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WEATHER

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Sunset	5:34 PM
Moonrise	5:12 PM
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Today's Prediction	
Maximum	28°C
Minimum	16°C
Tomorrow's Prediction	
Maximum	26°C
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Seven killed as passenger train rams into goods train

The Railways have announced compensation of Rs 10 lakh to the next of kin of the deceased and passengers, Rs 5 lakh for seriously injured, and Rs 1 lakh for those injured in the railway accident.

Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)
At least seven persons were killed and 14 others injured after a passenger train collided with a goods train from behind near Bilaspur station in Chhattisgarh on Tuesday, officials said.



The accident site near Bilaspur station in Chhattisgarh.

The incident took place around 4 pm when the MEMU (mainline electric multiple unit) passenger train was heading to Bilaspur from Gevra (in neighbouring Korba district), they said.

The impact of the collision was so severe that a coach of the passenger train ended up on top of a wagon of the cargo train, the railway officials said, adding that two persons are still trapped in the wreckage.

When the passenger train was between Gatora and Bilaspur railway stations on the Howrah-Mumbai rail route section, it ramed into a goods train from behind, according to them.

"So far, seven deaths have been confirmed in the accident. Two others are still trapped inside the wreckage and efforts are on to evacuate them," Bilaspur Collector Sanjay Agrawal said.

The goods train was also moving in the same direction as that of the passenger train, he said. The injured passengers have been shifted to Apollo Hospital and Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS) hospital in Bi-

laspur. The condition of one of them is said to be critical, he added. The railway authorities have mobilised all resources at the spot, and required measures are being taken for the treatment of the injured persons, the officials said.

As per the visuals, the collision resulted in a coach of the passenger train getting mounted onto a wagon of the goods train.

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ensation of Rs 10 lakh each to kin of the deceased and Rs 5 lakh to the seriously injured persons, while those who sustained minor injuries will receive Rs 1 lakh assistance, an official statement said.

A detailed inquiry into the incident will be conducted at the level of the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) to ascertain the cause and recommend necessary corrective measures, it said.

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Campaign for first phase of Bihar elections ends polling for 121 seats on Nov 6

Patna
The high-voltage campaign for the first phase of the Bihar assembly elections, covering 121 constituencies, ended on Tuesday evening, after weeks of acrimonious exchanges, personal attacks, and divisive rhetoric.

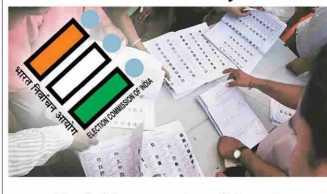


New Delhi
Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voters' list commenced in nine states and three Union territories on Tuesday with the TMC dubbing the exercise as a "con job" by the "compromised" poll body.

The electoral roll cleanup exercise is also being opposed by the ruling DMK and its allies in Tamil Nadu. The Election Commission (EC) said its booth-level officers (BLOs) have fanned out to hand over semi-filled enumeration forms to electors and will also help them fill the required document.

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SIR begins in 12 states, UTs; TMC terms it 'con job'



New Delhi
The EC will release the draft electoral rolls on December 9, and the final electoral rolls will be published on February 7. The 12 states and UTs where the second round of SIR will be conducted are the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Among these, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and West Bengal will go to polls in 2026. In Assam, another state where polls are due in 2026, the revision of electoral rolls will be announced separately as a Supreme Court-supervised exercise to verify citizenship is underway in the state. Agency

Heartiest Greetings to all on the occasion of Prakash Utsav of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji

November 5, 2025

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"श्री गुरु नानक जयंती के पावन अवसर पर हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ। श्री गुरु नानक देव जी की शिक्षाएँ हमें करुणा, दया और विनम्रता की भावना को बढ़ावा देने के लिए प्रेरित करें। ये हमें समाज की सेवा करने और अपने ग्रह को बेहतर बनाने के लिए भी प्रेरित करें।"

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Seven killed as passenger train rams into goods train

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Relief and rescue operations have been launched on a war footing by the railway administration. Senior officials have rushed to the site to monitor the situation, and the injured have been shifted to nearby hospitals for treatment, it said.

The railway authorities are providing all possible assistance and coordination to the affected passengers.

Helpline numbers have been issued for the convenience of passengers and their families, it added.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai expressed grief over the accident and said the state government stands in full solidarity with the affected families.

The CM spoke over the phone with the Bilaspur District Collector, seeking detailed information about the incident and directing officials to provide all possible assistance to those affected, an official statement said.

He instructed that immediate medical aid be provided to the injured persons and that every possible support be extended to the affected families, it said.

In a post on 'X', Sai said, teams from the railway machinery and the district administration have immediately reached the spot and are engaged in relief and rescue operations.

All necessary medical facilities and resources are being made available for the treatment of the injured. The state government has been closely monitoring the situation with complete promptness and sensitivity, he said. Agency

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A roadshow in Patna, and digital interactions with booth-level workers, and also with women, on the final day of electioneering.

Modi had begun his campaign with a rally at Samastipur, where he also visited the ancestral house of Bharat Ratna Karpoori Thakur. He shared the stage with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, the JD(U) president, who vies with arch-rival Lalu Prasad, the RJD president, in claiming to be the true ideological heir to the EBC (extremely backward classes) icon.

The 75-year-old PM pulled no punches in charging the RJD-Congress combine, the two largest constituents of the INDIA bloc, with "protecting infiltrators" and cautioned the people against "a return of jungle raj".

His remark that the Congress agreed to name Prasad's son Tejashwi Yadav as the INDIA bloc's CM candidate, only when RJD put a "katta" (country-made gun) on its head, drew much flak from the RJD leader and former deputy chief minister who alleged that the language was unbecoming of a prime minister.

Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, also held as many as seven rallies, the last three falling on the concluding day of the campaign. Agency

Chhattisgarh TechStart 2025 sparks new era of innovation & entrepreneurship

**Staff Reporter
Raipur:**
Chhattisgarh is positioning itself as a rising force in technology and innovation, with Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai leading the charge toward a visionary goal of a "Developed Chhattisgarh by 2047." Speaking at the Chhattisgarh TechStart 2025 event held at the Mayfair Hotel in Nava Raipur, the Chief Minister described the initiative as a defining step in shaping the state's future through innovation-driven entrepreneurship.

The event, organised as part of the state's Silver Jubilee celebrations, brought together industry experts, entrepreneurs, and technology leaders from across the country. The Chief Minister felicitated the winners of Ideathon 2025 and handed over partnership exchange agreements to various organisations collaborating with the state government.

Expressing gratitude to innovators and technologists, Chief Minister Sai said that the TechStart platform would play a pivotal role in fostering a culture of innovation, skill development, and sustainable growth. Drawing inspiration from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for a "Viksit Bharat," he reiterated his government's commitment to building a developed and technologically advanced Chhattisgarh by 2047.

He noted that India's startup landscape has seen tremendous growth under the leadership of the Prime Minister, with numerous startups attaining unicorn status. "Chhattisgarh's youth have immense potential to innovate and lead," he said. "Our government is determined to nurture their entrepreneurial spirit through access to resources, mentorship, and a supportive ecosystem."

Highlighting the contributions of young achievers from the state, the Chief Minister cited examples such as Akanksha Satyavanshi, physiotherapist of the Indian Women's Cricket Team, and Squashon Leader Gaurav Patel, who will pilot a fighter aircraft during the upcoming Nava Raipur Air Show. Their achievements, he said, reflect the state's growing pool of talent and resilience.

Sai further underlined that the state has implemented over 350 business reforms to improve the Ease of Doing Business and streamline the Single Window System, making Chhattisgarh one of India's most promising destinations for investors. He added that the government is now focusing on strengthening the IT and IT-enabled services sectors, with Raipur being developed as a hub for technology services.

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Vote is power, vote is courage: Neetu Navgeet



Dr. Neetu Kumari Navgeet, the Patna District Sweep Icon and a folk singer, led a voter awareness campaign in Patna to encourage voter participation.

Students from Khagaul to engage the community. There were also competitions for students on voter awareness topics, such as poster making and speeches. More than 700 school students took part in the entire program.

During the event, Dr. Navgeet and other guests, including Mr. Gyaneshwar, were honored for their contributions to the campaign's success. Other members of the Youth Hostels Association, including state and local leaders, were also present to support the initiative.

ED tightens net around Varanium Cloud in laundering case



Individuals allegedly involved in large-scale financial irregularities. The ED stated that the raids led to the recovery of significant evidence indicating the use of multiple bank accounts and shell entities for suspected money laundering activities.

During the search, officials seized various incriminating documents, digital devices, and financial records believed to be connected with the laundering of illicit funds. The agency also recovered around 400 cheque books related to suspected mule bank accounts and more than 200 SIM cards, many of which were inserted in over 100 dual-SIM mobile phones used for layered financial transactions.

Investigators believe that these accounts and devices were being operated to route, disguise, and circulate unaccounted money through complex digital and financial channels. The recovered material is currently being examined to identify the full chain of beneficiaries and the extent of the transactions.

NCW urges tougher cyber laws to protect women online

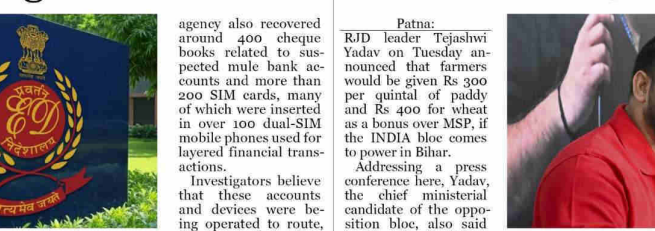


The final consultation was attended by Union Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, who lauded NCW's proactive role in safeguarding women's digital rights. The consultative process brought together judges, senior advocates, technology experts, police officials, and civil society members, resulting in over 200 actionable recommendations addressing legal, procedural, and institutional gaps in India's cyber governance framework.

Among the major proposals are tougher penalties for online offenses against women under the Information Technology Act, stricter data protection norms under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, and inclusion of online harassment in the POSH Act. The report also calls for platform accountability in cases of non-consensual content and swift removal of offensive material.

Titled the "Recommendatory Report for Law Review 2024-25," the document represents one of the most extensive efforts to modernize cyber laws. It aims to create a secure digital environment where technology serves as a tool of empowerment, ensuring women's dignity, safety, and equal participation in the online world.

Tejashwi vows MSP bonus for farmers in poll pitch



Addressing a press conference here, Yadav, the chief ministerial candidate of the opposition bloc, also said heads of all Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and Primary Marketing Cooperative Societies (Vyapar Mandals) will also be given the "status of people's representatives" in the state, if the opposition alliance wrests power.

There are more than 8,400 PACS in the state, he said. Besides, farmers in Bihar will be provided free electricity for irrigation purposes, if the INDIA bloc wrests power in the state, he said, claiming that currently

the government "charges 55 paise per unit from farmers for the electricity used in agricultural activities". The announcements come two days ahead of the first phase of voting in the state on November 6.

SC asks Centre to file comprehensive reply on pleas challenging online gaming law

New Delhi:
The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre to file a comprehensive reply on petitions challenging an online gaming law which prohibits "online money games", and bars banking services and advertising related to them.

A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and K V Viswanathan was informed that the Centre has filed its reply on the interim prayer made in the pleas.

"We want the Additional Solicitor General appearing for the Union to file a comprehensive reply to the main petition itself," the bench said.

It said copy of the reply be served in advance to the advocates appearing for the petitioners and if they want to file any rejoinder, they may do so at the earliest.

The bench posted the matter for hearing on November 26.

The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025 is the first central legislation banning real-money online gaming, including fantasy sports and e-sports played for stakes and has faced challenges before the Delhi, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh high courts.

Senior advocate C A Sundaram, appearing in the matter, told the bench that the business was completely shut for over a month.

During the hearing, one of the advocates told the bench that a fresh writ petition was filed in the matter but it was not listed for hearing.

"I (petitioner) am a chess player and its a source of livelihood. It was also about to launch an app," the lawyer said. "India is a strange country. You are a player. You want to play. It's your only source of income and therefore, you want to join the proceedings," Justice Pardiwala observed.

The counsel said the petitioner participates in online tournaments organised by the companies and he pays a participation fee also.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man found dead near Moti Nagar flyover in Delhi

New Delhi
A 54-year-old man was found dead near the Moti Nagar flyover in west Delhi on Tuesday, police said.

According to the police, a PCR call was received around 7:15 am regarding a body lying near a banquet on Najafgah Road.

"A police team immediately reached the spot and found the body of a man lying across the footpath," a senior police officer said, adding that there were visible injury marks on the body.

The deceased was identified as Ramkaran (54). He had injuries on his lower abdomen and forehead. His personal belongings were found scattered around the spot, he added.

The police said that the area was cordoned off and the crime and forensic teams were called for inspection. The body was later shifted to Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) Hospital for post-mortem.

"The exact cause of death will be known after the autopsy report. Based on preliminary findings, all possible angles including accident and foul play are being examined," the officer said.

The police said that they are checking CCTV footage of the area to establish the sequence of events leading to Ramkaran's death. Further investigation into the matter is underway.

MCD reports first two deaths due to dengue in Delhi

The number of fresh cases reported by the city this week is 67. The total number of cases this year has reached 1,136, out of which 989 were registered by the MCD, while the remainder were reported by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), Delhi Cantonment and railway areas, the report till November said.

New Delhi

Delhi reported its first two deaths due to dengue this year, according to a report released by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on Tuesday.

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In October, the MCD reported 377 cases, the highest this year.

In order to control the dengue outbreak, the MCD carries out fumigation drives and awareness campaigns. Surveys of households in different localities are also carried out to check for the breeding of mosquitoes.

The civic bodies also issue legal notices to houses and building owners where mosquito breeding conditions are found, they added.

MCD officials have undertaken around three crore house visits this year to date to check mosquito breeding, out of which 21 lakh houses were found to be positive for mosquito breeding, the report added.

Delhi Govt. resumes compassionate appointments in DSIIDC after 11 tears

Diksha/New Delhi

In a major step towards compassionate governance, the Delhi Government has restarted appointments on compassionate grounds in the Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC) after a gap of 11 years. The initiative, taken under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the leadership of Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, aims to support families of deceased government employees who have long awaited relief. At an event held at the Delhi Secretariat on Tuesday, Minister for Industries, Environment, Food and Supplies Manjinder Singh Sirsa handed over appointment letters to 24 beneficiaries,



each a legal heir of a DSIIDC employee who had passed away. Sirsa said that when the issue was brought to Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's attention, she immediately directed that the long-pending vacancies be filled without delay. "It is heart-breaking when a family loses its breadwinner and then faces years of struggle for basic livelihood. Our government is committed to ensuring timely support,

not bureaucratic hurdles," he said. He described the decision as a "historic correction" to the inaction of previous administrations. "Under CM Rekha Gupta's leadership, we are righting past wrongs one step at a time," he added. The appointments include 11 Multi-Tasking Staff, 7 Assistant Grade III, 5 Accounts Assistants, and 1 Junior Stenographer. Congratulating the new recruits, Sirsa urged them to serve with dedication and uphold the spirit of public service. Officials said the move reflects the Delhi Government's focus on compassion, accountability, and people-first governance, ensuring that no family in distress is left unheard.

PWD to install mist spraying systems at 3 pollution hotspots of Delhi

New Delhi

The Public Works Department (PWD) plans to install automatic mist spraying systems on three road stretches near the Narela, Bavana and Jahangirpuri areas, all among the top 13 pollution hotspots of Delhi, officials said on Tuesday.

Earlier, similar projects have been taken up in NDMC and DDA areas, with the hope of reducing dust on roads, which is among the major contributors to air pollution.

"PWD will now start its third project with the installation of these systems at Shahpur Garhi near DSIIDC Narela, DSIIDC Bavana near Poothi Khurd and the Jahangirpuri area," a PWD official said.

The sprinklers will be installed on the central verges of these roads. Tenders have been floated for the project, the official added.

The systems will spray RO-treated water on roads to suppress dust, having a total capacity of 2,000 litres per hour. The cost of the project is Rs 4 crore, which includes operation and maintenance for five years, he added.

According to the tender, the system will be powered by a capacity RO water pumping unit, and to ensure the security of the equipment, the tender document also specifies the deployment of security guards.

"The misting system will operate in two shifts – 6 am to 2 pm and 2 pm to 10 pm. The contractor will also be responsible for a five-year defect-free liability," the tender states.

This initiative follows Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's di-



rective in March to install sprinklers and smog guns throughout the year to address air quality concerns.

In June, Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa conducted an on-ground inspection of a similar Automatic Misting System installed on Lodhi Road. Officials stated that these systems are designed to suppress dust particles and reduce carbon emissions.

Currently, high-pressure mist sprayers are operational not only in central Delhi but also on DDA-maintained roads in Dwarka, extending the city's anti-pollution efforts across both central and peripheral zones.

Delhi Police arrests 3 proclaimed offenders in murder of man

New Delhi

The Delhi Police has arrested three proclaimed offenders, including a woman, her sister and brother-in-law, for allegedly killing the woman's husband, an official said on Tuesday.

According to police, the incident took place in the intervening night of May 20 and 21, when a violent clash erupted between two families, leading to a stabbing in which a man named Samsad was killed.

Six of the accused had already been arrested, while the deceased's wife, her sister and brother-in-law, identified as Nijam, had been absconding ever since the crime had taken place.

Investigations revealed that the woman, the de-

LG to invest ₹1,000 cr in Noida

New Delhi

South Korean giant LG Corporation is set to make a major investment in Noida. The company formally announced the ₹1,000 crore investment during a meeting with Noida Authority CEO Lokesh M on Tuesday.

As part of this investment, LG will set up a state-of-the-art global research and development (R&D) centre in Noida's Phase 2 industrial area. The meeting between a top LG delegation and the Noida Authority included detailed discussions on the project's preparations and timelines.

Two arrested for attack on family in Delhi's Bhalswa Dairy

New Delhi

Two men, including the main conspirator, have been arrested for their alleged involvement in attacking a rival family with knives and sticks that led to five people sustaining serious injuries in Delhi's Bhalswa Dairy in July, police said on Tuesday.

The accused have been identified as Md Mumtaz Ansari (29), who was out on bail in another case, and Shamim (50), both residents of Azadpur.

The police said Ansari is a declared bad character (BC) of Bhalswa Dairy police station and a habitual offender involved in several serious crimes, including murder, attempt to murder, robbery and



armed-related offences, they said. The case dates back to July 18, when a violent clash broke out between two neighbourhood groups in Bhalswa Dairy, during which four identi-

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sault, a senior police officer said, adding that a case was registered under various sections of the BNS. During the initial investigation, the police identified Ansari as the main conspirator behind

DJB releases more than Rs 700 crore for water sewer projects

New Delhi

The Delhi Jal Board has released more than Rs 700 crore for sewer and water projects in all assembly constituencies of the national capital under its jurisdiction, the city's Water Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma said on Tuesday.

According to officials, the constituency-wise release of funds will promote equitable and need-based development.

A total of 68 constituencies will get funds. The remaining two – Delhi Cantonment and New Delhi have not been included in the DJB's list as sewer and water projects there are managed by the Delhi government.

"The DJB has released Rs 735 crore directly to constituencies to ensure faster work, clearer execution, and greater accountability. We



have provided even more funds overall, but this time they have been released in a decentralised manner, empowering MLAs to act according to the people's needs," Verma said.

This marks the largest constituency-level fund release in DJB's history, ensuring that every part of the national capital benefits from renewed investment in essential water and sanitation systems, the minister added. Of the total amount, Rs 408.95 crore has been re-

leased under the capital head for infrastructure projects such as laying of new pipelines, replacement of old sewer lines, construction of underground reservoirs and augmentation of water supply systems.

"Another Rs 326 crore has been released under the revenue head for regular maintenance, desilting, repair works, and service-related improvements aimed at enhancing the efficiency and reliability of existing networks," Verma said further.

Scammers cheat Delhi man of Rs 22 lakh through fake trading schemes; 3 held

New Delhi

Three men have been arrested for allegedly duping a man of around Rs 22 lakh through a fake investment and trading scheme, after being inspired by webseries, police said on Tuesday.

The accused Prabhajit Vajpayee alias Amanda (22), Mohammad Alas Khan (24) and Arpit Mishra alias Professor (25), were part of an organised cyber network running investment scams through social media groups, they said.

According to police, the three learned about online scams through web series and replicated similar methods to cheat people.

The case came to light on October 1, when the complainant Rohit (32), a resident of Gokulpuri in north-



east Delhi, filed a complaint alleging that he was cheated of Rs 21.77 by fraudsters posing as representatives of a reputed financial services firm, a senior police officer said.

Rohit further alleged that the accused added him to a social media group that offered stock market investment advice and lured him into investing in a "Direct

Market Account" with promises of high returns, he said. After multiple transactions, when the complainant tried to withdraw his profits, the fraudsters froze his account and demanded more money on the pretext of unlocking his funds, the officer added.

A case was registered and bank details, phone records, and technical footprints of the suspects were analysed.

Based on the leads, two of the accused – Prabhant from Ghaziabad and Abas, hailing from Impal East in Manipur – were arrested, police said.

They said 11 mobile phones, 17 SIM cards, 32 debit cards, and other materials were seized from them.

During interrogation, the two revealed the identity of their associate Arpit, from Rajasthan's Jaipur, who was later traced and arrested from Siliguri in West Bengal, police said.

Three mobile phones and several SIM cards were recovered from his possession, they added.

Further investigation is underway to trace other members and financial trails, the officer said.

Two members of Kala Jathedi-Om Parkash gang held in Delhi's Dwarka

New Delhi

The Delhi Police has arrested two active members of the Kala Jathedi-Om Parkash gang and recovered two loaded country-made pistols from their possession, an official said on Tuesday.

The police has claimed to have foiling an alleged targeted killing, they said, adding that the accused have been identified as Vinod (27), and Dhruv (19), both residents of Jharoda Kalan in Delhi.

"Both were acting on the instructions of gangster Om Parkash alias Kala, who is currently in judicial custody in a MCOCA case and is a key member of the Kala Jathedi-Sachin alias Bahja gang," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Dwarka) Ankit Singh said.

He further said that information was received about the accused and the team intercepted them who

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JNUSU polls see voter turnout of 67 pc results on November 6

New Delhi
The Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union polls recorded a voter turnout of 67 per cent this year, a slight dip from 70 per cent in the previous election. In the 2023-24 polls, the university had witnessed 73 per cent voting -- the highest in the past decade.

The JNU campus came alive on Tuesday with the sound of drums, chants and campaign songs as students queued up to cast their votes in the closely watched elections that will decide the new central panel and school councilors.

Polling began at 9 am and was supposed to continue till 5:30 pm, with a break from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. The results will be announced on November 6, according to the JNUSU election committee.

Twenty candidates are



in the fray for the four key central panel posts -- president, vice-president, general secretary and joint secretary. Students have also voted for 42 councillor seats for various schools of the university. Around 9,043 students were eligible to vote this year.

The contest, often viewed as a reflection of national ideological un-

dercurrents, is primarily between the Left Unity and the RSS-affiliated Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP).

The Left Unity, comprising the All India Students' Association (AISA), Students' Federation of India (SFI) and Democratic Students' Federation (DSF), has fielded Aditi Mishra for president,

Kizhakoott Gopika Babu for vice-president, Sunil Yadav for general secretary and Danish Ali for joint secretary.

The ABVP's panel features Vikas Patel, Tanya Kumari, Rajeshwar Kant Dubey and Anuj for the posts. While the ABVP has campaigned on themes of "performance and nationalism," the Left bloc has fo-

cusied on "inclusion, accessibility and student welfare."

"The Left unity will win all four central panel seats," Aishw Ghosh, a former JNUSU president, said as she campaigned outside a polling booth. Although voter turnout was modest in the morning, queues grew longer in the afternoon as students, many of whom were first-time voters, arrived with their ID cards to participate in what they described as a festival of democracy.

"Until now, I had only heard about the JNU elections. Witnessing them for the first time feels special. It's vibrant and serious at the same time," said Aakansha, a 20-year-old undergraduate student.

A postgraduate student from Kolkata said, "It feels like a celebration. In my previous university, there were no student union polls. Here, it's like a grand

festival of democracy." Opinions among voters were divided.

Mahendra, a 25-year-old doctoral student, said, "The Left-affiliated groups at least raise our issues and protest when needed. Even with limited powers, they make the administration listen."

However, others sought a change.

"The Left has been at the helm for years, but many campus problems remain the same -- from library shortages to leaking roofs," said Sunil. "We want a union that focuses more on JNU's own issues rather than global politics."

Last year, AISA's Nitish Kumar won the president's post, while ABVP's Vaibhav Meena secured the joint secretary position, ending a decade-long drought for the right-wing group and signalling what it called "a historic shift" in JNU's campus politics.

2 drink beer while riding bike challenge police in Gurugram

Gurugram
Two riders were seen drinking alcohol on a moving motorcycle in Gurugram while "openly challenging" the police. A video of the incident surfaced on social media with the authorities saying "strict action" will be taken against them.

The video, uploaded by a social media user on X, is said to be from Sohna road area. In the video, two men, who were riding a motorcycle with Rajasthan registration number motorcycle, were seen rider holding bottles of beer, police said.

They were openly challenging the police as they went ahead on their motorcycle through vehicles, they said.

"Such a case has come our notice and we are searching for the motorcycle and its riders. Strict action will be taken against them," said the spokesperson of Gurugram police.

"Two boys drunk driving with beer bottles in their hands, no helmets, almost hitting cars and people and the cops said, 'post it on social media.' Is this what safety looks like on our roads?" the user writes

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on X, tagging administration and Gurugram police social media handles.

"When the woman (user) posted this video on social media, the Gurugram police swung into action and claimed to have taken action, but no information was given about what action was taken," another user commented on the post.

"The incidents of dangerous driving and stunts on the roads of Gurugram continue unabated. Such incidents are being reported every day. Police take action, but people are not stopping," another user reacted.

Delhi Congress organises mask distribution drive as air pollution rises

Staff Reporter
New Delhi
Delhi Congress president Devender Yadav here on Tuesday launched mask distribution campaign amid rise in air pollution. He said that this campaign was held in all the 70 assembly constituencies across the city.

The Congress workers distributed masks among people at markets, colonies, traffic intersections, metro stations and many other places. While distributing the masks, Yadav highlighted the importance of

wearing masks to keep people safe from the life-threatening air pollution, saying the Rekha Gupta government has failed to curb the pollution in city during its nine months regime.

Yadav said that the Gupta government has not taken any permanent measures to control pollution but on the contrary it was trying to hide the figures touching dangerous levels of pollution. "Who is responsible for this terrible spike in the AQI (Air Quality Index) level in the capital despite in-

creasing pollution control machines, water sprinklers, smog towers, etc?," he asked.

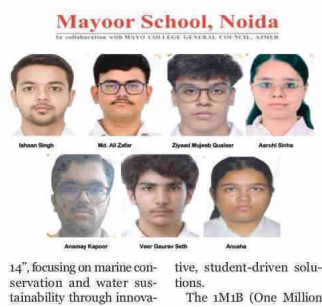
People of Delhi are asking questions to the government about the toxic air and the chief minister was duty-bound to answer to their questions. He said that CM Gupta should come up with a permanent solution to stop pollution, instead of making lame excuses as the toxic air was causing severe damage to the lungs of the people, he added.

7 Mayoerians to Represent India at Geneva Summit

NOIDA
It is a moment of great pride for Mayoer School, Noida, as it stands among the Top 8 schools globally selected to participate in the 9th Edition of the 1M1B Impact Summit 2025, to be held at the United Nations Headquarters, Geneva, on November 7.

The school is the only institution from Uttar Pradesh to earn this distinction, joining esteemed schools from Delhi, Haryana, and Dubai.

A team comprising six Class XII students and one Class X student will present their research on "Ocean and Water Health - SDG



for One Billion) Foundation is a United Nations-accredited non-profit organization that works to inspire and enable a million youth to positively impact a billion lives. The annual Impact Summit provides young changemakers with a prestigious platform to present their sustainability projects before global policymakers and thought leaders.

The summit will be attended by eminent global dignitaries and keynote speakers, offering students an invaluable opportunity to share their ideas and advocate for a sustainable fu-

ture on an international stage.

Principal Mrs. Alka Awasthi expressed immense pride, saying, "Our students have always embodied Mayoer's spirit of innovation and responsibility. Representing India on such a global platform is a reflection of their commitment to making a meaningful impact on the world."

The school celebrates its young ambassadors who will represent Uttar Pradesh and India with passion, innovation, and purpose at this prestigious international forum.

Sri Lankan delegation visits NDMC to exchange tips on cleanliness

Staff Reporter
New Delhi
A 40-member delegation of civil servants from Sri Lanka visited the NDMC today to engage in a knowledge-sharing interaction on the theme "Clean City - Better Future."

The visit was a part of the 13th capacity building programme on urban transformation for Sri Lankan civil servants, being held in New Delhi from 27 October to 7 November, 2025.

During the session, NDMC chairperson Keshav Chandra delivered an insightful

presentation highlighting NDMC's integrated approach to sustainable urban development and modern civic governance. He showcased key initiatives that have made New Delhi one of the cleanest, greenest, and most citizen-friendly capital cities in the country.

A presentation covered the cleanliness initiatives given by MOH Dr. Shakuntala Srivastava in which a wide range of initiatives included mechanised sanitation, night sweeping operations, scientific solid waste

management, segregation at source and the RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) model.

The delegation was also briefed on the development of Anupam Colonies based on community-driven best practices, extensive horticulture and green-cover expansion efforts, installation of mist sprayers on electric poles to combat air pollution, and scientific disposal of e-waste.

Emphasizing NDMC's commitment to smart governance, GS Aggarwal, in-

charge of the Integrated Command and Control Center highlighted through video presentation, how the council has transformed public service delivery through robust e-governance and m-governance systems. With more than 49 services available online and the NDMC 311 mobile app enabling seamless citizen engagement, the council has created a transparent, accountable, and efficient digital ecosystem for residents and stakeholders.

Noida Authority to build Skywalk at Indian Oil crossing

Ajit Kumar
Noida
The Noida Authority is going to build a skywalk at the Indian Oil crossing (Sectors 1, 2, 14, and 15). Pedestrians move in a large number through this area. During peak hours, they face difficulties, leading to traffic jams. A skywalk will be built here to prevent road accidents.

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Elderly cancer patient jumps to death in Gurugram

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Gurugram
A 62-year-old woman suffering from cancer allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the third floor of her house in the Sector 56 area here early Tuesday morning, police said.

The incident took place around 6 am when the rest of the family was sleeping, they said.

According to police, Jyoti Wadhwa had been suffering from cancer for several years and despite treatment had reached an advanced stage, causing her severe mental distress.

Family members said she couldn't sleep even after taking painkillers at night. Around 5.45 am on Tuesday, she left her bedroom and went to the terrace on the third floor and allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the terrace.

Family members rushed her to a nearby private hospital where doctors declared her dead, police said.

A police team reached the hospital and took the body into custody. A senior police officer said that statements are being recorded from all family members, including her husband, two sons, and daughter-in-law.

Police said they were asleep at the time of the incident and were unaware of anything and CCTV confirms her going alone.

Faridabad Hunt on for stalker who shot at teenage girl

Faridabad
A hunt is on for the alleged stalker who fired gunshots at a 17-year-old in broad daylight, wounding her in the shoulder and abdomen, police said on Tuesday.

Kanishka, a Class 12 student who was on her way back from the library, is stable and under treatment at a hospital after the attack in Faridabad's Shyam Colony on Monday evening. The main accused -- seen waiting for her in the street in CCTV footage, walking up to her and then shooting her at point blank range -- has been identified as 20-year-old Jatinder Mangla from Sarmathia village near Sohna in Gurugram, officials said.

One bullet struck the teen's shoulder and another grazed her abdomen.

Just two days before the attack, caught in horrifying detail, Mangla apologised to the family for stalking Kanishka, her sister told reporters.

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According to police, Mangla and Kanishka went to the same library to study.

Four teams have been formed to track down the attacker, a Faridabad Police spokesperson said.

Kanishka, police officials added, is a Class 12 science student of the Open Education Board and preparing for the JEE. Mangla had

been harassing her for the past few months, they said.

"The accused enrolled in the Classmate Library about six months ago while the girl had been enrolled there for a year. The library management said Jatinder Mangla was an accountant at a nearby private college," said Ballabgarh City Police Station SHO, Inspector Shamsheer Singh.

He said Mangla would not leave the girl alone, and kept hovering around her from the get go.

Within 15 days of his admission to the library, Mangla's membership was cancelled and so was Kanishka's.

"The girl took admission again in the library about five months ago while the accused was denied admission. He continued stalking the girl," Singh said.

"Several teams of police station and crime branch are conducting raids to arrest him," he said.

Mega event at Delhi's Red Fort to mark Guru Tegh Bahadur's 350th martyrdom anniversary

New Delhi
A grand kirtan darbar, langar seva and a temporary museum will be among the highlights of a mega event planned by the Delhi government at the Red Fort here to commemorate the 350th martyrdom anniversary of the ninth Sikh guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur, according to an official statement issued on Tuesday.

The three laws of the historic fort have been identified as the venue for the main event -- the kirtan darbar. Arrangements for langar seva (community kitchen) will be made for devotees, while a tent city will be set up at nearby Ramliya Maidan to provide accommodation and essential facilities for visitors, it said.

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Special buses will ferry devotees from different parts of the city and neighbouring areas to the site of the main event. A theme song based on Guru Tegh Bahadur's teachings, composed by prominent Punjabi singers, is also likely to be released soon, the statement said.

In a high-level meeting held at the Delhi Secretariat, Art, Culture and Tourism Minister Kapil Mishra, along with Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa, reviewed preparations for the event.

Mishra said Guru Tegh Bahadur's sacrifice was "not

for a single religion or community but for all of humanity."

Delhi is witness to that historic moment when Guru Tegh Bahadur sacrificed his life to protect religious freedom. The government aims to inspire every citizen through the Sikh Guru's ideals, to strengthen the values of tolerance, love and service in society, Mishra said.

Sirsa said the event planned by the state government will not merely be a tribute, but a global effort to spread Guru Tegh Bahadur's teachings. The Centre is also extending support to make the programmes even more impactful and inspiring, he added.

A public outreach campaign will be launched across Delhi, showcasing promotional materials at key public spaces, transport hubs and digital platforms to encourage people to participate in the events.

Sikh 'jatha' visits Lahore to celebrate 'Parkash Purb' of Guru Nanak Dev

Amritsar

Jathedar Akal Takht Giani Kuldip Singh Gargaji along with a 'jatha' (a group) of nearly 1,900 Sikh pilgrims crossed over to Pakistan through the Attari-Wagah border for the celebrations of 'Parkash Purb' of Guru Nanak Dev.

Upon reaching Lahore, Sikh pilgrims were accorded a warm welcome by Pakistan's Punjab province minister Ramesh Singh Arora and senior officials of the Pakistan Evacuee Trust Board.

On this occasion, Chairman of Pakistan Evacuee Trust Board Dr. Sajid Mehmood Chohan, Additional secretary Nisar Mustafa, vice president Pakistan Evacuee Trust Board, Parbandhak Committee Mahesh Singh were also present.

Addressing a gathering in Lahore, Jathedar Giani Kuldip Singh Gargaji said, "We are immensely happy with the warm welcome accorded to Sikh pilgrims from India who were here to observe the birth anniversary of first Sikh guru Nanak Dev who was also founder of Sikhism."

Earlier, the Centre had refused to send Sikh pilgrims to Pakistan on the occasion of Guru Nanak Dev's Parkash Purb, citing the security scenario with the neighbouring nation.

But later, the union government allowed a Sikh 'jatha' to visit gurdwaras in Pakistan.

Encroachment on police property spurs review of land records for cops

Mathura (UP)

Authorities here have begun a comprehensive review of all land allotted to the police department after it was found that three acres of land meant for police housing in Mant tehsil has been encroached upon, officials said on Tuesday.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shlok Kumar has directed all circle officers to identify police land in their respective jurisdictions, obtain records from the revenue department, and submit detailed reports so that effective legal action can be taken to reclaim the properties.

The issue came to light during a 'Sampoorna Samadhan' meeting held in the Mant tehsil on Saturday, attended by District Magistrate Chandraprakash Singh and SSP Kumar. They were informed that the Gram Panchayat allotted 1.268 hectares (over three acres) of land to the police department in 1992 for constructing residential quarters.

However, due to departmental negligence, locals allegedly encroached upon the land, got it registered in their names with the help of revenue officials, and even removed the police department's signboard. A News agency earlier reported the encroachment on November 2.

After officials were informed, the SSP instructed all circle officers to ensure that every plot of land belonging to the police is demarcated and properly documented. He also ordered effective legal follow-up in all pending court cases related to such land encroachment.

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Attempts being made by BJP, RSS to 'finish' Panjab University alleges Congress's Channi

Chandigarh

Former Punjab chief minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Tuesday slammed the BJP-led Centre over the issue of restructuring the Panjab University's Senate and Syndicate, alleging that attempts are being made to "finish" this varsity in a systematic way by the BJP and the RSS.

Channi joined the ongoing protest of the PU students against the Centre's latest move of restructuring the Panjab University's governing bodies — Senate and Syndicate — via an October 28 notification.

The notification amends the Panjab University Act, 1947, reducing the size of the Senate to 31, doing away with elective for its executive body, the Syndicate, and abolishing the graduate constituency of the Senate.

The students are also demanding the withdrawal of the "no-protest" affidavit, introduced in June this year by the PU. The affidavit requires students to declare that they will not participate in protests or demonstrations on campus, protesting students have claimed while



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terming it "undemocratic" the RSS has "completely controlled" the university.

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PU's governing bodies, terming the move "unconstitutional" and "dictatorial".

The AAP government is not averse to moving court in the matter, he had said.

Mann had claimed the Centre does not have the power to amend the Panjab University Act, 1947, through a notification to change the complexion and character of the Senate and Syndicate.

"Either the assembly can amend it, or the matter has to be taken to Parliament. But none of that happened. By issuing the notification, the BJP has revealed its anti-Punjab face. Earlier too, they made many such attempts," Mann had claimed.

AAP storms Tarn Taran Over Raja Warring's remarks

Tarn Taran

The political temperature in Punjab rose sharply on Monday as the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) staged a massive protest in Tarn Taran against Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, accusing him of making casteist remarks against a Scheduled Caste leader from his own party.

Hundreds of AAP workers and supporters poured into the streets, led by senior leaders including Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema and MLA Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal.

The protesters marched through the town with placards and slogans, demanding Warring's expulsion from the Congress and an unconditional public apology for what they called an "insult to the dignity of the Scheduled Caste community."

The protest turned heated as AAP workers burnt an effigy of Raja Warring and surrounded the local Congress office, denouncing the party's leadership for remaining silent on the issue. Chants of "Raja Warring Haye Haye" and "Congress Muraad" echoed through the streets as the crowd accused the Congress of

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hypocrisy on social justice.

AAP leaders alleged that Warring's remarks exposed a "deep-rooted casteist mindset" and violated the principles championed by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. They urged the Congress to take decisive action against its state president if it truly believed in equality and social harmony.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said the protest was not about political rivalry but about defending the respect and rights of marginalised communities. "This fight is not against one individual or one party—it's against the mindset that discriminates on the basis of caste," he said, adding that AAP would continue to raise its voice against such injustices across the state.

CBI Raids Properties Linked to Punjab DIG in Disproportionate Assets Probe

Mitali Chandola Chandigarh

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday carried out extensive search operations in Punjab in connection with a Disproportionate Assets (DA) case against Harcharan Singh Bhullar, an IPS officer of the DIG rank. The searches were conducted at seven locations across Patiala and Ludhiana districts, targeting premises linked to individuals suspected of acting as benamidars or associates of the senior police officer.

According to officials, the raids were aimed at uncovering investments allegedly made through proxies to conceal ill-gotten wealth. The searches covered residential and commercial properties in villages Bara Gurbani, Kalas Khurd, and Gaisowal Kalan in Ludhiana, as well as locations in Patiala's New Moti Bagh Colony and Sira Complex.

During the operations, the agency recovered ₹20.2 lakh in cash, multiple digital devices including an Apple laptop and mobile phones, and

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a DVR containing CCTV footage. Over 50 property-related documents—ranging from sale deeds to transaction records—were also seized, along with company formation papers and evidence suggesting complex financial dealings.

CBI sources said the materials are now being scrutinised to determine their link to assets allegedly amassed beyond Bhullar's known sources of income. The searches were conducted in the presence of independent witnesses and in accordance with due legal procedures.

The investigation underscores the CBI's continued focus on corruption cases involving senior public servants, as the agency seeks to track financial trails leading to hidden or benami properties.

Organ transplant racket busted 3 gang members arrested in Assam's Nagaon

Nagaon

An organ transplant racket was busted in Nagaon district of Assam, and three traffickers were apprehended, an official said on Tuesday.

Nagaon Senior Superintendent of Police Swapanil Deka said an operation carried out over the last few days unearthed the entire web of the organ transplant racket, which has been in operation for several years in the area.

As per reports, after holding an awareness meeting against drugs and illegal liquor under the aegis of 'Village Women's Defence Force' recently at the village, the illegal trade of kidney selling came to light.

"Once we came to know about it, Nagaon Police started a thorough investigation. We arrested three suspected

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gang members, identified as Dharani Das alias Bogamula, Mahendra Das and Deep Das today," the SP said.

During police interrogation, it was revealed that one Hazarika from Balihata Chariali of Kamrup district and another Danlagappu from Guwahati are also involved with them in this trade.

Punjab govt launches 'Sewa Portal', 3.15 Lakh pensioners to get Pension at home

Chandigarh: The burden of retired citizens having to visit government offices for their pension needs has finally been lifted. On November 4, 2025, Punjab Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema officially launched the landmark 'Pensioner Sewa Portal', a revolutionary digital platform designed to bring smooth, simple, and transparent pension services directly to approximately 3.15 lakh pensioners across the state.

During a press conference held at Punjab Bhawan, Minister Cheema elaborated on the initial offerings of the portal. In this starting phase, six essential services are being made available. Pensioners can now effortlessly submit their Digital Life Certificates using the 'Jeevan Pramaan' mobile application. Furthermore, the portal includes a Succession Module, allowing applicants to apply for the conversion of their regular pension into a Family Pension. Other key functions include applying for Leave Travel Concession (LTC) and a robust Grievance Re-



dressal Module for lodging any pension-related complaints. Pensioners also have the ability to modify their personal details via the Profile Update Module and utilize the convenient e-KYC verification facility.

Addressing these services has been designed to be remarkably simple and user-friendly. Pensioners must first complete their e-KYC using the Aadhaar authentication feature to register on the portal. Once registered, they can easily log in from their own mobile phone, PC, or laptop to access all services from their homes.

For those who prefer physical assistance, the services can also be availed through the nearest Sewa Kendras, relevant bank branches, or District Treasury Offices. Additionally, a Home Delivery Service option is also available to ensure maximum convenience.

Addressing the situation of expatriate retirees, the Finance Minister clarified that while the portal is currently applicable only with India, Non-Resident Indian (NRI) pensioners are not required to

complete e-KYC in this initial stage and must continue to submit manual Life Certificates. He provided assurance, however, that the e-KYC facility for NRI pensioners would be enabled in the near future. The Minister acknowledged that some retirees might experience minor difficulties during the initial registration process. To immediately address and resolve such issues, a dedicated 'War Room' has been established at the Directorate of Treasuries and Accounts, Pension, and New Pension Scheme.

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Smriti Irani's Call to Bihar's Women: Empowerment Lies in Development, Not in Deception

Union Minister and senior BJP leader Smriti Irani addressed a powerful press conference at Hotel Chanakya in Patna on Tuesday, where she made an emotional and persuasive appeal to the women of Bihar to choose progress over populism. With her characteristic conviction, Irani said that Bihar's future depends on women who believe in empowerment through development, not through hollow promises.

Speaking to a packed hall of journalists, Smriti Irani hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of inclusive governance, crediting schemes like Jan Dhan Yojana for giving women financial dignity and independence. "When a woman in Bihar opens a bank account under Jan Dhan, she doesn't just deposit money—she deposits confidence and self-respect," Irani said. She emphasized that this initiative has given economic wings to millions of women across India, especially in Bihar, where financial inclusion was once a distant dream.

Irani said that the NDA's governance model has made women central to Bihar's growth. "From gas cylinders under Ujjwala Yojana to health cover under Ayushman Bharat and loans under Mudra Yojana—each initiative is a step towards making women self-reliant. When a woman stands empowered, her family and state rise with her," she declared. Her tone was assertive yet empathetic, aimed directly at the women voters who now form the backbone of Bihar's electorate.

Turning sharply towards her opponents, Smriti Irani launched a blistering attack on Tejashwi Yadav's recent promise to deposit ₹30,000 annually into women's accounts after coming to power. "This is not empowerment; this is deception. You cannot buy women's dignity with money you don't have," she said. Calling it a political bribe wrapped in populism, Irani warned that such empty assurances were a desperate attempt to mislead voters. She reminded the audience that those making tall claims today were the same people who once presided over an era of fear and chaos.

The Union Minister invoked the painful memories of Lalul Prasad Yadav's 'Jungle Raj', saying, "The women of Bihar have not forgotten those dark years. They remember what it meant to live in fear, to stay indoors after sunset, and to see lawlessness become the norm. Bihar cannot afford to return to that era again." She said that the NDA's rule had replaced fear with faith, anarchy with accountability, and helplessness with hope.



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Smriti Irani's address was not merely a political speech—it was a direct conversation with Bihar's women. "This election is about your dignity, your safety, your children's future. Your one vote can decide whether Bihar moves forward or slips back into the darkness of deceit," she urged. Her words resonated deeply with the gathered audience, which included prominent BJP leaders, women representatives, and members of the media.

Irani highlighted that the NDA's approach to women's empowerment is based not on freebies but on creating sustainable opportunities—education, health, employment, and digital access. "Prime Minister Modi's government believes in enabling, not enticing. We have given women tools to succeed, not tokens to survive," she asserted.

Throughout the conference, Irani maintained her sharp political tone while exuding confidence in the NDA's prospects. She called on Bihar's women to become the torchbearers of transformation and to protect the gains made in the past decade. "Those who once mocked women's participation in politics now remember them only during elections. But the women of Bihar are wise; they can distinguish between sincerity and spectacle," she said to loud applause.

As the press conference concluded, Smriti Irani's message was unmistakably clear—the power to shape Bihar's destiny rests in the hands of its women. Her appeal was not just for votes, but for vision: a Bihar defined by opportunity, not opportunism. "This election," she said, "is not about who shouts the loudest, but who works the hardest for your future. Don't let deceit dictate your destiny. Choose empowerment, choose progress, choose NDA."

Her words summed up the political mood in Patna—spirited, strategic, and charged with emotion. Smriti Irani once again proved why she remains one of the BJP's most impactful voices, especially when addressing the question of women's dignity and empowerment. Her address was a reminder that elections are not just battles of numbers, but battles of trust—and in Bihar, the trust of women might decide everything.

Looting the Donkey Route: Trafficking in the Dreams of Youth

In many parts of India, especially in states like Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat, and Uttar Pradesh, a new and dangerous trend is rapidly spreading—the dream of traveling abroad via the "donkey route." The word "donkey" is derived from the English word donkey, meaning "to travel without permission or by illegal means." It sounds like a movie story, but the reality is far more horrifying. This route has not only eroded the future of young people but has also posed a serious humanitarian and economic crisis for society and the administration.

In rural and semi-urban India, "going abroad" is no longer just an aspiration, but a symbol of success. Many young people risk everything in search of jobs, respect, and a better life. Agents show them rosy dreams—"I'll be standing on American soil in just a few days," "I'll earn a salary in dollars," "Life there is like heaven."

But the truth is, these dreams often cost lives. Most young people embarking on the Donkey Route are not told that the journey can last for months, traversing deserts, seas, and dangerous jungles. Along the way, they face hunger, thirst, cold, and violence. Many people go missing on this journey, never to be heard from again.

The entire donkey route business operates through an organized network of fake travel agents, passport brokers, local leaders, and foreign gangs. According to one estimate, more than 5,000 young people in India attempt to travel abroad illegally each year, and agents charge them between 15 and 25 lakh rupees.

According to an Amar Ujala report, 3,052 fraudulent travel agents were arrested from 2019 to 2025. However, the actual number is likely much higher, as most victims don't report due to fear or shame. Agents often target families struggling with unemployment and poverty, hoping their son will "settle abroad." But the result is debt, ruin, and shattered dreams.

Starting in India, the route travels through Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, and finally Mexico to the United States. During this journey, people are often crammed into boats at sea, crossing deserts, or stranded in frozen forests. Several human rights organizations have reported that hundreds of Indians die or go missing on this journey every year.

In February 2023, two young men from Gujarat died near Turkey while trying to cross the border into Europe. Such incidents have become commonplace. This is not only a crime but also a blot on humanity.

The US and European countries have now intensified surveillance on illegal immigration. After 2022, the US has signed a data-sharing agreement with India to quickly identify people arriving through the



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Educational institutions in India are now becoming mere degree factories, where both the possibilities and sensibilities of children are dying. Cities like Kota, Hyderabad, Delhi are shaken by the suicide statistics. This crisis is not only of examinations, but of our thinking and system – which places rank above life. There is no place for dialogue, mental counselling and humanity in education. Till the time we do not connect education to life, this system will continue to prove disastrous and not successful.

Donkey Route. If caught, they are deported, often facing months in prison.

On the other hand, the European Union has also implemented stricter visa and entry regulations. This has resulted in agents resorting to more dangerous routes—such as sea routes or crossing jungles—which further increase the risk to life.

The donkey route is not only a crime but also a significant burden on the rural economy. A significant portion of the youth abandon farming and local employment, even selling their land in pursuit of foreign employment. A mindset has developed in villages that "those who haven't gone abroad haven't succeeded."

The result of this trend is a shrinking rural labor force, families sinking into debt, and young people losing faith in legal employment systems. This situation weakens India's demographic strength in the long run.

The Indian government has mandated registration and verification for travel agents. The Ministry of External Affairs has also launched an e-Migrate portal, which provides a list of legitimate agents. Despite this, due to lack of awareness and corrupt systems, fraudulent agents remain active.

Laws exist—the Immigration Act of 1983 and the Passport Act of 1967—but they aren't effectively enforced. Agents in small towns openly advertise "immigration abroad," and police only notice them when a major incident occurs.

The media has periodically tried to raise awareness about this issue. Newspapers like Amar Ujala have exposed how the "donkey-route" business has spread to hundreds of villages in Haryana, Punjab, and western Uttar Pradesh.

But along with this, the society will also have to introspect –

Why do young people feel that they cannot succeed while living in the country?

Why has going abroad become a symbol of prestige?

Why is that environment not being created in the villages which can provide opportunities to the youth here?

Campaigns should be launched at the village, college, and panchayat levels to highlight the dangers of illegal migration. The Ministry of External Affairs, the Labor Department, and the media should work together to ensure that no young person travels abroad without legal procedures.

Skill development, self-employment, and local industries should be encouraged for rural youth to reduce the attractiveness of going abroad. Simply arresting fraudulent agents is not enough; their financial networks must be disrupted. Provisions such as asset confiscation and lengthy sentences should be strictly enforced.

Society must understand that success doesn't come simply by setting foot on foreign soil. Opportunities exist within the country—it just takes a shift in perspective. India should work with countries where these networks operate to stop cross-border human trafficking.

India has the world's largest youth population. This demographic asset can be a boon if channeled properly. If these youth are pushed into illegal activities, it will be a huge loss to the nation.

Avoiding the "donkey route" requires not just law, but thought and discretion. We must understand that no dream can be so big as to surpass human dignity, security, and self-respect.

The Donkey Route isn't just a crime story; it's a saga of the frustration, unemployment, and confusion of India's youth. Until society and the government work together to provide legal, safe, and respectable opportunities for young people, the business of such agents will continue to flourish.

It is time for bold action, true awareness, and a shift in mindset that believes "going abroad is success."

Because the real developed India will be one where the youth can realise their dreams in their own country.

Gehlot's Bihar Appeal: A Call for Credibility and Change

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The political atmosphere in Bihar's election landscape turned fiery today as senior Congress leader and former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot addressed a forceful press conference at Hotel Maurya, Patna, taking direct aim at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for what he termed a decade of unfulfilled promises. The event, drawing wide media attention, was also attended by prominent Congress leaders Pawan Khera, Tariq Anwar (Rajya Sabha MP), Abhay Dubey, and Rajesh Rathore, who echoed Gehlot's call for change and rallied support for the Mahagathabandhan led by Tejashwi Yadav.

Gehlot's tone was sharp and reflective as he accused the Prime Minister of making "a politics of illusion" that thrived on slogans rather than substance. "Narendra Modi promised to bring back black money, to deposit ₹15 lakh in every Indian's account, and to create two crore jobs every year," Gehlot reminded the audience. "Where are those jobs? Where is that money? If he cannot fulfil his promises to



the nation, how can the people of Bihar trust him now, when he is again making tall claims from the campaign stage?" He argued that the BJP's ongoing campaign in Bihar was a repetition of its hollow national narrative — filled with emotional appeals, dramatic announcements, and minimal delivery. "The people of Bihar must not fall for this illusion again," Gehlot warned. "They deserve sincerity and action, not marketing and manipulation." Drawing on his own experience as a three-time Chief Minister, Gehlot contrasted Modi's record with his own governance in Rajasthan, where he said his administration had honoured most of its manifesto commitments. "We fulfilled our promises, not just with words but with results," he stated. "Schemes like Chiranjeevi Health Insurance, Indira Rasoi Yojana, and the expansion of social security pensions became lifelines for millions. When we said we would strengthen welfare, we did it."

He emphasized that the Congress believed in people-centric governance, rooted in compassion and delivery, not spectacle. "Our politics is about people, not publicity," he said. "We do not make promises for headlines — we make them for households."

Turning to Bihar's social and economic condition, Gehlot said the state continued to face deep-rooted chal-

lenges of unemployment, migration, and underdevelopment despite being governed in alliance with the BJP for years. "The NDA has ruled Bihar and the Centre for long enough," he said. "Yet, the condition of youth, farmers, and the poor has barely changed. The BJP cannot escape accountability by making new promises. Governance is not a speech — it is a responsibility." He passionately appealed to the voters to give Tejashwi Yadav a fair chance to lead Bihar, describing him as "young, visionary, and committed to the real issues that affect ordinary people."

"Tejashwi represents a new generation that understands the dreams and struggles of Bihar's youth," Gehlot said. "He talks about jobs, education, and dignity — not division and hate. Bihar needs such a leader today." His remarks were strongly reinforced by Pawan Khera, who said Bihar had always been the birthplace of political revolutions — from the freedom struggle to the JP Movement — and that the time had come for another wave of democratic renewal. Tariq Anwar underlined that the Congress and Mahagathabandhan offered a roadmap based on social harmony and inclusive growth, not empty slogans. Abhay Dubey and Rajesh Rathore also stressed that only a coalition built on equality and justice could steer Bihar toward real progress.

In one of the most pointed moments of the press conference, Gehlot accused the Modi government of favouring a handful of corporate houses while neglecting the poor and the middle class. "The nation's wealth is being concentrated in the hands of a few," he said. "This government works for its friends, not for farmers, labourers, or small traders. The youth are unemployed, inflation is crushing households, and yet the Prime Minister spends more time on event management than

on economic management." He added that the BJP's constant reliance on religion and nationalism was a deliberate distraction from its policy failures. "When the government cannot answer questions on unemployment, it changes the topic to temples or targets the opposition. This is not leadership; this is diversion," he said firmly. Reasserting the Congress's vision, Gehlot said his party believed in building "temples of human progress" — schools, universities, and hospitals — institutions that empower generations. "The BJP talks about temples of opportunity," he remarked. "Congress governments have always worked to strengthen education, healthcare, and social justice. That is the real meaning of nation-building." Gehlot reminded the gathering that the Congress party had always stood for unity, equality, and development, values deeply embedded in Bihar's own heritage. "Bihar is the land of Buddha, Gandhi, and Jayaprakash Narayan — it has given moral direction to India," he said. "It cannot be misled by hollow slogans or divisive rhetoric. It must once again lead the nation by example."

In his concluding appeal, Gehlot urged the voters of Bihar not to be swayed by charisma but to vote for credibility. "This election is not just about changing a government; it's about reclaiming truth in politics," he said. "Do not let hollow promises deceive you again. Choose a leader who speaks your language and understands your struggle. Tejashwi Yadav symbolizes the new Bihar — a confident, aware, and aspirational Bihar."

The presence of senior Congress figures Pawan Khera, Tariq Anwar, Abhay Dubey, and Rajesh Rathore at the press conference underscored the party's unity and shared purpose in the campaign. Together, they sent out a clear message — that the 2025 Bihar election must be a contest between propaganda and performance, illusion and integrity.

As the press conference concluded amid applause and questions from the media, Gehlot's remarks left a strong impression: a reminder that in politics, credibility remains the highest currency. His words were both a political charge and a moral call — urging Bihar to rise above rhetoric and reaffirm the values of truth, justice, and accountability that once defined its political soul.

India and Israel reshape regional diplomacy amid Gaza crisis



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External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar's latest remarks have reaffirmed India's evolving diplomatic stature in the Middle East, as he hailed the India-Israel partnership as one "built on trust and reliability" while extending New Delhi's firm support to the Gaza Peace Plan. His statement comes at a critical juncture when the world's attention is once again fixed on the fragile balance between conflict and diplomacy in West Asia.

During his discussions with Israeli counterparts, Jaishankar emphasized that India and Israel share a relationship that has moved far beyond transactional diplomacy into one grounded in strategic confidence, shared security priorities, and mutual respect. "Trust and reliability form the foundation of India-Israel ties," he noted, underlining how both nations have cooperated in areas ranging from defence innovation to agriculture, cyber technology, and intelligence sharing.

However, the significance of his remarks extends beyond bilateral ties. By voicing support for the Gaza Peace Plan, India positioned itself as a constructive global actor committed to peace and humanitarian principles. The plan — which calls for an immediate cessation of hostilities, the release of hostages, and a pathway toward a durable two-state solution — aligns with India's long-standing stance on diplomacy and dialogue as the only sustainable routes to peace.

India's engagement reflects its nuanced diplomatic balance — maintaining strong ties with Israel while supporting Palestinian statehood and advocating for stability in the broader region. "The suffering of civilians, especially women and children, is unacceptable. Diplomacy and restraint must guide our responses," Jaishankar said in his address, reiterating India's call for a humanitarian corridor and renewed peace negotiations.

Observers note that India's careful articulation of support for both peace and security resonates with its role as a bridge between the Global North and South — a nation that can speak to both sides of deeply polarized conflicts. "The growing strategic trust with Israel, particularly in defence and technology cooperation, does not diminish India's consistent advocacy for a sovereign, peaceful Palestine, but rather enhances its credibility as a pragmatic global interlocutor."

Jaishankar also underscored the shared challenge of terrorism, calling for a "global zero-tolerance approach" to violent extremism. He pointed out that terrorism continues to threaten open societies like India and Israel, and global consensus is essential to isolate those who enable or justify such acts. As regional and global powers reassess their positions amid shifting geopolitical sands, India's voice stands out for its consistency — grounded in trust, guided by restraint, and aimed at peace.

Israel, India bolster counter-terror and strategic partnership in high-level talks

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Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar met India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in New Delhi to reinforce the growing strategic partnership between the two nations. The discussions centred on counter-terror cooperation, defence collaboration, regional connectivity, and technology partnerships.

Following the meeting, Sa'ar said, "We discussed ways to cooperate and confront our common challenges, especially the mutual threat of terror. We are building a long-term strategic partnership between Israel and India." He described India as "the largest democracy in the world, the fastest-growing economy, and a global power," affirming Israel's intent to deepen cooperation across multiple sectors. During his visit, Israel and India signed a memorandum of understanding



(MoU) for collaboration in training diplomatic cadets — a move aimed at enhancing institutional ties and knowledge exchange between the two foreign ministries. Officials from both sides discussed expanding cooperation in defence production, cybersecurity, agriculture technology, renewable energy, and innovation-led industries. Sa'ar also highlighted Israel's commitment to regional connectivity projects linking South Asia, the Middle East, and Europe, aligning with India's broader Indo-Abrahamic and IMEC (India-Middle East-Europe Corridor) vision. He reiterated Israel's unwavering stand against terrorism, noting that radical extremism poses a shared challenge for both countries. Israel condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgalam and expressed solidarity with India in its fight against cross-border terrorism. Sa'ar's visit comes amid heightened geopolitical shifts in West Asia and renewed focus on security cooperation among strategic allies. The visit marks a significant step in advancing the India-Israel partnership — from defence and diplomacy to innovation and regional stability — reinforcing their status as trusted partners in an evolving global order.

CM Vishnu Deo Sai rides a Motorcycle to promote safe driving among youth

Staff Reporter, Raipur

As part of Chhattisgarh's Silver Jubilee celebrations, the capital city of Raipur is gearing up to host an electrifying spectacle of speed and spirit. On November 8 and 9, the Budhpara Outdoor Stadium will become the arena of adrenaline and ambition as it stages the MRF National Supercross Bike Racing Championship 2025. The event, organized by the Chhattisgarh Motor Sports Association, will not only showcase India's top motor racing talent but also deliver a vital social message — the importance of road safety, helmet use, and refraining from racing on public streets.

Ahead of the championship, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai personally mounted a motorcycle to lead by example, urging young people to embrace "safe driving" as a culture. Extending his best wishes for the success of the up-



coming championship, he remarked, "Our youth possess immense energy, and it is our collective responsibility to channel that energy in the right direction." Emphasizing that "life is precious," the Chief Minister urged two-wheeler riders to always wear helmets and strictly follow traffic rules. "Never race on public roads," he cautioned. Sai further noted that the Silver Jubilee Year is not just a celebration of Chhattisgarh's achievements but also a moment to instill discipline, responsibility, and positive energy among the new generation. "We want Chhattisgarh's youth to be known not just for their speed, but for their restraint and resolve," he added.

SC reserves verdict on framing nationwide seniority norms in judiciary

New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its verdict on framing uniform, nationwide criteria for determining seniority in the higher judicial services cadre to deal with the issue of slow and uneven career progression of judges across the country. A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice B R Gavai reserved the judgment on the issue after hearing a battery of senior lawyers, including advocate and amicus curiae Sidharth Bhatnagar, Rakesh Divedi, P S Patwalia, Jayant Bhushan and Gopal Sanikaranarayanan, among others.

The bench, also comprising Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, K Vinod Chandran and Joymalaya Bagchi, is mulling to frame uniform, nationwide criteria for determining seniority in the Higher Judicial Service (HJS) cadre. It took note of the situation that "in most of the states, judicial officers recruited do not reach the level of Principal District Judge (PDJ), leave aside reaching



The position of a High Court Judge. This has resulted in many bright young lawyers being dissuaded from joining the service at the level of CJ."

The bench is concerned over the slow and uneven career progression of entry-level judicial officers across India and began the hearing on October 28 on framing uniform, nationwide criteria for determining seniority in the HJS cadre. The case was heard on October 29 and November 4 as well. During the hearing, the bench had said that some kind of nationwide "uniformity" in criteria for determining seniority of entry-level judicial officers is needed to deal with the slow and uneven career progression of such judges.

On October 14, the bench framed the question, which reads: "What should be the criteria for determining seniority in the cadre of Higher Judicial Services?" The bench also clarified that while hearing the main issue, it can also consider "other ancillary or related issues."

Bhatnagar, who is assisting the bench as an amicus curiae, highlighted that promotions across most states were "driven more by seniority than by merit," owing largely to the way Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs) are evaluated. Divedi, appearing for the Allahabad High Court, dissuaded the top court from imposing a uniform seniority framework. He said the matter should be left to the discretion of the high courts, which are constitutionally empowered to manage the administration of the subordinate judiciary. The issue of seniority and career progression of judicial officers across the country came up in a plea filed by the All India Judges Association (AIJA) in 1989.

Pak terrorists to get 'goli ka jawab goley se' if they attack India again :Amit Shah

Darbhanga/Mothari

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday warned Pakistan-sponsored terrorists to refrain from further attacking India, asserting that if they repeat the mistake, "goli ka jawab goley se diya jayega" (they will face cannons for bullets). Explosives manufactured in Bihar's proposed defence corridor will be used against these terrorists, he said. "Terrorists from Pakistan attacked our citizens in Pahalgalam. They wiped off Sindoora from the foreheads of our mothers and sisters. Prime Minister Narendra Modi avenged it by launching Operation Sindoora within 20 days. The Indian Army neutralised the terrorists on Pakistani land," Shah said at a poll rally in Bihar.

He also said, "The PM is setting up a Defence Corridor in Bihar. If Pakistan-sponsored terrorists repeat their mistake, 'goli ka jawab goley se diya jayega' (they will face cannons for bullets)." The cannons to be used against terrorists will be 'made-in-Bihar', he said.



"Unlike the previous Congress regime, the government under Modi's leadership is committed to the safety and security of the nation," he alleged. Shah launched a blistering attack on RJD supremo Lalu Prasad and his son Tejashwi Yadav for allegedly "raising slogans in the praise of gangster-turned-politician late Mohammad Shahabuddin, who unleashed terror in Sivan during the RJD's 15-year rule in Bihar." "Lalu and his party raise slogans like 'Shahabuddin amar raje', dream of 'jungle raj' but Bihar people won't allow these," he said. Addressing back-to-back rallies in Darbhanga, Mothari and Bettiah, Shah urged voters in Bihar to press the EVM button with the BJP's poll symbol 'lotus' to prevent the return of 'jungle raj' during the RJD rule that had "devastated" the state. He promised that if the NDA returns to power, the government will spend Rs 26,000 crore to harness the Koshi river water for irrigation and to prevent floods. "Press lotus button to prevent return of 'jungle raj' that devastated Bihar during Lalu-Rabri's 15-year rule...Murders, loots, kidnappings, and extortion will be common in the state again if you make a mistake on the November 6 voting day," the union minister alleged. Shah claimed that the NDA under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership

Allottees of 72 EWS flats in Lucknow to receive keys from UP CM on Wednesday

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will hand over keys to allottees of 72 EWS (Economically Weaker Sections) flats on Wednesday. The flats have been constructed on land recovered from mafia leader Mukhtar Ansari's upscale Dalibagh area here.

According to an official statement issued on Tuesday, the keys will be distributed to beneficiaries at a ceremony organised at Ekta Van, opposite the Director General of Police's residence.

The flats, built under the Sardar Vaidhyanath Patel Housing Scheme, are priced at Rs 10.70 lakh each, with the lottery process for allotment completed on Tuesday, it said.

Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) Vice-Chairman Prathamesh Kumar said the project is a result of the chief minister's zero-tolerance policy against the mafia, under which illegal land was freed across the state.

The LDA constructed three G+3 blocks comprising 72 flats, each measuring 36.65 square metres, on the approximately 2,322 square metres of land reclaimed from Mukhtar Ansari's possession, he said.

The housing complex is at a prime location, situated on the 20-metre-wide Bandha Road, minutes away from Balu Adda, 1090 Square, Narhi, Sikandarbagh, and Hazratganj Square, the statement said.

DSP suspended as SIT probe uncovers alleged undeclared assets worth Rs 100 cr

Kanpur (UP): Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Rishikant Shukla has been placed under suspension after initiation of a vigilance inquiry following a SIT probe that uncovered alleged undeclared assets worth nearly Rs 100 crore, officials said on Tuesday.

Shukla was suspended on Monday after SIT findings indicated at least 12 properties, valued at approximately Rs 92 crore, linked to his PAN card along with additional properties, though yet undocummented, pushing the total value to Rs 100 crore or more, said a senior police official.

The SIT report said that during his tenure in Kanpur between 1998 and 2009, Shukla was in close association with advocate-turned-gangster Akhilesh Dubey, believed to be running a racket involving fake cases, extortion and land grabbing, he said.

Rishikant Shukla was serving as the Circle Officer (Bhogaon) in Manpuri district when his name cropped up in connection with the extortion racket.

According to the Commissioner of Police's submission, Shukla used his official position and his network - including family and associates - to hide assets under the names of relatives and others. These properties included 11 shops in the posh Aryanagar area.

Bihar's poor and youth were cheated before, warns Adityanath

Samastipur (Bihar): Launching a frontal attack on the RJD, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said that those making "big" promises at present had "robbed Bihar's youth of jobs and snatched the rights of poor" during their rule 20 years ago.

Addressing back-to-back rallies in Samastipur, Gopalganj and Lakhisarai, Adityanath claimed that an era of good governance ushered in after Nitish Kumar came to power in 2005.

"They had robbed employment opportunities from Bihar's youth, snatched the rights of the poor and brought 'jungle raj' in the state," he alleged.

Bihar earlier didn't see the implementation of welfare schemes due to appropriation of funds by those practising dynasty politics, Adityanath alleged.

On the other hand,



place 50 years ago... Congress obstructed growth before the 'dark era' of RJD rule from 1990-2005," he added.

Adityanath said that bulldozers crush mafia in Uttar Pradesh and his government distributes their wealth among the poor.

"We will see similar action against gang-

sters in Bihar," he said.

There is a need to reestablish Bihar as the land of knowledge, ensure jobs for youth and make women self-dependent... When Bihar was developed, India was developed... The state's golden age was also the country's golden age," Adityanath said.

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"Those discarded by the people of UP say that we change the names of places... We not only change the names of places, but have also taken the name of UP to the international fora," he added.

The Uttar Pradesh CM asserted that people were inclined towards "changing the name of Mohiuddinagar to Mohan Nagar to eliminate the traces of bondage".

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Varanasi to dazzle with diyas laser shows on Dev Deepawali

Varanasi: Rows of earthen lamps would line the ghats of Varanasi again on Wednesday for Dev Deepawali, also known as the Diwali of the Gods.

Celebrations will begin with the lighting of lamps at all ghats between 5.15 pm and 5.50 pm. This will be followed by a special 'Ganga aarti' at prominent ghats such as Dashashwamedh Ghat, Sheela Ghat, Assi Ghat and Namoo Ghat from 6 pm to 6.50 pm.

The riverfront will ring with the sound of bells and chants, coupled with the shimmering glow of countless diyas.

At Chet Singh Ghat, a projection and laser show will be shown for viewers in three slots -- from 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm, 7.15 pm to 7.45 pm and 8.15 pm to 8.45 pm.

The minister further said that the major attraction this year will be 'green fireworks' to be

displayed on the sands opposite Lalita Ghat between 8 pm and 8.15 pm.

Special arrangements have been made for security, cleanliness and traffic management to ensure a smooth experience for devotees. The tourism department, in coordination with the municipal corporation, has also arranged decorative lighting across the ghats and adjoining lanes.

The minister said that the green fireworks will serve the purpose of entertainment but will also send a powerful reminder regarding environmental protection.

"Dev Deepawali is the festival of Kashi's soul and faith," Singh said. "Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Kashi is emerging as a symbol of cultural grandeur, spiritual heritage and environmental responsibility," he said.

"Through green fireworks, laser shows, and lamp-lighting, we are combining traditional devotion with modern technology."

Passenger attempts to open emergency exit on Akasa Air flight from Varanasi to Mumbai



Mitali Chandola Varanasi:

A passenger on board an Akasa Air flight from Varanasi to Mumbai caused a brief security scare after allegedly attempting to open the emergency exit door before take-off. The incident occurred on flight QP 1497 on November 3, 2025, while the aircraft was still stationary at the parking bay.

According to an official statement issued by Akasa Air, the individual tried to open the emergency exit cover without authorization. The airline's crew immediately identified the passenger and followed standard safety procedures, offloading the individual and handing them over to

the concerned authorities for further action.

"All passengers and crew are safe. The aircraft was thoroughly inspected and cleared by our engineering team before the flight departed at 2100 hrs," the airline spokesperson said. The inspection ensured that the emergency exit and other systems were functioning properly before take-off.

Akasa Air emphasized that it maintains a strict zero-tolerance policy toward any form of disruptive or unsafe behaviour on board. "At Akasa Air, the safety of our passengers and crew is our highest priority. We maintain a strict zero-tolerance policy towards any disruptive behaviour," the state-

ment added.

Aviation safety experts note that even attempting to tamper with or open an aircraft's emergency exit, particularly during ground operations, is treated as a serious security violation under aviation safety regulations.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is expected to seek a detailed report on the incident. The flight, after all necessary checks, continued its journey to Mumbai without further disruption. The quick response by the crew and ground staff helped avert any potential safety risk, underscoring the importance of strict adherence to in-flight safety protocols.

Varanasi visit shows Modi's vision for a new heartland

Mitali Chandola Varanasi:

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi returns to his parliamentary constituency, Varanasi, this week for a two-day visit, it is not just another political itinerary - it is a journey into the heart of a city that mirrors India's evolving identity. Varanasi, one of the world's oldest living cities, has been the Prime Minister's laboratory for urban transformation, cultural revival, and spiritual modernity. His visit comes at a time when the region - and indeed the nation - stands at a defining intersection of heritage and progress.

During the visit, the Prime Minister is expected to inaugurate key infrastructure and connectivity projects, including the Varanasi-Khajuraho Vande Bharat Express, further weaving India's spiritual centres into the fabric of modern mobility. Beyond symbolism, the train launch underscores how the government envisions development not as the erosion of tradition but as its powerful extension into the future. Modi's



visit will also include interactions with local leaders, beneficiaries of welfare schemes, and residents who have witnessed Varanasi's metamorphosis over the past decade.

What makes this visit significant is not just its announcements, but its timing. With India navigating the global digital and cultural transition, Varanasi stands as a metaphor for resilience - a city where faith coexists with fibre optics, where temples and trade routes cohabit the same map. For Modi, Varanasi has always been more

than a constituency; it is a statement of India's civilisational confidence - a reminder that development need not erase identity.

The Prime Minister's continued focus on urban renewal, riverfront cleanliness, digital governance, and rural-urban connectivity in the region signals an intent to make Varanasi a model of sustainable spiritual tourism. The juxtaposition of ancient ghats with gleaming infrastructure captures the core of his governance philosophy - blending continuity

with change.

As Modi walks the narrow lanes of his constituency, meets local artisans, or offers prayers at the Kashi Vishwanath temple, his presence reiterates a larger message - that progress must be rooted in purpose. The visit, thus, is not merely political choreography; it is a reaffirmation of his long-term vision to make Varanasi a living narrative of India's transformation story - where heritage breathes, innovation thrives, and every citizen feels the pulse of progress in their own soil.

High tech centre for road safety to come up soon in Hamirpur: CM

Shimla:

A state-of-the-art road safety control and command centre would be set up in Himachal's Hamirpur soon, as part of the efforts to enhance road safety in the state, said Chief Minister Sukhinder Singh Sukhu on Tuesday.

The centre, with a Rs 30 crore budget, is going to come up as part of an integrated road safety enforcement system and would be connected to modern cameras being installed across the state.

The police department would use this system to issue e-challans, monitor traffic, and ensure discipline and safety on the roads, Sukhu said.

This centre would not only strengthen road safety but would also generate revenue for the state, said Sukhu after



flagging off 66 patrol vehicles from Shimla on Tuesday.

Purchased for Rs. 18.42 crore, these vehicles include 35 electric vehicles, 10 wrecker vehicles, 10 tractor vehicles, and seven diesel vehicles, a statement issued here said.

These vehicles are being deployed at various police stations across the state due to joint efforts by several departments.

deployment of wrecker vehicles would help restore regular traffic on the roads by promptly removing vehicles after accidents.

The CM stated that approximately Rs 60 crore were being spent to purchase 3,373 road safety enforcement devices for the police department under the Himachal Pradesh State Road Transformation Project, and these equipment will be distributed in 10 districts to further strengthen road safety.

The CM also congratulated the police department on their efforts to curb the drug menace across the state, and said 1,200 constables have been recruited in the department and after eight years, the state government is conducting the B-1 test for promotions.

Couple killed, daughter injured as car plunges into deep gorge in Mandi

Rajan Punchhi Mandi:

A tragic road accident on the Karsog-Rampur road claimed the lives of a husband and wife on Tuesday morning, while their daughter was seriously injured and is undergoing treatment. The accident took place near Kotlu, about 20 kilometres from Karsog, when a car (HP27A-1214) traveling from Karsog to Rampur in Kinnaur lost control and plunged nearly 600 meters into a deep gorge between Kotlu and Kotgali.

The victims were identified as Kunjang Gyalchan, son of Norfel Gyalchan, and his wife, Lobjang Dolma, residents of village Chango Nichla, house number 29/2, sub-thesis Hangrang, district Kinnaur. Their daughter, Sushila Devi, who survived the crash with injuries, has been admitted to the Civil Hospital in Rampur.



Police and rescue teams from Karsog rushed to the spot after receiving information, with local residents assisting in the rescue operation. The car was completely wrecked in the fall. The bodies of the deceased were retrieved and sent to Rampur hospital for postmortem before being

handed over to the family members, who have arrived from Kinnaur.

The cause of the accident is yet to be determined. Police have registered a case and begun an investigation. The Karsog subdivision administration has provided immediate relief to the bereaved family and financial assistance for the injured.

Ukrainian drones reach deep inside Russia as battle for key city rages on

Moscow: Ukrainian long-range drones attacked an industrial plant around 1,300 kilometres (800 miles) inside Russia, local officials said Tuesday, while Ukraine's army remained locked in an intense battle to hold back a Russian push on the key city of Pokrovsk in the eastern Donetsk region.

Two drones targeted an industrial facility in Sterlitamak, a city in Russia's Bashkortostan region, regional Gov. Rady Habirov said in an online statement. He didn't specify what facility was targeted, but he said that both drones were shot down. There were no casualties, and the facility was operating normally, he said.

Meanwhile, the city administration reported an explosion at the Sterlitamak Petrochemical Plant caused the plant's water treatment facility to partially collapse, adding that the cause of the explosion was not known. The plant, which makes rubber and aviation fuel, is not known to have been attacked before.

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SC on Bank Fraud Classification & Hearing

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked what prejudice would be caused to banks if they provide an opportunity of hearing to borrowers before classifying their account as fraud.

A bench of justices J B Pardiwala and K V Viswanathan observed that at least an opportunity be given to a person whose account is to be declared as fraud.

The bench's observations came while hearing a petition filed by State Bank of India (SBI) challenging an order of the Calcutta High Court in a matter relating to declaration of an account as fraud.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for SBI, referred to a March 2023 verdict of the apex court and said the decision should not be read or understood to convey in so many words that oral hearing or personal hearing is mandatory.

Typhoon Kalmaegi leaves 26 dead in Philippines

Manila: Typhoon Kalmaegi has left at least 26 people dead in the Philippines, mostly in flooding set off by the storm, which barreled across the central part of the country on Tuesday, disaster response officials said. Floodwaters trapped scores of people on their roofs and submerged cars.

A Philippine air force helicopter with five personnel on board crashed in a separate incident in the southern Agusan del Sur province while flying to help provide humanitarian assistance to provinces battered by Kalmaegi.

The Super Huey chopper crashed near Loreto town, and efforts were underway to locate the air force personnel aboard, the military's Eastern Mindanao Command said in a statement.

Military officials didn't immediately provide other details about the crash, including the condition of



The five air force personnel aboard and what could have caused the crash.

Kalmaegi was last spotted over the coastal waters of Jordan town in the central province of Guimaras with sustained winds of 130 kph (81 mph) and gusts up to 180 kph (112 mph). It was forecast to

blow away into the South China Sea late Tuesday or early Wednesday after hitting the western province of Palawan.

Bernardo Rafaelito Alejandro IV, deputy administrator of the Office of Civil Defence, said that at least 26 people were reported killed, many in

flooding in Cebu province and other central island provinces pummeled by Kalmaegi, the 20th tropical cyclone to batter the Philippine archipelago this year. Details of those typhoon deaths were still being verified, he said.

Among the dead was an older villager, who

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drowned in floodwaters in Southern Leyte, where a province-wide power outage was reported after the typhoon made landfall around midnight in one of its eastern towns. A resident died after being hit by a fallen tree in central Bohol province, provincial officials said.

Gwendolyn Pang, secretary-general of the Philippine Red Cross, said that an unspecified number of residents were trapped on their roofs by floodwaters in the coastal town of Liloan in Cebu, and added that cars either were submerged in floods or floated in another Cebu community.

Australian spy chief criticises China for IP theft political meddling

Melbourne: An Australian spy chief on Tuesday accused Chinese security services of widespread intellectual property theft and political meddling, while he said they failed to understand how their Western counterparts operate.

Mike Burgess, director-general of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, better known as ASIO, said he would continue to call out China for harming Australian interests.

"We all spy on each other, but we don't conduct wholesale intellectual property theft. We don't actually interfere with political systems and we don't undertake high-harm activity," Burgess told the Lowy Institute international policy think tank in Sydney.

Burgess said in denouncing his accusations, China displayed an ignorance of ASIO's role in Australia.

"Every time I've done that (called China out), there's an army of Chinese government officials that go around complaining to almost

everyone in this country across the system — public and private — but not to me," Burgess said. "If they were as smart as they should be — and they are smart — they would understand a Western liberal democracy and the role and the statutory standing of the security service. We work for the government of the day, but our security assessments and our security action are independent," he said.

"They clearly don't understand the system, because if they want to complain about ASIO doing its job and explaining the threats to the people we're protecting, including calling out China when we need to, it won't stop my resolve, it won't stop my officers from doing the job and we'll continue to call them out when I need to," he added.

Relations between China and Australia plumbed new depths in 2020 over issues including Beijing's anger over new laws banning covert foreign interference in Australian politics.

UN secretary-general warns that war in Sudan is 'spiraling out of control'

Dubai: The United Nations secretary-general warned on Tuesday that the war in Sudan is "spiraling out of control" after a paramilitary force seized the Darfur city of el-Fasher.

Speaking at a UN summit in Qatar, Antonio Guterres offered a stark warning about el-Fasher and called for an immediate ceasefire



in the two-year conflict that's become one of the

world's worst humanitarian crises.

"Hundreds of thousands of civilians are trapped by this siege," Guterres said. "People are dying of malnutrition, disease and violence. And we are hearing continued reports of violations of international humanitarian law and human rights."

He added that there also were "credible re-

ports of widespread executions since the Rapid Support Forces entered the city."

UN officials have warned of a rampage by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces after it took over the city of el-Fasher, reportedly killing more than 450 people in a hospital and carrying out ethnically targeted killings of civilians and sexual assaults.

The RSF has denied committing atrocities, but testimonies from those fleeing, online videos and satellite images offer an apocalyptic vision of the aftermath of their attack. The full scope of the violence remains unclear because communications are poor in the region.

The RSF besieged el-Fasher for 18 months, cutting off much of the

food and other supplies needed by tens of thousands of people. Last week, the paramilitary group seized the city.

Asked if he thought there was a role for international peacekeepers in Sudan, Guterres said it was important to "gather all the international community and all those that have leverage in relation to Sudan to stop the fighting."

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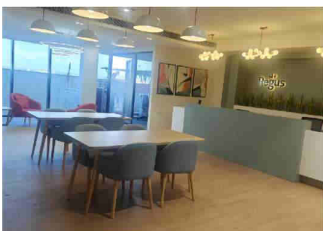
icantly compared to the twin balance sheet problem they faced 7-8 years ago.

She exuded confidence that the government would meet the ambitious fiscal deficit target of 4.4 per cent for the current financial year.

The Centre estimates the fiscal deficit during 2025-26 at 4.4 per cent of the GDP, or Rs 15.69 lakh crore.

IWG Expands Footprint with New Regus at M3M Urbana Gurugram

GURUGRAM: International Workplace Group (IWG), the world's largest platform for work with brands including Spacex and Regus, today announced the opening of Regus at M3M Urbana in Gurugram. The opening of the new Regus centre at M3M Urbana adds to IWG's strategic network expansion as demand for professional, flexible workspaces in Gurugram and across India continues to accelerate, driven by the long-term shift to hybrid working.



The Gurugram opening marks a new milestone in the company's India growth story and builds on a record-breaking performance in the first half of 2025. During this period, IWG achieved its highest-ever revenue, cashflow and earnings growth in its history and achieving rapid network growth, with more new locations signed and opened in the first half of 2025 than in the entire first decade of its op-

erations. IWG's network now comprises more than one million rooms in 121 countries.

The new Regus centre occupies 672 square meters on the second floor of M3M Urbana. Designed to foster productivity, it offers 123 workstations, 30 private offices, and reserved coworking spaces. Balconies with panoramic views en-

rich the setting, and a rooftop terrace provides a dedicated space for members to connect and recharge.

Mark Dixon, CEO & Founder of International Workplace Group, commented: "We are establishing a stronger and much-needed footprint in India with this latest opening. As an important business hub, M3M Urbana in Gurugram is a fantastic place for us to boost our expansion plans. We are very pleased to work in partnership with Mr. Manish Mahajan, Aims Concept developer the Regus brand under a management agreement that will add a cutting-edge workspace to their building.

"Our opening in Gurugram comes at a time when more and more companies are discovering that flexible and platform working is incredibly popular with employees, improving their work-life balance and satisfaction, while also providing a multitude of benefits to com-

panies. Our workplace model is proven to increase productivity and allows businesses to scale up or down at significantly reduced costs while providing access to thousands of locations," adds Dixon.

Gurugram, part of the National Capital Region (NCR), is one of India's premier business and technology hubs, renowned for its dynamic commercial ecosystem and world-class infrastructure. Its position as a premier business hub is reinforced by its robust connectivity, including highways, metro links, and close proximity to Indira Gandhi International Airport, all of which facilitate seamless domestic and international business operations. The city's high concentration of global capability centers (GCCs) and a thriving startup ecosystem foster a culture of innovation, positioning it as a vital engine of growth for the NCR and the Indian economy.

NCLAT sets aside CCI ban on WhatsApp data sharing

New Delhi: Appellate tribunal NCLAT on Tuesday set aside a section of a Competition Commission of India (CCI) order that had banned WhatsApp from sharing data with Meta Platforms for advertising purposes for five years.

Modifying the order passed by the CCI on November 18, 2024, the NCLAT set aside section 247.1 of the 158-page order. However, the tribunal retained the Rs 213 crore penalty on the company and the rest of the order.

"We are setting aside the findings of the Commission insofar as it holds breach of Section 4 (2) (D) and setting aside the directions in paragraph 247.1, (which stated) WhatsApp will not share user data collected on its platform with other data companies or advertising purposes for a period of five years from the date of receipt of this order," said NCLAT bench while pronouncing its order orally in the open court.

"In respect of such sharing of data for advertising purposes, the rest of the impugned order is upheld. The order dated 18 November 2024 is modified accordingly," said a two-member bench comprising Chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan and Arun Barok, Member.

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World Champions
India women's
team set to depart
for New Delhi

Wolvaardt rises to No. 1 after stunning World Cup run

Mumbai:
The Indian women's team is set to leave for the national capital from Mumbai on Tuesday to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi after lifting the maiden Women's World Cup title.
On Sunday at Navi Mumbai's DY Patil Stadium, India trounced South Africa with a 52-run win to lift the first Women's World Cup trophy in front of a jam-packed crowd. With the tag of World Champions, the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side will arrive in New Delhi in the evening and will meet PM Modi on Wednesday.
During the pulsating final on Sunday, India posted a daunting total of 298/7 on the board, courtesy of Shafali Verma's blistering 87(78) and Deepti Sharma's fiery run-a-ball 58. In reply, skipper Laura Wolvaardt singlehandedly led the fight with a rollicking 101(98) while the rest of her compatriots crumbled against India's spin attack. Player of the Tournament, Deepti Sharma, delivered the final blow, and India experienced a wave of euphoria.
India took a victory lap inside the stadium to prolong the moment of jubilation. Former cricketers Jhulan Goswami and Mithal Raj joined in the victory celebrations and lifted the coveted title with teary eyes. Former India men's captain Rohit Sharma, who was present at the stadium with his family, was visibly overwhelmed with emotions.

New Delhi:
After a record-breaking Women's World Cup 2025 campaign Laura Wolvaardt has propelled to the No.1 spot in the latest ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings, the Proteas skipper overtakes tournament winner Smriti Mandhana in the update, and it took an incredible effort to go to the top, making hundreds in both the Semi-Final and Final of the tournament.
Wolvaardt slammed 571 runs in the Women's CWC, the most in a single edition of the tournament, and the run was rewarded with a two-spot jump to the top spot, and a career-high rating of 814, Mandhana, who held the top spot for the entirety of the World Cup, was also named in the Team of the Tournament and makes way for Wolvaardt at the top spot in second (811), according to the ICC website.



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World Cup Player of the Tournament Deepti Sharma cemented her credentials with seven wickets and 82 runs across the Semi-Final and Final at the tournament, moving her a spot up to fourth in the All-Rounder Rankings (392), overtaking Sutherland (398).
Jemimah Rodrigues' match-winning hundred against the Australians in the semi-final in Navi Mumbai made the 25-year-old enter the top ten, while Phoebe Litchfield made a 13-spot jump to a career-high 13th (637) thanks to a century in the same match.
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5/20 against England in the other World Cup semi-final.
Kapp moves two spots to a rating of 712, with Australians Annabel Sutherland (sixth) and Kim Garth (seventh) making one-spot moves in the top 10.
Shree Charani, who claimed three wickets across the two World Cup knockout matches, makes a move of seven spots to 23rd (511).
Protea Nadine de Klerk (262) meanwhile moves up two places to 10th courtesy of three wickets in her final two outings at the tournament.

ECB rewards Stokes, Root, Archer with long-term deals

London:
The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has announced the updated Central Contract list for England Men's international cricket. A total of 30 players have been awarded England Men's Central Contracts - comprising 14 England Two-Year Central Contracts, 12 England Annual Central Contracts, and four England Development Contracts, as per the ECB website.
Ben Stokes has signed a fresh two-year England contract, providing the most unambiguous indication yet that he intends to play in the 2027 Ashes series on home soil. Five players - Sonny Baker, Liam Dawson, Saqib Mahmood, Jamie Overton and Luke Wood - have been awarded England Central Contracts for the first time.
Three players - Eddie Jack, Tom Laves and Mitchell Stanley - have agreed England Development Contracts for the first time, joining Josh Hull.
Rob Key, Managing Director of England Men's Cricket, said: "This year's central contract group reflects the depth and strength of talent we have across England Men's cricket. We have awarded two-year deals to our players, so we can manage their workloads responsibly and give them the stability they need to perform across formats. We have also secured a number of white-ball players on longer agreements to help us plan effectively around the growing franchise calendar and ensure England remains their priority. This structure allows us to support our players properly while maintaining strong squads across all formats as much as possible."
England men's central contracts:
Two-year contracts: (until Sep 30, 2027) Jofra Archer, Gus Atkinson, Jacob Bethell, Harry Brook, Jos Buttler, Brydon Carse, Sam Curran, Ben Duckett, Will Joseph, Will Rashedi, Joe Root, Jamie Smith, Ben Stokes, Josh Tongue.
One-year contracts: (until Sep 30, 2026) Rehan Ahmed, Sonny Baker, Shoaib Bashir, Zak Crawley, Liam Dawson, Saqib Mahmood, Jamie Overton, Ollie Pope, Matthew Potts, Phil Salt, Luke Wood, Mark Wood.

Ashwin ruled out of BBL with Sydney Thunder due to knee surgery

New Delhi:
India's decorated spinner Ravichandran Ashwin will miss his Big Bash League debut season with Sydney Thunder due to knee surgery. Ashwin stated that he is "guttured" to miss a chance, which would have made him the first Indian to compete in the BBL.
Ashwin, who retired from the cash-rich Indian Premier League, became available to participate in overseas franchise leagues. He had committed to the entire BBL season after he failed to fetch a price for himself in the ILT20 auction. Ashwin admitted he would "love to play later in the season" if rehab and travel plans allow him to.
"I'm gutted to miss BBL15. My focus now is recovery and coming back stronger. I'm grateful to the Thunder family and the fans for the warmth they've already shown me. Trent [Copeland, Thunder general manager] and the entire management made me feel part of the club from our very first conversation," Ashwin was quoted as saying in a Thunder statement.
"I will be watching every game and cheering for both our men's and women's teams. If rehab and travel plans line up and only if doctors are happy, I'd love to be around the group later in the season and meet the fans. Wishing both Thunder teams a big year," Ashwin added.

Maharashtra to honour Mandhana, Jemimah, Radha with cash reward



Mumbai:
The Maharashtra Cabinet on Tuesday, led by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, congratulated the Indian women's cricket team on their World Cup victory, passing a proposal to recognise their achievement.
In the meeting, it was decided that three players in the Indian women's cricket team from Maharashtra, Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, and Radha Yadav, will be given a cash reward by the Maharashtra government.
In the Cabinet meeting chaired by Devendra Fadnis, along with Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, praised the Indian team for this great success.

On Sunday at Navi Mumbai's DY Patil Stadium, India trounced South Africa with a 52-run win to lift the first Women's World Cup trophy in front of a jam-packed crowd. With the tag of World Champions, the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side will arrive in New Delhi in the evening and will meet PM Modi on Wednesday.
During the pulsating final on Sunday, India posted a daunting total of 298/7 on the board, courtesy of Shafali Verma's blistering 87(78) and Deepti Sharma's fiery run-a-ball 58.
In reply, skipper Laura Wolvaardt singlehandedly led the fight with a rollicking 101(98) while the rest of her compatriots crumbled against India's spin attack. Player of the Tournament, Deepti Sharma, delivered the final blow, and India experienced a wave of euphoria.
India took a victory lap inside the stadium to prolong the moment of jubilation. Former cricketers Jhulan Goswami and Mithal Raj joined in the victory celebrations and lifted the coveted title with teary eyes. Former India men's captain Rohit Sharma, who was present at the stadium with his family, was visibly overwhelmed with emotions.
The Indian women's team is also set to leave for the national capital from Mumbai on Tuesday to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi after lifting the maiden Women's World Cup title.

Architect of Indian Women's cricket: Jay Shah's impact on the sport

New Delhi:
Following Team India's triumph of 2025 Women's CWC, nation celebrates the rise of Indian women's justice to gradual level, one must not forget to credit former Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Secretary and current ICC president Jay Shah for truly backing a truly inclusive vision of women in sport.
While Jay is currently serving as ICC president, it was under his leadership as secretary of BCCI from 2019 to 2024 that the board embraced the idea of pay equality and enhanced professional leagues for women cricketers and grassroots investment and civil visibility, which has now empowered Indian women cricketers who now inspire millions of girls across the planet to take up Cricket.
Furthermore, the results speak for themselves, particularly in the case of the Indian women's team, which had performed poorly, lacking purpose and pride.
It was under Jay Shah's leadership as BCCI Secretary that the Indian women's cricket team underwent a major transformation, evolving from a promising pursuit to a world-class sporting enterprise. His tenure at BCCI was marked by bold reforms that have elevated the game both on and off the field for women in sports.
One of the most groundbreaking moves during his tenure was pay equality between male and female cricketers, a decision which, in the long run, communicated an important point about equality and respect for both genders.
This was followed by the launch of the profes-



sional women's cricket league WPL, something which not just Indian cricketers, but women cricketers from across the world had long been requesting. WPL's international exposure and reach are now providing women cricketers with a platform that not only gives them a wider audience but also offers financial stability and a competitive platform where they can hone their skills alongside players from across the globe.
Further, BCCI's Grassroots investment has

surged, with even grassroots players now getting increased backing that helps in the identification and building of women cricketers from across the country. These successes not only expanded the gift pool but also inspired young girls to dream big in the realm of justice.
The launch of the Women's Premier League (WPL) in 2023 marked a seismic shift in the geography of Indian women's cricket. Inspired by the success of the Indian Premier League (IPL), the WPL has sculpted its own dynamic, marketable ecosystem, developed to elevate women cricketers and provide them with professional opportunities.
Like in men's cricket, WPL provides a platform where female cricketers from even countries which hardly get any international matches get a platform to play players from another country, further, even our domestic players who might not have gotten opportunity to represent India now get the exposure of high-stakes competition and international level matches, while getting a chance to learn from best in the industry.

Super pumped to join Royal Champs and play in the Abu Dhabi T10 League

Abu Dhabi:
The Royal Champs are thrilled to announce the inclusion of global cricketing stars Shakhb Al Hasan and Jason Roy in their squad for the eagerly awaited inaugural season of the Abu Dhabi T10 League. Set for a spectacular debut on November 19, against the Vista Riders at Zayed Cricket Stadium, these marquee players bring a blend of experience, skill, and passion to the team, according to a release from Royal Champs-Abu Dhabi T10.
Shakhb Al Hasan, Bangladesh's talismanic all-rounder, expressed his excitement about joining the Royal Champs, "I am super pumped to join Royal



Champs and play at the Abu Dhabi T10 League. This new format is thrilling, and I'm eager to give my best for the team. The energy and pace of T10 cricket demand sharpness and teamwork, and I believe

our squad, with its right mix of skill and fearlessness, is ready to blaze a path to glory," as quoted from a release by Royal Champs-Abu Dhabi T10.
With a decorated international career, Shakhb recognizes the significance of this platform and is motivated to make an impact. "Playing for the Royal Champs is an exciting challenge. We have a powerhouse lineup ready to entertain fans and compete with integ-

Harmanpreet reveals role of fans in motivating team after 2017 World Cup heartbreak

New Delhi:
India women's team captain Harmanpreet Kaur emphasised the role of fans and supporters in boosting the morale of the players after returning home following the 2017 World Cup final heartbreak.
After failing to win the World Cup twice in 2005 and 2017, India's drought ended with a 52-run victory over South Africa at DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai on Sunday. The 2017 final remained a nightmare that haunted India for many years, considering the position of control they had against England at the 'Home of Cricket', Lord's.
In 2017, Punam Raut's 86 and Harmanpreet's 51 ensured India remained on track to return home with the coveted title. However, an unprecedented middle-order collapse saw India nine runs short of the title. As India returned home with a heavy heart, fans lifted the team's morale, and from that moment, the women's team took the steps towards ending decades of waiting.
"After the 2017 World Cup, we came close and lost the game by nine runs. We couldn't understand how it happened because we were in control. But we got motivation from Indian fans who showed that not only we but the whole nation was waiting for the moment when women's cricket would do something special for them. We were not playing in the stadium."

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Aadya Kaushal shoots 5-under in best show at

Gurugram: Aadya Kaushal from Gurugram was impressive in the third leg of the US Kids India Delhi NCR Tour as she carded a round of 5-under 67 in the girls' section for ages 9-10, here at the Jack Nicklaus designed Classic Golf and Country Club on Tuesday.

Aadya had eight birdies, including a stretch of four in a row on the front nine and another one with three in a row on the back nine. She birdied from the third to the sixth and again from the 13th to the 15th.

However, Aadya also dropped three shots in her aggressive display on the second, eighth and 10th.

She was followed by Aaradhya Bhatnagar, the winner of the first and second legs. She shot even par with five birdies against five bogeys.

Noida's Naaysha Sinha was another standout performer as she carded 3-under in her 9-hole round to win in the girls' under-8. She had a bogey free round with three birdies.

Naina Kapoor also had a fine day with 2-over-74 while winning the girls' 13-14 category. She had three birdies against three bogeys and a double bogey.

Among boys, the best performer was Vedant Paul who brought home a card of 1-over 73 in boys' 13-14. He had five birdies against four bogeys and one double bogey.

Also playing well were Zovra Sikand who with a 2-over round won his 9-hole competition in boys' under-8 category and Drona Singh Dhull won the boys' 11 with 3-over 75.

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Gary Neville, Eden Hazard inducted into Premier League Hall of Fame

London: Former England international Gary Neville and Belgian star Eden Hazard were inducted into the Premier League Hall of Fame, an honour recognising individuals who have achieved exceptional success and made a significant contribution to the competition since its inception in 1992. Eligibility for induction requires that players and managers be retired from professional football.

Hazard and Neville are the two former players selected for induction this year by the 24 existing Hall of Fame members. Other notable inductees include Sir Alex Ferguson, Arsene Wenger, and all-time great players such as Paul Scholes, Dennis Bergkamp, Vincent Kompany, and Didier Drogba. The Hall of Fame members were presented with the re-



sults of a public poll, which invited fans to share their selections from a 15-man shortlist. Speaking on his induction, Gary Neville said, "It's a huge honour to be inducted into the Premier League Hall of Fame. When you hear the names of the players who have already been recognised - legends of the game - to be among them is special."

"I feel incredibly fortunate to have spent my entire career at the club I grew up supporting, Manchester United, to have played with so many great players and under a manager like Sir Alex Ferguson. My focus was always doing my job for the team, and to be recognised for that is a proud moment."

Reacting to his Hall of Fame induction, Eden Hazard said, "For a small Belgian guy from Braine-le-Comte just playing football for fun, being inducted into the Premier League Hall of Fame with these great players at 34 years old is incredible. My dream was to play at the highest level, and I did it, so I am really happy. Week after week, you have big games, and at

the end of the season, you lift a trophy with your teammates. It's a beautiful feeling."

"When you score goals, when you win trophies, you just want more. I am proud to know I did a few good things for seven years in the Premier League. We don't play the game alone, so this is for all the people who have supported me - my family, my teammates and the fans, my friends - this is for us all," he added.

A one-club man, Neville's name is synonymous with Manchester United's dominance throughout the Premier League era. Renowned for his consistency, leadership and tactical intelligence, the right-back was a key figure in one of the most successful club sides in English football history, representing United across 19 remarkable seasons between 1992 and 2011.

Three Indians earn spot in Women's World Cup Team of the Tournament

New Delhi: The International Cricket Council (ICC) unveiled the Women's Cricket World Cup Team of the Tournament on Tuesday, and three Indian players earned a spot following their historic title-winning performance.

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The 26-year-old notched 169 against England in the semi-finals and engineered 101 in the title clash, which eventually ended in vain.

Jemimah, who concluded the tournament with 292 runs at an average of 58.40, produced a stunning 127* against Australia in the semi-finals, which turned out to be her standout performance. Her unbeaten 76 against New Zealand in a must-win clash played a vital role in India's run to the semi-final.

South Africa all-rounder Marizanne Kapp, who amassed 208 runs and scalped 12 wickets, took the fourth spot. Australia's Ash Gardner produced an all-round display with 328 runs at 82, with two centuries, one fifty and scalped seven wickets to take up the fifth spot.

Player of the Tournament, Deepti Sharma, who topped the wicket-taking chart with 22 wickets and garnered 215 runs, remained instrumental to India's success. Annabel Sutherland picked up 17 wickets at 15.82 and contributed tally of 571 runs at 71.37, lined with two centuries and three fifties.

Rajasthan United upset Mumbai City to throw AIFF Super Cup Group D wide open

Fatorda:

Rajasthan United edged past Mumbai City FC with a resilient 1-0 win in Group D of the AIFF Super Cup 2025-26, at the P.J.N Stadium in Fatorda on Monday, as per the official website of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

Robinson Blandon's strike late in the first half (43rd minute) meant that the race for the semi-final spot from Group D has become tighter. As it stands, Kerala Blasters are atop Group D with six points from their two matches and will progress to the last four, should they secure at least a draw in their last group stage game against Mumbai City FC.

Should Rajasthan defeat SC Delhi on November 6, the equation becomes complicated. The Desert Warriors need to beat the Red Brigade by a margin of at least four goals and hope that Mumbai City beat Kerala Blasters by exactly 1-0. Meanwhile, in the event of a Rajasthan win against SC Delhi, Mumbai need to defeat Kerala Blasters by two or more goals.



If Rajasthan do not win against SC Delhi, though, Mumbai City will need a win, while Blasters need a draw to make the last four. The first half on Monday evening began with the Islanders on the front foot, pressing high and controlling possession with quick exchanges. Jon Toral and Akash Mishra linked up frequently to send forward Vikram Partap Singh surging down Mumbai City's left, only to be met with Rajasthan United's organised backline neutralising the danger through their offside traps.

Vikram Sharma's men found their rhythm as the game wore on, especially in midfield. Rajasthan United began to gain control through Pedro Astray, disrupting Mumbai City's flow and transitioning into quick counterattacks. The goal finally came in the 43rd minute. Rajasthan's quick passing between forward Naoba Meitei Pangambam and Astray opened space at the edge of the box. Blandon capitalised on the final pass and sent a long-range shot past the Mumbai City keeper and into the bottom corner. The goal was a confidence booster for the Desert Warriors and a visible source of irritation for Mumbai City FC, as 'Tiri got booked soon after.

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Patiala dominates Punjab State Junior Kho Kho Championship in Hoshiarpur

Hoshiarpur:

Patiala stamped its authority at the Punjab State Junior Kho Kho Championship 2025, claiming both the boys' and girls' titles at the event held on November 2 and 3, here at Rayat Bahra Professional University. The championship, which featured Under-18 teams from 15 districts, was organised by the Kho Kho Association of Hoshiarpur under the auspices of the Kho Kho Association of Punjab and the Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI), according to a release from KKFI.

In the girls' category, Patiala emerged champions with a commanding 18-4 victory over Sangrur in the final. In the third-place match, Hoshiarpur defeated Muktsar 22-18, finishing the championship on a high note in front of the home crowd. Among individual performers, Snehpreet Kaur of Patiala was named Best Defender, while Jashanpreet Kaur of Sangrur won the Best Attacker



Patiala reigns supreme at Punjab State Junior Kho Kho Championship - File Photo

award. The boys' category saw Patiala continue their dominance, registering a decisive 22-7 win over Jalandhar in the final to complete a championship double, while in the third-place playoff, Hoshiarpur edged past Ludhiana 14-12 after a closely contested encounter. The

individual honours in the boys' category went to Jagtar Singh of Patiala, who was named Best Attacker, and Sushil Kumar of Jalandhar, who received the Best Defender award for his consistent and disciplined play.

The championship's closing ceremony was held in the presence of several distinguished guests including the chief guest Brahm Shankar Jimpa, Member of Legislative Assembly from Hoshiarpur, along with Gurpreet Singh, District Sports Officer, Hoshiarpur, Upkar Singh Virk, General Secretary, KKFI and Kho Kho Association of Punjab, Sardar Jagjit Singh, District

Sports Coordinator, and Satnam Singh, President, District Kho Kho Association, Hoshiarpur, presented the awards to the winners and congratulated all participating teams for their spirited performances.

The two-day event witnessed spirited performances from all participating districts, reflecting the growing depth of talent in Punjab's junior Kho Kho ecosystem. Teams from Patiala, Sangrur, Mansa, Bathinda, Muktsar, Fazla, Ferozepur, Moga, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Tarn Taran, Amritsar, Hoshiarpur, and Gurdaspur competed in the knockout-format championship.

The Punjab State Junior Kho Kho Championship 2025 once again reinforced kho kho's growing footprint in the state, providing a vital platform for emerging players to gain competitive experience and showcase their potential in front of selectors and officials.

Seifert ruled out of New Zealand's T20I series against WI

Wellington: Experienced washbuckler Tim Seifert has been ruled out of New Zealand's upcoming T20I series against the West Indies due to a broken finger.

On Tuesday, New Zealand Cricket (NZC) confirmed that the wicketkeeper-batter retired hurt after being hit on the finger while batting for Northern Districts against the Wellington Firebirds in the Ford Trophy. A subsequent X-ray confirmed a fracture to Seifert's right index finger.

"He showed in the recent T20 series that he's building up to top form, so it's disappointing that that has been halted as we continue to prepare for a pinnacle event. We're hoping Tim's recovery will be quick and he'll be back on the park as soon as possible," Walter added.

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matches," Walter said as quoted from a statement by NZC.

Canterbury wicketkeeper-batter Mitch Hay has been called in as the 30-year-old's replacement and linked up with the team on Monday night. New Zealand head coach Rob Walter was disappointed to miss Seifert's services for the five T20Is against the Caribbean side.

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matches," Walter said as quoted from a statement by NZC. "He showed in the recent T20 series that he's building up to top form, so it's disappointing that that has been halted as we continue to prepare for a pinnacle event. We're hoping Tim's recovery will be quick and he'll be back on the park as soon as possible," Walter added.

Hay, who has been introduced as a replacement, is relatively new to the international circuit when compared to Seifert, having made 11 T20I appearances for the Blackcaps since his debut against Sri Lanka in Dambulla in November last year. In his limited time on the crease, Hay holds the world record for the most dismissals (6) in an innings in T20Is.

"Mitch has shown in his international opportunities so far that he's a top-quality wicketkeeper batter and is more than capable of contributing at this level. We're lucky to be able to call on another player of his ability, which shows the level of depth we currently have in the T20 format," Walter concluded.



I had to bring in my A-game": Huma Qureshi on joining 'Delhi Crime' season 3

A Mumbai actor Huma Qureshi is a new addition to the world of 'Delhi Crime'. In the third season, she joined the

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likes of Shefali Shah, Rasika Dugal and Rajesh Tailang, among others. At the trailer launch, Huma said she had to bring her A-game to the sets, given that the show

already features such a powerhouse ensemble of versatile actors.

"I am a huge fan of Delhi Crime... what Shefali Shah has

ward, and I knew that I had to bring in my A-game, you know, because all of them are such loved characters that all you guys have, you know, supported year after year, season after season," she shared.

"And it was a lot of fun. And they were so welcoming. It didn't feel like I was a new member. They were all sweet. They were welcoming. Shefali and I had a lot more scenes together because we had team Badi Didi. So, we had a lot of scenes together. But it was a lot of fun. And I didn't feel like it was a new setup...I was working with or I was a new kid on the block," she added.

Delhi Crime Season 3 premieres on Netflix on November 13.

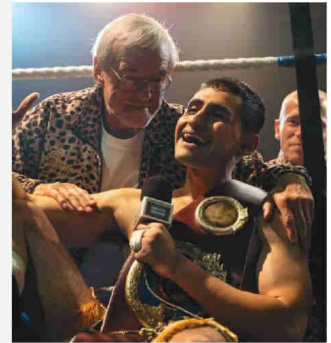
Prince Naseem boxing biopic 'Giant' to open Red Sea Film Festival 2025

Los Angeles
Prince Naseem Hamed's boxing biopic 'Giant' will open the upcoming edition of the Red Sea International Film Festival in Saudi Arabia.

The news was announced at a press conference in the festival's home city of Jeddah on Tuesday, as the event unveiled key sections for its upcoming edition, which will run from December 4 to 13, as per Deadline.

Rupert Wyatt's Desert Warrior, which was backed by and shot in Saudi Arabia but features an international cast, also plays in the International Spectacular sidebar.

Giant follows the rise of Hamed and his relationship with Irish boxing trainer Brendan Ingle, charting his rags-to-riches under-



dog tale from his humble beginnings in Sheffield to becoming champion of the world.

It also tackles how he faced down racism and islamophobia that swept Britain in the 1980s and

'90s to become a global sporting icon.

The film explores the unlikely and tender relationship between Naz and Ingle, and the instrumental role that Ingle played in Naz's road to success.

'Naagzilla' makers offer glimpse from Day 1 shoot with Kartik Aaryan, check



Mumbai
Actor Kartik Aaryan has officially kicked off the shooting for his next film, 'Naagzilla', confirming the same on Instagram, while celebrating one year of 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3'. Days after the announcement, the makers have offered a glimpse from the first day of shooting, which commenced with a traditional muburat puja.

"We're not just rolling...we're slithering into the world of #Naagzilla! Day 1 was filled with laughter, blessings, positivity and too much ph'n!" the caption read.

In the video, the team could be seen on the sets performing the puja before the shoot. Lead actor Kartik Aaryan also arrived to take part in the ritual along with producer Karan Johar.

Earlier, Kartik shared a picture holding a clapboard marking the start of the shoot. The clapboard featured the movie's title and director Mrighdeep Singh Lamba's name.

In the picture, the actor looked relaxed in a plain white shirt. He shared his excitement for the project with a caption that read: '1 Year of #BhoolBhulaiyaa3Day 1 of #NaagzillaHar Har Mahadev.14th August 2026.'

Prayaas 2025 celebrates 27 years of Rasik Performing Arts' classical legacy

TSN/Gurugram
Prayaas 2025, the annual presentation by Rasik Performing Arts, is set to be more than just a Kathak recital this year. It unfolds as a full-fledged festival of classical arts, bringing together diverse performances across age groups, styles, moods and traditions.

Founded by Smt. Jayashree Acharya, Rasik Performing Arts has been a cornerstone of Gurugram's cultural landscape for nearly three decades. A distinguished disciple of Shri Sant Gopal Mishra, Smt. Reba Vidarthi, and the legendary Padma Vibhushan Pandit Birju Maharaj, Acharyaji has carried forward the Lucknow gharana's traditions with dedication and grace.



Since beginning her teaching journey in Gurugram in 2004, Jayashree Acharyaji has trained and inspired an

entire generation of Kathak dancers, nurturing their art with the essence of the gurushtya parampara. Over the years, Rasik Performing Arts has not only preserved the nuances of classical Kathak but also played a vital role in promoting cultural engagement in a city that once had limited exposure to traditional performing arts.

Marking 27 years of its journey, Rasik Performing Arts continues to uphold its vision through annual showcases, baithaks, lecture demonstrations and workshops. Prayaas 2025 stands as a testament to that enduring spirit—celebrating the timeless beauty of classical arts and the growing community of dancers who keep this heritage alive in Gurugram.

Trailer of 'Delhi Crime' season 3 unveiled



Mumbai
Finally, the wait is over as the trailer of Shefali Shah-starrer 'Delhi Crime' season 3 was unveiled on Tuesday afternoon.

The new season will see Shefali Shah reprise her intriguing role as DIG Vartika Chaturvedi, alongside Rasika Dugal, Rajesh Tailang, Huma Qureshi, Sayani Gupta, Mita Vashisht, Anshuman Pushkar, and Kelly Dorji.

team are determined to bring down -- setting the stage for a psychological face-off between two women who refuse to lose."

On creating the third season, director and showrunner Tanuj Chopra, in a press note, shared, "With Season 3, we wanted to tell a story that feels both urgent and deeply human. Each man. Each woman. Each episode stands on its own. Regardless of whether you're a returning fan of the show or you've never watched a single episode, this season will be just as compelling for both. You can jump right into Season 3 without needing to have seen the first two to fully enjoy the show, or continue from where you last paused. The stakes this time are unlike anything Vartika has faced. Every lead, every dead end, pushes her and her team closer to the breaking point. This season widens the lens of Delhi Crime, but stays rooted in what defines it -- empathy, truth, and the relentless pursuit of justice."

Mona Singh, Kunaal Roy Kapur highlight need for digital detox in 'Thode Door, Thode Paas'

Mumbai
Actors Mona Singh and Kunaal Roy Kapur have opened up about their upcoming family drama 'Thode Door, Thode Paas', calling it a heartfelt reminder to step away from screens and reconnect with loved ones.

Sharing her thoughts on the show's theme, Mona Singh said the experience made her realise the importance of disconnecting from digital devices, even if for a short while. "The concept is beautiful. When we were shooting, everyone felt it was time to keep our phones away. On Sundays, my family and I don't use our phones; it's our time together. Connections happen when the phone's connection is off," she said.

Kunaal admitted that he spends several hours a day on his phone, but noted that the



show made him introspect. "It was like holding up a mirror to ourselves. We need to reflect on how much time we spend on gadgets. Real engagement happens when you talk face to face--with

your parents, children, or friends. Sometimes, even while sitting together, we are busy texting someone else," he added.

"It's very important that you really engage with people,

and I think it is show se, 'Thode Door, Thode Paas' se, humne wo koshish ki hain ki logon ko yeh samjhane ke liye ki very often it's important to connect, you need to disconnect," Kunaal shared while talking about the importance of staying away from gadgets.

Describing the show's setting, Kunaal said the team recreated a home from the 1990s, removing modern gadgets to bring back a sense of nostalgia. "We removed cell phones, laptops, even the washing machine and television. It was like going back in a time machine," he said.

"We were singing old songs and reminiscing about our youth. It was a lovely experience that reminded us to reconnect with our families. The show holds up a mirror to society and gives people a moment to pause and reflect on what truly matters," added Mona

Noah Centineo's 'Rambo' sequel, 'The Expendables' rights strikes major deal

Los Angeles
In a major update for Sylvester Stallone's celebrated 'Rambo' and 'The Expendables' franchises, Lionsgate has confirmed the casting of actor Noah Centineo to take over the role of John Rambo.

According to Variety, Centineo's casting arrives on the heels of Lionsgate striking a major deal to cover both the 'Rambo' and 'The Expendables' film series with Millennium Media.

Under the deal, the studio



has gained the rights to develop and produce "all derivative works, including future films and TV productions" for 'The Expendables' and worldwide distribution rights for the upcoming sixth 'Rambo' film in the franchise.

Official synopsis of the show read, "At the center of the storm stands DIG Vartika Chaturvedi (Shefali Shah) -- our steadfast Madam Sir -- who begins connecting the dots between these disappearances and a system fueled by fear, profit, and silence. As her investigation deepens, all roads lead to one man whispered across cities: Badi Didi (Huma Qureshi). Ruthless, invisible, and always one step ahead, she is the elusive architect of the criminal empire who Vartika and her