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NIA arrests alleged aide of 'suicide bomber' Umar Nabi in car blast case

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■ Amir Rashid Ali, a Kashmir-based close of aide of suicide bomber Umar Nabi, the doctor who allegedly drove the car that exploded outside the Red Fort Metro station, has been arrested by NIA.

Mitali Chandola
New Delhi:
The investigation into the Red Fort area blast has entered a decisive phase with the arrest of 28-year-old Amir Rashid Ali, a resident of Sambhara in Pampore, Jammu and Kashmir. He was taken into custody in Delhi by the National Investigation Agency, which is probing the case that claimed several lives and left many injured on November 10. His arrest has opened a clearer window into the network behind an attack that stunned the nation.

According to the NIA, Amir was not a bystander or a casual contact. He is suspected to have played a central role in preparing for the assault. Investigators say he travelled to Delhi months before the explosion to help arrange the purchase of the car that was later turned into a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device. The car was regis-



tered in his name, which officials now describe as a deliberate attempt to mask the true intent behind the purchase. His presence in the capital during this period is now seen as part of a larger plan to support the operation.

A deeper and even more unsettling dimension of the case emerged

when the NIA identified the deceased driver of the explosive-laden car. Forensic analysis confirmed that the bomber was Dr. Umar Un Nabi, an Assistant Professor in the general medicine department of Al-Falah University in Faridabad and a resident of Pulwama. The agency has, for the first time, described

him as a suicide bomber, signalling its assessment that he knowingly undertook the mission. His background as an academic challenges long-held assumptions about who becomes involved in such attacks and highlights the growing risk of radicalisation in unexpected environments, including higher educa-

tion institutions.

The NIA has also seized another vehicle belonging to Umar. It is being examined for evidence that may explain how the conspiracy was financed, coordinated and executed. Officials believe the car could offer important clues about his movements and contacts in the days leading up to the blast.

The agency has already examined 73 witnesses, including survivors and bystanders who were near the site moments before the explosion. Their statements, along with forensic findings and digital evidence, have helped investigators reconstruct the chain of events. The probe has involved close coordination between Delhi Police and police forces in Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. The co-operation reflects the inter-state footprint of those believed to be involved in the attack and the scale of the conspiracy being uncovered.

Air pollution: SC to hear Monday plea on stubble burning



New Delhi:
The Supreme Court is slated to hear on Monday a plea related to stubble burning that has been further worsening the air quality levels in Delhi-NCR.

The top court had earlier asked the Punjab and Haryana governments to apprise it about the action taken to control the situation.

A bench comprising Chief Justice BR Gavai and justices K V Anand and N V Anand had earlier agreed to hear the plea on November 17.

"Let Punjab and Haryana governments respond on steps taken to control stubble burning," the CJI had said.

Earlier on November 3, the top court directed the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) to file an affidavit detailing the steps it has taken so far to

prevent the air pollution situation in Delhi-NCR from deteriorating further.

The bench was hearing the M C Mehta case and had said that the authorities must act proactively and not wait for pollution levels to reach a "severe" stage.

Amicus curiae Singh had flagged media reports indicating that several air quality monitoring stations in Delhi were not functioning during the Diwali period.

"There are newspapers after newspapers saying that monitoring stations are non-functional. If the monitoring stations are not even functioning, we don't even know when to implement GRAP (graded response action plan)... Out of 37 monitoring stations, only nine were functioning continuously on the day of Diwali," she said.

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Excessive lighting triggered Nowgam blast, says probe

Srinagar/New Delhi:
Preliminary investigations into the accidental explosion that ripped through the Nowgam police station late Friday night, killing nine people, suggest that the use of excessive lighting by the forensic team may have triggered the massive blast, officials said Sunday.

The explosion, which authorities maintain was an accident and not a terror attack, occurred around 11:20 pm while a team was extracting samples from the final boxes of seized explosive material transported from Al-Falah University in Faridabad, Haryana.

The area has been visited by teams from the Central Forensic Science Laboratory and experts from the elite National Security Guards for collecting samples.

The officials believe the last few boxes contained a liquid substance -- likely a mixture of Acetophenone, Hydrogen Peroxide, and Sulphuric



Acid -- and in order to examine the liquid substance closely, the lighting arrangement was scaled up, leading to the massive explosion.

While Acetophenone itself is a common industrial chemical, it is a crucial precursor for creating Acetone Peroxide, a highly dangerous and sensitive improvised explosive.

The combination of the chemicals, coupled with external heat from the intensified lighting, or potential fumes from the Sulphuric Acid, may have caused the pre-

ature detonation, the officials said.

Both Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Nalin Prabhat and Joint Secretary (Kashmir) Prashant Lokhande had issued identical statements on Saturday, firmly dismissing speculation of a terror attack.

"Due to the unstable and sensitive nature of the recovery, the sampling process, the handling was being done with extreme caution, with utmost caution by the FSL team," Prabhat and Lokhande had said.

"However, unfor-

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tunately, during this course, last night around 11.20 pm, an accidental explosion took place," they had said in statements before the media in Srinagar and New Delhi.

The sampling of the voluminous 360 kg cache of chemicals -- including Ammonium Nitrate, Potassium Nitrate and Sulphur -- had been underway for two days. The materials were transported to the Nowgam police station because it was the registration point for the original case. The massive blast severely damaged the police station building and affected adjacent structures.

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9mm bullets found near Red Fort blast site under police lens

New Delhi:
Security agencies are probing three bullet cartridges, two of them live rounds, recovered from the debris near the Red Fort blast site, a source said on Sunday.

The empty shell and two live bullets -- a calibre not permitted for civilian use -- were found close to the burnt Hyundai i20 car, which exploded on November 10 near the iconic Delhi monument, killing 13 people and wounding more than two dozen.

According to the source, the 9mm rounds are generally issued to specialised units or individuals with explicit permission.

"The staff deployed at the spot were also asked to check their issued ammunition, but none was found missing. The cartridges were there, but there was no weapon to fire them. We are



trying to understand the entire matter that how the bullets reached the spot," said the source.

The person said that security agencies are also preparing to re-create the entire route of the accused, Umar Nabi, from the time he left Faridabad, visited Nuh in Haryana, and had tea in Delhi -- the whole sequence leading up to the blast. Authorities are stitching together call records, tower locations,

and CCTV footage from over 50 cameras for the recreation.

"The reconstruction will include every check-post crossed, all parking entries, and each location he visited or halted at, to identify whether any person met him, followed him, or aided him. Connecting the dots is critical to understanding the hours Umar spent in the NCR," the source said.

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Cursed for donating 'dirty' kidney to dad: Lalu's daughter

Patna:
Claiming that she was "cursed at" for donating a "dirty kidney" to her father Lalu Prasad in exchange for money and a party ticket, Rohini Acharya on Sunday said "she has been made an orphan", and advised all married women to refrain from saving "your God-like father if he has a son".

In an emotional outburst, 47-year-old Acharya, in a series of posts on X, said that "may no household give birth to a girl with a fate like that of Rohini".



The posts came a day after her announcement that she was quitting the party and

disowning her family, while putting the blame for the RJD's debacle in the recent Bihar polls

on her brother Tejashwi Yadav's close aides -- RJD's MP Sanjay Yadav, who hails from Haryana, and Rameez, who is from a political family in Uttar Pradesh. "Yesterday, I was cursed at and told that I am dirty, and that I got my father to have my dirty kidney transplanted into him, took crores of rupees, bought a ticket, and then got that dirty kidney put in," Acharya, who had unsuccessfully contested the Saran Lok Sabha seat in last year's general elections, said. Agency

Indian Navy set to welcome new indigenous ASW vessel

New Delhi:
The Indian Navy will commission an indigenous-built anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft next week that is expected to boost its combat prowess.

The first of the Mahe-class anti-submarine warfare vessels will be inducted at a ceremony in Mumbai on November 24, the Navy said on Sunday.

Built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), the vessel Mahe represents the cutting edge of India's 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (self-reliant India) initiative in naval ship design and construction, it said.

"Compact yet powerful, the ship embodies agility, precision and endur-



ance - qualities vital for dominating the littorals," it said.

With her blend of firepower, stealth and mobility, the ship is designed to hunt submarines, conduct coastal

water craft (ASW SWC) was delivered to the Navy on October 23.

The Navy said the commissioning of Mahe will mark the arrival of a "new generation" of indigenous shallow-water combatants.

"With over 80 per cent indigenous content, the Mahe-class showcases India's growing mastery in warship design, construction and integration," the Navy said in a statement.

Named after the historic coastal town of Mahe on the Malabar coast, the ship's crest features an "Urumi" -- the flexible sword of Kalarippayattu, symbolising agility, precision, and lethal grace, it said. Agency

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CONTD FROM PAGE-1 Among the deceased was Mohammad Shafi Parry (47), a popular local tailor and the sole breadwinner for his family. Many politicians visited his house and assured assistance to his family.

Also killed was SIA Inspector Israr Ahmad Shah, a 2011 police force entrant known as a soft-spoken and helpful officer, survived by his wife, two young children and elderly parents in Kupwara district.

The entire 'white-collar' terror module was busted by Srinagar Police after it began an investigation into the pasting of posters that threatened police and security forces on walls in Bunpora, Nowgam, in mid-October.

Senior Superintendent of Police (Srinagar) Dr G V Sundee Chakravarty personally led the investigation, and the CCTV footage analysis led to the arrest of the first three suspects -- Arif Nisar Dar alias Sahil, Yasir-ul-Ashraf, and Maqsood Ahmad Dar alias Shahid.

Their interrogation led to the arrest of Maulvi Irfan Ahmad, a former paramedic turned Imam, who allegedly supplied the posters and radicalised the doctors.

The trail led the investigators to Al Falah University in Faridabad, where Dr Muzzafar Ganaie and Dr Shaheen Sayeed were arrested, and the huge chemical cache was seized.

The investigators believe a core trio of doctors -- Dr Ganaie, Umar Nabi (the driver of an explosives-laden car that exploded near the Red Fort on November 10, killing 13 people), and Muzzaffar Rather (absconding) -- were running the module.

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Nitin Nabin's big mandate signals a faster road ahead for Bihar

TSN/Patna: Nitin Nabin Sinha's victory in the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections has turned into one of the standout stories of the state's political landscape. Popularly known as Nitin Nabin, the BJP leader secured a sweeping win from the Bankipur Assembly seat, reaffirming both his personal appeal and the strength of the broader NDA wave across the state.

The final tally underscored the scale of his success. Nitin Nabin received 98,299 votes, defeating his nearest rival, Rekha Kumari of the RJD, who managed 46,363 votes. The margin of 51,936 votes is among the largest the constituency has seen, reflecting not just support for the candidate, but also the development pitch that dominated his campaign. His win tallies neatly with his confident pre-election statement that the NDA would cross the 200-seat mark in the



243-member assembly. The counting trends eventually validated that claim, placing the alliance firmly over that threshold.

Nitin Nabin's rise has been closely tied to his focus on infrastruc-

ture, particularly road development. Over the past few years, he has consistently argued that Bihar's growth hinges on better connectivity, smoother travel and timely upgrades of the state's transport net-

work. His campaign leaned heavily on this idea, framing roads as essential pathways to economic opportunity. Whether it is easing congestion in Patna through modern urban corridors and elevated stretches,

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slide across Bihar, he now operates in a political environment that is more likely to support big-ticket ideas.

Yet the road ahead brings its own challenges. Infrastructure development in Bihar still faces hurdles related to land acquisition, environmental permissions and the need to maintain quality while avoiding cost overruns. The public mandate that brought him this far now demands visible, timely results, especially in districts that feel left behind.

Even so, the 2025 result marks a turning point for Nitin Nabin. His emphatic win in Bankipur and his alignment with a victorious coalition have lifted him into a prominent space among the state's young leadership. If he can translate this political capital into tangible improvements on the ground, he could emerge as one of the defining figures in Bihar's development journey.

VP Radhakrishnan celebrates CAG's legacy and future-ready audit reforms

New Delhi: Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan led the fifth Audit Diwas celebrations in the capital, calling the Comptroller and Auditor General of India the country's "guardian of the public purse." He praised the institution's 165-year legacy and its role in strengthening accountability, transparency and integrity in public life.

He noted that the CAG's evidence-based reports form part of the nation's "moral wealth" and welcomed recent reforms such as the introduction of "One Nation, One Set of Object Heads of Expenditure" for the Union and States. The Vice-President said the move will make public spending more transparent and comparable.

Pointing to rapid advances in AI, big data and machine learning, he expressed satisfaction that the Indian Audit and Accounts Department is embedding modern technology into auditing practices. He highlighted the development of a customized LLM trained on thousands of inspection reports each year, along with partnerships with institutions like IIT

Madras to strengthen capacity in data science, cybersecurity and deep learning. These efforts, he said, will help detect risks more efficiently and support evidence-based governance as India moves toward the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047.

He also drew attention to the CAG's rising global stature as external auditor for WHO and ILO and its leadership roles in ASOS-AI and INTOSAI committees. He described this as a sign of India's shift from follower to emerging global leader in public auditing standards. He urged officers to continue upgrading their skills to ensure public welfare remains central to governance.

Later in the day, the Vice-President attended the Manorama News Newsmaker Award 2024 ceremony, where he presented the award to Union Minister of State Suresh Gopi. He praised Gopi's achievements in both cinema and politics and recalled his recent visit to Fatima Mata College in Kollam at the minister's invitation, calling it a reminder of Gopi's strong connection to his roots.

IRIA Delhi launches two-day conference on latest imaging advances

TSN/New Delhi:

The Delhi Chapter of the Indian Radiological & Imaging Association (IRIA) inaugurated its annual academic conference, Delhi Imaging Update 2025, today in collaboration with Lady Hardinge Medical College. The conference brought together radiologists, researchers, and postgraduate trainees from across Delhi for a day of scientific discussions, academic exchange, and resident-focused activities.

Day One featured scientific paper sessions, where residents presented case-based insights and emerging imaging trends across subspecialties. These presentations reflected the Chapter's continued emphasis on nurturing academic curiosity and promoting structured research among young radiologists.

A dedicated ethics session, organized under the Delhi Chapter's academic wing, addressed responsible reporting, patient rights, and medico-legal safeguards essential to radiology practice. This was followed by the preliminary round of the Delhi Chapter Intercollegiate



Quiz, which challenged participants on foundational concepts and recent advancements in diagnostic imaging.

The conference was graced by esteemed Chief Guests Dr. C. Amarnath, Senior Professor & Past National President from Chennai, Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Professor from AIIMS & National Secretary of IRIA, Dr. Raghav Agarwal, President Delhi IRIA, Dr. B. R. Goyal, President Elect, Dr. Sanjeev Sachdeva, Secretary and Dr. Satyajit Kumar (SPO and PCPNDT Delhi), whose presence and insightful remarks added great value to the inaugural ceremony.

This year's distinguished Dr. O.P. Bansal Oration and Dr. D.P. Garg Oration

were conferred upon Dr. C. Amarnath and Dr. Arvind Chaturvedi, respectively.

The conference also celebrated excellence and long-standing commitment. Eminent Radiologists & Academicians were honored with awards including the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Dr. S. S. Doda & Dr. U. C. Garg for their outstanding scholarly accomplishment, acknowledging their dedication and valuable contribution to Delhi IRIA.

A special highlight of the event was the honouring of all Past Presidents of Delhi IRIA, recognising their leadership, vision, and invaluable contributions to the growth of the association.

The Delhi IRIA Annual Conference once again proved to be a successful blend of scientific advancement, recognition, and fellowship, reinforcing the commitment of IRIA toward promoting excellence in radiology.

Speaking about the conference, Dr. Raghav Agarwal, President, Delhi State Chapter of IRIA, said, "For two decades, the Delhi State Chapter has honored senior radiologists and celebrated academic excellence, but this conference goes far beyond awards. It reinforces ethical practice, addresses critical issues like declining sex ratios, and unites the radiology community in upholding laws and guidelines that safeguard patients."

Haryana showcases rising strength at IITF

TSN/New Delhi: Haryana put its growing confidence and development on full display as Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana marked the state's special day at the International Trade Fair in New Delhi. The event, held at Bharat Mandapam, brought together officials, artists and citizens to celebrate the state's achievements across agriculture, industry and culture.

Rana arrived as the chief guest and began the day with a tour of the Haryana Pavilion. He interacted with exhibitors and reviewed various stalls showcasing the state's progress in farming techniques, rural products, industry and innovation. The minister later moved to the amphitheater, where he enjoyed a series of Haryanvi cultural performances that highlighted the region's folk



traditions. Addressing the audience, Rana recalled Haryana's formation in 1966, when the state operated on a modest budget of 90 crore rupees. He said that many doubted whether the

new state could sustain itself, yet Haryana went on to become one of India's leading contributors in multiple fields. He emphasised that the state now excels in both agriculture and industry, and also takes pride in

its service to the nation. Haryana accounts for 11 percent of the soldiers in the Indian Army, a statistic Rana described as a symbol of the state's commitment to national security. He added that Haryana's farmers play a vital role in securing India's food reserves, while the state's athletes continue to bring home medals and national recognition.

Rana highlighted the government's efforts to ensure fair and transparent employment for the youth. He credited former Chief Minister Manohar Lal for establishing a system where jobs could be secured without recommendations or bribes, a practice that he said continued under Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. According to him, this approach has helped government benefits reach those who need them the most.

Shah to lead Northern Zonal Council meet in Faridabad on Monday

Mitali Chandola
New Delhi:

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah will chair the 32nd meeting of the Northern Zonal Council on Monday in Faridabad, bringing together top representatives from eight states and Union Territories to discuss key inter-state issues and areas of regional cooperation. The Northern Zonal Council includes Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and Chandigarh. Senior officials from the Centre, the states and the UTs are set to participate. The meeting is being organized by the Inter-State Council Secretariat under the Ministry of Home Affairs, with Haryana as host.

The Zonal Councils were formed under the

States Reorganisation Act of 1956 to strengthen cooperation and coordination among states. Amit Shah serves as chairperson of the Northern Zonal Council, while the Chief Minister of Haryana is the vice chairperson. Each member state's Governor nominates two ministers to the council, and a permanent committee of Chief Secretaries examines issues before they are brought to the main council for discussion.

The meeting aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of TEAM BHARAT, which emphasizes coordinated efforts between states and the Centre. The Zonal Councils, though advisory in nature, have evolved into influential platforms that help resolve inter-state issues, encourage collaboration and support fast-

er decision-making. Over the past eleven years, 63 meetings of Zonal Councils and their permanent committees have been held, reflecting the growing emphasis on cooperative federalism.

The councils serve as a forum to resolve disputes between the Centre and states, among states themselves and within regions. They also take up broader national concerns such as expediting investigations into crimes against women and children, improving the functioning of Fast Track Special Courts, expanding brick-and-mortar banking access to all villages and strengthening Emergency Response Support System ERSS-112.

The council also reviews issues related to nutrition, education, health, electricity supply, urban planning and the cooperative sector.

VAC-IKS announces list of 35 Interns for January-June 2026 Programme

Staff Reporter
New Delhi:

Maitreyi College, University of Delhi, has released the list of selected students for the Vidushi Arundhati Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems (VAC-IKS) Student Internship Programme for the January-June 2026 cycle. The selection process took place under the guidance of Principal Haritma Chopra and Vice Principal Jyoti Singh.

According to Dr. Pramod Kumar Singh, Nodal Officer of VAC-IKS and Deputy Dean Students' Welfare at the university, the Centre received 251 applications from multiple departments, indicating rising interest in the Indian Knowledge System among students. A structured interaction and interview round was held on November 14, where an expert panel evaluated candidates on conceptual understanding, motivation, communication skills and their potential contribution to the Centre's activities. After a detailed review, 35 students were selected and five were placed on a waitlist. Dr. Singh clarified that the internship is entirely honorary and carries no financial remuneration.

The selected interns come from diverse academic backgrounds, representing Arts, Commerce and Science. Dr. Singh said this spread reflects the interdisciplinary philosophy of VAC-IKS and strengthens its aim of integrating traditional Indian knowledge with contemporary scholarship. Students on the provisional list must submit their joining letters and required documents by November 20 at the VAC-IKS Office. Once formalities are completed, the interns will begin their six-month engagement on January 1, contributing to academic work, research, media assignments, technical support and event coordination.

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5-year-old boy dies after falling from 22nd floor balcony

Gurugram:

A five-year-old boy died after falling from the 22nd floor balcony of a high-rise society in sector 62 here, police said on Sunday.

According to the police, the incident took place at Pioneer Presidia Society in sector 62 around 5:30 pm on Saturday, when the boy, Rudra Tej Singh, was at home at the care of a domestic help.

His father, Prakash Chandra -- a builder by profession -- and mother, a doctor, were not at their residence when the five-year-old boy returned home with the domestic help after playing on the society grounds.

As soon as he got out of the lift, he ran inside the flat and the main gate got locked from the inside. This prevented the domestic help from entering. Finding himself alone, the child went to the flat's balcony and climbed onto a clothes bar to call for help, the police said.

During this, he lost balance and fell from the balcony of the 22nd floor flat, they added.

Society residents rushed the child to a private hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

A senior police officer said it was an unfortunate accident. The police have lodged a report of the incident and handed over the body to kin after postmortem examination on Sunday, he added.

Police nab two in driver distraction theft case

New Delhi:

The Delhi Police has arrested a 26-year-old man and his brother-in-law for allegedly stealing a bag carrying 5 lakh cash by distracting the driver with a vehicle malfunction, police said on Sunday.

The arrests came after a case was registered at Bhalswa Dairy police station on November 11. A complaint of a similar incident was reported on November 13 in the same police station, they said.

"In the first incident, complainant Gurucharan Das told police that two men on a motorcycle stopped him on GT Karnal Road near Libaspur flyover, claiming that smoke was coming out of his car. When he stepped out to check, they allegedly fled with a bag containing Rs 5 lakh. Another motorist reported losing Rs 25,000 in a similar manner on November 13," the police officer said.

During the investigation, police analysed CCTV footage near the Libaspur bus stop.

On November 13, the police arrested Sagar alias Avinash and his 23-year-old brother-in-law Vishal, police said, adding that the accused confessed to the crime. A total of Rs 4.76 lakh and the motorcycle used in the crime were recovered, he added.

CM Gupta lauds Tridev workers, pushes for strong mandate in Najafgarh

Staff Reporter
New Delhi:

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday attended the Tridev Conference in Najafgarh, where she praised the commitment and steady work of the BJP's Tridev network, which includes Page Pramukhs, Booth Pramukhs and Shakti Kendra Convenors. She said their persistent efforts had played a major role in driving development across the Najafgarh-Kirari belt and called on residents to extend full support to the party candidate in the upcoming elections.

The event drew several senior leaders, among them Member of Parliament Kamaljeet Sehrawat, MLA Abhay Verma and BJP candidate Rekha Rani. Gupta said the community had earlier shown strong backing for their MP and MLA, and urged voters to send an even clearer message this time by rallying behind their ward candidate. She said such unity would accelerate development in the



entire region.

Gupta highlighted that the Delhi Government is placing renewed emphasis on rural and unauthorized colony areas, many of which had been

neglected for decades. She announced that more than ₹200 crore is being earmarked for new infrastructure work, ranging from drainage and roads to sewerage systems, in

order to solve long-standing problems. She said the government is working on projects worth ₹200-250 crore and stressed that adequate funding would not stand

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in the way of any project in Najafgarh or nearby areas.

The Chief Minister credited the steady progress in Delhi to support from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Central Government. She said coordinated efforts between the Centre and the state had made it possible to push development deeper into communities that had struggled with basic amenities for years. Gupta added that the impact of these initiatives would soon be visible in every neighborhood and household.

She ended her address by appreciating the dedication of BJP workers at every level, calling them the backbone of the party's outreach and development efforts.

Police ramp up anti-terror security measures in central Delhi

New Delhi:

In the aftermath of the Red Fort blast that killed 13 people, the central district has intensified anti-terror measures across key stretches of the national capital, carrying out extensive verification drives, enhanced picket checking, and strengthening armed deployment at sensitive spots, an official said on Sunday.

"On Saturday night, teams seized 34 unattended vehicles during a special operation, while 417 challans were issued under the Delhi Police Act in a five-hour checking drive," the officer said.

The security push is part of a broader strategy implemented after the blast, he said. Joint Commissioner of Police (Central Range) Madhur Verma, along with district DCPs, ACPs, SHOs, and specialised units, has been holding frequent coordination meetings with Market Welfare Associations (MWAs), RWAs, shopkeepers, and vendors.

"Police teams have been conducting area domination exercises, surprise inspections,



and mock drills to test operational readiness. Armed personnel have been deployed at crowded markets, religious places, tourist spots, and vital installations," he added.

The officer further said verification drives have been intensified at hotels, guest houses, cyber cafes, malls, cinemas, chemical shops, SIM card retailers, and commercial hubs. He said the verification of tenants, servants, labourers, and security guards has also been scaled up to prevent any possible infiltration by anti-social elements.

He said that as part of the high-alert response, strict picket checking was conducted between 5 pm and 10 pm on Saturday across the district. Police checked 683 vehicles at multiple barriers and verified 24 strangers during the operation.

"The objective was to enhance visibility, deterrence, and real-time vigilance. Public announcements and awareness briefings are being regularly conducted by patrolling teams, urging citizens to immediately report any suspicious object, vehicle, or person," the officer added.

Namo Dauda brings new push to road safety and fitness in East Delhi

Ravi Dalmiya
New Delhi:

East Delhi hosted a vibrant edition of "Namo Dauda" today under the Fit India Movement, drawing thousands of students and leaders who came together to promote fitness and road safety. The event was led by Harsh Malhotra, Member of Parliament from East Delhi and Union Minister of State, who described the gathering as an important step toward turning Fit India into a people-driven movement.

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta attended as the chief guest, along with Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva, MLA Arvind Singh Lovely, senior leader Sanjay Goyal, Dr. Anil Goyal, Ravikant and Ravi Negi. Addressing the crowd, the leaders called the Fit India initiative launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi a timely effort that connects the country's future with the fitness and awareness of its youth.

Speaking to students, Harsh Malhotra stressed that road safety has become one of India's most pressing concerns. He



noted that the rising number of accidents demands early awareness, especially among children. He urged students to make safety practices a habit, whether it is wearing a helmet, fastening a seat belt or respecting speed limits, and reminded them that responsible behaviour protects not just individuals but the entire community.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta administered a road safety pledge to thousands of participating students. She said that simple, careful actions on the road can prevent tragedy. She advised children to stay alert while crossing streets, avoid using mobile phones in traffic and follow signals without exception. Her message

5 held for murdering man after dispute over one-sided love

New Delhi:

Five men were arrested for allegedly murdering a 23-year-old man in southeast Delhi's Govindpuri area following a dispute linked to one-sided love, an official said on Sunday.

Police said they received a PCR call around 9.52 pm on November 14 about a man lying in a pool of blood at the Pravati Ekta Camp after being stabbed.

"A team reached the spot and got to know that the injured had already been rushed to the AIIMS Trauma Centre by a PCR unit. Doctors declared him brought dead," said the officer.

The deceased was identified as Roshan. Based on preliminary findings, a case was registered and an investigation was initiated, the officer added.

"Multiple teams were formed to nab the accused. The team examined CCTV footage from the locality and mounted technical surveillance. Footage showed that five people were involved in the assault," he added.

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gence and surveillance inputs, police first apprehended the two main accused, Prince Verma and his associate Aman alias Buddha. Their interrogation led to the arrest of the remaining accused, Neeraj (18), Ashish (18) and Angad (19).

During questioning, Prince allegedly confessed that he planned the attack because Roshan was showing interest in his girlfriend. He, along with his associates, confronted Roshan and stabbed him.

Police have recovered the weapon of offence.

Prince (20) works as a truck driver with his father. The other four accused are students or daily wage earners, and they don't have any previous criminal involvement, police said, adding that further investigation is underway.

Delhi Police seizes heroin worth Rs 30 lakh 2 arrested

New Delhi:

The Crime Branch of Delhi Police has arrested two men with heroin worth Rs 30 lakh to dismantle a drug racket, officials said on Sunday.

According to police, 282 gm of heroin was seized during the operation, in which Firoz (22) and his associate Sompal (26) were arrested after separate raids in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.

A tip-off was received on November 4 about alleged heroin supplier Firoz, who was expected in Shastri Park to deliver a consignment, a senior police officer said.

"Based on the information, a raiding team arrested Firoz from the spot, and seized his motorcycle and 262 gm of heroin found in his possession," the officer said.

During interrogation, Firoz disclosed that he procured heroin from suppliers in Uttar Pradesh and delivered it to receivers in Delhi.

He also revealed the identity of his associate Sompal, who sourced the narcotic from Bareilly.

Road safety is a commitment to saving lives, says CM Gupta

Staff Reporter
New Delhi:

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday spoke at the 'MP Sports Festival - Run for Road Safety' event held at the Yamuna Sports Complex in East Delhi.

She emphasized the importance of road safety and praised the idea of combining sports with this crucial message. The initiative was supported by Member of Parliament and Minister of State Harsh Malhotra, using sports to raise community awareness about road safety.

CM Gupta highlighted that the values found in sports—such as focus, discipline, and avoiding distractions—are also vital for safe driving. She pointed out that just like athletes need concentration and follow specific rules during



competitions, drivers must also adhere to road regulations. She warned that distractions, including the use of mobile phones and intoxication, significantly raise accident risks. She reaffirmed that consuming intoxicants while driving is not acceptable, paralleling this standard with that in sports.

She also noted that qualities like sportsmanship, teamwork, and discipline are essential not only in sports for national pride but also for ensuring road safety and development. The Chief Minister acknowledged the role of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in promoting sports and encouraging athletes.

Concluding her speech, she wished all the participants success, stating that youth involvement in such events is crucial for creating a safer, more developed Delhi. She expressed confidence that initiatives like this will encourage lasting awareness about safe traffic practices among the community.

YEIDA showcases key projects at UP Pavilion in IITF

TSN/New Delhi:

The Uttar Pradesh Pavilion at the 44th International Trade Fair in Bharat Mandapam drew strong attention on Sunday, with the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) presenting its major upcoming projects alongside other state departments.

Marking Uttar Pradesh Day, Minister Rakesh Sachan inaugurated the pavilion by lighting the ceremonial lamp. He later toured the pavilion, taking stock of the MSME and ODOP exhibits. At the YEIDA stall, he was welcomed by Senior Staff Officer Nand Kishore Sundariyal, who briefed him on the authority's industrial initiatives. Abhimanyu Singh, Assistant Manager (Marketing), was also present during the visit.

YEIDA highlighted its progress under Chief Minister Yogi Adit-



yanath's guidance and the leadership of CEO Rakesh Kumar Singh, noting its ongoing efforts to push industrial growth in the region.

The stall featured detailed information on the Noida International Airport and other flagship projects, including semiconductor parks in

Sectors 28 and 10, the proposed FinTech City in Sector 11, the International Film City in Sector 21, and dedicated zones for MSMEs, toys, apparel and electronic manufacturing. Visitors continued to arrive in large numbers, showing strong interest in the authority's display.

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Bihar Elections 2025: The Rise, Ruin, and Rerun of Prashant Kishor

If Shakespeare were alive today, he'd have dropped his quill in delight. His next tragic hero wouldn't be found in some royal court, but trudging barefoot through Bihar's dust with a data sheet in hand. Enter Prashant Kishor—the man who once scripted Modi's 2014 blitz and Nitish Kumar's resurrection—returning to the same battleground in 2025, convinced the throne already had his nameplate on it.

For three years, PK wandered through the state like a monk armed with PowerPoint slides. He walked thousands of kilometres, lectured under lampposts about "clean politics," and promised to end Bihar's misery—one viral clip at a time. His followers believed they were part of history. They were. Just not the kind they imagined.

When the votes were counted, Bihar delivered a plot twist worthy of stand-up comedy. The man who fancied himself the chess master of Indian politics found himself checkmated—by arithmetic. Jan Suraj didn't just lose; it got steamrolled. Zero seats. Deposits gone. Dreams dusted. PK, once the oracle of electioneering, is now reduced to a meme on WhatsApp and a punchline at the nearest chai stall.

It was hubris in HD—a consultant who confused claps for love and Excel sheets for emotion. The man who wrote others' victories tripped over his own storyline. The Bihar electorate—the same he had analyzed down to caste and cluster—wrote his political obituary with surgical precision.

Meanwhile, the real fight had no such drama. The NDA walked home smiling. The BJP bagged 89 seats, JDU got 85—crossing the majority mark like a Sunday stroll. Tejashwi Yadav's alliance barely limped in; RJD managed 25, Congress a dismal 6. The Left? Missing persons report pending.

Women voters and upper-caste blocs swung decisively NDA's way—proving once again that in Bihar, stability and subsidies trump slogans about "new politics." In a state tired of chaos, Nitish and Modi looked like the grown-ups in the room. This wasn't just a win; it was Bihar calmly saying, "Thank you, but we'll stick with adults at the wheel."

Then came the tragedy of Jan Suraj. PK had styled himself as Bihar's political start-up—a disruptor who'd debug corruption, launch Employment 2.0, and recharge the bureaucracy. His marches drew students, NRIs, and well-meaning idealists who thought passion could replace polling booths. But Bihar doesn't run on idealism; it runs on networks, nostalgia, and nitty-gritty caste arithmetic.

When the EVMS spoke, PK's revolution evaporat-



By Brij Khandelwal

From kingmaker dreams to deposit disaster—PK's grand experiment ends with a political faceplant.



ed—barely 3% votes, 98% deposits lost, and an army of disappointed volunteers realizing they'd built enthusiasm, not infrastructure. One of them summed it up neatly: "We walked for three years, but forgot that elections aren't solved on spreadsheets." PK's downfall was textbook technocrat tragedy—a

bright mind flattened by ground realities. Bihar, with its deeply wired loyalties and caste economies, wasn't waiting for a sermon on governance. It wanted familiarity, not reform. Voters admired his zeal but didn't see their reflection in him. He preached like a modern saint; they shrugged like seasoned skeptics.

His campaign promises—fifty seats, equal-opportunity attacks, mocking seasoned politicians—made PK sound somewhere between visionary and self-righteous. Bihar gave him the same response it gives all outsiders with glossy plans: applause from afar, and rejection at the booth.

At 48, Kishor now stands at a familiar crossroad—with one arm pointing back to his old consultancy empire and the other to a dream that has turned to dust. He can still dial clients in Europe or Jerusalem who call him "strategist." In Bihar, though, he's simply "that guy who tried." Jan Suraj may live on as a think tank—because thinking was never the problem; winning was.

Regional parties will keep him at arm's length. Nobody wants the "toxic touch" of failure. UP and Maharashtra are even less forgiving. Bihar's message is simple, brutal, and elegant: you can measure mood swings in data, but not destiny.

PK now joins the long list of idealists who mistook politics for a start-up. Not a kingmaker. Not a reformer. Just a lesson—brains can build campaigns, but only hearts win them.

So, the curtain falls—not with thunder, not with fanfare, but with a dry cough and an echoing silence. The man who once plotted others' coronations now stands alone under the fading spotlight. The hero's cape slips, the lights dim, and Bihar moves on—to the next act, the next punchline.

The question of purity of voter list in democracy and the necessity of SIR

India is the world's largest democracy, where the true power of governance is believed to lie in the hands of the people. Here, the government is elected by the people, and as per the clear provisions of the Constitution, this process is governed by the impartial structure and functioning of the Election Commission. The voter list is the cornerstone of this entire process—because it is through it that citizens exercise their right to vote. Therefore, the reliability and purity of the voter list are essential for the stability of democracy. This context makes the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process extremely important.

Errors in voter lists occur in many forms—names of deceased individuals, the same person appearing in two places, the omission of eligible voters' names, or the failure to amend despite a change of address. Such situations raise questions about the fairness of elections. Article 324 of the Indian Constitution grants the Election Commission broad powers, including the conduct, control, direction, and supervision of elections. Therefore, the SIR is not merely an administrative process but a constitutionally enshrined democratic obligation.

The Election Commission has been regularly revising voter lists since the Constitution came into force in 1950. In some states, SIRs have involved removing large numbers of deceased names, correcting incorrect entries, and adding newly eligible or relocated voters. Examples of revisions in Bihar and Bengal demonstrate that removing long-inactive names has made voter lists more accurate and transparent. In Bengal, approximately 4.7 million names were deleted from a list of 76 million voters, highlighting how distorted a list can become without regular revisions.

Errors in voter lists are not merely technical issues—they directly undermine electoral fairness, the right to representation, and public confidence. If a citizen's name is missing from the list, they are deprived of their fundamental democratic right—the right to vote. On the other hand, the inclusion of names of deceased or newly relocated individuals increases the risk of fraudulent voting or political abuse. These discrepancies undermine the legitimacy of democracy.

Some people view SIR as political interference or government interference in voter lists, but this suspicion is baseless. Voter list purification is not necessary for the victory or defeat of any party, but for a fair election process. The Election Commission is a completely autonomous body, and its decisions are protected by the courts. The Supreme Court has clearly stated in several decisions that fair elections are the cornerstone of democracy, and ensuring the purity of voter lists is essential for this.

Active citizen participation during the SIR is also crucial. If people don't check their own entries, report errors to the relevant booth-level officers, and provide documents, the process slows down. Even today, a significant number of citizens fail to come forward



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to correct incorrect entries. This apathy undermines democracy. Therefore, the Election Commission has expanded the use of digital tools—such as the Voter Helpline app, online forms, and portals—to facilitate easy corrections.

Those opposing SIR should understand that this process is meant to correct discrepancies in voter

lists, prevent fraudulent voting, and secure a clean voter base. In states where this process was halted or stalled due to political controversy, significant errors were found in voter lists. In such cases, the courts themselves have issued guidelines reiterating the need for voter list purification. Therefore, opposing SIR is a violation of democratic values.

Elections in India are not just a political process, but the most vibrant celebration of democracy. Voting provides the public with an opportunity to make their voices heard and shape policy direction. During this period, the administration makes extensive arrangements to ensure fairness, security, and transparency—from preparing polling stations to conducting awareness campaigns. The arrangements made by the Election Commission strengthen citizens' trust. Voting is not just a right, but also a responsibility, shaping the nation's future.

In a vast country like India, with over 960 million voters, updating the voter list is a complex, massive, and ongoing process. It's not enough to consider it a mere government responsibility; it's also a civic duty. The Election Commission provides the framework, but making it effective relies on public cooperation. Keeping your voter list up to date is as important as casting your vote on Election Day.

Ultimately, democracy is not just about voting day—it's about the entire system. To strengthen this system, the purity of the voter list is paramount. The SIR ensures that elections are fair, transparent, and credible. It keeps the spirit of the democratic system alive and protects the rights of citizens. Therefore, it is the duty of every responsible citizen to raise awareness about regular voter list purification, encourage citizen participation, and support processes like the SIR.

BSP would win more seats if Bihar elections were free and fair: Mayawati

Lucknow: BSP chief Mayawati on Sunday claimed that her party would have won many more seats in the Bihar assembly elections if the polls had been completely free and fair.

In a post on X, she congratulated Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) members for ensuring the victory of party candidate Satish Kumar Singh Yadav in the Ramgarh assembly seat (No. 203) in Bihar's Kaimur district.

Although the administration and all opposition parties united in their efforts to defeat the BSP candidate under the pretext of recounting the votes, the courageous party workers' unwavering determination throughout the elections thwarted this conspiracy, the former chief minister claimed.

"Not only this, despite giving tough competition to the opposition in other seats in this region of Bihar, BSP candidates failed to win. According to feedback, if the elections had been completely free and fair, the BSP would have certainly won many more seats. However, this did not happen," Mayawati said.

"This should not cause any panic among party members, but rather, it requires them to continue working with even greater preparation," she said.

Adityanath senior ministers extend greetings on National Press Day

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak on Sunday extended their greetings on the occasion of National Press Day.

In a post on X in Hindi, Adityanath said, "Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all our respected journalists who play a leading role in nation-building through impartial, fearless, and public welfare-oriented journalism on National Press Day!"

"As the fourth pillar of democracy, your dedication to truth, sensitivity and transparency not only gives society a new direction but also strengthens public trust," he said.

Extending greetings to journalists, Deputy Chief Minister of UP Keshav Prasad Maurya, in a post on X in Hindi said, "May your pen continue to guide the nation's consciousness and spread the light of awareness in society."

Brajesh Pathak, in a post on X, said, "Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all the energetic and active journalist brothers who work as vigilant guardians of democracy and make important contributions to the progress of the society on National Press Day."

Uttar Pradesh Congress chief Ajay Rai, in his greetings, said, "On National Press Day, we salute India's free and fearless press. A vibrant democracy depends on courage, truth and independent journalism."

"Congress has always defended press freedom and the citizens' right to know," Rai said.

National Press Day (November 16) marks the establishment of the Press Council of India in 1966 under the Indian Press Council Act, 1965.

CM Yogi remembers Uda Devi and her fight against Oppression

TSN/Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday paid tributes to freedom fighter Uda Devi on her martyrdom day, saying her sacrifice serves as a reminder that when injustice grows, the resistance against it must be even greater.

Speaking at an event to mark her martyrdom day, Adityanath hailed Uda Devi as an enduring symbol of courage and resistance. On this day in 1857, Uda Devi killed 36 British soldiers during the First War of Indian Independence.

Lauding her courage, Adityanath said, "Her sacrifice reminds us that if injustice grows, the resistance against it should be even bigger. Her resistance at that time inspired the youth and revolutionaries of the country to fight against injustice with full commitment."

The chief minister also highlighted the efforts of the double-engine government in re-



storing and beautifying sites linked to the Pasi heritage, including the Maharaja Bijli Pasi Fort. He announced that approval had been granted for a light-and-sound show at the fort to help future generations learn about the region's warriors.

Recalling his visit to the Maharaja Bijli Pasi Fort, Adityanath said,

"The government has approved its beautification and installation of a light-and-sound show to ensure that future generations learn about the legacy of the region's warriors, including Maharaja Lakhan Pasi, Satan Pasi, Cheeta Pasi, Bijli Pasi, Raja Gangabaksh Rawat, and Veera Pasi."

Several old forts are being restored and developed into centres of inspiration for youth, he added.

Adityanath further said that his government has incorporated lessons on freedom fighters, including those from the Pasi community, in school curricula. He mentioned that additional books have been provided at various

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"An additional book has been introduced through the Basic Education Council, and the syllabus has been expanded at local, regional, and state levels so that students in every class learn about India's great personalities," he said.

The chief also announced the establishment of three women battalions of the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC), to be named after prominent women freedom fighters of 1857, including Uda Devi.

Rajnath honours Uda Devi's Valor in 1857 revolt

Lucknow: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday hailed Dalit resistance fighter Uda Devi Pasi for her courage and defiance against the British rule, saying her life continues to inspire every citizen of the country.

Speaking at a tribute event in Lucknow, Singh said Uda Devi's resolve only grew stronger after the British killed her husband in the fight.

"When Uda Devi saw the mortal remains of her martyred husband, her courage increased even further. She vowed to avenge his death," he said about the 1857 uprising fighter.

"Her bravery shows that if a daughter of India decides to fight injustice, she can confront any adversary," he said, adding, even the British acknowledged her courage.

"When she fell fighting a British battalion, even the British Officers bowed in honour of her courage. British officers saluted her even after her death," he said.

Veerangna Uda Devi belongs not just to the Pasi community but to the entire nation, the BJP leader said.

He also termed Uda Devi's martyrdom site in Lucknow a symbol of both Dalit pride and India's freedom struggle.

"Veerangana Uda Devi came from the Dalit community, and she sacrificed her life in this very region of Lucknow. Baba Saheb BR Ambedkar also lived and worked here. For me, it is a matter of great pride that my karmabhoomi is associated with both Uda Devi and Baba Saheb," he said.

"In the 1857 revolt, Uda Devi not only challenged the British government but also the social order that had kept her community at the margins for centuries," he said.

Singh said Uda Devi showed that women could use weapons, fight wars and defeat British soldiers. "They are in no way less capable than men."

The minister highlighted the growing role of women in India's defence forces and mentioned Operation Sindoor.

"From the heights of Siachen to the depths of the ocean, Indian women are strengthening the nation's security," he said.

UP Pavilion steals the spotlight at IITF-2025 on UP Day

New Delhi:

Uttar Pradesh Day at the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2025 drew remarkable attention as Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Khadi and Village Industries, Sericulture, Handloom and Textiles, Shri Rakesh Sachan, inaugurated the celebrations by lighting the ceremonial lamp and touring the state's grand pavilion. This year, Uttar Pradesh is participating as the Partner State, which has added special significance to the fair and amplified the state's presence on the national stage.

The Minister highlighted how Uttar Pradesh's role as Partner State has given IITF-2025 a distinct identity. Built around the theme Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat, the pavilion showcases the state's progress across several fronts, including investment, tourism, innovation and MSME development. With more than 140 stalls, the pavilion displays the rich diversity of Uttar Pradesh's economy, from ODP products and traditional crafts to modern tech-



nology, forest-based goods and district-specific specialties.

Shri Sachan spent considerable time interacting with artisans and entrepreneurs. At the Moradabad metal craft and brassware stall, he viewed a five-century-old legacy of craftsmanship presented with contemporary design sensibilities. The detailed brass idols, artistic figurines and home décor items from Aligarh also caught his attention, reflecting the state's commitment to preserving traditional skills while embracing innovation.

Speaking at the event, the Minister said the pavilion demonstrates how Uttar Pradesh has

emerged as a dynamic blend of heritage, technology, skill and innovation. He noted that the success of the pavilion reflects the state's rise as an industrial powerhouse that is now gaining recognition beyond India. He credited GST-Plus reforms, investor-friendly policies, a transparent governance system and strong law and order for creating unmatched confidence among investors. The enthusiastic footfall and vibrant atmosphere at the pavilion, he said, were proof of Uttar Pradesh's growing influence and capacity.

The Minister also praised the displays by Noida, Greater Noida and the Yamuna Ex-

pressway Industrial Development Authority, where visitors were introduced to emerging industrial townships, advanced infrastructure, investment-ready projects and special economic zones through modern and well-organized presentations. Departments such as Information, Tourism, UPPCL and multiple development authorities highlighted ongoing transformational work across sectors.

Shri Sachan emphasized the importance of ODP and the Chief Minister Youth Entrepreneur Development Campaign, calling them two of the major attractions at the fair. Both initiatives, he said, are playing a crucial role in strengthening innovation, entrepreneurship and traditional craft revival across the state. The pavilion witnessed a huge turnout, drawing entrepreneurs, investors, designers, trade professionals and tourists. The strong interest in the work of artisans, startups and young business owners further boosted the growing identity of Brand UP.

Sun King expands solar footprint with 100 plus grid users

TSN/Varanasi:

Sun King, the world's leading off-grid solar energy brand with a 17-year legacy and a global base of over 2 crore happy customers, has successfully onboarded 100+ households in Varanasi under its ongoing On-Grid Solar Inverter Systems pilot project, aligned with the Government of India's PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna.

Additionally, this pilot marks Sun King's bold entry into the Direct-to-Customer (D2C) model—an approach that sets us apart in a market dominated by small EPCs who act as dealers of other brands. By eliminating intermediaries and engaging directly with homeowners, Sun King is redefining how clean energy solutions are delivered. This shift is a game-changer, especially for a brand with a long-standing global solar legacy. It demonstrates that while Sun King is one of the biggest players in off-grid and grid-con-



nected solar energy, we remain extremely agile, innovative, and deeply customer-centric in our approach.

To celebrate this milestone, Sun King hosted a special event on 16th November at Hotel Castillo, Varanasi. The event was graced by representatives from the Uttar Pradesh New & Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA), along with bank partners, customers, Sun King employees, and energy officers who have played a pivotal role in the on-ground implementation of the project

in alignment with the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna.

During the event, attendees were introduced to Sun King's journey and its commitment to clean energy innovation, followed by an in-depth walkthrough of the PowerHub EX, Sun King's advanced Grid-Connected Solar Power System. Customers who have installed the system shared their experiences, expressing satisfaction with the transparent process, product performance, and the brand's customer-centric approach.

Surat bullet train station takes shape as PM Modi reviews high-speed Rail progress

TSN/Gorakhpur:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the under-construction Bullet Train Station in Surat on Saturday and reviewed the progress of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor, India's first bullet train project. During the visit, he interacted with engineers, staff and workers involved in the execution of the landmark initiative and assessed whether the project was meeting its speed and timetable targets. Workers assured him that construction was moving ahead smoothly and without hurdles.

Among those who spoke with the Prime Minister was an engineer from Kerala working at the Noise Barrier Factory in Navsari. She described her role in operating robotic units used for welding rebar cages, and shared her sense of pride in contributing to what she called a dream project. Modi asked her how she personally viewed



her experience and what she shared with her family about being part of a historic national milestone. She told him her family considered it a proud moment and a major achievement.

Modi reflected on the motivation that comes from contributing to national progress. He said that when people feel they are working for the country and creating something new, it becomes a powerful source of inspiration. Drawing a parallel with India's early space programme, he said the scientists

who launched the country's first satellite would never have imagined that one day India would be sending hundreds of satellites into orbit.

Shruti, a Lead Engineering Manager from Bengaluru, also briefed the Prime Minister on the project's design and engineering controls. She explained that her team evaluates every step with precision, weighing advantages and challenges, examining solutions and considering alternatives to ensure flawless execution.

CM Saini celebrates Ahirwal's warrior Legacy

Shiv Kumar Chandigarh:

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said the Ahirwal region has long been known as the land of the brave, a soil that has produced countless warriors who devoted themselves to the nation. Addressing the state-level Maharaja Shoor Saini Jayanti ceremony in Narnaul, he said the legacy of Maharaja Shoor Saini added further sanctity to a land already marked by sacrifice. He described the revered ruler as mighty, learned, righteous, spiritual and deeply connected to the welfare of his people, noting that his governance reflected true socialism.

Before the ceremony, the Chief Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for 19 development projects worth Rs 84 crore. He assured the gathering that the key demands raised by Narnaul MLA Om Parkash Yadav would be addressed and said that development in the region would continue at



a strong pace.

Saini announced that the upcoming General Hospital at Maharishi Chyawan Medical College in Koriawas would be named after Shaheed Rao Tula Ram. He added that all necessary efforts would be made for the development of Narnaul and confirmed that unapproved colonies in the area would be regularized as per rules.

Extending greetings on the Jayanti, the Chief Minister said the Saini community has a rich and ancient heritage. He recalled the contributions of social reformers like Mahat-

Prasad Kushwaha, hockey legend Major Dhyana Chand Kushwaha and Padma Shri Nek Chand Saini, the creator of Chandigarh's Rock Garden. He said the government, through the Sant-Mahapurush Vichar Samman evam Prasar Yojana, is working to bring the teachings of great personalities to every home. The celebration of Maharaja Shoor Saini Jayanti, he said, was part of this effort to promote welfare and unity under the ethos of "Haryana Ek-Haryanvi Ek."

He added that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the state is committed to a model of governance focused on inclusive development and empowerment of the poor. He said last-mile delivery of welfare schemes has made a visible difference to marginalized communities. The state's policies, he clarified, are designed for the advancement of all sections of society, not just any one caste or community.

Bavuma, Harmer star in South Africa's historic Eden Gardens win

Kolkata
superb eight wicket haul across both innings by spinner Simon Harmer and a gritty half-century from Temba Bavuma became the point of difference between India and South Africa at Kolkata during the first Test, leading to hosts' one of most shambolic defeats in recent memory as they failed to chase down 124 runs set by the reigning World Test Champions on Sunday and lost by 31 runs.

South Africa is now 1-0 up in the two-match series. This is India's first defeat at Eden Gardens since December 2012 in England. India continues to set new lows under Gambhir's coaching, as after a whitewash series loss to New Zealand last year, their first in 12 years, they have now lost their fourth Test under his leadership. He has also won four home Tests, two each against Bangladesh last year and West Indies this year. Even though the hosts did not have skipper Shubman Gill in the field due to a neck injury, the all-rounder boosted lineup fell like a pack of cards.

India started the second session at 10/2, with Washington Sundar (5*) and Dhruv Jurel (4*) unbeaten.

Jurel survived an lbw attempt in the first over itself against Keshav Maharaj and a caught behind review in the next, and also made up for these faults with two impressive boundaries against Corbin Bosch. Sundar also got one. However, for a while, boundaries dried up and Jurel threw away his wicket by trying to hit one over deep mid-wicket, finding Bosch there. He failed to impress again in this Test, scoring just 13 in 34 balls, giving Harmer his first wicket. India was 33/3 in 15 overs.

India's stand-in captain Rishabh Pant was also choked by Proteas spinners, and he eventually gave his



wicket away to Harmer, a soft caught and bowled dismissal for just two in 13 balls, leaving India at 38/4 in 19.4 overs.

Ravindra Jadeja was the next up and broke the shackles, finding two quick boundaries within the span of six balls, taking India to the 50-run mark in 22.4 overs. Sundar and Jadeja kept the scoreboard ticking with some fine strike rotation.

Just when things were looking fine and India was a little more than halfway through the target, Harmer secured his third wicket and trapped Jadeja leg-before-wicket for 17. India was 64/5 in 27.1 overs.

Aiden Markram's golden arm removed a resolute Sundar, who had played out 92 balls for his knock of 31 before he gave a low catch to Harmer, who was already in action with the ball. India was down 72/6, starting at a defeat, with only Axar Patel left as a recognised batter.

Harmer also took Kuldeep's wicket, leaving India tottering at 77/7, with Harmer completing four-fers in both innings.

However, it did not stop Axar from relieving the pressure, with a four and six in successive balls against Maharaj, bringing down the target to 30s. A dot ball followed, and another big six came from Axar from long-on. However, on the next ball, Maharaj got his wicket.

India was 93/8, with Axar gone for 26 in 17 balls, with a four and two sixes.

On the next ball, he got Mohammed Siraj, sealing a 31-run win for the Proteas.

Harmer (4/21) and Maharaj (2/15) kept India in check with their spin choke. Jansen (2/15) also delivered a double whammy to India by removing both their openers.

Earlier, at the end of the first session, India was 10/2, with Sundar (5*) and Jurel (4*) unbeaten.

The third day started with South Africa at 93/7, with Bavuma (29*) and Corbin Bosch (1*) unbeaten.

Proteas crossed the 100-run mark in 38.3 overs, as Bosch collected some boundaries against spin. The batter brought his long levers to use, tonking Kuldeep for a huge six over long-on, extending South Africa's lead to 100 runs.

The 44-run stand was looking threatening but got cut short thanks to a brilliant nip-backer from Jasprit Bumrah, which castled Bosch's middle stump. Bosch was gone for a well-made 37-ball 25 (with two fours and a six), leaving SA at 135/8.

With a streaky boundary, SA skipper Bavuma brought up his 26th Test fifty in 122 balls, with four boundaries. This knock once again served as a highlight of Bavuma's immense resilience and de-

termination, receiving plenty of applause from the Indian crowd as well.

SA reached the 150-run mark in 51.2 overs.

In the 54th over, Mohammed Siraj uprooted the final two wickets of Simon Harmer (7) and Keshav Maharaj (0), leaving Bavuma (55*) stranded as the Proteas were skittled out for 153 runs, leading by 123 runs. A modest 124-run target was set for India.

Ravindra Jadeja (4/50) was the pick of the bowlers for India, unleashing destruction on day two. Kuldeep (2/30) and Siraj (2/2) also got the lion's share of wickets. Bumrah picked up one wicket.

During the run-chase of 124 runs, India was off to a poor start as Marco Jansen gave India a double whammy, as both Yashasvi Jaiswal (0) and KL Rahul (1) nicked one to the keeper Kyle Verreynne. India was 1/2. Dhruv Jurel and Washington Sundar made sure India escaped the first session without any further loss.

India had resumed the action at 37/1 on day two, trailing by 122 runs in response to South Africa's first innings total of 159. Rahul (13*) and Washington Sundar (6*) were unbeaten.

The duo had a 57-run stand, which was dislodged by Harmer by removing Sundar for an 82-ball 29 (with two fours and a six). India

was 75/2. After that, KL (39 in 119 balls, with four boundaries and a six), Rishabh Pant (27 in 24 balls, with two fours and two sixes) and Ravindra Jadeja (27 in 45 balls, with three fours) failed to capitalise on the starts they got, as Harmer (4/30) and Jansen (3/35) led to India being bundled out from 109/2 to 189/9, with skipper Shubman Gill unavailable to bat after a neck spasm following a boundary. India had a 30-run lead in response to the Proteas' first innings of 159 runs.

Proteas took to the field with an aim to eat into this slender lead, but Kuldeep and Jadeja constantly troubled the reigning World Test Champions with their impeccable turn, line and lengths, leaving them at 93/7 at the end of day two, with a lead of 63 runs.

Earlier on day one, the Proteas won the toss and opted to bat first. Despite a half-century partnership between openers Aiden Markram (31 in 48 balls, with five fours and a six) and Ryan Rickelton (23 in 22 balls, with four boundaries), the current WTC champions just could not battle the pace and class of Jasprit Bumrah (5/27) and Mohammed Siraj (2/47) and were skittled out for 159 runs. Wiaan Mulder (24 in 51 balls, with three fours) and Tony de Zorzi (24 in 55 balls, with a four and a six) tried to lay down a platform with a 43-run stand for the fourth wicket, but the Proteas collapsed from 114/3 to 159 all out. Kuldeep Yadav also bowled well, getting two wickets for 36 runs.

India ended the first day at 37/1, with Marco Jansen getting Yashasvi Jaiswal for 12.

Brief Scores: India: 189 and 93/9 (Washington Sundar 31, Axar Patel 26, Simon Harmer 4/21) lost to SA: 159 and 153 (Tamba Bavuma 55*, Corbin Bosch 25, Ravindra Jadeja 4/50) by 31 runs.

These are the moments you want to be a part of...: SA skipper Bavuma

Kolkata
Following his side's landmark win over India at Kolkata, South African skipper Temba Bavuma, who struck a resilient half-century, said that expressed happiness at his side's win and taking a crucial catch to dismiss Axar Patel, jokingly saying he was glad he could take it with his "small hands".

Bavuma's resilient half-century, spinner Simon Harmer's eight-for and the absence of skipper Shubman Gill due to injury led to India's 31-run loss to Proteas, giving the visitors a 1-0 hand in the series. Besides this fifty, another important contribution by Bavuma was a fine catch to remove Axar, who was trying to counter-attack and had hit Keshav Maharaj for a four and two sixes before the spinner got the last laugh, thanks to assistance from his captain.

Speaking about the match in the post-match presentation, Bavuma said, "You want to be a part of those types of games and obviously be on the right side of the result. I think we tried to hold our ground as much as we could. We knew it was going to be tough with the bat; it was tough for us, but we needed to capitalise on what was there. I think we guys did that beautifully. Fortunately, things have worked out quite well. Our bowlers got us back into the game, but that partnership with Bosch, I think a little bit with Marco as well, at the end of the day, just gave a little bit of impetus that we could play a little bit better



this morning."

On his own batting in Indian and Asian conditions, Bavuma said, "I am just comfortable with myself, with my technique, not to worry about triggering and all those types of things. I have a decent understanding of the game. I've come here to India wanting to do well. I do not have the best record when it comes to these conditions. So it's a bit of that exuberance on my side to see myself learning these conditions and implement all the little things that I am trying and keep contributing for the team. Opening up the leg a little bit (helped in the second innings). It was just an awareness the way I played it. Fortunately, I have played a few innings, so I understand a little bit of the adjustments that you need to make. And luck, we all need luck."

Speaking on his catch to remove Axar, he said, "Crucial moment again. Axar, he had momentum on his side, and we kind of know how the Indian batters play. When they have momentum, they go even harder. So fortunately, he was able to make

a mistake. I was able to grab him with my small hands. Those are those moments that you want to be a part of. You don't want to give it to someone else. You want to be doing it for the team," he concluded.

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Green could be upgraded version of Russell for KKR": Aakash Chopra

New Delhi
Former Indian cricketer Aakash Chopra said that Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) should target Australian all-rounder Cameron Green in the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 auction, adding that he could prove to be an "upgraded version" of Andre Russell, with whom the franchise parted ways ahead of the new season.

In one of the boldest moves in the history of the IPL, three-time champions KKR parted ways with their premier all-rounder Andre Russell, ending an association of over a decade between these two entities, that had earned Russell immense popularity in India and KKR two IPL trophies.

Russell, who won the IPL MVP award in 2015 and 2019 with the Purple and Gold, had been a central figure for KKR since joining the franchise in 2014. He was one of five players retained ahead of the 2025 mega auction for Rs 12 crore. But without him now, KKR enters the auction with a massive purse of Rs 64.3 crores, and they also have the option of regaining him at a much lower price.

Speaking on his YouTube channel, Chopra said about Green, "I think one must make an edit of Cameron Green in purple and publish it already. KKR need Cameron Green. They will control the auction now because they have a lot of money. The bowling will not get impacted by (Spencer) John-

son, (Anrich) Nortje, or Russell going away. You have four overs each from Harshit Rana, Vaibhav Arora, Varun Chakravarty and Sunil Narine. Green would also give you three or four overs. They could also buy more overseas bowlers. Maybe Green could come in as an upgraded version of Russell," he said on his YouTube channel.

As a part of KKR from 2014-25, Russell scored 2,593 runs in 133 matches and 111 innings at an average of 28.81 and a strike rate of over 175, with 12 fifties and a best score of 88* and also picked up 122 wickets at an average of 21.59, with a five-wicket haul and three four-fers to his name.

However, Green had a brilliant debut season with the Mumbai Indians (MI) in 2023, scoring 452 runs in 16 innings at an average of 50.22, with a strike rate of 160.28, including a century and two fifties and also picked up six wickets. Green was brought by MI for Rs 17.5 crores ahead of the 2023 season.

Later, RCB acquired him from MI in an all-cash deal ahead of the 2024 season, where he played a crucial role in their inspirational run to the playoffs, which saw them overcome a horror start to the tournament with just a win in the first eight matches, scoring 255 runs at an average of 31.38 with a strike rate of over 143 and taking 10 wickets at an average of 30.30 in 13 matches.

Shubman Gill's assertiveness key to Gujarat Titans' squad strategy: Parthiv Patel

Mumbai
Gujarat Titans (GT) assistant coach and former Indian wicketkeeper Parthiv Patel highlighted that Team India Test and ODI captain Shubman Gill's assertiveness and clear thinking helped in shaping the Gujarat Titans team ahead of the IPL 2026 season.

The IPL announced retentions on Saturday, with GT releasing five players, Karim Janat, Kulwant Khejroliya, Gerald Coetzee, Dasun Shanaka, and Mahipal Lomror, while trading Sherfane Rutherford to the Mumbai Indians.

Speaking on JioStar's 'Retention Special' show, Parthiv said deciding which players to retain or release is a careful process involving multiple considerations. While noting Gill's leadership qualities, he said that Gill is very assertive about his thinking, which helps build the squad.

"Yes, obviously retaining players or letting go of players is not an overnight process. You try and see a lot of combination and permutations, and then come to a conclusion. Obviously, we've seen Shubman Gill together very closely. I was fortunate enough to see his progress as a captain, the way he led the side in England, the way he led this experienced side in



one-day cricket also. So, that is something obviously we did take that in account. And I've had quite a few chats with Shubman. He is someone who's very assertive about his thinking, and that is what actually helps us to build that squad. It's great to see how he's leading the team in international cricket. And hopefully, we can try and build on what we've done so far," said the GT assistant coach Parthiv Patel.

GT captain Gill led the team from the front in the 2025 IPL season with 650 runs in 15 matches at an average of 50 and a strike rate of 155.88, and he will look to replicate his heroics in the 2026 season as well.

Gujarat Titans will enter the IPL 2026 auction with

a budget of Rs 12.9 crore and have the opportunity to fill five spots, including four slots for overseas players.

Complete List of Players Retained by GT for IPL 2026

Shubman Gill (c), Rashid Khan, Sai Sudharsan, Rahul Tewatia, Shahrukh Khan, Kagiso Rabada, Jos Buttler, Mohammed Siraj, Prasad Krishna, Nishant Sindhu, Kumar Kushagra, Anuj Rawat, Manav Suthar, Washington Sundar, Arshad Khan, Gurnoor Brar, Sai Kishore, Ishant Sharma, Jayant Yadav, Glenn Phillips.

Players Released by GT Ahead of IPL 2026 Auction. Karim Janat, Kulwant Khejroliya, Gerald Coetzee, Dasun Shanaka, and Mahipal Lomror.

Breaking Time Sudoku

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Solution, Sudoku

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Zelenskyy says Ukraine working on prisoner exchange with Russia

Kyiv
Ukraine is working to resume prisoner exchanges with Russia that could bring home 1,200 Ukrainian prisoners, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Sunday, a day after his national security chief announced progress in negotiations.

"We are ... counting on the resumption of POW exchanges," Zelenskyy wrote on X. "Many meetings, negotiations and calls are currently taking place to ensure this."

Rustem Umerov, Secretary of Ukraine's National Security and Defence Council, said Saturday he held consultations mediated by Turkey and the United Arab Emirates on resuming exchanges.

He said the parties agreed to activate prisoner



exchange agreements brokered in Istanbul to release 1,200 Ukrainians. Moscow did not immediately comment on the claim.

The Istanbul agreements refer to prisoner-exchange protocols established with Turkish mediation in 2022 that set rules for large, co-

ordinated swaps. Since then, Russia and Ukraine have traded thousands of prisoners, though exchanges have been sporadic.

Umerov said technical consultations would be held soon to finalise procedural and organisational

details, expressing hope that returning Ukrainians could "celebrate the New Year and Christmas holidays at home — at the family table and next to their relatives."

In other developments, energy infrastructure was damaged by Russian drone

strikes overnight into Sunday in Ukraine's Odesa region, Ukraine's State Emergency Service said. A solar power plant was among the damaged sites.

Ukraine is desperately trying to fend off relentless Russian aerial attacks that have brought rolling blackouts across Ukraine on the brink of winter.

Combined missile and drone strikes on the power grid have coincided with Ukraine's efforts to hold back a Russian battlefield push aimed at capturing the eastern stronghold of Pokrovsk. Russia fired a total of 176 drones and one missile overnight, Ukraine's air force said Sunday, adding that Ukrainian forces shot down or neutralised 139 drones.

Russia's defence ministry said Sunday that its forces shot down 57 Ukrainian drones overnight.

Interpol drops case against aide of ex-Pak PM Imran Khan

Lahore

The Interpol has closed a case related to Pakistan's request seeking an arrest warrant against Moonis Elahi, a close aide of jailed former premier Imran Khan, according to officials.

The Pakistan government had sought Interpol's assistance in apprehending the former federal minister, who moved to Spain following a massive crackdown on Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) about three years ago.

"The General Secretariat of International Criminal Police Organisation — Interpol — hereby certifies that as of today Mr Moonis Elahi is not subject to an Interpol notice or diffusion," according to a statement by Interpol.

The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) government had implicated Moonis in several "fake" FIRs — murder, money laundering, corruption and



misuse of authority — to build its case with Interpol to extradite him.

Interior Minister and Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi had been vigorously pursuing the extradition plea before Interpol, as Moonis often criticised him for destroying Pakistan's cricket scene and the crackdown on Khan's supporters.

Moonis, the son of former Punjab chief minister Chaudhry Parvez Elahi, was also critical of the incumbent Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz for denying basic prisoner rights to PTI supremo Khan in Adiala Jail, Rawalpindi, where he is incarcerated.

"The Interpol rejected

Pakistan's case against Moonis as the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) failed to furnish evidence related to murder, money laundering and other cases against him," an official told PTI on Sunday.

In fact, he said that Interpol did not accommodate Pakistan's stance because most cases against the PTI leader were of a "political nature".

"Interpol cleared Moonis of all baseless charges framed by the PML-N government after a thorough fact-finding probe," Moonis' counsel Amir Rawn said, adding that the Elahi family has been victimised for staying loyal to Khan.

The Elahi family, known for their strong political legacy in Punjab, has endured some of the harshest tactics of state machinery aimed at suppressing their influence and silencing their support for former PTI patron-in-chief Khan.

7 killed in illegal firecracker factory blast in Pakistan's Sindh

Karachi

At least seven people were killed and several injured following an explosion at an illegal makeshift firecracker manufacturing factory in Pakistan's Sindh province, rescue officials said on Sunday.

The explosion occurred at an unlicensed firecracker manufacturing unit on Saturday night in the Latifabad area of Hyderabad city.

"A powerful explosion was reported in a firecracker factory on the banks of the Laghari Goth

river, Latifabad Police Station," a statement from the Rescue 1122 spokesperson said, adding that "So far, seven bodies have been pulled out from the rubble."

Following the explosion, a portion of the house collapsed on Saturday night, officials said, adding that some are still feared to be trapped under the rubble.

Only after the completion of the rescue operation will the actual reason for the blast be known, the rescue team spokesperson said.

B'desh beefs up security ahead of special tribunal's verdict against Hasina

Dhaka

Security agencies are on high alert in Bangladesh ahead of a special tribunal's verdict in a case against deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina over alleged crimes against humanity committed during the anti-government protests last year.

"The law enforcement agencies have already completed their necessary preparations" to prevent unpleasant events across the country, Home Adviser Jahangir Alam Chowdhury was quoted as saying by the state-run BSS news agency.

Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal

(ICT-BD) will deliver the verdict against 78-year-old Hasina on Monday.

Hasina, her home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and then inspector general of police (IGP) Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun were accused of committing crimes under five counts, with the first one alleging the defendants of murder, attempted murder, torture, and other inhumane acts.

They were tried in the tribunal. The ex-premier and Kamal were tried in absentia, with the court declaring them fugitives. Mamun faced the trial in person but emerged as an ap-



prover or state witness.

According to a UN rights office report, up to 1,400 people were killed between July 15 and August 15 last year (dubbed as the July Uprising) as Hasina's government ordered a security crackdown on protesters.

Chief prosecutor Mohammad Tajul Islam has demanded the death penalty for Hasina, alleging that she was the "mastermind and principal architect" behind the crimes against humanity committed during the mass protests last year.

Hasina's supporters say the charges against her are politically motivated.

The tribunal on October 23 concluded the hearing on the case after over 28 working days, when 54 witnesses testified before the court describing how efforts were made to tame last year's student-led movement called July Uprising that toppled Hasina's now disbanded Awami League government on August 5, 2024.

Hasina fled Bangladesh on August 5 last year amid escalating unrest and is currently residing in India. Kamal reportedly also took refuge in the neighbouring country.

The interim government led by Muhammad Yunus has sought Hasina's extradition, but India has yet to respond to the request.

Hasina and the two others were accused of committing crimes under five counts, with the first one alleging the defendants of murder, attempted murder, torture, and other inhumane acts.

The second count accused Hasina of ordering the "extermination" of protesters. Under the third count, she was accused of making inflammatory remarks and ordering the use of deadly weapons against protesting students.

BUSINESS

India, EEC push ahead on free trade roadmap

New Delhi

India and the five-nation grouping Eurasian Economic Commission have reviewed the roadmap for their proposed free trade agreement in goods with an aim to boost economic ties between the two, according to an official statement on Sunday.

On August 20 this year, India and the Eurasian Economic Union bloc inked terms of reference to start formal negotiations for a proposed free trade agreement.

Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal has visited Moscow last week to hold talks with Minister in charge of Trade of the Eurasian Economic Commission Andrey Slepnev and Russian Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade Mikhail Yurin.

"In the meeting with Minister Slepnev, the Commerce Secretary reviewed the next steps for the India-EAEU FTA in goods. The Terms of Reference signed on 20 August 2025 outline an 18-month work plan aimed at diversifying markets for Indian businesses, including MSMEs, farmers and fishermen," the commerce ministry said on Sunday.

The five members of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) are Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia.

The development is important as India is looking to diversify its export markets due to high tariffs imposed by the US.

India and Russia also deliberated upon ways to boost bilateral trade to USD 100 billion by 2030.

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Yurin, the commerce secretary discussed ways to enhance trade diversification, supply-chain resilience and cooperation in critical minerals.

"Both sides discussed a time-bound pathway across key sectors such as pharmaceuticals, telecom equipment, machinery, leather, automobiles and chemicals," it said, adding that quarterly regulator-to-regulator engagement was agreed upon to address certification requirements, listings of agricultural and marine businesses, pre-

vention of monopolistic practices and other non-tariff issues.

The dialogue also covered practical measures related to logistics, payments and standards to improve predictability and ease of doing business for firms in both countries.

With a combined GDP of about USD 6.5 trillion, the proposed free trade agreement is expected to expand market access for Indian exporters, support diversification into new sectors and geographies, enhance competitiveness against non-market economies, and deliver significant benefits to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

Russia is the top trading partner of India in the bloc, with bilateral trade worth USD 68.72 billion in 2024-25 (exports USD 4.88 billion and imports USD 63.84 billion). The high import numbers are because of crude oil imports.

The bilateral trade with Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan was USD USD 315.18 million, USD 106.69 million, USD 349.48 million, and USD 56.78 million, respectively, in the last fiscal year.

SEBI-Sahara Case: SC to hear employee salary pleas today

New Delhi

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Monday the interim pleas of employees seeking payment of their pending salaries from the Sahara Group companies.

According to the apex court cause list, a bench headed by Chief Justice B R Gavai is likely to hear the matter.

On October 14, the top court had sought responses from the Centre, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and other stakeholders on a plea of Sahara India Commercial Corporation Ltd. (SICCL) seeking permission to sell its 88 prime properties to



Adani Properties Private Limited.

The plea of SICCL is already listed for hearing on November 17.

On Friday, the CJI was urged by the lawyers that the interim pleas of employees be also listed on Monday

as they have not received salaries for many months.

Earlier, the bench, also comprising Justices Surya Kant and M M Sundresh, heard the interlocutory application (IA) of SICCL in the long-pending matter relating to the Sahara Group's re-

fund obligations.

Taking note of the submissions of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, the bench ordered that Union ministries of Finance and Cooperation be made parties to the present proceedings, and sought their responses to the plea by November 17.

It asked amicus curiae — senior advocate Shekhar Naphade — to collate details of the 88 properties proposed to be sold by SICCL to the Adani Group company.

The bench asked the amicus curiae to also take note of the responses of other stakeholders with regard to these properties and give details about their nature, including whether the properties are clean or disputed.

The bench asked the Centre, the amicus curiae and SEBI to respond to the prayers made in the application by the Sahara firm.

"We will decide on whether the properties are to be sold piecemeal or in one flock," the CJI said.

The court directed the Sahara Group to examine the claim of the workers who have not been paid their salaries for many years. It also asked the amicus curiae to examine the matter of employees' salaries and arrears, and said it will consider it on the next date of hearing. It fixed all pleas, including the intervention application and the plea of the Sahara firm, for consideration on November 17.

NCLAT sets aside NCLT Order on JC world promoters

New Delhi

Insolvency appellate tribunal NCLAT has set aside NCLT orders, which had declared promoters of JC World Hospitality ineligible to submit their resolution plan under Section 29A of the IBC.

NCLAT said the NCLT "in a callous manner without looking into materials on record" have come to the conclusion that the promoters are disqualified, which is perverse and unsustainable.

A two-member bench of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has revived the application filed by RP of JC World Hospitality before the Delhi bench of NCLT seeking approval for bids submitted by promoters and take a decision within three months.



The application "filed by the RP for approval of the Resolution Plan of the SRA (promoters) is revived before the adjudicating authority (NCLT) for passing an appropriate order in the plan approval application."

It further said, "The plan approval application has been pending for about four years. We are of the view that the adjudicating authority shall endeavour to dispose of the application within three months from the date a copy of this order is produced before the adjudicating authority."

Section 29A of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC) bars promoters from submitting a resolution plan; however, Section 240A provides relaxations to MSMEs, allowing erstwhile promoters to submit a plan unless they are wilful defaulters.

Promoters of JC World Hospitality, an MSME engaged in real estate development, had submitted their resolution plan, which was approved by the committee of creditors.

Following this, the RP had moved an application before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), seeking its approval in November 2021. Meanwhile, Amrapali Finpac, whose bid was not selected, also approached NCLT.

India-Chile Trade Talks in December

New Delhi

The next round of negotiations between India and Chile on the proposed free trade agreement is expected to be held in December here, an official said.

The pact with the the South American nation may help India access critical minerals, which are key inputs for electronics, auto, and solar sectors.

India and Chile concluded the third round of negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in Santiago. The four-day talks concluded on October 30. India is seeking preferential treatment for critical minerals in Chile under the pact.

India's growing trade en-

agement with Chile reflects its strategic focus on building stronger partnerships with the Latin American region through mutually beneficial and comprehensive economic cooperation frameworks, the official said. India and Chile implemented a preferential trade agreement (PTA) in 2006 and are now negotiating to widen its scope for a comprehensive economic partnership agreement.

CEPA aims to build upon the existing PTA between the two nations and seeks to encompass a broader range of sectors, including digital services, investment promotion and cooperation, MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises), and critical minerals.



Working with her was just a pleasure and a privilege: Shahid Kapoor

Bombay actor Shahid Kapoor paid a heartfelt tribute to the legendary star Kamini Kaushal, who passed away on November 14, remembering her as a "wonderful soul" and praising her professionalism and warmth. Veteran actress Kaushal left an indelible mark on Indian cinema, with a career spanning over seven decades.

Shahid, who shared screen space with Kaushal in the 2019 film 'Kabir Singh', recalled his experience working with her as both a privilege and a pleasure. Speaking to ANI,

he said, "She was such a wonderful soul and working with her was just a pleasure and a privilege."

Reflecting on her legacy, he added, "She brought a lot of warmth and a lot of dignity to 'Kabir Singh' and she will always be remembered for being a fantastic artist. When I worked with her, she was so sharp and she was so professional and she was so kind and warm. May her soul rest in peace."

Kamini Kaushal's final rites were performed on Saturday, with an intimate gathering of close family members in attendance. Prior to that, Kamini Kaushal's mortal remains were brought to the crematorium from her residence in Mumbai. She was one of the

leading actresses of the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s era of Indian cinema, where she shared the screen with superstars like Ashok Kumar, Raj Kapoor, Dev Anand, Dilip Kumar, and legends like Raaj Kumar and Dharmendra, among many others.

Meanwhile, Shahid and Tamannaah Bhatia turned showstopper for Futureverse of Fashion by Falguni Shane Peacock.

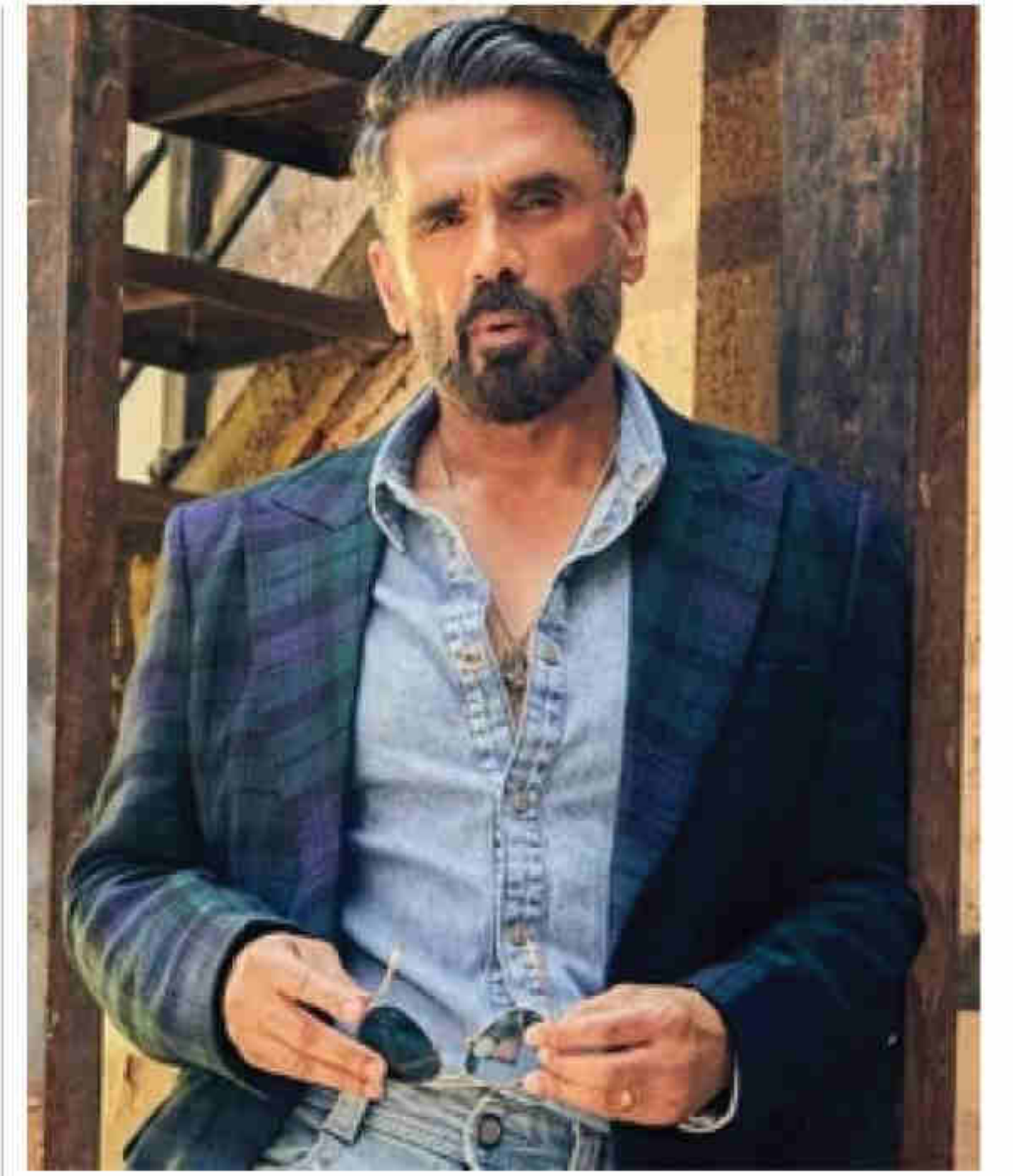
Sharing his experience of walking the ramp, he said, "This is the second time I'm walking for Falguni and Shane and I think their aesthetic is very cool, very edgy. This is a great campaign for Blenders Pride and it's always fun working with them. They are very, very good at

what they do. They know exactly what they're doing, their cuts, their fits, their styling is always on point."

The ace star is in the capital not only for the event, but he is also busy shooting for his film 'Cocktail 2' along with Kriti Sanon and Rashmika Mandanna.

Sharing his experience, he said, "Delhi is like home" and it's always fun to be here.

"We are shooting for my movie 'Cocktail 2'. So there's me, Rashmika and Kriti, we're shooting here. So it's great to be here. We're going to be here for another few days. We've been here for almost five days now. And fortunately, I'm doing this event also on the same night."



Suniel Shetty on reprising his iconic role in Welcome to the Jungle

His suave, eccentric, unpredictable, and violent in nature. That is Yeda Anna — Suniel Shetty's iconic character from the hit 2005 film Awara Pagal Deewana — in a nutshell. Now, he is gearing up to bring this crazy persona back to the screen with Ahmed Khan's Welcome to the Jungle. So, if you suddenly hear the actor saying, "Yeda hoon par tera baap nahin hoon!", don't be too surprised. This week, Shetty wrapped up a schedule of the ensemble comedy in Film City, Mumbai.

character is different," explains Shetty. Sharing screen space with more than 34 "extraordinary" actors is another reason he loves being part of the project.

"All of us are in every scene, so the humour is for each and every fan of all the stars." Welcome to the Jungle features Akshay Kumar, Jacqueline Fernandez, Raveena Tandon, Mithun Chakraborty, Disha Patani, Kiran Kumar, Farida Jalal, Arshad Warsi, Lever, Rawal, Tusshar Kapoor, Krushna Abhishek, and Shreyas Talpade, among others.

There is another reason why Shetty is on a high — for being called the complete man in a recent clothing brand's ad and his debut in the Tulu film industry with Jai, which has "opened on an excellent note".

Doing the film — which is also released in Kannada — is his way of giving back to his Tulu roots, he says. "I did this film because it's a small film industry, it needed the recognition. I didn't take a single rupee for it because I wanted to give back [to my community]," says the actor, adding that ultimately only content can elevate a film. With the barrier between regions diminishing, good content will always thrive, irrespective of its language, he shares.

Amitabh Bachchan celebrates Aaradhya's birthday with a sweet blog post



Bombay superstar Amitabh Bachchan is showering his granddaughter, Aaradhya, with all the love and blessings on her 14th birthday. As Aaradhya has turned a year older today, Big B dropped a heartwarming message in advance and marked the occasion.

Taking to his blog, the actor wrote, "Blessings on the eve of the little one, Aaradhya... the child in us all grows with time and we wish them the mostest... we pray the same... And today be the dawn of the loved one's birth... all blessings."

It is worth mentioning that the superstar has been celebrating his granddaughter's special day just weeks after his own birthday. In an adorable post, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan shared an old picture of Big B with Aaradhya, showing the duo posing for a cute picture.

While the 'Goodbye' actor held onto the camera for a

selfie, a younger Aaradhya could be seen snuggling up to her grandfather as she smiled for the picture.

"Happy Birthday dearest Pa-Dadaji. Love and God Bless Always," Aishwarya wrote in the caption.

Aishwarya and Abhishek Bachchan got married in 2007 and welcomed Aaradhya in November 2011. The couple had recently been in the news over rumours of tension in their marital life.

Aishwarya and her daughter attended Anant Ambani's wedding without the Bachchan family. The rest of the family, including Amitabh, Jaya, Abhishek, Shweta, Agastya Nanda, and Navya Naveli, attended the event together, leading to speculation about their separation.

However, the rumours were later put to rest after the two were spotted together at various events.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Amitabh Bachchan is currently busy hosting the 17th season of Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC).

Veteran actor Prem Chopra gets discharged from hospital

Veteran actor Prem Chopra was admitted to Lilavati Hospital in Bandra, Mumbai, on November 10. He has now been discharged and is recovering well. The 90-year-old actor had been experiencing breathing discomfort, prompting his family to seek immediate medical attention. As per reports, doctors at the hospital confirmed that he has an existing heart condition and had also developed a viral and lung infection, but clarified that he was never in a critical state.

Veteran actor Prem Chopra has been discharged from Lilavati Hospital in Mumbai after being admitted for chest congestion on November 8. Ac-



ording to the actor's family, Prem Chopra returned home on Saturday after receiving treatment at Lilavati Hospital.

Earlier, Dr. Jalil Parker said in a statement, "Prem Chopra ji was admitted to Lilavati Hospital two days

ago under his family cardiologist Dr. Nitin Gokhale. He has a heart issue and also developed a viral infection and lung infection, for which I am also the treating physician in the same team. He is not in the ICU; he is in the ward,

and he is not critical." He further mentioned, "He has age-related issues, and that is why it takes time for an elderly gentleman to recover. He is 92 years old, so he should be discharged in another 2-3 days. He is stable." Known for his iconic villainous roles across decades of Hindi cinema, Chopra's illustrious career spans over six decades with memorable performances in films such as Upkar (1967), Bobby (1973), Do Anjaane (1976), Dostana (1980), Kranti (1981), Phool Bane Angaray (1991), Tridev (1989), and Raja Babu (1994). With his signature dialogue — "Prem naam hai mera, Prem Chopra" — he remains one of Bollywood's most enduring screen legends.

'The Simpsons' writer Dan McGrath passes away at 61



Emma-winning comedy writer Dan McGrath, best known for his credits on classic animated series like 'The Simpsons' and 'Mission Hill', has passed away at 61.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, McGrath died on November 14 at the NYU Langone Hospital in Brooklyn after suffering a stroke. His sister, Gail McGrath Garabadian, also confirmed the news in a Facebook post, remembering her brother as a "special man."

"We lost my incredible brother Danny, yesterday.

He was a special man, one of a kind. An incredible son, brother, uncle and friend. Our hearts are broken," she wrote.

Born on July 20, 1964, in Brooklyn, Dan McGrath completed his studies from the Regis High School and Harvard University, where he served as the vice president of 'The Harvard Lampoon' and also as a prolific theatre director, as stated by his online obituary. He famously wrote for 'Saturday Night Live', which earned an Emmy nomination in 1992. At that time, he frequently collaborated with Chris Farley and Adam Sandler.

Nora Fatehi reacts to being named in Rs 252 crore drug syndicate probe



Actress Nora Fatehi has released a statement after reports linked her to a drug probe. Recent news claimed that several Bollywood celebrities and politicians attended drug-fueled parties allegedly hosted by individuals connected to underworld gangster Dawood Ibrahim. Actress Shraddha Kapoor and social media influencer Orly were also reportedly named.

Amid these reports, Nora took to her Instagram Stories to clarify that she has no association with such individuals. She stated that she only focuses on her work and does not attend parties. "I DON'T go to parties... I'm constantly on flights... I'm a workaholic. I don't have a personal life... I don't associate myself with people like that. On my off days, I'm at home, on a beach in Dubai, or with my high-school friends! I spend my entire days and nights working on my dreams

and goals!"

She further recalled being dragged into controversies earlier despite having no involvement. "Don't believe anything you read! It seems like my name is an easy target, but I won't allow it this time. It happened once before—you tried to destroy me with lies and it didn't work. I watched silently as everyone slandered my name, smeared my reputation, and used me as clickbait. Please refrain from using my name and image in situations that have absolutely NOTHING to do with me. This will come with a heavy, heavy price. Respectfully."

Salim Suhail Shaikh, a Dubai-based drug kingpin arrested by Mumbai Police in the Rs 252-crore mephedrone case, allegedly claimed during interrogation that he organised several drug-fueled parties across Mumbai, Goa, and Dubai. He reportedly said these events were attended by well-known Bollywood personalities, a politician, and other high-profile individuals.