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 "said due to 'weak policies', a part of Kashmir fell under Pakistan's illegal occupation. Extending his critique beyond Kashmir, Modi regretted that successive post-Patel governments 'did not demonstrate the same seriousness towards national sovereignty', pointing to challenges in the Northeast and the spread of Naxal-Maoist terrorism as direct consequences.

He drew a direct contrast between the past and his government's tenure, asserting after 2014, the nation 'once again witnessed a steady resolve inspired by Sardar Patel'.

"Today, Kashmir has broken free from the shackles of Article 370 and is fully integrated into the mainstream," the PM said, adding, this move has made 'Pakistan and the masterminds of terrorism realise 'the true strength of India'.

On infiltration, he accused previous governments of prioritising 'vote-bank politics' over national security by ignoring this issue and affirmed the country's resolve to fight this threat. "These illegal immigrants have been occupying the resources and disturbing the demographic balance, putting the country's unity at stake. But, past governments turned a blind eye to this important issue. For the sake of vote bank politics, the country's security was deliberately put at risk," he alleged.

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# DePIN & Blockchain's real-world impact: How India can lead in decentralized infrastructure

TSN/New Delhi:

What if the power to build and operate the world's infrastructure was not limited to governments or large corporations, but extended to the very people who use it every day? This is the everyday reality unfolding through Decentralized Physical Infrastructure Networks (DePIN).

Consider DeCharge — a grassroots electric vehicle (EV) charging model where individuals and small businesses install chargers, monitor availability and payments through blockchain, and earn directly from providing the service. This approach, part of the broader Decentralized Physical Infrastructure Network (DePIN) movement, demonstrates how shared ownership can accelerate deployment, boost local entrepreneurship, and circulate capital within communities.

According to Messari, DePIN networks had locked over \$5 billion by mid-2023, with projections exceeding \$50 billion by 2030. Globally, Newzchain reports more than 1,500 active projects with a market size between \$30–50 billion, while the World Economic Forum expects the sector to reach \$3.5 trillion by 2028, driven by Decentralized Physical AI (DePAI). For India, this evolution aligns naturally with the vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, promoting self-reliance,



digital inclusion, and new forms of capital creation.

## Vital DePIN Use Cases:

**1. DeCharge:** Addressing India's growing EV needs, DeCharge empowers individuals and MSMEs to set up charging stations, using blockchain for transparent tracking of usage and payments. By 2024-end, it surpassed one million minutes of charging, earned recognition at India Blockchain Week, and raised \$2.5 million in seed funding from Lemniscap and other investors. The model lowers costs, expands access to underserved areas, and strengthens domestic participation in clean mobility.

**2. Aethir:** Founded in 2021 by Daniel Wang and Mark Rydon, Aethir connects businesses requiring compute power with individuals offering spare GPUs. Backed by \$9 million in funding and partners including NVIDIA and CARV, it enables affordable, AI training and gaming ser-

vices while creating recurring income streams for hardware owners.

## 3. Dabba Network:

Built on the Solana blockchain in 2017, Dabba Network replaces centralized telecoms with locally managed WiFi hotspots. Anyone can buy a device, with community partners handling setup. Fast, low-cost transactions reward operators while bringing connectivity to previously overlooked areas.

## Strategic Advantages for India

India's infrastructure and connectivity gaps continue to limit economic inclusion. While mobile penetration is strong, reliable broadband and EV charging coverage remain inconsistent—especially in rural and semi-urban regions. DePIN models offer an alternative: community-driven, blockchain-backed systems that allow citizens to build, manage, and benefit from their own digital infrastructure.

Such networks ensure that value remains within local economies rather than flowing to centralized intermediaries. Importantly, DePIN complements rather than replaces traditional frameworks — governments can set standards and policies, while community and private initiatives ensure faster, more inclusive rollout. Events like the Solana DePIN Summit and Bengaluru's growing Web3 ecosystem highlight India's readiness to lead in this space.

## How DePIN Creates Value Across Sectors

**1. Physical Resources in Action:** DePIN networks coordinate real-world assets — from sensors and solar panels to GPUs and chargers — through crypto-based incentives. Participants contribute and earn fairly for their role in building and maintaining infrastructure.

**2. Blockchain as the Coordinator:** Blockchain technology ensures transparent, automated, and tam-

per-proof management of contributions and rewards through smart contracts, enhancing efficiency and trust.

**3. Real-World Applications:** From Helium's decentralized wireless coverage to Filecoin's open storage markets and DeCharge's EV rollout, DePIN is redefining how physical systems are built and shared. A Grayscale study identified Solana as a leading blockchain for DePIN due to its scalability and low transaction costs.

## Policy Priorities: Taxation, Regulation & Security

**1. Taxation:** Establish clear, predictable tax rules for token rewards, infrastructure income, and capital flows. Transparent frameworks will reduce investor uncertainty, promote compliance, and encourage formal participation.

**2. Regulation:** Foster innovation through regulatory sandboxes, interoperability standards, and public-private partnerships. Such clarity enables safe experimentation, consumer protection, and efficient sectoral growth.

**3. Security:** Ensure device, network, and governance resilience through standards for firmware safety, on-chain governance, AML checks, and robust incident response. Blockchain-backed systems inherently enhance transparency and ac-

countability.

## The Path Forward for India

DePIN's token-driven model can spur micro-entrepreneurship, capital formation, and community-based infrastructure development. To realize its full potential, India should:

- Introduce regulatory sandboxes for DePIN pilots.

- Define tax treatments to encourage participation and avoid double taxation.

- Support public-private pilots in underserved regions.

- Set security and device certification standards for consumer safety.

- Frame crypto-friendly policies to anchor India's leadership in the global Web3 economy.

**Conclusion:** DePIN represents a transformative model for empowerment, inclusion, and resilience. By rewarding community participation and ensuring transparent governance, it redefines how infrastructure is deployed and maintained. With clear policies on taxation, regulation, and security, India stands poised to turn its digital and physical gaps into opportunities — advancing the goals of Digital India and Atma Nirbhar Bharat through community-owned, future-ready infrastructure.

# SC declines plea to de-seal commercial premises at New Rajinder Nagar

New Delhi:

The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed an application seeking de-sealing of a commercial premises at New Rajinder Nagar Market in the national capital.

A bench of Chief Justice B R Gavaia and Justice K Vinod Chandran passed the order in the long-running environmental PIL filed by MC Mehta in 1985.

Justice Chandran, who authored the order, rejected the de-sealing plea, but directed the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to issue a fresh inspection notice, identify non-compoundable violations, and specify conversion and penalty charges.

The applicant may regularise the premises by removing illegal constructions and paying requisite charges to use upper floors commercially, the court said.

The applicant filed on a December 18, 2023 order of a judicial committee to claim that the property was intended for full commercial use.

The court held that New Rajinder Nagar is a "shop-cum-residence" local shopping centre and only the ground floor is permitted for commercial use unless conversion charges are paid.

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# Sabarimala pilgrimage Virtual queue booking to begin from Nov 1

Pathanamthitta: Virtual queue booking for devotees visiting Sabarimala during the upcoming Mandala-Makaravilakku pilgrimage season will begin at 5 pm on November 1, the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) announced on Friday.

Devotees can book darshan slots on the website sabarimalaonline.org and a maximum of 70,000 devotees can book slots daily through the online system, TDB officials said. In addition, booking centres will function at Vandiperiyar, Grumeli, Nilakkal, and Pamba and up to 20,000 devotees will be allowed darshan daily through on-the-spot registration.

Also, this year, the accident insurance scheme for pilgrims has been expanded to cover the entire state. Previously, the scheme applied only to

four districts. According to TDB, during this pilgrimage season onwards, Ayappa devotees who suffer an accident anywhere in Kerala during their pilgrimage will receive insurance coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh.

The scheme also provides Rs. 30,000 for transporting the mortal remains of deceased pilgrims within Kerala and Rs 1 lakh for transportation outside the state. The insurance coverage will also be extended to regular and daily wage employees of the TDB, as well as persons from other government departments deployed in Sabarimala.

For the first time, pilgrims who die of natural causes such as a heart attack or stroke along the Nilakkal-Samithanam route will be eligible for financial assistance, TDB officials said.

# Echoes from Jashpur Resound in the Himalayas: Tribal Youths Carve a New Route on Jagatsukh Peak

Raipur:

In a remarkable feat that marks a new chapter in Indian mountaineering history, a team of tribal youths from Jashpur district, Chhattisgarh, has opened a new alpine route on the 5,340-meter-high Jagatsukh Peak in the Duhangan Valley of Manali, Himachal Pradesh. The route, named the "Vishnu Deo Route" in honor of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai's initiative, was completed in just 12 hours from base camp — in the pure, self-reliant alpine style considered among the most technically challenging forms of climbing.

The expedition, held in September 2025, was organized by the Jashpur District Administration in collaboration



with Pahadi Bakra Adventure. It received vital support from the Hira Group and several national and international partners.

What makes this ascent exceptional is that all five climbers were first-time Himalayan

mountaineers. Each had trained at "Deshdekh Climbing Area," India's first natural outdoor training zone dedicated to adventure sports, developed by the Jashpur Administration. To ensure world-class preparation, the admin-

istration enlisted the guidance of Indian and international experts — Swapnil Rachelwar (Bilaspur-based climber and expedition leader), Dave Gates (rock-climbing coach from New York, USA), and Sagar Dubey (Director, Run-

ners XP). Together, they designed a rigorous two-month training and twelve-day pre-expedition climbing regimen to build the team's physical, technical, and psychological endurance.

Swapnil Rachelwar, the expedition leader, noted that the new route on Jagatsukh Peak posed extreme challenges for the novice climbers: limited visibility, unstable weather, and concealed crevasses across the glacier. Despite these hazards, the team submitted without fixed ropes or support staff — hallmarks of true alpine style. Unlike commercial climbs that rely on established routes and large support teams, this was a test of pure skill, self-sufficiency, and trust.

# PM lauds Arya Samaj role in preserving India's Vedic heritage lists new challenges

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday lauded the contribution of Arya Samaj, founded by social reformer Dayanand Saraswati, in preserving India's Vedic heritage and urged them to play a greater role in promoting the study of manuscripts and the practice of natural farming.

Addressing the International Arya Mahasammelan to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Arya Samaj, the prime minister appreciated the role of the organisation in the freedom struggle and acknowledged that it had not received its due recognition because of



political reasons. "One hundred fifty years of the establishment of Arya Samaj; this occasion is not connected to just a part of the society or a sect. This occasion is connected to the Vedic heritage and identity of India," Modi said at the function attended by Maharashtra Gov-

ernor Acharya Devvrat and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta among others.

Representatives from 39 countries were also present at the four-day event as part of the 200th birth anniversary celebrations of Dayanand Saraswati and 150 years of the Arya Samaj. The prime minis-

ter said that Swami Dayanand Saraswati instilled a deep sense of responsibility in everyone to advance new ideas and to break rigid conventions that hinder progress.

Modi said that while Arya Samaj has already contributed immensely to nation-building, he wished to list out some of the country's current priorities.

The prime minister lauded Arya Samaj's contribution to the Swadeshi movement and said the role of the organisation in the mission becomes even more significant when the nation once again embraces the responsibility of promoting indigenous goods and becomes vocal for local.

# Aaditi Pohankar stars in fiery new love thriller Ziddi Ishq

Mumbai: Ishq jab zid ban jaye, to har hadh par kar jaata hai! JioHotstar announces its upcoming romantic-revenge drama, Ziddi Ishq, a story that captures the feeling of loving someone so deeply that you lose track of where the love ends and pain begins.

Starring Aaditi Pohankar, Barkha Bisht, Parambrata Chattopadhyay, among others, this intense story of love and obsession is created and directed by Raj Chakraborty, and will premiere on November 21st, exclusively on JioHotstar.

The teaser opens a window into Mehu's world, brought to life by Aaditi Pohankar, a woman who



loves with every part of her heart, even when that love is unrequited. For her, Shekhar Da (Parambrata Chattopadhyay) isn't just someone she loves; he's a presence that lingers in every quiet corner of her life. In fleeting glimpses, we see her friends teasing her about her one-sided love, her smile hiding the ache beneath, and her emotions spilling over in moments of

heartbreak and rage. Director Raj Chakraborty said, "Working on Ziddi Ishq has been an incredible experience. It is more than just a series to me, it's an emotional journey about love, loss, and the fragile line where love spirals into something more sinister. Mehu is such a complex, layered character and Aaditi has brought it to life with great depth and sincerity."



No compromise with the nation's integrity: CM Yogi Adityanath



Xi Carney meeting in South Korea try to rebuild China-Canada relations

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# Nehru prevented Sardar Patel from integrating Kashmir: Modi

Modi also referenced 'Operation Sindoor' declaring the world has witnessed that India will 'strike within enemy territory' if challenged, underscoring the country will 'never compromise on its security and honour' and a message that 'this is the India of the Iron Man, Sardar Patel'.

Ahmedabad Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched a sharp attack on country's first premier Jawaharlal Nehru, claiming he prevented Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel from fully integrating Kashmir into the Indian Union.

Addressing the national celebrations on the occasion of Sardar Patel's 150th birth anniversary at the Statue of Unity in Ekta Nagar, Modi asserted the subsequent 'mistake' on Kashmir, resulting from the wish of the then-Prime Minister not being fulfilled, led to decades of turmoil and bloodshed in the region.

During his speech, Modi also referenced 'Operation Sindoor' declaring the world has witnessed that India will 'strike within enemy territory' if challenged, underscoring the country will 'never compromise on its security and honour' and a message that 'this is the India of the Iron Man, Sardar Patel'.

He also raised the is-



sue of infiltrators, calling them a 'grave threat' to national unity and the demographic balance.

"Many in today's younger generation may not be aware that Sardar Patel wished for the complete integration of Kashmir, just as he had successfully merged other princely states," Modi said.

He said independent

India's first home minister believed one should not waste time writing history but 'we should work hard to create history'.

Modi noted the Kashmir region was ultimately divided by a separate constitution and emblem, remarking the initial error 'engulfed the nation in turmoil for decades'.

the illegal occupation of Pakistan, which then fueled state-sponsored terrorism. Kashmir and the country paid a heavy price, yet the Congress always bowed down to terrorism. The Congress forgot Sardar Patel's vision, but we have not," he told the gathering at the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations.

Modi blamed infiltration for disrupting India's demographic balance, and said that for the first time the country has decided to have a decisive fight against this threat and will remove each and every infiltrator from its soil.

He highlighted Patel's success in accomplishing the 'seemingly impossible task' of integrating over 550 princely states after independence. The PM regretted that subsequent governments, following Patel's demise, did not demonstrate the same commitment to national sovereignty, pointing to Kashmir problems and

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# NDA promises jobs to 1 cr youth, Rs 2000 for SC students



Patna The NDA on Friday released its manifesto for the Bihar assembly polls, promising jobs to one crore youth, making of one crore 'Lakhpati Didi', metro train services in four more cities and seven international airports in the state, among others.

Seven expressways, 10 industrial parks, free quality education from KG to PG and Rs 2,000 aid per month for SC students pursuing higher education are some of the other features of the manifesto.

The NDA, if voted to power, will also set up a world-class medical college in each district, free ration, free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh and 50 lakh more pucca houses, according to the 69-page manifesto of the ruling NDA.

'Punaura Dham Janki Mandir', a Hindu pilgrimage site in Sitamarhi district that is considered the birthplace of the Goddess Sita, will be named as Sitapuram.

The manifesto was released at a press conference attended by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary, BJP president JP Nadda, Union ministers Dharmendra Pradhan, Jitan Ram Manjhi, Chirag Paswan, and leaders of alliance partners.

The NDA will provide more than 1 crore government jobs and employment opportunities, conduct a skill census to promote skill-based employment, and establish Mega Skill Centres in every district, which will be further developed into Global Skill Centres," Choudhary said. Agency

# India, US sign 10-year defence pact amid tariffs row



New Delhi India and the US on Friday signed a 10-year defence framework pact that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh described as a "signal" of growing bilateral strategic ties even as Washington vowed to work closely with New Delhi to ensure a free and an open Indo-Pacific.

Singh and US Secretary of War Pete Heg-

seth signed the framework agreement for the 'US-India major defence partnership' pact following their wide-ranging talks in Kuala Lumpur that focused on boosting strategic ties across all its pillars.

The signing of the agreement came amid efforts by the two sides to repair ties that have hit their lowest point in nearly two decades over

Washington's slapping of 50 per cent tariffs on Indian goods.

The framework pact is intended to provide a broader vision and policy direction to deepen bilateral defence cooperation. It was firming up as the validity of a similar pact signed in 2015 is coming to an end.

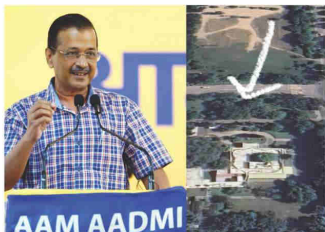
Describing his talks with Hegseth as "fruitful", Singh said the framework agreement will usher in a "new era in our already strong defence partnership".

"This defence framework will provide policy direction to the entire spectrum of the India-US defence relationship. It is a signal of our growing strategic convergence and will herald a new decade of partnership," Singh said on social media. Agency

# BJP accuses Kejriwal of building Sheeshmahal 2.0 with govt resources

New Delhi The 'Sheeshmahal' controversy that dogged Arvind Kejriwal during his tenure as Delhi Chief Minister has resurfaced — this time in Punjab.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief of misusing Punjab government resources for personal comfort, alleging that he had been allotted a "7-star, two-acre luxury bungalow" in Chandigarh's Sector 2 from Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's quota. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), the Del-



hi BJP dubbed Kejriwal "Punjab's Super CM" and claimed that the man who pretended to be an aam aadmi (common man) has built another

Sheesh Mahal." The party also shared what it claimed were satellite images of the property, saying, "After vacating the Sheesh

Mahal in Delhi, Punjab's 'Super CM' has had an even more magnificent one prepared in Chandigarh."

Rebel AAP MP Swati Malwal echoed the BJP's claims, alleging that Kejriwal was using Punjab government aircraft for personal and party-related travel.

"Yesterday, he boarded a government helicopter from outside his house for Ambala, and from there, a Punjab government private jet took him to Gujarat for party work. The entire Punjab government seems to be serving one man," she wrote on X. Agency

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# Sardar Patel's dream of a 'United India' still lives in every heart, says CM Saini

Shiv Kumar  
New Delhi

The spirit of unity and patriotism came alive in Fatehabad as Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini led the State-level National Unity Day celebrations to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. The grand event, held at the district headquarters, drew over 30,000 participants who took part in the "Run for Unity," symbolizing strength, discipline, and national integration.



Chief Minister Saini flagged off the run from the Panchayat Bhawan and joined the participants in a show of solidarity, showing flowers and raising slogans of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat." The atmosphere at MM College ground was charged with patriotic energy as youth,

women, students, athletes, and social workers carried the tricolour high, reflecting the collective pride and resolve of the people. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that National Unity Day is not just a celebration but a reaffirmation of

India's core values of harmony and integrity. "Sardar Patel's determination, courage, and vision remain timeless inspirations for all of us," he said, paying rich tributes to the leader who played a pivotal role in uniting the nation. Calling the 'Run for Uni-

ty' a symbolic "yagya" for national integration, Saini said it represents the unity, discipline, and commitment that define India's strength. "A strong nation is built by disciplined, responsible, and aware citizens," he added, emphasizing that the event

aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat."

The Chief Minister also highlighted the government's historic decision to abrogate Articles 370 and 35A from Jammu and Kashmir, describing it as a landmark step towards realizing Sardar Patel's dream of "One Nation, One Constitution, One Tricolour." He said that Prime Minister Modi's leadership has further fortified India's unity and integrity, fulfilling the vision once set in motion by Patel.

Praising the enthusiasm of Fatehabad residents, Saini said their overwhelming participation demonstrates that Sardar Patel's dream of a united India continues to live in the hearts of every citizen. "Our diversity is our greatest strength. We may speak different languages

and follow different traditions, but we are bound by one soul—India," he said, urging the youth to uphold the values of unity and nation-building.

Recalling Sardar Patel's monumental contribution as India's first Home Minister, Saini said that Patel integrated 562 princely states into one nation, laying the foundation of a strong and cohesive India. "He was truly the architect of national unity, and today's India stands tall because of his unmatched vision and leadership," the Chief Minister added.

Extending greetings on the eve of Haryana Day, Saini said the state continues to set an example of courage, hard work, and solidarity for the rest of the country. "Moving forward with this spirit is the true tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel," he said.

## Sood announces recognition for schools in non-conforming areas



Diksha  
New Delhi

In a landmark move, Delhi Education Minister Ashish Sood announced that the Delhi Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, has approved recognition for private unaided schools operating in non-conforming areas of the city. The decision ends a decade-long issue that deprived thousands of children of their right to education due to procedural delays and policy neglect.

Under the new policy, all such private schools can apply for recognition from the Directorate of Education (DoE) between November 1 and November 30, 2025, through an online portal. Applications will be carefully reviewed, and schools fulfilling all prescribed norms will be granted recognition thereafter. Sood said that for years, this issue remained buried in files while previous governments engaged in selective recognition. "We have ended that discrimination. This is justice for our children and fairness for our institutions," he said.

With this reform, nearly 500 schools will now come under the ambit of the DoE, ensuring regulatory oversight, safety compliance, and transparency. The decision is expected to create around 20,000 new seats, directly benefiting students, especially from the EWS, DG, and CWSN categories.

Sood added that the move ensures full compliance with Article 21-A of the Constitution and the Right to Education Act, 2009, reaffirming the government's commitment that no child should be denied education due to administrative or locational barriers.

He called it a "people-first reform" and a major mile-

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## CM Gupta pushes for a seamless trade ecosystem

Staff Reporter  
New Delhi

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Friday spoke at the "ARISE" Mission programme in New Delhi, organized by MP Praveen Khandeival.

She described the ARISE initiative as a key step towards self-reliance and innovation in the retail sector. The aim is to empower trade in Delhi, making it simpler and more efficient. Gupta stated that the initiative will create new jobs and skill development opportunities for millions of retailers and small traders across India through training, branding, and entrepreneurship.

Gupta highlighted the connection to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Vocal for Local," emphasizing that skill and branding are essential for the success of India's trade community.

She noted that this community is vital for the goals of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Vishwaguru Bharat.

She shared that the Delhi Government is improving the Ease of Doing Business for traders, including issuing over ₹700 crore in GST refunds within six months for the first time in the city's history.

The GST refund process has become faceless and transparent, reducing the need for traders to visit government offices. Gupta stressed that traders and entrepreneurs are crucial to the economy and deserve straightforward and efficient rules.

Furthermore, she urged the importance of branding and marketing skills, stating that products should be recognized as global brands rather than just commodities. She wants "Made in India" to symbolize quality and trust worldwide.

## Jal Sangam se Jan Sangam: Delhi Unites to Honour Sardar Patel's Legacy

Diksha  
New Delhi

A grand event titled "Jal Sangam se Jan Sangam - Ekta ka Utsav" was held at Patel Chowk today to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and celebrate National Unity Day. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Union Minister of State for External Affairs Pavitra Margherita, Delhi Education Minister Ashish Sood, and MP Bansuri Swarni offered sacred water from 25 holy rivers of India at the statue of Sardar Patel before flagging off a 3-km Unity March towards the War Memorial.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of Delhi schools, NSS volunteers, MY Bharat members, teachers, and officials, as the route echoed with chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai."



Sood said the "Sardar @150" celebration is not only a tribute to the Iron Man of India but also a reminder to reflect on whether the country is building the India of Patel's dreams. He described the "Jal Yatra" as a symbol of national consciousness and unity, representing the collective spirit of India's rivers and people.

"Delhi's diversity reflects Patel's vision of unity in diversity," Sood said. "This Jal Sangam journey reminds us that Delhi stands ready once again to guide the nation on the path of unity."

The event concluded with a collective pledge by students to keep the Yamuna clean and India united — reaffirming that the spirit of Sardar Patel continues to flow through every heart, like the rivers that unite the nation.

role in unifying 562 princely states after independence, Sood said his determination, vision, and compassion gave India its modern identity. He recalled how Patel personally oversaw the rehabilitation of refugees in Delhi, transforming it into a city of resilience and hope.

Highlighting Patel's pivotal

## Delhi Police honours legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Staff Reporter  
New Delhi

Delhi Police on Friday celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas to honor the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

This year, the event also marks Patel's 150th birth anniversary, focusing on promoting unity, integrity, and national strength. Various programs were organized throughout Delhi to reinforce dedication to these principles.

One of the main activities was the Ekta Divas Pledge, where police officers and staff made a commitment to uphold national unity, integrity, and security at police stations.

Another highlighted event was the "Run for Unity," which took place at all police stations across Delhi, involving enthusiastic participation from police personnel and citizens. Seven major runs were conducted



within different ranges of Delhi Police.

Tree plantation drives were conducted at police stations and schools to encourage environmental awareness and unity. Photo exhibitions showcasing Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's life and contributions were held at police stations and educational institutions to inspire visitors and children.

In the Central Range, the Run for Unity was hosted at DDU Park, attended by Sh. Ravindra Singh Yadav and

community members, inspired by Sh. Rajat Sharma. In the New Delhi Range, the event was attended by several prominent figures, including Sh. Amit Goel and cricketer Madan Lal, encouraging participating participants with their speeches.

The Western Range's event featured Sh. Ravi Kumar Dahiya, a silver medalist from the Tokyo Olympics, prominently participating in the run, which had 350 participants including students and police personnel. Lastly, the Transport Range's Run for Unity was flagged off in Aerocity by Sh. Milind Mahadeo Dumbre, attracting 750 participants, including CISF personnel.

The Run for Unity also included a pledge-taking ceremony where participants reaffirmed their commitment to preserving the nation's unity, integrity, and security.

cricket star Yuzvendra Chahal, with around 800-1000 participants. The Northern Range held its event at New Police Lines Kingsway Camp, featuring Indian wrestler Aman Sehrawat as a motivational figure.

The Eastern Range celebrated at Yamuna Sports Complex with Padma Shri awardee Sh. Manoj Joshi as the chief guest. The Southern Range's Run for Unity started at the Qutub Minar entrance and included participation from many com-

duo maintained regular communication through phone calls and social media, which ultimately facilitated the events leading to the recent incident.

On the evening of October 26, Pankaj allegedly called the victim and then arrived in a black car at a location in Faridabad. Accompanied by two other youths, he lured the girl into his vehicle and drove off. During the journey, near Chhata, the accused dropped off his two

## Calibration Flight Conducted to Test Greater Noida Airport Systems



A calibration flight was carried out to test and ensure the accuracy and reliability of navigation and communication systems at the upcoming airport. The exercise is a mandatory step before any airport receives op-

erational approval. The specially equipped aircraft flew in predetermined patterns to verify that systems such as the Instrument Landing System (ILS) and radar are functioning precisely as per international safety standards. The in-

spection involved checking signal strength, consistency, and alignment of ground equipment to ensure compliance with standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Operated by two pilots and a flight inspector, the aircraft recorded data at different altitudes and angles, which will be analyzed to make necessary adjustments.

## Faridabad Police crack down on minor girl rape case, accused held

Sandeep Chauhan  
Faridabad

In a swift and coordinated operation, the Faridabad police have apprehended a key suspect in a disturbing case involving the abduction and alleged rape of a minor girl under the jurisdiction of Old Thana. The accused, identified as Pankaj, a resident of Gora village in Thana Chhata, Mathura U.P., was arrested following a series of technical and intelligence-based investiga-

tions by the Old Thana police team.

The incident came to light when a girl lodged a complaint on October 27, alleging that her sister had been taken in a car by 3-4 boys the previous evening and had been subjected to misbehavior. The victim's family informed the police, prompting the Old Thana team to swiftly register a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and rel-

evant BNS sections.

According to police sources, the investigation revealed that the accused (Pankaj), a truck driver by profession, had a prior connection with the victim's family. About one and a half to two months ago, the victim and her father had travelled together in Pankaj's truck, during which her family's contact details, including his phone number and Instagram ID, came into their possession. The

accomplices, continuing along with the girl towards Vrindavan. It was during this trip that the accused is said to have committed the wrongful act with the minor.

The police further revealed that after the incident, Pankaj returned to Faridabad and dropped the girl near her residence around 3 to 3:30 in the early hours of October 27. The team's meticulous investigation, aided by technical surveillance and intelligence

inputs, led to his arrest.

Pankaj was produced in a court today and has been taken into police custody for further questioning. The authorities assured that the investigation is ongoing and that justice will be served for the minor girl and her family. The police spokesperson emphasized their commitment to taking strict action against such heinous crimes and ensuring the safety and justice for the victims.

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7) Detailed Tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in. Above tender document will be available for online submission on or after IREPS website on 08.11.2025 to 22.11.2025. All other terms and conditions in respect of banking and payment gateway only in tender document.

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# Increasing Water Demand of Ever-Growing Delhi Requires Structural Reforms Not Just Seasonal Fixes

■ A four-tier consumer structure encompassing religious, domestic, institutional and commercial categories for fairer pricing in the capital city is the need of the hour

■ Water ATMs can be installed in Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, Dispensaries, etc. after signing of MoU between DJB, Education & Health Depts. for its operation, safety, space, etc.

■ Provision of Separate Budget and/or funds out of MPLADS & MLALADS Fund can be explored for Water ATMs - potable water promised in Vikshit Delhi Sankalp Patra 2025

**A**s winter sets in and Delhi's immediate water demand eases, this is precisely the time to confront the city's chronic water crisis before the next summer intensifies it once again. The need for deep structural reform in Delhi's water governance has never been clearer. From inter-state disputes and leaking infrastructure to rapid urban expansion and inefficient billing systems, the capital's water woes remain systemic and unresolved - despite years of political focus and judicial intervention.

What began around 1995-98 with efforts by the then Chief Minister Sahib Singh Verma - who actively participated in Upper Yamuna River Board (UYRB) meetings convened by the Union Water Resources Minister alongside the Chief Ministers of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan - continues today under the leadership of his son, Pravesh Sahib Singh, now Delhi's Water Minister. What was left incomplete due to Sahib Singh Verma's resignation has, after 27 years, been thrust upon his son to carry forward and complete, as the BJP Government returns to power in the capital. Yet, Delhi's vulnerability to water shortage remains largely unchanged - if not more acute.

In 1994, the five basin states entered into a MoU to regulate the allocation and distribution of Yamuna river water up to the Okhla Barrage. On a PIL, the Supreme Court in 1996 ruled that Delhi was entitled to a specific quantity of Yamuna water for domestic consumption and directed Haryana to ensure that the Wazirabad and Haiderpur reservoirs remain adequately filled. In 2024 against in a case filed in SC again directed for ensuring regular and uninterrupted water supply for the capital city.

Delhi's water supply is heavily dependent on neighboring states. Haryana provides over 600 MGD (approx. 380 MGD of Yamuna Water and 220 of Ravi Beas Water) to Delhi through the Western Yamuna Canal system and the Munak Canal. Uttar Pradesh contributes significantly through the Upper Ganga Canal, supplying 254 MGD of water to Bhagirathi and Sonia Vihar WTP. Punjab and Himachal Pradesh also provide their share of Ravi & Beas rivers water through BBMB and Haryana's Canals. To meet the gap between the demand and supply, Delhi also relies on its internal sources - about 125 MGD groundwater via Ranney wells and Tube wells.

Delhi's water crisis demands a decisive shift from patchwork relief measures to comprehensive structural reforms. One crucial area is tariff rationalization through consumer reclassification. The existing binary distinction between domestic and commercial consumers no longer reflects the city's complex water usage patterns. Instead, a four-tier system encom-



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passing religious, domestic, institutional and commercial categories would ensure fairer pricing and more efficient resource allocation. Equally important are metering and billing reforms, as inaccurate or delayed meter readings continue to result in inflated or estimated bills. Transitioning to digital, real-time metering systems integrated with data analytics can significantly enhance billing accuracy, reduce consumer disputes and strengthen the financial sustainability of the Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

One recurring feature of Delhi's water governance has been the announcement of amnesty schemes - waiving late fees, penalties and interest on unpaid or disputed water bills. While these schemes are essential and provide relief to defaulting consumers and generate short-term revenue, it inadvertently penalize regular bill payers, disincentivizing compliance and encouraging a wait-and-watch approach for fu-

ture waivers too. These schemes are often politically timed, undermining the principle of accountability in public utilities.

Another critical dimension is groundwater policy flexibility. Delhi's blanket ban on groundwater extraction may require re-evaluation, especially in zones where aquifers are stable or have shown signs of recovery after high-rainfall years. For instance, a recent media report from Dwarka described foul-smelling groundwater gushing from a basement after a sudden blast, even causing cracks in nearby pillars - a reminder that unmanaged groundwater pressure poses risks of its own. A regulated, permission-based framework could enable controlled, non-potable institutional use while safeguarding long-term reserves.

At the same time, infrastructure modernization must take center stage. Delhi's ageing pipelines and

sewer systems, plagued by leaks, contamination and frequent service breakdowns, demand urgent upgrades. Targeted investments in pipeline replacement, smart monitoring and equitable network expansion are essential to ensure reliable supply and resilience across all neighborhoods, especially in high-density and unauthorized colonies.

As India surges ahead under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, Delhi must evolve in tandem. A capital city should reflect the aspirations of a rising global power. It is time to modernize Delhi's water infrastructure and governance, aligning it with 21st-century expectations, as Delhi's water crisis is not merely about shortages - it is about systemic imbalance. Inter-state dependencies, population pressures, infrastructure inertia and policy gaps together form a perfect storm. With time still available before the 2026 summer, the government has a clear window to implement long-term reforms - not just emergency fixes.

Under the Vikshit Delhi Sankalp Patra 2025, the BJP had pledged to provide potable water supply to every household in Delhi. As part of this initiative, Water ATMs can be installed across all government schools, colleges, hospitals and dispensaries through a joint effort of DJB, Education & Health Departments. To ensure smooth implementation, a separate budget should be allocated to DJB. Provision of funds out of MPLAD and MLALAD Schemes can also be explored for installation of Water ATMs in each Parliamentary/Assembly Constituencies, for the success of the scheme.

Delhi must adopt a data-driven, citizen-sensitive and cooperative model - one that treats water as a public good demanding responsible management and sustainable solutions. If executed well, Delhi's water reform blueprint could become a national model - reflecting not just the needs of a growing city, but the values of good governance, equity and resilience.

With Pravesh Sahib Singh at the helm of Delhi's water portfolio, expectations are high that the legacy of his father's groundwork in water diplomacy will translate into tangible policy breakthroughs. His strong public image and positive rapport with the Union Home Minister further raise hopes for meaningful progress. The strong legacy of his father - remembered as a leader deeply connected with the common man, known for his sincerity, hardworking and quiet nature and respected for his decisive leadership and popular mandate - also adds to the public's faith in Pravesh Sahib Singh's ability to deliver. Together, these factors have raised expectations that he will steer Delhi toward a lasting and pragmatic solution to its long-standing water crisis.

## Books are not loans, they are experiences

■ When social service begins with the cupboards of others, books become objects, not feelings.)

**S**ometimes someone writes on WhatsApp, sometimes on Messenger, sometimes in an email - "We've created a library for social service. Please send some books." Initially, I enjoyed these messages. I felt like people wanted to promote the culture of reading, to keep books alive. But gradually, the trend became too much. Now, every few days, I get a message - the same request, only the words change slightly. I politely decline each time, and a few days later, the same request returns.

Sometimes I wonder - do people really love books, or just love getting them for free? Some even strike up friendships with the sole hope that I'll give them books - as if my shelves were a branch of a public library and I were its unwilling librarian. Such people think, "You have so many books, give us some too, it'll be a benefit to society." But I wonder - why does social service always begin with someone else's shelf?

If you truly love books, gather them with your own effort. The joy of acquiring books is only realized when it involves a little effort, a little waiting, and a lot of passion. Books you bought with your first salary, those with coffee marks on their pages, or those that have been turned by the twist of your fingers - those are the books that become a part of your life. Loving books doesn't mean collecting them or borrowing them from others to arrange them on your rack. Loving books means reading them, questioning them, debating them, and sometimes disagreeing with them. Books are like living beings - they crave communication, not silence.

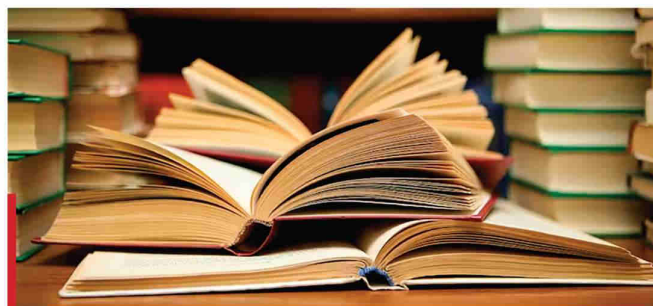
Nowadays, a new trend has emerged: soliciting books - all in the name of social service. An organization claims to be building a "library for poor children," another wants books for a "women's empowerment center." Initially, this all sounds very inspiring. But when the same people send the same messages year after year, one begins to wonder - are these really building libraries, or are the books simply becoming decorations for someone's drawing room? The spirit of social service is admirable, but it doesn't mean we should appropriate others' hard work, dedication, and personal wealth under the guise of our own.

Books aren't just stacks of paper and words - they're part of a person's journey. They bear the imprint of their thoughts, their feelings, their times. So when someone asks for a book, they're not just asking for an object, but a piece of someone's life. That's why when someone says, "You have so many books, please give us some," I feel it's an emotional interven-



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Books aren't just about paper and letters; they're a communication between the mind and the soul. Today, when people ask for books in the name of social service or friendship, it begs the question - do they truly love books, or just love getting them for free? Books aren't gifts, they're experiences. Only those who collect books through their own labor and curiosity understand their true value. Books make us self-reliant, teaching us that knowledge is acquired through our own efforts, not through grace.

tion. The relationship we form with books is personal. It's not a collection, it's a companionship.

People say that there are no libraries in the country, so they borrow books from personal collections. But is that really true? In my own city, there's Dr. Kamil Bulke's library - a wonderful collection of words and languages. The State Library and the British Library - both are filled with treasures of knowledge. During my school days, I borrowed books from these libraries, sitting there for hours and reading. The smell of those pages, the coolness of the wooden shelves, and the silence imbued with the ink on old paper still linger in my mind.

Going to the library teaches discipline. Spending time with books creates a rhythm. There, you gain not only knowledge but also patience and humility.

Even today, when everything is available online, the world of real books still cannot be compared. Digital pages provide light, but paper pages provide soul.

Now, when I buy books, it's not just any ordinary purchase. It's a journey within me. Some books are companions in my loneliness - they're there when I need words but not people. Some books are companions in my thoughts - they answer when the world asks questions. Every book is a corner of my mind, a memory, an extension of a thought. Sometimes I think - lending a book is like giving a piece of your heart to someone and then wondering every day whether it will be returned.

Sometimes books don't return. Sometimes they do, but their pages are devoid of the same sense of belonging they once held. That's why I've learned not

to donate books, but to live them. "Charity" holds a special place in our society, but not everything is charitable. Books are one of them. Books become donations when the giver sees them as mere objects, and the receiver sees them as mere decoration. But when both see them as "experiences," they become an exchange of souls.

Books are the intellectual foundation of any society. But when we view them only as "freebies," we diminish the dignity of that knowledge. Buying, reading, and preserving books - all of this is a culture that is slowly disappearing. We want everything for free - education, books, ideas, inspiration - but no one asks how much labor and dedication goes into their creation.

If someone truly loves books, they will strive to acquire them. They will set aside a portion of their salary for books. They will visit book fairs, search for old titles at second-hand stalls, or interact with an author. A true reader doesn't borrow books - they seek them out, acquire them, and after reading them, keep them alive within themselves. Only those who have acquired them through their own labor, their own curiosity, and their own love can understand the true value of books.

He knows that books don't just provide knowledge, they provide perspective on life. Books are not just a collection of one's thoughts, but an extension of the soul. They teach us that reading is not just about acquiring information, but about deepening our inner world.

Sometimes I think - the true power of books is that they make us self-reliant. They teach us that knowledge doesn't depend on anyone's mercy. And perhaps that's why I don't give my books away easily - because they've taught me what perhaps no human being could. Books aren't objects of charity; they are the language of the soul. They hold within them our thoughts, feelings, and struggles.

So when someone says to me - "You have so many books, please give me some," I smile and say - "If you really love books, then find them, buy them, and read them."

Because the true proof of love for books isn't asking for them, but living them. And when you live a book - it never leaves you, it lives within you - forever.

# Poll-bound Bihar debates ruling NDA's promise of rosy future

**Patna**  
The discourse in poll-bound Bihar on Friday centred around the ruling NDA's manifesto which promised to pull the state out of the clutches of poverty and unemployment by transforming it into a "global workplace and South Asia's textile hub".

The 60-page document visualised a "new-age economy" for the state in the next five years, during which it would also emerge as "the country's AI hub" and "the new tech hub of eastern India".

The ruling coalition also expressed confidence that Bihar would become "flood-free in five years" and proposed setting up a "flood control board" to oversee inter-linking of rivers and the speedy construction of embankments and canals, which it said would boost agriculture and fisheries in areas affected by annual flooding.



For the state where a majority of the people are still dependent on farming for livelihood, the manifesto proposed a "Made in Bihar for the world" drive aimed at a "two-fold rise in agricultural exports".

The manifesto outlined ambitious targets including

creation of one crore jobs, inclusive of "sarkari naukri" (government jobs), establishment of metro railway services in four new cities, seven expressways, improved rail and air connectivity, besides a boost to "spiritual tourism" with setting up of one lakh green

homestays for pilgrims visiting well-developed "Ramayana, Jain, Buddhist and Ganga circuits".

The opposition, predictably, was critical of the bombast and the "photo shoot, lasting for barely a few seconds", that marked the release of the mani-

festo in presence of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, BJP president Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union ministers Chirag Paswan and Jitan Ram Manjhi and other senior leaders of the NDA in Bihar.

Addressing a press conference, incidentally, at the same hotel where the NDA's manifesto was released, Congress leaders Ashok Gehlot and Akhilesh Prasad Singh took exception to the fact that the longest-serving CM of the state, who heads JD(U), was "not allowed to take questions" from journalists, and "his BJP deputy Samrat Choudhary" addressed the media for a few minutes before leaving in a huff.

INDA bloc chief ministerial candidate Tejashwi Yadav, who had occupied the centre-stage while the coalition's evocatively titled manifesto "Tejashwi Pran (Tejashwi's resolve)" was released earlier this

week, sneered at the ruling coalition.

"Why are they coming up with a manifesto of promises after having misruled the state for 20 years? They should not come up with a Sankalp patra but a 'sorry patra', apologising to the people of Bihar," said Yadav.

The young leader, who has been questioning the soundness of mind of the 75-year-old chief minister, also said, "He (Kumar) might not even have been aware of what was going on. Perhaps to hide this from plain sight, the entire affair was finished in 30 seconds".

"When I promised government jobs to one member of every household, they were calling it impractical. Now they should tell us how do they propose to create one crore jobs. They have bragged about setting up a factory in every district. What had they been doing for the last 20

years?," he said.

"Union Home Minister Amit Shah keeps saying Bihar does not have enough land for big industries," said the RJD leader, when journalists approached him with queries.

"The NDA has no blue print for bringing into the mainstream 90 lakh poor households. They promise mid-day meals at schools, inadvertently admitting that the scheme which has been in existence for long, was not being implemented in Bihar. Their promise of free, quality education from KG to PG rings hollow. The manifesto seems to be meant for kids studying in junior KG," added Yadav.

It was a day when rainfall disrupted assembly poll campaigns in several parts of the state.

Nadda's rally in Buxar was cancelled while Nitish Kumar had to remain content with "a more than 25 km long drive," described by JD(U) working president

Sanjay Kumar Jha as a "grand (bhavya) roadshow across 11 constituencies".

Nonetheless, some political heat was generated by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who gave vitriolic speeches in Siwan, Vaishali and Bhojpur districts, raking up Bihar-born first President Rajendra Prasad's alleged humiliation at the hands of "Congress Prime Minister Nehru", and alleging "descendants of foreign invaders who destroyed the ancient seat of Nalanda are trying to establish political Islam".

Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh, whose party is contesting assembly polls in Bihar for the first time, with candidates in 83 out of 243 seats, alleged at a press conference that serious anomalies remain in the electoral rolls even after SIR, with "five lakh duplicate voters and another one lakh with no intelligible names".

## Cong appoints 6 DCC chiefs for Delhi names senior observers for MCD bypolls

**New Delhi**  
The Congress on Friday appointed six new District Congress Committee (DCC) presidents for Delhi and named senior observers and ward in-charges for the upcoming MCD byelections.

According to a statement issued by AICC general secretary in-charge of organisation, K C Venugopal, the appointments have been approved by the Congress president with immediate effect.

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Corporation of Delhi (MCD) wards that will go to polls on November 30, including Chandni Chowk, Shalimar Bagh-B, Greater Kailash, Dwarka-B, Sangam Vihar-A and Dakshin Puri, among others. Senior observers appointed include Rajesh

Lilothia for Chandni Chowk, Haroon Yusuf for Chandni Mahal and Hari Shankar Gupta for Shalimar Bagh-B.

Other senior observers are C P Mittal (Ashok Vihar), Anil Chaudhary (Vinod Nagar), Vijay Lochav (Naraina), Abhishek Dutt (Greater Kailash), Jag Praveesh (Mundka), Kamal Kant Sharma (Dwarka-B), Krishna Tirath (Dichau Kalam), Hassan Ahmed (Sangam Vihar-A) and Jitender Kochhar (Dakshin Puri).

Bypolls to 12 wards of the MCD will be held on November 30 and the counting of votes will be undertaken on December 3.

The filing of nominations will begin on November 3. The last date of filing of nominations will be November 10 and the scrutiny of papers will take place on November 12.

## Ajit Doval urges nation to build with clarity and courage

**Mitali Chandola New Delhi**

In an era when noise often overpowers nuance, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval has delivered a rare lecture that goes beyond the boundaries of security — into the very soul of governance. Speaking on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas at Ekta Nagar, the NSA's words echoed not merely as an analysis of governance but as a national introspection.

Governance, Doval argued, is not a political act but a civilisational responsibility. "Converting civilisation into a nation-state is a stupendous task," he said, invoking Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's vision — "is actually a history of their governance." His words are as much a mirror for democracies as for dictatorships.

In a democracy, Doval warned, diversion masquer-



ades as representation. The race for power shifts from building consensus to fragmenting society. "It's not about winning 51," he said, "but dividing the remaining 49." The danger lies not in democracy itself, but in its distortion by money, self-interest, and narrow politics.

He laid out a formidable challenge — to make governance people-centric, humane, and visionary. Laws

must serve, not suffocate. Policies must reflect aspirations, not alienation. Governance, he suggested, must protect the weak, empower women, and make every Indian feel secure — not just through force, but through faith in the system.

In his most striking insight, Doval said technology would soon reshape humanity faster than history ever has. Artificial Intelligence, he warned, can condense two million years of evolution into two years — a tool of empowerment if used wisely, or annihilation if unchecked. "When the human element fades, danger rises," he cautioned, foreseeing a future where governance must guard not only borders but bytcs.

And yet, Doval's reflection was not dystopian. It was a call to leadership — for clarity amid confusion, conviction amid convenience. Gov-

ernance, he said, must evolve beyond procedures to purpose, beyond laws to legitimacy, beyond administration to nation-building.

He concluded with a note of hard-earned optimism: terrorism neutralised, extremism reduced to one tenth, and the hinterland largely secure. "The facts are facts," he said quietly. But the message was clear — security is not just absence of threat; it is the presence of good governance.

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## India's Statements at the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

**New Delhi**

In the Fourth Committee General Debate on "International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space", Dr. Bhola Singh, Member of Parliament, highlighted India's steadfast commitment to the peaceful use of outer space for the benefit of all mankind. He reaffirmed India's belief in preserving outer space as the common heritage of humanity and underlined that India's space programme has, for over five decades, focused on using space technology for national development and welfare of the common man.

Dr. Singh noted that the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is currently working with 60 Ministries and Departments to promote the use of space technology tools and applications. He informed that developmental activities for India's human spaceflight mission, Gaganyaan, are



**Saumitra Khan** progressing well. He also cited the successful launch of the ISRO-NASA Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite mission on July 30, 2025, as a milestone in international cooperation.

He further mentioned that Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla came the first Indian to travel to the International Space Station (ISS) on June 25, 2025. Dr. Singh also highlighted the growing Indian private space ecosystem supported by the Prime Minister's Space Prom-



**Dr. Bhola Singh** tion and Authorisation Centre. He concluded by reaffirming India's full support for the work of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

In another statement under the agenda item "Report of the International Court of Justice", Saumitra Khan, Member of Parliament, underscored the vital role of the ICJ as the principal judicial organ of the United Nations in resolving international legal disputes and upholding the rule of law. He noted the

Court's expanding engagement with substantive legal issues and its consistent record of fair and equitable outcomes.

Highlighting the ICJ's Advisory Opinion on Climate Change, Shri Khan emphasized India's constructive engagement in the proceedings and reiterated the importance of the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC). He stressed that while India strongly supports ambitious climate action, developed countries must first fulfill their commitments on climate finance and technology transfer under the existing legal framework of the UNFCCC, Kyoto Protocol, and Paris Agreement.

Khan reaffirmed India's continued support for the International Court of Justice and its indispensable role in upholding the rule of law in international relations.

## Rajnath's Kuala Lumpur Mission: India Steps Up Defence Diplomacy with US and Malaysia

**Mitali Chandola New Delhi**

In a strategic push to fortify India's defence diplomacy, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh arrived in Kuala Lumpur to hold crucial talks with his counterparts from the United States and Malaysia. The high-level engagements mark a significant step in India's broader mission to deepen defence cooperation and expand its strategic footprint in the Indo-Pacific region.

The meetings are expected to focus on joint military exercises, defence technology collaboration, maritime security, and capacity building in line with India's vision of regional peace and stability. Officials said the dialogue with the US Defence Secretary will reaffirm mutual commitment to a free, open, and rules-based Indo-Pacific, where India and the United States continue to serve as key partners in ensuring maritime securi-



ty and countering emerging regional threats.

Equally significant will be the bilateral talks with Malaysia's Defence Minister, where discussions are likely to centre on expanding defence industrial cooperation and training exchanges. The two nations have shared a long-standing relationship rooted in trust and mutual respect, with both sides keen on boosting interoperability and exploring joint production in defence manufacturing.

As Rajnath Singh's Kuala Lumpur mission unfolds, it reinforces India's message to the world — that its defence partnerships are not just about hardware, but about shared values, stability, and a future-oriented strategy for peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific.

## ED widens net in multi-state drug probe

**Mitali Chandola New Delhi**

In a major offensive against inter-state drug trafficking, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has launched simultaneous search operations across four states — Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Punjab — uncovering crucial evidence of a vast narcotics-linked money laundering racket.

The ED's Chandigarh Zonal Office conducted the raids on October 29 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against key accused — Gopal Lal Anjana, Chinderal Singh alias Keval, Yadvinder Singh, and others. Officials seized several incriminating documents and property records during the searches, exposing layers of financial dealings allegedly funded by illegal drug proceeds.

Preliminary findings reveal that two lavish residential properties and multiple parcels of agricultural land belonging to Anjana, Chinderal, and Yadvinder have been identified. These assets, reportedly worth crores, are suspected to have been purchased using profits from the narcotics trade. The ED is now verifying the financial trail, with further attachments likely once illicit origins are confirmed.

The probe stems from an FIR and charge sheet filed by Haryana Police under the NDPS Act.

## Railway Board unites for National Unity Day

**Patna**

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promised to spread this message among fellow citizens.

They acknowledged the contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in fostering national unity and vowed to ensure the country's internal security.

Other senior officials, including Jitendra Malhotra and Dr. Jagdish Chandra, were present during the event.

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about their 20-year rule.

CM Nitish Kumar, his deputy Samrat Choudhary, BJP president JP Nadda,

partners released the NDA's manifesto in less than a minute.

All then left the venue, except the deputy CM who remained and answered a few questions from journalists.

An announcement was made from the dais that the leaders had to leave as they had poll-related engagements.

"The NDA leaders came to the press conference which lasted merely 26 seconds. They were afraid to face questions from jour-

nalists on the manifesto, as well as on their governance," Gehlot said.

The CM was not allowed to speak at the release of the manifesto, Gehlot claimed, and wondered whether he was "not in a position" to speak about it.

Congress Rajya Sabha MP Akhilesh Prasad Singh, who was also present at Gehlot's press meet, said, "Nitish Kumar was not allowed to speak on the manifesto. It was disrespect for Bihar and Biharis."

# No compromise with the nation's integrity: CM Yogi Adityanath

Lucknow

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday inaugurated the "Run for Unity" in Lucknow, marking the 150th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. On this occasion, he paid floral tribute to the Iron Man of India. He said, "The true homage to Sardar Patel, who dedicated his life to the nation's unity and integrity, lies in living by his ideals."

The Chief Minister said, "The life, dedication, and sacrifice of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel continue to inspire every Indian." On National Unity Day, he urged people to rise above the barriers of caste, language, religion, and region to further strengthen India's unity and integrity.

Yogi Adityanath noted that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a new tradition has been established since 2014 to honor the great architects of India's unity. He highlighted that the "Run for Unity" is being organized at over 600 locations across the country to instill patriotism and solidarity among the youth.

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jet" — meaning one should emulate the ideals of those they revere, the Chief Minister emphasized that the real tribute to Sardar Patel is not just in words but in

embodying the values of unity and integrity in action. He added that the Statue of Unity in Kevadia, Gujarat, stands today as a living symbol of Sardar Patel's vision and has become a source of national pride and inspiration.

Recalling Sardar Patel's historic role in integrating 563 princely states after India's independence, the Chief Minister said that Sardar Patel thwarted British conspiracies and unified the nation. When the princely states of Hyderabad and Junagadh resisted merger, Patel first pursued dialogue but did not hesitate to take decisive steps when India's integrity was at stake. "Any

compromise with the unity and integrity of the nation is unacceptable," he asserted. CM Yogi further said that by abrogating Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister Modi fulfilled Sardar Patel's dream of a united India. This act stands as a true tribute to Iron Man.

He also informed that a cultural troupe and a delegation of artisans from Uttar Pradesh will visit Kevadia to commemorate Sardar Patel's 150th birth anniversary. A special tribute program will be organized there on November 12 under the leadership of the Governor. He added that this initiative will not only honor Patel's

legacy but also strengthen the "Vocal for Local" and "Swadeshi Abhiyan", promoting self-reliance among the state's artisans.

Highlighting massive participation in the event, the Chief Minister said that "Run for Unity" programs were held across all 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh, where millions of youth, students, voluntary organizations, administrative officials, and citizens took part, spreading the message of national integration. "This is not just a run, but a symbol of India's unity, integrity, and social harmony," he said.

Calling for an end to divisive tendencies, CM Yogi urged people to oppose forces that seek to divide society based on casteism, nepotism, or untouchability. "Inspired by Sardar Patel's life, we must stand united against any attempt to weaken the fabric of national unity," he stated.

Deputy Chief Minister Brijesh Pathak, Finance and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Khanna, BJP State President Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh, Mayor Sushma Kharwal, Rajya Sabha MP Brijlal, and several MLAs were present on the occasion.

# Indu Goswami Leads 'Run for Unity' in Mandi to Mark Sardar Patel's 150th Birth Anniversary

Rajan Panchhi  
Mandi

To commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India and a symbol of national unity, a "Run for Unity" was held in Mandi from Paddal Ground to Seri Manch. Rajya Sabha MP Indu Goswami graced the occasion as the chief guest and paid floral tributes to Sardar Patel's statue before flagging off the run.

Addressing the gathering, MP Goswami said that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Sardar Patel's birth anniversary has been celebrated as National Unity Day since 2014. She highlighted Patel's pivotal role in uniting the nation and laying the foundation for modern India. "The Run for Unity spreads the message of oneness across the country," she said, noting that similar programs were being organized in all districts of Himachal Pradesh.

The event saw participation from several senior leaders. Former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur joined celebrations in Dharamshala, while Union Minister Anurag



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Thakur led the event in Una and Hamirpur. In Mandi, Sadar MLA Anil Sharma, Balh MLA Indra Singh Gandhi, and Nihal Bhim Sen also addressed the gathering at Seri Manch, urging the youth

to draw inspiration from Sardar Patel's life and contribute to nation-building.

The BJP Mandi district team played a key role in organizing the event. Present on the occasion were BJP District President Nihal Chand Sharma, District Co-incharge Bhim Sen, District Council President Pal Verma, Municipal Councilor Virendra Bhat, Manchli Thakur, Karan Thakur, Media Incharge Rakesh Walia, Govind Thakur, Dr. Vandana, and several party workers including Jaggi and Suman.

The spirited run, marked by patriotic fervor, reinforced Sardar Patel's enduring message of unity and strength for a progressive India.

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# Xi Carney meeting in South Korea try to rebuild China-Canada relations

**T**Gyeongju the leaders of China and Canada took a step toward mending the long-fractured ties between their countries on Friday. Chinese President Xi Jinping and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, meeting in South Korea during an Asia-Pacific summit, called for improving ties in a pragmatic and constructive manner, according to both sides. "The leaders agreed that their meeting marked a turning point in the bilateral relationship," a Canadian statement said.



Xi was quoted as saying that relations are showing signs of recovery, thanks to the joint efforts of both sides. "We are willing to work together with Canada to take this meeting as an opportunity to promote the return of bilateral relations to a healthy, stable and sustainable track as soon as possible," Xi said, according to an official report distributed by China's state media. Carney, who became prime minister in March, accepted an invitation from Xi to visit China, the Canadian statement said, without specifying any date.

More recently, relations have been shaken by Canada's decision to levy a 100 per cent tariff on electric vehicles from China in 2024 and a 25 per cent tariff on steel and aluminum. China has offered to remove its import taxes on some Canadian products if Canada drops the EV tariff. China made the move last in tandem with the US. The Canadian statement said that both leaders directed their officials to move quickly to resolve trade issues and irritants and discussed solutions for specific products such as EVs, canola and seafood.

Xi called for expanding "pragmatic" cooperation in areas such as the economy, trade and energy. Both Canada and China have been hit by tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump. Canadian canola producers, seafood exporters and pork farmers are dealing with steep Chinese tariffs in retaliation for the 100 per cent tariff Canada imposed on Chinese electric vehicles, batteries and other goods last year.



**Peshawar** Ten members of the newly formed cabinet of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were sworn in on Friday, completing the process of government transition in the province. Governor Faisal Karim Kundi administered the oath of office to the members picked by Chief Minister, speaker of the Provincial Assembly Babar Saleem Swati, as well as members of the national and provincial assemblies, party leaders, and others attended the ceremony. Along with the chief minister, speaker of the Provincial Assembly Babar Saleem Swati, as well as members of the national and provincial assemblies, party leaders, and others attended the ceremony.

## Bangladeshi diaspora in UK rallies against persecution rights violations

**London** Members of the British Bangladeshi diaspora have called on international organisations to act against what they fear are widespread constitutional and human rights violations unfolding in Bangladesh, under the interim administration led by Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus.

He also called upon India to help restore democracy in Bangladesh, given its history of supporting the country's independence in 1971.

## Pakistan says next round of talks with Afghanistan to be held on Nov 6

**Islamabad** Pakistan on Friday confirmed that the next round of talks with Afghanistan would be held on November 6 and expressed hope for a "positive outcome" from the dialogue. Addressing his weekly press conference, Foreign Office spokesperson Tahir Andradi also said that Pakistan does not wish to escalate tensions with the neighbouring country.



November 6 talks," he said.

The next round was scheduled after Pakistan and Afghanistan agreed to continue a ceasefire that was agreed after a brief conflict earlier this month. The first round of talks was held in Doha on October 18 and 19, followed by the second in Istanbul on October 25, which went for several days but ended without a breakthrough on the key issue of cross-border terrorism. But efforts continued behind the curtains to salvage the process, with Türkiye playing a role in ending the stalemate and paving the way for the November 6 talks.

It was earlier said that the Istanbul round ended on Tuesday, but Andradi said the talks between Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban, in the presence of mediators, concluded in Istanbul on Thursday evening.

## BUSINESS

### LIC Mutual Fund unveils new fund capturing India's spending power

**New Delhi** India's consumption story stands as one of the most powerful and enduring themes in its economic growth journey, driven by rising disposable incomes, rapid urbanisation, digital transformation and a young, aspirational population. With consumers increasingly spending across diverse categories from daily essentials and automobiles to e-commerce, travel, and lifestyle services, the country's consumption engine is accelerating at an unprecedented pace.



are direct beneficiaries of India's expanding consumer demand. The launch marks LIC MF's strategic entry into the consumption theme, reinforcing its commitment to helping investors participate in India's structural growth narrative.

Backed by LIC's trusted legacy and wide distribution network, the fund aims to tap into the vast potential of sectors poised to gain from the evolving consumption landscape, while offering investors a vehicle to align their investments with India's growth story. LIC MF views this initiative not only as an opportunity to strengthen its product suite and asset base but also as a timely move to connect with a new generation of investors seeking thematic exposure to India's thriving domestic economy.

## Bank credit growth slows to 7.3% in September: RBI Data

**Mumbai** Growth in bank credit to industry moderated to 7.3 per cent in September, compared with 8.9 per cent in the corresponding period last year, according to the RBI data released on Friday. On a year-on-year basis, non-food bank credit grew 10.2 per cent as on the fortnight ended September 19, 2025, compared to 19 per cent during the corresponding fortnight of the previous year (September 20, 2024), the RBI said.



The central bank has released the data on sectoral deployment of bank credit for September collected from 41 select commercial banks, accounting for about 95 per cent of the total non-food credit by all banks. "Credit to industry recorded a year-on-year growth of 7.3 per cent, compared with 8.9 per cent in the corresponding fortnight of last year," said the data on 'Sectoral Deployment of Bank Credit - September 2025'.

Credit to 'micro and small' and 'medium' industries continued to grow in double-digits. Among major industries, outstanding credit to 'all engineering', 'infrastructure', 'textiles', and 'vehicles, vehicle parts and transport equipment' recorded buoyant year-on-year growth. Further, credit to agriculture and allied activities registered a year-on-year growth of 9 per cent (16.4 per cent in the corresponding fortnight of the previous year). The data showed that advances to services sector registered a growth rate of 10.2 per cent year-on-year. Growth in credit to non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) decelerated, though segments such as tourism, hotels and restaurants, computer software, and commercial real estate witnessed robust growth. The RBI said credit to personal loans segment recorded a decelerated year-on-year growth of 11.7 per cent, as compared with 12.4 per cent a year ago, largely due to moderation in growth of other personal loans, vehicle loans, and credit card outstanding.

### Dreamforce 2025 marks a new chapter in human-AI collaboration

**New Delhi** At Dreamforce 2025, Salesforce sent a clear and confident message: the future of work is not about replacing people with artificial intelligence, but about amplifying human potential through it. The annual customer conference marked the official launch of Agentforce 360, a comprehensive suite of AI tools built on Salesforce's fastest-growing product ever, Agentforce.



The event's central theme revolved around the emergence of the 'Agentic Enterprise' - a new business model where AI agents and human employees collaborate seamlessly to achieve exceptional results. Salesforce positioned Agentforce 360 as the world's first platform designed to connect humans and AI agents within an one-trusted system, enabling companies to operate with greater intelligence, speed, and efficiency. Marc Benioff, Chair and CEO of Salesforce, said, "We're entering the age of the Agentic Enterprise, where AI elevates human potential like never before. Agentforce 360 connects humans, agents, and data on one trusted platform, helping every company achieve more than they ever thought possible."

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Arundhati Bhattacharya, CEO and President of Salesforce South Asia, highlighted the technology's transformative potential for India. "For a nation defined by its immense human capital, this is not a story about replacing people, but about amplifying their potential on an unprecedented scale," she said. "Agentforce 360 is the engine for this transformation, providing Indian businesses with the world's first platform designed to connect humans and AI agents on a foundation of trusted, unified data. We are empowering every employee to operate with newfound intelligence and speed, turning our demographic dividend into a decisive digital advantage. This is how India will not just participate in the AI era, but help lead it."

### DCDC Kidney Care Announces 'AarogyaDeep Utsav 2025'

**New Delhi** DCDC Health Services Pvt. Ltd., one of India's most trusted kidney care providers, proudly announces AarogyaDeep Utsav 2025 - India's largest celebration dedicated to dialysis patients, their families, and healthcare professionals. The event will be held on November 15, 2025, from 3 PM to 8 PM at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi. Subtitled "A Ray of Hope," the event goes beyond medical care to create a movement of motivation, joy, and celebration. It aims to honour the resilience, positivity, and strength of dialysis warriors while spreading awareness that dialysis is not the end - it's the beginning of a new, balanced, and hopeful life. The festival will bring together thousands from across the NCR to inspire strength,



belonging, and a shared message - "You Are Not Alone." This initiative is designed exclusively for patients and their families, offering a day filled with inspiration, learning, and joy. Mr. Assem Garg, Founder & CEO, DCDC Kidney Care said "DCDC Kidney Care has always believed that quality healthcare must combine clinical excellence with compassion and accessibility. Patient-well-being goes beyond treatment; emotional happiness and confidence are equally vital. Having served patients for over 15 years, we consider it our responsibility to make every patient feel privileged, strong, and more informed. Through this collective spirit of hope and care, we aim to build a stronger, more informed community of patients, caregivers, and professionals. Our long-term vision is to make AarogyaDeep Utsav an annual nationwide celebration of life."

# “Trump’s Contradictions Have Hurt Global Democracy, and India Must Reclaim Its Voice”: Pratap Singh Chaudhary



**Introduction**

In this exclusive conversation for **Top Story Newspaper**, **Dr. Anil Singh, Editor of STAR Views (USA)**, speaks with **Mr. Pratap Singh Chaudhary, Secretary of the Indian Overseas Congress, Maryland**. A seasoned political observer and community leader among the Indian diaspora, Mr. Chaudhary has been closely monitoring the evolving power equations between Washington and New Delhi. From trade frictions and immigration issues to America's democratic contradictions under Donald Trump, he offers a forthright analysis of how U.S. domestic turbulence and India's cautious diplomacy are reshaping global politics.

**By Dr. Anil Singh**  
Editor - STAR Views (US-based Digital News Channel) & Editorial Advisor - Top Story, New Delhi

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** Mr. Chaudhary, welcome to STAR Views and Top Story. Let me begin by asking you: at a time when global alliances are in flux, trade wars are reshaping economies, and democracy itself is under strain, how do you read the current trajectory of India-US relations? Are the two largest democracies drifting apart or preparing for a deeper strategic convergence?

**A Pratap Singh Chaudhary:** Thank you, Dr. Singh. It's a privilege to join you. The India-US relationship today stands at a crossroads of contradiction and opportunity. On the surface, diplomatic niceties and symbolic gestures continue - summits, trade talks, defense dialogues - but beneath that, strategic unease is growing.

The Trump-era protectionism fractured the moral core of America's engagement with the world. "America First" has often meant "America Alone." That rhetoric weakened multilateralism and trust. India, meanwhile, adopted a guarded posture, hesitant to either challenge or recalibrate. The result is a relationship that looks strong in photo-ops but lacks the depth of shared vision. We need clarity, not courtesy - the courage to define interests openly and negotiate as equals.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** That's a powerful assessment. But if we look beyond official diplomacy - to public opinion and political sentiment within the U.S. - do you feel the American establishment today views India as a reliable partner or merely a convenient market?

**A Pratap Singh Chaudhary:** An honest answer would be both. The strategic community in Washington admires India's potential - its market, manpower, and technology base. But there's also skepticism about India's democratic health and policy consistency.

Under Trump, politics became transactional; friendship was judged by immediate returns. Even now, sections of the U.S. Congress and Senate remain divided. Some see India as a bulwark against China, while others worry about its internal issues - media freedom, minorities, and dissent. So while the partnership is valued, faith is conditional. India must reclaim its moral leadership as the world's largest democracy if it wants genuine strategic respect.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** President Trump's personality has defined U.S. policy in unconventional ways - impulsive, business-driven, and often unpredictable. From where you stand, has "America First" strengthened the U.S. or isolated it from allies and partners like India?

**A Pratap Singh Chaudhary:** It has isolated America more than it empowered it. Trump dismantled decades of bipartisan diplomatic balance. He treated diplomacy as a corporate deal rather than a covenant of trust. Short-term profits replaced long-term partnerships.

America's moral authority - which once inspired global democracy - was diluted. The protests across states, the impeachment discourse, and the rise of civic resistance all show that America's own citizens rejected unilateral arrogance. For India, this meant uncertainty - fluctuating trade rules, visa restrictions, and inconsistent political messaging. Strategic relationships thrive on stability; under Trump, instability became the norm.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** You've mentioned instability. America prides itself on its "checks and balances." Yet even this system has been under stress. How resilient is American democracy today, and what lessons does it offer to democracies like India?

**A Pratap Singh Chaudhary:** That's a crucial question. The strength of American democracy lies not in its leaders but in its institutions - the judiciary, the press, and civic activism. Even when Trump attempted to stretch executive power, the courts intervened, and civil society mobilized.

The U.S. shutdowns, judicial overrides, and nationwide protests are not signs of collapse but of correction. It's a reminder that democracy survives through dissent, not obedience. India must relearn this truth. When institutions bow to personalities, democracy becomes decoration. Both countries need to restore faith in constitutional

morality, not populist loyalty.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** We recently witnessed government shutdowns in the U.S. over budget disputes. How do such disruptions impact ordinary citizens and, more specifically, the Indian diaspora community in America?

**A Pratap Singh Chaudhary:** The impact is deep and immediate. During shutdowns, federal workers lose pay, research projects freeze, and visa and immigration processes slow down. The Indian diaspora, which contributes immensely to America's technology and healthcare sectors, feels this directly.

Beyond economics, these shutdowns reflect a polarized polity. Governance has turned into a partisan tug-of-war. People lose trust when essential services become political weapons. Yet I believe the U.S. system has the resilience to bounce back - compromise is built into its DNA. Still, these disruptions are a wake-up call for democracies everywhere: when politics forgets people, institutions begin to bleed.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** How do you evaluate India's diplomatic handling of the U.S. in recent years? Has New Delhi managed to leverage its global standing effectively, or has it played too safe?

**A Pratap Singh Chaudhary:** Frankly, India has played it too

cautiously. Diplomacy requires both dignity and decisiveness. While the optics of high-level meetings look impressive, there's often a lack of follow-through.

The government prefers headline management to strategic engagement. For instance, when American lawmakers raise concerns on human rights or press freedom, instead of dialogue, New Delhi often becomes defensive. True strength lies in transparency. Hiding uncomfortable truths - be it about corporate regulation or social disharmony - only limits our credibility. India must engage the world as a confident democracy, not a defensive one.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** Do you believe the U.S. tilt toward Pakistan is resurfacing? Many in India feel Washington's security lens still sees South Asia through old binaries.

**A Pratap Singh Chaudhary:** Unfortunately, yes - some of that legacy thinking remains. The U.S. establishment has long treated Pakistan as a tactical tool rather than a trustworthy partner. That mindset hasn't fully disappeared.

Today, as global geopolitics realigns - with China's rise and Russia's assertiveness - the U.S. is once again flirting with transactional diplomacy. Pakistan's utility in Afghanistan and its proximity to China make it a short-term convenience. But history shows convenience never creates stability. India must counter this by strengthening its narrative - not through aggression, but through global

confidence and responsible diplomacy. We must make India's partnership indispensable, not optional.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** As we conclude, what is your message for policymakers in both New Delhi and Washington as they attempt to rebuild faith and cooperation after years of tension?

**A Pratap Singh Chaudhary:** Both nations must return to principle-based partnership. For the U.S., democracy must mean more than rhetoric; it must reflect equality and fairness in trade, visas, and global governance. For India, diplomacy must move beyond domestic applause and focus on substance - dialogue, reforms, and trust-building.

The India-US relationship is not just bilateral; it's a civilizational compact between the world's two great democracies. It will thrive only when both nations rediscovers humility and shared purpose.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** That's a profound note to end on. Mr. Pratap Singh Chaudhary, thank you for this illuminating conversation, and we extend our warm wishes to the Indian diaspora in Maryland and across the U.S. for a joyous Diwali season.

**A Pratap Singh Chaudhary:** Thank you, Dr. Singh. My greetings to all Indians around the world. May both our nations walk together - not just in strategy, but in spirit - for the peace and prosperity of humankind.

*(Exclusive Interview for Top Story Newspaper, New Delhi)*

## SPORTS

### Mandaviya to discuss fitness, wellness with top celebrities at National Fitness & Wellness Conclave

**T**he National Fitness & Wellness Conclave, a landmark event celebrating India's growing fitness and wellness movement, will be held on November 1 in Mumbai, according to a press release from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

The Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, and the Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports, will grace the conclave. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, along with Union Sports Secretary Hari Ranjan Rao, and Indian Olympic Association President P.T. Usha.

Bringing together the country's foremost voices in sports, cinema, lifestyle and wellness, the conclave will feature participation from Rohit Shetty, 2012 London Olympics medalist Saina Nehwal, Cricket World Cup winner Harbhajan Singh, Saiyami Kher, and Jacky Bhagnani, among many more prominent personalities who embody the spirit of fitness and perseverance.

Through engaging panel discussions and sessions, the National



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Fitness & Wellness Conclave will serve as a premier platform to discuss India's evolving fitness ecosystem, exploring its business potential, societal importance, and role in shaping a healthier future.

"This is the time to consolidate the business of wellness and fitness. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already set the ball rolling with the Fit India movement, and we all have to come together to take this for-

ward. India is a young nation, but with a high rate of lifestyle diseases. We must all join hands to conquer this. I am delighted that so many top celebrities have come forward to take the mission of fitness and wellness forward," Mandaviya said.

A series of engaging panel discussions will see eminent guests from diverse fields share their perspectives on the importance of fitness and holistic well-being.

Highlighting the intersection of fitness and entertainment, filmmaker Rohit Shetty will also share insights from his personal fitness journey and reflect on the role of cinema in promoting a culture of health and fitness among the masses. Olympian Nehwal will also narrate tales from her fitness struggle at the height of her career.

"This is a great opportunity to hear from the celebrities what they think of fitness and well-

ness. This is also an opportunity to hear from the industry leaders who manufacture fitness equipment for the gyms we have in the cities. I am hoping to get some excellent insights on how the ecosystem works," Mandaviya added.

A key segment of the conclave will showcase the initiatives and milestones of the Fit India Movement, underlining its commitment to creating a fitter, stronger, and more self-reliant Bharat. The event will conclude with a felicitation ceremony honouring Fit India Ambassadors and Fit India icons for their inspiring contributions to the nation's fitness mission.

### Shyam Lal outclass Bhagat Singh College by seven wickets



Shyam Lal College Cricket players with Mr. VS Jaggi, Associate Professor (Sports) and Cricket Coach Mr. Rakesh Thapliyal.

New Delhi: Fine bowling by Rounak Rao (5 for 23) and Devansh Bishit (4 for 14) helped Shyam Lal College beat Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (Evening) by 7 wickets in the Delhi University Inter College Cricket (Men) Tournament 2025-26 here at Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur

Khalsa College Ground. Shyam Lal College's Captain Vinay Negi won the toss and elected to field first. Shaheed Bhagat Singh College bundled for 80 runs in 21.5 overs. In reply Shyam Lal College scored 81 runs for the loss of three wickets in 15.1 overs and won the match.

Brief score: Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (Evening): 80 All out in 21.5 overs (Bhavya Tomar 26, Gauransh 24, Varun Dev 17, Rounak Rao 5 for 23, Devansh Bishit 4 for 14). Shyam Lal College: 81 for 3 in 15.1 overs (Paras Jaishwal 23 not out, Vinay Negi 16 not out, Ravi Raj 19).

**Goalkeeper Samik Mitra scores as Chennaiyin FC secure draw against Dempo**

**Bombay:**  
A remarkable, historic goal from goalkeeper Samik Mitra earned Chennaiyin FC a 1-1 draw against Dempo Sporting Club in the AIFC Super Cup 2025-26 on Friday at the GMC Athletic Stadium in Bombay.

Mitra became the first goalkeeper in the club's history to score from open play in a competitive fixture, finding the net on the half-hour mark with a stunning strike from inside his own box, according to a press release.

Head coach Clifford Miranda made five changes to the starting XI from the previous outing, with Mitra returning between the posts and Klusner Parera slotting into defence. In midfield, Kingslee Fernandes partnered Lalrinliana Hnamite, while Vivek S and Mahesh Singh supported Irfan Yalwad in attack.

Chennaiyin began brightly, pressing high and creating early chances. Kingslee tried his luck from distance after winning the ball in midfield, before a quick passing move released Vivek on the flank. His low cross narrowly cleared by a recovering defender. The Marina Machans continued to threaten, with Klusner's deflected effort looking just over the bar moments after Maadar Rao Dasa's teasing delivery.

Despite their control, Miranda's men fell behind in the 25th minute when Dempo converted from a free kick. But just minutes later, Samik produced an unforgettable moment when his long kick from his own area caught the opposition off-guard, sailing over the Dempo backline and beyond the goalkeeper's reach to draw Chennaiyin level.

Chennaiyin picked up where they left off after the restart, continuing to dictate possession and pushing forward with purpose. Miranda's substitutions injected fresh energy into the side, as Chennaiyin kept Dempo pinned in their own half for long spells. Irfan came close midway through the second half, glancing a header narrowly wide of the post.

## Raksha Khadse leads 'Ekta Yatras' in Maharashtra's Malkapur, Bhusawal

**Jalgaon:**  
Union Minister of State for Sports, Raksha Khadse, led 'Ekta Yatras' (Unity Marches) at Malkapur in Buldhana and Bhusawal in Jalgaon district, on the historic occasion of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150th Birth Anniversary, as per a release from SAI media.

The 'Ekta Yatras', held under the nationwide 'Sardar 150' campaign initiated by the 'My Bharat platform' of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, witnessed overwhelming public participation from youth, students, and volunteers, creating a vibrant celebration of national unity and civic spirit.

Addressing an enthusiastic gathering at Malkapur, Khadse invoked Sardar Patel's enduring legacy, saying, "The India we are proud of today—united, strong, and



Raksha Khadse leads vibrant 'Ekta Yatra' in Maharashtra

diverse—stands as the result of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's unmatched resolve and vision to integrate over 560 princely

states into one nation. This march is not merely symbolic; it is a reaffirmation of our collective commitment to Ek Bharat, Ek

Bharat. Guided by the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, this movement reinforces

the spirit of Jan Bhagidari and Vikat Bharat by placing youth at the heart of nation-building.

The first leg of the event began in Malkapur, drawing huge participation from residents, students, and volunteers. Prominent dignitaries present included Ekmath Khadse, Member of the Legislative Council; Chansukh Madanlal Sancheti, M.L.A., Malkapur; Arvind Kote, Anil Kharche, Sudhir Chavan, Pranit Sangavkar, District Youth Officer; Ramrao Jhambre, Dnyanesh Waghode, and senior officials from the district administration, the release said.

In the afternoon, Khadse led the Bhusawal Unity March, which saw massive crowds lining the streets in solidarity. The event was graced by Girish Mahajan, Minister of Water Resources and Disaster Management and Sanjay Sarkare, Minister of Textiles, Government of Maharashtra.

**Anirban inside top-15, McKibbin follows up 60 with 65 to lead at Hong Kong Open**

**New Delhi:**  
Northern Ireland's Tom McKibbin added a five-under-par 65 to his opening round 60 for a two-shot lead in the Link Hong Kong Open on Friday.

The LIV Golf star leads on 15-under here at Hong Kong Golf Club from second-placed American Peter Uihlein, plus Thailand's Kiradech Aphiratt and Jazz Janewattananon, as per a release from LIV Golf.

Uihlein shot a 63, which included a triple bogey on his penultimate hole, Kiradech carded a 65 and Jazz a 66.

terday, 31 putts for five under. I missed four greens in 2 days, so I am really happy with my form. I just have to try and keep calm and go back to find my putting rhythm and go back to the things I do that make me a good putter."

Talking about his efforts to win and claim tickets to the Masters and The Open, he said: "100% the Hong Kong Open is a very prestigious event with a lot of history but when you take on those two very precious tickets, to have that opportunity amidst this competition is a great opportunity and it is definitely something that will motivate me. One thing you will notice is the guys pushing all out for a win rather than second or third, as so many of us, it matters more to get into the majors; it means more than anything else."

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## Sangram Singh gears up for European MMA debut

**New Delhi:**  
As the clock ticks down to November 2, India's wrestler-turned-MMA fighter Sangram Singh prepares for a landmark moment: his European debut at Levels Fight League (LFL) in Amsterdam.

At above 40 years old, the Haryana heavyweight (93kg category) faces Tunisian powerhouse Hakim Traibesi in what promises to be a clash of unyielding wills, a release said. This fight isn't just personal—it's a statement for Indian combat sports on the global stage, the release added.

Sangram, a twice Commonwealth heavyweight Wrestling Champion (2015-16), transitions from the mats to the cage with a mission. "I've trained harder than ever, blending my wrestling roots with MMA precision—sparring 5-6 hours daily, focusing on takedowns and ground control," Singh shared in a pre-fight interview. "This debut is about proving age is no barrier. I aim to inspire millions in India to chase dreams fearlessly, while securing a win that opens doors for more Indian fighters in Europe," said Sangram Singh.

**Sangram's Record:** Undeclared in pro MMA (1-0), with a blistering 123 submission victory in his 2024 debut against a seasoned opponent. Wrestling legacy: national champion; represented India internationally.

**Opponent Profile:** Hakim Traibesi, 33, boasts a 4-2 MMA record, known for knock-out power (3 KOe) and striking accuracy (65%). Trains in France; this will be his 7th international bout.

**Fight Prep:** Sangram's camp in Havana and Poland included high-altitude simulations, strength training (bench press 150kg+), and strategy sessions with coaches from India's Wrestling Federation. He's shed 5kg for optimal speed, emphasising endurance—vital in LFL's 3-round format.

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## Aman Raj holds off Veer to complete back-to-back wins and gets to top of IGPL ranking

**Kolkata:**  
Aman Raj survived another close call before picking his second straight win as he clinched the IGPL Invitational Kolkata at the legacy-laden Par-70 Tollymore Golf Club.

Aman Raj (68) finished at 14-under for three days, while Veer, who was 4-under through 17 before the closing double bogey, also ended with a 2-under 66 and an 11-under total, as per a release from IGPL.

Though the margin was three shots, both players were level with one hole to go. Aman buried the closing hole, while Veer double-bogeyed after going left and then hitting a tree and with his second shot.



Aman Raj clinches back-to-back wins, top of IGPL ranking

Aman Raj's two wins made him the second player to grab multiple wins, and like Gaganjeet Bhullar, he has back-to-back success. It also saw Aman Raj move to the top of the IGPL Order of Merit. He also became the first IGPL player to cross Rs. 50 lakhs in earnings in a mere five events.

Arjan Roop Anand, a two-time All India Amateur champion, produced his best result of the IGPL Tour as he shot 4-under 66 and finished sole third at 9-under. His earlier two rounds were 68-66. Also registering his best in the IGPL season was Smarth Divedi (67), who over three days carded 67-69-67 for a 7-under total and a fourth-place finish.

Syed Saqib Ahmed (66-69-69) was tied fifth with veteran Ranjit Singh (69-67-68) at 6-under 204.

The top women finisher of the week was Ridhima Dilawari (69-70-71) at even par for the week, and she was tied sixth alongside the likes of established men's stars Chiragh Kaur (67-71-72), an Aislin

Tour winner, and Olympian Udayan Mane (66-74-70).

The Top amateurs were Rahul Ravi (70-68-73) and Arjav Shah (67-72-73) at 1-over and tied for 25th.

Aman Raj, when asked if he had ever thought of such a great start including back-to-back wins in the first five starts on the IGPL season, Aman laughed and said, "At the start of the year, I did think it would be a good year, but then the game was not going the way I wanted, but I kept telling myself it was just a matter of time. I had to keep telling myself that it is not easy in different situations."

"But after the IGPL started, I had a surge of confidence. I had taken a big call, and I saw I was able to score and put myself in the position to win. I did not win but had Top-10 finishes. I told myself I should go out there and not worry about what's happening, but again it is not easy," he added.

## 'Advance Sports Science Workshop' for hockey coaches kicks off in Delhi

**New Delhi:**  
A three-day 'Hockey India-NCSSR Advance Sports Science Workshop for Hockey Coaches', aimed at transforming India's hockey coaching ecosystem, commenced at the National Centre for Sports Science and Research (NCSSR) Sports Centre, Indra Gandhi Sports Complex, here on Friday.

Organised jointly by Hockey India and the Sports Authority of India (SAI), the workshop, to be held till November 2, seeks to integrate the latest advancements in sports science into hockey coaching practices, empowering coaches to elevate athlete performance and overall well-being.

The workshop brings together 25 FIH Level 3 certified coaches from across the country, representing the nation's growing pool of elite hockey mentors. Several of India's top Olympians and hockey luminaries attending as special guests and resource persons include P.R. Suresh, Gavin Feresira, Lajun Barla and Hockey India officials, ac-



Advance Sports Science Workshop begins for hockey coaches in Delhi. Photo: P. Photo

ording to a release. "As we celebrate 100 years of Indian hockey, it was decided to implement sports science into hockey conducted worldwide, how data is interpreted, and how it informs improvement," he added.

Over three days, participants will undergo specialised sessions on performance profiling, athlete monitoring, biomechanics, conditioning, nutrition, recovery, and sports psychology. Experts from the departments of Physiology, Psychology, Nutrition and more, representing across SAI, continue and NCSSR, are conducting the sessions.

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