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Curfew imposed in Leh after four killed, 59 injured in clashes between protesters

The BJP alleged that the violence in Ladakh was a part of the Congress' nefarious design to create situations in the country which were witnessed in Bangladesh, Nepal and the Philippines.

Srinagar The statehood for Ladakh movement descended into violence, arson and street clashes in Leh on Wednesday, leaving four people dead and at least 59 injured, including 22 police personnel, officials said.

As the sun set on what is arguably the worst day of violence since 1989 in the cold desert region, climate activist Sonam Wangchuk called off his fortnight-long hunger strike to press for statehood and extension of the Sixth Schedule to Ladakh, while authorities clamped curfew in the Leh district.



Groups of youths, indulging in arson and vandalism, targeted the headquarters of the BJP and the Hill Council and set ablaze vehicles. Police and paramilitary forces, deployed in strength across the town, lobbed teargas shells to bring the situation under control, the officials said.

Terming the events as heart-wrenching, Lt Governor Kavinder Gupta said everyone has the right to speak up in a peaceful manner in a democratic system, but what happened today was not spontaneous and was the result of a conspiracy.

The Ladakh Apex Body (LAB) youth wing called for the protest after two of the 15 people, who were on a 35-day hunger strike since September 10, were shifted to a hospital because their condition deteriorated on Tuesday evening.

ABL and KDA to September 25-26. Ladakh and its youth are paying a huge price for the narrow politics played by certain individuals and the personal ambitions of activist Sonam Wangchuk, they claimed.

The morning began with a complete shutdown in the Ladakh capital and hundreds of people took to the streets. As the day progressed, flames and dark smoke clouds could be seen from afar.

Government sources said the Centre has always been ready for talks and was considering advancing the October 6 meeting of the High Powered Committee with agitating groups

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan's tenure extended till May 2026

New Delhi The tenure of Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan has been extended till May 30, 2026. The Ministry of Defence posted on X: "Government has approved the extension of service of General Anil Chauhan as Chief of Defence Staff and Secretary, Department of Military Affairs, up to May 30, 2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier."



CDS Gen Anil Chauhan

General Chauhan has had a distinguished career with key command and staff appointments. A highly-decorated infantry officer, he retired as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Command at Kolkata's Fort William in May 2021. After retirement and before taking up as the CDS, he also served as an adviser to the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) headed by national security adviser Ajit Doval.

He has been awarded with the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Sena Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal for his exemplary services to the Indian Army. Agency

SC sets January deadline for State Bar Council elections

New Delhi The Supreme Court on Wednesday said elections in state bar councils have to be held by January 31, 2026 keeping mind the long pendency.



A bench of Justices Surya Kant, Ujjal Bhuyan and N Kottiswar Singh said verification drive for LLB certificates cannot be a ground for postponing the elections. "Having regard to the fact that elections to the State Bar Councils have not been held for decades, we have impressed upon senior counsel appearing for the Bar Council of India to ensure that elections of all State Bar Councils are held, if not simultaneously, in phased manner, by January 31, 2026," the bench ordered.

ior lawyers, elections should not have been delayed and held on time. The top court was hearing a batch of pleas seeking to quash the Rule 32 of the Bar Council of India Certificate and Place of Practice (Verification) Rules, 2015, which empowers BCI to extend the term of State Bar Council members beyond the statutory limits prescribed under the Advocates Act 1961.

Senior advocate Madhavi Divan, appearing for the petitioners, said only 14 out of 23 state bar councils have entered appearance and a few have filed replies. Divan said in most state bar councils, elections have not been held for over two years and urged the bench to list the matter for hearing on Rule 32 and order elections in the meantime. Agency

Why haven't you hanged Rajoana yet, Supreme Court asks govt

New Delhi The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked why death row convict Balwant Singh Rajoana, held guilty for the assassination of former Punjab chief minister Beant Singh in 1995, was not hanged till now after the Centre said it was a "serious offence".



Rajoana has been incarcerated for the last 29 years, of which 15 years have been on death row. Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and N V Anjaria was informed

about the seriousness of the crime by Additional Solicitor General K M Nataraj. "Why did you not hang him till now? Who is to blame for that. At least,

we have not stayed the execution," the bench asked Nataraj. The top court is hearing Rajoana's plea for commutation of his death penalty to life

term on the ground of delay in the decision on his mercy plea. Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Rajoana, said there has been no decision on his client's mercy plea. Nataraj said he would take instructions and apprise the bench about the status.

"One does not know what is going on," Rohatgi said, adding that the apex court had earlier said the mercy petition should be decided in time. Agency

ED questions Sonu Sood in 1xBet money laundering case

New Delhi Actor Sonu Sood on Wednesday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for questioning in a money-laundering case linked to an online betting app named 1xBet, officials said.



Sood (52) reached the agency's office in central Delhi around 12 noon. The investigating officer of the case will question the actor and record his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the officials said.

former TMC MP and actor Mimi Chakraborty and Bengali actor Anush Hazra over the last few weeks as part of this investigation. Some female social media influencers have also been questioned by the agency as part of this investigation. The probe into the operations of the 1xBet betting app is part of the ED's wider probe against such platforms on allegations of duping numerous people of crores of rupees and reportedly evading a huge amount of direct and indirect taxes. Agency

Youth held for providing support to Pahalgam terrorists



Srinagar Police on Wednesday arrested a person from South Kashmir who had allegedly provided logistical support to terrorists responsible for the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, officials said in Srinagar. "Based on an intelligence lead, Srinagar police arrested an Open Ground Worker from South Kashmir's Kulgam district. He was identified as Mohd Yousuf Katari (26)," an official said. The officials said that he had a role in providing logistical support to

the terrorists involved in the Pahalgam attack who were later killed during Operation Mahadev. In the July 29 encounter, the Army's elite para commandos had gunned down the three terrorists on the outskirts of Srinagar. They included Sulaiman alias Asif, who is believed to be the mastermind of the April 22 Pahalgam attack in which 26 people, mainly tourists, were killed. The other two were identified as Jibran and Hamza Afghani. Jibran was involved in the Sonamarg Tunnel attack in October 2024. Agency

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making a provocative speech at the hunger strike venue on Tuesday. The BJP alleged that the violence was a part of the Congress' nefarious design to create situations in the country similar to Bangladesh, Nepal and the Philippines.

"Today in Ladakh, an attempt was made to portray some protests as being led by 'Gen Z' but when an investigation was carried out, it was found that this was not a Gen Z protest but actually a Congress protest," BJP MP and national spokesperson Sambit Patra told reporters in Delhi.

The fast was to push the Centre to resume dialogue in support of their four-point demand - statehood, extension of the Sixth Schedule, separate Lok Sabha seats for Leh and Kargil and reservation for employment.

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Procedure no tool to perpetuate injustice by employing punitive measures: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has said procedure must not be made a tool to "perpetuate injustice" by employing punitive measures and directed the Jharkhand Public Service Commission to conduct the medical test of a candidate who failed to appear for it in a competitive exam.

The candidate, belonging to the scheduled tribes category, qualified for the preliminary and mains exam of the Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Competitive Examination, 2021, held in January 2022, but failed to appear for medical test owing to confusion over the date. A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said it failed to understand why would the candidate intentionally omit to appear for the medical examination and thus, "be punished so disproportionately as has been done in this case".

It said even if it was accepted that she was negligent in not being available for medical examination as per prescribed schedule, she deserves to be dealt leniently.



The Supreme Court building in Delhi.

"This court time and again has held that procedure is handmaiden of justice and it must not be made a tool to perpetuate injustice by employing oppressive or punitive measures," the bench on September 4 said.

The top court was hearing an appeal against a September 2024 order of the

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dates for the Jharkhand Combined Civil Services Competitive Examination, 2021, to fill up the posts that had fallen vacant from 2017-2020. The bench said the JFSC issued an advertisement stating that verification of records of successful candidates for the purpose of interview was fixed from May 8 to May 15, 2022 and the interview was from May 9 to May 16.

The ad stated that medical examination of candidates, who would participate in the interview, would be fixed for next day in a hospital in Ranchi.

documents verification was May 16, 2022 and therefore, the medical examination would be conducted on May 17, 2022.

She went for the test on May 17 but there was no test and was informed that her candidature was rejected for she was absent in the medical examination.

She moved the high court which dismissed her plea.

The apex court said while candidates were expected to act diligently in matters of public employment, entire onus cannot be casted on them for omissions on their part which could be condoned.

"The said advertisement does not mention the consequence for non-appearance, intentional or otherwise, in the medical examination. The advertisement also did not provide for an opportunity of hearing in case the candidates were unable to appear in the medical examination which may be possible in case an exigency arises," it said.

PM Modi reviews eight key projects worth Rs 65 000 crore

New Delhi:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday reviewed eight critical infrastructure projects across 15 states with a cumulative investment of Rs 65,000 crore with an emphasis on clear timelines and prompt resolution of bottlenecks.

The projects reviewed during the 49th meeting of Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) platform spanned across sectors including mines, railways, water resources, and power.

The prime minister urged officials at both the Centre and state levels to adopt a result-oriented approach, translating opportunities into improved quality of life for people, while also advancing the goals of ease of living for citizens and ease of doing business for enterprises, an official statement said.

Modi said delays in execution impose a double cost - often escalating project expenditure and also depriving citizens of timely access to essential services and infrastructure.

He emphasized that states/UTs should also institutionalize mechanisms at their level for regular review and monitoring of flagship projects, ensuring timely implementation and effective resolution of bottlenecks.

The prime minister urged all states/UTs to place strong emphasis on reforms aimed at improving competitiveness, strengthening efficiency, and fostering innovation across sectors, and stressed that better preparedness through these reforms would enable us to swiftly seize emerging opportunities.

The ICT-enabled multi-modal PRAGATI platform brings together the Centre and states to fast-track major projects, address bottlenecks, and ensure time-bound delivery.

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This is to inform the general public that we, Mr. Rameshwar and Mrs. Saroj, residents of B-398, Aman Vihar, Kirti, Sulaman Nagar, North West Delhi-110086, hereby declare our son Rohit and his wife Khushi Gupta from all our movable and immovable properties. Due to their continuous misbehavior, misconduct, and regular domestic quarrels, we have disowned them. Henceforth, neither Rohit nor Khushi Gupta shall have any claim, right, or interest in respect of our movable and immovable assets. The public is hereby cautioned that we will not be responsible for any dealings made by them in our name or with regard to our property. Sd/-

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Centre approves new expressway to connect Noida airport

Noida:

The Centre has approved a new 30-kilometer long expressway to ease traffic congestion in Delhi-NCR and improve direct connectivity to Noida International Airport. This expressway will directly connect Delhi, Noida, Greater Noida, and Jewar Airport.

This project will reduce traffic congestion on the region's roads. Developments for its construction have been underway for several years. This new expressway will be built along the Yamuna River parallel to the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway. It will connect Pusta Road to the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway and the Yamuna Expressway. This will provide an alternative route and reduce traffic congestion on the existing Noida-Greater Noida Expressway.

The project was first proposed by Gautam Buddha Nagar MP Dr.



Mahesh Sharma and has now received the support of Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari. During the recent "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign at the Jewar Airport site, Gadkari announced that the project would be built by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and there will be no shortage of fund for this.

This expressway is part of the ₹1.2 lakh crore infrastructure push currently underway in Delhi-NCR.

Work on more than half of the projects is nearly complete. Currently, the 25-kilometer-long Noida-Greater Noida Expressway handles approximately 500,000 vehicles daily. Vehicles coming from the DND Flyway, Chilla Border, Kalindi Kunj, and various sectors of Noida create traffic jams during peak hours. The new expressway will serve as a bypass corridor, facilitating travel for passengers traveling to the Noida Airport at Jewar.

TSN/New Delhi:

Indira IVF Hospital Limited ("Indira IVF") has inaugurated its latest addition in Nangloi, further strengthening its presence in the national capital. Located on the Ground Floor, Rattan Park, near Nangloi Metro Station, the clinic is set to improve access to reproductive healthcare for individuals and couples in West Delhi.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Dr. Arvind Vaid, Centre Head of Indira IVF, Patel Nagar, Delhi, as the Guest of Honour. The event also saw the presence of Dr. Rashmi Verma, Centre Head of Indira IVF, Nangloi.

Nitiz Murdia, Managing Director, Indira IVF said, "We seek to bridge the gap between awareness and accessibility in fertility care. With the launch of the Nangloi clinic, we aim to reaffirm our commitment to bringing reproductive healthcare closer to peo-



ple, ensuring that reliable service is available without geographical barriers."

Dr. Arvind Vaid, Centre Head, Indira IVF, Patel Nagar, Delhi, said, "The Nangloi clinic seeks to address this need by providing comprehensive services and guiding aspiring parents with multiple infertility treatment options".

Dr. Rashmi Verma, Centre Head, Indira IVF, Nangloi said, "Every patient's path to parenthood is unique, and it is important that they feel supported and informed throughout their treatment. At this centre, our focus is on delivering reliable service alongside the medical expertise needed to achieve positive outcomes."

Adding to its network of fertility services across 169 clinics in India as of March 31, 2025, the Nangloi centre seeks to improve access to reproductive care. This expansion enables Indira IVF to meet the needs of a diverse population, providing reliable information and fostering greater awareness about fertility health.

FICCI to host Bharat R&D Summit 2025 to strengthen Industry-Academia partnerships

New Delhi:

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) is set to host the inaugural session of the Bharat R&D Summit 2025 at Federation House, New Delhi. Themed "Innovating Together: Industry-Academia Collaboration," the summit aims to bring together policymakers, scientists, and industry leaders to deliberate on India's research and development roadmap and explore avenues for collaborative innovation.

The opening session will feature keynote remarks and special addresses from several distinguished speakers, including Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India; Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Dr. Ajai Chowdhry, Co-founder of HCL and Chairman of the Mission Government Board for



the National Quantum Mission of India; Mrs. Anandi Iyer, Co-Chair of the FICCI Innovation Committee and Director of the Fraunhofer India Office; and Prof. Sudhir Kumar Barai, Co-Chair of the FICCI Innovation Committee and Director of BITS Pilani.

The summit will focus on the pivotal role of industry-academia partnerships in strengthening India's innovation

ecosystem, addressing national challenges, and accelerating technology-driven growth. Participants are expected to engage in in-depth discussions on scaling indigenous research and development, investing in frontier technologies, and enhancing institutional linkages to boost global competitiveness.

Concluding the summit, delegates will have the opportunity to visit

the Research Work and Technology Showcase, where they can interact with live demonstrations of innovative projects and cutting-edge research outcomes. FICCI anticipates that the event will serve as a strategic platform to align India's research agenda with industry priorities, fostering collaborations that translate scientific breakthroughs into practical solutions.

PM Modi to launch two new Vande Bharat and One Amrit Bharat trains from Rajasthan today

Abhishek Byahut Jodhpur:

In a move aimed at boosting tourism and improving connectivity in Rajasthan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to virtually flag off two new Vande Bharat Express trains connecting Jodhpur and Bikaner with Delhi, along with an Amrit Bharat Express linking Udaipur to Chandigarh, on Thursday, September 25th. The launch event will take place from Banswara.

The introduction of these trains is expected to significantly enhance travel options for passengers in Rajasthan and Haryana while reducing travel time by at least one hour compared to the fastest trains currently operating on these routes. Alongside the inaugural runs, PM Modi will also unveil several development projects worth over ₹1.08 lakh crore.

The Bikaner-Delhi Cantt Vande Bharat

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Express is scheduled to depart Bikaner at 5:40 am, reaching Delhi by 11:55 am. The return journey will begin at 4:45 pm, with the train arriving back in Bikaner at 11:05 pm. Its key stops will include Ratnagarh, Churu, Sadulpur, and Gurgaon, covering the route in approximately six hours and twenty minutes.

Meanwhile, the Jodhpur-Delhi Cantt Vande Bharat Express will leave Jodhpur at 5:25 am and reach Delhi Cantt at 1:30 pm. The return service will depart Delhi at 3:10 pm, arriving in Jodhpur at 11:20 pm. The train will halt at major stations including Merta Road, Jaipur, and Gurgaon,

with the journey taking around eight hours and ten minutes.

General Manager of North West Railway, Amitabh, highlighted the popularity of the Vande Bharat Express trains among passengers. "These trains will reduce travel time from Jodhpur and Bikaner to Delhi and offer a superior travel experience," he said. "People increasingly prefer smart trains over flights for comfort and convenience. The introduction of these new services has been made possible through track doubling and electrification between Jaipur and Jodhpur."

The new trains are expected to not only improve safety and speed for travelers but also support regional trade and tourism, offering a modern, efficient alternative to air travel while strengthening connectivity across key cities in Rajasthan and beyond.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Yamuna Authority to open bids for industrial plots on Sept 26

Noida
The Yamuna Authority will open bids for industrial plots on September 26, 2025. It has received 528 applications for plots up to 8,000 square meter. After scrutiny, 408 applications were found to be valid.

The Yamuna Authority has launched a plot scheme to increase industrial investment. Under this, 37 plots of 8,000 square meter are to be allotted. According to the authority's policy, there is a rule to allot plots up to 8,000 square meter on the basis of bidding.

The authority has received 528 applications for the 37 plots in the scheme. After investigation, 408 applications were found eligible for participation in the e-auction. The authority had invited claims and objections from the applicants. As many as 52 objections received through email have not been resolved yet.

ACEO Nagendra Pratap said that after resolving the objections received on the applications received through email, the final number of applications to be included in the e-auction will be decided. Applicants will get a chance to participate in the e-auction on 26th September.

Gaur Yamuna City residents grapple with sewage problem

Noida
Dirty water is flowing out to the streets due to a blocked sewer line in Yamuna City. Residents of Gaur Yamuna City are facing inconvenience.

Locals fear the spread of filth and infectious diseases from the sewage water. They said that despite repeated complaints, the sewage problem remains unresolved.

The sewage problem in Gaur Yamuna City, spread over 250 acre, has caused immense distress to local residents. Surendra Bhati, a resident of the society, stated that the sewerage system in the society has become dysfunctional. Due to the poor sewerage system, dirty water accumulates on the roads, causing significant traffic problems.

Neeraj Tyagi, a resident of the society, stated that sewage water has been flowing on the roads in Gaur Yamuna City for a long time, causing a foul smell in the society. The problem needs to be resolved soon.

NDMC signs MoU with iDreamCareer and Aasman Foundation on students career guidance programme

Staff Reporter New Delhi
The NDMC has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with iDreamCareer and Aasman Foundation to introduce a comprehensive career guidance programme for students of grades from 6th to 12th studying in NDMC and Navvyug schools. This initiative seeks to empower young learners with self-awareness, career readiness, and essential life skills, ensuring that they make informed decisions about their future educational and professional pathways. Through this collaboration, students will gain structured guidance

CM Gupta inaugurates six state-of-the-art switching sub-stations, boosting EV Bus infra

The Sub-Stations, developed by BRPL and TPDDL, are at Peeragarhi, Nangloi, Ambedkar Nagar, Srinivaspuri, Okhla Central Workshop, and Narela.

Staff Reporter New Delhi
Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Wednesday inaugurated six modern Switching Sub-Stations to enhance the electric bus infrastructure in Delhi.

These facilities, developed by BSES Rajdhani Power Limited and Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd., are located in Peeragarhi, Nangloi, Ambedkar Nagar, Srinivaspuri, Okhla Central Workshop, and Narela. Together, the Sub-Stations will support charging for around 1,170 electric buses, ensuring clean and reliable public transport.

During her speech at the inauguration, CM Gupta highlighted her government's swift execution of projects, contrasting it with earlier administrations that



focused more on announcements than deliveries. She emphasized that the six inaugurations in one day demonstrate the government's dedication to action rather than just talk.

This event is part of 'Sewa Pakhwada', a two-week initiative celebrating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, during which 75 projects and services will be dedicated to the public.

Looking ahead, CM Gupta announced a significant event scheduled for September 30, where multiple projects aimed at the revival of the Yamuna River will be inaugurated. This includes various sewer lines, sewage treatment plants, and water reservoirs, amounting to over ₹4500 crore in projects.

The Chief Minister also mentioned other recent developments, such as the inauguration of major commercial projects worth ₹760 crore and the re-launch of an interstate bus service to Baghpat after 18 years. She appreciated the collaboration between the Power and Transport departments, commending the leadership of the respective ministers.

Transport Minister Dr. Pankaj Kumar Singh reiterated the goal of restoring the Delhi Transport Corporation's previous reputation, noting that the introduction of more than 3,000 electric buses and improved charging facilities is a part of achieving sustainable transport.

Power Minister Ashish Sood assured the public that every household and depot will receive dependable power, with efforts to modernize transformers and feeders throughout the city under the Chief Minister's guidance.

The newly inaugurated Sub-Stations are equipped with advanced technology, including modern switchgear and battery sets, designed to boost the efficiency and reliability of Delhi's power supply. This initiative supports the larger vision of a developed Delhi while aligning with Prime Minister Modi's concept of a developed India.

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Ending 27 Yrs of neglect in rural Delhi's development: Indraj

Staff Reporter New Delhi
Rural Delhi has faced neglect for 27 years, according to Minister of Social Welfare, Ravinder Indraj Singh.

The Minister highlighted that past state governments only participated in schemes while failing to benefit the villages and the poor. Currently, improved coordination between the Central Government and the Delhi Government is enabling significant development in rural areas, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Antyodaya and goals for a "Viksit Delhi."

This was announced during the inauguration of development projects under the Delhi Gramodaya Abhiyan in Bawana.

Singh expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena for his



focus on rural development, which has led to new projects in 2023, aimed to enhance community facilities such as chaupals, streets, drains, community halls, and gas pipelines. A modern Sports Complex has also been built in Kutubgarh. Additionally, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has allocated special funds to develop link roads and Lal Dora areas, marking a substantial move towards a more developed Delhi.

Delhi to see India's first artificial rain trials to fight winter pollution

Diksha New Delhi

In a first for India, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has granted permission to IIT Kanpur to conduct cloud seeding operations in Delhi between October 1 and November 30, 2025. The move aims to tackle severe winter pollution and provide immediate relief to residents.

The decision comes under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with guidance from Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and support from the central government. Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa announced the development, calling it a "major step in Delhi's fight against pollution."



"I have directed that the aircraft remain on standby. As soon as weather and scientific parameters are favourable, we will conduct cloud seeding trials in Delhi—the first in India—to provide immediate relief," Sirsa said.

According to the DGCA order, IIT Kanpur will use a Cessna 206H aircraft (VT-IIT) for the operations. Pilots must hold valid professional licenses, medical fitness, and prior experience in cloud seeding. The flights will be carried out under Visual Flight Rules (VFR) with clearances from air traffic control and coordination with airport authorities. Restricted or prohibited areas will be avoided, aerial photography is barred, and no foreign crew will take part.

Cloud seeding is a scientific technique where substances like silver iodide are dispersed into clouds to encourage rainfall. Earlier this year, IIT Kanpur had received clearances for similar trials in July, but they were postponed due to unfavourable weather. Officials said the October–November window offers better conditions for effective results.

The minister added that the initiative supports Delhi's round-the-clock clean air strategy and will help protect public health during peak smog season.

Dwarka Shri Ramlila: Devotees mesmerized by the enactment of Sita's birth, Killing of Tataka beautifully staged

New Delhi

On the third day of the 14th grand Ramlila organised under the aegis of Dwarka Shri Ramlila Society at Ramilla Ground in Dwarka Sector-10, West Delhi, a beautiful enactment of Sita's birth, Tataka's killing and Ahalya's rescue was presented on Wednesday.

Those who came to watch the Ramlila praised the artists' performances. This event, organized under the leadership of the society's chairman, Akash Rajesh Gehlot, has become a center of special enthusiasm and devotion.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also attended



the event in 2019 and 2023 and praised it. The second night's play featured scenes such as

Kaikheyi's marriage, Ravana acquiring the Pushpak Viman, and lifting Mount Kailash.

The grand stage decorations and modern technology mesmerized the audience. BJP Delhi State

Gupta govt fails to check adulterated goods during festive season, says Delhi Cong

Staff Reporter New Delhi

Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee president Devennder Yadav here on Wednesday said that the BJP government has failed to stop the glut of adulterated goods flooding the market in the festive season of Navratri, Ramilla and Diwali.

Yadav said that chief minister Rekha Gupta should mount strict action against adulterators and the government officials colluding to create such nefarious practice should be given forgettable punishment. He said that merely issuing an advisory to the shopkeepers and the people will not work and the chief minister should order the FSSAI to take strict action against adulterators.

The Rekha Gupta government has overlooked the health risks being faced by the people as adulterated milk products can cause illnesses like vomiting, stomach ache, kidney damage and cancer in the long run, he added.

NDMC to organise 'Shramdaan' programme today

Staff Reporter New Delhi

The NDMC is going to organise "One Day – One Hour – Together" "Shramdaan" programme on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay here on Thursday, September 25, 2025.

NDMC vice-chairman Kuljeet Singh Chahal in forming about this programme said that to prepare for the programme, a meeting was convened today under the chairmanship of NDMC chairman Keshav Chandra.

He said that to ensure the success of the "Shramdaan" programme, a special team of 56 employees has been constituted. Each of the 14 sanitation circles will be headed by a nodal officer, supported by three sub-nodal officers, who will be responsible for ensuring the active participation of all NDMC employees during the one-hour campaign from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Chahal further informed that, along with manual "Shramdaan", the NDMC will also deploy its modern machinery such as mechanical road sweepers, pressure jetting machines, scrubbing machines, etc., to make the campaign more effective and result-oriented.

He also mentioned that the NDMC has already initiated night wet cleaning and night sweeping in its areas to ensure that citizens wake up to a clean, dust-free, and pleasant environment every morning. Chahal appealed to the citizens and visitors of New Delhi to actively participate in this "Shramdaan" programme and contribute to making the NDMC area cleaner, greener, and more beautiful.



Apollo Diagnostics Phlebotomist Saves Life of Hyderabad Resident with Timely Intervention

New Delhi

In a remarkable display of preparedness and life-saving skills, a phlebotomist from Apollo Diagnostics saved the life of a 43-year-old Hyderabad resident who booked for home sample collection.

This incident highlights the critical importance of timely intervention and underscores Apollo Diagnostics' commitment to patient safety and service excellence.

and blood pressure, leading to initial dizziness. While starting the process, the phlebotomist immediately recognized the early signs of a severe reaction, which could have been fatal without swift action. The phlebotomist, who had recently

been certified in Basic Life Support (BLS), administered the necessary first-aid measures. His timely and skilled intervention helped stabilize Mehtap, preventing a more serious medical emergency. Soon an ambulance from Apollo arrived and the patient was taken for further treatment.

This incident served as a powerful testament to the importance of being prepared for medical emergencies. In recognition of World Heart Day, Apollo Diagnostics is announced that it has equipped close to 1,000+ phlebotomists with BLS certification. This initiative is a significant step towards ensuring that the

patient-facing workforce is not only trained for accurate sample collection but is also prepared to provide crucial, life-saving assistance in critical situations.

"The safety of our patients is our top priority," said Mr. Sriram Iyer, CEO, Apollo Health and Lifestyle. "This incident with Mehtap underscores the value of empowering our phlebotomists with Basic Life Support training. We believe that early detection, timely intervention, and preparedness are key to ensuring the well-being of our patients, especially in an age where lifestyle-related health conditions are on the rise."

Haryana CM inaugurates second phase of state-level 'Khel Mahakumbh' in Panchkula

Komal Ramola
Chandigarh

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini Wednesday said that the state government's vision is to make Haryana not only the sports capital of India, but also a global leader in sports, as he inaugurated the second phase of state-level 'Khel Mahakumbh'.



rav Gautam was also present at the event.

He said that over the past decade, Haryana has developed a comprehensive sports vision aimed at connecting every child with sports, creating playgrounds in every village, and providing opportunities to every youth passionate about sports.

He was addressing the inaugural function of the second phase of the state-level three-day 'Khel Mahakumbh' at the Tau Devi Lal Sports Stadium in Panchkula.

He encouraged the players to compete with a true sporting spirit and give their best performance. Minister of State for Sports Gau-

cessfully organised. In the first phase of this year's event, held from August 2 to 4, a total of 15,410 athletes participated across 26 sports. The second phase, which began in Panchkula on Wednesday, has 9,959 athletes competing, an official statement said.

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Haryana accelerates energy expansion with new Ultra-Supercritical units

Shiv Kumar

New Delhi/Chandigarh Haryana is set to strengthen its energy sector with major infrastructure projects, following a high-level meeting held at Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi, chaired by Union Power Minister Manohar Lal. The meeting brought together senior officers from the Union Ministry of Power and Haryana's Energy Department to discuss strategies for meeting the state's growing electricity demand.

Haryana Energy Minister Anil Vij emphasized the pivotal role of energy in national development, stating, "Energy is the lifeline of any nation, and a robust energy infrastructure is the cornerstone of a self-reliant India." He announced plans for new 800 MW ultra-supercritical thermal units in Panipat and Hisar, which, once operational, are expected to substantially increase the state's power availability.

Highlighting Haryana's significant contribution to the national GDP, Vij stressed the importance of full support from the Government of India to ensure the state's energy infrastructure keeps pace with rising demand. In response, Union Power Minister Manohar Lal assured that all necessary assistance under government policies and schemes would be extended to Haryana.

The discussions focused



on key projects, particularly the Haryana Power Generation Corporation Limited's (HPGCL) plans to establish ultra-supercritical thermal units in Hisar and Panipat. The Union Minister instructed concerned officers to facilitate coal linkage and other essential resources to expedite project completion. Challenges related to limited availability of quality bio-waste pellets were also reviewed, with instructions to find viable solutions promptly.

Upgrades to the transmission network were another focal point. Haryana Vidut Prasaran Nigam Limited (HVPNL) proposed replacing existing ACSR conductors with high-capacity HTLS conductors to enhance transmission efficiency and ensure grid reliability. The Union Minister requested a detailed proposal outlining installation sites and capacities for consideration. Progress on the Revamped Distribu-

tion Sector Scheme (RDSS) and expediting contract awards in DHBVN were sought, while UHBVN evaluated approval for SCADA and other upgrades in Sonapat and Jhajjar, which were duly noted.

Smart meter deployment was discussed extensively, covering both TOTEX and CAPEX models. The Union Ministry encouraged studying the 'TOTEX' model adopted in neighboring states to ensure timely implementation in Haryana, while both Ministers underscored that consumer data security must remain the highest priority.

Addressing the rising peak electricity demand, Vij requested an increase in Haryana's Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) allocation from 200 MW to 1500 MW. The Union Minister asked for a detailed proposal outlining installation sites and capacities for consideration.

Punjab agri minister seeks CCI intervention on cotton MSP



Chandigarh

With the cotton crop being sold below the minimum support price (MSP) in the state, Punjab Agriculture Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian on Wednesday sought the intervention of the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) to intervene in the market to ensure farmers get the right price for their crop.

Addressing the media here, Khudian said against the MSP of Rs 7,710 per quintal, farmers are receiving in the range of Rs 5,600-5,800 a quintal in many areas.

He pointed out that the area under cotton crop in the state grew 20 per cent this year.

He said farmers brought 1.19 lakh hectares under the cotton crop as against 99,000 hectares last year.

The minister said the state government has been making efforts to encourage farmers to diversify from the water-guzzling paddy crop to other crops like cotton, which is arriving in the market, is fetching prices less than the MSP, resulting in the "loot" of cotton growers.

He said the state government had asked the CCI to enter the cotton market for the crop purchase.

He urged the CCI to intervene in the market so that farmers get the right price for their crop.

Monsoon withdraws from flood-ravaged Punjab neighbouring Haryana

Chandigarh

The southwest monsoon on Wednesday withdrew from flood-ravaged Punjab, neighbouring Haryana and Chandigarh, the common capital of both the states, the Met department said here.

Over a week ago, the monsoon had begun retreating from some parts of Punjab and Haryana.

Flood-ravaged Punjab had received 253.7 mm of rain in August, which was not only 74 per cent in excess of normal but also the highest state witnessed in the past 25 years.

Neighbouring Haryana received 194.5 mm of rain in August against an average of 147.7 mm for the month, marking a 32 per cent increase. Punjab faced one of its worst flood disasters in decades. The floods, which claimed 57 lives in the state,



were a result of swollen Sutlej, Beas, and Ravi rivers along with seasonal rivulets caused by heavy rainfall in their catchment areas in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.

Haryana also witnessed flooding and water-logging in many parts of the state recently. Crops over thousands of acres of land got damaged in both the states.

Meanwhile, the maximum temperatures on Wednesday hovered above normal limits at most places in Punjab and Haryana.

Chandigarh recorded a high of 35.3 degrees Celsius, over three notches above normal limits. Karnal in Haryana recorded a high of 34 degrees Celsius, two above normal while Hisar and Narnaul also recorded above normal identical maximums of 36.4 degrees Celsius each.

Livasa hospitals names Anurag Yadav as CEO

Mohali

Livasa Hospitals, formerly known as Ivy Hospitals, has appointed Anurag Yadav as its new Chief Executive Officer. The Punjab-based multispecialty hospital chain, backed by India Resurgence Fund (IndiaRF), announced the leadership change on Wednesday.

Yadav brings more than three decades of professional experience, including over 20 years in senior leadership roles at some of India's leading healthcare networks. He has previously served as CEO of Glenegles Healthcare India and held senior positions at Manipal Health Enterprises, Fortis Healthcare, and Sakra World Hospital. A Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and an alumnus of the Indian School of Business, he is known for driving operational excellence, scaling hospital networks, and building patient-centric systems.

On his appointment, Yadav said he looked forward to working with the team at Livasa to enhance patient outcomes, expand the hospital's reach, and position it as a benchmark in healthcare delivery. "This is an exciting opportunity to build on Livasa's strong foundation with a sharp focus on community well-being and sustainable value for all stakeholders," he said.

Welcoming him to the role, Shantanu Nalavadi,

Managing Director of IndiaRF, said Yadav's proven track record and industry expertise would be pivotal in shaping the next phase of Livasa Hospitals' growth.

With the appointment, Livasa Hospitals reaffirmed its commitment to delivering accessible and affordable healthcare across Punjab and beyond. The group said

it will continue to focus on strengthening its service offerings, adopting advanced technologies, and improving clinical outcomes through a patient-first approach.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
SEBI has allowed opening of a special window to facilitate re-pledge of transfer requests of physical shares lodged prior to the deadline of April 2019 and rejected/rejected returned due to deficiency in the documents (SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/MRSD/MRSD-PO/P/CI/R/2025/97 dated July 2, 2025). The re-pledge window shall remain open for a period of six months i.e. from July 7, 2025 till January 6, 2026.
Investors whose transfer deeds were lodged prior to April 2019 and rejected/returned due to deficiency in documents may contact the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent (RTA) Signatures Services Pvt. Ltd. (Unit: Morning Glory Leasing and Finance Limited, 302 Kushal Bazar, 33-33, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019 Tel. No. 011-42425004, email: bsodshi@sigshareline.com or the Company at email morninggloryleasing@gmail.com for further assistance.
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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of Morning Glory Leasing and Finance Ltd.
Sd/-
Raman Kumar
(Company Secretary)

Place: New Delhi Date: September 24, 2025

IMPORTANT NOTICE

INTRODUCTION OF TWO NEW VANDE BHARAT TRAIN SERVICES

It is notified for the information of rail passengers that Railways have decided to introduce two new Vande Bharat Train services between Jodhpur-Delhi Cantt. and Bikaner-Delhi Cantt. stations as per following details:-

26471/26482 Jodhpur-Delhi Cantt.-Jodhpur Vande Bharat Express (6 Days in a Week)

Train No.	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	Train No.	ARR.	DEP.
26481	05:25	06:30	Jodhpur	26482	23:20	--
06:28	06:30	Merta Road Jn.	21:39	21:41		
06:58	07:00	Dagina Jn.	21:09	21:11		
07:28	07:30	Makrana Jn.	20:39	20:41		
08:35	08:37	Phulera Jn.	19:53	19:55		
09:25	09:30	Jaipur Jn.	19:00	19:05		
11:18	11:20	Alwar Jn.	17:08	17:10		
12:13	12:15	Rewari Jn.	16:20	16:22		
13:00	13:01	Gurgaon	15:22	15:25		
13:30	--	Delhi Cantt.	--	15:10		

Date of Run : 26481 Ex. Jodhpur and 26482 Ex. Delhi Cantt. From 27.09.2025 (Daily Except Tuesday)
Accommodation : Executive Chair Car & Chair Car

26471/26472 Bikaner Jn.-Delhi Cantt.-Bikaner Jn. Vande Bharat Express (6 Days in a Week)

Train No.	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	Train No.	ARR.	DEP.
26471	05:40	06:31	Bikaner Jn.	26472	23:05	--
06:29	06:31	Sri Dungargarh	21:41	21:43		
07:10	07:12	Ratanagarh Jn.	20:58	21:00		
07:45	07:50	Churu Jn.	20:20	20:25		
08:35	08:37	Sadulpur Jn.	19:35	19:37		
09:15	09:17	Loharu Jn.	18:59	19:01		
09:47	09:49	Mahendragarh	18:29	18:31		
11:20	11:22	Gurgaon	17:02	17:04		
11:55	--	Delhi Cantt.	--	16:45		

Date of Run : 26471 Ex. Bikaner Jn. and 26472 Ex. Delhi Cantt. From 28.09.2025 (Daily Except Wednesday)
Accommodation : Executive Chair Car & Chair Car

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Adopt zero-tolerance policy against crime: Punjab CM Mann tells police officers

Chandigarh

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Wednesday directed commissioners of police (CPs) and senior superintendents of police (SSPs) to adopt a zero-tolerance policy against crime. Chairing a virtual meeting with CPs and SSPs, the CM emphasised that in view of the festive season, it is imperative to ensure comprehensive arrangements for maintaining law and order, public safety, and the smooth conduct of events.

He said that the festive season often sees increased activities by miscreants, potential stampedes due to overcrowding, incidents of theft and snatching, and attempts by anti-social or anti-national elements to exploit the situation. To address these challenges, CM Mann called for proactive and coordinated measures at all levels to ensure



the safety and security of citizens, said an official statement. Expressing concern over recent reports of tension from certain areas, he urged the public to uphold the ethos of communal harmony and brotherhood. The CM also flagged the rising concern over radical and inflammatory content circulating on social media platforms. He said such content, often aimed at provoking communal or political tensions, poses a serious

threat to public order. CM Mann called for robust monitoring of social media at the CP and SSP levels, with all such content to be immediately referred to cybercrime units for strict action against those responsible for posting or sharing material that could disturb peace. He said that, as a border state, Punjab faces persistent threats from forces inimical to its peace, progress, and prosperity, and urged the police to remain vigilant.

India's Artificial Intelligence Challenges: An International Perspective

AI is no longer just a buzzword; it's a technology that has risen from the early stage debate to being used at all levels. It is being used by a common phone user who has synced AI tools in mobile for enhancing their understanding of the routine consumption of content, products, and services. The machine-learning technologies have moved from academic research to the application levels in business. The Neural Network Language Models are being deployed for text identification, interpretation and classification, and also in chatbots and writing aids. AI-driven image-processing models are being widely used for generating people's photorealistic pictures; so is the case for drones and robotics technologies, autonomous vehicles. What is more, during the Covid-19 pandemic, drones/unarmed-aerial-vehicles (UAVs) were deployed for social distancing, and for more recently have found their way in defense applications. Their deployment in the agriculture and healthcare sectors, particularly for cancer detection, skin and eye-disorder identification and other clinical diagnosis is on a rise. The use of AI applications in cyber security and money-laundering is another area.

AI LANDSCAPE: EMERGING TRENDS

It is undoubtedly clear that AI's adoption, coverage, accessibility and influence is increasingly reshaping the economy, business, polity, and governance. NITI Aayog, in its report (National Strategy for Artificial Intelligence) admits, AI has "the potential to disrupt almost all aspects of human existence". Even the routine life of the people is changing with robotaxi (China) and self-driving cars (US) getting too common. Stanford University in its latest report (Artificial Intelligence Index Report 2025), brings out a number of points worth highlighting.

Firstly, the industry has taken a leading role in AI model-building with its share being 90%, whereas academia is deep in high-cited research. Secondly, private investment has soared to unprecedented levels touching \$252 billion in 2024, and in generative AI, it particularly shot up, more than 8.5 times over the level achieved in 2022, soaring to almost \$34 billion in 2024. Thirdly, models being developed include bigger data sets, getting faster and speedier computationally displaying high performance-levels. NITI Aayog in its Report (2025), further confirms, the supercomputing capacity and algorithmic efficiency are doubling every 8–10 months, and 15–18 months respectively. Fourthly, AI hardware is getting cheaper and energy-efficient, but carbon emissions are on the rise with the average American emitting carbon to the extent of 18 tonnes per year, and GPT-4 emissions reaching at 5184 tonnes in 2023. Both Google and Microsoft have shown heightened concern regarding nuclear reactors supporting their AI activities. Fifthly, in many tasks, the AI Agents are matching human expertise. For limited use cases, ChatGPT has shown better results than Doctors in



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Indicator	India	China	USA	Ind/Highest Val
Global Private Investments in AI (2013–24, Billion)	11.3	119.3	470.9	1.42
Global Private Investments in AI (2024, Billion)	1.16	9.29	109.1	1.94
Newly Funded AI Companies (2013–24, Number)	434	1606	6966	1.16
Industrial Robots Installed (2023, Number)	8.5	276	37.6	1.32
Granted AI Patents (% of World Total, 2010–23)	0.4	69.7	14.2	1.17
GitHub AI Projects (% of Total, 2011–24)	19.9	2.1	23.4	1.1.2
GitHub Stars (2011–24, Number, Million)	4.1	3.7	21.1	1.5
AI Publications in CS (2013–23, %)	9.22	23.2	9.2	1.2.5

Note: (1) Figures are rounded off. (2) Ind/Highest Val indicates the ratio of India and the country with the highest value in the AI indicator.

Source: Stanford University, Artificial Intelligence Index Report 2025. Retrieved on 5 Sep 2025

high-mortality-risk patient identification and clinical risks prediction. Many studies point out that productivity gains, cost efficiency and narrowing down the gaps between high and low skilled workers.

On one hand, AI while rigorously combining engineering, science, and AI-enabled computing systems on big data is undergoing a dynamic change. AI led models continue to make major inroads in medical science, and identifying health determinants. For instance, ESM3 and AlphaFold 3 (as given above Stanford University Report) are performing better in predicting Protein levels, Avary is increasingly used in handling biological issues. FireSat in predicting wildfires. Consequently, the number of FDA approved AI-enabled medical instruments increased from just 6 in 2015 to 223 by 2023.

On the other hand, AI related incident, which is defined by OECD as an event, circumstance or series of events wherein usage, development or malfunction of AI causes harm to a human, property, environment, or disrupts critical infrastructure, or violates human rights or the applicable law, are on a rise from 233 in 2024 - up by 56% over 2023. Thus, the concern for ethical and regulatory framework through collaborative arrangements have grown over the period. Even the AI enabled election misinformation is on the rise, though impact is not yet clear. Even LLMs developed with explicit unbiasedness (such as Claude 3 Sonnet and GPT-4) actually contain implicit biases of many types related to racism, gender, subject, etc. In this setting, the governments across the world have raised their legislative interventions, more than nine-fold since 2016 shooting to 1889 in 2024.

Overall, in this emerging AI landscape, India's position in the international perspective in comparison to China and the United States is quite far both in terms of promoting investments, robot installations and generating innovations. It is abundantly clear from the Table given below that India is far behind the US and China in terms of global private investments (cumulative & yearly), newly funded companies, industrial robots installed, AI patents granted, GitHub projects, skill penetration rate, AI publications and so on. In 2024, the US alone accounts for above 23% of GitHub AI projects, and it is closely followed by India. The US has produced 40 AI models as compared to 15 by China, who is focussing more on raising performance by closing quality-gaps. The US continues to lead in bringing ICT graduates at all levels.

Modi ji has transformed Antyodaya from philosophy to a tool of inclusive growth

The political history of India is replete with leaders who steered the nation in different times but very few among them considered politics not a privilege, but a medium of service to people, dedication, and resolve. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was one such great soul who used politics as a tool to uplift those living on the margins of society. He propounded the principle that the true test of nation-building lies in whether the fruits of development reach the last man standing in the queue.

For him, Antyodaya was not merely a political slogan, but a mantra for life. He used to say: "The goal of our politics should not be the attainment of power, but the uplift of society through service."

Today, as we celebrate the 100th birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, it is necessary to remember how his philosophy remains relevant even today. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, not only imbibed this spirit of Antyodaya but also made it the cornerstone of his policies and style of governance and working.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that under the leadership of Shri Modi ji, Antyodaya has been transformed from an idea or philosophy into a practical form of development, a tool to serve the masses. During his tenure of more than twelve years as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, and now, for more than eleven years as the Prime Minister of India, Shri Modi Ji has placed the poor, the deprived, the farmer, the women, and the last person standing in the queue at the centre of every policy and scheme.

On May 26, 2014, when Shri Narendra Modi ji took charge of the nation as its Pradhan Sevak, India was grappling with several challenges—social and economic inequality, widespread poverty, and neglect of the marginalised sections of society. Given this scenario, on August 15, 2014, in his very first Independence Day speech from the Red Fort, he took the bold step of connecting the poor with the banking system; the poor who would hesitate to even approach a bank.

Through the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, more than 560 million bank accounts were opened, opening the door for the poor to financial inclusion. This was not just a scheme to open accounts, but a revolutionary step that placed the poor on the first ladder of financial self-reliance. It secured their earnings from middlemen, enabled direct transfer of benefits, and brought them into the mainstream of national economy.

The spirit of Antyodaya was carried to every household kitchen through the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. Generations of mothers and sisters who



By Manohar Lal

Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs (former Chief Minister of Haryana)



cooked on smoky stoves were given LPG connections, ensuring not just their health and safety, but also restoring their dignity. More than a mere change of fuel, it was a great campaign to improve the quality of life of women.

Pandit Deendayal's vision of Antyodaya was exemplified on a large scale during the global COVID-19 pandemic when the world was battling health, food, and job crises. Concerned over the plight of the poor,

Shri Modi Ji launched the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana under which free ration is being provided to 800 million poor families since March, 2020. With its extension until January, 2029, it has been ensured that the stove in no household goes cold, and no family goes to bed hungry. More than an act of compassion, this step was a prof of the resilience and sensitivity of India's governance.

With a view to ensuring health security, Ayushman

Bharat Yojana was launched to provide free healthcare coverage to the poor. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi delivered Rs 6,000 annually directly into the bank accounts of 110 million small farmers, giving them financial support. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana gave millions of poor families a roof over the head, Jal Jeevan Mission aimed to deliver tap water to every home, while Digital India connected villages with the power of technology. All these reflect what Deendayal Ji once said: "True development is that which ensures facilities, opportunities, and dignity to the very last individual."

In his third term as the Prime Minister, Shri Modi ji continues to take forward the spirit of Antyodaya. The Drone Didi Yojana is a shining example. By training rural women in the use of drone

technology for agricultural purposes, this scheme is not only making them self-reliant but also opening for them new avenues of entrepreneurship. Today, these women are being recognized as Lakhpati Didis — a living example of the journey from Antyodaya to empowerment.

Antyodaya is no longer viewed as a charity; it is a matter of the poor's right and opportunity. This philosophy has not only helped India to become the world's fourth-largest growing economy but also emerge as a global model of inclusive development, and a force to reckon with. This proves that when the focus of the leadership rests on the last person, development does not remain confined to statistics but gets reflected in the uplift of every section of society.

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya had said: "The true measure of success in politics is whether it reaches the weakest and the smallest in society, and makes their life better." On the 100th birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, we are reminded of his principle: "Mansa, Vacha, Karmna Yaha Samakriyate"—when mind, speech, and actions are aligned with truth and sincerity, the pace of nation-building becomes unstoppable. When politics becomes synonymous with service and dedication, progress does not remain limited to policy documents, but descends as a light into the lives of millions of poor citizens."

Congress slams BJP over stolen mandates and dirty tricks

Patna
In a scathing attack on the Centre, the Congress on Wednesday said a government built on "stolen mandates" and "rigged voter lists" has no moral or political legitimacy, and claimed that "conspiracy" of the special intensive revision was another "dirty trick" from the BJP's toolkit to manipulate electoral rolls to cling on to power.

The assertions were made in two resolutions — one political and the other an appeal to voters of Bihar — that were passed by the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting here chaired by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge.

Addressing a press conference after the meeting at Sadaqat Ashram, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said in the next one month, Gandhi will come out with more revelations on "vote chori" which would be akin to detonating "hydrogen bomb", "mini hydrogen bomb", "uranium bomb" and "plutonium bomb".

"Different bombs in different places. This is just the beginning. The revelations related to Mahadevpuram and Aland in Karnataka are just the beginning, and there is a long story in this motion about the vote-stealing campaign," Ramesh said.

A campaign to collect 5 crore signatures against "vote chori" was launched from September 15 and will continue till October 15th, and these 5 crore signatures will be submitted to the Election Commission, he said.

"The Election Commission is not answering our



questions. The Election Commission has conspired and has become a puppet of Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) and Home Minister (Amit Shah)," he said.

The meeting was attended by former party chief Rahul Gandhi, treasurer Ajay Maken, general secretaries KC Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh and Sachin Pilot, and Bihar Congress chief Rajesh Kumar, among others.

In the political resolution, the CWC said, "Vote chori" and irregularities in our electoral rolls have shaken public belief in the very foundations of our democracy. The CWC resolved to salute Rahul Gandhi for boldly exposing the shameless 'vote chori' and bravely fighting these brazen attempts to subvert democracy."

"This exposes the systematic and deliberate conspiracy used to manufacture an elected majority for the BJP. A government built on stolen mandates and rigged voter lists has no moral or political legitimacy," the resolution said.

"It is not based on public trust but on deceit. In the absence of democratic accountability, the government is freed of any obligation to care about unemployment, farmer suicides, inflation, crumbling healthcare, ruined education and crumbling infrastructure. The government is apathetic because it knows that it can remain in power not through service but through deceit and fear," the resolution said.

"Vote chori" is inseparable from attacks on the Constitution, the economy, social justice, and national security, it said.

It is the single thread that exposes the regime's illegitimacy and its actions, the resolution said.

The CWC reiterated its dire apprehension regarding the special intensive revision in Bihar as "yet another dirty trick from the BJP's toolkit to manipulate electoral rolls and cling to power".

"Their aim is clear: to disenfranchise the poor, workers, backward classes and minorities — the very people who are determined to oust the NDA from Bihar," the CWC said.

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BJP claims Congress seeks driving seat in state politics



New Delhi
The Congress has convened its CWC meeting in Bihar in a bid to take the "driving seat" from its allies but people will give yet another mandate to the NDA because they have seen the RJD's rule of "fear, kidnapping and corruption" under Lalu Prasad, the BJP claimed on Wednesday.

BJP MP and former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said that the Congress, which has convened its CWC meeting in Bihar after a gap of 85 years, will have to answer why it remained "silent" when people of the state were being kidnapped, public money were swindled in scams and the entire state was witnessing caste based-massacre during the RJD's rule.

He also asserted that the Bihar assembly elections would mark the beginning of the end of the Modi government's "corrupt rule".

He claimed "internal strife" within the NDA alliance is now out in the open.

"Nityash Kumar has been mentally retired by the BJP. The BJP now considers him a burden," Kharge charged.

Reacting sharply to Kharge's remarks about Kumar, Prasad said, "Such a comment coming from the Congress party's president questioning the mental status of the chief minister is very unfair."

"Beyond this I will retain my civilised comments, except to say that Mr Congress president would you kindly do some introspection as to what is your status in the party where the levers of power is with someone else," the senior BJP leader said when asked for comment.

Prasad alleged that the Congress has been standing behind multi-crore fodder scam convict Lulu Prasad and has kept mum even though charge sheet have been filed against the RJD Supremo in the land-for-fodder scam in which wife Rajni Devi and son Tejashwi Yadava are also accused.

He also took on the Congress, questioning its silence over its Kerala unit allegedly likening people of Bihar to bidis recently and Telangana Chief Minister Reventh Reddy's "Bihar DNA" comment in the past.

"When you have come to Bihar to hold CWC after a gap of 85 years, you (the Congress) will have to give answers," he added.

The BJP leader also lashed out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, terming as "very shocking" his allegation that unemployment in the country has reached a 45-year high due to "vote theft".

"Rahul Gandhi, stop insulting the country's democratic process and people's right to vote," he said and asked, "If they do not vote for you, will you abuse them like this?"

"Your account is not going to open for the next 20-25 years," he added.

In a post on X, Gandhi on Tuesday alleged that unemployment has reached a 45-year high in the country because the BJP doesn't win elections honestly and stays in power by stealing votes and controlling institutions.

Cabinet approves expansion of PG UG medical education capacity

New Delhi
The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved Phase-III of a scheme for strengthening and upgrading existing central and state government medical colleges to increase 5,000 postgraduate seats.

It also approved the extension of the central scheme for upgradation of the existing government medical colleges to increase 5,023 MBBS seats with an enhanced cost ceiling of Rs 1.50 crore per seat. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said at a Cabinet briefing.

This initiative will significantly augment undergraduate medical capacity, availability of specialist doctors by creating additional post-graduate seats and enable the introduction of new specialties across government medical institutions, the minister said, adding this will strengthen the overall availability of doctors in the country.

To a question, the ministry officials said that the new 5,000 medical PG seats would be increased by the year 2028-29. They added that these PG seats are being created only in the government medical colleges across the country.

The target of these schemes is to increase 5,000 PG seats and 5,023 UG seats in government institutions by 2028-2029. Detailed guidelines will be issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for implementation of the schemes, an official statement said.

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Cabinet approves doubling of 104-km railway line costing Rs 2 192 cr in Bihar

New Delhi
Chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the doubling of the 104-km Bakhtiyarpur-Rajgir-Tilaiya single railway line section in poll-bound Bihar with a total cost of about Rs 2,192 crore.

Announcing the decision here on Wednesday, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the project will cover four districts of Bihar while increasing the existing network of Indian Railways by about 104 km.

Assembly elections will be held in Bihar later this year. Vaishnaw said that also provide rail connectivity to prominent destinations such as Rajgir (Shanti Stupa), Nalanda, Pawapuri and the like, attracting pilgrims and tourists from across the country.

This is an essential route for transportation of commodities such as coal, cement, clinker, fly ash and the like, the statement said,

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'Economic devastation' claims Congress, accuses Modi gov't of manipulating data

Patna
The Congress claimed on Wednesday that the "economic devastation" wrought by the BJP-led Centre has plunged crores of Indians into despair and accused the Narendra Modi government of attempting to "manipulate data" to create the image of a booming economy.

The opposition party also said that instead of extending a helping hand to the states, the Centre has cynically withheld GST compensation, treating non-NDA "states with

stepmotherly bias".

The assertions were made in a political resolution passed at a meeting of the extended Congress Working Committee (CWC) here that was chaired by party president Mallikarjun Kharge and attended by former party chief Rahul Gandhi, treasurer Ajay Maken, general secretaries KC Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh and Sachin Pilot, and Bihar Congress chief Rajesh Kumar, among others.

"The extended Congress Working Committee met today in Patna, at a time

when the people of Bihar are preparing to free themselves from the misrule of NDA," the resolution said.

At a time when the country needs stability, vision and participatory governance, it is instead witnessing a government that is bent on subordinating all institutions and morality in its pursuit of power, the CWC said after more than four hours of deliberations. It alleged that the BJP-RSS relentless attacks on the Constitution and the republic have continued unabated.

"We will fix this matter after Dussehra vacations for orders," the bench told the court appearing for the state of Rajasthan.

SC settles half-a-century old land dispute involving erstwhile Portuguese govt

New Delhi
The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it would pass order on October 9 in a suo motu case over the contamination in Jojari River in Rajasthan.

The bench then listed the matter for October 9. When the state's counsel said National Green Tribunal had also passed some orders over the discharge of effluents in the river, the bench said, "We are aware of it."

The bench then allowed the state's counsel to file a note in the matter, if he wished.

The top court on September 16 took suo motu cognisance over the discharge of industrial waste in the river and said it was affecting hundreds of villages there.

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Union Cabinet nod for CSIR's Rs 2 277 crore umbrella scheme to promote research

New Delhi
In a bid to promote research, the government on Wednesday approved a Rs 2,277 crore umbrella scheme for doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships and promoting knowledge sharing through a travel and symposia grant.

The Union Cabinet, at a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the 'Capacity Building and Human Resource Development (CBHRD)' of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) with a total outlay of Rs 2,277,397 crore for the period of the 15th Fi-

nance Commission Cycle 2021-22 to 2025-26.

"The Union Cabinet's approval for the DSIR Scheme 'Capacity Building and Human Resource Development' will add vigour to India's R&D ecosystem, with a focus on a culture of innovation as well as excellence," Modi said in a post on X. Implemented by the CSIR, the scheme will cover all R&D institutions, national laboratories, Institutes of National Importance, Institutes of Eminence, and universities across the country.

The CBHRD initiative has four sub-schemes — Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships; Extramural Research Scheme, Emeritus Scientist Scheme, and Bhatnagar Fellowship programme; Promotion and Recognition of Excellence through the Award Scheme; and Promoting Knowledge Sharing through the Travel and Symposia Grant Scheme.

"The scheme will strengthen the research and development ecosystem by training researchers, nurturing scientific talent and promoting innovation to build a future-ready India," Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh said.

'I will come out clean' Azam Khan confident of justice reaffirms SP loyalty

Rampur (UP): A day after his release from the Sitapur jail, Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan said he was confident of getting justice from the courts and reaffirmed his association with the party.

On the speculation of his joining the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Khan said that he had "something called character", hinting that he was not leaving the Samajwadi Party (SP). "I have faith that I will come out clean. I am confident that I will get justice from the high court and, if not, from the Supreme Court," Khan told reporters during a brief interaction in Rampur, a day after he was released from jail where he had been lodged for nearly two years.

Responding to questions about SP president Akhilesh Yadav welcoming his release and calling it a victory of justice, Khan said, "He (Akhilesh) is the leader of a big party. If he has said something like this for a small man like me, it shows his greatness."

Deoria woman turns dairy venture into path of empowerment

Lucknow: Renu Devi of Dharmapur village in Deoria has emerged as a symbol of women's empowerment, safety, and dignity, charting a path to self-reliance under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's Mission Shakti campaign. Once a homemaker, Renu is now a successful entrepreneur, fondly called a 'Lakshmi Didi', thanks to the support of the Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission and Shri Baba Gorakhnath Kripa Milk Producer Institution (MPP).

Renu's journey began with the Chameli Self-Help Group, where she learned the basics of collective savings. However, the modest income from the group was insufficient for her family's needs. The turning point came when the MPP established a milk collection centre in her village, providing guidance on quality standards, fair pricing, and direct payments into bank accounts. Recognizing the opportunity, Renu expanded her small dairy operation. From owning just two cows for household use, she now manages five cows producing 25 litres of milk daily.

UPITS 2025 set to showcase UP's global identity in trade, culture, and innovation

Staff Reporter Lucknow: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the third edition of the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS) on Thursday at the India Expo Mart in Greater Noida. Scheduled from September 25 to 29, the event, envisioned under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, promises to be more than just a trade platform. It is set to highlight Uttar Pradesh's strengths across industrial, agricultural, cultural, and innovation sectors, while positioning the state prominently on the global stage.

UPITS has grown remarkably in just two years. The inaugural 2023 edition, inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu, saw 1,914 exhibitors and 400 foreign buyers. The second edition, opened by then Vice President Jagdeep Dhanohar, expanded further with 2,122 exhibitors, 350 foreign buyers, and nearly half a million visitors. Together, these two editions generated export



UPITS 2025 to spotlight UP's global edge in trade, culture & innovation

orders worth more than Rs 2,200 crore and direct sales of Rs 40 crore. Building on this success, the 2025 edition is expected to bring together over 2,500 exhibitors, 500 foreign buyers, and more than half a million visitors, reinforcing its reputation as a global hub for business and investment.

One of the key attractions will be the One

District One Product (ODOP) Pavilion in Hall No. 9. Featuring 343 stalls, the pavilion will bring to life Uttar Pradesh's celebrated craftsmanship, from Bhadohi carpets and Firozabad glassware to Moradabad's brassware and Saharanpur's intricate woodcraft. Designed to encourage networking, collaborations, and partnerships, the

ODOP space will also provide startups and designers opportunities to connect with international buyers. Russia will participate as the partner country, further elevating the show's global stature. On September 26, the Russia-India Business Dialogue will gather policymakers, industrialists, academics, and financial institutions from

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UP consumers and traders reap big gains from GST reform: Yogi



Lucknow: The launch of the 'Next Gen GST Reform' on the first day of Sharad-ya Navratri has infused fresh momentum into Uttar Pradesh's markets, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Wednesday. Addressing a press conference at Universal Booksellers in Hazratganj, he underlined that the reduction in GST rates is bringing direct relief to consumers and traders while strengthening the economy and creating new jobs.

"As India's largest consumer state, Uttar Pradesh stands to gain the most from these reforms," Yogi said, noting that the relief covers a wide range of essentials, GST on notebooks, pencils, and other educational items has been reduced to zero, most household necessities now fall under the 0%

or 5% tax slab, and 33 life-saving medicines are fully exempt. The Chief Minister said these measures are boosting consumption, which in turn is driving higher production, benefiting entrepreneurs and generating new employment opportunities.

Yogi highlighted the larger economic impact of the tax reform, pointing out that India's GST collection has surged from Rs 7 lakh crore to Rs 22 lakh crore since its implementation. In Uttar Pradesh alone, collections have more than doubled from Rs 49,000 crore to over Rs 1.15 lakh crore.

Earlier in the day, the Chief Minister visited Hazratganj market where he distributed pamphlets and banners about the reforms and engaged with shopkeepers and customers.

Railway employees to receive productivity linked bonus for 78 days amid record performance

Staff Reporter Gorakhpur: In a move recognizing the exceptional performance of the country's railway workforce, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the payment of the Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) for 78 days, amounting to Rs 1,865.68 crore. The bonus will benefit over 10.9 lakh non-gazetted railway employees across the nation.

Traditionally disbursed ahead of the Durga Puja and Dussehra holidays, the PLB serves as both a reward and a motivation for railway employees, encouraging them to sustain and enhance operational efficiency. This year, each eligible employee will receive an amount equivalent to 78 days' wages, with the maximum individual payout capped at Rs 17,951. The bonus covers a broad spectrum of railway staff, including track maintainers, loco pilots, train managers, station masters, supervisors, technicians and their assistants, pointsmen, ministerial



staff, and other Group 'C' employees. The decision comes on the back of an impressive year for Indian Railways in 2024-25. The Railways achieved a record cargo movement of 1,614.90 million tonnes and transported nearly 7.3 billion passengers, reflecting significant operational efficiency and service improvement. The Cabinet's approval of the PLB not only re-

wards the workforce for this achievement but also reinforces the importance of performance-driven incentives in the sector. This year's disbursement highlights the government's commitment to recognizing the contributions of frontline employees who form the backbone of the nation's transport infrastructure, ensuring smooth operations across the railway network.

Himachal govt issues guidelines to make school complex system operational

Shimla: The Himachal Pradesh government on Wednesday issued guidelines to make the 'school complex system' operational, aimed at aligning schooling systems with the objectives of the National Educational Policy (NEP).

The principals of the government senior secondary schools will be the nodal officer and all the nearby high, middle and primary schools would work under the principal, according to the guidelines issued by Secretary Education Kakesh Kanwar on Wednesday.

Himachal has achieved nearly 100 per cent enrollment in the primary section and the dropout rate was negligible, Kavar said.

He added that the pupil-teacher ratio was excellent but there is shortage of staff in many schools and the new system would also be a beginning for rationalisation and the nodal officer would be authorised to assign teaching work to any teacher as per the need.

At present there are



14,123 government schools in the state including 9,939 primary, 1,775 middle, 950 high and 1,959 senior secondary schools, the Secretary Education said.

The state has improved its ranking in the National Achievement Survey but small school size was a big problem and the school complex system would address this issue, he added.

"The Principal of the Government Senior Secondary School (GSSS) shall be the administrative head of the Complex for the purpose of day-to-day administration and implementation of all the policies, programmes, schemes, and campaigns in the Education Department," the instructions said.

"All teachers, including the heads of the subordinate schools (Headmasters, in-charge of Middle Schools and others within the complex, shall work under the overall administrative control of the Principal of the GSSS," it added.

The principal would visit each and every school of his complex at least once in two months and spend the entire day in the school to assess the learning levels of the students, teaching learning practices, the guidelines stated.

The principal would oversee various works related to the school concerned and submit reports on a monthly basis and all leaves except casual leaves of the staff would be sanctioned by the principal, it said.

According to the data of the education department, at primary level 87 per cent of schools have fewer than 40 students.

In standalone middle schools, only seven per cent of schools have more than 40 students. In the Senior Secondary Schools (Classes 6 to 12), 97 per cent of schools have more than 40 students, the data showed.

2 sisters college student electrocuted in separate incidents in Ballia, Sultanpur

Ballia/Sultanpur (UP): Two sisters returning from school were electrocuted in the Ballia district of Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday afternoon, while a 22-year-old college student died of electric shock in a separate incident in Sultanpur, officials said.

The Ballia incident took place in the Jirabasti village under the Sukhpura police station area when Anchal Yadav (15), a class nine student, and her sister Alka Yadav (12), a class six student, came in contact with a live electric current in a waterlogged stretch on their way home from the school, police said.

Both sisters were rushed to the district hospital, where doctors declared them dead, according to the police.

District Magistrate Mangala Prasad Singh,



who visited the hospital along with senior police and administrative officers, said, "The incident is tragic. Preliminary information suggests there was a broken power line in the waterlogged area. The responsibility for this negligence will be fixed and action will be taken against those found guilty."

In the Sultanpur district, Khushbu (22), a BA student and resident of the Bhasvapur Distt. Basti under the Kotwali Dehat police station limits, died after suffering

an electric shock outside her house, police said. Station House Officer Akhand Dev Mishra said Khushbu was trying to plug in a standing fan with wet hands after drying clothes on a cot when she was electrocuted.

Her family members rushed her to a nearby doctor, who declared her dead, Mishra said.

Chowki in-charge Sushil Nirmal and revenue officer Ananya visited the spot, conducted the inquest, and sent the body for post-mortem, the police added.

Bulandshahr farmers' grievances addressed at 'Samadhan Divas' program

Avnish Tyagi Bulandshahr: Farmers in Bulandshahr had a platform to voice their concerns as the district hosted a Farmer 'Samadhan Divas' on Wednesday, chaired by District Magistrate Shrutu. The event brought together local farmers, leaders of farmer unions, and government officials to discuss pressing agricultural issues and explore solutions.

During the program, representatives of farmer unions and organizations submitted a detailed memorandum to DM Shrutu, highlighting a range of challenges faced by the farming community. The District Magistrate directed the District Sugarcane Officer to take immediate action



regarding pending sugarcane payments by mills. She emphasized that for mills delaying payments, sugarcane centers should be re-directed to other mills to ensure timely settlements. Additionally, she issued guidelines to

raise awareness among farmers about the availability of sugarcane seeds and measures to prevent crop diseases. Addressing another critical concern, DM Shrutu instructed the District Agriculture Officer and AR Cooper-

ative to ensure the timely availability of fertilizers for farmers. She also appealed to the farming community to refrain from burning crop residue, citing its contribution to air pollution and environmental harm.

The Farmer Solution Day in Bulandshahr highlighted the administration's focus on addressing farmers' grievances while promoting sustainable agricultural practices, signaling a collaborative approach to rural development in the district.

The event saw participation from key district officials, including Chief Development Officer Nisha Grewal, SSP Dinesh Kumar Singh, ADM (E) Pramod Kumar Pandey, ADM (F) Abhishek Singh, and ADM (J) Bharat Ram. Leaders from the BKU (Tikait) faction, including Arab Singh, Biswan Singh, and Tejveer Singh, were also present, reflecting strong engagement between farmers and authorities.

Pak PM Shehbaz to travel to Washington to meet President Trump on Thursday

Islamabad: Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will travel from New York to Washington to meet US President Donald Trump on Thursday, as the two sides make a renewed push to reset their bilateral relations. Shehbaz, who is in New York to attend the UN General Assembly session, had an "informal exchange" with Trump on Tuesday after a dialogue between the President and leaders of eight Islamic-Arab countries, including Pakistan, the foreign ministry said.

The Prime Minister will briefly travel from New York to Washington to meet President Trump. The Express Tribune newspaper reported on Wednesday, citing diplomatic sources.

He will return to New York on the same day to continue his UN engagements, it added.

It will be the first meeting between the US President and the Pakistani Prime Minister at the White House since July 2019, when then-prime minister Imran Khan travelled to Washington and met President Trump.

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BUSINESS

Oswal family vows legal action after attack linked to fugitive former staff

New Delhi: The Oswal family has filed a police complaint after Radhika Oswal, wife of industrialist Pankaj Oswal, was assaulted by Vishnu Menaria on 23 July 2025. Vishnu is the son of Mukesh Menaria, a chef formerly employed by the household.

According to the FIR, Vishnu trespassed onto private property, confronted Radhika, physically assaulted her and made explicit life-threatening sexually violent threats, including threats of rape, acid attack, and murder. Police arrested him soon after the incident and produced him before a magistrate's court. He was detained for 24 hours before being released on bail under strict conditions, including the surrender of his passport and provision of sureties.

The unprovoked attack has left the Oswal family shocked and raised serious concerns over the safety and security of global investors with strong Indian roots. Lawyers representing the Oswal family have raised serious objections to the grant of bail, citing security threats to the family.

Moldovan PM accuses Russia of using country's election to 'take power'

Chisinau (Moldova): Moldova's Prime Minister Dorin Recean warned on Wednesday that Russia is spending hundreds of millions of euros to "take power" in a pivotal parliamentary election that could derail the country's course toward the European Union.

Recean's remarks came days before the election on Sunday, when Moldovans will vote to choose a new 101-seat legislature in a ballot many view as a stark choice between East and West.

"The Republic of Moldova is in an electoral campaign. The Russian Federation is also in an electoral campaign," he said in an address after a government session. "It's just that we are campaigning in our country, and the Russian Federation wants to campaign not in its own country, but in our country."

Recean accused the Kremlin of trying "to take power in Chisinau, violating the sovereign will" of Moldovans.

"This is not an ordinary electoral battle," he said. "It is a siege on our country."

Recean outlined several ways Russia is allegedly trying to take control of Moldova and diminish support for the pro-European governing Party of Action and Solidarity, or PAS. The party won a clear majority in the 2021 parliamentary election but risks losing it on Sunday, with no other viable pro-European alternatives to the ballot.

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Bangladesh EC's refusal to grant demanded symbol angers student-led NCP

Dhaka: Bangladesh's student-led National Citizen Party (NCP) threatens to halt elections after the Election Commission (EC) refused to allocate the symbol it demanded ahead of the February polls.

NCP, a large offshoot of Students against Discrimination (SAD), which led last year's street campaign dubbed as the July Uprising, toppling then prime minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League and installing Professor Muhammad Yunus as the Chief Adviser.

"The commission could not show any legal logic for not allocating the 'shapla' (water lily) as our symbol and therefore we are sticking to our demand," NCP's convener Naqid Islam was quoted as saying on Wednesday by newspapers a day after the EC revealed its decision on the issue.

Islam said NCP would give its "final reaction" once the EC takes its "final decision".

However, the party's chief coordinator for northern Bangladesh,

Sarjis Alam, threatened to halt the polls unless their demand was met.

"Since there is no legal barrier, the NCP must get the 'shapla' as its symbol; there is no other option. Unless we get it, we will see how the election is held and how someone could dream of attaining power," Alam posted on social media.

EC's senior secretary, Akhter Ahmed, on Tuesday told a media briefing that NCP would not be allotted the symbol they demanded as it is "not included in the list of electoral symbols as per the regulations".

"The 'shapla' is not on our list of 115 electoral symbols. According to the rules, political parties must choose a symbol from the approved list," he said.

The "shapla" is the national emblem of Bangladesh.

NCP chief coordinator Nasiruddin Pathway led the party delegation to the EC to get its registration earlier and said the party must be registered with the "shapla" symbol.

3 people shot at immigration facility in Dallas shooter dead

Dallas: Three people have been shot at a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Dallas and the shooter is dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, the agency's director said.

Acting ICE Director Todd Lyons confirmed the shooting during an interview on CNN on Wednesday.

"It could be employ-



ees, it could be civilians that were visiting the facility, it could be detainees," Lyons said of those who were shot. "At this point, we're still working through that."

Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said details were still emerging, but the agency was confirming there were "multiple injuries and fatalities" at the field office. Noem said the motive remained unclear, but noted there has been an uptick in targeting of ICE agents.

Dozens of emergency vehicles were seen along a highway near the facility. The ICE facility is along Interstate 35 East, just southwest of Dallas Love Field, a large commercial airport serving the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area, and just blocks from hotels catering to airport travellers.

Traffic cameras near the scene showed six lanes of a normally busy freeway empty, with cars and semitrailers ground to a halt on an interstate exit.

ICE and Homeland Security didn't immediately provide additional details. The Dallas Fire-Rescue Department was dispatched at 6:41 am after a call reporting a shooting at or near the immigration office, department spokesperson Jason L. Evans said in an email.

Evans said he didn't have any confirmed details he could share, calling it an active and ongoing incident.

A July 4 attack at a Texas immigration detention centre injured a police officer, who was shot in the neck. Attackers dressed in black military-style clothing opened fire outside the Prairieland Detention Center in Alvarado, southwest of Dallas, federal prosecutors said. At least 11 people have been charged in connection with the attack.

GST to lower prices and drive growth, says RBI

Mumbai: The GST reform will have a positive impact on the Indian economy as it will promote ease of doing business, lower retail prices, and strengthen consumption growth drivers, a RBI bulletin said on Wednesday.

It further said global uncertainty remained elevated in the wake of the imposition of US trade tariffs on major trading partners and renewed concerns over the fiscal health of advanced economies.

"The landmark GST reforms should progressively result in a sustained positive impact through significant gains in ease of doing business, lower retail prices and strengthening of consumption growth drivers," said an article on the state of the economy published in the RBI's September Bulletin.

The government has come out with the GST 2.0, a two-rate structure

They have petitioned the court seeking cancellation of bail and stricter measures to prevent further intimidation. A hearing is due on 25 September 2025 to assess the objection.

This saga follows the fabricated accusation of kidnapping with intent to murder levelled against the Oswal family by their former employee Mukesh Menaria, none of which has been substantiated. The claims led to the wrongful arrest and detention for three weeks of Vasundhara Oswal, Radhika and Pankaj's daughter, in Uganda in October 2024. Initially detained without charge, she was charged with kidnapping with intent to murder, which was subsequently downgraded and ultimately withdrawn. The case against her was dismissed in June 2025.

Speaking on behalf of the family, Vasundhara Oswal said: "These nefarious accusations led to my arbitrary detention for several weeks, causing me and my family great distress. We are confident that justice will prevail and that the truth will expose the malicious intent behind these attacks. Our family

remained in surplus, facilitating the pass-through of policy rate cuts, it added. The article further pointed out that Indian equity markets witnessed bidirectional movements during August-September. India's current account deficit moderated in Q1 over the last year, supported by robust services exports and strong remittance receipts.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), however, said the views expressed in the Bulletin article are of the authors and do not represent the views of the central bank.

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GST reforms and speedy deliveries drive record early access momentum for Flipkart minutes

Noida/Ghaziabad: When the clock struck midnight on September 21, India's biggest shopping festival began counting in minutes. During the Early Access of The Big Billion Days 2025, Flipkart Minutes recorded over 45 lakh unique visitors and a 2X rise in order volumes compared to regular days. From the very first hour, The Big Billion Days Flipkart Minutes reflected how India celebrated

today - instant, joyful, and bigger than ever. Compared to the pre-festive period, new customers on Flipkart Minutes grew by 2.6X during Early Access of the sale. In the course of the first hour of Early Access (between 12 AM - 1 AM), the fastest delivery for an iPhone was completed in under 3 minutes.

The start of this season has shown that celebrations are no longer planned for tomorrow;



they are happening instantly, from ordering daily essentials like ghee, atta, and energy drinks to premium

smartphones and laptops. Within this festive momentum, every cart told a story: in one city, a shopper combined city fruits, pharmaceuticals, home essentials, and groceries in a single order, while another placed a ₹1.57 lakh premium cart featuring the iPhone 16 Pro Max. Smartphones remained a festive favourite, with 1 in 5 shoppers opting for the smartphone exchange program during

the peak hour, where the entire assessment was completed seamlessly at the doorstep in around 30 minutes. Hemant Badri, Senior Vice President, Head of Minutes & Supply Chain, Customer Experience and ReCommerce, Flipkart Group, said, "This Big Billion Days marks a turning point in how India shops. For the first time, millions of customers are celebrating the country's biggest shopping

festival not just online, but instantly - with Flipkart Minutes delivering everything from ice creams to iPhones in just 10 minutes. Thanks to the recent GST reforms, this festive season has become even more fulfilling for customers as they are able to save more while shopping for their favourite products on Minutes. What excites us most is not just the scale, but the diversity of what Indians are choos-

ing from, last-minute festive gifts and gourmet treats to trending smartphones, all delivered faster than ever imagined. The momentum we are seeing across metros and Tier II cities signals a cultural shift: shopping today is about immediacy, joy, and trust. At Flipkart, we are proud to be shaping this new chapter in India's festive movement, where every order fulfilled in minutes is a celebration delivered."

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Trump's Words Flatter, His Actions Hurt: Digvijay Gaikwad Danny on Indo-US Tensions



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Dr. Anil Singh (Editor, STAR Views & Editorial Advisor, Top Story): Welcome to this special conversation of Top Story Newspaper on the emerging trends in Indo-US relations, particularly in light of President Trump's recent behavior and policies toward India. We are joined today by **Mr. Digvijay Gaikwad Danny, a prominent Indian-origin businessman in Florida**, who has worked closely with U.S. policymakers and has been following the shifts in American political strategies toward India.

Q Dr. Anil Singh: Mr. Gaikwad Danny, the Indian diaspora in the United States—especially in states like Florida—has traditionally been seen as a strong supporter of the Republican Party and President Trump. But today, given the rising tariffs, stricter visa rules, and rhetoric coming from the Trump administration, do you feel that Indian-Americans are still genuinely backing him? Or are they simply keeping quiet under pressure, fearing consequences if they oppose him openly? How free is the Indian community to express its dissent in today's America?

A Digvijay Gaikwad Danny: Let me be absolutely clear—there is no pressure from any political party or administration on the Indian community to remain silent. Nobody has ever called us or forced us to stay quiet. In fact, just this week, I myself went—out of my own choice—to meet four U.S. Senators: Rick Scott, Ashley Moody, Mike Lee, and Ron Johnson. I told them straight that this issue is not about Prime Minister Modi alone, it is not just about India as a nation—this is about 1.4 billion people. When a policy hurts India, it hurts ordinary Indians and the diaspora, not the political leadership. And the Senators themselves admitted they were confused and disturbed by what was happening. They asked why is Trump taking such a hard line? Why this unnecessary escalation? Even America's own lawmakers don't have the answers.

Q Dr. Anil Singh: You point to unnecessary escalation. Let me ask you this directly: President Trump has in recent weeks imposed tariffs, raised visa fees to unaffordable levels, and even shockingly included India in a list linked with drug trafficking. Is this because Trump fears India's growing global power, or does he simply see India as a vast marketplace to be squeezed for American benefit? In your view, is Trump's hostility about strength—or just about money?

A Digvijay Gaikwad Danny: This is not about India's so-called global strength at all. To be blunt, India is not yet exercising control even over its neighborhood—Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal. Forget challenging global powers, India is still struggling regionally. So this is not a clash of great powers. This is a personal clash between Trump and Prime Minister Modi. Somewhere, something went wrong in their understanding, and now Trump has turned hostile.

On the drugs issue—yes, under the Biden administration, an Indian-origin official privately admitted to me that after China, the largest fentanyl shipments came from India. So there was always that background. But let's not be fooled—Trump is not attacking India because it is powerful, he is using India as a political punching bag. For him, India is both a market to be exploited and a symbol to demonstrate his toughness.

Q Dr. Anil Singh: That raises a larger question about India's strategic options. If Trump keeps raising tariffs, slapping restrictions, and targeting Indian workers through H-1B and other visa hikes, will this not drive India away from the US? Do you foresee India tilting closer to Russia and even China as a counter-balance to American hostility?

A Digvijay Gaikwad Danny: Look, everything Trump does is driven by business. He is not

an ideologue, he is a deal-maker. Russia is India's old friend and will remain one. China is also a reality India cannot ignore. But Trump's pressure tactics are nothing new—he did the same to Canada, Mexico, even to China. When China put a 100% tariff, Trump responded with 150%. Now it is India's turn. And his attack on H-1B visas is devastating because it hits India's youth directly. These are some of the brightest minds in technology and research, and suddenly they find their opportunities closed. Trump's strategy is pure business leverage, not global realignment. But make no mistake—it will hurt India badly, while America negotiates from a position of strength.

Q Dr. Anil Singh: On one hand, President Trump calls India a natural ally and strategic partner in the Indo-Pacific. On the other hand, he keeps imposing restrictions, tariffs, and punitive measures. Isn't this a double standard? Is Trump trying

to mislead India and the world with flattering words while punishing India with real policies?

A Digvijay Gaikwad Danny: That's exactly the point—this is not double standard, this is diplomacy. Trump praises India in public speeches, but his real actions are tough, even hostile. He will never call India an enemy—he will call it a friend, a partner. But at the same time, he quietly signs orders that make visas unaffordable, that block Indian goods, that damage our IT industry. So the lesson is simple—do not be carried away by his praise. Do not listen to the rhetoric. Look at the actions. That is where the truth lies.

Q Dr. Anil Singh: Let me bring in the larger doctrine of 'America First'. Trump claims this policy is helping ordinary Americans, but critics say it has become an excuse to target immigrants and weaken countries like India. In your opinion, has 'America First' truly benefited the American people, and is it the main reason Indians are facing so many restrictions?

A Digvijay Gaikwad Danny: Yes, 'America First' is the foundation of everything Trump is doing. The U.S. media may be divided—left-leaning media are Trump's sworn enemies—but the reality is this: Trump is working for America's interests, not for India's. And that is exactly what Modi is doing for India. A difference of approach does not make them enemies. Trump believes American jobs should stay in America. He believes immigration should be restricted. He believes trade must be

tilted in America's favor. That's why Indians are being hit. It's not personal against us—it is Trump fulfilling his promise to his voters.

Q Dr. Anil Singh: Finally, Mr. Gaikwad Danny, I want to ask you about the gap between Trump's speeches and his actions. He praises India publicly but punishes India in policy. How should Indians—both in India and in America—read this contradiction?

A Digvijay Gaikwad Danny: The lesson is very clear. Don't judge Trump by his words, judge him by his actions. He says India is a great partner, but then he hikes visa fees from 600,000 rupees to 8.8 million. He says Indian Americans are valuable, but then he blocks their entry through H-1B restrictions. This is Trump's style—he flatters with words but takes his 'pound of flesh' in policy. For India, the answer is not to get emotional or turn hostile. The answer is to be pragmatic, to keep negotiating, to strengthen Indo-US ties even under pressure. That is how both nations will move forward.

Dr. Anil Singh: Mr. Gaikwad Danny, thank you for speaking with such clarity and candor to Top Story.

Digvijay Gaikwad Danny: Always, Anil ji. As I have said before, if trade disputes are not resolved soon, difficult times lie ahead for India-US relations. But America is my country, and I will always work for it while continuing to advocate for stronger ties between the U.S. and India.

CRICKET

Canada Super 60 names Women's Trophy after cricketer legend Mel Jones

Vancouver
Canada's pioneering cricket league, Canada Super 60, has announced that its inaugural Women's Trophy will be named in honour of Mel Jones, the former Australian cricketer, respected broadcaster, and tireless advocate for women's cricket, as per a release from Canada Super 60.
Canada Super 60 is the world's first-ever ten-over-a-side event to launch with both men's and women's competitions from its inaugural season. The league will be staged under the roof of the iconic BC Place in Vancouver, showcasing international stars alongside hometown Canadian talent.

Proteas, West Indies T20 series likely to be reduced due to clash with World Cup

New Delhi
South Africa's cricket schedule might force them to shorten their five-match T20I series against the West Indies this summer. Both teams need to arrive in India and Sri Lanka on time for the 2026 T20 World Cup.
South Africa is scheduled to host the West Indies for five T20Is between January 27 and February 6; however, according to ESPN-cricinfo, the T20 World Cup is likely to be played between February 7 and March 8.
If the tournament does begin on February 7, the ICC's support period for the 2026 T20 World Cup, during which teams can arrive in the host countries and play non-obligatory warm-up



games, is set to begin on January 31.
Given this change, Cricket South Africa (CSA) might need to adjust their plans, particularly their home series against the West Indies,

to ensure the Proteas have sufficient time to travel to the World Cup in India and Sri Lanka.
It is not mandatory for teams to spend the entire ICC support period in the host venue;

the ICC has asked participating countries to list how many warm-up matches they want to play, with options ranging from zero to two.
The ICC's support period for the 2026

T20 World Cup varies depending on the number of warm-up matches teams choose to play. If a team opts for two warm-up matches, the support period begins one week prior to the tournament's opening match.
However, if teams decide not to play any warm-up matches, the support period starts four days before the first match, which would be February 3, given the tournament begins on February 8, 2026, as per ESPN-cricinfo.
Even if the West Indies do not want to play any T20 World Cup warm-up matches, CSA will still have to cut at least two of the five T20Is; the last two games are scheduled for February 3 and 6.

Sophie Devine backs youngsters to thrive for New Zealand at World Cup

New Delhi
Sophie Devine backs the young players to shine for New Zealand at the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, as per the official website of ICC.
The 36-year-old, who led New Zealand to their ICC Women's T20 World Cup triumph last year, has now set her sights on making it an ICC trophy double in India and Sri Lanka. Devine believes the emerging players will be key to White Ferns' success in the upcoming tournament.
"It's still quite an emotional thing to admit but with the young talent coming up through our squad right now, I can't help but feel excited about our World Cup squad," Devine wrote in her column for the ICC, as quoted from the official website of ICC.
"It's evident that this tournament will show the new blood on show in New Zealand, as we look to clinch the title for the first time since 2000," she noted.
This mix of experience and fresh talent proved vital for New Zealand as they overcame India, West Indies, and, most importantly, South Africa (six places up to 60) have also made bowling gains.

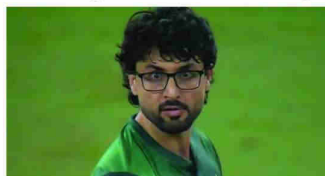


marked their first major title since winning the ODI World Cup in 2000 under the captaincy of Emily Drummond.
"Everyone's been putting in the hard yards which has been pleasing to see," Devine added.
"The likes of our younger ones, in Eden Carson and Izzy Gaze, they've really stepped into their own having been involved with the White Ferns for a couple of years now. I'm excited to see what they will bring to the tournament," she noted.
Besides, Devine added that experienced heads would also uplift New Zealand's chances.
"The older heads like Maddy Green, she's been excellent and really taken her game to the next level. Brooke Halliday is another really important part of our team," she remarked.

Pakistan's Abrar Ahmed surges towards top spot in T20I rankings

New Delhi
Continuing his spectacular run in the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan's Abrar Ahmed has enjoyed another fruitful week in the ICC Men's T20I Bowling Rankings charts as he has made another massive leap after an 11-place jump last week, this time by 12 spots, and is now within distance of the pole position, currently sitting at No.4 with 703 rating

points, as per the official website of ICC.
Abrar was at his very best during Pakistan's group stage fixture against the UAE, picking two wickets for just 13 runs, before an indifferent outing in a loss against India (1/42).
However, the leg-spinner regained his composure and delivered an exceptional spell of 1/8 against Sri Lanka. This helped Pakistan to



a win, and brought their Asia Cup campaign right on track.

The task to take the No.1 ranked bowler will, however, not be the eas-

iest, given Varun Chakravarty is well adept in performing in the Emirati surroundings, having consolidated his place with a 14 rating points gain.
Despite going wicketless in the outing against Pakistan, the spinner bowled an economical spell of 0/25 that helped control the scoring rate.
And after a temporary dip in form, which saw him lose four rank-

ing positions last week, Bangladesh's seasoned T20I pacer Mustafizur Rahman is back in top 10 courtesy a six-place jump. The left-arm pacer has nabbed six wickets at an average of eight in his last two outings in the tournament.
Pakistan's Haris Rauf (nine places up to 28) and India's Hardik Pandya (six places up to 60) have also made bowling gains.

Mandaviya felicitates India's historic medal winners at speed skating World Championships 2025

New Delhi: Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Mansukh Mandaviya, felicitated India's medal-winning contingent from the 73rd Inline Speed Skating World Championships 2025 held in Beidaihe, China, from September 19-21.

Marking a watershed moment for Indian skating, the national team delivered its best-ever performance, clinching five medals (three Gold, two Bronze), finishing 5th overall among 40+ nations, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports said.

This historic outing was filled with firsts: India's first-ever Senior medal at a Speed Skating World Championship, India's first-ever Gold in the Junior category, and the highest-ever medal tally for India at the Worlds.

Felicitating the athletes, Mandaviya said, "These historic medals at the World Championships show that our youth are conquering new frontiers, be it in mainstream or emerging sports. I wholeheartedly congratulate our athletes, coaches, support staff, and the Roller-Skating Federation of India for bringing glory to Bharat with this remarkable performance."

Anandkumar Val-kumar (22): Scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a Senior medal, striking two Golds (1000m Sprint & 42.195m Marathon) and adding a Bronze (500m Sprint).

Krish Sharma (18): Won India's first-ever Junior Gold in the 1000m Sprint.

Anish Raj (17): Secured a Bronze in the Junior Men's One Lap Sprint.

The Indian contingent featured 20 athletes (Four Senior Men, Four Senior Women, Five Junior Men, Seven Junior Women), competing in a championship that witnessed 42 events across Senior and Junior categories with participation from over 40 countries.

Svayam named as official accessibility partner for World Para Athletics Championships 2025

New Delhi: Svayam has been named as the official Accessibility Partner for the World Para Athletics Championship taking place at the Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium from 27th September to 5th October, as per a release.

Reinforcing its commitment to making sporting venues more inclusive, Svayam conducted a detailed accessibility audit of 13 hotels, gaming venues and two training venues in Delhi NCR in anticipation of the Championship and will also be providing customised transport solutions, facilitating smooth mobility for para athletes as part of Svayam's collaboration with the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) and the Sports Authority of India (SAI), the Svayam said in the release.

The nine-day competition, hosted in Delhi for the first time, will feature participation from over 2,000 para-athletes from



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more than 100 countries. Parallelly, sensitisation workshops were also organised for the Delhi Traffic Polos, PCI bus personnel, and officials connected with mobility management, along with 650 volunteers entrusted with assisting para-

letes during the Championships. Expressing his elation at the partnership, PCI President Devendra Jha said, "We are elated to announce that Svayam is the Accessibility Partner for the World Para Athletics

Championships, one of the largest para athletics events that India has had the honour to host in recent years. Our association with Svayam goes back many years, during which they have consistently supported us by providing access-

ible transport, conducting sensitisation trainings, and enhancing accessibility at sporting venues. As part of their unwavering commitment, Svayam has recently conducted a comprehensive accessibility audit of the championship venues and submitted their report to PCI, all as a pro bono initiative. Their continued efforts help ensure a more inclusive environment for our para athletes, empowering them to perform at their best.

Speaking on the occasion, Smitu Jindal, Founder-Chairperson of Svayam, said, "Delhi is proud to host the World Para Athletics Grand Championship for the first time, and we at Svayam are truly honoured to be the accessibility partner. Through this partnership, we at Svayam are working to ensure that para-athletes, officials, and spectators encounter an environment that respects their needs and enhances their experience."

Indian futsal team in hunt for redemption against Mongolia



New Delhi: Former India tennis star Sania Mirza opened up on how motherhood transformed her life and career, and how sport has constantly taught her resilience and self-forgiveness.

Reflecting on her journey after becoming a mother, Sania said that society often stereotypes women once they embrace motherhood. "So I think that when a woman becomes a mother, everyone treats it like it's the end of her life first of all. Forget the end of her career. They treat it like, now she's just going to have one or two kids and if she dares to put herself first, it's all, 'Oh, but who's taking care of the child? What's going to happen?'" she said in a conversation with RevSports.

Sania, however, feels glad that these perceptions are changing, especially in tennis. "I'm so glad that has changed now. Like how many mothers do you see on the tennis court and all over global sport, but tennis in general, there are just so many mothers in the top hundred now. And it's amazing to see be-

cause this is a stereotype that needs to be broken. To put yourself and love yourself and still put your dreams out there, it's not criminal. It's not criminal to do that," she said.

Talking about her own comeback after giving birth to her son Ishaan, Sania revealed she was always determined to return. "Wise it always dear that I was going to make a comeback after Ishaan? Yeah, I think so. That's why I didn't announce my retirement. It was a different story that I was 23 kilos overweight when that happened, and I was like, 'Wow, how am I going to do this? But I knew I still

Sania Mirza on motherhood, comebacks and life lessons from sport



Sania Mirza opens up on motherhood, comebacks & life lessons from sport

had tennis left in me. And obviously, I still had success after coming back as I've learnt about that," she explained.

For Sania, motherhood has given her a new perspective on wins and losses. "Motherhood changes every perspective in life. Everyting changes. Losing a tennis match, losing Rs, not getting a medal there seems like a very small problem to have when you have a child. Becoming a parent is the single greatest feeling that you can have. And the amazing part is that feeling only grows as you keep going."

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Para athletes shine in inspirational kabaddi exhibition match in Jaipur

Jaipur: The SMS Indoor Stadium in Jaipur witnessed a unique celebration of determination as the Wheeling Happiness Foundation, led by Padma Shree Deepa Malik, organised a para-athlete kabaddi exhibition match in collaboration with the Capri Sports Foundation on Wednesday, as per a release from PKL.

The match, played between two spirited teams - Para Dikad and Para Warrior - featured para-athletes with varied disabilities, including arm amputees (above wrists and elbows), leg amputees (above and below the knee), and polo survivors with weak limbs. Each team comprised 12 players, all of whom showcased immense skill on the mat.

Adding to the significance of the day, players from Bengal Warriors of the Pro Kabaddi League were present to cheer the para-athletes, turning the contest into a moving display of sportsmanship



Para athletes light up Jaipur with an inspiring kabaddi exhibition match

and solidarity. Bengal Warriors skipper Devank Dalal was left inspired, "It was a very nice match to watch, and I consider them the real heroes. They have a lot of struggle in life. If we get a small injury, we take rest, but despite

their struggles, they are working hard and playing so well. So it is very motivating for us as kabaddi players."

For the para-athletes themselves, the occasion was nothing short of historic. Vikas Kumar, a Para Athletics 100m Silver Medalist at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Nottwil, Switzerland, reflected on how far para-kabaddi has come, "I used to participate in general able-bodied para-athletes till Ravishir (coach) and Deepa man worked hard to

bring up para-kabaddi in our country.

"A lot of my para-athletes have now moved into para-kabaddi as well. And now, playing on such a big stage is a very proud feeling, especially because our para-athletes are being looked at in the same light as the able-bodied athletes," he added.

Coach Rajesh Kumar, Bhim Awarded and Asian Para Games medalist (2010), emphasised the importance of such exposure, "We thank the PKL for this opportunity that has been provided for our players. It will give our para-kabaddi players a new identity. It will also act as motivation for the athletes who are sitting at home and watching us play."

"The future of our para-kabaddi players is very bright, and now even more because of the PKL. We hope that the players from the two teams today will show their talent in the future," he added.

SG Pipers target balanced squad ahead of HIL auction: Sreejesh PR

New Delhi: In the lead-up to the highly anticipated Season 2 auctions of the Hockey India League (HIL), SG Pipers' Director of Hockey, Sreejesh PR, shared insights into the team's preparations and outlined the roadmap for the season ahead. Ahead of the auctions, he expressed optimism about the upcoming campaign, highlighting the fresh perspective brought in by the new coaching staff, the team's vision, and key player acquisitions, as per a release from SG Pipers.

Outlining the team's strategy on the trade and the value addition of new team members like Jake Draper and Sharmila Devi, Sreejesh said, "Sharmila can run with the ball. She can create opportunities for the forward line, from where most of her goals come. Draper can be an added strength to our defensive structure. In the women's team, we have 12 players. The Bangladesh good line of Indian defence. We needed a foreign player who



SG Pipers' vision and key player acquisitions, as per a release from SG Pipers

could control the game from the middle. Draper is a free defender, and Sharmila is more into attack," as quoted from a release by SG Pipers. Opening up on the auction roadmap, Sreejesh was clear about the focus areas, "Game changers are the ones we are focusing on. In the men's team, we retained the majority of our players. We need game changers for tomorrow's auction. In the women's team we have 12 players. The Bangladesh good line of Indian defence. We needed a foreign player who

flick and a forward who can score." The coaching structure also promises a fresh dimension, he said, "When the coaches join us, they will have a clear picture of how we want to execute our plans this season. According to their plan, we are planning our auction strategy. It is not me individually making decisions about the players; it is about the coaches and their preferences. As an administrator, it is my role to provide the best players to my coaches so that they can play a hassle-free tournament."



I wish I had taken a photo with Kishore da when I saw him in 1986: Shaan

Mumbai musician Shaan, who celebrated Kishore Kumar's musical legacy with a tribute concert "Forever Kishore Shaan Se" recently, says he understands why people keep coming back to the songs of the legendary artist all these years later as he also grew up a fan.

Shaan said his father Manas Mukherjee, a composer, and Kishore Kumar collaborated on Bhojpuri song "Kene Kene Jaa!" for a film that never got released though

the song is available on YouTube.

The singer said he even saw Kishore Kumar from a distance, a memory that is still vivid in his mind

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he said he saw his father and the singer "walking, chatting and laughing" under one umbrella in

Mumbai's Mehboob Studios in 1986.

"My father is much younger than Kishore Kumar da. They are fellow Bengalis, so there was a real connection there. Kishore da had a lot of love for my dad. I've seen him singing in my father's recording room. So, I've been very lucky that way," Shaan said.

"That was the first and only time I saw him, and it was in 1986. He was in black kurta and silk lungi. I watched him at a recording in Mehboob's studio, two glasses apart from a distance. I wish we had taken a photo, but that didn't happen," Shaan added.

The singer, known for hits such as "Deewangi Deewangi", "Chanda Shifarishi", "Be-

hti Hawa Sa Tha Woh" among many others, admitted that he was nervous before the tribute concert last Thursday as he understands the connection audience still has with Kishore.

"For them, it's not just nostalgia, it's a companion, a source of inspiration, songs that they kind of connect to so many moments in their lives," he said.

The concert saw Shaan perform on a medley of songs like 'Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas', 'Neele Neele Ambar Par', 'O Mere Dil Ke Chain', 'Chingari Koi Bhadke' and 'Aa Chal Ke Tu-je'.

Held at the NMACC, the Kishore Kumar tribute show is presented by NR Talent & Event Management.

'Godday Godday Chaa 2' to release theatrically on October 22



New Delhi The excitement among Punjabi film fans is at a fever pitch as the makers of the highly anticipated comedy-drama Godday Godday Chaa 2 unveiled the film's first poster, offering a sneak peek into what promises to be a laughter-packed sequel. Presented by Zee Studios in association with VH Media, the film promises progressive humor, heartwarming family dynamics, and a riot of comedy.

Following the legacy of its 2023 predecessor, Godday Godday Chaa—a National Film Award-winning Punjabi feature—the sequel continues the story of women leading the charge during wedding festivities, leaving men scrambling to reclaim their traditional roles. The first poster perfectly captures this hilarious battle of the sexes, setting the tone for a film brimming with sharp punchlines and situational comedy.

Ali Fazal begins shooting for 'Mirzapur' film

Mumbai actor Ali Fazal on Tuesday said he has started preparing for the feature adaptation of the hit Prime Video series Mirzapur, in which he plays the fan-favourite character Guddu Bhaiya.

The actor announced the project on Instagram, posting a gym picture along with the caption: "GAME ON!! M- the film begins!! A new era and so we must prepare. Lots to share as we embark on this journey...coming soon...".

The film, backed by Amazon MGM Studios under the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer banner, is slated to release theatrically in 2026.

Created by Karan Anshuman and Puneet Krishna, Mirzapur starred Pankaj Tripathi, Divyendu, Vikrant Massey, Rasika Duggal, Shweta Tripathi and others.

Set in the lawless heartland of Mirzapur, the story



follows two brothers who cross paths with a powerful crime lord's son, triggering a chain of violent events that reshape their destinies.

Panchayat and Kota Factory star Jitendra Kumar has reportedly joined the cast of Mirzapur film as Bablu Pandit, a part originally played by Vikrant Massey in Prime Video's popular crime drama series. In Mirzapur Season 1, Bablu died a shocking death. His character in the film is likely to face a similar fate, causing Massey to turn down the offer, as per reports.

Ambani family celebrates Navratri with devotion, tradition and grandeur

Mumbai The Ambani family's Navratri celebrations this year were a heartfelt display of devotion, tradition and togetherness. The Reliance Foundation Founder-Chairperson, Nita Ambani, offered a soulful ode to the goddess Durga with her special performance, soaked in faith and festivity.

From the sacred rhythm of the aarti to the joyful beats of garba and the beautifully handcrafted decor, every element in the Ambani's Navratri celebrations honoured the Goddess. They showcased the craftsmanship of skilled artisans from Gujarat.

The Navratri celebrations commenced with the aarti of Goddess Durga which was performed by Nita Ambani, Mukesh Ambani, Akash Ambani, Anant Am-



bani, Shloka Merchant, Radhika Merchant, and other family members of the Ambani family.

Following the prayers, the celebratory atmosphere came alive with the energetic beats of garba, where family members and guests joined in traditional dance, adding vibrancy to the occasion.

The intricately designed decor was another highlight of the Navratri celebrations at the Ambani family.

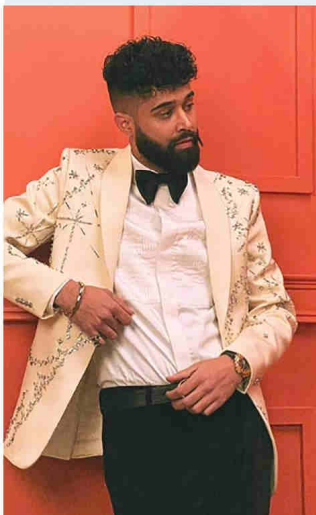
The decor featured beautifully handcrafted elements by skilled artisans from Gujarat.

Nita Ambani mesmerised everyone with her soulful performance dedicated to the Goddess. She was joined

by several background dancers, exuding a spirit of Navratri while leaving a memorable impression on the attendees.

The Ambani's celebration of Navratri not only emphasised their faith in Goddess Durga but also underscored the importance of family, unity, and cultural preservation.

AP Dhillon announces Indian leg of 'One of One' music tour, set to span across 8 cities



Mumbai After the resounding success of his sold-out UAE concert, the Punjabi music icon AP Dhillon has announced his highly anticipated India tour. The singer is set to perform in eight cities across India.

This upcoming landmark run marks Dhillon's homecoming following last year's sold-out performances across select cities.

AP Dhillon's 'One of One' India Tour 2025, touted as his most ambitious tour to date and marking his third run in India, is set to kick off in December 2025.

Produced and promoted by Team Innovation and BookMyShow Live, the live entertainment experience will begin from Ahmedabad on December 5. It will be concluded in Jaipur on December 28, 2025.

The singer-songwriter, rapper and record producer will be joined on stage by his long-time collaborator Shinda Kahlon.

The tour's setlist will span AP Dhillon's greatest hits including his latest releases such as 'Afsos', 'STFU' 'Without Me' and 'Thodi Si Daaru' as well as evergreen anthems like 'Brown Munde' 'Excuses', 'Insane', 'Summer High' and 'With You' alongside, as per the press note shared by the team.

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Rani Mukerji dedicates National Award win to her late father Ram Mukherjee



Mumbai Bollywood actress Rani Mukerji dedicated her first National Award win to her late father and filmmaker Ram Mukherjee, saying that her father always dreamt of this "moment" for her.

Rani Mukerji was honoured with the National Award for Best Actress for her performance in the legal drama 'Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway', which was released in the theatres in 2023.

The actress expressed her happiness at receiving the first National Award in her three-decade acting career. In the press note shared by YRF, the actress dedicated her historic win to her father, Ram Mukherjee, who passed away in 2017 at the

age of 84.

"I'm truly overwhelmed to receive my first National Award in my 30-year journey as an actor. This honour means the world to me, and I want to dedicate it to my late father, who always dreamt of this moment for me. I miss him deeply today, and I know it's his blessing and my mother's constant strength and inspiration that guided me through the role of Mrs. Chatterjee," said Rani Mukerji as quoted in a press note by YRF.

In a video shared by the team, Rani Mukerji got emotional while remembering her father's wish for her to win the National Award.

She said, "My dad always wanted me and wished for me to win a National Award, but while he was alive, I

never won any award. Now, wherever he is, I am sure he will be very happy, blessing me from there because my biggest champion, my dad, he really rooted for this, and this day has finally come."

The 'Hichki' actress also expressed gratitude to her fans for their support throughout her career. She called her fans her "greatest motivation".

"To my incredible fans, thank you for being by my side through every high and low. Your unwavering love and support have been my greatest motivation. I know how much this award means to all of you, and it brings me immense joy and happiness to see how happy you are," said Rani Mukerji as quoted in a press note by YRF.



I love that character: Jeremy Renner on doing 'Hawkeye' season 2

Washington Actor Jeremy Renner expressed his happiness about doing season two of the 2021 miniseries, 'Hawkeye', created by Jonathan Igla, as reported by People.

Renner said he is "happy to do season two" of 'Hawkeye', the series in which he plays the titular Marvel character.

"I love that character," he said of archer Clint Barton or Hawkeye. "I think there's so much for us to do."

"I'll always dance with Marvel. I'll always dance with them for sure when appropriate, when it's rocking," the Avengers star said, as quoted by People.

Renner last played Clint in the first season of 'Hawkeye', which ran six episodes. The 2021 Disney+ series costarred Hailee Steinfeld as Kate Bishop.

In his interview earlier, he revealed that he had been offered "half" of his salary from the first season to make a second, as reported by People.