Ukraine, providing military aid worth more than 128 billion kronor (\$13.7 billion) since the start of the Russian invasion.Zelensky meanwhile said Kyiv was awaiting a formal response from the United States to its request for more ammunition for its Patriot air defence systems to counter Russian ballistic missiles.Ukraine is largely reliant on its Western allies to down Russian missile barrages, despite having pioneered a system for intercepting long-range drones that is the envy of some of the world's most advanced militaries.

Trump administration urges Supreme Court to allow order targeting mail-in voting before midterms

WASHINGTON.(Agency)

The Trump administration asked the Supreme Court on Monday to clear the way for an executive order from President Donald Trump that could dramatically change mail-in voting ahead of November's midterm elections.The Justice Departmen asked the justices to halt for now lower court decisions blocking the sweeping changes in nearly half the country.

The request comes shortly after Trump delivered a primetime address elevating his yearslong push to raise doubts about the legitimacy of elections, and could be one of several voting-related challenges before the court ahead of the high-stakes midterm contest. Trump ordered the government in March to create a "state citizenship list" of eligible voters and deliver

mail ballots only to people on that list.Demcratic officials in 23 states and the District of Columbia sued, saying the Constitution gives states and Congress the authority to set



election rules, not the president. Their attorneys have said Trump's proposed changes are ripe for abuse and could cause chaos.A judge in Massachusetts blocked the executive order for the plaintiff states, and a divided 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel left her

ruling in place over the weekend.

The executive order calls for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the commissioner of the Social Security Administration to send state officials federal citizenship lists to determine eligible voters. It tells the U.S. Postal Service to deliver mail ballots only to people on the lists.The order also calls for ballots to have secure envelopes with unique barcodes for tracking. Federal funding could be withheld from states and localities that don't comply.The appeal argues that Trump's order lays out "general policy guidance" and doesn't directly dictate how states run their elections. Solicitor General D. John Sauer asked the high court to freeze the judge's order as lawsuits play out, calling it indefensible.

Netanyahu heads to US for first Trump meeting since Iran war

JERUSALEM.(Agency)

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will meet US President Donald Trump at the White House on Tuesday for the first time since the start of the Iran war, over which they have publicly disagreed.

Relations between Netanyahu and Trump have occasionally appeared strained in recent months, but both have sought to tone things down.

Tuesday's meeting is expected to be dominated by the war, which began with US-Israeli strikes on Iran in late February, as Washington says it wants to give negotiations a chance.Israel has not taken part in

the latest round of hostilities between the United States and Iran, which flared earlier this month after an April ceasefire collapsed.

Tuesday's meeting will be the eighth between the leaders since Trump's return to office last year, as well as their first in-person talks since the war began."This is a great privilege, but it is also a great responsibility," Netanyahu said before departing Israel on Monday."We will discuss all the issues on the agenda, first and foremost Iran. Naturally, our goal is to safeguard our security and also to expand the circle of peace around us," he added.Relations

between the two leaders reached a low point in April during negotiations on the ceasefire, with Trump unleashing profanity-laced tirades against his Israeli ally.Trump later described Netanyahu in an interview as a "very difficult guy".Netanyahu downplayed the exchanges as "tactical disagreements", saying they were aligned on the goals of the war.On Tuesday, the leaders are expected to discuss the implementation of a US-sponsored framework deal signed by Israel and Lebanon last month, whose application on the ground has been challenging.

Burnham meets Zelensky, pledges new 'Stone Cloak' for Ukrainian drones

SEATTLE.(Agency)

British Prime Minister Andy Burnham held his first meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky at a UK naval base on Monday, pledging new "Stone Cloak" jamming technology to help safeguard Ukraine's drones on the battlefield.The meeting on the dockside and on board an aircraft carrier in the southern city of Portsmouth was Burnham's first bilateral with a foreign leader and comes ahead of a visit by Zelensky to Washington on Tuesday aimed at ending the four-year war with Russia."We are with Ukraine 100 percent. I am personally with you 100 percent, Mr President," Burnham assured Zelensky after the two men, both wearing similar dark casual

clothes, shook hands on the dockside.

Zelensky thanked Burnham for an "important signal of support" and said he had invited Burnham to visit Ukraine, after the leaders spoke by phone within hours of the new prime minister taking office.

Vowing t "honour every commitment this country has made to Ukraine," Burnham said Britain was "going further" and was "providing new, home-grown jamming technology to protect Ukrainian drones" as both Moscow and Kyiv intensify drone and missile strikes."It will help them to hit their targets and help save Ukrainian lives. It also shows the kind of innovation our industries can deliver together," Burnham said.Afterwards, Zelensky wrote on X he was "grateful" to

Britain for "today's decision to provide Ukraine with electronic warfare technologies" that would "certainly be useful on the battlefield".The leaders



met on board Britain's flagship aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth and spoke to armed forces personnel involved in training Ukrainian service members. "Britain stands with Ukraine, shoulder

to shoulder, and our support remains unwavering," Burnham said in a statement."Russia should be in no doubt of our resolve, and we will not back down until we achieve long-lasting and just peace for Ukraine."London announced it will share with Kyiv information on a new battle-tested electronic jamming capability dubbed "Stone Cloak".When attached to drones, the tablet-sized, military-grade jammers can hinder Russian air defence systems from tracking and targeting such weapons in-flight, Downing Street said.

Thousands of the jammers, developed under a 100-year partnership pact between the countries, have already been gifted to Kyiv, according to London.

Social media friendship turns into POCSO case; Amravati man booked for assaulting minor

Amravati.(Agency)

A 20-year-old man from Amravti city in Maharashtra has been booked for allegedly sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl after befriending her on social media and allegedly luring her with a promise of marriage, police said on Tuesday.

The case has been registered at Gadgenagar Police Station under relevant provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).According to police, the accused allegedly established contact with the Class X student through social media, gained her trust and sexually assaulted her on the pretext of marriage.

The incident came to light after the victim's family approached the police and lodged a complaint. Police said an FIR has been registered and the accused is being questioned. Investigators are examining his mobile phone, social media chats and call records as part of the probe.

The identity of the minor survivor has been withheld in accordance with legal provisions. Further investigation is in progress, police added.

UP govt on alert regarding JE-AES; clean drinking water to reach every affected village

Lucknow.(Agency)

Further accelerating the commitment to provide clean drinking water to every household in the state, the Uttar Pradesh government has prepared a mission-based plan to ensure water supply in villages affected by Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES). In this regard, State Jal Shakti Minister Swatantra Dev Singh directed officials to complete work in three shifts within 24 hours to ensure safe drinking water in affected villages where tap water supply has not yet been established.

He stated that the government's priority is to ensure safe drinking water reaches every affected village, thereby preventing waterborne diseases and improving the quality of life of the villagers.

During a review meeting of the Jal Jeevan Mission at the State Drinking Water and Sanitation Mission office, the Jal Shakti minister directed that all projects be completed within the stipulated timeframe with high quality.

He told officials that negligence at any level would not be tolerated. Immediate action would be taken against those found guilty.

Karnataka HC issues notice on plea against footpath encroachments in Bengaluru

BENGALURU.(Agency)

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday issued notice to the state government, commissioner of Bengaluru North City Corporation, National Highways Authority of India, and Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation on a public interest litigation filed by T Dasarahalli NH-4 Citizens and Residents' Welfare Association seeking its directions to take action against unauthorised street vendors on the footpaths of Tumakuru-Bengaluru service road from T Dasarahalli to Jalahalli Cross in the city.

A division bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice KS Hemalekha passed the order after hearing the petition which alleged that pedestrians face inconvenience because of the encroachment of footpaths on the stretch. The pedestrians also face inconvenience because of traffic jams there. The petitioners alleged that school buses, ambulances and other vehicles get stuck in traffic jams because of blocking of parts of the service road by street vendors.

Despite withdrawal assurance, Mumbai Police keep summoning CJP protesters

Mumbai.(Agency)

Even after the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) said it had secured an assurance from the Centre that cases against peaceful protesters would be withdrawn, Mumbai Police on Monday continued issuing notices and recording statements of those named in FIRs related to last week's demonstrations, saying they had received no instructions to halt the investigation.

Several students and young professionals said they received notices or calls from the police asking them to appear at police stations, leaving many uncertain whether the promised withdrawal had actually begun. Police maintained there was no contradiction. Senior officers said investigations cannot be stopped midway and that, under existing procedure, cases arising out of political and social protests can be withdrawn only after chargesheets



demonstration. "Police officials are continuing with their probe, including issuing notices to those named and recording statements. We were told they are proceeding with the case as no instructions

are filed. Notices continued to be served on Monday. One person named in an FIR registered after a protest in Chembur was called to the police station to record his statement and questioned on whether slogans had been raised during the

have been given to stop the process. We request the senior police authorities and the state government to at least issue interim directions to halt proceedings until a formal order is passed to withdraw the cases," said advocate Vikrant Khare, who is representing several students and protesters along with a group of Bombay High Court lawyers.

A senior police officer said some of those named as accused may continue to receive summons since the investigation is still underway. "The procedure for withdrawal of cases begins only after a chargesheet is filed.

Until then, we will continue with the investigation, which includes recording statements of accused and witnesses, preparing panchnamas and completing other legal formalities," the officer said, adding that once chargesheets are filed, cases go before a scrutiny committee that recommends withdrawals.

2 get life imprisonment for raping 18-yr-old girl

According to Government Railway Police (GRP), Pune, the victim had arrived at Talegaon railway station after travelling from Baramati on January 25, 2016, when two persons approached her.

Pune.(Agency)

A court in Pune awarded life imprisonment to two men for the rape of an 18-year-old girl after luring her from Talegaon Railway Station in 2016. Additional district and sessions judge S M Tapkire passed the order in this regard on Monday.

The convicts were identified as Sharad Murlidhar Salve (30) of Chatrapati Sambhajnagar and Ankitsingh Bista alias Kancha (30) of Ravet in Pune. According to Government Railway Police (GRP), Pune, the victim had arrived at Talegaon railway station after travelling from Baramati on January 25, 2016, when two persons approached her.

The girl was hungry. So the duo lured her in the pretext of giving her food. They took her to a tin shed in the parking area of Talegaon railway station and raped her

repeatedly. An accused also took her obscene photos on his cell phone before leaving the spot, police said. A woman sweeper at the railway station saw the girl crying and took her to the police. A first



information report (FIR) was lodged at the Pune Railway police station on January 27, 2026. Police said the victim had the mobile phone number of one of the accused. Based

on clues obtained during the investigation, the police arrested the accused, Sharad Salve and Kancha, in this case. A team led by police sub inspector Shamshuddin Shaikh investigated the case and submitted a chargesheet against the accused on April 30, 2016.

As per a press release issued on Monday by the GRP, special public prosecutor S A Kshirsagar examined 12 witnesses to establish the sequence of events during the commission of crime during the trial.

The court held the two accused guilty under sections 376(2)(n) (committing rape repeatedly on the same woman) and 34 of the Indian Penal Code and sentenced them to rigorous imprisonment for life and fine of Rs 25,000 each.

5-year-old boy wet his pants, UP teacher 'brands his private parts' as punishment

Lucknow.(Agency)

A teacher at a private school in Varanasi allegedly branded a five-year-old boy's private parts with a heated knife as punishment for urinating in his school uniform, after he was denied permission to use the restroom, police said on Monday.

Police have booked the teacher, principal and manager based on a complaint lodged by the boy's father, a lawyer.

Police said the matter came to light after the child returned home on July 24 and complained of pain and discomfort in his private parts. The boy's father claimed he attempted to raise the issue with the teacher allegedly responsible for the act, as well as with the principal and manager, but they weren't willing to

take the complaint seriously. The Station House Officer of the police station concerned said the medical examination confirmed a blister on the victim's private parts, and that police were in the process of



recording statements from doctors and other persons connected to the case. No arrests have been made so far, he said. The father did not respond to calls seeking comment.

According to police, the father said

the incident occurred on July 24 when his son asked his teacher, Preeti Kushwaha, for permission to use the bathroom.

The father, as per police, said the teacher allegedly refused and his child ended up urinating in his trousers. This, the father alleged, enraged the teacher. She took the boy to another room, heated a knife over a flame, and allegedly used it to burn his private parts. She also allegedly beat him and threatened that if he repeated the "mistake", she would deal with him even more severely, the father alleged.

Police said the father learnt of the incident only after returning home from work that evening, when his son narrated the entire ordeal to him. He alleged that he tried calling the teacher but she did not respond to his calls.

Jharkhand: ED raids over 25 locations linked to coal traders in Dhanbad

Dhanbad.(Agency)

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday conducted simultaneous searches at more than 25 locations linked to coal traders, their associates and relatives in Jharkhand's Dhanbad district as part of an ongoing investigation into suspected financial irregularities. Official sources said the searches were carried out at multiple premises in Jharia, Kendua, Loyabad and other parts of the district. Teams examined banking transactions, property records, business documents and other financial records during the operation.

Searches were also conducted at premises linked to the Yadav brothers in Jharia, the Mandal brothers in Kendua and the Chauhan brothers in Loyabad, sources said.

At one location in Loyabad, a group of local women protested when the ED team arrived, briefly delaying the operation. The officials later entered the premises and resumed the search amid security arrangements.

At another location, officials reportedly used a ladder to enter a house after the occupants allegedly did not open the door.

Azam Khan's UP university gets interim relief from bulldozer action

Lucknow.(Agency)

Granting interim relief to Mohammad Ali Jauhar University, the Moradabad Divisional Commissioner on Monday stayed the demolition order issued by the Rampur Development Authority (RDA) until further orders.

The RDA had on July 15 directed the demolition of 38 of 40 buildings of the university that has jailed former UP minister Azam Khan as the chairman of its governing trust.

Challenging the demolition order issued by the RDA, the Mohammad Ali Jauhar Trust — which runs the university — filed an appeal before the court of Moradabad Divisional Commissioner Anjaneya Kumar Singh, who also serves as the

chairman of the RDA. The appeal was listed for hearing on Tuesday.

However, owing to court proceedings being affected by a condolence reference following the death of an advocate, the Trust moved an urgent application seeking interim relief. A source said the Trust had apprehensions that the RDA might proceed with the demolition before the appeal could be heard.

Hearing the application, Commissioner Singh directed that the demolition order passed by the Vice-Chairman of the RDA shall remain in abeyance until further orders. The 38 buildings facing demolition include those housing the Faculties of Islamic Studies, Law, Agriculture, Engineering, Humanities and Science, the Department of

Pharmacy, as well as students' hostels, the Ravindra Nath Tagore Auditorium, the Mumtaz Central Library, a gym, and also "mosque-like structures". The university is believed to have spent crores



on the buildings, taking inspiration for their architecture from famous structures across the world, including apparently the White House and Taj

Mahal. Last week, students had launched an indefinite sit-in outside the university's main gate, demanding that the demolition order be withdrawn and the counselling centre established by the district administration outside the campus be removed.

A senior official of the Maulana Mohd Ali Jauhar Trust puts its student strength at about 2,400, enrolled in about 40 courses and diplomas, across 14 faculties such as science, law, humanities, commerce, Islamic studies, education, agriculture science, pharmacy. Most of the students are enrolled in professional courses such as paramedics and pharmacy. About one-third are women; a substantial number are Hindus.

Namwar Singh at 100, remembering a radical rasika

The birth centenary of Namwar Singh (July 28, 1926 – February 19, 2019) is being celebrated all over the Hindi world, but as he lived to be 92 and was active until the end, it seems as if he left us only yesterday. He was the most blazingly brilliant and doubtfully dominant figure in Hindi literature over the last half-century, which is all the more remarkable as he was no novelist or poet but a ‘mere’ critic.For the last three or four decades of his life, he was much in demand at conferences and literary events from Kashmir to Calicut. He served as the Chair of the Jnanpith award jury for nine years, and showed himself to be more pan-Indian in outlook and knowledge than many others of the jurors (including yours truly). In all these roles, he always spoke in Hindi, wore kurta-dhoti, and constantly chewed paan as befitted a native of Banaras. If there was ever an organic intellectual or a rooted cosmopolitan, it was he. We shall not see the like of him again. His most influential book, ‘Kavita ke Naye Pratiman’ (New Paradigms of Poetry, 1968; Sahitya Akademi Award, 1971), actually effected a paradigm shift in Hindi literature. Since the early 1940s, Prayogvad (modernist experimentation and innovation) had been the ruling idiom of Hindi creativity. SH Vatsyayan ‘Agyeya’ was the leading figure here, with his novel ‘Shekhar’ (in two parts, 1941 and 1944). Agyeya was a pioneering poet, too, and championed other poets through editing path-breaking anthologies of seven young poets each, called ‘Tar Saptak’ (successive selections published in 1943, 1953, and 1959).In his plea for new paradigms, Namwar Singh sought to depose Agyeya from his high eminence and install in his place the little-known Marxist poet GM Muktibodh, who had been in fact the first of the seven poets featured by Agyeya in his very first ‘Tar Saptak’! The larger battle here was between Prayogvad and Pragativad (progressivism, or committed left-wing writing), with clear overtones of the Cold War. And in the field of Hindi literature at least, the battle was won clearly by the Left. Namwar Singh’s other major work was ‘Doosri Parampara ki Khoj’ (1982; translated into English by Akhilesh Kumar as ‘In Search of an Alternative Tradition’, 2023). In it, Namwar sought to track an alternative tradition of radical writing in Hindi, and more generally, in Indian literature, with the iconoclastic religious reformer Kabir as its flag-bearer. The phrase ‘doosri parampara’ or alternative tradition proved immediately attractive in itself, even among those who had never seen the book, as offering a liberatory agenda.Namwar Singh wrote slim books, and not very many of them. His major contribution was through the vachik parampara or the hallowed oral tradition. In his case, it took the form of ex tempore lectures and numerous interviews. But he was fortunate in his admirers, one of whom, Ashish Tripathi, has edited as many as 19 volumes of his uncollected essays and unscripted lectures (through rare taped recordings), nicely arranged by broad themes. Some other students of his from JNU, where he taught from 1974 to 1992, have brought out books such as ‘JNU Mein Namwar Singh’ and even ‘Namwar ke Notes’ (i.e. his class notes). He was indeed a living legend.s everyone who ever heard him will testify, Namwar Singh spoke with compelling felicity and sparkling wit. His erudition in Hindi, Urdu, Sanskrit, Bengali and English was unmatched. He knew his Marx, Brecht, Adorno and Goldmann better than many of our Anglophone intellectuals, and frowned upon Bakhtin for not being enough of a Marxist.I first met Namwarji in the 1980s but our acquaintance deepened when he asked me in 1991 to translate from Hindi into English his keynote address for the Festival of Letters of the Sahitya Akademi. This essay, ‘Decolonising the Indian Mind’, has since been prescribed in the syllabi of English departments of many universities, and is probably his most widely read piece in English. SouthAsians & Diaspora

The Jantar Mantar agitation and the Hubris

Instead of opening doors for honest engagement, the state has chosen its default response of police barricades, tear gas canisters, and lathi charges

There is something profoundly moving, and deeply damning, about the sight unfolding at Jantar Mantar. To see the 16-or 17-year-old kids standing eye-to-eye with heavily armed riot police fills me with shame at what we have become as a country. As expected, there are no children of the politicians of any political party out there, braving the lathis and tear gas. The politicians know how broken our system is and have sent their kids abroad to countries that are not viswagurus to get a decent education. It is the children of the middle class and lower middle class who are out there in the open, with their frail shoulders bearing the weight of a broken promise. Meanwhile, the generation that came before them, their parents and grandparents, the comfortable middle-aged demographic that has crossed 40—indulges in blind, cringeworthy support of authority. No one is accountable for anything in this La La Land of WhatsApp uncles and aunts except the long-dead Nehru, Aurangazeb, Akbar, and Alauddin Khalji.These much-derided Gen Z kids, the very same reel-obsessed, non-reading children, possess far more moral courage than the older generations who routinely lecture them. Their numbers on the street may appear modest for now, but the fire in their eyes should alarm anyone who understands history. Instead of opening doors for honest engagement, the state has chosen its default response of police barricades, tear gas canisters, and lathi charges. When educator Sonam Wangchuk is forced into a fast unto death alongside student movements like the Cockroach Janta Party to protest back-to-back examination paper leaks, the response of a mature republic should be open dialogue. Peaceful protest is the essential safety valve of a constitutional democracy. When a government clamps down on that safety valve, it creates a volatile pressure cooker. Suppressing legitimate dissent does not eliminate anger; it drives it underground, creating a vacuum that fissiparous agencies and hostile foreign adversaries are always eager to exploit.



fracture into irrelevance almost immediately after his death. The Congress party won the largest parliamentary mandate in Indian history under Rajiv Gandhi in 1984, yet that colossal majority marked the beginning of its long, irreversible structural decline. World history tells the exact same tale. The Romanov dynasty in Russia celebrated three centuries of unchecked autocratic rule with breathtaking splendour in 1913, oblivious to the starved, angry populace that would tear down the empire just four years later. The Soviet Union appeared monolithic and unshakeable at the peak of its Cold War power, yet it dissolved overnight because its internal rot was ignored. Perhaps the ruling elite believes this current storm will simply pass. The men running the state are well past their 60s and 70s and have smartly secured the future

Science over politics in battle against El Niño

Trump’s goal of making pharma companies shift their manufacturing to the US would be commercially unviable for most because of the significantly higher labour and compliance costs

The India Meteorological Department’s forecast leaves little room for complacency. With El Niño expected to intensify and the Indian Ocean Dipole likely to remain neutral, Telangana, like several other states, is facing the prospect of drought-like conditions. The state’s rainfall deficit, currently at 25 percent, may increase to 30 percent by the month-end. It is worrying news for Telangana, one of the top paddy producers in the country.The state produced 295 lakh tonnes of paddy in the kharif and rabi seasons last year and acquired a record 147 lakh tonnes, accounting for 61 percent of the country’s procurement. A weak monsoon, therefore, is not merely an agricultural concern. It would have far-reaching implications for rural incomes and the state’s economy. Farmers, tenant farmers and those employed in allied sectors will all be at the receiving end. The Telangana government has responded with contingency plans, while farmers have been advised to shift from paddy to less water-intensive crops wherever necessary. It has constituted a



27-member multi-disciplinary expert committee to assess the El Niño’s impact and recommend mitigation and adaptation measures. Such scientific planning is essential for all states at a time when variable climate patterns are becoming the norm.Yet, an unfolding political debate over the Kannepalli pump house, a part

of their many generations. These geriatrics look at these protesting kids and see only the much-derided Gen Z. They view them as soft, privileged, screen-obsessed brats who cannot sustain a real fight and will run home at the first whiff of tear gas. They think that at the first sight of police, Gen Z would write abject apology letters and run home as many did during our freedom struggle. They forget that even when an imperial Britain ruled, for every one who wrote apology letters or colluded with the British, there were hundreds who braved the lathis and jails of a superpower that ruled half the world, and that is how we won our Independence. The DNA of these great-grandparents who fought the British could have skipped a generation or two, as it did for this writer’s generation, but it has to suffice somewhere.Most of these kids who are protesting are not hardened political operatives or funded provocateurs. They are middle-class and lower-middle-class kids whose families pooled their life savings to pay for competitive exam coaching, only to watch question papers leak back-to-back while the state looks the other way. They are not asking much, other than to give them a fair system and show some accountability. When the police personnel, who also belong to the same social class as most of these kids, go home after beating the teenagers to pulp, how are they going to face their own kids? We can only hope that their training has made them sufficiently inhumane to be immune to the accusatory glances of their children. Let’s hope the police and RPF don’t lose sleep over such trivial things. They were just doing their duty, though the duty turned out to be beating up kids. Mass movements are inherently unpredictable. Most likely, the establishment calculated correctly: the police force will wear the children down, the street protests will fizzle out, and our parliamentarians can comfortably return to their vital work. They can spend endless legislative hours debating whether to make the singing of Vande Mataram compulsory in every hall instead of debating education or the lack of the promised two crore jobs per year. That is, after all, the fastest route to becoming a vishwaguru.

Universe: The power of collective karma

Many social evils that continue to challenge India are comparatively rare in many developed societies

In a few words, Verse 47 of Chapter 2 of the Bhagvadagita encapsulates the timeless philosophy of karma and karmaphal (action and its consequences). Although religious interpretations may vary, there is remarkable unanimity across the Bhagvadagita, Bible, Quran, and Guru Granth Sahib on one fundamental principle: human beings are accountable for their actions. Expressed in different languages and traditions, the essence remains unchanged — “As you sow, so shall you reap.” This moral principle also finds a parallel in science through Newton’s third law of motion: “For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.” Thus, whether viewed through the lens of spirituality, ethics, or science, the universal message is that actions have consequences.Despite the profound influence of the concepts of karma and karmaphal on human civilisation, surprisingly little empirical research appears to have examined them systematically. Even Scopus — the world’s largest abstract and citation database — contains virtually no significant body of research devoted specifically to karma and karmaphal.Although the Bhagvadagita places immense emphasis on karma, it does not explicitly define what constitutes karma, nor does it lay down objective parameters by which actions may be classified, evaluated, or measured. This conceptual openness has naturally led to diverse interpretations across philosophical, religious, and ethical traditions. My travels across many developed countries have reinforced the need to broaden our



understanding of karma beyond rituals or theology. In everyday life, I observed punctuality, discipline, honesty, courtesy, respect for traffic rules, and a culture of “service with a smile”. Equally striking was the widespread belief that “work is worship”, reflected not merely in

professional settings but also in the conduct of ordinary citizens.At the societal level, the contrast is equally instructive. Many social evils that continue to challenge India — dowry, honour killings, or caste-based discrimination — are comparatively rare in many

developed societies. Their relative absence may also be viewed as a reflection of collective social karma, shaped by values, institutions, and civic responsibility. WorldNews Coverage At the national level, Japan offers a compelling illustration of the transformative power of collective action. Despite the devastation during the Second World War and repeated earthquakes, Japan has rebuilt itself with extraordinary resilience. Much of this remarkable success can be attributed to the collective virtues of its people — discipline, punctuality, honesty, patience, diligence, and politeness. These enduring qualities, reflected in everyday conduct, may well be regarded as examples of positive karma shaping a nation’s destiny.The concept of karma may also be extended to one of humanity’s greatest contemporary challenges — the environment. It may therefore be appropriate to introduce the term ‘environmental karma’. This would encompass actions such as large-scale afforestation using ecologically suitable options, preventing littering, scientific waste management, conserving water and biodiversity, reducing pollution, and promoting sustainable lifestyles.If social scientists systematically examine virtues such as honesty, sincerity, truthfulness, compassion, diligence, generosity, civic responsibility, and environmental stewardship as measurable forms of karma, they may uncover valuable insights into their influence on individual well-being, institutional excellence, social harmony, environmental sustainability, and national development.

Two killed after truck falls off bridge on Pathankot-Mandi National Highway

Kangra. (Agency)

Two people were killed and one injured after a 16-tyre truck (tralla) fell off a bridge on the Pathankot-Mandi National Highway near Kholi in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra district late Monday night.

According to reports, the truck was travelling from Pathankot towards Rajiana at around 11 p.m. when the driver lost control and the vehicle plunged more than 50 feet from a bridge between Kholi and Rajiana villages into the riverbed below.

Local residents rushed to the spot after hearing a loud crash and found two occupants of the truck dead. The injured driver allegedly fled the scene.

Police reached the spot, registered a case under the relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and launched an investigation. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem examination.

Govt constitutes CSCS cadre restructuring committee, informs Lok Sabha

Panchkula. (Agency)

The Central Government has constituted a committee for the cadre restructuring of the Central Secretariat Clerical Service (CSCS), the Lok Sabha was informed in a written reply to an unstarred question.

The Government stated that CSCS cadre reviews are policy matters conducted periodically, considering cadre strength, functional needs, and administrative requirements. Accordingly, a committee has been formed for CSCS cadre restructuring.

The Government also informed the House that Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) in the Ministry of Finance have opportunities for promotion. When vacancies arise, promoted MTS employees are appointed as Junior Secretariat Assistants (JSA) under the CSCS.

According to the reply, eligible MTS employees are proactively promoted to the JSA grade as vacancies become available. In addition to regular promotions, MTS employees may receive financial upgradation under the Modified Assured Career Progression (MACP) Scheme, which offers career progression benefits if regular promotions are delayed.

The Government said the committee on CSCS cadre restructuring will examine the service structure as part of the periodic cadre review process.

HP Dy CM offers prayers at Brajeshwari Temple, seeks state's prosperity

Kangra.(Agency)

Himachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri on Monday offered prayers at the world-renowned Brajeshwari Temple in Kangra and prayed for the peace, prosperity, happiness and overall well-being of the people of the state. The Deputy Chief Minister performed traditional rituals at the temple and sought the blessings of Goddess Brajeshwari for the continued development and welfare of Himachal Pradesh.

Temple priests welcomed Agnihotri with Vedic chants and conducted the religious ceremonies as per tradition. He offered obeisance at the shrine and prayed for lasting peace, harmony and prosperity across the state.

After the prayers, Agnihotri visited a tea stall owned by Pawan Kumar within the temple premises. He interacted with the shopkeeper, enquired about his family's well-being and spent some time conversing with him.

Among those present on the occasion were Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee President Vinay Kumar, Dharampur MLA Chandrashekhar, Nalagarh MLA Hardeep Baba, former Chief Parliamentary Secretary Sunder Kaku, former MLA Ajay Mahajan, Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) Vice-Chairman Ajay Verma, HRTC Board Member Dharmender Dhami, Kangra SDM Dr Anjali Garg, IPH Superintending Engineer Vishal Jamwal, HRTC Divisional Manager Pankaj Chaddha, Tehsildar Prakash Chand and senior Congress leader Pandit Umesh Sharma.

Three accused who fired at Mohali police arrested, two injured after encounter

He added that immediately after the incident, multiple teams led by SP (D), SP (Operations), SP (Rural), and DSP-rank officers conducted continuous raids across Punjab. During this period, two accused surrendered in court.

Mohali. (Agency)

Three accused who allegedly had attacked an anti-narcotics team on Saturday, injuring police personnel and rescuing their associates before fleeing, were arrested by Mohali police on Monday after an encounter in the Chao Majra area in IT city. During the encounter, two of the accused were injured, and police recovered two .32 bore firearms from them.

SSP Mohali Harmandeep Singh Hans said that an FIR had been registered in this case at the Sohana police station. The SSP said that on Saturday, the district anti-narcotics team received an input regarding drug trafficking. The team managed to apprehend two suspects, but

during the operation, assailants arriving in another vehicle opened fire on the police party and attacked them with swords. Two police personnel were injured in the attack, and the assailants managed to free their two associates and escape. He added that immediately after the incident, multiple teams led by SP (D), SP (Operations), SP (Rural), and DSP-rank officers conducted continuous raids across Punjab. During this period, two accused surrendered in court.

According to the SSP, the remaining three accused, Gagan, Jaskaran, and Lakhwinder, were tracked down near Chao Majra. As soon as they spotted the police, they opened fire, prompting retaliatory firing by the police. In the

encounter, Jaskaran and Lakhwinder were injured, while Gagan was arrested on the spot. Police recovered two .32 bore firearms from the accused. A forensic



examination will determine whether these weapons were used in the firing incident on Saturday. Empty cartridges were also recovered from the scene.

The SSP said the accused are residents of

Giga Majra and Tangori villages near Sohana in Mohali. Their criminal backgrounds and possible links to drug trafficking are being investigated.

According to police, around 15 rounds of firing took place during the encounter. Of these, the accused fired five rounds, one of which hit an official vehicle of the SHO. Police also returned fire in response.

The injured accused have been admitted to the Civil Hospital for treatment. After obtaining remand from the court, police will interrogate them to determine what narcotic substance they possessed on the day of the incident, where it was sourced from, and to whom it was intended to be supplied, the SSP said.

Air India suspends flights Tel Aviv-Delhi route till end September

Jerusalem: Amid renewed hostilities and growing security concerns in West Asia, Air India on Wednesday said it is extending its suspension of operations on the Tel Aviv-Delhi route till end of September. The airline has been continuously extending its suspension of operations on the route for several months due to the prevailing security situation in the region. The latest announcement comes amid renewed security concerns over the last 10 days, as the US and Iran escalated military activity with the American forces targeting bridges, water desalination plants and electrical facilities in Iran and Tehran, in turn, hitting US bases in allied countries throughout West Asia. A senior Air India executive heading the airlines' Israel operations told PTI that the operations have been further suspended

NAME CHANGE

I, RAISH ANSARI R/o H No. 117 street no. 6 saraswati colony sehatpur EXTN, Faridabad Haryana pin-121003 have changed my name to MOHAMMAD RAHISH.

NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH CHANGE

I, No-15743241M Rank-LINK Name-KHEDKAR KRUSHNA RAMNATH Presently residing at, VILL-RALE-SANGVI, PO-BRAMHANATH YELAME, TEHSIL-SHIRUR KASAR, DIST-BEED, MAHARASHTRA-413249, have changed my mother's name from SINDHU to KHEDAKAR SINDHU RAMNATH for all future purposes and in my service records my mother's date of birth wrongly mentioned as 12/06/1975 instead of her correct date of birth as 01/01/1973 vide Affidavit dated 28/07/2026 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH CHANGE

I, No-15743241M Rank-LINK Name-KHEDKAR KRUSHNA RAMNATH Presently residing at, VILL-RALE-SANGVI, PO-BRAMHANATH YELAME, TEHSIL-SHIRUR KASAR, DIST-BEED, MAHARASHTRA-413249, have changed my father's name from KHEDKAR RAMNATH to RAMNATH SHANKAR KHEDKAR for all future purposes and in my service records my father's date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/01/1969 instead of his correct date of birth as 02/05/1969 vide Affidavit dated 28/07/2026 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, SHEHNAZ BEGUM D/O BASHEER AHMED R/O HOUSE NO. 2532, SADAK PREM NARAYAN, CHURUWALAN, DELHI - 110006, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM SHEHNAZ AZIZ TO SHEHNAZ BEGUM FOR ALL PURPOSES.

NAME CHANGE

I SHRI BHAGWAN SINGH CHAUHAN S/O PARMESHVAR SINGH CHAUHAN R/O H.NO-O-282 SAURAB VIHAR JAIPUR SOUTH DELHI-110044 HAVE CHANGE MY NAME SHREE BHAGWAN SINGH CHAUHAN

NAME CHANGE

I SHAIL DEVI W/O SHREE BHAGWAN SINGH CHAUHAN R/O H.NO-O-282 SAURAB VIHAR JAIPUR SOUTH DELHI-110044 HAVE CHANGE MY NAME SHAILI DEVI

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Consensus has been reached on all major issues, and the remaining minor concerns will also be resolved in the coming days," he said.

Appealing to all sanitation workers to resume duties in the larger public interest, Minister Harjot Singh Bains said, "I request all employee unions to call off the strike, especially during the monsoon season, so that the spread of waterborne and vector-borne diseases can be prevented. The government has already taken major decisions in favour of Safai Sevaks and Sewermen. Now it is our collective responsibility to keep our markets, cities, hospitals, schools, gurdwaras, temples and all public places clean and safe. I sincerely appeal to every Safai Sevak and Sewerman to return to work and continue their invaluable service to the people of Punjab."

CORRIGENDUM NO. 3 & 4 AGAINST TENDER NOTICE NO. DY.CEE/CON/NJP/E/07/2026 DATED: 29-06-2026

Corrigendum: 3 & 4 for Tender No. E-C-N-S-01-26-27-COM has been published. For details please visit www.ireps.gov.in Dy.CEE/CON, New Jalpaiguri

ELECTRICAL TRD WORK AT KATHIHAR DIVISION

E-Tender Notice No.: EL_TRD_08_26-27; Dated: 23-07-2026. (BID No.: EL_TRD_08_26-27). E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Name of work: Electrical TRD work in connection with "Interlocking of engineering manned level crossing Gates (KJ-33, SK-226, SK-214, SK-274) having high TVU (>50,000) at Kathihar Division". Tender Value: ₹23,20,692.84; Earnest Money: ₹46,400.00. E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs on 17-08-2026 and Opened at 15:30 hrs. on 17-08-2026. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. of 17-08-2026 in website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>.

Sr. DEE/TRD/Kathihar NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

BRIDGE WORKS

E-Tender Notice No. DCBL/04/2026/ NJP Dated: 21-07-2026. Works tenders through "E" Tendering system for and on behalf of the president of India are invited for the works as detailed below:- Tender No. DCBL042026NJP. Name of work: Fabrication, supply & Replacement of open web steel bridge girder of span of Br No.88 DN (3x45.7m) at km 79/4-6, Br No.94 DN (3x45.7m) at km 84/2-3, Br No.150 UP (4x45.7m) at km 142/6-8, on the section New Jalpaiguri-New Alipurdur by 2ST Loading under SSE/BR/Siliguri Jn. Approximate Tender Value: ₹23,94,48,051.48/- Earnest Money: ₹47,89,000/- Date & time of closing of tender: At 15.00 hrs. & opening at 15.05 hrs. on 17-08-2026 at Deputy Chief Engineer/Bridge-Line/New Jalpaiguri. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available in the website www.ireps.gov.in

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TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF DELHI JN-SHAMLI-DELHI JN MEMU UPTO HARIDWAR

It is notified for the information of rail passengers that Northern Railway has decided to temporarily extend the run of Train Nos. 64033/64034 Delhi Jn.-Shamli-Delhi Jn. MEMU services up to Haridwar during Kanwar Mela-2026. The details are given below :-

Temporary Extension of Train 64033/64034 Delhi Jn.-Shamli-Delhi Jn. MEMU upto Haridwar					
Train No. 64033		STATIONS	Train No. 64034		
Arr.	Dep.		Arr.	Dep.	
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No Change between Delhi Jn.-Shamli-Delhi Jn.					
19:00	19:05	Shamli	06:55	07:00	
19:12	19:13	Silawar	06:41	06:42	
19:17	19:18	Hind	06:38	06:39	
19:22	19:23	Usmanpur Dehat Halt	06:35	06:36	
19:27	19:28	Harhar Fatehpur	06:32	06:33	
19:33	19:34	Thana Bhawan Town	06:28	06:29	
19:38	19:39	Thana Bhawan	06:25	06:26	
19:47	19:48	Nanauta	06:18	06:19	
19:54	19:55	Sona Arjunpur	06:13	06:14	
20:01	20:02	Rampurmani Haran	06:08	06:09	
20:07	20:08	Bhankala Halt	06:04	06:05	
20:12	20:13	Jandhera Halt	06:01	06:02	
20:17	20:18	Manani	05:58	05:59	
20:30	20:31	Tapri	05:50	05:51	
21:25	21:27	Roorkee	05:00	05:02	
22:40	22:42	Jwalapur	04:10	04:12	
23:00	---	Haridwar	---	04:00	

Date of Extension: 64033 Ex Delhi Jn. from 29.07.2026 to 13.08.2026 and 64034 Ex Haridwar from 30.07.2026 to 14.08.2026

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Auction Catalogue No.	Date & Time for e-Auction	Cluster No.	No. of WVMs at Railway Stations
CTG-WVM-06-2026	10.08.2026 at 11:00 hrs	I	Total 06 WVMs (01 WVM at Garhi Harsaru, 01 WVM at Patli, 01 WVM at Pataudi Road, 01 WVM at Palam, 02 WVMs at Delhi Sarai Rohilla Railway Station).
		J	Total 10 WVMs (04 WVMs at Meerut City, 02 WVMs at Modinagar, 01 WVM at Vivek Vihar, 03 WVMs at Delhi Shahdara Railway Station).
		H	Total 09 WVMs (02 WVMs at Jind, 02 WVMs at Narwana, 02 WVMs at Tohana, 02 WVMs at Jakhali, 01 WVM at Mansa Railway Station).
		A	Total 10 WVMs (01 WVM at Baraut, 01 WVM at Baghat Road, 01 WVM at Noli, 02 WVMs at Shamli, 01 WVM at Rampur Maniharan and 04 WVMs at Muzaffarnagar Railway Station).
MPS-JULY-02-26	10.08.2026 at 11:00 hrs	K	Total 09 WVMs (01 WVM at Okhla, 01 WVM at Tuglakabad, 01 WVM at Faridabad, 01 WVM at Faridabad New Town, 02 WVMs at Ballabh Garh and 03 WVMs at Palwal Railway Station).
		DEE	MPS-DLI-DEE-MPS-163-25-2, MPS-DLI-DEE-MPS-131-25-2
		NZM	MPS-DLI-NZM-MPS-113-25-2, MPS-DLI-NZM-MPS-116-25-2, MPS-DLI-NZM-MPS-122-25-1, MPS-DLI-NZM-MPS-156-25-1, MPS-DLI-NZM-MPS-126-25-2
		KUN	MPS-DLI-KUN-MPS-135-25-2
		MDNR	MPS-DLI-MDNR-MPS-147-25-2
		MTC	MPS-DLI-MTC-MPS-140-25-1, MPS-DLI-MTC-MPS-141-25-1

Website particulars where complete details of E-Auction can be seen <https://ireps.gov.in/> (E-Auction-Leasing)

All contractors who intend to participate in the e-auctions conducted through E-Auction Leasing module of IREPS should fulfil following mandatory requirements before they can submit their bids:

- » Registration on IREPS for E-Auction Leasing module –Active IREPS User Account for E-Auction Leasing Module.
- » Payment of One Time Registration Fee; Current Account in State Bank of India; Integration of SBI Bank Account with IREPS Account; Lien Marking of Funds; Update of Turnover Details.
- » A new mechanism namely **Virtual Account Number (VAN)** has been introduced now for E-Auction Leasing module, which can be used by the bidders as an alternative to Lien Marking Mechanism.
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Railway Authority to Contact, in case of any query)	Divisional Railway Manager's Office Commercial Branch, State Entry Road, New Delhi - 110055, Email: catering.delhidivision@gmail.com , Tel: 011-23743084
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Delhi Police focus on 989 protesters after face scans

Sources said the findings are based on cross-matching the footage with the Delhi Police’s existing criminal database.

Delhi. (Agency)

The Delhi Police claims to have analysed around 100 facial recognition system-enabled CCTV recordings and social media videos from the Cockroach Janta Party’s (CJP) protest at Jantar Mantar and the march towards Parliament to examine the criminal histories of people they could identify. It claims to have identified 2,873 individuals who were present during the protest, of whom 989 have prior criminal records involving serious offences. Sources said the findings are based on cross-matching the footage with the Delhi Police’s existing criminal database. Delhi Police also deployed AI-enabled smart glasses equipped with facial recognition, video analytics and

thermal imaging capabilities to help personnel identify suspects. The exercise relied on existing criminal databases and dossier records maintained by different district police units and other agencies. According to sources, the 989 individuals allegedly have criminal records involving offences such as murder, attempt to murder, dacoity, robbery, rape, crimes against women, violations of the Arms Act, kidnapping, snatching and offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The analysis found that 101 identified individuals have previously been booked in murder cases, while 62 face charges of attempt to murder. Another 284 have criminal records related to dacoity and robbery.



The records also show that 61 individuals have been named in rape cases, six are accused under the POCSO Act, and 25 have been booked for offences against women, including outraging modesty. Additionally, 229 have cases under the Arms Act, 135 have been booked for snatching, 19 for

kidnapping and 67 under the NDPS Act. Jantar Mantar suspects face rape, murder bid charges Police found that 42 of the 101 individuals booked in murder cases have been named in two or more criminal cases, including 12 who allegedly face 10 or more cases. Among

those booked for attempt to murder, 25 of the 62 identified individuals also allegedly have multiple criminal cases. Similarly, 155 of the 284 people linked to dacoity and robbery have been booked in more than one case, with 31 of them reportedly facing 10 or more criminal cases. The data further showed that eight of the 61 individuals named in rape cases, six of the 25 booked for offences against women and nine of the 67 accused under the NDPS Act also allegedly have multiple criminal cases registered against them. Police are now investigating the role of each identified individual to determine whether they were directly involved in the violence and whether the incidents were orchestrated as part of a larger conspiracy or by an organised network.

Rain lashes parts of Delhi, IMD issues orange alert

New Delhi. (Agency)

Parts of Delhi received rainfall on Tuesday morning, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issuing an orange alert warning of more rain across several parts of the city over the next few hours. The city’s base weather station at Safdarjung recorded 32.4 mm of rainfall until 8.30 am. Other stations reported 37.6 mm at the Ridge, 36.7 mm at Lodhi Road, 4 mm at Ayanagar and 0.8 mm at Palam,



according to the IMD. The weather department forecast cloudy skies, moderate rain and gusty winds in many areas under the orange alert. Delhi recorded a minimum temperature of 25.5 degrees Celsius, which was 1.8 degrees below normal. The capital’s air quality index (AQI) was recorded at 77 at 9 am, placing it in the ‘satisfactory’ category, according to the Central Pollution Control Board. An AQI level between 51 and 100 is considered satisfactory, while readings above 100 indicate deteriorating air quality.

Delhi court grants bail to cook in Malviya Nagar hotel fire case

New Delhi. (Agency)

A Delhi court on Monday granted bail to the cook arrested by Delhi Police in a case related to the Malviya Nagar hotel fire in which 22 people were killed on June 3. Additional sessions judge Samar Vishal granted relief to Kesar Negi, who was arrested by Delhi Police more than a month ago in the case. The judge said the accused was no longer required for further investigation. The judge was hearing Negi’s application against a magisterial court order passed on June 8, denying him bail. Negi, who hails from Uttarakhand, alleged that he was being made a



scapegoat for systemic safety failures and statutory violations of the proprietors of the property. His counsel claimed that he was charged with serious offences even though “he was the one who tried to douse the fire”. He claimed that he was a salaried chef at the hotel with no control over its fire-safety infrastructure. The plea added that “like any other man of prudence, he had turned off the electricity switches after realising that the fire was caused by an electrical fault.”

Delhi Development Authority: Ridge restoration drive gets push

New Delhi. (Agency)

The Delhi Development Authority is undertaking large-scale ecological restoration of the Delhi Ridge through a scientifically designed, grid-based, multi-tier plantation model using indigenous tree and shrub species. The programme is being implemented in accordance with the approved Working Plan for the Delhi Ridge and forms part of the 70 Lakh Plantation Mission under the ‘Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam’ campaign. The DDA has been entrusted with planting 23 lakh indigenous saplings across the city. The initiative marks a shift from conventional plantation drives to

landscape-scale ecological restoration aimed at rebuilding self-sustaining native forest ecosystems and strengthening Delhi’s biodiversity, environmental resilience and natural



infrastructure. The DDA has taken up ecological restoration across nearly 120 hectares of the South Central Ridge,

Central Ridge, Kamla Nehru Ridge and Nanakpura Ridge. The programme involves removing around 16,240 invasive trees and shrubs and planting nearly 1 lakh indigenous trees and 81,700 native shrubs. The objective is not merely to increase green cover but to restore the original structure, composition and ecological functions of Ridge forests. As part of the ongoing plantation season, which began in the first week of July and will continue until mid-September 2026, the DDA has already planted 8,29,313 saplings across Delhi, including 35,570 trees and 7,93,743 shrubs. In the Ridge areas alone, it has planted 27,062 saplings, comprising 12,506 trees and 14,556 shrubs.

Delhi Police seek death for Tahir Hussain in 2020 riot case

New Delhi. (Agency)

NEW DELHI: Delhi Police on Monday urged a court to award death penalty to former AAP councillor Tahir Hussain and four others for murder of IB officer Ankit Sharma during 2020 riots, saying “they fell to the level of animals” while relentlessly assaulting the victim. The submission was made before Additional Sessions Judge Praveen Singh, who reserved the order on quantum of punishment for Friday. Seeking death penalty for the convicts, Special Public Prosecutor Madhukar Pandey told the court that Sharma was “abducted, assaulted

relentlessly, and killed by them”. “They kept torturing him even after he died,” he said. The court on July 14 convicted Hussain and four others



for the offence punishable under sections 302 (murder), and 147 (rioting) of the IPC among others. The prosecution on Monday asserted that the nature of the crime was heinous, brutal and fell under “rarest of rare” category, warranting death

sentence. “This was a cold-blooded murder. These people turned into butchers during the crime. There was not a single cloth except underwear on Sharma’s body. These people should be kept behind bars, (and) given death sentence,” Pandey said. He said those who did not show mercy during the riots shouldn’t be entitled to seek mercy. ‘Kala Hiran’ producer pulled up The Delhi High Court on Monday pulled up the producer of movie ‘Kala Hiran’, which reportedly depicts actor Salman Khan and the 1998 alleged Black Buck poaching case, saying it would pass an order directing takedown of its teaser.

RAF fired plastic pellets, other non-lethal munitions during July 20 CJP protest march: Police record

New Delhi. (Agency)

An official police record has revealed that the Rapid Action Force (RAF) fired multiple rounds of non-lethal munitions, including two rounds of plastic pellets, while dispersing protesters during the July 20 ‘Sansad Chalo’ march over the NEET paper leak near Jantar Mantar. According to a general diary entry made at the Parliament Street police station on July 22 at 1:24 pm, the action was reported by a Deputy Commandant of the RAF, who was deployed in Zone 1 of the Jantar Mantar area alongside a Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP)-rank officer of the Delhi Police, officials said on Monday. Acting on the directions of the DCP, the RAF fired 55 non-electrical shells, 15 electrical shells, five tear smoke grenades, two rounds from anti-riot guns and two rounds of plastic pellets during



the operation, officials said, citing the police station record. Officials clarified that each round of the non-lethal plastic pellets contains four pieces and differs from metal pellets that can pierce the body. They said the plastic pellets are designed to cause minimal harm. The disclosure comes amid a political row over the police response to the protest, with Opposition parties demanding a statement from Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Parliament over the reported use of force. There have been two to three reports of protesters suffering grievous pellet injuries during the march, which was organised by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) to demand the resignation of then Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the NEET-UG paper leak controversy. Pradhan resigned on Saturday, following which the month-long CJP protest was called off. Several personnel from the Delhi Police, RAF and CRPF were also injured during the clashes.

Saket building collapse: Inquiry holds MCD 'primarily responsible', flags fabricated records

The report concluded that the tragedy was preventable and blamed the MCD for failing to enforce building bylaws and act against illegal construction.

New Delhi. (Agency)

A Delhi government-ordered magisterial inquiry has held the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) "primarily responsible" for the May 30 Saket building collapse that killed six people, accusing the civic body of fabricating records to "mislead" the probe and cover up lapses. The report, recently submitted by the South district magistrate to the Delhi chief secretary, concluded that the tragedy was preventable and blamed the MCD for failing to enforce building bylaws and act against illegal construction. The inquiry found that the multi-storey commercial building near Saket Metro station collapsed due to unauthorised

structural additions, including illegal third and fourth floors, coupled with poor regulatory oversight. Giving a clean chit to other agencies, including the police and the Delhi Jal Board, the report said the MCD failed to act on a complaint about illegal construction received on March 9. It noted there were no records of inspections, verification, demolition or any preventive action for over two months. According to the inquiry, the illegal third and fourth floors were officially booked only on May 27, despite having been constructed nearly three months before the collapse.

The report further alleged that MCD officials created "false and fabricated" documents after the collapse, including a show-cause notice dated May 27 and a



work-stop notice dated May 29, to "mislead" the inquiry and create a "false impression" that action had been taken.

Rejecting the MCD's claim that excavation for an underground water tank triggered the collapse, the report said the explanation lacked technical evidence and appeared to be based on assumptions rather than verified findings. The inquiry recommended fixing accountability for field-level and supervisory officials, mandatory structural safety audits of old and unauthorised buildings, stricter enforcement of building norms, multi-agency inspection teams, GIS-based mapping of vulnerable structures, digital monitoring of unsafe buildings, risk-based categorisation, and immediate demolition or evacuation of hazardous structures.

NEWS BOX

Pride of Chhattisgarh: CM Vishnu Deo congratulates Gyaneshwari on CWG medal

New Delhi. (Agency)

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai congratulated weightlifter Gyaneshwari Yadav after she won the silver medal in the women's 53kg event at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. The Chief Minister said Yadav's achievement had made both Chhattisgarh and the country proud and would encourage more youngsters to take up sports.The 23-year-old from Rajnandgaon delivered the best performance of her career to finish second with a total lift of 199kg. In a statement issued on Monday night, Sai praised Yadav's determination and said her success reflected the sporting



talent emerging from the state.The daughter of Rajnandgaon has proved that talent, when backed by dedication, discipline and relentless hard work, can achieve success even on the international stage," Sai said."It is not merely a personal achievement for Gyaneshwari Yadav but an honour to the talent, hard work and determination of the people of Chhattisgarh. Our objective is to create an environment where the youth of Chhattisgarh can excel in national and international competitions and bring laurels to the state and the country," he added.Sai also wished Yadav success in the competitions ahead and said he was confident she would continue to bring glory to India and Chhattisgarh. Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao, who also holds the sports and youth welfare portfolio, congratulated the weightlifter in a social media post, calling her silver medal a proud moment for both the state and the nation.

Tejaswin Shankar pulls out of Glasgow high jump after knee injury

Glasgow. (Agency)

India's Tejaswin Shankar broke down in tears while speaking to the press in Glasgow. Tejaswin could not hold back as he explained why he was not able to participate in the men's high jump event, where he was one of the favourites to win a medal.The Birmingham 2022 bronze medallist came into the tournament in the form of his life. He had arrived in Glasgow believing he could win gold, or at the very least, add another Commonwealth Games medal to his collection.TEJASWIN SHANKAR GETS INJURED

On Monday, Tejaswin's knee buckled even before the competition started, and he was forced to stay away from the high jump event. Despite being listed as DNS (Did Not Start), Shankar had walked out for that solitary attempt in the final, hoping that he could somehow get through it.

He could not.

There was something particularly cruel about the sight. Tejaswin had come to Glasgow as one of India's medal hopes in



the high jump. Now, he was sitting beside the pit, watching an event he had hoped to dominate unfold without him. "Every jumper manages some or the other injury. But it is one of those days. There are 365 days in a year, and this is the one day you do not want it (the injury) to flare up. And this is the day it stirred up," Tejaswin said.

Film star Tiger Shroff named in Durand Cup squad, likely to make professional debut

Tiger Shroff could be set to make his professional football debut at the Durand Cup. The actor has been named in Mumbai FC's squad for the tournament.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Tiger Shroff is set to trade the silver screen for the football pitch, with the Bollywood actor named in Mumbai FC's squad for the Durand Cup and potentially in line to make his professional debut in the tournament.Shroff has been registered with the club and is currently training with the team, according to co-owner Zoheb Amrani. The actor could travel with the squad for at least one of their group-stage matches in Shillong.He's registered with the squad,

and we are trying our best to arrange everything. A person like Tiger, we'll need a lot of security in tier-2, tier-3 cities. People can gather around, and it could be chaotic," Zoheb told Sportstar. "And since social media is so ruthless, things can actually escalate. Keeping that in mind, we've got a date from him. If everything goes well, he will definitely travel for one of the games. He's training with the team at the moment," he added.Shroff has been associated with Mumbai FC since its inception in 2024 and has regularly featured for the side in the Mumbai District League. His involvement, however, goes beyond simply being a celebrity face attached to the club.Zoheb first got a look at Tiger Shroff's abilities in an influencers league game in 2023, which featured the likes of Ranbir Kapoor and Mahendra Singh Dhoni as well."It was during an influencers league with personalities and

former sportspersons in 2023 that I realised that Tiger can play; he has that technical understanding of the game," Zoheb recalled.When he founded the



club, Zoheb asked Shroff to come and join them for practice sessions. "He likes that slide tackle, those dribbling 1v1 moments," he said. And soon, Tiger wanted to play the game professionally. Zoheb initially believed that the actor was joking. However, he

followed through."I got his CRS (Centralised Registration System) registration done. I explained to him that this is not some ordinary tournament that you just go and play. There's proper registration, there's a proper ID card, there's a proper referee who checks everything. I must say he was very professional," Zoheb said of Shroff's involvement in the Mumbai District League.Now, that journey could take Shroff to one of the oldest football tournaments in the world.

MUMBAI FC'S DURAND CUP FIXTURES

Mumbai FC will play its Durand Cup group-stage fixtures at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong. The club opens its campaign against Langsning SC on August 3, before facing 2024 semi-finalists Shillong Lajong on August 8 and Nongkseh SS & CC on August 11.

No Nitish, Harshit as injury-marred India name Test squad for Sri Lanka series

New Delhi. (Agency)

An injury-marred India have named their squad for the two-match Test series against Sri Lanka, with several regulars unavailable and the fitness of key players still under a cloud.Shubman Gill will lead the side, with KL Rahul named his deputy, while the squad includes a mix of established names and players looking to make their mark in Test cricket.India will, however, be without a couple of their recent regulars due to injuries. Nitish Reddy was not available for selection after being ruled out of the tour of the UK with a thigh injury, while Harshit Rana was ruled out just days after returning from a four-month injury layoff.There is also uncertainty surrounding the



availability of Sai Sudharsan and Jasprit Bumrah. Both players have been picked in the squad, but their participation will be subject to fitness clearance from the BCCI Centre of Excellence (COE).Washington Sundar, meanwhile, was not available for selection for the first Test.

WHAT HAPPENED TO JASPRIT BUMRAH? Jasprit Bumrah recently returned to action in the ODI series against England. The fast bowler was given an extended rest after the Indian Premier League and did not feature in the home series against Afghanistan or, for that matter, T20Is against Ireland and England.

I want to apologise on behalf of Gurindervir: Coach says sorry after CWG horror show

CHENNAI. (Agency)

Star Indian sprinter Gurindervir Singh was disappointed in the Commonwealth Games 2026. India's fastest man ran his 100m heat in 10.39 seconds, far below his best timing, finishing 28th out of 76 athletes. The result meant that Gurindervir was knocked out of the competition in the very first round itself, failing to make it to the semi-finals of the event.The sprinter's first coach, Happy Singh, apologised to the country and sprinting fans for his performance and called Gurindervir's showing far below expectations."The country hopes that when an athlete runs for the country, they will do well. I apologise to the nation as Gurindervir's first coach. He could not deliver close to what the

people had hoped from him," Happy Singh said on NNIS after the event.

"Either a person wins or learns, but that process of learning becomes too drawn out if the competition comes once in



four years. If a person goes to these events only to learn, they take on a lot of pressure on them. But what is done is done, we cannot do anything about it. All we can do now is to support him," he added. 'GURINDERVIR HAD

Justin Greaves destroys Pakistan with 5 successive wicket maidens in Trinidad Test

WI vs PAK, 1st Test: Justin Greaves produced a historic spell against Pakistan, becoming the first bowler in Test cricket history to take wickets in five successive maiden overs and finishing with career-best figures of 5 for 27.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Justin Greaves produced one of the greatest bowling spells in Test cricket history on Day 3 of the opening Test against Pakistan in Tarouba, Trinidad, becoming the first bowler ever to take



wickets in five successive maiden overs. The West Indies all-rounder's extraordinary burst turned the match on its head, triggering a dramatic Pakistan collapse and etching his name into the record books."Pakistan resumed Day 3 in a commanding position before Greaves changed the complexion of the contest with relentless accuracy and movement.

Bowling unchanged, the right-arm seamer removed a batter in each of his next five maiden overs, achieving a feat never before witnessed in the 148-year history of Test cricket. He finished with career-best figures of 11-6-27-5, helping dismiss Pakistan for 282 after the visitors appeared well placed to build a substantial first-innings lead.

The spell eclipsed a decade-old record held by former England pacer Stuart Broad, who claimed wickets in four successive maiden overs against South Africa in Johannesburg in 2016. Greaves' precision dismantled Pakistan's lower middle order and tail, ensuring West Indies secured a slender 29-run first-innings lead after posting 311.

Who is Saransh Jain, the 33-year-old who finally earned an India Test call-up?

From barefoot runners and handmade spikes to Olympic gold and data-driven high performance, Indian athletics has travelled a remarkable distance. But has all that progress made today's generation greater than the athletes who came before them?

New Delhi. (Agency)

India's squad for the two-Test series against Sri Lanka featured one fresh face on Tuesday, with 33-year-old Saransh Jain earning his maiden Test call-up after years of consistent performances in domestic cricket. The Madhya Pradesh all-rounder finally received his long-

awaited reward as the selectors announced a 15-member squad led by Shubman Gill.For followers of the domestic game, Jain's inclusion is far from a surprise. The off-spinner has quietly built one of the strongest red-ball records among India's all-rounders, delivering season after season with both bat and ball without ever breaking into the senior side.His call-up also comes at an important time. While Washington Sundar has been included in the squad, his availability remains subject to fitness as he continues to recover from a hamstring injury. With uncertainty surrounding Sundar and India looking for a specialist right-arm finger spinner to complement Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav and Manav Suthar, the selectors turned to Jain, who also offers

valuable lower-order batting.The timing of the selection is no coincidence either.



Only weeks ago, Jain impressed on the India A tour of Sri Lanka, claiming six wickets across two matches while scoring an unbeaten 70. Those performances, in conditions similar to the upcoming Test series, strengthened his case for a place in the senior squad.

WHO IS SARANSH JAIN?

Born in Indore, Jain made his first-class debut for Madhya Pradesh during the 2014-15 season and has since become one of the team's most dependable performers. Across 54 First-Class matches, the right-arm off-spinner has scored more than 2,000 runs at an average of 31. 75 while claiming 188 wickets at 27.30, establishing himself as a genuine all-rounder.Cricket runs in the family, with his father Subodh Jain having represented Madhya Pradesh in the Ranji Trophy. Early in Saransh's career, however, the family endured a difficult phase when his father underwent cancer surgery while he was away on a cricket tour in Australia.

Bank of Baroda confirms data breach. Can the lender

New Delhi. (Agency)

Bank of Baroda has confirmed that an employee email account was compromised, resulting in unauthorised access to certain customer data, reported news agency Reuters.

While the state-run lender has stressed that its core banking systems remain secure and has launched a forensic investigation after implementing initial containment measures, the confirmation shifts attention to what happens next.Can the bank face regulatory penalties? Could customers seek compensation? And what steps should account holders take to protect themselves from the possible misuse of their personal information?

WHAT ACTION COULD THE BANK FACE?

With the breach now confirmed, regulators are expected to examine how the incident occurred, whether Bank of Baroda complied with cybersecurity requirements and whether there were any lapses in protecting customer information.The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) could review whether the lender adhered to its cybersecurity and risk management framework for banks. Depending on the findings, the central bank may direct the bank to strengthen its security controls, improve internal processes or take other supervisory measures. If regulatory violations are established, the RBI also has powers to impose penalties under the applicable banking laws.India's cybersecurity agency, CERT-In, may also examine whether the incident was reported in accordance with cyber incident

Asian shares slip and South Korea's Kospi index sinks 10% on heavy selling of

New Delhi. (Agency)

South Korea's Kospi index plunged more than 10% on Tuesday on heavy selling of chipmaking stocks that have gyrated recently due to concerns over the sustainability of the boom in artificial intelligence.Oil prices fell more than 1%, while U.S. futures were little changed.

Trading was temporarily halted as Kospi dropped to its lowest level since April as shares in chipmakers Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix dropped sharply. The Kospi was down 10.5% at 6,051.19 by midday.Samsung's shares tumbled 12% while those for SK Hynix were down 12.7%.

A big factor driving the selling of AI-related shares, analysts said, is the expectation that competition from Chinese AI startup s and chipmakers might undermine gains for global companies whose shares have skyrocketed due to the AI frenzy.A 466% jump in the price of Chinese chipmaker CXM T in its trading debut Monday has underscored such concerns. CXMT raised at least \$8.6 billion in its initial public offering on Shanghai's tech-oriented STAR exchange.Most other Asian markets also fell, with Tokyo's Nikkei 225 down 4% at 62,350.18. The Taiex in Taiwan skidded 3.9%.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng edged 0.1% lower, to 25,178.21, while the Shanghai Composite index lost 1% to 3,820.52.In Australia, the S&P/ASX 200 balked the regional trend, gainiell 0.8% to

Stock markets climb in early deals on lower crude oil

New Delhi. (Agency)

Market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty climbed in early trade on Tuesday on lower crude oil prices amid easing geopolitical worries in West Asia.Buying in IT stocks also supported the positive trend in the markets.The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 152.7 points to 76,988.48 in early trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty went up by 44.95 points to 24,040.90.From the Sensex pack, Tech Mahindra, Tata Consultancy Services, Infosys, HCL Tech, Hindustan Unilever and Eternal were among the major gainers.Bharat Electronics, NTPC, Power Grid and State Bank of India were among the laggards.Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, traded 1.44 per cent lower at USD 87.09 per barrel."Crude oil prices extended their decline as optimism over renewed talks with Iran eased concerns about potential supply disruptions," Ponmudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, an online trading and wealth-tech firm, said.Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,688.23 crore on Monday, according to exchange data.n Asian markets, South Korea's KOSPI tanked 9.34 per cent. Japan's Nikkei 225 index, Shanghai's SSE

Johnson & Johnson to pay \$5.5 billion to settle baby powder cancer lawsuits

New Delhi. (Agency)

Johnson & Johnson (J&J) has agreed to pay an estimated \$5.5 billion to settle tens of thousands of lawsuits claiming that its baby powder and other talc-based products caused ovarian cancer, potentially bringing to a close one of the biggest and longest-running product liability cases in corporate history, reported news agency Reuters.The proposed settlement covers about 76,000 existing claims filed in federal and state courts across the United States, representing nearly all of the remaining ovarian cancer lawsuits against the healthcare giant. The agreement will become effective only if at least 95% of the claimants agree to the deal.The settlement marks

a major shift in a legal battle that has stretched on for more than a decade and survived multiple courtroom trials, appeals and even three unsuccessful bankruptcy attempts by the company to resolve the claims.

WHY IS J&J SETTLING NOW?

Johnson & Johnson has consistently maintained that its talc-based products are safe and do not contain asbestos, and has repeatedly denied that they cause ovarian cancer.The company says it is settling not because it believes the claims have merit, but because it wants to finally put years of costly litigation behind it."While we are confident the company would have ultimately prevailed with further litigation, as it has in the vast majority of cases tried to date, this resolution



allows the company to put this matter behind it and remain focused on its mission to develop medicines and devices that save lives," Erik Haas, J&J's Vice President of Litigation, said as quoted by Reuters.The company expects to pay around \$3 billion in 2027, with the remaining payments scheduled for 2028.However, the final settlement amount is not fixed.Chris Seeger, one of the lead lawyers

Explained: Why Coforge shares rose 9% today despite market being in red

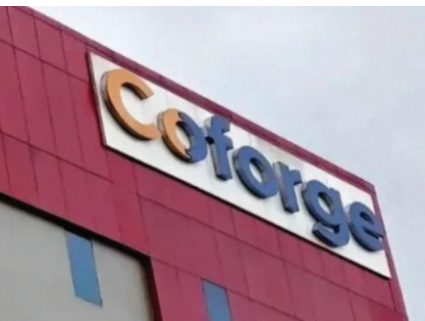
Kolkata . (Agency)

Coforge shares surged nearly 10% on Tuesday, significantly outperforming the broader market as investors cheered the company's strong quarterly earnings while also piling into Indian IT stocks amid a global selloff in AI-linked technology companies.The stock climbed as much as 9.5% during the early morning session to Rs 1,673.30, making it the top gainer on the Nifty IT index, which itself was up more than 3.5% as of 10:10 amOther IT heavyweights also traded firmly in the green, with TCS rising over 4%, Persistent Systems gaining more than 4%, LTIMindtree advancing nearly 4%, while Infosys, Tech Mahindra and HCLTech added

around 3% each.

STRONG Q1 RESULTS BOOST COFORGE

Unlike most IT peers, Coforge's



rally was driven not just by sector-wide optimism but also by company-specific factors..The company recently reported a robust June quarter, with revenue rising 49% year-on-year and net profit

jumping 110%. Operating margins also improved sharply, while management highlighted strong execution across key verticals.

More importantly, Coforge's executable order book for the next 12 months rose to \$2.23 billion, up 44% from a year ago and 27% sequentially, giving investors confidence about the company's growth visibility.Management struck an optimistic tone for the current financial year, saying FY27 is shaping up to be an exceptional year, supported by a strong deal pipeline and growing demand for digital transformation services.

IT STOCKS BUCK GLOBAL TECH SELLOFF

Coforge's gains also came against the backdrop of a sharp rally in

Rupee rises 35 paise to 95.64 against US dollar in early trade

MUMBAI. (Agency)

The rupee extended its upward momentum, rising 35 paise to 95.64 against the US dollar in early trade on Tuesday, driven by lower crude oil prices amid easing geopolitical tensions.Forex traders said a weak US dollar index and positive equity market sentiment further boosted the Indian currency.At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 95.75 and gained further to trade at 95.64 against the greenback, up 35 paise from its previous closing level.The rupee appreciated sharply by 54 paise to close at 95.99



against the US dollar on Monday, after rising 20 paise in the preceding session on Friday.Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading down 0.06 per cent at

101.31.Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 1.43 per cent lower at USD 87.10 per barrel in futures trade.Analysts said oil prices eased as the US and Iran refrained from attacking each other's targets for the third consecutive day and mediators achieved progress in getting both sides back to negotiations.US President Donald Trump said Iran had asked for more discussions, reaching out directly "because we've been hitting them very hard." Iran has said there are no direct talks underway.

Can you really file your ITR in just 10 minutes? Here's who can, and who shouldn't

Can you really wrap up your ITR filing in just 10 minutes? The answer depends on how simple or complicated your financial situation is.

New Delhi. (Agency)

If you've been putting off filing your Income Tax Return (ITR), you've probably seen claims that the entire process can be completed in just 10 minutes. It sounds tempting, especially with the filing deadline approaching. But is it really that simple?While that may be possible for some, it certainly doesn't apply to everyone.If your income is straightforward and all your details are already available in the pre-filled return, filing your ITR can indeed be

quick. However, for many taxpayers, rushing through the process without checking the details could lead to mistakes, tax notices or even an invalid return.

WHO CAN ACTUALLY FILE AN ITR IN 10 MINUTES?

According to Nishant Shanker, Tax & Investments Expert at Navraj Global Advisors, the 10-minute claim is realistic only for people with simple tax situations."A salaried taxpayer with a single employer, no capital gains, no foreign income, limited deductions and whose pre-filled return matches their records can often complete the filing in about 10 minutes," he says.However, he adds that taxpayers with more complex financial affairs should spend more time reviewing every detail before filing.

KEEP THESE DOCUMENTS READY FIRST

A little preparation can save a lot of time.Before you log in to file your



return, make sure you have all the important documents with you. These include Form 16, PAN, Aadhaar, Form 26AS, the Annual Information Statement (AIS),

representing thousands of plaintiffs, told Reuters that J&J's eventual payout could exceed \$7 billion depending on how many eligible claimants decide to participate.

WHAT WERE THE ALLEGATIONS?

The lawsuits alleged that women developed ovarian cancer after years of using Johnson & Johnson's baby powder and other talc-based products.Many plainiffs also claimed the talc contained asbestos, a known cancer-causing substance.Johnson & Johnson has consistently rejected both allegations, insisting that decades of scientific evidence support the safety of its products.The company stopped selling talc-based Johnson's Baby Powder in the United States in 2020 and replaced.

Sensex, Nifty trade higher after flat open as IT stocks shine; TCS up 3%

New Delhi. (Agency)

Benchmark indices opened on a subdued note on Tuesday but soon turned higher, supported by a rally in IT stocks, lower crude oil prices and a stronger rupee. Investors also remained optimistic amid improving quarterly earnings and easing concerns over global inflation after the recent decline in oil prices.The BSE Sensex was up 145.31 points, or 0.19%, at 76,981.09 in early trade, while the NSE Nifty50 gained 23.95 points, or 0.10%, to 24,019.90, holding above the key 24,000 mark as of 9:25 am.

IT STOCKS POWER THE RALLY

Technology stocks emerged as the biggest drivers of the market's gains.The Nifty IT index surged 2.69%, making it the top-performing sector in early trade, while Nifty MidSmall IT & Telecom climbed 1.69%.Among the Sensex constituents, TCS led the rally with a gain of 3.23%, followed by Tech Mahindra (2.78%), Infosys (2.58%) and HCLTech (1.77%). Eternal added 0.88%, while Hindustan Unilever, Larsen & Toubro, Titan, Cement and InterGlobe Aviation (IndiGo) also traded in positive territory.However, gains were capped by weakness in a few heavyweight stocks. BEL was the biggest loser, falling 2.73%, followed by NTPC (-0.71%), Power Grid (-0.66%), Reliance Industries (-0.32%), Bharti Airtel (-0.30%), Trent (-0.30%), SBI (-0.29%) and Adani Ports (-0.23%).

REALTY, FMCG IN GREEN; BANKS LAG

Apart from IT, buying was visible in a few domestic-focused sectors.The Nifty Realty index rose 0.52%, followed by FMCG (0.45%) and Media (0.20%). Healthcare and Pharma also traded marginally higher.On the other hand, PSU Bank stocks declined 0.26%, while Auto fell 0.20%, Metal slipped 0.18% and Oil & Gas eased 0.14%, reflecting a mixed trend across sectors

BROADER MARKETS MIXED

The broader market witnessed a mixed performance.The Nifty Midcap 50 gained 0.08%, while the Nifty 100, Nifty 200 and Nifty 500 traded marginally in the green.



Bhumi Pednekkar

Joins Rishab Shetty Starrer The Pride Of Bharat: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj; Deets Inside



Bhumi Pednekkar has joined the cast of The Pride of Bharat: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The actress is all set to play Belawadi Mallamma, the warrior queen of Karnataka, in the historical drama starring Rishab Shetty, who will portray Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Sharing her excitement about the project, Bhumi said she feels honoured to be part of a film based on the life and legacy of the legendary Maratha king. She added that playing Belawadi Mallamma is a privilege and she looks forward to bringing the brave warrior queen’s story to the screen.

Bhumi Pednekkar On Playing Belawadi Mallamma In Rishab Shetty Starrer

Times Of India quoted the actress saying, “I’m honoured to be part of a film on the life and legacy of the great Maratha warrior-king, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. It’s a privilege for me to play Karnataka’s brave warrior queen, Belawadi Mallamma, and bring her to life on screen. I am a huge Kantara fan, and Rishab Shetty’s stunning performance blew me away. So, the moment Sandeep narrated the film, the actor in me instantly said yes. This is unlike anything I’ve done before, and I’m grateful to the makers for seeing me in a completely new light.”

Directed and produced by Sandeep Singh, The Pride of Bharat: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj will be released as a two-part historical saga. The film also features Arjun Rampal and Vivek Oberoi in key roles and is expected to begin production later this year.

The film’s music will be composed by Amit Trivedi. The makers brought him on board after Pritam decided to take a break from mainstream music.

Meanwhile, last year several reports claimed that Vivek Oberoi will play Mughal emperor Aurangzeb in Sandeep Singh’s historical drama The Pride of Bharat: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Though an official announcement from the makers is still awaited, the project has already generated significant buzz. The film is said to chronicle the journey of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, his valour, strategic brilliance, and devotion that laid the foundation of Swarajya.

Badshah-Isha Rikhi Divorce Rumours Grow After She Says ‘There Are Battles That Leave No Visible Scars’



Actor Isha Rikhi, who married rapper Badshah earlier this year, has shared a deeply personal note on Instagram, days after her social media activity sparked concern among fans. Without revealing specific details, Isha wrote about fear, silence and the emotional weight of feeling overpowered in a marriage. She said she had stayed quiet for a long time because she believed it was the safest option available to her.

Isha Rikhi Says She Is Choosing Courage Over Fear

In the note shared on Monday evening, Isha spoke about struggles that may not always be visible from the outside. “There are battles that leave no visible scars. For a long time, I remained silent because I was afraid,” she wrote.

Isha went on to say that she felt overwhelmed by what she described as her husband’s “influence, power, and resources”. According to her, that fear convinced her to keep things to herself.

“I felt overwhelmed by the influence, power, and resources I believed my husband had, and I convinced myself that staying quiet was the safest thing to do,” she wrote. She clarified that her silence should not be mistaken for consent or acceptance.

“Silence was never acceptance. It was survival,” the actor added. Isha concluded the post by saying she was finally ready to stop presenting an image that everything was fine, even though she was not yet prepared to share the full account of what had happened. “Today, I’m choosing courage over fear. I may not be ready to tell the whole story, but I’m finally ready to stop pretending that everything was okay,” she wrote.

Kumar Sanu Reveals He Was Scared While Performing For Underworld Don In Dubai: ‘Darr Toh Laga Tha’



Veteran playback singer Kumar Sanu has spoken about one of the most unsettling experiences of his career, revealing that he once had to perform at a private party hosted by an underworld don in Dubai. Looking back at the period when organised crime allegedly had a strong influence over the Hindi film industry, the singer admitted that the situation left him fearing for his safety. Speaking on Subhojit Ghosh’s podcast, Sanu recalled that there was little room to refuse such requests during that time.

‘I Was Scared,’ Says Kumar Sanu

Opening up about the incident, Kumar Sanu said the atmosphere in the industry was vastly different during those years. “Darr toh laga tha. Kyunki us samay kuch chal raha tha — aisa ek system tha,” he said, admitting that he genuinely felt frightened. The host pointed out that the period was marked by several shocking incidents, including the murder of music baron Gulshan Kumar. Responding to this, Sanu said he had witnessed enough to understand the risks involved and chose not to resist when asked to perform at certain events. According to the singer, agreeing to such requests often felt like the only practical option.

How He Dealt With The Situation

Sanu shared that over time, some of these influential figures developed a friendly equation with him and even offered to protect him if he ever faced trouble. However, the singer maintained that he never encouraged such involvement. Recalling his response, he said he would tell them, “Mujhe dekhne ki zaroorat nahi hai, main khud ka dekh lunga,” making it clear that he preferred handling his own affairs instead of relying on anyone from the underworld.

Singer Seeks Legal Protection For His Identity

Apart from reflecting on his past, Kumar Sanu has also been in the news over his legal battle concerning his personality and publicity rights. Last year, the singer approached the Delhi High Court seeking protection over the commercial use of his name, voice and distinctive singing style. His plea also covers his photographs, likeness, caricatures, signature, vocal arrangements and performance mannerisms.

Niharika NM

Reveals 'Intimacy Clause' Once Cost Her A Film: 'Actor Didn't Want Body Double'

After carving a niche for herself as a content creator, Niharika NM marked her international entertainment debut with a guest voice role in the American sitcom Big Mouth season 7 in 2023. Last year, she made her acting debut with the Tamil film Perusu and followed it up with Mithra Mandali and Idhayam Murali. Now, she’s gearing up for the release of her first Bollywood film on July 30.

Titled Bhai Tera Star Hai, the comedy film stars Raghav Juyal and Niharika will be seen playing his love interest in it. Speaking exclusively to News18, she opens up on her transition to films and says, “When I had moved to Bombay three-four years ago, I spent three years training under a production house. I had gone to film school and I’ve a background in theatre.”

“I definitely wanted to give acting a shot. I didn’t know how far it would go or what I exactly wanted to do. All I knew was that I was passionate about it and I enjoyed it,” she adds. However, she soon decided to stop trying her luck in Bollywood and began auditioning in the south film industries, attributing it to Hindi cinema’s unrealistic beauty standards.

“I tried in Hindi films first but I didn’t enjoy the standards that were set for women – how they should look or how their skin tone should be. I thought that it’s not the space I should fight in. It was also a very crowded space,” Niharika says. Then she went on to sign a three-film contract with Karthik Subbaraj’s production house, Stone Bench Films.

“But midway through my training process with them, I turned down really good south films which did wonders at the box office. I couldn’t believe it! I was bound by contract. That will remain one of my biggest regrets. But I’m happy for whoever did it. And once the contract ended, there was no stopping me. Then I phelo-ed like raita across films of different languages,” Niharika shares. This



journey, however, was no a cakewalk for her. “There were so many reasons why I got rejected from films. It all sounds hilarious at this point,” she exclaims. Recalling an episode, she says, “There was one particular film I was supposed to do. It was being made by this great director. I grew up watching him. He handpicked me. I had auditioned for the part. The look test was done.”

“The contract was sent to my house and I had signed it. There was this intimacy clause in it and I had told them that I’m not comfortable doing onscreen intimacy.



Pina Colada

This is a sweet rum-based cooler made with cream of coconut and pineapple juice. Blueberry Lemon breeze Known to be antioxidants, blueberries make for a perfect low-cal recipe. Use agave nectar in place of sugar syrup to add the perfect sweetness to your drink. Agave (ramabansa in Hindi) has low glycemic index and thus won't add excess calories. Mix this drink with gin for the perfect concoction.

Mimosa lite

Mimosa Lite is usually a drink made with citrus juice, that of lemon or oranges and champagne. The citrus content in the cooler makes sure that you stay refreshed and has a sweetness of its

own, thus you don't have to ideally mix sugar syrup in this drink.

Raspberry cocktail

When you blend fruits with drinks, you automatically consume fewer calories. Raspberries are known to be antioxidants which cuts down the sugar content in the drink and thus makes it the perfect low calorie drink to try out.

Mojito makeover

This Cuban drink should definitely be on your list when you talk about low-calorie cocktails. Mixed with rum, lime juice and soda, you can always rule out mixing it with sugar syrup to consume fewer calories.

Best low-calorie Cocktails

This party season make sure you do not end up putting on excess weight by going overboard with your drinks. Here are a couple of low-cal drinks you can try



Eggs

Healthy or not?

Eggs have suddenly become a taboo. Everyone is shunning them and holding them guilty of being fattening and laden with heart unhealthy cholesterol. This tiny pocket of energy, which was once hailed as a superfood has suddenly lost its sheen in the haze of misreporting and misconceptions. Dr Geeta Dharmatti, a nationally acclaimed nutritionist clears some of the most intriguing doubts around eggs. Do you think eating eggs daily can increase cholesterol levels in older people? One egg yolk has 221 mg of cholesterol against 300 mg of cholesterol needed daily. Research recommends 3 whole egg per week, as the whole egg has more vital nutrients and micronutrients for cell regeneration and anti-aging impact. There is a huge misconception about eggs that they are harmful, fattening and increase cholesterol levels. This is the reason why Poultry India has launched the nationwide Protein Awareness Campaign. The purpose is to raise awareness about the goodness of protein, both animal and plant, and let people know that everyone should have 1gm of protein for every kilogram of their bodyweight very day. Protein cannot be stored. Your body needs it daily in right

quantities. How many eggs can an average adult consume daily? 1 medium size egg gives about 6.6 gm of protein. The protein requirement of an adult is 0.8-1.0 gm /kg of body weight. Healthy diet with dals/legumes/ milk and milk products as per the calorie and protein requirement gives 35-40 gm of protein daily. 1 egg/day will give adequate vital nutrients to complement a healthy diet. Proteins with essential nutrients will contribute to good nutrition in healthy adult. Eggs should be calculated as per the other dietary intake. Egg whites

egg. Any food which has complete amino acid profile is a complete protein. Vegetarian equivalent to eggs are: milk/milk products 150 ml of milk : 5 gm of protein (nature of protein is casein). Other proteins like dal/ soy etc should be complemented with grains to get the complete protein. But we do not consider them as high biological



can be had 3-4 but whole egg for healthy adult should be only 1 a day. What are the health benefits of eggs? Eggs are one of the best sources of high quality protein food. They are an excellent source of complete protein (protein with all essential amino acids) Yolk has vital fat soluble vitamins A, E D, K. Since eggs are filling and full of nutrition that boosts metabolism, they also aid in weight loss if consumed in moderation. They are rich in micronutrients like B-Complex Vitamin, Se, Zn that act as immune boosters. They are among the best sources of chlorine and vitamin D. Is there a vegetarian equivalent of eggs? Egg is considered as a reference protein. Albumin is the nature of protein present in

proteins. Which is the best way/time to eat eggs? Any time is best time to eat eggs. 1 whole egg or 3 eggwhites can be had with Breakfast or at Dinner to maximise the benefit of calorie and nutrition in complementing the diet. Are farm eggs really healthy? Are they not loaded with harmful hormones and antibiotics? There is nothing like farm eggs or desi eggs. As per norms all eggs have to be healthy, with no hormones and antibiotics given to it. Omega 3 rich eggs are those where the hens have been fed flaxseed. How to distinguish between a healthy and an unhealthy egg? In healthy eggs, the yolk is thicker and darker and eggwhites are dense. Are brown eggs better than white ones? Different kinds of egg have different amounts of protein content. Also, different breeds of hens lay different coloured eggs. There is no difference in nutrition. There could be a taste difference but the nutrition remains same.

6 healthy, low fat breakfast ideas

Breakfast, the first meal of the day is the most important one, say nutritionists. According to them if you skip your breakfast your metabolism becomes slow, resulting in weight gain. In fact, celebrity nutritionist Rujuta Diwaker says that you must eat something within 15 minutes of waking up, to boost your metabolism. It is not a good idea to indulge in greasy food during breakfast. Take a pick from these healthy options. Muesli with curd and fruits You have to do very little here. Take 5-6 tbsp of ready-made muesli, add curd, chopped nuts and fruits and eat. But before buying muesli ensure that it does not contain added sugar and has more rolled oats than corn-flakes. Honey brown bread toast Toast your bread crisp. Drizzle half a spoon honey on both sides, sprinkle some white pepper powder, chopped nuts and eat. Egg white veggie omelette In a bowl add 2-3 egg whites, chopped tomatoes, onions, green chillies, 3 tsp semolina and salt and pepper to taste. In a non-stick pan, drizzle one tsp olive oil and pour the egg mix. Cook on both sides. Serve hot. Sweet toast Toast two slices of brown bread. In a bowl take 3-

4 tsp grated cottage cheese. Add 1 tbsp powdered brown sugar and mix well. Cover it with another slice and grill for 2-3 minutes. Serve with mint chutney. Sweet chili bread Take 10 cloves of garlic, 3-4 tsp red chili powder, 2-3 tsp sugar, salt to taste, 1 tsp olive oil, one small chopped tomato and grind to a fine paste.



Take one tsp of this dip, spread it on a slice of bread, top it with another slice and grill for 2-3 minutes. You can store this dip in the refrigerator for over a week. Spicy bread Finely chop onion, bell peppers, tomato and green chili. Add 4 tsp yoghurt, ½ tsp olive oil and mix well. Add salt and pepper to taste. Now, spread this mixture over brown bread and grill.