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19 Death Threats: Should I Approach Trump?

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NEW DELHI, November 28, 2026: In an extraordinary and emotionally charged appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, senior journalist, author, social worker and President of the All India Sikh Conference (Babbar), Gurcharan Singh Babbar, has expressed grave apprehensions over his life and the safety of his family following 19 reported death threats received on his mobile telephone.

Senior journalist Gurcharan Singh Babbar appeals to PM Modi for immediate protection; alleges Delhi Police has failed to register an FIR despite repeated death threats

Babbar alleged that despite repeatedly approaching the highest constitutional and administrative authorities of the country, Delhi Police had neither registered an FIR on his complaint nor made adequate security arrangements for him and his family. The senior journalist stated that for approximately the past two months, he had been virtually confined to his own residence like a prisoner, living under constant fear of being murdered. "My residence has virtually become a prison for me. My family and I are living under constant fear of being murdered," Babbar stated in his latest representation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Should I Seek Protection From



Donald Trump? Expressing his helplessness and disappointment over the alleged failure of the Indian authorities to provide him with protection, Babbar raised an extraordinary question before Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He asked whether, after repeatedly approaching the highest authorities of his own country without receiving adequate protection, he should now approach the Prime Minister's friend, US President Donald Trump,



seeking his assistance in protecting his life and the lives of his family members. "Hon'ble Prime Minister Sahib, what should I do? Where should I go? To whom should I appeal for the protection of my life and the lives of my family members?" Babbar questioned. He expressed hope that the situation would not compel him to seek international intervention and that the Government of India would fulfil its constitutional responsibility to protect his life and personal liberty. 19 Death Threats, Yet No FIR Babbar stated that he had received death threats on 19 occasions on his mobile telephone and that the threats were on record. According to him, some of the callers claimed to be associated with the Lawrence Bishnoi gang and threatened to murder him and his family. Despite the seriousness of these threats, Babbar alleged that Delhi Police had failed to register an FIR or provide adequate protection. He alleged that the continued inaction of Delhi Police had virtually left him and his family at the mercy of those threatening to kill them. The senior journalist questioned why the authorities had allegedly failed to initiate effective criminal proceedings despite repeated complaints and the availability of recorded evidence. He has demanded that the international origins of the threatening calls be investigated and the individuals responsible for issuing the threats be identified. Babbar Expresses Fear Over His November 1984 Investigations Gurcharan Singh Babbar, who has devoted several decades to journalism, social service and human rights issues, has extensively investigated and written about the November 1984 anti-Sikh carnage. Through his investigative work and publications, Babbar has raised serious allegations concerning the role of Delhi Police personnel during the November 1984 carnage.

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Accession of J&K a commitment to preserving India's soul, spirit, says Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

New Delhi.(Agency)

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday called Jammu and Kashmir the crown jewel of India, saying its accession was not merely about integrating a geographical territory but also about preserving the country's soul, spirit, unity and integrity.

Addressing a rally after leading the BJP's 'Loktantra Bachao, Arajakta Hatao' (Save Democracy, End Anarchy) foot march over a one-kilometre stretch from Panjtirthi Chowk, near Lok Bhawan, to Brahmana Sabha at Parade Chowk, Jammu, Singh also criticised the Congress over its allegations of 'vote chori', questioning the party's claims and saying it had failed to produce credible evidence to substantiate them.

"Jammu and Kashmir is the crown jewel of India, its pride and glory. Therefore, its accession to India was not merely a question of integrating a geographical territory. Rather, it was a commitment to preserving the soul, spirit, unity and integrity of India," Singh said.

Recalling Jammu and Kashmir's historical significance in the BJP's political journey, the defence minister paid tribute to Pandit Prem Nath Dogra for his struggle for the complete integration of the region with India.He also recalled Syama Prasad Mookerjee's slogan, 'Ek Desh, Ek Vidhan, Ek Nishan' (One Nation, One Constitution, One Flag), raised from the region.Singh said a large number of people from Jammu and Kashmir had sacrificed their lives to safeguard the country's unity and integrity, and paid tribute.

Committed to our Nari Shakti promise: PM Modi as Delimitation Bill gets backing

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterated his commitment to women's reservation, saying no obstacle would prevent greater participation of women in Parliament and state assemblies. His remarks come as the Centre pushes revised legislation linking the 33% quota with delimitation.

New Delhi.(Agency)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday vowed to remove all hurdles to women's reservation in Parliament and state legislatures, reiterating his government's commitment to the 33 per cent quota.The statement comes as the Centre seeks to move ahead with its revised Delimitation and Women's Reservation Bills in Parliament.In a post on X, Modi said the fight for women's political representation had continued for decades and that several women had raised the issue with him through letters and personal interactions.He assured women across the country that his government would remove every hurdle preventing the implementation of the reservation."The parties opposing women's reservation will never be able to stop



the country's Nari Shakti from increasing their participation in Parliament and Legislative Assemblies. It is just a matter of time," he said.Modi added that the government's resolve was firm and that it had the support of women across the country.

WOMEN'S RESERVATION LINKED TO DELIMITATION EXERCISE

The Prime Minister's remarks come a day after the Union Cabinet cleared a fresh set of legislative proposals aimed at implementing the 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies.The package includes the Constitution (132nd Amendment) Bill, 2026, and the Delimitation (Second) Bill, 2026.The Constitution (106th Amendment) Act, 2023, commonly known as the Women's Reservation Act, provides for reserving one-third of seats for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies.However, its implementation was linked to a delimitation exercise following the publication of the relevant Census figures.The Centre's revised proposal seeks to bring the quota into effect through delimitation while increasing the strength.

Mayawati backs women's quota, seeks separate reservation for SC, ST women

Lucknow.(Agency).

Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati on Saturday welcomed the Centre's move to provide 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament and state assemblies, but demanded a separate quota within it for women from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, news agency Press Trust of India reported.The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister also raised concerns over proposed legislation to increase the strength of the Lok Sabha and state assemblies by 50 per cent, as well as the delimitation exercise.

In a detailed post in Hindi on X, Mayawati said it would have been a historic step if separate reservation had been provided for women from SC and ST communities within the proposed women's quota."It would have



been good, rather historic, if separate reservation had been provided within this quota for women from SC and ST communities, who have been exploited, oppressed and neglected for centuries," she said.Mayawati urged the Centre to consider the demand sympathetically, saying it would be an appropriate and just step.She said the BSP had consistently supported women's dignity, security and adequate political representation, in line with the egalitarian principles of the Constitution framed under the leadership of B R Ambedkar."The BSP has always been a strong advocate of ensuring respect and security for women from all sections of society, as well as providing them due respect and opportunities in politics," she said.According to PTI, Mayawati said her party had consistently demanded the early implementation of 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament and state legislatures and welcomed the Centre's latest decision.However, she expressed concern over three proposed bills related to a 50 per cent increase in the existing strength of the Lok Sabha and state assemblies, along with the delimitation exercise.

Punjab Elections: Will Amritpal Singh contest from Dhuri against CM Mann?

CHANDIGARH.(Agency).

Member of Parliament from Khadoor Sahib Amritpal Singh and chief of Akali Dal (Waris Punjab De), who is presently lodged at Central Jail in Dirbugarh of Assam might contest the upcoming 2027 Punjab Assembly elections not from one but two seats as his supporters are pitching for his candidature from several constituencies.One of these one of could be Dhuri, against Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann as it could give him greater political visibility and Talwandi Sabo seat, home to Takht Sri Damdama Sahib, where two-time AAP MLA Baljinder Kaur has been denominated by ruling AAP.The two seats are in the Malwa region of the state which has the largest 69 constituencies out of a total of 117 assembly seats.

But the outfit maintains that no decision has been taken and dismisses speculation surrounding his possible constituencies. Sources in his outfit said that besides Dhuri and Talwandi Sabo, the other assembly constituency he might contest is Khem Karan, which is part of his Lok Sabha constituency.While the party is still in the process of finalizing the exact seats, sources said his participation in the upcoming assembly elections is certain. The 33-year old Amritpal Singh who is the CM face of his party, currently represents the Khadoor Sahib parliamentary constituency in the Majha region that has formerly been a hotbed of separatist militancy.

He won this Lok Sabha seat by nearly 2 lakh votes while being lodged in jail, has considerable influence in sections of Punjab society.Sources said that Waris Punjab De could also be testing political waters by floating names of different constituencies, including those in Malwa.The possibility of an alliance with BSP, Akali Dal (Puran Surjit) and SAD (Amritsar) could further influence the party's electoral calculations. "SAD (Amritsar) has a good presence.

Pawan Kalyan bats for delimitation reform, calls for more inclusive Parliament

Amaravati(Agency).

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has backed the proposed delimitation reform, saying it would strengthen democratic representation by ensuring an adequate voice for every state



and region in Parliament, news agency Press Trust of India reported.Kalyan also welcomed the proposed 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies, saying it would increase their participation in decision-making."The proposed delimitation reform will strengthen democratic representation by ensuring that every state and region has an adequate voice in Parliament," Kalyan said in a post on X late on Friday. He added that a stronger democracy was built when every citizen was heard and every state moved forward with confidence.

According to PTI, Kalyan said the proposed reform, ahead of the special Parliament session scheduled for November 30, envisaged a 50 per cent increase in Lok Sabha seats across all states while maintaining their existing proportional representation until 2051.

He said the proposed framework would create more opportunities for representation while protecting the proportional share of southern states that had made progress in stabilising their populations.

Stalin, aka Savarkar 2.0: TVK targets Stalin after DMK backs Delimitation Bill

New Delhi(Agency).

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) took a swipe at DMK chief MK Stalin on Saturday, calling him "Savarkar 2.0" and sharing a picture of him in an RSS uniform. The attack came after the DMK announced its decision to support the Centre's revised Delimitation Bill, reversing its opposition to the legislation in April.The TVK IT Wing Official account posted the picture on X with the caption, "Stalin, aka Savarkar 2.0".In another post, the party took a dig at the DMK with the Tamil phrase, "Sanatanam alla... Son-dhanam..." (Not Sanatanam... but Son's wealth...), in an apparent reference to the party's political positioning following its decision to back the revised Bill.The attack followed Stalin's announcement that the DMK would support the revised legislation, claiming that the two demands raised by the party when it opposed the earlier Bill in April had now been



incorporated in writing.In a post on X, Stalin described the development as a victory for the DMK's sustained struggle since 2024 and for all southern states, including Tamil Nadu. He said the revised formula provides for a 50 per cent increase in Lok Sabha seats for every state while protecting their existing proportions of parliamentary representation based on the 1971 population.Urging people to think calmly without getting emotional, Stalin said the party had thoroughly examined the implications before deciding to support the revised proposal, which he described as "feasible in practice and beneficial to us".

TVK had previously challenged the DMK to publicly declare that its MPs would vote against the proposed Bill. The party accused Stalin's outfit of changing its position for political convenience and said abstaining from the vote or staging a walkout would be "nothing less than surrendering to the BJP".The BJP, according to DMK sources, had urged the party to support the revised formula, arguing that the Centre could otherwise pursue population-based delimitation. The BJP reportedly told the DMK that it could proceed under the framework of the 84th Constitutional Amendment, with legislation requiring only a simple majority in Parliament.

UP cop on probe duty dies of cardiac arrest in Gurgaon

Gurgaon.(Ajency)

A 30-year-old UP Police constable died of a suspected cardiac arrest while in the city for an investigation.

Constable Rahul, a resident of Etawah district, fell ill near the Kherki Daula toll plaza. He was taken to a private hospital nearby. His condition improved after treatment, and the police team resumed its journey to continue the investigation.

He lost consciousness again while the team was on the road. His colleagues rushed him to govt hospital in Sector 10, where doctors declared him dead."He was taken to a private hospital in the area for treatment. After his condition improved, the team resumed its journey to carry out further investigation in the case," police spokesperson Sandeep Turan said. Turan said preliminary information suggested Rahul died of cardiac arrest."We had received information from the govt hospital about the death and, based on their application, his postmortem was conducted," a senior police officer said. The body was handed over to the family. Rahul was posted in Mathura's Magorra police station.

Woman found dead in Manesar forest was pregnant

Gurgaon.(Ajency)

The decomposed body found in the hills of Kasan village in Manesar on Tuesday was that of a pregnant woman, sources said, adding a new dimension to the suspected murder. The pregnancy came to light during an autopsy conducted on Friday after police failed to establish her identity despite following the prescribed 72-hour procedure. The formal chemical examination report is awaited.Police are yet to identify the woman or establish when and where she was killed. A scarf found tied around her neck has led them to suspect strangulation, though the exact cause of death will be known only after the autopsy findings are out.

The body was found on a secluded stretch of the Kasan hills. By the time it was discovered, scavenging animals had eaten away parts of her neck and foot. Police suspect she was killed elsewhere and her body dumped in the hills to conceal the crime."All prescribed procedures were followed to establish the woman's identity. However, as nobody came forward to claim or identify her within 72 hours, the postmortem examination was conducted on Friday," a police officer privy to the investigation said.

Driver died, aide injured as truck falls off NH-9

Gurgaon.(Agency)

A 38-year-old truck driver died and his helper was injured after their vehicle broke through a crash barrier along the edge of NH-9 and partially fell off the elevated carriageway near Dasna on Friday morning. The truck was carrying paddy from Haryana to Noida.

Atul Kumar Singh, ACP of Wave City, said preliminary findings suggest the driver may have dozed off, causing the truck to veer towards the edge of the carriageway and crash.

The driver, Ajab Singh, and his helper, Satish Singh (30), both from Bulandshahr, were travelling from Haryana to Noida via the Eastern Peripheral Expressway (EPE) and had joined NH-9 after taking the Dasna exit.ACP Singh said the incident occurred around 5.15 am. Police received information from commuters through Dial 112 at 5.30am. "When we reached the spot, we found that the truck had broken through the crash barrier along the edge of NH-9. The rear of the truck remained on the carriageway, while the front portion, including the driver's cabin, had dropped beyond the edge and struck the ground below," he said.

4 in 10 adolescent girls in state anaemic, finds ICMR survey

Gurgaon.(Ajency)

One in two women of reproductive age in Haryana continues to be anaemic, while nearly four in 10 adolescent girls and one in three young children are also affected, according to a new national nutrition survey.

The findings point to a persistent public health challenge even as the state govt highlights a substantial improvement in anaemia estimates since the previous National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5).

Survey for Assessment of Markers of Population Health, Activity, Diet and Anthropometry (SAMPADA), conducted by the ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition between 2023 and 2025, found that 51.4% of women aged 15–49 years who were neither pregnant nor lactating were anaemic. The prevalence was 38.1% among adolescent girls aged 10–19 years and 34.1% among children aged 12–59 months.The Haryana health department, in a press note issued on Nov 27, described the findings as evidence of substantial improvement since NFHS-5, conducted in 2019–21. It cited a fall in anaemia prevalence among children under five from 70.4% to 34.1%, adolescent girls from 62.3% to 38.1%, adolescent boys from 29.9% to 18.2%, women aged 15–49 years from 60.4% to 51.4%, and men from 19% to 14.7%."We have intensified efforts under the 100-day Anaemia Prevalence Reduction Campaign as part of Anaemia Mukt Bharat. The campaign focuses on screening, testing, treatment, iron and folic acid supplementation, dietary counselling and inter-departmental coordination," an official from Haryana health department told TOI.

However, these comparisons need to be interpreted with caution because the surveys did not use identical age categories. NFHS-5 covered children aged six–59 months, while SAMPADA covered those aged 12–59 months. For adolescents, NFHS-5 used the 15–19 age group, while SAMPADA covered 10–19 years. The male age categories also differ. The figures therefore show a decline in reported estimates but are not a strictly like-for-like



measurement of change in the same population.The methods differed as well. SAMPADA, which covered more than two lakh individuals across 183 districts in 35 states and Union territories, analysed over 1.7 lakh blood samples. It used venous blood samples and automated analysers, while previous national surveys used point-of-care devices. SAMPADA also applied the World Health Organization's 2024 haemoglobin cut-offs, specific to age, sex and physiological status.

Haryana's estimates were below the national average across all nine age and sex categories reported in the SAMPADA state annexure. Among females aged 15–49 years, the national prevalence was 55.9%, compared with 51.4% in Haryana. Among adolescent girls, it was 46.3% nationally against 38.1% in Haryana. For children aged 12–59 months, the corresponding figures were 41.8% and 34.1%.The state also recorded lower prevalence among children aged 5–9 years (26.3%), women aged 20–59 years who were neither pregnant nor lactating (49.3%), adult men aged 20–59 years (14.7%), women aged 60 years and above (36.7%) and men aged 60 years and above (25.4%). The corresponding national estimates were.

Upload tattoos, birthmarks of unclaimed bodies on portals, Haryana DGP tells police

Gurgaon.(Ajenc

Haryana Police chief Ajay Singhal has asked his force to upload photographs and details of tattoos, birthmarks, scars and other distinctive features of unclaimed bodies on two police portals, not just their faces. The move comes months after Delhi high court and Supreme Court pulled up Gurgaon police for cremating real estate executive Yuvraj Singh Manchanda's body without establishing his identity, even as his family searched for him.

Singhal issued the directions during a crime review meeting he chaired at the police commissioner's office in the city on Thursday.Officials said the idea was to match bodies to missing person complaints even when their faces are damaged, decomposed or similar. "A body may resemble more than one missing person. Uploading details on ZIPNET and CCTNS, such as tattoos, body marks and scars, will make identification easier and help ensure bodies are handed over to their families. Scores of bodies remain unidentified every year," a senior police officer said.Manchanda (31), who had left Delhi for a meeting in Gurgaon on Sept 6, was allegedly murdered by his former colleague Anya Vats and her partner Sanyam Sachdeva the same day. Four days later, Gurgaon police recovered a decomposed body from a water-filled pit in Sector 70. His family filed a missing person's complaint on Sept 11, and Delhi Police uploaded his photograph and details on the portal the following day. However, the body had already been cremated as "unidentified" on Sept 14.Although police said they had entered the details on CCTNS on Sept 12, the ZIPNET upload was made only on Sept 16, the day the family learnt that his body had been recovered — two days after it was cremated.The handling of the case drew sharp criticism from a Delhi court. "You have botched up the investigation having already.

Cold coffee, cigarettes, food orders: 'Cyber trap' at Noida corporate tower didn't look like one

Noida.(Ajency)

Foreign nationals allegedly coerced to work out of a bogus Noida-based company whose job was to execute cyber frauds did not show any visible signs of distress, according to staff and vendors at Sovereign Corporate Tower in Sector 136.They didn't look suspicious, would go out for a smoke and cold coffee outside the building, and return to work, they told TOI a day after Delhi Police busted the alleged cyber fraud syndicate operating out of the eighth floor of the 18-storey building and rescued 92 Indonesian and 72 Malaysian nationals.Guards at the facility said the employees of SKV, the name under which the syndicate operated for two and a half months, gave them a hard time,



placing frequent orders on Swiggy and Zomato, and asking them to collect the food.The owner of a tea shop just outside the building said the foreign nationals were his regular customers and would frequently step out for cigarettes and cold coffee. Their movements appeared unrestricted, he said. "Nothing about their routine suggested they were being held against their will."Employees of other offices — at least 10-11 companies are operating on the premises —said the foreign nationals appeared to be regular office workers, were frequently seen outside the building and interacted normally with people nearby. Few had reason to suspect an alleged international cyber fraud operation was being run from the premises.Building reception staff said three to four security guards were assigned to accompany some foreign employees after they.

99 kids allotted seats under Right to Education in private schools in Gurgaon await admission verification

Gurgaon.(Ajenc

As many as 99 children allotted seats in private schools in the city under Right to Education (RTE) Act are still awaiting admission verification, with the district education department facing the challenge of completing the process before the Dec 3 deadline.

Of the 808 children allotted seats under the scheme in the city, admission details of 709 have been updated and verified by the schools on the admission tracking portal, leaving 99 cases pending. The city has recorded 87.7% progress, slightly above the state's overall figure of The biggest backlog is in Gurgaon block, which accounts for 84 of the 99 pending cases. Nearly 85% of the district's pending cases are concentrated in this block. Of the 439 children allotted seats in the block, admission details of 355 have been verified.

Other blocks have performed considerably better. Pataudi has completed verification for all 132 children allotted seats under RTE. Farrukhnagar has verified 85 of its 86 cases, with one pending, while Sohna has completed verification for 137 of the 151 allotted children, leaving 14 cases unresolved.

RTE Act mandates private unaided non-minority schools to reserve 25% of entry-level seats for children from economically weaker sections and disadvantaged groups.Under Haryana's 2026-27 RTE admission guidelines, after schools are allotted through the lottery, parents must report to the allotted school within 10 days. A school-level committee then verifies the child's residence, age and eligibility-category documents before completing admission formalities. The school must update the child's final admission status on the online tracking portal, marking it as accepted or rejected with reasons. The current pendency is at this school-level stage, as the concerned schools have yet to complete verification and update the portal for 99 children.Across Haryana, 21,752 children were allotted seats in private schools under the RTE admission process. Of these, 18,829 children's admission details have been updated and verified, while 2,923 cases remain pending. District elementary education officers have been directed to coordinate with private schools and ensure that admission tracking is completed in all cases by Dec 3.

Just 30% done, but new GMC chief says trans-Hindon roads will be ready by March

Ghaziabad.(Agency)

Municipal commissioner Himanshu Nagpal reviewed on Friday the road infrastructure revamp work undertaken as a part of Chief Minister Green Road Infrastructure Development Urban (CM-GRID) scheme across Indirapuram and Kaushambi and pulled up contractors for lapses and delays.Nagpal, who took charge last week, said only one-third of the work has been completed on most stretches where work started around Sept.



"There are lapses on the part of contractors, and they have been issued directions. We will now monitor the work progress on a fortnightly basis," Nagpal said after the spot inspection.

While contractors flagged restrictions under the graded response action plan for the delay and sought more time to wrap up work, Nagpal refused to relax the March deadline.Around 2-5 km stretches of various roads, including Saheed Capt Manoj Pandey Marg, Sucheta Kriplani Road and Kala Patthar Road, have been taken up for repairs under Phase 2 of the project since Sept 25. The work includes resurfacing roads, repairing pavements and drains, and covering utility ducts carrying electric cables and pipelines. The project will also include road widening, dedicated cycle tracks, pedestrian footpaths, solar-powered streetlights, bus stops, EV charging stations and green spaces.GMC officials told that work on almost all the stretches remained at an early stage. Work on a 4 km stretch from Saheed Capt Manoj Pandey Marg (Kanawani Puliya) to NH-9, covering Sucheta Kriplani Road and Kala Patthar Road to Kaveri Marg, is 25% complete. A 1.8 km stretch from Kala Patthar Road to Saheed Capt Manoj Pandey Marg via Sushila Nayar Marg is 35% complete, while the 1.13 km stretch from Sushila Nayar Marg to Kala Patthar Road via North India Mall is just 10% complete. Work on the 1.8 km stretch from Kala Patthar Road to Saheed Capt Manoj Pandey Marg via Kasturba Marg is 30% complete.Work on the stretch from Dabur Chowk to Kaushambi Bus Stand via EDM Mall and Ch Charan Singh Road is 40% complete. Repairs on the stretch from Vaishali Sector 4 to Harsh Vardhan Marg via Dharam Marg are less than 35% complete.

In Sept, then municipal commissioner Vikramaditya Singh Malik also reprimanded the contractors for slow progress. TOI had reported how the roads had not been levelled properly or construction materials had been left on the road shoulders which turned into muddy patches during monsoon.

On these dark roads in Noida, women 'can't shake off feeling of danger'

Noida.(Ajency)

Abhay Kumar, a Sector 82 resident, was riding home around 8pm on Nov 25 when the front tyre of his motorbike dropped into a pothole on a road swallowed by darkness as its streetlights were dead. He fell. It was not the first time."Lights in my area have been non-operational for several months now. Repeated complaints have yielded no results," he said.Streetlights that are either switched off or dysfunctional have left several arterial roads in Noida in darkness, with dense fog worsening visibility. Residents have raised safety concerns, particularly for women, as shorter winter days mean people increasingly have to commute in poorly lit conditions.Sector 46 resident Deepti Singh, who works at a private company in the city, said she felt unsafe while commuting along the stretch between sectors 46 and 47. "I go on alert mode and grab my phone tightly as my autorickshaw takes that stretch. The stretch is pitch-black and you can only see the last point that the vehicle's headlight touches. I am always on the edge that someone will snatch my mobile phone," she said.Singh said reports of daily crimes added to her anxiety. "The Authority should fix the streetlights immediately so that women don't have to live in a constant state of fear," she said.

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He has alleged that thousands of Sikh bodies were destroyed and burned using petrol, diesel and chemicals. Babbar has expressed apprehensions that the threats to his life could be connected with his investigative writings and his campaign seeking justice for the victims of November 1984. He has further expressed serious fears regarding the possible involvement of elements within or associated with Delhi Police and has demanded an independent, high-level investigation. Babbar maintained that his professional commitment to exposing injustice and raising his voice for human rights should not become a threat to his own life and the existence of his family. Two Senior Citizens Living Like Prisoners Babbar stated that both he and his wife are senior citizens and have the right to live peacefully, freely and with dignity in their own country. However, according to him, the repeated death threats and absence of adequate security arrangements have severely affected their normal lives and freedom of movement. He questioned whether he was expected to remain confined within the four walls of his residence until those threatening him succeeded in their intentions. The senior journalist stated that he was neither seeking any extraordinary privilege nor demanding any special favour from the Government of India. He was simply demanding his fundamental constitutional right to live without fear and to discharge his professional and social responsibilities freely. Repeated Letters to the Highest Authorities Babbar stated that he had repeatedly sent letters and emails to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, the Commissioner of Delhi Police and several other senior authorities. In his latest representation, he also referred to his earlier communication dated October 22, 2026, addressed to the Prime Minister, along with subsequent reminders. Separate representations have also been addressed to the Chief Justice of India and the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, seeking their attention to the alleged threats and the continued failure of the authorities to provide adequate protection. Babbar expressed deep disappointment that despite repeatedly bringing such a serious matter to the attention of the highest authorities, he and his family continued to live under constant fear. PM Modi Urged to Intervene Personally Drawing attention to Article 21 of the Constitution of India, which guarantees the fundamental right to life and personal liberty, Babbar has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene personally. He has demanded immediate and effective security arrangements for himself and his family, along with registration of an FIR concerning all 19 reported death threats. He has also demanded an independent, high-level investigation into the threatening telephone calls, their international origins and the identities of the callers. Babbar has sought the preservation and detailed examination of all relevant telephone call recordings, call detail records and other available electronic evidence. He has further demanded an independent inquiry into the alleged failure of Delhi Police to act upon his repeated complaints. Appropriate criminal and departmental action should be initiated against any police officials found responsible for negligence, deliberate inaction or involvement, he demanded. Babbar has also requested a written communication from the Government of India informing him about the immediate measures taken for the protection of his life and that of his family. Government and Delhi Police Will Be Held Accountable: Babbar In a strongly worded statement, Babbar declared that if he were murdered or any harm were caused to his wife or other members of his family, he would hold the Government of India and Delhi Police accountable for their alleged failure to provide protection despite repeated warnings. "I wish to place on official record that if I am murdered, or if any harm is caused to my wife or any member of my family, I shall hold the Government of India and Delhi Police accountable for their failure to provide protection despite my repeated warnings and representations," Babbar stated. He requested that his latest representation be treated as an extremely urgent appeal for the protection of human life and an advance notice of the grave danger allegedly confronting him and his family. President and Chief Justices Also Informed Copies of the latest representation have been marked to the President of India, Vice-President of India, Chief Justice of India, Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi and Chief Minister of Delhi. The Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Union Home Secretary, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission, Commissioner of Delhi Police, Special Commissioner of Police (Special Cell), Special Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch), Deputy Commissioner of Police (North-West District), Station House Officer of Mukherjee Nagar Police Station and other concerned authorities have also been listed as recipients. Babbar has appealed for immediate intervention before any untoward incident occurs. Serious Questions Over the Safety of Journalists The circumstances described by Babbar raise serious questions concerning the safety of journalists, authors, social workers, human rights activists and senior citizens facing alleged criminal threats. The matter also brings into focus the constitutional responsibilities of the government and law enforcement agencies when citizens repeatedly report threats to their lives. Babbar expressed hope that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would personally intervene and direct the authorities to make adequate security arrangements for him and his family without any further delay. In his concluding appeal to the Prime Minister, Babbar stated: "Please do not allow my repeated appeals for protection to become merely a collection of unanswered letters." Whether the latest appeal will result in immediate security arrangements, registration of an FIR and an independent investigation remains to be seen. The allegations made by Babbar have not been independently verified. The response of Delhi Police and the Government of India remains to be obtained.

Pollen from Bandhavgarh tiger reserve traces 3,000 years of monsoon shifts, forest recovery

Chandigarh: A new study carried out at a tiger reserve located in the core monsoon zone shows that 2,300-2,700 years ago, the region experienced a strong Indian Summer Monsoon (ISM), while between 1,600-2,300 years ago it underwent multiple climatic phases, including periods of high humidity and prolonged drought that significantly influenced the composition, structure and distribution of forest vegetation and shifts in the regional landscape. This was followed by stable monsoon and increasing evidence of human activity between 820-1,600 years ago and the strengthening of monsoons during the last 400 years, resulting in the recovery of forests. This indicates the resilience and regenerative capacity of tropical forest ecosystems that populated the region, under favourable climatic conditions, according to information shared by the Ministry of Science and Technology on Friday. "Over about the past 400 years, strengthening monsoon conditions promoted the recovery and expansion of moist deciduous forests, demonstrating the resilience and regenerative capacity of tropical forest ecosystems under favourable climatic conditions," the ministry said. Understanding the long-term variability of ISM is essential because it is a key driver of India's climate, ecosystems, and water resources, according to the ministry. As Indian agriculture is highly dependent on monsoon rainfall, even small changes in monsoon intensity or timing can affect crop productivity, food security, and the national economy.



Reconstructing past climate and vegetation changes provides valuable long-term insights into natural monsoon variability and ecosystem responses. The findings, published in Quaternary Research, a peer-reviewed journal, can improve our understanding of climate-environment interactions and can contribute to better climate adaptation strategies, sustainable agriculture, and future climate resilience. Researchers at Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences used pollen-based records from Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in central India's core monsoon zone and integrated them with the Earth System Palaeoclimate Simulation (ESPS) model to reconstruct vegetation and ISM variability over the past 2,700 years. Dr Anjali Trivedi, along with Anupam Nag and Prof MG Thakkar, studied a sediment core from Chakradhara Wetland of the tiger reserve, segmented the core and prepared samples for radiocarbon dating and pollen analysis. They also generated Earth System Palaeoclimate Simulation models to reconstruct climatic conditions over the past 3,000 years. These models were then used to compare with the pollen dataset, ensuring the authenticity and reliability of the research findings. They found that approximately 2,300-2,700 years ago, a strengthened ISM supported widespread dense moist deciduous forests dominated by Sal. Its proliferation indicates sustained rainfall of around 1,100-1,200 mm or more annually, along with a timely monsoon onset. Between around 1,600-2,300 years ago, the region experienced multiple climatic phases, including periods of high humidity, prolonged drought, gradual environmental recovery, and a subsequent strengthening of ISM. These climatic fluctuations significantly influenced the composition, structure, and distribution of forest vegetation. The period 820-1,600 years ago saw relatively stable monsoon conditions that supported dense tropical forests. From 400-820 years ago, weakening of ISM led to a decline in moist deciduous forests and expansion of dry deciduous vegetation, accompanied by an increase in Cerealia and other cultivated pollen, indicating growing agricultural activity, land-use change and human influence, according to the study. "Pollen-based climate reconstructions provide valuable insights into long-term monsoon-vegetation interactions in tropical India," the researchers said.

2 Indian schools among top 3 finalists for World's Best School Prizes 2026

New Delhi/London: EuroSchool Bannerghatta, an independent kindergarten, primary and secondary school spearheading nature-inspired schooling in Bengaluru, was in the running for the World's Best School Prize for Environmental Action. Inventure Academy, also an independent kindergarten, primary and secondary school in Bengaluru, was named a finalist in the World's Best School Prize for Community Collaboration category. The prizes, presented across five categories and now in their fourth year, were founded by UK-headquartered T4 Education in the wake of COVID as a platform for schools that are changing lives in their classrooms and beyond. "Congratulations to EuroSchool Bannerghatta and Inventure Academy in India on being named Top 3 finalists for the World's Best School Prizes 2026. This outstanding achievement is a credit to your staff, your students, and your whole community," said Vikas Pota, Founder of T4 Education and the World's Best School Prizes. "You have made such a big impact on so many lives and I want to see that impact spread worldwide. I hope leaders everywhere see what you have achieved and are inspired to act. And I hope your work inspires students across the world too, for they are the leaders of the future. Thank you for everything you do," he said. Among the winners for 2026 were Slum2School Green Academy in Epe, Nigeria, which won the World's Best School Prize for Environmental Action; G-School in Seoul, South Korea, which won the World's Best School Prize for Innovation and TNS Beaconhouse in Lahore, Pakistan, which won the World's Best School Prize for Supporting Healthy Lives. Swiss Cottage School, Development and Research Centre in Municipal GET IV Centenario in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, won the World's Best School Prize for Overcoming Adversity. Meanwhile, the Community Choice Award was presented to Darussafaka Egitim Kurumlari, Turkey, after it won the most votes of all 50 schools shortlisted across the five World's Best School Prizes in a Public Vote.

NAME CHANGE

I, NEERAJ MATA D/O MANMOHAN MATA R/O E 219, Nehru Vihar, Civil Line, North Delhi, Delhi - 110054 have changed the name of my minor Daughter ANGEL MATTA aged 16 years and she shall hereafter be known as SHIVANYA MATTA.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as MOHD NASIR alias VAHID ALI S/O ABDUL KHALID R/O House Number-D-1316, Street Number-4, Kabir Nagar, Gokal Pur, North East Delhi, Delhi-110094 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MOHD NASIR.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as KISHAN KUMAR TURI S/O GENDULI TURI R/O 208, Ist Floor, Gali No-4, Village Gopal Pur, Dr. Mukherjee Nagar, North West Delhi, Delhi-110009 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as TUFANI TURI.

NAME CHANGE

I hithero known as SACHIV KUMAR SINGH S/O SHYAM NARAYAN SINGH R/O 64 T-Huts, Qatram Line, G.T.B. Nagar, North West Delhi, Delhi-110009 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ABHAY AZAD.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as MADAN KUMAR S/O DEVKI MANDAL R/O B-99, Block, B J J Colony Shiv vihar, shiv vihar, DIST: West Delhi , Delhi - 110059 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MADAN MANDAL.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as DUKHI CHAUPAL S/O BABU LAL R/O D-269, JJ COLONY, BAKKAR WALA, WEST DELHI, DELHI-110041, and I have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as DEEPAK KUMAR.

Public Notice

I hitherto known as AKANSHA NAGRANI D/o RAVI KUMAR R/o B-161, GF, DAYANAND COLONY, LAJPAT NAGAR-4, DELHI-110024 have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as AKANSHA MAKHIJA. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

NAME CHANGE

I SHWETA SINGHAL W/O SANJAY SINGHAL R/O N S 21, SECOND FLOOR, MIANWALI NAGAR PASCHIM VIHAR DELHI 110087 have changed my name to SWETA Permanently for all future Purposes

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as RENU D/O GOPAL DAS R/O H NO. A-165 KH NO 22/17 A BLOCK, GALI NO 1 HARDEV NAGAR,JHARODA MAJRA, BURARI, NORTH DELHI-110084 have changed my name after married to SOURABH BALWANI and shall hereafter be known as RENU BALWANI W/O SOURABH BALWANI R/O 7/105 SUBHASH NAGAR DELHI-110027

NAME CHANGE

I, SMT SANGEETA OJHA wife of No.-15422134Y, Rank-NK, Name-ARUN PRAKASH OJHA residing at JORAWAR, KALYANPUR, PARVATPUR, AMETHI, UTTAR PRADESH-227801, have changed my name from SMT SANGEETA OJHA to SANGEETA OJHA for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 27/11/2026 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, MD ADIL SHAKEEL S/O SHAKEEL AHMAD R/O O-66 NAFEES ROAD JAMIA NAGAR, OKHLA, DELHI-110025 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD AADIL.

Public Notice

I BHAGYASHREE ABHAY BANDEKAR, HOLDER OF INDIAN PASSPORT B7961304 ISSUED AT DUBAI ON DATE OF 01/01/2024, PERMANENT RESIDENT OF '26 PRABHU COTTAGE MOGAL LANE MAHIM, MUMBAI PIN:400016,MAHARASHTRA,INDIA' AND PRESENTLY RESIDING AT 1104, 11TH FLOOR, VENETIAN BUILDING, CANAL RESIDENCE WEST DUBAI SPORTS CITY,DUBAI UAE, DO HEREBY CHANGE MY NAME 'BHAGYASHREE ABHAY BANDEKAR 'TO 'BHAGYASHRI AUMKAR SHETTY , WITH IMMIDIATE EFFECT

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Gati Shakti Unit/Delhi, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055 invites e-tender for the following work:

Name of Work and Location	Additional OHE Modification work due to construction of shunting neck at Delhi end and line no.07 at Subzi mandi yard in connection with additional train handling capacities at Subzi Mandi Station of Delhi Division
Tender Notice No.	32-DyCEE-GSU-DLI-26-27
Earnest Money Amount (to be deposited online)	**Approximate Cost**
₹ 2,90,300.00/-	₹ 1,45,14,593.30/-
Date & Time for Submission of e-Tender and Opening of Tender	
Tenders uploaded on date 27/11/2026 on IREPS website i.e., www.ireps.gov.in The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11:30 Hrs on 21/12/2026	
Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. **www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in** and tender document is available on **www.ireps.gov.in.**
Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS website i.e.**www.ireps.gov.in** from **07.12.2026 to 21.12.2026**.	
All other terms and conditions in respect of the above tenders are given in tender document.	
The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.	

No. 32- DyCEE-GSU-DLI-26-27 Dated: 27.11.2026 4143/2026

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that my client Mrs. Rukmani Dwivedi W/o Mr. Kedar Nath, R/o House No. 1, GF, Block/Pocket 7/12, Sector-82, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, is owner of DDA Built-up Freehold Flat No. 17, on Ground Floor, area measuring 72 Square Meters, Category MIG, situated at Pocket-7, Sector-21, in the layout plan of Rohini Residential Scheme, Rohini, New Delhi 110086, vide Conveyance Deed Dated 12.06.2008, Doc No. 11777, Book No. 1, Volume No. 3027, Page No. 184 to 185, registered on 12.06.2008 with SR-VII, Delhi and Relinquishment Deed Dated 18.06.2024, Doc No. 2024/14/I/2656, Book No. 1, Volume No. 2814, Page No. 1 to 12, registered on 18.06.2024 with SR-VI-D, North West Kanjhawala, Delhi. It is submitted that the Conveyance Deed was lost/misplaced by the official of SRO INA, Delhi. A lost Report was lodged on 10.02.2009 at Police Station Kotla Mubarakpur, Delhi. It is further submitted that after the death of husband of my client, his legal heirs release their share of the said property in favour of my client, as a result my client became the owner of the said Entire Property. The said property is free from encumbrance. The said property neither falls under acquisition nor falls under any litigation in any court of law. On date, being the absolute owner of the said property, my client is going to sell the said property to Mrs. Vandana Khandelwal W/o Mr. Manoj Kumar. The same is going to be financed by Aditya Birla Housing Finance Ltd., branch 3rd Floor, Hasalaya Building, No. 15, Barakhamba Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi 110001.

If any person(s) has/have found or any objection regarding the above said property, then kindly may submit his/her objection within 7 days from the date of the Notice in writing to undersigned or the said Bank/FI. The said objection may be kindly sent to the undersigned/bank 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.

Rupesh Kumar Roushan
Advocate
D-803, Nandgram,
Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201003

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that Mr. Ankit Bansal intends to purchase a plot measuring 66+66+100=232 Sq. Yards, out of Khasra No. 570, situated at Village Dhoom Manikpur, Pargana & Tehsil Dadri, District Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P., from the following persons: Mr. Ashish Garg, Mrs. Raj Kumari Rawal & Mrs. Bhawna Jain. That Mr. Ashish Garg had purchased the aforesaid property from Mrs. Mitlesh vide Registered Agreement to Sell dated 29.03.2025, registered as Document No. 5524, and Registered Sale Deed dated 29.03.2025, registered as Document No. 14195, and Mrs. Raj Kumari Rawal and Mrs. Bhawna Jain had separately purchased their respective portions of the property from Mr. Pawan Kumar, acting as the Attorney of Mrs. Kamlesh, vide two separate Sale Deeds dated 11.06.2025, registered as Document Nos. 31098 and 31097, respectively. However, the original Registered Agreement to Sell dated 29.03.2025, registered as Document No. 5524, in Book No. 1, Volume No. 30273, on Pages No. 303-322, before the Sub-Registrar, Dadri, forming part of the chain of title documents, has been lost/misplaced and is not traceable despite all possible efforts. In this regard, an online FIR bearing LR No. 829777/2026 was registered on 27.11.2026 at Police Station Railway/Crime Branch, Delhi, regarding the loss of the aforesaid original document. The proposed purchase of the aforesaid property is being financed by Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited, Branch: Kaushambi, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. If any person(s) objection & regarding subject property, then kindly may submit his/her objection within 07 days from the date of the Notice in writing. The said objection may be kindly sent to the 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,
Tehsil Compound,
Ghaziabad, U.P.
kumar2021ashwani@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to public at large on behalf of my Smt. Seema in respect of Built Up House No. 240, admeasuring 115 sq. yds. out of Khasra No. 59, Situated in the Old Lal Dora (1908-09) Abadi Deh, of Village Hamidpur, Delhi-110036 claiming to have undisputed ownership. Now my client intends avail loan facility and in which SMFG India Home Finance Company Limited will provide the financial assistance If any person(s) has/have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the said property may please contact us within Seven days from the date of this notice on the number & address mentioned herein below, failing which my client(s) shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.

Khaitan & Khaitan
Plot No. 100 ,1st floor
Okhla Phase III, New Delhi
Ph. No: 011-49774545

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, AMAN S/O NISHAR ALI R/O L-220, Gali No-4, sangam vihar, Deoli, PO: Deoli, DIST: South Delhi, Delhi-110062, declare that name of my father and my mother have been wrongly written as NISAR ALI and NAGINA in my 10th and 12th class educational documents. The actual name of mine and my father and my mother are NISHAR ALI and NAGEENA respectively which may be amended accordingly.

Lost & Found

We, Ramanjit Singh Chadha and Rita Chadha, r/o F42 Kalkaji New Delhi, have lost our original Allotment Letter and agreement for A167 Greenwood City, Gurugram. FIR lodged with Police No. 820140/2026 on 24/11/26. Finder may contact at above Address

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that **KUKREJA HOSPITAL AND HEART CENTRE PVT LTD**, C-1 Vishal Enclave, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027 is going to discard In-Patient Medical Records of year **2021**, as per organization documents retention policy. If any patient of this period wants copy of his/her IP Medical Records, Please Call on 011-45675000 or visit hospital within 30 days of publishing of this advertisement.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Suneja Properties & Builders through its Proprietor Mr. Anil Kumar son of Mr. Krishan Lal is the Owner in respect of Property No. 21 (consisting One Shop & Two Room set on Ground Floor with roof rights), area measuring 60 Sq. Yds., out of Khasra No. 21/25/2, situated in the Village Razapur Khurd, Delhi State, Delhi, colony Known as Mohan Garden in R-III, Block-B, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, by virtue of Notarized GPA dated 18.09.2025, ATS & Will, executed by M/s S. Sons Industries through its proprietor Mr. Mayank son of Mr. Suresh Kumar and said property to be sold to Mrs. Ishrat Jahan 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 15 days of the present.

Rahul Raj, Advocate,
SG Associates (Law Firm)
B-01, Plot no. 20, Koushambhi
near HDFC Bank, U.P.
E-MAIL:
sgassociatespl@gmail.com,
Ph: 8130309204

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that our client 1. Mohd. Faizan S/o Mohd. Naeem, 2. Mohd. Javed S/o Mr. Maqbool Hasan 3. Mr. Asif S/o Mr. Maqbool Hussain & 4. Mohd. Atif S/o Mohd. Atiq are the owner of Freehold Residential Built-on Property No. 189, area measuring 150 Sq. Yds., i.e., 125.41 Sq. Mtrs., out of Khasra No. 54/17, Situated in the area of Village Khureji Khas Abadi of J-Extn., Laxmi Nagar, Illaqa Shahdara, Delhi 92., by virtue of Sale Deed dated 24.04.2025 Vide Doc. No. 2025/5/I/5686, in Book No. 1, Vol. No. 4482, on Pages No. 119-138, SR- VIIIA & Sale Deed dated 30.12.2025, Vide Doc. No. 2026/5/I/209, in Book No. 1, Vol. No. 5058, on Pages No. 177-196 SR VIII-A Delhi. in the chain documents below mentioned documents not available i.e. (1) Death Certificate & SMC of Late Mrs. Ram Wati., (2) Death Certificate of Late Mr. Sadhu Ram Sharma, (3) Death Certificate of Late Mrs. Savita, (4) Death Certificate & SMC of Late Mrs. Sarla Devi., now our client is declaring that that any other person does not have any right over the said property, and First Floor, area measuring 60 Sq. Yds., sold to Mohammad Rashid and same has been financed by SMFG India Home Finance Company Limited Branch: Noida Uttar Pradesh. If any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the` right, title or interest in the Said Property then contact us within 15 days from the date of Publication of this notice and or the same to the undersigned if found by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained

[NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA]
Advocate
1/566-A, Ground Floor,
Sector-1, Vaishali,
Ghaziabad, Uttar
Pradesh-201010.
Contact at
09958871432

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that Mr. Satish Kumar/Mrs. Pinki Kumari (Intending Borrowers) intend to purchase the Entire Ground Floor, without roof/terrace rights, of the built-up property bearing No. 354, measuring 60.00 Sq. Mtrs., situated in Pocket-9, Sector-21, under the layout plan of Rohini Residential Scheme, Rohini, Delhi-110086, from Mrs. Babita Tandon. That Mrs. Babita Tandon had purchased the aforesaid property from Mrs. Theresa M. Arora, acting through her Special Power of Attorney (SPA) holder, Mrs. Elizabeth Thorpe, vide Sale Deed dated 28.10.2026, registered as Document No. 2026/72/I/2042. However, the Sale Deed dated 10.02.2009, executed by Mr. Ramesh Kumar in favour of Mrs. Theresa M. Arora, acting through her SPA holder, Mr. Soyam Prakash Goyal, in respect of the aforesaid property (Document No. 1132), which forms part of the chain of title documents, has been lost/misplaced and remains untraceable despite all possible efforts. In this regard, an online FIR bearing LR No. 2111/2010 was registered on 23.12.2010 at Police Station Maurya Enclave, North-West District, Delhi, regarding the loss of the aforesaid original Sale Deed. Please further note that the aforesaid property is proposed to be financed by Bajaj Housing Finance Limited, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi. If any person(s) objection & regarding subject property, then kindly may submit his/her objection within 07 days from the date of the Notice in writing. The said objection may be kindly sent to the 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
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE INVITING CLAIMS & OBJECTIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given to the General Public at large that MR. PRAMOD KUMAR JAIN, S/o MR. RAM CHANDER JAIN, claims rights, title and interest in the immovable property more fully described hereinbelow, having acquired the same from MRS. HAR DEVI, W/o MR. CHANDER PAL, by virtue of Notarized General Power of Attorney (GPA), Agreement to Sell (ATS) and Will, all dated 23.09.2025, executed by MRS. HAR DEVI in favour of MR. PRAMOD KUMAR JAIN. PROPERTY DETAILS:

All that piece and parcel of a Residential Plot/House bearing Plot No. G-2542, admeasuring 100 Sq. Yds., out of Khasra No. 283 Mi, situated at Village Hakikatpur urf Khudabans, in the colony known as Block-G, Ram Park Extension, Pargana and Tehsil Loni, District Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

BOUNDARIES AS PER TITLE DOCUMENTS:

- East: Rasta 10 Ft. Wide
- West: Rasta 20 Ft. Wide
- North: Plot No. 2543
- South: Part of Plot

BOUNDARIES AS PER BANK TECHNICAL REPORT:

- East: Vacant Plot
- West: Property of Mr. Gautam
- North: Road 20 Ft. Wide
- South: Road 10 Ft. Wide

GEO-LOCATION: 28.7689° N, 77.2584° E.

The aforesaid MR. PRAMOD KUMAR JAIN, S/o MR. RAM CHANDER JAIN, has now proposed to sell and transfer his rights, title and interest in the aforesaid property in favour of MRS. NANDANI, W/o MR. SASHI BHUSHAN (PROPOSED PURCHASER). The Proposed Purchaser intends to avail financial assistance in the form of a housing loan from BAJAJ HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED for financing the proposed purchase and, in connection therewith, proposes to offer the aforesaid property as security by way of mortgage in favour of the said Financial Institution, subject to its due diligence, approval and completion of requisite legal formalities.

Accordingly, any person(s), individual(s), legal heir(s), claimant(s), bank(s), financial institution(s) or any other entity having or claiming any right, title, interest, ownership, share, claim, demand, lien, charge, mortgage, encumbrance, attachment, tenancy, lease, possession, dispute or any other claim or objection of whatsoever nature in, over or in respect of the aforesaid property, or having any objection to the proposed sale, transfer and/or creation of mortgage thereof, are hereby called upon to submit their written claims/objections, along with relevant documentary evidence in support thereof, to the undersigned within 07 (SEVEN) DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

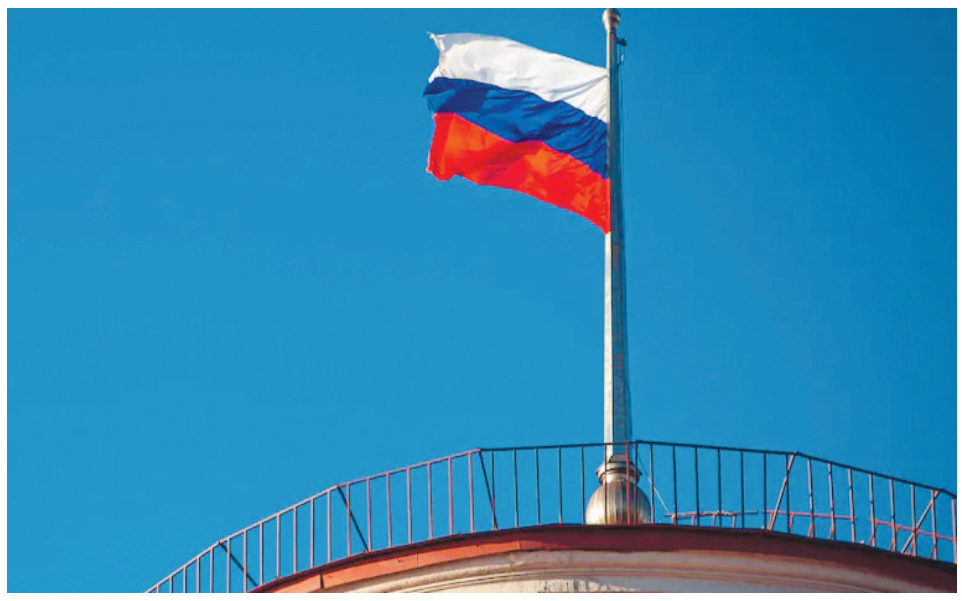
In the event no claim or objection is received within the aforesaid stipulated period, the proposed seller and purchaser may proceed further with the proposed transaction on the basis of the documents available, subject to independent verification of title, satisfaction of the concerned Financial Institution and compliance with applicable laws. Any claim or objection received thereafter shall be dealt with in accordance with law.

This notice is being issued to invite claims and objections from all concerned persons and to bring the proposed transaction to the knowledge of the General Public. All concerned are hereby requested to take notice accordingly.

Jharkhand Tourist, 29, Returns Home After Weeks In Russian Detention

SHENZHEN.(Agency).

Twenty-nine-year-old Manish Sahu on Friday returned to his home in Jamshedpur city of Jharkhand after being detained in Russia's Yekaterinburg for days, officials said.State Migration Cell team leader Shikha Lakra told reporters that Sahu reached Delhi on November 26 and arrived in his hometown by train on Friday"Manish visited Russia on October 6 as a tourist and stayed in Yekaterinburg. However, his family lost contract with him on October 27, and his mother, Neelam Sahu, lodged a complaint with the State Migrant Control Room," Lakra said.Manish later informed the department that he had been detained by the local police. He alleged mistreatment, false charges and pressure."The State Migrant Control Room emailed the Protector of Emigrants, Ranchi, the Indian Embassy in Moscow and other authorities concerned on October 29, seeking immediate consular and legal assistance.



"On November 2, the Indian Embassy in Moscow informed the department that the matter fell under the jurisdiction of the Consulate General of India in Yekaterinburg and had been forwarded to it," Lakra said.

On November 3, officials of the Indian Consulate General in Yekaterinburg met Manish Sahu at the Temporary Detention Centre for Foreign Citizens, Yekaterinburg, and provided him with consular assistance.His physical condition was found to be normal and satisfactory, which he also confirmed," Shikha said.An order issued by the head of the detention centre found him guilty of an administrative offence, imposed a fine of 4,000 rubles and directed his compulsory deportation from the Russian Federation."Following a review of the case on November 9, the judicial bailiff permitted him to leave via Tashkent on November 25. Manish accordingly booked an air ticket to Delhi via Tashkent. With the coordination of the Indian Consulate General, Manish left Russia via Tashkent on November 25. He reached Delhi on November 26 and arrived in Jamshedpur on November 27," the official added.The migration cell urged workers and tourists travelling to Russia to ensure that their visas, employment contracts and recruitment agencies are valid and verified.

They were advised to remain in contact with the Indian Embassy or Consulat General and avoid situations involving passport confiscation, illegal recruitment or violations of visa rules.

Eight killed in Peru military helicopter crash

LIMA.(Agency)

A Peruvian air force helicopter carrying military personnel crashed in a coca-growing river basin in the country's southeast, killing eight people and seriously injuring the pilot, the defense ministry said Friday.

The helicopter crashed while on a mission to rescue a patrol in a remote area of the valley formed by the Apurimac, Ene and Mantaro rivers, known by its Spanish acronym VRAEM, authorities said."Search and rescue operations located the aircraft and the nine military personnel who were on board," the defense ministry said in a statement."Enzo spinozaRoque, the pilot and sole survivor, was evacuated to Lima to receive specialized medical treatment."VRAEM is Peru's largest coca-growing valley and has been militarized for decades because of drug trafficking and the presence of remnants of the Shining Path guerrilla group.

The aircraft had been reported missing Thursday night after rescuing three army personnel in Sanabamba, a remote community in the Ayacucho region.

Indian Man Shot In Peru Highway Ambush As Masked Gunmen Fire 30+ Rounds, Steal Gold Jewellery

World.(Agency).

An Indian man and a Peruvian woman suffered injuries after a group of masked robbers with guns stopped their vehicle in the middle of a highway and stole jewellery packages. The incident took place in Peru's Callao, near the capital city of Lima. More than 30 shots were fired during the ambush, with authorities stating that the criminals had followed the vehicle before intercepting it and carrying out the daylight robbery.

The attack transpired around 6:30 am local time when the victims, identified as Indian citizen Vijay Pagrani Iza and 35-year-old Peruvian national Mari Nataly Miranda Espinoza, were heading to Jorge Chavez International Airport, according to a report in El Comercio. Both Vijay and Mari were taken to San Judas Tadeo Clinic, located in San Miguel, where they were said to be out of danger and in stable condition.

US Woman, 92, Charged With Killing Her Five-Year-Old Son 57 Years Ago

world.(Agency)

An American woman has been charged with murdering her son when he was only five years old. Harriet Evelyn Hall, 92, allegedly tortured and killed her young son 57 years ago while living in the Aviation District of Universal City, Texas. The child endured four years of abuse before falling into a coma and eventually dying on November 25, 1969.

Police detective Kabir Bhakta stated that Harriet eventually moved to Waco, where Texas Rangers interviewed her about the child's death. Hall's husband and the father of the child, late James Fletcher Hall, was stationed at Randolph Air Force Base at the time of the death.

The victim's brother, James Randall Hall, is listed as a complainant in the case and has provided information to authorities on multiple occasions over the years, according to a statement released by the City of Universal City.

James shared gnarly details related to the case in 2024 with the investigators, claiming that he witnessed the abuse firsthand.

Netanyahu weighs offering Eisenkot rotating PM deal amid coalition uncertainty: Israeli media

World.(Agency)

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is preparing to offer Yashar chairman Gadi Eisenkot the position of prime minister in a rotational government, with Netanyahu willing to serve as the second prime minister, amid ongoing efforts to form a new government, The Times of Israel reported on Friday (local time).Citing Channel 13, the report said Netanyahu was preparing to announce his willingness to enter a power-sharing arrangement with Eisenkot, although officials within the Prime Minister's Office remain divided over the proposal. According to the Kan public broadcaster, the offer is expected to be conveyed through unofficial channels, allowing Likud to maintain plausible deniability, as divisions persist within the party over the terms of a potential arrangement.However, Eisenkot remains sceptical of Netanyahu's proposals and is continuing preparations to swear in a government next week, Channel 13 reported.

Eisenkot has reportedly assured his coalition partners, Democrats chairman Yair Golan and Yisrael Beytenu chairman Avigdor Liberman, that he would not form a unity government with Likud without their approval. Both leaders have signed coalition agreements with Yashar and ruled out joining a government led by NetanyahuMeanwhile, B'Yachad chairman Naftali Bennett, who has publicly advocated a unity government with Likud, could oppose an Eisenkot-led government if it is formed before negotiations with Netanyahu are exhausted, according to senior figures in Eisenkot's bloc cited by Channel 13.

Bennett had earlier indicated his willingness to consider other, less desirable alternatives if coalition negotiations with Likud fail.

The political manoeuvring comes as Eisenkot faces a tight parliamentary deadline, with his 28-day mandate from President Isaac Herzog set to expire on December 6. Together, Eisenkot's Yashar party, Golan's The Democrats, and Liberman's Yisrael Beytenu hold only 36 seats in the 120-member Knesset. Even with the backing of Bennett's B'Yachad party, the four-party bloc commands just 48 seats.

Hamas says Israel tried to kill its political bureau chief's son in overnight Gaza strike

GAZA CITY.(Agency)

Hamas said Israel tried to kill the son of the Palestinian movement's chief Khalil al-Hayya in an overnight strike on Friday, with a Gaza security source telling AFP he survived.The strike follows a series of killings targeting Hamas officials by the Israeli military in recent days, despite a ceasefire in the war-shattered Palestinian territory.

"Izz al-Din al-Hayya, the youngest surviving son of Hamas political bureau chief Khalil al-Hayya, along with his family and the family of his late brother Azzam, survived an Israeli assassination attempt early Friday targeting a residential apartment in the Rimal neighbourhood, west of Gaza City," a security source in Gaza told AFP.When asked by AFP, the Israeli military said it was looking into the incident.Bassem Naim, a member of the Palestinian Islamist movement's political bureau, told AFP that "Israel's attempt to target the youngest son of Hamas political bureau chief Khalil al-Hayya... constitutes 'state terrorism,'" while Hamas issued a statement calling the targeting "cowardly".Four of al-Hayya's sons have already been killed in Israeli attacks, including one in May and another in an Israeli strike targeting Hamas leaders in Doha in September 2025.Two others were killed before the Gaza war, which was triggered by Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack on Israel.



US military says cyber systems secure after reports of Air Force hack

WASHINGTON.(Agency)

The US military denied Friday any issues with its computer security following media reports that the Air Force's cloud based system was hacked, in what would be the latest high profile breach of US digital infrastructure in recent weeks.Asked whether the Air Force's Cloud One platform had been hacked, the Pentagon did not specifically deny that the system had been breached.Instead, a Defense Department official told AFP late Friday that "The Department of War's systems are safe, secure, and managed 24-7 by the best experts and teams in the world. We will continue to maintain all mission-critical operations and applications.""As a matter of policy and operations security, the Department of War does not comment on the status of our networks," a Defense Department official said earlier on Friday.NBC News, a major US broadcaster, reported Friday citing an unnamed US official, that the cloud platform had been breached and that an attack "could have exposed sensitive military information."The breach was first reported by Reuters earlier Friday.Federal News Network, which specializes in covering US federal agencies, also confirmed the breach, citing a "person familiar with the incident."The contractors discovered the hack earlier in the year while doing maintenance on the system, Federal News said.The reported attack is the latest in a string of major outages in US government and private-sector digital infrastructure.In recent weeks the CIA and FBI were also reportedly subject to hacks.Suppliers for major American financial institutions including JPMorgan Chase, Visa and Mastercard were also hit.In other instances, such as a major Microsoft Outlook outage, a separate US air traffic control issue and a reported issue with a top-secret National Security Agency (NSA) network earlier this month, officials were at pains to blame the outages on maintenance or defects -- not intrusions.The attacks and outages are not limited to the United States.The European Commission last week said it came under an AI-assisted cyberattack in October.AFP was hit by a cyber attack on Thursday, forcing a major client-facing system to be taken offline.

Canada's top court largely upholds Quebec's secularism law

world.(Agency)

Canada's Supreme Court on Friday ruled a Quebec law banning a range of public officials from wearing religious symbols at work was largely valid, settling a landmark case that tested Canada's constitution.The court upheld the controversial law with one exception, ruling provincial lawmakers should be allowed to wear religious symbols in the legislature.

Chief Justice Richard Wagner wrote that the law, known as Bill 21, "is rooted in Quebec's legitimate and historical commitment to ensuring the (secularism) of the state in a free and democratic society."The Quebec case was also a major test of how far provinces can go in defying provisions of the federal constitution by invoking the so-called "notwithstanding clause."That clause, a quirk of Canada's legal system, effectively allows provincial governments to pass laws that may breach Canada's constitution, known as the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.Predominantly French-speaking Quebec preemptively invoked the "notwithstanding clause" when passing its secularism bill, anticipating it would be challenged over constitutional protections guaranteeing freedom of religion and expression.Conservative-led provinces have also invoked the clause to defend legislation relating to transgender youth.In 2023, Saskatchewan used the clause to pass a law requiring schools to obtain parental consent before changing the pronouns used for children under 16.Alberta has also invoked the clause in relation to laws banning transgender girls from participating in female sports and restricting hormone therapy for individuals under 16.

Opponents of the Quebec bill immediately condemned the court's decision, saying it raised questions about the sanctity of rights within Canada's federal system.Quebec lawyer Michael Bergman, who is part of a group that opposed Bill 21, said the ruling renders Canada's constitution "an empty shell."



"Because with the notwithstanding clause, a legislature or parliament can make, by a magic wand, fundamental rights go away," he said.

The head of the National Council of Canadian Muslims, Stephen Brown, said the ruling made clear Canada's constitution was a "charter of suggestions," not a charter of guaranteed rights.And Anaïs Bussières McNicoll of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association said Canada cannot be considered a free and democratic society "if people have to choose between their profession and their faith."

Nvidia Blackwell Tech Used At China Site Tied To 'Spy' Alice Huang

world.(Agency)

A pair of Chinese firms installed Nvidia Corp.'s powerful Blackwell semiconductors in a Shanghai data center linked to Alice Huang, the woman at the heart of a controversy surrounding the US chipmaker. The gear installed at the Yangtze River Delta Project included a GB300 NVL72 rack, among Nvidia's most powerful products, according to a serial number specified in documents submitted to Chinese regulators in November. Shanghai Shuoyao offered the hardware as collateral to obtain a 96 million yuan ($14 million) loan from Shanghai Innovation Bank, according to filings from the lender that were reviewed by Bloomberg News.A second firm, Shanghai Kezhan, controlled by a Tokyo-based parent, described a GB200 server - which also relies on Blackwell chips - at the facility. That description was provided in documents when it obtained a 90 million yuan loan in late 2025 from a finance-leasing firm wholly owned by a local Shanghai government agency.After initially dipping as much as 2.6% in New York trading on Friday, the shares gained less than 1% to $150.49.The submissions reveal for the first time that Nvidia's Blackwell processors found their way into a Chinese data center that has ties to Alice Huang and Megaspeed. These processors were until recently Nvidia's most powerful data center products, and they've always been illegal to ship to China without a US license.

President Donald Trump has explicitly said he doesn't want these chips - which OpenAI and Anthropic PBC use to train their most cutting-edge models - going to the Asian country, at least for now. Nvidia Chief Executive Officer Jensen Huang, meanwhile, once claimed they were too big to smuggle: a standard two-meter-tall GB300 NVL72 server rack, which contains 72 Blackwell Ultra chips and 36 Grace processors, can weigh more than 1,500 kilograms (3,300 pounds) and is about the size of a gigantic fridge.Nvidia and its just-reinstated CEO have come under intense scrutiny in recent weeks for their failure to stop diversion of the company's products to China, a shadow trade that US officials believe is worth billions of dollars. It's unclear how the GB300 rack made its way to the country, to Shanghai Shuoyao or to this specific site - described in local media as designed to house as many as 800,000 servers. By inputting the serial number for the product into a public warranty database, Bloomberg found that it was manufactured by Taiwan's Gigabyte Technology Co., which assembles .

Fresh polling underway in 52 Punjab municipal wards following Supreme Court order

Patiala,.(Agency)

Polling was underway on Saturday in 30 wards of the Patiala Municipal Corporation, 15 wards of the Baghapurana Municipal Council and seven wards of the Dharamkot Municipal Council in Punjab, news agency Press Trust of India reported.Voting began at 8 am and will continue until 4 pm. The elections are being held following directions issued by the Supreme Court in October.

The Supreme Court had ordered fresh elections in these wards after a fact-finding commission found "widespread obstruction during the nomination process" for the local body elections held on December 21, 2024, according to PTI.The matter reached the courts after opposition candidates alleged large-scale irregularities during the nomination process. The allegations included the snatching of nomination papers, intimidation of candidates and incidents of manhandling.Patiala has 60 municipal wards, of which 30 are going to the polls again. Among them, 21 fall under the Patiala Urban Assembly constituency, eight under Patiala Rural and one under Sanaur.

Jharkhand man jailed in UAE over job dispute, family seeks government's help

Ranchi.(Agency)

The family of a 23-year-old Jharkhand man who has been in a United Arab Emirates prison for more than four months has sought Chief Minister Hemant Soren's help to bring him home, news agency Press Trust of India reported.Shashi Kumar Paswan, a resident of Dadra village in Palamu district, was jailed after quitting his job without informing his company. His family met Soren on Friday and submitted an application seeking his intervention.

Shashi's wife, Sumita Kumari, told PTI: "My husband has been in prison in the UAE for over four months. Since November 18, we have not been able to contact him. Our last conversation was on November 17, when he told me that he was not feeling well and was being shifted to another jail from Al-Rashidiya in Dubai."She said: "On Friday, I, along with my family members, met CM Soren, submitted an application to him and urged him to intervene to bring my husband back safely. The CM assured us that he would look into the matter."Shashi's father, Lalan Paswan, had submitted an application at Hussainabad police station on October 26, urging the Palamu district administration to help bring his son home."My son went to Dubai in 2025 to work for a private company on a contract. The family had fixed his sister's wedding for June 26, and Shashi wanted to attend it.

CRPF takes over security at Madurai hill after Supreme Court order in Deepam row

Madurai.(Agency)

Central Reserve Police Force personnel took full control of security and surveillance at Thirupparankundram Hill in Tamil Nadu's Madurai early on Saturday following a Supreme Court order, news agency Press Trust of India reported.One CRPF company, accompanied by Rapid Action Force units, arrived near the Arulmigu Subramania Swamy Temple complex overnight and began setting up checkpoints along pathways leading to the hilltop. Residents and devotees welcomed the personnel and showered them and their vehicles with pink flower petals.Residents told reporters that the deployment marked the culmination of a "100-year struggle" to protect their traditional rights. They alleged that the state police had earlier failed to facilitate the ritual.

A senior CRPF official told PTI that one company had been stationed in the area and was awaiting further operational instructions from higher authorities ahead of the evening ceremony.The deployment came hours after a Supreme Court bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and Vipul M Pancholi directed central forces to secure the Sri Subramania Swamy Temple, the nearby Hazrat Sultan Sikandar Badusha Auliya Dargah and the entire hill.

E20 row: Karnataka issues notice to IOC terminal over 'excess ethanol' in fuel

Bengaluru.(Agency)

In the latest episode of the ongoing battle between the Karnataka government and the Centre over alleged excessive ethanol blending in fuel sold in the state, the state Legal Metrology Department has issued a show-cause notice to an Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) terminal near Bengaluru over 'deficiencies' in fuel calibrations.

The notice, dated November 25, flagged "discrepancies…in the measurement of ethanol and motor gasoline through mass flow meters" at the IOCL terminal in Devanagonthi, the office of Rizwan Arshad, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Legal Metrology, said.The notice, served to the deputy general manager in charge of the terminal on Friday, seeks a written explanation within seven days over the alleged discrepancies.The development comes close on the heels of the Karnataka government writing to the Centre regarding excess ethanol quantities, in excess of the mandated 20 per cent, allegedly being blended in E20 petrol sold by public sector oil companies in the state.

'Excess supply of 14 litres of ethanol'

"An examination of the mass flow meters revealed an excess supply of 14 litres of ethanol for every 3,000 litres. Conversely, it was found that the quantity of motor gasoline supplied was four to six litres short for every 3,000 litres," Arshad said.The Legal Metrology Department said it tested the mass flow meters at the IOCL terminal using the 'master proving' test method. The inspection allegedly revealed that the meter at one bay (number 9) was dispensing an excess of 14 litres of ethanol for every 3,000 litres, while a shortfall of four to six litres was observed in the motor gasoline.The inspection allegedly also showed that another mass flow meter (at Bay No. 4) was dispensing an excess of three litres of ethanol for every 3,000 litres, Arshad said."These discrepancies exceed the permissible limits prescribed under the applicable Legal Metrology Act and rules. The department noted in its inspection report that this results in inaccuracies in the measured quantity of petroleum products, which could adversely affect the interests of consumers, distributors, and other stakeholders," the minister added.



Explain discrepancies: Legal Metrology Department

The department has sought the reasons for the discrepancies and for measures to be taken to ensure the accuracy of mass flow meters and associated batch control units, along with records of the most recent calibration and maintenance."It has been instructed that the relevant measurement systems must not be used for any commercial transactions until their accuracy and compliance with legal standards are verified," the department has warned.In a letter to Hardeep Puri, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, on November 17, Arshad had sought display of the actual ethanol blend at every pump, the ethanol percentage on every bill, a choice of lower-blend fuel, an independent testing mechanism and an E20 compensation fund.

In a bind after SP's solo act, Congress weighs up both-individual & joint manifestos

The party yet to constitute manifesto committee for upcoming polls, as it prepares for another round of seat-sharing talks

Lucknow.(Agency)

With its alliance partner Samajwadi Party (SP) taking the lead by announcing its manifesto promises ahead of the 2027 Uttar Pradesh elections, the Congress seems to be in a catch-22 situation.The party, which is still to constitute its manifesto committee for the elections, is now weighing on the timing and content of its manifesto even as it prepares for another round of seat-sharing discussions with its ally.Also, it is considering to announce two manifestos — individual as well as joint — by incorporating mutually agreed upon commitments of the two partners.



Speaking to a senior Congress leader sought to downplay the implications of the SP releasing its first set of promises independently, saying there was nothing unusual about the development.We had done it in Bihar as well. There would be a joint manifesto for sure, and we can come up with a separate manifesto as well. But one fact remains that ideologically, as alliance partners, we support each other," the leader said.

Another party leader, however, said their immediate priority was to set the alliance arrangements in place and ensure the Congress secures a respectable share of seats before getting into the details of a common manifesto.

"First, let the alliance be decided. The next round of meetings is scheduled in early December. The Congress' main focus is to get a respectable number of seats. As far as the manifesto is concerned, the party is soon going to announce its manifesto committee.

We will have our own set of promises for the people of Uttar Pradesh, as we have done in the past. Once the alliance materialises, we can come out with a joint set of promises that are mutually agreed upon, if required," the leader said.

The SP's decision to unveil its first set of promises on Constitution Day, with a special emphasis on "social justice" and the PDA (Pichhda, Dalit, Alpsankhyak) constituency, has also brought into focus the challenge before the Congress of carving out its own political and ideological space within the alliance.While both parties are keen to project unity against the BJP in the run-up to the 2027 polls, the question of seat-sharing and the extent of political space available to Congress remains a key concern within the party.Meanwhile, a day after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's visit to the party headquarters in Lucknow, where he conveyed a strong message to leaders against internal bickering and stressed the need for collective work to defeat the BJP, discussions have also begun within the state unit over the extent to which the party should accommodate its alliance partner.

Andhra Pradesh Cabinet pitches for investment protection

VIJAYAWADA.(Agency)

The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, met virtually for nearly three hours on Friday, and approved a 30-point agenda spanning industrial investments, capital development, energy projects, and land record reforms.According to sources, the Cabinet also deliberated on status notes for the proposed Investment Protection Act aimed at safeguarding investor commitments, and ensuring policy continuity across changes in government.

Unveiled at the 31st CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam by Naidu and IT Minister Nara Lokesh, the proposed Investment Protection Act is designed to shield businesses from sudden policy reversals and project reviews when regime changes.Likely to be introduced in the upcoming Assembly session, the proposed bill seeks to stop incoming governments from arbitrarily revoking land allotments, altering agreed land and water pricing, with retrospective applicability covering investments made since 2024.

Cabinet clears Amaravati works, power projs

It also pairs with a prospective escrow mechanism to ring-fence tax collections for timely incentive payouts, while State leaders have urged the Centre to consider a similar national framework.The Cabinet also approved the land allotment and pricing policy of the AP Industrial Corridors Corporation, cleared a greenfield chemical park under the Bhavya Rasayan scheme at Mulapeta in Srikakulam district, and sanctioned a State-guaranteed `1,500-crore bridge loan from the AP Power Finance Corporation to develop the Kosalanagaram Industrial Park.Further, it cleared six major industrial investment proposals signed during the CII Partnership Summit, involving around Rs 36,000 crore in investments.Among them, the Cabinet sanctioned Kia India's second integrated automobile plant at Erramanchi in Penukonda mandal of Sri Sathya Sai district with an investment of 19,000 crore, and an employment potential of 12,000 jobs, Adani Enterprises' Integrated Titanium Complex in Srikakulam at `13,667 crore generating 765 jobs, and a Saint-Gobain float glass manufacturing unit at Atchutapuram in Anakapalli.

AI job fears drive students back to core engineering courses in Gujarat

Ahmedabad.(Agency)

Eighteen-year-old Dixit Patel was clear in his head that he wanted to be an engineer, a first in his family. As the admission process completed in October, Patel had chosen Civil Engineering, not Computer Science.Admissions to core engineering courses — mechanical, electrical, civil and electronics — witnessed a nearly three-fold spike this year in Gujarat compared to last year, a trend academics attributed to "job prospects" and Artificial Intelligence (AI) takeover.

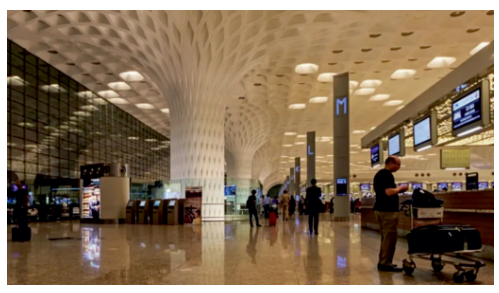
Reasoning his decision to choose Civil, Patel, now a student at LD Engineering College, one of Gujarat's oldest government colleges, Told The Indian Express, "With infrastructural development, there are better placement and government job opportunities. Artificial Intelligence cannot replace you at the construction site."Several students like Patel have preferred core engineering courses over computing-related disciplines, enrolment data for the new academic term across the 140 engineering colleges in Gujarat shows.Till last year, an average of 1,500 students would take each of these core engineering courses and the figure has risen to 4,000 this year.The overall number of students enrolling for Computer Science, which is 23,640, however, beats the sum of those enrolling in the Mechanical, Electrical, Civil and Electronics, ie, 16,525 for 2026.Nearly a decade ago, the enrolment in the core engineering courses had dropped to an extent that the government had to cut down the intake quota while increasing seats in computer-related disciplines. While seats taken in computer engineering dropped, those in Robotics and Automation saw a rise from 32% in 2024-25 to 82% in 2025-26 of the total seats getting filled."Job prospects have improved both in terms of average salary and the number of placements in the core branches. The seats in government colleges for these conventional branches are completely filled, even in colleges in (remote areas of) Dahod, Godhra, Morbi and Kutch, which earlier went vacant," N N Bhuptani, member-secretary of the Admission Committee for Professional Courses (ACPC), said."You may find an unemployed computer engineer, but not a jobless civil, mechanical or electronics engineer now," Bhuptani, who is also the principal of LD Engineering.



Landed in Mumbai, then a kilometre walk with bags: Inside the cab mess at Adani's T2

Mumbai.(Agency)

Passengers arriving at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport's Terminal 2 (T2) faced long waits and mounting queues for app-based taxis on Thursday, with many struggling to find rides home following a recent rearrangement of pickup and parking facilities.The inconvenience comes weeks after Mumbai airport authorities shifted app-based cab pickups from Parking 4 (P4) to Parking 6 (P6), while P4, which earlier facilitated VIP and private vehicle pickups, was reassigned. The move has drawn complaints from passengers over longer waiting times, additional walking and limited cab options.Andheri resident Garvita Sharma, who arrived on a flight from Delhi, said it took her nearly as long to reach home as the one hour and 45 minutes she had spent on the flight. "I kept on trying multiple ride-hailing platforms, but was unable to secure an available Uber and eventually booked a Rapido. However, the driver asked me to walk nearly a kilometre to an exit for the pickup, dragging my bag along," Sharma said.The change has also posed difficulties for elderly international travellers, some of whom said their drivers earlier picked them up from P6, a short distance from the arrival gates."They now have to negotiate two escalators to reach the designated pickup area.Currently, Uber is the only app-based aggregator operating pickups from P6, following the removal of the counters of platforms such as Ola and Rapido. Passengers have reported waiting up to 25 minutes for an Uber, with some opting for higher-priced Uber XL rides amid the shortage of regular cabs.A spokesperson for Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) said the rearrangement was aimed at accommodating changing passenger travel patterns."App-based taxis account for nearly 40 per cent of parking and pickup traffic at T2," the spokesperson said, adding that the P4-P6 interchange would allow more passengers to benefit from a convenient pickup experience.MIAL also said Uber accounts for over .



Sacred Sheshnag at a fragile crossroads

EN route to the Amarnath Yatra, beyond Pahalgam, knowledgeable pilgrims take a dip at Sheshnag, a glacial lake that is a node in Kashmir's sacred geography. The entire Yatra route is a landscape in which ancient mythology is fascinatingly intertwined with modern ecology.

The immediate spark for the current uproar, however, is not the ancient lore but contemporary imagery — heavy excavators operating near the shoreline of the turquoise alpine lake. The local government has described the activity as post-Yatra track widening and stabilisation of the existing route, intended to improve pilgrim safety and reduce congestion, with claims of environmental safeguards and controlled disposal of material.The concerns voiced by glaciologists, environmental groups and local stakeholders are very real: loose glacial deposits and steep terrain do not readily absorb mechanical disturbance. Even limited excavation can accelerate sedimentation, alter natural drainage or weaken the physical barriers that currently contain the lake.

To be clear, the annual Amarnath Yatra, with its revered mythology, is not in conflict with the ecology. For nearly two centuries, generations of pilgrims have traversed the route with ponies and on foot. The question is one of scale, structure and method. Widening tracks with heavy machinery at the edge of a high-risk glacial lake compresses time and force into a system that has evolved slowly.The vulnerable ecology and sacred geography are not separate here. The Kashmiri Naga tradition treats such waters as a living presence whose disturbance carries consequences of undermining not just the ecology but the underlying belief system as well.

Legend has it that arvati, distressed by her repeated deaths while Shiva remained immortal, urged him to reveal the secret of his immortality. The two then journeyed to the isolated Amarnath Cave so that Shiva could narrate the Amar Katha to her.On the way, in an attempt to maintain secrecy, Shiva released his snakes at Sheshnag Lake. He did it after leaving Nandi at Pahalgam and the crescent moon at Chandanwari. At Mahagunas Parvat, he left his son Ganesha, and finally renounced the five elements at Panjtarni, thereby shedding all worldly attachments.Symbolically, this legend carries an implicit rule of restraint. Pilgrims and local people could come to the lake, halt there and perform rituals, but the stories did not authorise them to remake the landscape. The holy quality of the place itself was understood to limit what humans should do to it.The 12th-century chronicle Rajatarangini, which contains the earliest literary reference to Sheshnag, describes the lake not as a neutral body of water but a dwelling of a powerful divine being. To dig into its banks, level its shore or widen a track right beside it would be to interfere with that dwelling.

Kalhana's description is not incidental; it maps a local Naga-origin story onto the broader Vaishnava cosmology of the cosmic ocean. It is also perhaps the only place where the Shaivite tradition of the pilgrimage becomes significant from a Vaishnavite perspective. Later tradition held that the cosmic serpent Shesha, on whom Vishnu reclines, occupied the waters. From that association the popular name Sheshnag arose.

The image is precise. Shesha is the thousand-hooded nagaraja on whom Vishnu reclines and supports the worlds.

Who has a development plan for Punjab

The hard reality is that electoral politics has pushed developmental concerns to the margins of public discourse



S the 2027 Assembly elections approach, Punjab's political landscape is being dominated by rallies, shifting loyalties, alliances and increasingly sharp attacks on rivals. Each party is striving to sway voters in its favour, either to capture power or to hold on to it. Yet one fundamental question remains unanswered: what vision of development do they offer Punjab for the next decade?

Opposition parties blame the present government for the drug menace and debt crisis. However, the political narratives largely overlook the state's deeper structural challenges of unemployment, migration, demographic imbalance, agrarian distress, declining industrial base and the weakening of higher education. Equally disturbing is the near absence of political outrage over the pollution of Punjab's rivers and other water bodies.Buy MapsThe development crisis is threatening Punjab's economic competitiveness, social stability and institutional capacity.The hard reality is that electoral politics has pushed developmental concerns to the margins of public discourse. This is neither accidental nor a sudden development. It reflects a deeper transformation in political culture which has altered the relationship between politics, governance and the electorate.The rapid expansion of social media has further accelerated this shift. Political performance and accountability have increasingly given way to image-building, electoral messaging, political accusations and carefully crafted narratives.Follow PoliticsThese are long-term commitments whose outcomes can be measured and governments held responsible for their failures.

On the other side, electoral marketing offers immediate political dividends without accountability. Parties compete through announcements, promises and welfare commitments rather than development outcomes.

The fiscal implications of this approach cannot be ignored. Expenditure on power subsidies rose from Rs 13,443 crore in 2021-22 to Rs 19,372 crore in 2025-26. Similarly, the expenditure on free bus travel for women rose from Rs 495 crore in 2022 to Rs 600 crore in 2026. In 2026, Rs 9,300 crore was earmarked for the "Mukh Mantri Mawan Dheeyan Satkar Yojana", of which Rs 3,934.80 crore was disbursed to 80.05 lakh women.Buy MapsAccording to PRS Legislative Research's Punjab Budget Analysis 2026-27, the state's outstanding liabilities increased from 43.6% of GSDP in 2022-23 to 45.2% in the revised estimates for 2025-26. The outstanding liabilities are approximately Rs 4.48 lakh crore. This growing burden, alongside committed expenditure and revenue deficits, restricts the state's fiscal flexibility to invest in infrastructure, industrial development, education and healthcare.

The critical question is not simply how much Punjab is borrowing, but whether these borrowings are generating productive assets and strengthening the state's future revenue-generating capacity.Buy Maps

Political compulsions have taken over discussion on development crisis. Any party questioning the affordability or sustainability of existing electoral promises risks being portrayed by its opponents as anti-poor.Consequently, parties find it politically safer to outbid one another on financial assistance and subsidies. Immediate financial benefits are tangible and electorally visible, whereas the benefits of industrial revival, quality education, productive employment and institutional reform take years to materialise.This asymmetry is theroot cause of the altered electoral incentives. The damage, therefore, is not only merely fiscal but also a gradual transformation of public expectations and the standards by which political performance is judged.

Welfare programmes and financial assistance are essential instruments of social protection, particularly for the poor and vulnerable households facing economic distress.

However, the responsibility of an elected government extends beyond providing relief. The welfare initiatives should strengthen people's capabilities and expand their opportunities. The objective should be to reconcile social protection with productive investment, not to treat them as competing priorities.Data analysis shows that Punjab's economic and institutional challenges of mounting debt, unemployment, migration, stagnant industry and water pollution have accumulated over several years and cannot be attributed exclusively to one political party. Successive governments have failed, in varying degrees, to address several structurl weaknesses.Buy MapsSimilarly, voters have failed to fix the accountability of the elected representatives. Democracy empowers them to choose and reject candidates every five years. They can question and seek accountability from the elected representatives. The changing political culture has enabled parties to shape public opinion, influence the perception of voters through social media and other communication platforms.This often overshadow questions of governance and performance. For Punjab to regain its lost direction and walk on the path of development, voters need to decisively question governments and hold them accountable.The purpose of the 2027 Assembly election should not merely warrant a change of government. A change in the direction of governance and development is needed. The election should be about more than who forms the next government. The state needs a political agenda that places productive investment above short-term political gains, employment above electoral rhetoric.

26/11 justice elusive : Pak-based plotters yet to be brought to book

The Tribune Editorial : The delay in the execution of proclamation orders against six absconding accused underlines the procedural and diplomatic challenges confronting investigators

EIGHTEEN years after the horrific 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, the wounds inflicted on India remain far from healed. While the nation remembers the 166 lives lost and pays tribute to the brave security personnel who made the supreme sacrifice, a disturbing reality persists: several key conspirators behind the carnage continue to evade justice in Pakistan. Among the six accused are Lashkar-e-Taiba chief Hafiz Saeed, operations commander Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, Sajid Mir, Abdur Rehman Pasha and two intelligence officers. Despite being convicted and sentenced on terror financing charges, Saeed and Lakhvi are reportedly still operating without let or hindrance. India's plea for Saeed's extradition remains pending, while repeated requests for evidence and cooperation from Pakistan have made little progress.The contrast is stark. Ajmal Kasab, the only attacker to be captured, was tried, convicted and executed in 2012. US-based David Coleman Headley provided crucial testimony, while Tahawwur Rana was extradited from the US last year to face trial in India. Yet the alleged masterminds and handlers are still beyond India's legal reach. The delay in the execution of proclamation orders against six absconding accused underlines the procedural and diplomatic challenges confronting investigators. Although Indian law permits trials in absentia under specified conditions, fixing accountability requires sustained efforts.Buy MapsPakistan's failure to bring those accused of orchestrating the attacks to justice raises grave doubts about its avowed commitment to combating terrorism. The international community must demand credible action rather than accept symbolic punishment or assurances. India, which has continued to face cross-border terrorism since 26/11, must miss no opportunity to expose Pakistan's duplicity on the terror front.



The cost of denying armed forces equitable pay

India-Nepal trade punches far below potential. Prime Minister Balendra Shah's recent visit resulted in plans for cross-border logistical, financial and energy links that can realise the promise. Healthcare, pharma and tourism exchanges can boom. A high-level monitoring group can help assure outcomes

THERE is a category of injustice that masquerades as prudence. It is the kind that hides behind spreadsheets, procedural notes and the polished language of fiscal responsibility. The continued denial of non-functional upgradation (NFU) to the Indian armed forces belongs to this category. Defended by those in authority on grounds of "financial implications", this position betrays a fundamental misunderstanding of what national security actually costs and what it is actually built upon.Buy MapThe NFU is a pay parity mechanism, extended to officers of organised Group A Central Services, that grants a higher pay scale when their counterparts in the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) move upward, even in the absence of a direct promotion. It is, in essence, the State's acknowledgment that officers who serve within structured hierarchies and who may be constrained by limited promotion opportunities, deserve to be treated equitably, relative to the broader civil services architecture. Every major organised service enjoys this benefit. The armed forces alone do not. It is a policy choice. And it demands justification.The government's defence against extending NFU to the military is rooted in financial caution. This argument commits what philosophers call a category error — it applies the logic of one domain to a question that belongs to an entirely different one.National security institutions are not analogous to commercial enterprises or standard administrative departments. Their outputs — deterrence, territorial integrity, crisis response, civil order during catastrophe — cannot be measured in quarterly returns or audited against input costs. The armed forces exist to guarantee the very preconditions under which economic activity, democratic governance and civilian administration become possible. To subject them to a narrow cost-benefit calculus is a logical inversion of the relationship between the State and its security apparatus.Moreover, the financial argument fails even on its own terms. The actual fiscal outlay involved in extending NFU to the armed forces, relative to the overall defence budget and the total government expenditure, is modest. Studies and submissions by veterans' organisations and parliamentary standing committees have underscored this point. The projected cost is not trivial, but it is far from prohibitive — particularly for a nation that routinely finds resources for infrastructure projects, electoral expenditures and the exponential growth of the civilian bureaucracy.Beyond finances lies the deeper question of institutional equity. The Indian State is structured around a hierarchy of services, each with defined roles, responsibilities and entitlements. Within this framework, certain benefits signal the State's recognition of the unique demands placed upon particular institutions. The NFU, in this sense, is a symbolic marker of institutional parity.Buy Maps

When the State extends the NFU to the Indian Forest Service, the Indian Revenue Service, the Indian Postal Service, and dozens of other organised cadres, while excluding the armed forces, it constructs a visible hierarchy of institutional valuation. The message, whether intended or not, is unambiguous: those who collect taxes, manage forests and deliver mail are worthy of pay parity; those who defend the nation's borders and die in its service are not.

Over time, institutional inequities crystallise into social attitudes. They shape the way officers perceive their own standing within the State system. They influence the manner in which civil-military relations are



conducted. And they send a signal — internally and externally — about how seriously the nation takes its own defence commitments.The armed forces are bound by a discipline that prohibits public assertion of grievance. Their silence is not consent. It is the highest form of institutional loyalty — and it must not be exploited.Military scholarship identifies morale as a force multiplier of the highest order. An army that believes in its cause, its leadership and the fairness of the system it serves within, fights with a qualitatively different intensity than one corroded by grievance. Morale is strategic capital.Officers in the armed forces operate under conditions that defy civilian comparison. Prolonged postings in high-altitude terrain, active insurgency zones, forward positions along contested borders — these hardships involve sacrifice: of comfort, of family life, of physical and psychological health, and in the most ultimate sense, of life itself. The ethos that sustains commitment under such conditions is inseparable from a foundational expectation of fairness.When that expectation is frustrated, the damage is institutional. Serving officers weigh the costs and benefits of continued service. When those costs include discrimination in pay parity and benefits are framed in terms of "national duty" rather than equitable treatment, the calculus shifts. The armed forces' retention crisis, particularly at the level of colonels and brigadiers, the grade levels most affected by NFU denial, is related to it.

If the State is serious about professionalising and modernising its military — an aspiration expressed in every defence review and strategic document of the past two decades — it must reckon with the fact that professional excellence requires a professional environment, which cannot coexist with institutionalised inequity.

There is a cruel irony embedded in this debate. The armed forces are excluded from the benefit because they are what they are: disciplined, apolitical and prohibited from functioning as a lobby. Their ethos demands silence where other groups would demand redress.

CRPF takes over Thirupparankundram Hill security as Deepam preparations begin; Muslims visit Dargah atop hill

Tamil Nadu .(Agency)

Preparations are underway at Thirupparankundram Hill for the ceremonial lighting of the Karthigai Deepam at the Deepathoon stone pillar on Saturday, with CRPF personnel assuming full control of security and surveillance at the hill.

Temporary platform and scaffolding construction has begun around the Deepathoon atop the Hill this morning, in preparation for the court-ordered Karthigai Deepam ceremony.

Workers are erecting a temporary platform and scaffolding around the stone pillar to facilitate safe access for the temple priests (sthanikars) and court-appointed receivers when placing and lighting the ceremonial cauldron.The preparations are taking place under the direct security cover of the newly deployed CRPF personnel, who have cordoned off the required 50-metre buffer zone around the nearby Sikandar Badusha Dargah.BJP leaders Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan, L Murugan, and Nainar Nagenthran, besides Hindu Munnani.

Karnataka Session expenditure estimated at Rs 38 crore

KOCHI.(Agency)

The nine-day winter session of the Karnataka Legislature, scheduled to be held at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi from December 2 to 11, is expected to cost the state exchequer Rs 38.55 crore, marking an increase of Rs 9.31 crore over last year.According to official estimates, the Deputy Commissioner's office accounts for the highest expenditure of Rs18.65 crore, followed by the police department at Rs 11.43 crore, and the Public Works Department at Rs 8.47 crore.

The State Government has attributed the increase to inflation, rising fuel prices, higher food costs and extensive security and transport arrangements. Sources said the session expenditure generally increases by around 10% annually due to inflation.The rise in petrol and diesel prices and the cost of food supplies have also contributed to the higher estimate. The expenditure on the previous session in 2025 stood at Rs 29.24 crore, compared to Rs 15.30 crore in 2024. In 2023, it had touched Rs 23 crore.The first session held in Belagavi in 2006 cost around Rs 5 crore. So far, 14 sessions have been held in Belagavi.Security arrangements constitute a major component of the expenditure. Around 6,000 police personnel were deployed during last year's session, compared to the usual strength of about 4,000, taking security-related expenditure.

Nine Bills on agenda for third session of Keralam assembly beginning on November 30

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. (Agency)

The third session of the 16th Kerala Legislative Assembly, beginning on November 30, will take up nine Bills, including two amendments to university laws, a proposed legislation on the establishment and regulation of private universities, and a Bill on sports persons' welfare and sports development."The session will continue until December 10, with nine sitting days earmarked for legislative business.



Eight days have been set apart for legislative business and one day for non-official members' business, Speaker Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan told reporters here on Friday.Among the key legislations on the agenda are the University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026, and the University Laws (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2026 that deal mainly with the composition of search committees for vice-chancellor selection. The house will also consider the Keralam Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) and Keralam Knowledge Valley (Facilitation and Development) Bill, 2026.The latter is a single piece of legislation covering both the regulation of private universities and the facilitation and development.

New Maharashtra traffic rules: Repeat offenders risk licence suspension — what pending challans will block

RTOs will track five or more traffic violations a year from January 1, 2026, while unpaid e-challans freeze RC, PUC, and ownership transfers.

Mumbai(Agency)

Maharashtra has tightened traffic violation rules, introducing stricter consequences for those who repeatedly violate traffic laws and do not clear their challans. Under the new directive issued by the State Transport Commissioner, motorists who repeatedly violate traffic rules now risk losing their driving licences, and vehicles with pending e-traffic challans may face restrictions on several transport-related services.In a circular dated November 6, Transport Commissioner Rajesh Narvekar directed all Regional Transport Officers (RTOs) and Deputy Regional Transport Officers (Dy RTOs) to initiate action against traffic violations and pending challans.

Why was this directive issued?

The circular comes after a recent Supreme Court directive in a 2012 public interest litigation (PIL), seeking strict enforcement of existing motor vehicle laws, safer road engineering, and faster trauma care.Taking note of the petitioner's concerns, the apex court directed states, Union Territories, and the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to respond to it.

In January this year, MoRTH notified the Central Motor Vehicles (Third Amendment) Rules, which outline several provisions for the issuance of challans and penalties for repeat offenses.The norms mention that individuals who have been served challans either digitally or physically must accept and pay the penalty or contest it within 45 days.

Who is a repeat offender?

Under the amended Rule 21(1)(25) of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, a person holding a driving licence who violates provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, or the rules made under it five or more times in a period of one year starting January 1, 2026, will have their driving licence



suspended.Rule 21 says: An individual using mobile phones while driving, committing an assault while driving, overspeeding, etc would be deemed to have committed an act of public nuisance or an act endangering public safety.If an individual commits over five such offenses, their license is likely to be suspended or cancelled.Importantly, offences registered during a previous one-year period will not be carried forward while the violations for the subsequent year are being calculated.This means that the violation count will be assessed separately for each one year.To make it simpler to understand, if a motorist commits three offences in one year and two more in the following year, the offences will not automatically be clubbed to make five. The count for the subsequent year will begin afresh.

Actions against repeat offenders

A process exists to identify and take action against habitual traffic violators.First, RTOs have been instructed to regularly check e-challans registered against driving licence holders and compile the offence information registered against each driver.The number of offences committed.

A century-old marker of Mumbai's coastline makes way for a tunnel

After 106 years at Girgaon, the Kennedy Sea Face lamp post was found dismantled behind a curtain for the Marine Drive–Orange Gate tunnel. Return set for Dec 2028.

Mumbai.(Agency)

For 106 years, a 20-foot lamp post of basalt and limestone stood on Mumbai's western seafront at Girgaon, with three lights at its top and an inscription at its centre that read, "Kennedy Sea Face. Commenced 18th December 1915. Completed 1920." Earlier this week, it was found lying in pieces behind a curtain.The lamp post marked a retaining wall that Michael Kavanagh Kennedy, a British engineer and secretary to the then Bombay Government's Public Works Department (PWD), began building on December 18, 1915, decades before global warming and rising sea levels became part of mainstream discourse, to protect the western seafront along the present-day Girgaon coast from sea erosion and tidal waves. When it was completed in 1920, the new seafront was named after him — Kennedy Sea Face, now known as Marine Drive.It remained a quiet marker of a little-known chapter in Mumbai's coastal history until this week, when the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) dismantled it to make way for a 6.5-km twin-tube tunnel connecting Marine Drive to Orange Gate, a project estimated to cost Rs 8,065 crore.The dismantling came to light after Pradip Patade, a water sports instructor and member of the Mafatlal Bath Club, noticed the structure missing."Earlier this week, while entering the club, I realised that the view towards the gateway felt unusual. I noticed that the authorities had erected a curtain. I peeped behind it and discovered that the lamp post was lying



on the ground in a dismantled state. I took photographs, circulated them on social media and asked local citizens about it. That is when I learnt that the authorities had dismantled it to make way for the tunnel," Patade said."The Mumbai Heritage Conservation Committee (MHCC) has cleared the temporary shifting of the lamp post to make way for the ongoing work of the tunnel, after which it was dismantled by the MMRDA. Since the lamp is a heritage structure, it will be relocated to its original location after the work is completed," Santosh Salunkhe, Assistant Municipal Commissioner with the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), told The Indian Express."Being a heritage structure the lamp post will be preserved in as is condition through a heritage architect empanelled by the BMC and MHCC. Before relocating it to its original position, the lamp post will also be cleaned and restored to its original condition, ensuring due care is taken to preserve its heritage value and existing feature," said the MMRDA in a written response to .The agency also maintained that the current deadline for completion of the tunnel is December 2028 and that the lamp post will be restored to its original position once the tunnel is ready.Bharat Gothoskar, founder of heritage tour organisation Khaki Tours, said the original western coast of the island of Bombay ran along what is today Maharshi Karve Road. In the late 1860s, the present-day Western Railway tracks between Mumbai Central and Churchgate were laid along this coast. Land between Girgaon Chowpatty and the Parsi Gymkhana was subsequently reclaimed from the sea as part of the Back Bay Reclamation."The lamp post is one of the few surviving markers of history on how Mumbai's west coast, which is today's Marine Drive and Girgaon, came into being. We hope a reputed conservationist is involved.

Opposition welcomes arrest of Kallakurichi MLA, chastises TVK govt

CHENNAI.(Agency)

After the arrest of Kallakurichi TVK MLA C Arul Vignesh, DMK president MK Stalin on Friday demanded action against those who allegedly exerted pressure on the woman IAS officer to strike a compromise in the sexual harassment complaint.Stalin alleged several ministers and leaders of the TVK allies had joined hands to dismiss the complaint and issue a "conduct certificate" to the MLA in an attempt to protect him.He also accused them of spreading derogatory content on social media to mentally "harass" the complainant.Praising the woman official for standing firm despite the pressure, Stalin said she had courageously lodged the complaint despite attempts to intimidate her.He said the MLA had been arrested only after the Madras High Court and the National Commission for Women exerted pressure.

Stalin demanded that those who delayed action and pressured the complainant for a compromise should also face action."We will not rest until a fair investigation is conducted and everyone involved is punished," he said.DMK deputy general secretary and MP Kanimozhi Rajathi Karunanidhi, taking a swipe at the delay in action, said in an X post, "At last, it happened.

I was beginning to think they were waiting for the tectonic plates to shift, or for aliens to descend, to arrest him."AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami claimed the arrest was the result of his party's sustained protests. Stating it was a major victory for the AIADMK, he said, "Just a reminder - you did not arrest him; we made you arrest him."Palaniswami also demanded action against everyone who had allegedly spread false information claiming no such incident had taken place.TNCC president Manickam Tagore welcomed the arrest, saying it was a commendable step.He said the government's approach of taking action without hesitation, even when those in positions of power are involved in wrongdoing, reaffirmed that everyone is equal before the law.

Gujarat High Court relief to SRP constable convicted for desertion

Vadodara.(Agency)

The Gujarat High Court has given interim relief to a State Reserve Police Force constable from Kutch who was convicted for desertion of duty by a lower court 14 years after the alleged act.The SRP is a specialised armed police force working under the Gujarat Police. The constable, Vikramsinh Jadeja, was sent for a training programme to Junagadh where he joined on April 6, 2012 and left it on May 19 without informing his seniors.The prosecution alleged that on May 19 that year, at about 5 pm, Jadeja left the centre without informing an officer and did not report back for duty. Jadeja said in his application before the High Court that he was unwell and was at his native place in Shivalakha in Bhachau taluka of Kutch district, and was therefore unable to resume duty despite notices from his superiors.He also argued that the prosecution had failed to establish that he was on "active duty" when he left the centre, which he said was an essential ingredient of the offence.The application stated that Jadeja's name was removed from the basic training course in June 2012 and he was directed to return to his group. A complaint was lodged on October 24, 2012.Jadeja reported for duty at Group 17, Chela, Jamnagar, on October 29– five days after the complaint was lodged– and continued in service. He was arrested on November 7 and released on bail on November 23 that year. He has also contended in the appeal that he did not face any departmental proceedings and the government continued to employ him for about 14 years.A sessions court in Junagadh convicted Jadeja, who was posted in SRP Group XVI, on October 27, sentencing him to 20 months of imprisonment under Sections of the Bombay State Reserve Police Force Act,



1951. Justice Vimal K Vyas allowed Jadeja's application filed through advocate Utkarsh Dave, seeking suspension of sentence in his appeal against the October 27, 2026, judgment of the 7th Additional Sessions Judge, Junagadh.Jadeja submitted that he had remained on bail throughout the trial, had no criminal antecedents and faced a fixed term of imprisonment. He argued that the appeal was unlikely to be heard soon and that serving the sentence before its disposal could render the appeal ineffective. He also said the conviction could lead to his dismissal from service, with "irreversible consequences" for his family.

Vadodara University's law student can pursue IIT Madras online course, Bar Council tells High Court

Ahmedabad.(Agency)

With her December 1 examinations just days away, a fourth-year law student of The Maharaja Sayajirao University in Vadodara has received a crucial reprieve with the Bar Council of India (BCI) clarifying that her enrolment in an online programme at IIT Madras does not disqualify her from continuing her law degree.The BCI submitted its clarification before the High Court on Friday adhering to its November 17 order. The BCI said that the student was pursuing a distance-learning programme and was eligible to continue her legal education.

On Friday, Justice Niral R Mehta, who was hearing the petition, took note of the reply and adjourned the matter to February next.The clarification answers the question that had prompted MSU to make her admission "provisional" in October. With the BCI having confirmed her eligibility, the university, as per the rules, will now restore the petitioner's admission to regular status, allowing her to appear for the December 1 examinations without the uncertainty surrounding her enrolment in the IIT Madras programme.The development follows a November 17 order by Justice P M Raval, directing the BCI to decide the student's representation by November 26, ahead of her examinations. The court had also directed that the university committee's October 29 resolution should not be insisted upon without first considering the BCI's decision in light of the clarification issued by IIT Madras.The student is pursuing the five-year B.A. LL.B. (Honours) programme at MSU's Faculty of Law and is currently in her fourth year. She had enrolled at the foundation level of IIT Madras's online Bachelor of Science programme in



Management and Data Science in September 2024. The dispute arose after the university questioned whether her enrolment in the IIT Madras programme amounted to pursuing a second regular degree, in violation of the BCI's rules governing legal education.The BCI's circular of September 24, 2024, prohibits students pursuing legal education from simultaneously pursuing more than one regular degree programme, while recognising exceptions for distance-learning courses.

NDMC brings back real-life langur cut-outs to tackle monkey menace

Delhi.(Agency)

The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) is bringing back langur cut-outs in a fresh bid to tackle the monkey menace in some of the capital's most prominent neighbourhoods, this time with a more realistic and intimidating appearance, after the animals reportedly grew accustomed to the earlier versions.Officials said the civic body has redesigned the life-size cut-outs of grey langurs and began installing them across NDMC areas on Thursday. The installations cover public spaces as well as locations identified following requests from residents and government establishments.

"Residents regularly approach us with complaints about monkeys in their neighbourhoods. We are putting up the cut-outs at public places on our own as well as at locations from where we receive requests. The new models have been made more realistic and intimidating," an NDMC official said. The initial locations include Charak Palika Hospital, Connaught Place, Teen Murti, B K Dutt Colony and areas around the Prime Minister's Office, following requests from the respective establishments.

The latest exercise follows a similar experiment in 2023, when the civic body installed cut-outs to deter rhesus macaques, commonly known as rhesus monkeys. However, the measure gradually lost its effectiveness as the animals became familiar with the static figures."Monkeys are intelligent animals, and they eventually realised that the cut-outs were not real. The earlier models therefore became ineffective.

Safdarjung hospital denies school dropout worked as contractual doctor

Delhi.(Agency)

Safdarjung Hospital on Friday categorically denied reports claiming that a school dropout had posed as a doctor and worked as a contractual Junior Resident (JR) at the institution, clarifying that the individual named in the reports had never been employed or engaged by the hospital in any capacity.The clarification follows Rajasthan Police's claim of busting an interstate racket involved in supplying forged medical degrees and uploading them on university websites to facilitate registration with medical councils.Three alleged members of the racket, including middleman Satyajit Panigrahi, have been arrested following the interrogation of Ramkishore Mahawar, a Class 11-pass man accused of practising medicine using fake qualifications.In a statement, the hospital said its official records showed that Mahawar had never been employed or engaged by Vardhman Mahavir Medical College (VMMC) and Safdarjung Hospital, including on a contractual basis. It termed reports claiming that he joined as a contractual JR in June 2025 incorrect.

The hospital said it followed prescribed recruitment procedures, with verification of qualifications and credentials forming an integral part of the process. It also reiterated its commitment to institutional integrity, transparency, accountability and patient safety.

Additional Director General of Police (SOG) Vishal Bansal said Mahawar's interrogation led investigators to a network that arranged backdated MBBS, MD and other medical qualifications for several lakh rupees. The gang had divided responsibilities among its members, with different people handling customers, preparing forged documents and uploading them online, Bansal said.The racket came to light during the investigation into Mahawar, who allegedly obtained fake MBBS and MD degrees.

MCD hands over Jama Masjid Heritage Park to DTTDC for 10 years, turns to PPP for upgrading healthcare facilities

Delhi.(Agency)



The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) House on Friday approved handing over the management of Old Delhi's Charti Lal Goel Heritage Park to the Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation (DTTDC) and allowing private operators to set up advanced diagnostic facilities at three MCD-run hospitals.

However, the proposal for the draft solid waste management bye-laws was postponed.Under the first proposal, the 1.7-acre Charti Lal Goel Heritage Park near Jama Masjid will be handed over to DTTDC for maintenance and management for an initial period of 10 years, extendable by five years. Plans are afoot to transform the park as a heritage tourism destination, with cultural evenings, traditional storytelling, heritage walks, art and craft showcases, and curated food offerings among others.

DTTDC will be responsible for its maintenance, security, sanitation, horticulture, civil structures and electrical installations, and will bear electricity and water charges. The civic body will not be providing manpower or financial support, the proposal said. However, the ownership of the land, structures and fixtures will remain with the civic body, with the park to be transferred back after the concession period.

The other proposal seeks to establish CT scan and MRI facilities at Hindu Rao Hospital, Swami Dayanand Hospital and Rajan Babu Institute of Pulmonary Medicine and Tuberculosis under a public-private partnership.

According to the project, installation of 128-slice CT scanners and 1.5 Tesla MRI machines, with an estimated capital investment of around Rs 40 crore and operational expenditure of `80 crore over 10 years, has been planned.The MCD will only provide space and institutional support.

Patients will be charged regulated CGHS-linked rates, with bidders competing by offering discounts against the benchmark rates. The proposed licence fee for the designated hospital space is Rs 1 per month, the proposal stated.The three hospitals collectively recorded over 30.8 lakh outpatient visits and around 1.42 lakh inpatient admissions over the past two years, according to the proposal.

The House has also approved the procurement of 70 mechanical road sweeping machines along with its operation and maintenance for 10 years on the 'service outsourcing' model and the engagement of a contractor by MCD for Toll Tax and Environment Compensation Charge collection at border points from specified commercial vehicles entering Delhi and the upgrade of the existing RFID system to multi-lane free-flow-based collection.

Delhi's 'baraat ghars' fight to survive wedding season

Delhi.(Agency)

As the wedding season is underway in the national capital, several Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)-run community halls, or baraat ghars, are struggling to provide basic amenities, with complaints ranging from inadequate water supply and sewerage problems to blocked toilets and poor maintenance.A ground check by at two of these halls where wedding preparations were underway found facilities in poor condition, raising concerns about civic infrastructure at venues used for social functions. The issue was raised at a Standing Committee meeting last week. The panel ordered a survey of community halls to assess their condition and identify facilities requiring repairs to determine the scale of work required.

Opposition councillor Rafia Mahir flagged four halls: Kaccha Bagh Town Hall in Chandni Chowk, the MCD community hall in Mahavir Vatika, Meerdad Road, and Mahila Hutt.Mahila Hutt reportedly has no water supply or arrangement to bring water to the premises. The Meerdad Road hall faces severe sewerage problems, Mahir said. visited Kaccha Bagh Town Hall and the Mahavir Vatika hall. At Kaccha Bagh, Amina, a cleaner, said oil and other cooking waste after events often flowed into the drain, clogging the sewerage line. "I use a stick to help clear the clogged drain," she said, as she cleared it.The toilets were poor. Nafees, a local resident and social activist, said the hall had been deplorable when his sister got married there in 1990, and little had changed since.Jagannath, a sanitation worker for nearly 20 years, pointed to broken toilet blocks and said repeated attempts to flush failed to clear the waste. The kitchen, where food was being prepared, was unhygienic.At Mahavir Vatika, which reportedly underwent repairs last year, washroom blocks remain broken and water supply is inadequate. Jameel, a local resident, said the wall behind the hall had not been repaired for long.

Gen Z now part of our dictionaries, reels are new kind of pen: Kalli Purie at Sahitya AajTak 2026

The growing influence of Gen Z and the challenges posed by AI to creativity and literature will be the focus of the ninth edition of Sahitya AajTak 2026, which was inaugurated by India Today Group Vice-Chairperson and Executive Editor-in-Chief Kalli Purie on Friday.

Delhi.(Agency)

Gen Z is changing how India speaks and writes, while AI presents both opportunities and challenges for artists, India Today Group Vice-Chairperson Kalli Purie said, as she highlighted the changing literary landscape in the country. Inaugurating the ninth edition of Sahitya AajTak 2026 on Friday in New Delhi, Purie underlined that this year's event was all about new voices, emerging talent and first-timers.In fact, she pointed out that of the more than 300 speakers and performers at the event, 90% were first-timers. "After all, this has been the year of first-timers. Whether it was the Asian Games, Bollywood or politics, it was the underdogs who surprised everyone. This year's Sahitya AajTak has also been inspired by the same spirit," Purie said.

'GEN Z PART OF OUR DICTIONARIES'

Purie, who is also India Today Group's Executive Editor-in-Chief, said many believed the Gen Z had no interest in national issues, but that changed when they raised their voices this year."The echoes were heard by everyone. Gen Z has now become part of all our dictionaries. Reels and memes have become a new kind of pen," Purie said.She was referring to the massive Gen Z protests that gripped Delhi earlier this year against exam paper leaks. The sustained protests eventually forced Dharmendra Pradhan to resign as the Union Education Minister.Reflecting on AajTak's 25-year journey, Purie said sustaining its position in an era of "instant fame" and being forgotten just as quickly was an achievement in itself.

"Instant fame and then being forgotten just as quickly - that seems to be the mood of the younger generation. In such times, Aaj Tak



holding its ground for 25 years is truly remarkable," Purie said.

ON AI CHALLENGES TO CREATIVITY

She also touched upon the challenges posed by AI to creativity and the literary world as a whole. While technology opened up new opportunities for artists, Purie underscored that it also raised concerns, particularly over copyright."In this new age of AI... artists face several new opportunities and challenges. On one hand, there is empowerment; on the other, there are questions of copyright. The only way to find solutions to these issues is by sitting together and having conversations," she further said.On previous occassions, Purie has highlighted how the way forward is not to be fearful of AI. She has asserted that AI and human creativity could coexist in what she called an "AI sandwich".The Sahitya AajTak, India Today Group's flagship literary event, provides a platform for artists across the country to exchange ideas and engage.

Already recalled flagged batch: Bisleri after FSSAI finds bacteria in Bengal sample

Delhi.(Agency)

Bisleri International has sought a review by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) after conflicting laboratory results emerged over the quality of a batch of its packaged drinking water manufactured in West Bengal.The company said independent tests found that samples from the batch met the applicable food safety standards, despite regulatory laboratories reporting the presence of coliform bacteria.The issue concerns Batch PB201, produced at Bisleri's facility in Telipara village in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district. In a statement issued on November 28, the company said it had already recalled the batch following an FSSAI directive that prohibited its sale on August 12, 2026.According to the regulatory findings, both the primary laboratory and the referral food laboratory detected coliform bacteria in the sample collected from the manufacturing facility. Following the findings, FSSAI sanctioned prosecution against Bisleri International under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.Bisleri, however, has questioned the findings, citing separate tests commissioned by the company at two independent laboratories recognised by FSSAI. It said both laboratories found that the samples met the prescribed standard for coliform bacteria as well as other applicable food safety requirements.

BISLERI SEEKS REVIEW OF SAMPLING, TESTING PROCESS

In its statement, Bisleri said the difference between the regulatory and independent laboratory findings warranted a thorough examination. The company has called on FSSAI to review the sampling process, testing methodology, laboratory findings



and other factors that may have contributed to the variation in results."We expect this matter to be assessed against the same standards applied across the industry," the company said, adding that it would continue to cooperate with the food safety regulator to establish the facts.Bisleri also reiterated that drinking water safety remained its priority. The company said it followed stringent quality-control procedures, involving more than 90 tests across a 10-step manufacturing.

Caste census key to ensuring equitable representation, says DMK MP P Wilson

Delhi.(Agency)

A comprehensive caste census is essential to achieve social justice and equitable representation, DMK leader and Rajya Sabha MP P Wilson said, according to news agency Press Trust of India.Wilson said communities that are not counted cannot receive their rightful share in education, employment, political representation and policymaking. He welcomed the inclusion of caste enumeration in Census 2027 and called for transparent and comprehensive data collection, along with the time-bound publication of the findings.Wilson, who is also the convenor of the All India Federation for Social Justice, made the remarks while chairing a seminar on caste census with the theme 'Count us to empower us'. The seminar was held on Friday to mark the birthday of DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin.According to PTI, Wilson recalled the contribution of the Dravidian movement and the sustained efforts of DMK leader M K Stalin in supporting the demand for a caste census. He urged organisations representing Other Backward Classes and other marginalised communities to unite and take the campaign across the country.Participants discussed the need for coordination among organisations from different states and for taking the demand for a comprehensive caste census to the national level, according to a press release. They also stressed that the announcement of caste enumeration should lead to meaningful representation and effective social justice measures.Several speakers appreciated the role of the Dravidian movement and the DMK in advancing social justice,



reservation and representation. They also acknowledged M K Stalin's efforts to raise the demand for a caste census and Udhayanidhi Stalin's work in carrying forward the ideals of social justice, the release said.The speakers said Tamil Nadu's experience in social justice and reservation could serve as a model for the rest of the country. They also appreciated Wilson's interventions in Parliament and the All India Federation for Social Justice's efforts to bring together organisations and movements from across India.

Mates across the board: Gukesh and Sindarov bring warmth to World Championship

Gukesh and Sindarov are locked in a fierce battle for the world title, but there is little sign of hostility off the board. Their easy camaraderie has brought a refreshing warmth to the World Championship match.

New Delhi.(Agency)

Viswanathan Anand had just revealed the names of the players helping him prepare for his 2013 World Championship match against Magnus Carlsen when the Norwegian was asked about his own team. Carlsen, seated beside the Indian, had listened to Anand's answer. His response was delivered with a smile, but there was a little gamesmanship in it."I am not returning the favour," he said.Anand had been unusually forthcoming. In chess, the players who assist a grandmaster with preparation, known as seconds, are an important part of the team. They help analyse opponents, study possible openings and prepare strategies. Their identities and work are usually kept under wraps, particularly before a World Championship match.

Carlsen could simply have declined to answer. Instead, he chose a playful way of pointing out that Anand had revealed something he was not obliged to reveal. The Indian, quick with a response of his own, added another layer to the exchange."Since you can't believe the whole truth, I can answer the question honestly and you will never know whether that's a full truth or not. And the same goes for him. It doesn't matter much," Anand joked.It was a small moment, but one that captured the guarded nature of elite chess. Even a friendly press conference could have its share of competitive



intrigue.In Geneva, however, two 20-year-olds competing for the biggest prize in chess have offered a rather different picture of a World Championship rivalry.

D Gukesh and Javokhir Sindarov have been trying to outwit each other across the board, but their interactions away from it have been remarkably warm. They have arrived for their games on time, exchanged friendly remarks and, perhaps most unusually, shown a willingness to discuss their games together almost immediately after the battles have ended.The most telling moment came after Game 3. Following a gruelling 60-move contest that lasted nearly five hours, the two players sat together and discussed their moves for around five minutes. Rather than immediately retreating to their respective teams, they appeared happy to revisit the battle and exchange thoughts.Their press conferences have offered similar moments. Asked about the friendly atmosphere between the two, Gukesh admitted that they had not interacted much before the match, something he appeared to regret.

"We have not interacted a lot before, unfortunately. But I think we hung out once in GCL (Global Chess League). Obviously, it's a tense match. There is a lot at stake. But we have nothing personal (against each other). Hopefully, the same for him also. But it's fun to compete with someone my age, someone super strong," Gukesh said.Sindarov, meanwhile, appeared keen to enjoy the experience despite the enormous pressure of playing for the world title.

Akash Ambani asked me if I can captain MI again, I was initially hesitant: Rohit Sharma

New Delhi.(Agency)

Rohit Sharma has admitted he was initially reluctant to return as Mumbai Indians captain ahead of the 2027 Indian Premier League, revealing that he needed time to reflect before agreeing to take up the leadership role again. Mumbai Indians reinstated Rohit as captain on Friday, with the 39-year-old set to replace Hardik Pandya, who has moved to Punjab Kings in a trade involving pacer Arshdeep Singh.The decision followed a



conversation with franchise owner Akash Ambani, who approached Rohit to discuss how Mumbai Indians could move forward. While the prospect of leading the franchise again was eventually appealing, Rohit admitted he was initially unsure whether he was ready for the responsibility."I was talking to my wife about it. Akash rang me up, we met, and we discussed what can be done to take this team forward. A lot of ideas were shared," Rohit said in an interview on Mumbai Indians' social media handles.When Akash asked him if he would be open to captaining Mumbai Indians again, Rohit's first instinct was to step back and consider the offer.

NZ vs IND, 2nd Test: Akash Deep takes five, Jasprit Bumrah wicketless after 5 years

New Delhi.(Agency)

Akash Deep stole the show with a five-wicket haul as India bowled New Zealand out for 356 in their first innings on Day 2 of the second Test in Christchurch on Saturday. The Bengal pacer led India's fightback with figures of 5 for 99, while Jasprit Bumrah had an unusually quiet outing, going wicketless in the first innings of an overseas Test for the first time in five years.New Zealand, who



resumed the day at 246 for 5, looked set for a bigger total with Tom Blundell holding one end together. But Akash kept chipping away at the lower order, eventually completing his five-wicket haul as the hosts were dismissed for 356 in 116.3 overs. Blundell was the last recognised batter to fall, departing for 89 after a stubborn 211-ball knock. He had taken New Zealand past 300 and then 330, frustrating the Indian bowlers with his patience and occasional attacking strokes. Akash's effort also earned him a place in an exclusive group. He became the fifth Indian fast bowler in the Statsguru records to claim a five-wicket haul in a Test innings in New Zealand.INDIA PACERS WITH FIFERS IN NEW ZEALAND

Zaheer Khan: 20 wickets in four Tests (2002–2014), with four five-wicket hauls, an economy rate of 2.95 and a strike rate of 32.2; best figures of 5/29 and 12/122.

Ishant Sharma: 17 wickets in three Tests (2014–2020), with three five-wicket hauls, an economy rate of 3.46 and a strike rate of 25.7; best figures of 6/51 and 9/162.

Rishabh Pant's Bhasmasura paradox: The danger of his own brilliance

Christchurch.(Agency)

In Hindu mythology, Bhasmasura was granted a dangerous boon: he could turn anyone to ashes by placing his hand on their head. But the power that made him formidable ultimately became his undoing, as he was tricked into turning it upon himself.

Rishabh Pant's batting has a similar paradox. His audacity can unsettle bowlers, change the momentum of a Test and turn seemingly



impossible situations around. But when that instinct misfires, it can leave India paying a steep price. In Christchurch on Saturday, it did just that.

NZ vs IND 2nd Test Day 2: HIGHLIGHTS | SCORECARD

India were rebuilding at 59/3 against New Zealand in the second Test, having already conceded 356 in the first innings. KL Rahul and Pant had begun steadying the innings, adding 38 runs and taking India towards the 100-run mark. The recovery was fragile, but it was taking shape.Then Pant went after Jacob Duffy once more. The wicketkeeper-batter danced down the track, swung towards midwicket and sliced the ball high. Kyle Jamieson, stationed near point, moved in to complete the catch. Pant was gone for 23 off 39 balls.

India were 96/4. Rahul fell soon after, and the visitors slid to 104/5 before finishing the day at 116/6, still 240 runs behind New Zealand. What had briefly looked like a recovery unravelled, leaving India with a mountain to climb to keep the Test and their already bleak World Test Championship hopes alive.Pant's dismissal brought into focus the paradox of a batter whose greatest weapon can also become his undoing. His attacking instinct is rarely in question. What remains debatable is whether that instinct always serves the situation he finds himself in.

THE PANT PARADOX

Pant had reason to believe he could unsettle Duffy. He had already taken the New Zealand pacer on, stepping down the track and launching him over long-on for six. The intent was unmistakable. Pant wanted to put pressure back on the bowler and prevent him from settling.Dinesh Karthik, speaking on Cricbuzz, felt the opening salvo was characteristic of Pant rather than an"I think that's a bit of a modus operandi for him, where he almost tells the opposition, 'I'm coming hard at you.' After that, he literally played normal cricket for the next 30 deliveries. He didn't do anything untoward or anything we aren't used to seeing in Test cricket.

Kotak then, Bahutule now: India repeat bizarre presser move after batting collapse

Sydney.(Agency)

When you want answers about a batting collapse, the batting coach is usually the best person to provide them. Likewise, when the bowling unit struggles, the bowling coach should ideally be the one to face the music. But when it comes to Indian team management, it almost seems this norm doesn't apply.After India were rattled by New Zealand on Day 2 of the second Test in Christchurch and reduced to 116 for six at stumps, Sitanshu Kotak did not make his way out to face the media. Instead, it was Sairaj Bahutule, India's spin bowling coach, who walked into the press conference.India had pulled off a similar move after Day 1 of the Wellington Test. The bowlers struggled on the day and Kotak, the batting coach, made his way into the press conference to answer questions about the bowling performance.

And on a day when India had bowled only nine overs of spin across the first two days, Bahutule's appearance at the press conference raised a few eyebrows. The recurring pattern of India's coaching staff seemingly swapping responsibilities in front of the media was hard to miss.Bahutule, however, did not shy away from addressing India's batting struggles. He admitted that it had been a disappointing day for the visitors, particularly because the batters had failed to convert their starts into substantial scores.

"You can never say that the game has gone out of reach until the last ball is bowled. But yes, definitely a disappointing day. We couldn't build partnerships. I think every batter got a start, but we couldn't convert those starts into big scores. Partnerships on wickets like these are very crucial, and that's where I think we could have done a little better," he said.



India's collapse was not necessarily down to a lack of intent, according to Bahutule. He felt the batters had their individual plans but acknowledged that some errors in judgement had cost the team dearly."I think every batter has his own plan. Looking at the pitch, they had their plans in place. But yes, some errors happened in terms of judgement. Overall, again, it boils down to partnerships in these situations. Certain players take the aggressive route. It didn't work today, but I think we didn't play to our potential," he added.

WWE star Bronson Reed dies at 38, weeks after competing at Crown Jewel

WWE has announced the death of Bronson Reed, real name Jermaine Haley, at 38 due to medical complications. The active wrestler had competed at Crown Jewel in Saudi Arabia on November 7, weeks before his death.

New Delhi.(Agency)

WWE star Bronson Reed, whose real name was Jermaine Haley, has died at the age of 38 due to medical complications, the wrestling promotion announced on Saturday. Reed had been actively competing in WWE and was involved in a physical sequence at Crown Jewel in Saudi Arabia earlier this month, where he reportedly suffered serious injuries.WWE announced Reed's death in a statement posted on social media, expressing its devastation over the loss of the Australian wrestler."We are devastated to announce that Jermaine Haley, known to WWE fans as Bronson Reed,

passed away earlier today," the promotion saidThe wrestling organisation paid tribute to Reed, describing him as a larger-than-life figure, a phenomenal person, a devoted family man and a beloved colleague. WWE also extended its condolences to Reed's family, friends and fans, including his pregnant wife, Paige, and their daughter..The wrestling organisation paid tribute to Reed, describing him as a larger-than-life figure, a phenomenal person, a devoted family man and a beloved colleague. WWE also extended its condolences to Reed's family, friends and fans, including his pregnant wife, Paige, and their daughter.

CROWN JEWEL INJURIES

Reed's death comes weeks after reports emerged about injuries he sustained during the Crown Jewel premium live event in Saudi Arabia on November 7. Fightful Select reported that Reed remained in Saudi Arabia following the injuries, while Dave Meltzer



subsequently confirmed that the wrestler had suffered broken ribs and a punctured lung.Reed did not have a match on the Crown Jewel card but was involved in a physical sequence during the tag team contest between The Vision, comprising Bron Breakker and Austin Theory,

and Penta and Je'Von Evans.Reed intervened during the match in an attempt to help Breakker and Theory. However, Oba Femi countered his involvement, slamming Reed off the stage onto an area reportedly containing production equipment.The incident was part of a chaotic sequence during the contest, which eventually saw Penta and Evans defeat Breakker and Theory to win the World Tag Team titles. Femi's intervention played a role in the outcome of the match.

MEDICAL SUPPORT

According to Fightful Select, WWE medical personnel remained in Saudi Arabia following Reed's injuries to assist him. The report also noted that a senior international executive in the region was present to ensure Reed received VIP treatment.Reed's condition following the reported injuries had drawn attention in wrestling circles, particularly given the physical nature of the incident at Crown Jewel. WWE, however, did not publicly disclose further details about his medical condition.The promotion's annuncement of his death on Saturday did not establish any connection between the reported injuries at Crown Jewel and the medical complications that led to his death.

RECENT COMEBACK

Reed had endured an extended spell on the sidelines earlier this year after suffering a torn biceps, which kept him out of competition from February until his return in September.

The Australian wrestler reportedly used the time away from the ring to work on his physical conditioning and returned to WWE in what was described as the best shape of his life.His return marked a fresh chapter in his WWE career, with Reed back in action and involved in the promotion's storylines before the reported injuries at Crown Jewel.

Catches dropped, wickets tumble: India let New Zealand seize control on Day 2

New Delhi.(Agency)

Test cricket demands patience, accuracy and game awareness. India failed to turn up with any of the three on Day 2 of the second Test against New Zealand in Christchurch. They dropped catches, allowed New Zealand's lower order to turn a manageable total into 356 and then went about dismantling their own innings with a succession of loose shots. Akash Deep did his job with a five-wicket haul, but too many of his teammates made life easy for the hosts. At stumps, India were 116/6, still 240 runs behind.

CHANCES GO BEGGING IN FIELD

New Zealand resumed at 246/5, with Tom Blundell and Glenn Phillips at the crease. Anshul Kamboj got India off to a good start by removing Phillips for 36, but the breakthrough did not trigger the collapse they were looking for. Blundell dug in, and India's fielders began to make his job easier.Devdutt Padikkal put down chances, while other opportunities to break New Zealand's resistance also went begging. Matt Henry was among those to benefit.



India kept giving the hosts another life, and Blundell was in no mood to turn them down.Nathan Smith proved a willing partner, adding 44 runs with Blundell before Akash Deep held on to a return catch to end the stand. Blundell, playing his 50th Test, continued to frustrate India. He brought up 89 from 211 balls, an innings built on discipline and a willingness to make the bowlers earn every wicket. Gurnoor Brar eventually got him after lunch, but the damage had been done.Akash was the one Indian bowler who kept finding a way through. He removed Jamieson with a short ball and then dismissed Henry to complete his second five-wicket haul in Tests, finishing with 5/99. New Zealand were bowled out for 356 in 116.

RBI relaxes daily CRR requirement to 90%

MUMBAI. (Agency)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reversed the minimum daily Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)) maintenance requirement for banks back to 90% from 99% to ease the banking system's tight liquidity situation by close to Rs 45,000 crore.

The overall CRR continues to be at 3%. The CRR cut will lower the NDTL requirement by 0.1%, giving banks leeway of Rs 80,000 crore to manage in a fortnight instead of overnight. Banks can start maintaining the reduced reserve requirement from the fortnight beginning December 1.

"When the banking system is facing a liquidity shortage of Rs 45,000 crore, the reduction in the CRR requirements prevents spikes in overnight money market and the call money rates and TREPS (Triparty Repo Dealing and Settlement) by giving banks the flexibility to manage day-to-day cash. This reduction gives a leeway of roughly Rs 80,000 crore to be managed within 15 days instead of overnight," said Alok Singh, head of treasury at CSB Bank."On the basis of an assessment of the current and evolving macroeconomic situation and liquidity conditions, it has been decided to reduce the minimum daily maintenance of the cash reserve ratio (CRR) from 99 % of the requirement to 90%, effective from the fortnight beginning December 1, 2026, RBI said in a release.

Swiggy lays off 340 Instamart employees

BENGALURU. (Agency)

Swiggy is laying off around 340 employees from its quick commerce arm Instamart as it looks to streamline operations and restructure the business amid mounting losses and intensifying competition.The job cuts are concentrated in corporate and support functions, sources told The Financial Standard. The company is offering affected employees severance packages and relocation support, and has brought forward the vesting of their employee stock options (ESOPs) to their last working day. "Around 340 people, largely in the corporate and support functions in Instamart, have been impacted," one of the persons said.

Swiggy did not respond to queries sent by the FS. Moneycontrol first reported the development.

The restructuring comes as Instamart faces growing competition from Eternal-owned Blinkit, Zepto, Flipkart Minutes and Amazon Now. It is the first major workforce overhaul at Instamart since former Myntra CEO Nandita Sinha took charge of the business in August.Instamart's expansion has weighed on Swiggy's profitability as it invests in dark stores, product selection and customer acquisition. In Q2 FY27, the business recorded an adjusted Ebitda loss of `895 crore.

Bisleri seeks FSSAI review over conflicting test results for Bengal batch



Mumbai. (Agency)

Bisleri International has sought a review by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) over conflicting laboratory findings concerning a batch of its packaged drinking water manufactured at its facility in Telipara, Jalpaiguri district, West Bengal.The development comes after the regulator prohibited the sale of the specific batch, identified as PB201, on August 12, 2026, following the detection of coliform bacteria in samples tested by its primary and referral laboratories. The FSSAI has also sanctioned prosecution against the company in the matter, according to reports.

"Bisleri International Private Limited had already recalled Batch PB201 of its packaged drinking water at the direction of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), which prohibited the sale of the batch on 12 August," the company said in a statement.Bisleri said that while the primary and referral laboratories reported the presence of coliform bacteria in the regulatory sample, independent tests commissioned by the company yielded different results.

The company said it had separately commissioned testing of samples from the same batch at an FSSAI-recognised laboratory, which found that the sample met the applicable standards for coliform bacteria and other food safety parameters.Samples tested at another independent, FSSAI-recognised laboratory also met the prescribed standards, it added.

"The difference between the regulatory and independent findings warrants a thorough review. Bisleri calls upon FSSAI to examine the sampling process, testing methodology, laboratory findings and any factors that may have contributed to the variation in results," the statement said.We expect this matter to be assessed against the same standards applied across the industry," the company added, reiterating that it would continue to cooperate with FSSAI to establish the facts.

Sebi allows FPIs in physical commodity derivatives

Earlier, FPIs were restricted to cash-settled non-agricultural commodity derivatives and related indices.

New Delhi. (Agency)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has allowed foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to participate in non-cash, physically settled non-agricultural commodity derivative contracts from June 1, 2027.The move follows deliberations by the Commodity Derivatives Advisory Committee and public consultations. Earlier, FPIs were restricted to cash-settled non-agricultural commodity derivatives and related indices.While FPIs can now trade in deliverable non-agricultural contracts (excluding options in goods), Sebi has prescribed strict timelines to prevent them from taking or making physical delivery. They can participate only until the start of the tender or staggered delivery period and must voluntarily square off or roll over their open positions by the close of market hours on the preceding day (T-1).Three trading days before the tender period (T-3), FPIs will be barred from taking fresh positions that increase their exposure in expiring futures contracts. Positions arising from the devolvement of options on futures at expiry are exempt from this restriction.To address cases where an FPI fails to close its position in time, Sebi has introduced a mandatory safeguard mechanism. Before trading in deliverable contracts, an FPI must sign a tripartite agreement with its clearing and trading member.If an FPI continues to hold open positions at the close of market hours on T-1, these will automatically devolve onto the proprietary account of the designated trading or clearing member before the clearing corporation's end-of-day activities begin.



Tata Sons files caveats after Bombay HC refuses relief to Tata trusts' plea

The Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and RD Tata Trust could not get any relief from the Bombay High Court on Friday, which said it would not pass any order deferring the November 30 board meeting of Tata Sons.

MUMBAI: (Agency)

Tata Sons has filed caveats in the Bombay High Court and the Supreme Court on Saturday, ensuring it will be heard if two Tata trusts file an appeal, according to sources.The Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and RD Tata Trust could not get any relief from the Bombay High Court on Friday, which said it would not pass any order deferring or granting an injunction on the November 30 board meeting of Tata Sons.

The trusts had sought for the meeting to be deferred and/or for an order restraining Chandrasekaran from exercising his casting vote.

"Caveats filed by Tata Sons Pvt Ltd in Bombay High Court and Supreme Court in relation to order dated 27 Nov 2026," as per a person in the know.The two Tata trusts can move the courts in appeal, and the caveats will help Tata Sons present their side in the matter.A bench of Justice Abhay Ahuja of the Bombay HC on Friday did not grant any immediate



relief to the two Tata trusts and said that the meeting can go on as scheduled, but the same would be subject to the final orders of the court.The Tata trusts had sought to defer or stay the meeting, or an order that the chairman would not be allowed to exercise his casting vote.The bench ordered Tata Sons and the other respondents in the case, which include the board members, to submit their reply affidavits to two suits filed on Thursday (November 26) and posted the matter for further hearing on January 18, 2027.The Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT) and the RD Tata Trust (RDTT) had filed the suits in the High Court against Tata Sons and six of its directors, challenging the reappointment of Chandrasekaran as executive chairman for a third five-year term.The SDTT has sought Rs 50 crore, while the RDTT has demanded Rs 15 crore in damages, with 18 per cent annual interest, from Tata Sons.

Midweek recovery rally fizzles out, Sensex, Nifty end week in the red

New Delhi. (Agency)

Indian equity benchmarks ended sharply lower on Friday, snapping a four-week winning streak as selling in heavyweight stocks dragged the Sensex and Nifty down more than 1% each. The decline pushed both indices into the red for the week, despite a strong rebound midweek.The Sensex dropped 989.33 points, or 1.17%, to settle at 83,339.26, while the Nifty declined 277.30 points, or 1.07%, to close at 25,607.20. For the week, the Sensex lost 0.69% and the Nifty fell 0.75%, reversing four consecutive weeks of gains.The weakness in frontline indices was not reflected in the broader market, where midcap and smallcap stocks closed higher. The Nifty Midcap 100 rose 0.11%, while the Nifty Smallcap 100 gained 0.57%. Of the 3,748 stocks traded on the NSE, 2,119 advanced, 1,514 declined and 115 remained unchanged.Among sectoral indices, IT stocks led the losses, with the Nifty IT falling 1.88%. The Nifty Auto and Realty indices declined 1.48% and 1.43%, respectively, while the Nifty Private Bank index lost 1.12%.Metal stocks bucked the trend, with the Nifty Metal gaining 1.40%. The Nifty Chemicals index rose 1.37%, while Media and Consumer Durables also ended higher.

On the Nifty 50, Shriram Finance was the biggest loser, falling 3.99%, followed by Bajaj Auto, HCL Technologies, Infosys and Tata Consultancy Services. Bharat Electronics led the gainers, rising 1.72%, while JSW Steel, Titan and Hindalco Industries also ended higher.Ajit Mishra, SVP – Research at Religare Broking, said the benchmarks saw profit-taking following the recent rebound. "After opening on a flat note, both indices gradually drifted lower as the session progressed and settled near their intraday lows," he said

Mishra said foreign investor inflows through November had supported domestic equities, although elevated crude oil prices and global uncertainties remained potential sources of volatility. "The ongoing consolidation in the benchmark indices is broadly in line with expectations, and the near-term cautious bias is likely to persist," he said.Siddhartha Khemka, head of research, wealth management, at Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said the Nifty's decline was driven by rising crude prices and profit-booking. Chemical stocks remained in focus, with Solar Industries, Deepak Nitrite and PI Industries among the notable gainers. Khemka attributed the sector's strength partly to relatively softer input costs.

Sri Lanka's sovereign rating upgraded by S&P Global: Says debt servicing default unlikely

New Delhi. (Agency)

Global rating major S&P Global has raised Sri Lanka's sovereign rating from to B- and has substantiated its decision by arguing that the country's economy is less vulnerable and default is "unlikely" over the next two years. This is a significant upgrade from CCC+ which denotes vulnerability of an economy to nonpayment and it dependence on financial, business, and economic conditions to meet its debt obligations according to schedule. It also signals high credit risk and a substantial likelihood of default.

GDP growth to slow in 2026

A remarkable thing is the decision to upgrade the rating comes against the backdrop of the country witnessing GDP growth slowing to 4.2 per cent YoY in Q2 of 2026 from 5.1 per cent in the Q1 period. But from January to September, manufacturing production increased for nine months this year through to September. According to S&P, the GDP growth would decelerate to 4.0 per cent in 2026 but would pick up to 4.5 per cent in 2027. The per capita GDP could reach $5,200 in 2026 despite a weakening Sri Lankan rupee.

Improvements more entrenched

Asserting the improvement, S&P Global mentioned in a statement, "The 'B-' ratings reflect our assessment that the improvements in Sri Lanka's macroeconomic settings have become more entrenched." The agency also noted the improvement in fiscal and external buffers. It mentioned that they support the government's capacity to manage external volatility and the rising external debt repayments in the next several years."We believe Sri Lanka's willingness and capacity to repay debt obligations is less vulnerable to unfavourable external financing conditions, and that a default scenario over the next two years is unlikely."

Despite West Asia war

S&P Global also had a word of praise for the economy's managers and mentioned that the country fared well so far in spite of the outbreak.

Luxury carmakers tread cautiously on India-UK FTA quotas

The government has opened the 2027 TRQ application window for 24,500 UK-origin passenger cars and 2,750 goods vehicles.

NEW DELHI. (Agency)

British luxury carmakers on Friday said they are taking a cautious approach to the India-UK free trade agreement, choosing to import vehicles in line with customer demand rather than use up their allocated quotas. This comes despite the government's clarification that it is open to reallocating unused quotas to other companies.In 2026, the government approved just 642 vehicles for the remainder of the year, despite initially inviting applications for around 5,000 units."We have begun utilising our allocation for UK-built vehicles in a phased manner, in line with customer demand and production timelines," said Rajan Amba, managing director of Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) India. He added that sales would be "calibrated to genuine customer demand, not to maximise quota for its own sake".



JLR was among the biggest beneficiaries of the first allocation, securing 325 units, or more than half of the approved quota. BMW India and Skoda Auto Volkswagen India received allocations of 75 vehicles each.Under the tariff rate quota (TRQ), British-made luxury cars can be imported into India at concessional customs duties, with the rate set to fall further to 10% over five years. However, the underutilisation of the first tranche has prompted trade experts to question whether the initial tariff reduction is sufficient, as manufacturers continue to assess the economics of importing completely built units (CBUs).The FTA certainly makes the CBU business more viable and gives us greater flexibility in shaping our product portfolio, but does not change our commitment to localisation in India. Local production and greater value addition will continue to be at the heart of our India strategy and remain the preferred route wherever volumes justify it," said Hardeep Singh Brar, president and CEO of BMW Group India.The government has opened the 2027 TRQ application window for 24,500 UK-origin passenger cars and 2,750 goods vehicles. JLR said it plans to participate in the next application cycle, but will calibrate its request to actual customer demand rather than seek to maximise its allocation.The cautious approach is also evident among other British luxury carmakers.Sohrab Bararia, partner and leader, global trade at Grant Thornton Bharat, said the relatively muted response could be due to the additional costs and taxes involved.



Aryan Khan's Rumoured GF

Larissa Bonesi

Says 'The Khans Are Like Family', Calls Shah Rukh Khan A 'Legend'

Brazilian model and actress Larissa Bonesi has opened up about the special place Shah Rukh Khan and his family hold in her life, describing them as her own family.

In a recent interview, Larissa spoke about the warmth and support she has received from the Khans, saying their bond goes beyond admiration for their achievements. Her comments have also drawn attention to her equation with Aryan Khan, with whom she has frequently been linked amid dating rumours. However, neither Larissa nor Aryan has publicly confirmed or addressed speculation about their relationship.

Larissa Bonesi talks about SRK and Aryan Khan

Having moved to India 16 years ago, Larissa Bonesi now calls Mumbai home.

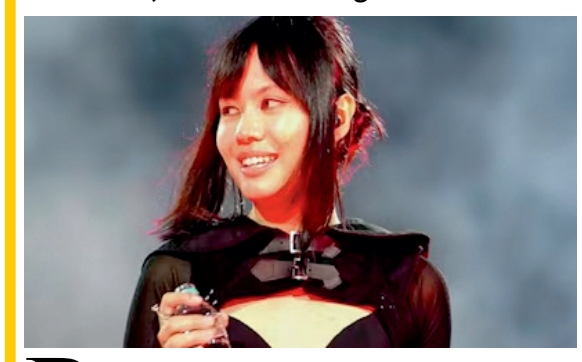


While speaking to Bombay Times, she explained that her fondness for the Khan family is rooted not just in their professional accomplishments but also in the people they are beyond the spotlight. She said, "The Khans are like family. When you admire people for what they have achieved in life, have respect for them, and how they are as human beings, you kind of feel that they are family. Their support means a lot. Friendship is everything, and it is something that goes a long way."Talking about Shah Rukh Khan, she said, "He is the King. He is a legend, and he is going to be number one forever.

There is so much to learn from him. It is not just about being famous or what you have achieved, but also about how you did it. He is someone you look up to."

Larissa also had words of appreciation for Aryan Khan, praising his intelligence, focus and determination. She added, "Aryan is a great person. He is intelligent and determined. Sometimes people say, 'But he has everything.' However, he does not care about that. He is fighting for what he wants, he is fighting for his future and for the things he believes in. He will get there because he is a very determined guy."She also revealed that she had visited the sets of his directorial debut, The Ba*ds of Bollywood, and expressed her interest in collaborating with him in the future, adding that his talent makes him someone she would love to work with.On the work front, Larissa is gearing up for her next project, the horror film 1920: Cold Winter.

Dhurandhar Singer Reble Hit In Face By Drone During Live Performance In Guwahati, Walks Off Stage



Rapper-singer Reble, also known as Daiaphi Lamare, was hit in the face by a drone while performing on stage at the PULSE 2026 Awards in Guwahati. A video of the incident has gone viral on social media, showing the singer getting startled as the drone strikes her mid-performance.The incident took place on Thursday, November 26, at Hatisila in Guwahati, Assam. Reble was performing her track Run Down The City when the drone suddenly flew into her face and crashed.An Instagram user, Zaman Diaries, who was present at the event, shared a video capturing the incident. Reble can be seen jumping and dancing as she performs Run Down The City on stage. A drone suddenly hits her in the face, leaving the singer shocked and forcing her to stop performing.

Moments after the mishap, Reble is seen walking off the stage without saying anything. The person who shared the footage also confirmed that the drone had hit the rapper's face during her performance.The video has since been going viral on social media, with fans expressing concern over the incident. Reble has not yet shared a statement or update about what happened.

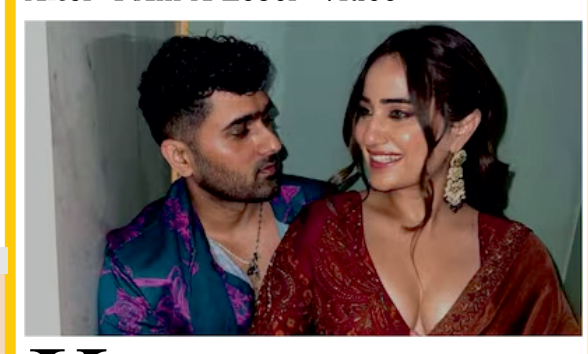
Who Is Reble, The Singer From Meghalaya?

Reble, whose real name is Daiaphi Lamare, is a rapper and singer from Meghalaya. She recently came into the spotlight for her vocals on tracks associated with Dhurandhar.Her work includes Run Down The City – Monica and Naal Nachna from the film. Her performance at the PULSE 2026 Awards in Guwahati was among her recent live appearances.Reble has lent her to three tracks in Dhurandhar: Run Down The City – Monica, Move – Yeh Ishq Ishq and Naal Nachna. She has also contributed to the lyrics, collaborating with composer Shashwat Sachdev.

Benny Dayal, Nikhita Gandhi Was Also Hit By Drones

Reble is not the first singer to be injured in a drone-related mishap during a live performance. In 2023, Benny Dayal was hit on the back of his head by a drone while performing at VIT Chennai. He suffered bruises on his head and fingers and later urged event organisers to hire certified drone operators. Singer Nikhita Gandhi was also injured by a drone at Rema's concert in May 2023.

Kusha Kapila's Ex-Husband Zorawar Shares Note On New Beginnings Days After 'I Am A Loser' Video



Kusha Kapila's former husband, Zorawar Singh Ahluwalia, has shared a new social media post reflecting on fresh beginnings, faith and finding strength after difficult times. His latest update comes days after an emotional 'I am a loser' video in which he spoke candidly about personal and professional setbacks, including his separation, losing his corporate job and home, and struggling with his self-confidence. In his latest post, Zorawar appears to be focusing on moving forward, sharing a message about picking up the pieces and starting afresh.

Kusha Kapila's ex-husband Zorawar Singh Ahluwalia shares new post

On Thursday, November 26, Zorawar Singh Ahluwalia shared a photograph of a handwritten note on Instagram, which was dated November 24. The page featured a series of personal reflections on navigating challenging phases, rediscovering one's strength and finding the courage to begin again. The note read, "We start again. The phoenix rises from the ashes again."

He further reflected on how others may never truly know or comprehend the personal battles someone goes through, highlighting that every individual has struggles that often remain unseen. The note further read, "Every movie taught us, every story told us. You have the power within. You just have to be patient, and when the time comes, you will feel it, and now it's your turn to not let it go."He also made a reference to Guru Nanak Jayanti in the note, describing the occasion as a particularly meaningful day for him and expressing his belief that his experiences had happened because he had been chosen for a greater purpose. His note further read, "All these feelings and experiences were written, and he chose me for a greater purpose."The post comes just days after Zorawar's emotional video went viral, drawing considerable attention online. In the video, he spoke candidly about some of the difficult experiences he has faced in recent years, including his divorce from Kusha Kapila and losing his job, offering a glimpse into the personal challenges he has been navigating. He was heard saying, "In the past few years, I have lost everything that I deeply cared for.

Kareena Kapoor

Khan Declares Herself A Ravi Kishan Fan, Here's What She Commented On Karan Johar's Post



The fan club of Ravi Kishan has got a new addition as Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor declared herself to be a 'Ravi Kishan fan'.Bebo took to the comment section of Karan Johar's latest post on Ravi Kishan and Akshay Kumar's 'Koffee With Karan' episode and penned, "Ravi Kishan fan bro (sic)".On Wednesday, KJo shared a few glimpses from the episode on his official Instagram handle, along with the caption, "A riot and a half, this episode! Koffee with Karan Season 9, Episode 7, now streaming only on The Peacock Hub on JioHotstar (sic)."



During the fun episode, Ravi Kishan also taught his viral hook step to Akshay, which includes a swag-walk move.As part of Ravi Kishan's viral signature dance step, you cross one leg over the other while walking and dancing. This famous step has been repeatedly performed by Ravi Kishan at various public events and also with the paparazzi. The step has even turned into a social media trend, with many celebrities and fans recreating it.However, the episode also had some heavy moments, one of them being when Ravi Kishan looked back on his struggle days. The actor recalled the time his father beat him with a leather belt over his love for acting.Ravi Kishan shared, "My father was a priest, and he had a milk business. He wanted me to be a part of the business or wanted me to be in a government job. However, I was doing amateur theatre. During a Ramleela performance, I wore a saree, and my father beat me up real bad with a leather belt after he saw that performance. He told me, 'You want to become a female dancer?' The cinema as an industry wasn't accepted as a respectful profession in the 90s". "I told him, 'No, Papa'. Then mom helped me run away from that place because he wanted to kill me thinking I had brought shame to the family", he added.This was Ravi Kishan's first appearance on the chat show, 'Koffee With Karan'.



Cleanse your system with these Foods

Here are some detox foods you must eat

There is no 'right' time to detox. In fact, experts say that detoxing should be done once every couple of months because it keeps your body healthy. However, make sure you do it the correct way because several popular detoxes do more harm than good. Detoxing your body can be as easy as eating the right foods. Here are some which help cleanse your body.

Avocados

While not many people are fans of avocados, some are big fans. But whether you like them or no, avocados are full of antioxidants. They have glutathione, which detoxes your body by removing harmful toxins and chemicals, making your body healthier.

Cranberries

While they are more popular as fruits that help prevent urinary tract infections, known to remove toxins from your body.

Cabbage

This food has sulfur inside of it, which is essential when it comes to breaking down chemicals in your body. Sulphur also removes unwanted items from your body.

Lemons

Packed with vitamins and antioxidants, lemons are known to remove chemicals from the body and clean your system, and even protect your liver.

Broccoli

Before you turn up your nose at this vegatable, read on. Broccoli is packed with antioxidants and nutrients that make it a perfect detox candidate. And because it is high in enzymes, it helps your digestive system work properly.

Garlic

Sulfur is found in high quantities in garlic — which makes it a good detox food and its antibiotic properties heal your body.

Beetroot

Beetroot is full of betaine and pectin, known to protect your liver and digestive system by removing toxins.

Grapefruit

A favourite among dieters because of its low sugar content, grapefruit cleanses your digestive system and prevents kidney stones.



Why fitness is better than Weight loss

Why do you exercise - only to lose weight or for fitness? If you're slim and lean, you don't have to pump iron - true or false? As long as I watch what I eat I am healthy, do you agree? Most people believe in these false and mythical 'facts'.



Fitness is a product of healthy diet and exercise, sleep and well being. 'Physical fitness is considered a measure of the body's ability to function efficiently and effectively in work and leisure activities, to be healthy, to resist hypokinetic diseases, and to meet emergency situations' as mentioned in Wikipedia, Fitness. Here is why fitness is a far better goal than weight loss in the long run.

Difference between Weight loss and Fitness

While all fitness does involve weight loss, all weight loss does not involve fitness. One can lose weight - the unhealthy way - through crash dieting, over-exercising, weight loss pills and several other, equally, harmful quack weight loss methods.

There is a finer point here: Unhealthy weight loss involves losing mostly muscle and a little bit of topical fat. Visceral fat, or fat that is stored internally around organs, does not budge with unhealthy weight loss practises. In fact, it increases manifold due to the starvation mode that you set off with unhealthy dieting.

Pursuing general fitness and well being, on the other hand, takes care of the harmful body fat, while giving you a healthier mind and body and, yes, burning, calories. Weight loss is about losing weight rapidly. Fitness is about healthy living and longevity.

Fitness is a combination of exercise, diet and rest. Weight loss is a short term routine of exercise, diet and rest. When weight loss is your only target, you tend to ignore the other benefits of living a healthy life.

Importance of Fitness: To the Respiratory and Circulatory system

The easiest way to understand the impact of fitness is to look at what your body needs to live a long, ailment-free, healthy life. This state of being depends entirely on your body's systems, which in turn depend on organ, vessel and tissue health.

This brings us, first, to the respiratory and the circulatory systems.

You know the heart is a muscle that pumps blood and oxygen to the body. Exercise helps the heart in circulation of blood and oxygen. That means healthy skin, alertness and a healthy system. Similarly, a healthy diet, aids your circulatory and respiratory system by preventing thickening arterial walls and better blood circulation.

Importance of Fitness: To the Digestive system

When we are constipated or feeling bloated we look for a change in diet to relieve us from our discomfort. Even exercise can help you avoid digestive problems. Breathing, walking, and other physical activities can improve your digestive system.

A poor digestive system leads to a poor state of being. Quick weight loss ignores this fact of life. The result of crash dieting is usually the Irritable Bowel Syndrome, and plenty of abdominal fat the minute you stop crash dieting. Instead, focusing on general fitness through balanced eating and exercise will give you a smoother digestive function.

Importance of Fitness: To the Lymphatic system

'The lymphatic system is a part of the circulatory system, comprising a network of conduits called lymphatic vessels that carry a clear fluid called lymph,' as mentioned on Wikipedia, Lymphatic system. A healthy lymphatic system reduces swelling, improves circulation, metabolism and flexibility. Stretching, strength training and aerobic exercises improve the Lymphatic system.

Importance of Fitness: To the Cardiovascular system

Enough research has proved, time and again, that pursuing fitness is the best way to achieve better cardiovascular health. This means that your cardiovascular system is able to function a lot better when you're fit, within your desired weight range, and live an active life with healthy eating.

The cardiovascular system is responsible for circulating oxygen to the body and important nutrients too. Opting for fitness, instead of quick weight loss, will help you avoid diseases related to the cardiovascular system like heart attack and stroke. Strength, stamina, agility also gets a boost with a well functioning cardiovascular system. Cardio exercises are the key to a functioning cardiovascular system.

However, many make the mistake of associating 'cardio' exercise with rapid weight loss. This usually leads to long hours of unnecessary cardio that cause fatigue and over-work your body, causing effects of over-training to come into play. What does this mean? Over-training leads to more fat storage in your body. So, if you walk/run/jog/swim more than you need to, your body will start craving more food and you will get simple carb cravings very frequently.

Importance of Fitness: To the Nervous system

The nervous system comprises the brain and the spinal cord. Physical activity makes the brain sharp and alert. It also makes you agile. Exercising the nervous system is also beneficial for over-weight individuals.

This is one area of diet and exercise that is often over-looked by quick weight loss solutions. Mental health is crucial for a healthy life. By pursuing weight loss, without any thought toward fitness and the correct way to achieve it, your mind will experience fatigue and negativity. External motivation, such as weight loss only for vanity, is not a good motivator. Most who rely on this as motivation alone, tend to drop out of their 'fitness' routine.

Therefore, relying on a balanced diet and good exercise over a long period of time, because you want to be fit instead of a size zero, is a better solution.

Importance of Fitness: To the Musculoskeletal system

This is the easiest association to make. We use muscles everyday, consciously or subconsciously. Exercise improves the musculoskeletal system or overall health of the physical, weight bearing and tangibly active part of the human body. A healthy mealplan nourishes these actions by giving the body what it needs to function well.

All aspects of exercising, from resistance training to flexibility and cardio training, and eating right improve the musculoskeletal system.

When you focus on weight loss alone, and quick weight loss at that, you ignore your body's actual needs. A common sign of rapid weight loss is weakness. This is because your body loses muscle a lot faster than fat. With muscle loss, your metabolism rate drops, causing imbalances and fat storage. The result: Short term weight loss, and long term weight gain.

Importance of Fitness: Overall Health

Improves performance and stamina

- Healthy life - reduces your chance of experiencing lifestyle diseases
- Fitness equals longevity
- Fitness prevent excess body fat
- Prevents body pain
- Improves your mood
- Improves confidence
- Induces sleep

For the over-weight and obese, fitness does involve weight loss. But this is sustainable weight loss that comes with a shift in lifestyle habits and definitely not quick weight loss for an event. If your only concern is to look good in that Diwali outfit or that wedding dress, then you will set yourself up for failure, as you would not have really evaluated long term fitness goals. Chasing the short dream always ends in disaster.

Ways to drink more water

While we all know water is essential to our basic well-being, not many of us can manage to gulp down more than a daily dose of one or two litres. Water, after all, is plain and can tend to get boring beyond a point. But with a little imagination and initiative, you can easily increase your daily water consumption. Here are some tips...

1. First things first. So, as soon you wake up in the morning, down a glass of water. Coffee, tea, milk — whichever you prefer — can follow a little later. Apart from making you feel good about sticking to your resolution, it also kick-starts your metabolism.

2. Make that water bottle your constant companion. No matter where you are — at home or office — keep taking small sips. Go for a water bottle in your favourit e colour. That will make the idea of drinking from it more appealing. Fancy glasses will also do the trick.

3. Water can be made interesting and healthier. Add a flavour of your choice and relish the taste. Squeeze half a lemon, crush some berries, add a few mint leaves or fruit slices — the options are many.

4. Try to have some fun while drinking water. For example, lay a bet with a colleague, friend or spouse on who will drink more. You can also compete with yourself, increasing the quantity each day. Also, keep taking small water breaks with friends and colleagues while at work. It's called 'healthy' bonding.

5. If you have the habit of conveniently forgetting to drink water at frequent intervals, set reminders on your phone. Asking friends/family/colleagues to remind you is also a good idea.

Ten commandments for good eye Health

Eyes are the most neglected especially when we spend hours straining our eyes in front of the screen - computer or smartphones.

This negligence can cause blindness or vision impairment in the long run. Follow the Ten Commandments for good eye health and vision, to keep your window to a colourful life safe.

Wash your hands

Wash your hands thoroughly before touching your eyes. Our hands are filled with dirt and minute pollutants, when they meet your eyes can cause eye infections and conjunctivitis.

Quit smoking

Smoking is bad for the human body including your eyes. Excessive smoking or constant chewing of tobacco can cause macular (eye-nerve) degeneration or blindness, due to the presence of harmful compound, nicotine.

UV protect your eyes

Yes, sunshine is good for eye health, but nothing in excess is ever good. If your work demands you to stay outdoors, then always wear good UV protected sunglasses. This will help prevent or delay the problem of cataract.



Wear safety goggles

Eye injuries can also impair your vision in a great way; in order to avoid it always remember to wear safety goggles or eyewear, while working with chemicals, playing sports, bursting crackers or while swimming.

Stare at a distance

All work and no play will surely make your lethargic and add strain to your eyes. Take a break and change the focus of your eyes to greener or look at a distance. Practice eye exercises for good vision.

Eat healthy food

Nourish your eyes with foods that improve your eyes like carrots, apricots and blueberries. All these foods are rich in beta-carotene and are good for vision.

Go for a routine check-up

Even if you have good vision and have no trouble in reading, go for a vision check at least once a year. This is a good way to detect various eye related ailments and prevent it with timely treatment.

Do not ignore

If you face any abnormality with your vision never neglect it. Take action and consult an ophthalmologist at that instance. This action of yours will help prevent major problem in the future.

Blink your eyes regularly

Keep blinking your eyes, to keep your eyes fresh and avoid eyestrain. Computer users tend to blink their eyes far less, thus it is recommended that they should follow the eye exercise of blinking their eyes every three-four seconds.

Splash water

Splashing your eyes with water will help to relieve your eyes from excessive stress. Thus, whenever you feel your eyes are strained, go splash some water on them.

