

THE CLIFF NEWS



GUWAHATI: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday inspected a proposed cremation site in Sonapur, on the outskirts of Guwahati, for conducting the last rites of popular singer Zubeen Garg.



Fresh row in Bihar as BJP alleges PM Modi's late mother was abused again at Tejashwi Yadav's rally

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With elections in Bihar drawing closer, the political atmosphere has turned more acrimonious after the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) alleged that abusive remarks were once again hurled at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's late mother, Heeraben Modi, during an Opposition rally. According to the BJP, the incident occurred at the Rashtriya Janata Dal's (RJD) Bihar Adhikar Yatra on Saturday, where Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav was present on stage. The party released a purported video from the rally in which a voice can be heard abusing the Prime Minister, though Yadav is not seen instigating the slogans.

The RJD has dismissed the allegations outright, calling the video "doctored."

frustration has reached its peak. Bihar will not forget those abusing a mother. Bihar's mothers and sisters will respond to all abuses," the Bihar BJP posted on X.

Congress, an ally of the RJD, hit back, accusing the BJP of exploiting the issue for political mileage and trying to seek votes in the name of Modi's mother.

This is not the first time such a controversy has erupted. Earlier, a video from Rahul Gandhi's Voter Adhikar Yatra in Darbhanga district also went viral, where similar abuses were allegedly raised against Modi's mother. Both Gandhi and Yadav were absent from that rally. The incident has triggered a fierce slugfest between the BJP and the Opposition, with the BJP demanding strict action against those responsible.

News Brief

MAMATA BANERJEE EXTENDS WARM GREETINGS ON DURGA PUJA

New Delhi: In her message, she said, "In the new dawn of autumn, Mother has arrived with light. With the arrival of Mahamaya, every home in Bengal is resonating with songs of joy. May the enchanting Mother bring happiness and prosperity to everyone's life." West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday greeted people on the eve of Durga Puja, wishing them a joyous celebration. The Chief Minister also inaugurated Durga Puja festivities at three iconic Kolkata pandals Hathibagan Sarbojanin, Shri Bhoomi Sporting Club, and Tala Pratoy. Hathibagan Sarbojanin is renowned for its elaborate decorations and theme-based idols, while Shri Bhoomi Sporting Club is known for its innovative concepts and artistic installations. Tala Pratoy, on the other hand, is a traditional puja pandal with a rich history and cultural significance.

CONGRESS PRESIDENT KHARGE CALLS FOR GLOBAL PEACE ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

New Delhi: As the world grapples with conflict and division, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday underscored the importance of upholding peace, non-violence, and unity on the International Day of Peace. As the world grapples with conflict and division, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday underscored the importance of upholding peace, non-violence, and unity on the International Day of Peace. In a meaningful message, Kharge highlighted the timeless philosophy of Ahimsa, championed by Mahatma Gandhi, as a powerful antidote to hatred and violence. "On this International Day of Peace, as conflict and division scar our world, let us reaffirm our pledge to uphold peace, non-violence, and unity. Gandhi ji's timeless philosophy of Ahimsa offers a remedy to hatred and violence an eternal value rooted in India's civilizational ethos.

BJP-CONGRESS SPAR OVER ALLEGED TENDER SCAM IN JHARKHAND HEALTH DEPARTMENT

New Delhi: The political temperature in Jharkhand rose sharply on Sunday after the state BJP accused Health Minister Dr Irfan Ansari of sheltering a multi-crore tender scam and practicing "appeasement" in contract allocations. The Congress rejected the charges as baseless and politically motivated. BJP state spokesperson Ajay Sah alleged in a press conference that over the past year, 11 tenders floated in Ranchi, Dumka, Jamtara, Seraikela, Bokaro, and Deoghar were all awarded to companies linked to a single family in Ranchi. He said the family registered three firms, Hind Infratech, Bharat Suppliers, and Global Suppliers, at the same address with common directors. Despite this overlap, each firm was declared eligible and granted work orders. "This is not coincidence but a carefully planned loot under the protection of the health minister," Sah said.

PM ANNOUNCES 'GST BACHAT UTSAV', SAYS NEXT-GEN REFORMS WILL ACCELERATE INDIA'S GROWTH STORY

Congratulating millions of families across the country for the Next Generation GST reforms and 'GST Bachat Utsav', Modi said that the next-generation GST reforms will accelerate India's growth story.

PM Modi's GST reform a historic Diwali gift to nation and UP: CM Yogi

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for providing the nation and Uttar Pradesh a "historic Diwali gift" through the latest GST reforms, which offer relief on essentials such as educational materials, milk, curd, ghee, cheese, and other food products, while imposing higher taxes on drugs and non-essential spending. Speaking at the launch of the NaMo Yuva Run for a Drug-Free India from his residence, CM Yogi said that exemptions were extended to bikes, cars, houses, steel, cement, and other necessities to support youth aspirations. Flagging off the marathon from Kalidas Marg to the 1090 Intersection, the Chief Minister highlighted the GST reforms announced by the GST Council on September 3, which come into effect nationwide from September 22.

FM SITHARAMAN HAILS WOMEN'S ROLE IN TRANSFORMING MATCH INDUSTRY IN TAMIL NADU'S 'LITTLE JAPAN'

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Predominantly led by women, the match industry has grown from a small-scale cottage enterprise into a major sector in the arid regions of Kovilpatti and Sivakasi in Tamil Nadu, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday. Hailing their contribution, she said the women had nurtured the industry while balancing household responsibilities. "In this arid and perennially drought-prone rain shadow region, there is no relief from water scarcity. The pride in this gradual transformation belongs to every woman," she noted.

She was addressing the Centenary Celebration of the Tamil Nadu Matchbox Industry at Kovilpatti in Thoothukudi district, as part of her outreach to trade and industry associations in the state to explain the benefits of GST reforms, set to come into force on September 22.



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday addressed the nation on next-generation Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms, announcing a "GST Bachat Utsav" from Monday, September 22, when the revised GST rates take effect.

"From tomorrow in the nation, 'GST Bachat Utsav' will commence. Your savings will increase and you will be able to buy your favourite things... 'GST Bachat Utsav' will benefit all sections of the soci-

ety..." Modi said in his address.

"These reforms will accelerate India's

growth story, simplify business, make investment more attractive, and make every state an equal partner in the race for development," he said. Modi said that when India embarked on GST reform in 2017, it marked the beginning of changing its old history and creating a new one.

"For decades, our country's people and our country's traders were entangled in a web of various taxes. Octroi, entry tax,

sales tax, excise, VAT, service tax—dozens of such taxes existed in our country. To send goods from one city to another, we had to cross countless checkpoints..." he said. Highlighting the difficulties of businesses due to complexities of taxes and tolls, Modi recalled a foreign media article in 2014 in which a company said that it was easier to send its goods from Bengaluru to Europe than from Bengaluru to Hyderabad.

"This was the situation at that time due to the complexities of taxes and tolls. At that time, millions of such companies, along with millions of countrymen, faced daily problems due to the maze of various taxes. The increased expenses incurred in transporting goods from one city to another were borne by the poor, and customers like you were charged. It was essential to free the country from this situation," Modi remarked.

Modi, who once criticised the GST when the BJP was in the Opposition, said that after coming to power in 2014, he made GST his government's priority in

the public interest and in the national interest. "We discussed with every stakeholder. We addressed every state's doubts and found solutions to every question. By taking all states on board, India's largest tax reform became possible. It was the result of the efforts of the central and state governments that the country was freed from the web of dozens of taxes, and a uniform system was established for the entire country. The dream of 'One Nation, One Tax' was realised..." he said, recalling the journey of the GST. The Prime Minister said that 25 crore people who were brought out of poverty in the last 11 years, formed a neo-middle class, and they have formed aspirations and dreams of their own. He said that the income tax reprise announced earlier this year and the GST rate cut are a double bonanza for the poor and the neo-middle class.

"Now, the poor, the neo-middle class, and the middle class are receiving a double bonanza. With the reduction in GST, it will be easier for the citizens of the country to fulfil their dreams," he added.

Indian Embassy in US issues emergency helpline amid massive H-1B visa fee hike

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In a move that has set off alarm bells among Indian professionals, United States President Donald Trump has signed a proclamation imposing an annual fee of \$100,000 on H-1B visa applications. Following the announcement, the Indian Embassy in Washington on Saturday released an emergency assistance number for Indian nationals in need of immediate support. "Indian nationals seeking emergency assistance may call cell number +1-202-550-9931 (and WhatsApp). This number should be used only by Indian nationals seeking immediate emergency assistance and not for routine consular queries," the Embassy stated in a post on X.

The measure has raised serious concerns regarding its implications on Indian tech professionals and the flow of remittances,



with nearly 71 per cent of all H-1B visas being granted to Indian citizens.

Seeking to calm nerves, a senior official from the US administration clarified that the steep fee would apply only to fresh H-1B visa petitions and not to existing holders or those seeking renewals. The White House on Saturday said that it is a "one-time fee" that applies only to new visas and not renewals or current visa holders. "This is a one-time

fee that applies only to the petition. It only applies to new visas, not renewals or current visa holders. It will first apply in the upcoming lottery cycle," a White House official. Meanwhile, the Indian government has instructed all its Missions and Posts to provide every possible assistance to Indian nationals who are scheduled to return to the United States in the next 24 hours. The Ministry of External Affairs also took note of the development, stating that it is carefully examining the far-reaching changes introduced to the H-1B visa programme, particularly the newly imposed annual fee.

The ministry expressed concern that the move could extend beyond financial ramifications and trigger humanitarian challenges for families. "The Government has seen reports related to the proposed restrictions on the US H-1B visa program.

Ramdev slams 50% US tariffs on India and urges swadeshi push

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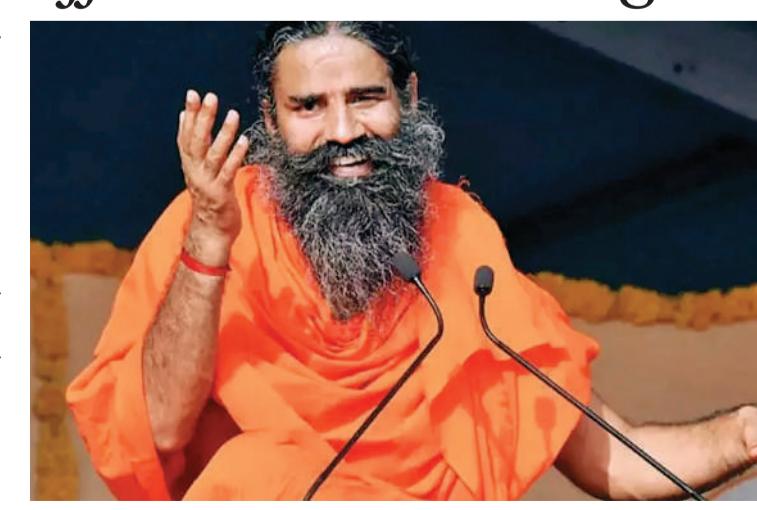
Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev on Wednesday slammed the 50 per cent US tariffs on India, stating that "tariff terrorism" is going on across the world and termed it a step towards World War III.

He also emphasised the importance towards adopting the Made in India products to avoid the situation. "There's a tariff terrorism going on, and I see it as akin to World War III. To avoid this, the entire nation will have to adopt Swadeshi," Baba Ramdev. This comes after the US Trade Representative Brendan Lynch was in the national capital to discuss next steps in bilateral trade negotiations on Tuesday.

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with his counterpart, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Special Secretary Rajesh Agrawal, on Tuesday to discuss next steps in bilateral trade negotiations, with the two sides deciding to intensify efforts to achieve an early conclusion of a mutually beneficial Trade Agreement. Ministry of Commerce and Industry said in a statement that a team of officials from the office of the United States Trade Representative, led by Chief Negotiator for India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement negotiations, Brendan Lynch, visited India on September 16, 2025.

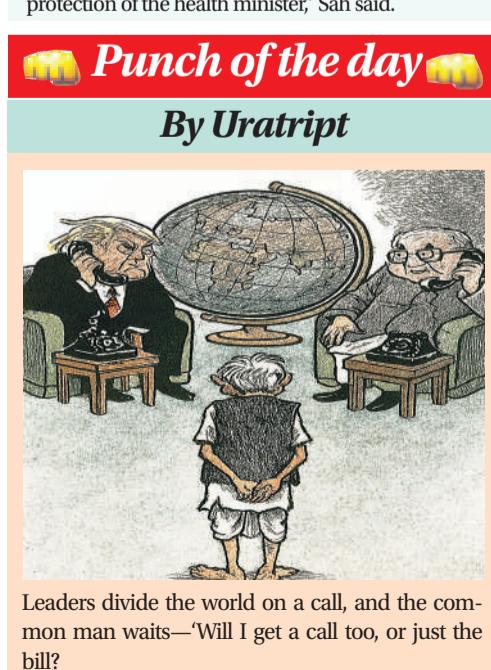
"They held discussions with officials from the Department of Commerce, led by the Special Secretary, Department of



Commerce on India-US trade ties, including on the India-US Bilateral Trade

Agreement," it said. Acknowledging the enduring importance of bilateral trade between India and the U.S., the discussions were positive and forward-looking, covering various aspects of the trade deal. It was decided to intensify efforts to achieve early conclusion of a mutually beneficial Trade Agreement," the statement added. A US Embassy Spokesperson said Brendan Lynch had a positive meeting in Delhi with Ministry of Commerce and Industry Special Secretary Rajesh Agrawal today to discuss next steps in bilateral trade negotiations.

Sources said the Chief Negotiators of both countries decided to continue the trade talks on virtual mode. India and the United States have earlier held five rounds of negotiations for a trade deal.



Leaders divide the world on a call, and the common man waits—Will I get a call too, or just the bill?



Rahli's Development is Our Identity, Public Service is My Duty and Honor: President

- Through public participation and transparency, Rahli Municipal Council has opened new paths of development, making the people's voice the foundation of its schemes.
- Significant improvements have been achieved in sanitation, drinking water, roads, and drainage, with a firm resolve to transform Rahli into a modern and green town.
- By connecting people with women and youth empowerment, employment generation, and digital services, steps are being taken towards building a self-reliant Rahli.

The Cliff News • Rahli

With the resolve to make Rahli cleaner, safer, and progressive, Municipal Council President Devaraj Soni is continuously engaged in public welfare activities. During his tenure, remarkable improvements have been made in basic facilities such as drinking water, roads, sanitation, streetlights, and drainage.

For the first time in history, the Government of India granted ISO certification to various works of Rahli Municipal Council. For exemplary implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, the Government of Madhya Pradesh honored Rahli Municipal Council with the SKOCH Award. Recently, in the Swachhata Survekshan 2024, Rahli ranked first in Madhya Pradesh and fourth nationally, earning a three-star rating. For three consecutive years, Rahli Municipal Council has continuously received achievements and recognitions. These accomplishments stand as proof of collective effort and transparent governance. President Devaraj Soni believes: "The philosophy of Antyodaya given by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay is our inspiration. Development will remain incomplete until the last person in society receives dignity and facilities."

In an exclusive interview with **The Cliff News**, he elaborated on the current status, challenges, and future development plans of Rahli.

- The Cliff News:** What were your priorities after becoming the Municipal Council President?

President: Our first priority was to improve Rahli's basic facilities. Rapid progress is being made in implementing cleanliness, roads, drinking water, and welfare schemes so that citizens can gain both comfort and trust.

- The Cliff News:** What is the status of the sanitation mission in the town?

President: We strengthened the regular cleaning system, launched door-to-door collection, composting units, and awareness campaigns. Our goal is to establish Rahli as a clean and beautiful town.

- The Cliff News:** What steps have been taken to improve the drinking water supply?

President: Water shortages occur mainly in summer. We repaired tube wells, laid new pipelines, and arranged tankers. In the future, filter plants and better supply in every ward will be ensured.

- The Cliff News:** What is being done about roads and drainage?

President: Concrete construction of roads has been carried out in several wards. Drain cleaning and paving were also undertaken. Our goal is to eliminate waterlogging across all neighborhoods to ensure smooth transportation.

- The Cliff News:** What is the progress of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana?

President: Eligible beneficiaries have been sanctioned houses, and hundreds of families have benefited so far. We emphasized transparency and fairness, ensuring every poor family gets a permanent home.

- The Cliff News:** What is the situation regarding health facilities in Rahli?

President: The Municipal Council plays a supportive role. We focused on sanitation and fogging, arranged health camps, vaccination drives, and access to clean water. Coordination with hospitals is maintained.

- The Cliff News:** What efforts have been made in education?

President: We provided infrastructure to municipal schools, clean toilets, safe drinking water, and smart classrooms. Our commitment is to give children a safe and inspiring learning environment.



Interview
Ashutosh Dubey, Correspondent

competitions to connect youth with sports. Our aim is that every child adopts a healthy lifestyle through sports.

- The Cliff News:** What work has been done for parks and greenery?

President: Major parks were beautified, plantation drives were undertaken, and citizens were connected with environmental awareness initiatives. Our goal is to give Rahli a clean and green environment.

- The Cliff News:** What mechanism exists for grievance redressal?

President: We launched helpline numbers and ward-level contact centers. Resolving issues on time is our priority, working towards transparent and accountable governance.

- The Cliff News:** What initiatives have been taken for water conservation?

President: We promoted rainwater harvesting, installed systems in several buildings, and cleaned ponds and drains. Ensuring permanent water solutions is our long-term vision.

- The Cliff News:** How do sanitation workers function in Rahli?

President: Their duties are regularly inspected. Necessary tools and safety kits are provided. They are the real warriors of the town, and we respect them highly.

- The Cliff News:** How is the income of the Municipal Council being increased?

President: We simplified and made the tax collection system more transparent. Property and business tax awareness was expanded. Resources from government schemes were mobilized for development works.

- The Cliff News:** How successful has encroachment removal been?

President: Encroachment is always challenging yet with people's cooperation, several areas were cleared. We start with persuasion and then act accordingly. The aim is to keep streets accessible for all.

- The Cliff News:** What steps have been taken regarding public safety?

President: Plans are underway to install CCTV cameras with the cooperation of police and administration. Streetlights were installed in darker areas. Citizens' safety remains our top priority.

- The Cliff News:** What digital initiatives have been started?

President: We introduced online tax payments and grievance registration. Digitization of civic services saves time, and in the future, a mobile app will also provide services.

- The Cliff News:** What about sewerage system improvements?

President: Sewer lines have been completed in many wards, old pipes replaced, and waterlogging reduced. The aim is to strengthen the sewerage system in every ward.

- The Cliff News:** What welfare measures are there for the poor and homeless?

President: They are linked with ration, housing, and employment schemes. Shelter homes were opened in winter. No family should remain deprived, that is our goal.

- The Cliff News:** How would you describe the team spirit of the Municipal Council?

President: Development is only possible when employees, councilors, and citizens work together. Our team functions like a family. Transparency, cooperation, and service spirit are our greatest strengths.

- The Cliff News:** Will Rahli get facilities similar to a Smart City?

President: Yes, even though Rahli is a small town, we aim to bring Smart City-like initiatives. Digital services, better traffic management, and green zones are among our priorities.

- The Cliff News:** What are the future plans for Rahli?

President: Our upcoming focus is to make Rahli cleaner, greener, and more modern. Water conservation, digital services, expansion of health and sports facilities—all these will shape Rahli into an ideal town.



Municipal Council President Devaraj Soni inspecting the implementation of various development schemes. Engaging with students, women, and employees in programs on sanitation, drinking water, roads, education, women and youth empowerment, and digital services, he is striving to make the city modern and green.

BLOOMING UNDER THE SHADE OF HISTORY: RAHLI'S JOURNEY OF DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE

Rahli town in Sagar district, Madhya Pradesh, holds deep historical and cultural significance. References to Rahli can be traced back to ancient times. It has long been considered an important stopover connecting the regions of Bundelkhand and Malwa. The temples, ponds, and ancient architecture here reflect its rich heritage. The name Rahli is believed to derive from the word "Rahal," meaning resting place, which is why in earlier times Rahli was famous as a resting stop for travelers and traders. The Rahli Municipal Council was formed after India's independence. Initially, it was a small council with limited population and wards under its jurisdiction. Over time, the population of Rahli grew and the town expanded. The Municipal Council took responsibility for providing basic amenities like drinking water, roads, sanitation, and health services. With time, it also incorporated modernity and transparency into its functioning. Rahli's uniqueness lies in the beautiful blend of tradition and modernity. The town is home to several ancient temples such as the Hanuman Temple, Mahakaleshwar Temple, and shrines of saints and sages. It is regarded as a center of religious devotion. Alongside, Rahli has also emerged as an educational hub in Sagar district, owing to the presence of several educational institutions. Economically, Rahli is primarily based on agriculture. Grains and oilseeds produced in the surrounding rural areas fuel the trade in its markets. The Rahli grain mandi is a major support system for farmers. Besides agriculture, small businesses and the service sector also contribute to strengthening the town's economy. Today, Rahli Municipal Council is recognized across the state for its cleanliness, transparency, and developmental works. In recent years, Rahli has earned ISO certification, received the SKOCH Award for outstanding implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, and achieved first position at the state level and fourth position nationwide in the Swachhata Survekshan 2024, marking its distinguished identity. The greatest strength of Rahli town is its people, who actively participate in developmental activities. This is why Rahli is not just a town but an ideal community moving forward through public cooperation and collective effort.



Under the leadership of Rehli Municipal Council President Devaraj Soni, Rehli has become an exemplary town through outstanding efforts in urban development, cleanliness, education, women and youth empowerment, and digital services.



EDITORIAL

Breaking the Chains of Social Evils for a Better Society



Social evils have been an unfortunate, persistent burden on societies worldwide, continuously hindering progress and peace. These evils include corruption, poverty, gender inequality, child labor, and drug addiction — all of which are deeply rooted in socio-economic disparities and the lack of education and awareness. Corruption, for instance, causes devastating effects by eroding trust in public institutions and diverting funds needed for public welfare and development. In many countries, including India, this continues to undermine the potential for equitable growth and social justice. Poverty, on the other hand, limits access to basic necessities such as education, healthcare, and nutrition, trapping millions in cycles of deprivation and vulnerability. The absence of adequate education further compounds these evils, preventing social mobility and perpetuating ignorance. These social evils not only harm individuals and families but also create systemic injustice and social stratification, which inhibit social harmony and national development. Addressing these deep-seated issues demands a clear understanding of their interconnected nature and the urgent need for multi-dimensional solutions that bridge economic, educational, and ethical gaps in society. Gender inequality is another critical and widespread social evil manifesting in various harmful forms, including discrimination, dowry practices, and violence against women. Despite legal safeguards and progressive policies in many nations, deep-seated patriarchal norms perpetuate gender bias, limiting women's access to opportunities and fostering discrimination at home, schools, workplaces, and political arenas. Particularly in South Asia, dowry remains a significant problem, leading to financial burdens and even violence, including dowry deaths. Female infanticide and foeticide continue in some regions due to preference for male children, skewing population demographics and reflecting deep-rooted misogyny. Domestic violence is alarmingly prevalent, often concealed due to social stigma and fear, hurting millions of women physically, emotionally, and psychologically. The denial of women's rights undermines social justice and impoverishes the collective potential of society. Gender inequality also perpetuates economic disparities as the participation and empowerment of women are critical for sustainable development. Efforts to eradicate such inequalities must involve community education, stricter enforcement of laws, and cultural transformation to truly respect and value women's contributions as equal citizens.

The causes that fuel the endurance of these social evils are often intertwined and complex, blending socio-economic, cultural, and systemic factors. Unemployment, lack of awareness, and weak governance create fertile ground for corruption and exploitation, while poverty exacerbates vulnerabilities leading to other evils like child labor and substance abuse. Cultural traditions and inappropriate social conditioning sustain gender discrimination and delay meaningful reforms. For instance, in many communities, patriarchal mindsets glorify male dominance and suppress female autonomy, making it difficult to erase discriminatory practices overnight. The failure to consistently enforce laws aimed at protecting rights or punishing offenders contributes to the persistence of these evils. Furthermore, economic necessity often forces families to send children into labor, denying them education and perpetuating the poverty cycle. Inadequate social support systems and justice mechanisms discourage victims from seeking help, allowing these issues to thrive under the radar. Effectively addressing these root causes requires a combination of targeted policies, civic awareness campaigns, and grassroots activism, ensuring that solutions are sustainable and culturally sensitive.

Combating social evils requires concerted efforts focused on education and awareness campaigns designed to enlighten citizens about their rights, responsibilities, and the consequences of these evils. Education is the most powerful tool to break the chains of ignorance and misinformation that support these harmful practices. Awareness campaigns must target all segments of the population, promoting gender equality, condemning corruption, discouraging child labor, and advocating for substance abuse prevention. Additionally, governments must enforce strict laws with penalties for corrupt and exploitative practices to serve as deterrents. Building character from early childhood is equally important; schools and families play crucial roles in instilling values of honesty, respect, and social responsibility.

BRAINSTORMING



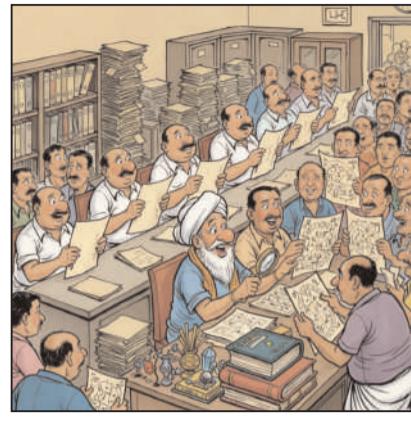
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THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW TAXATION POLICY



The government's new taxation policy, known as the "Jyotish-Aadhaarit Kar Pramaali," was not a mere administrative order but a cosmic event, a celestial decree made manifest through a gazette notification. It was said that the finance minister, a man whose love for astrology surpassed his understanding of economics, had spent three months in the solitude of a Himalayan cave, a tax consultant-cum-astrologer by his side, to align the nation's finances with the constellations. The premise was simple, yet revolutionary: your tax slab would no longer be determined by your income, but by your zodiac sign. The Aries, known for their fiery and impulsive nature, were deemed high-risk and therefore subject to the highest tax bracket, a "kar" on their natural aggression. The Taurus, stubborn and grounded in earthly matters, were given a moderate tax, a gentle reminder that their attachment to wealth required some detachment. The Gemini, with their dual nature, were assigned a two-tiered tax system, a different rate for each of their personalities, a bureaucratic nightmare that even the gods would fear. The news spread like wildfire, a mixture of disbelief and astrological fervor, as citizens rushed to consult their family priests and local pundits, not for marital prospects, but for tax advice. It seemed that in a single stroke, the government had elevated the mundane act of paying taxes to a matter of cosmic justice, ensuring that everyone's financial burdens were perfectly aligned with their destiny.

The Cancer, known for their emotional and sensitive nature, were given an exemption for "mood swings and sentimental depreciation," a tax break that caused widespread outrage among the more rational signs. A Gemini lawyer, frustrated by his dual tax forms, filed a writ petition in the High Court, arguing that the policy was "unconstitutional, illogical, and a blatant misuse of celestial powers." The court, however, dismissed the petition, stating that "the judiciary cannot interfere in matters where the

stars have already passed judgment." The Leo, with their regal and commanding presence, were given a special "royal tax," a higher rate for their supposed inherent superiority, a concept they, of course, embraced with great pride. The Virgos, meticulous and organized, were assigned a tax based on the purity of their intentions, a policy that required an auditor to also be a spiritual guru, a profession that was suddenly in high demand. The Libras, constantly seeking balance, were given a flexible tax, with the rate fluctuating daily based on the state of global harmony, a system so absurd that it was perhaps the most honest part of the entire scheme. The government proudly declared that this system would eliminate tax evasion, as one could not hide from their own destiny, nor could they bribe the constellations.

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tious, were given a tax on their "long-term goals and future ambitions," a cruel irony that meant they were being taxed for the very traits that made them successful. The Aquarians, innovative and eccentric, were given a tax on their "radical ideas and utopian visions," a policy that effectively meant they were paying a penalty for thinking differently. The Pisceans, dreamy and intuitive, were given a tax on their "imaginative flights and subconscious escapades," a tax on their very soul. The tax department hired a team of astrologers, palm readers, and tarot card experts, creating a new department called the "Kar-Bhavishya Nirdharan Vibhag," or the "Tax-Future Determination Department," a name that sounded more like a divine prophecy than a government office.

The office of the "Kar-Bhavishya Nirdharan Vibhag" was a sight to behold. It had a long queue of citizens, not with files and ledgers, but with their horoscopes and birth charts. A man with a prominent mole on his cheek was arguing with a clerk who also happened to be a palm reader, claiming that his "Mangal Dosh" (Mars affliction) was the reason for his lower-than-average income, and therefore, he should be granted a rebate. A woman from the Gemini sign, with two different colored handbags, was attempting to pay two different tax amounts, one for her "day-self" and one for her "night-self." The clerk, a seasoned bureaucrat now tasked with deciphering planetary alignments, sighed. He had spent his entire career memorizing tax codes, but now he was struggling to differentiate between a "Neech Ka Shan" (a debilitated Saturn) and a "Ucch Ka Shan" (an exalted Saturn). The whole system was a chaotic mix of divine intervention and human fallibility. The minister, in his grand press conferences, would announce that the new policy was not just about collecting revenue but about correcting cosmic imbalances, a phrase that sounded profound but meant nothing at all.

HISTORY

September 22, 1925: A Day Marked by Milestones in Sports, Literature, and Global Affairs

September 22, 1925, witnessed a collection of noteworthy events across diverse domains such as sports, literature, and international affairs, reflecting the complexities and dynamism of the early 20th century. This date falls within a period marked by technological advancements, geopolitical shifts, and cultural transformations post-World War I. One of the remarkable highlights of this day came from the world of sports, where baseball, America's beloved pastime, saw significant achievements that captured public attention and contributed to the era's growing enthusiasm for professional sports. The achievements on this day underscored not just athleticism but also the role of sports in social cohesion and entertainment during turbulent times. Simultaneously, the literary and cultural worlds continued to evolve, with influential voices contributing to national and global discourses. This day thus serves as a microcosm of the broader historical currents shaping societies worldwide, embodying the spirit of innovation, challenge, and cultural flourishing that characterized the 1920s.

On September 22, 1925, Ben Paschal, an American baseball player for the New York Yankees, made an extraordinary mark in baseball history by achieving the rare feat of hitting two home runs in a single game. This accomplishment was particularly notable because of the increasing popularity of baseball as America's national sport during the 1920s, a decade often referred to as the "Golden Age of Sports." Paschal's performance reflected the era's athletic excellence and the growing importance of baseball in American culture and identity. His success also mirrored the broader societal embrace of leisure and spectator sports as fundamental aspects of urban life and mass entertainment. Baseball stadiums became places where people

from varied backgrounds could unite in shared experiences, breaking some social barriers and fostering community spirit. Paschal's achievements on that day hence contributed to the legacy of the Yankees as a dominant force in baseball, epitomizing sportsmanship and competitive spirit in the Roaring Twenties. The cultural and intellectual milieu of 1925 was also vibrant, with groundbreaking literary works and philosophical ideas gaining prominence. Although not tied to a specific event on September 22, this period was a watershed for literature, with authors experimenting with new styles and themes reflecting post-war disillusionment and modernist thought. Writers such as F. Scott Fitzgerald were producing works that captured the complexities of contemporary life, while others contributed to diverse literary landscapes globally. This literary ferment had significant social consequences, as it challenged traditional narratives and encouraged critical examination of culture, identity, and societal values. The year 1925 saw the publication of influential novels and essays that questioned established norms and explored themes of alienation, progress, and morality. This intellectual awakening fostered greater public engagement with ideas and arts, laying the foundation for future cultural transformations. Internationally, 1925 was a year of geopolitical shifts that reverberated across continents. While September 22 itself may not have witnessed landmark diplomatic events, it occurred amidst critical developments such as the continuing consolidation of Soviet power under Stalin and political reconfigurations in post-imperial contexts. The Soviet Union was undergoing intense political struggles which would shape its future trajectory, while other regions grappled with the aftermath of World War I and the reordering of empires.

HEALTH

HEALTH TOPIC: REVOLUTIONARY HEALTH TRENDS OF 2025 TRANSFORMING LIVES

The healthcare landscape in 2025 is witnessing a revolution fueled by advanced technologies and innovative approaches. Precision medicine is leading the way by tailoring treatments to individual genetic profiles, lifestyle, and environmental factors. This personalized approach not only enhances treatment effectiveness but also minimizes side effects. Telehealth has emerged as a vital tool, providing remote medical consultations and follow-ups, especially benefiting people in remote areas and those facing mobility challenges. Such technological advancements are reshaping access to healthcare, making it affordable and widely available.

Mental health technology is rapidly evolving, addressing common issues like anxiety, depression, and PTSD through AI-powered therapy apps and virtual reality treatments. These technologies offer accessible and personalized care, encouraging individuals to seek help without stigma or logistic barriers. Further, wearables have advanced beyond fitness tracking to include monitoring vital signs, blood pressure, and glucose levels. Wearable health tech empowers users to stay informed about their health conditions, facilitating timely intervention and proactive health management. Gut health and microbiome research are gaining momentum due to their critical role in overall well-being. Scientists are uncovering how the gut flora impacts not only digestion but also mental health and immunity. This research is paving the way for sophisticated probiotics and prebiotics tailored to individual microbiomes. Alongside, sustainable and ethical health choices are becoming mainstream, with consumers favoring plant-based

diets and eco-friendly wellness products that support both personal health and environmental care.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning are integral to the future of disease diagnosis. AI algorithms analyze vast amounts of medical data with unparalleled speed and accuracy, enabling early and precise identification of diseases. This transformation enhances treatment planning and outcomes, significantly impacting chronic and complex conditions. Additionally, holistic and integrative healthcare is gaining traction, combining conventional medicine with traditional therapies like yoga and herbal treatments to nurture body, mind, and spirit in unison.

Health gamification is another exciting trend, turning wellness activities into engaging and rewarding experiences. By incorporating game elements—such as points, badges, and challenges—people are motivated to sustain healthy behaviors. This approach has the potential to revolutionize public health by increasing adherence to preventive care and fitness routines. Advanced genomic research continues to unlock mysteries of human biology, enabling personalized treatments effective against genetic disorders and cancers.

The health innovations in 2025 signify an era of revolution where accessibility, personalization, and integrative care converge. These trends promise not just longer lives but healthier ones, empowering individuals while transforming healthcare systems. As technology and science proceed hand-in-hand, the future of health is bright and hopeful, ushering in a new age of medical excellence and well-being for all.

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

Creating Your Own Destiny

In a powerful spiritual discourse by Shri Premanand Ji Maharaj, the essence of self-empowerment through spirituality is emphasized. The message encourages individuals to take charge of their own destiny by combining faith with personal effort. Premanand Ji Maharaj teaches that while divine grace is fundamental, it must be complemented with sincere self-work to manifest desired outcomes. The video inspires listeners to awaken their inner potential and actively participate in shaping their life's course. The teachings highlight the importance of detachment from external limitations and reliance on internal strength. Shri Premanand Ji Maharaj stresses that developing virtues such as patience, perseverance, and integrity alongside spiritual practice creates a strong foundation for enduring success. The spiritual path involves overcoming

ignorance and doubts, replacing them with clarity and conviction that empower decisive action toward one's goals.

Further, the discourse addresses common human struggles and the importance of mental resilience. According to Premanand Ji Maharaj, every challenge encountered is an opportunity for growth and self-improvement. Through meditation, prayer, and righteous living, individuals gain the wisdom and fortitude necessary to face adversities without losing hope or direction. This spiritual mindset fosters peace and confidence amidst life's uncertainties. Premanand Ji Maharaj also discusses the interplay between karma and free will, emphasizing that one's current circumstances are influenced by past actions, yet the future remains open to transformation. By consciously choosing positive actions and maintaining spiritual discipline, individuals can alter the trajectory of their lives. This teaching reinforces the message that empowerment lies in present choices, framed by spiritual awareness.

BIG BREAKING ?? PMO to hold a high-level meeting on Sept 23 to discuss creating India's own BIG FOUR accounting firms.
AIM : Reduce dependence on global giants.
Govt may ease rules to help domestic firms scale up.

Randhir jaiswal

The centre of our conflict with America is Reliance buying cheap Russian Oil.
If companies aren't willing to pay the 1,00,000\$ for their Employees Visa then Reliance should give them a job & pay them in dollars. The country has done so much for Ambanis they should do something for the country.

Kunal kumar

#Breaking Journalist Ravish Kumar moves the Delhi High Court against the Central govt's order to take down videos about Adani. Kumar has said that Adani's defamation case against journalists and the govt order aim to silence journalists.

Bar and bench



LETTER TO EDITOR

I am writing this letter to bring to your esteemed newspaper's attention the deplorable condition of roads in our neighborhood. For months, the roads have been riddled with potholes and cracks, causing immense inconvenience and safety hazards for residents and commuters alike. Vehicles frequently face damage, and the risk of accidents has sharply increased. Pedestrians also suffer due to the uneven surfaces, particularly during the rainy season when water accumulation worsens the situation considerably. This neglect has severely impacted daily life, including school children's safety and the timely transportation of goods and emergency services. Despite repeated complaints to local authorities, remedial measures have been non-existent or ineffective. The lack of proper drainage and maintenance exacerbates the problem, making the roads almost unusable during monsoons. This situation not only poses a danger but also reflects poorly on the governance and responsiveness to citizen concerns.

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Chandrababu Naidu congratulates PM Modi on launch of GST reforms

Agency • Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the 'visionary' launch of the next-generation GST reforms and the commencement of the 'GST Bachat Utsav', saying the celebration truly puts the citizen at the centre of governance. He said, "On behalf of my people of Andhra Pradesh, Chandrababu Naidu extends 'heartfelt gratitude' to the Prime Minister for this 'bold and visionary' reform." "Coinciding with the festive season, the Next Gen GST truly marks a double celebration for the people, who will directly benefit from lower prices, simplified taxes, and a stronger, more inclusive economy," Naidu posted on X after the Prime Minister's address to the nation ahead of the rollout of GST 2.0.

"The number of tax slabs has been reduced to just two: 5 per cent and 18 per cent. Nearly 99 per cent of essential items now fall under the lower 5 per cent slab. This reform will make daily life more affordable for our citizens, especially the middle class, poor, farmers, women, and youth," the Chief Minister said, adding that the simpler tax system will lower costs, help businesses grow, and attract more investment.



Chandrababu Naidu, whose Telugu Desam Party (TDP) is a key partner in the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre, urged everyone to embrace and purchase swadeshi/local products with pride to make every day a step towards self-reliance and national pride.

"With PM's 'Nagrik Devo Bhava' as the guiding mantra, this bold reform is a gift to both the present and future of every Indian. Hon'ble PM's call, 'Garv se kaho, ye

Swadeshi hai', stands tall as a renewed national movement, inspiring every household to embrace and take pride in Indian-made products," he said.

"His call for states to become equal partners in growth and to boost local manufacturing is a powerful message of cooperative federalism. I fully support these calls and remain devoted to Swarna Andhra, aligned with the spirit of Atmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat," Naidu added.



SEVA PAKHWADA: PAN-INDIA 'NAMO YUVA RUN' INSTILLS ENTHUSIASM, PATRIOTISM AMONG YOUTH

Agency • New Delhi

As part of the two-week 'Seva Pakhwada' programme organised to celebrate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 75th birthday, scores of 'Namo Yuva Run' events were organised across the country on Sunday, primarily in BJP-ruled states, including Delhi, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. Union Minister of State Raj Bhushan Chaudhary, BJP MP Manoj Tiwari, BJP National Secretary Alka Gurjar, and Delhi BJP Yuva Morcha President Sagar Tyagi were among the prominent faces in Delhi edition of 'Namo Yuva Run'. It was flagged off by Union Minister of State Raj Bhushan and MP Manoj Tiwari.

In Mumbai, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, actor Milind Soman, BJP MP Tejasvi Surya, and several other leaders participated in the 'Namo Yuva Run' on Sunday morning.

In Agra, the 'Namo Yuva Run' was organised at the Eklavya Sports Stadium. Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya flagged off the event, saying, "The Namo Marathon has been organised with the goal of a drug-free India, a developed India, 'One Nation, One Election,' and a globally leading India."

In Haryana, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini participated in the 'Namo Yuva Run'. He flagged off the marathon from Dronacharya Stadium in Kurukshetra and said, "Today's marathon symbolises the energy, enthusiasm, and commitment of our youth towards nation-building. This initiative is an important step towards building a bright future for the youth."

In Uttarakhand, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami flagged off the 'Namo Yuva Run' in Dehradun and also participated in the race with the youth. Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi also ran with the youth during the 'Namo

Yuva Marathon' in Bhubaneswar. Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha flagged off the 'Namo Yuva Run' in Agartala.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma flagged off the 'Namo Yuva Daur' marathon in Jaipur. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and BJP State President Madan Rathore also attended the event in Jodhpur.

Union Minister Shekhawat said, "It is well known that Prime Minister Modi has always cherished the vision and dream of 'If India plays, India will flourish,' which led him to launch the 'Fit India Mission.' Today, as the country celebrates its 75th birthday and honours his long life dedicated to the service of the nation, in which service and honesty were paramount, the entire nation has pledged to run. Everyone participated in the marathon in his honour."

In Gujarat, the 'Namo Yuva Run' marathon was held in Ahmedabad and was flagged off by Gujarat Health Minister Rishikesh Patel. He also encouraged the youth to give up addiction and move forward in a positive direction. Residents and activists praised the event and described it as a means of positive change in society.

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha organised the "Namo Yuva Run" in Jamshedpur. The approximately five-kilometre marathon was aimed at instilling a sense of fitness and national service among youth.

Hundreds of youth, students, and sports enthusiasts participated enthusiastically. Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren, the chief guest, flagged off the race and encouraged the participants. He stated that such events unite youth and inspire them to lead healthy and disciplined lives. After the race, the winners were honoured with medals and certificates.

Mehbooba Mufti slams NC govt for allowing 99 pc of C-grade apple crop to go waste

Agency • Srinagar

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President Mehbooba Mufti, on Sunday, accused the National Conference (NC) of allowing 99 per cent of Valley's C-grade apple crop to go waste because of non-implementation of market intervention scheme (MIS).

In a statement, Mehbooba Mufti said the neglect of the horticulture sector has caused 99 per cent of this year's C-grade apple crop to go waste because the NC government led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah did not implement the MIS to support the horticulture industry.

She claimed that her father late

Mufti Mohammad Sayeed was 'visionary, who understood the foundation of J&K's economy and always recognised the fruit industry as the backbone of the region's economy'.

"Horticulture sustains more than seven lakh families, generates annual revenues of Rs 5,000 to 6,000 crore, and contributes nearly 8 to 9 per cent of J&K's GDP. Mufti Sahib treated this sector as a lifeline, not a seasonal concern." "He waived toll tax on fruit transportation, set up mandis across districts for better market access, introduced MIS to purchase C-grade apples so growers were not forced into distress sales, and launched the High-Density Plantation Scheme to modernise horticulture and enhance productivity," the PDP President said.

Accusing the NC government of deliberate neglect, she said: "For decades, NC governments treated horticulture as an afterthought. By failing to implement MIS this year, they have allowed nearly the entire stock of low-grade fruit, almost 99 per cent, to rot or go waste." "Growers already struggling

with repeated highway closures, natural calamities and rising costs have been pushed to the brink." She stressed that this inaction reflects not just inefficiency, but apathy towards the backbone of J&K's economy. "Fruit growers are not asking for charity. They demand fairness, continuity of MIS, and guaranteed access to markets. NC's neglect has endangered an entire community and weakened the rural economy," she asserted. She urged the NC government to immediately revive and expand MIS, ensure unhindered truck movement on the Srinagar-Jammu highway and treat horticulture as a permanent pillar of J&K's economic policy, not as an afterthought. Horticulture and tourism is the biggest industry

of Kashmir. The horticulture industry contributes Rs 10,000 crores to the union territory's economy annually. Apple is the mainstay of Kashmir's horticulture industry while cherries, walnuts, almonds, peaches and pears are also produced in the Valley and sold in markets outside J&K. Apple growers and traders suffered huge losses this year due to continued off and on blockade of Srinagar-Jammu national highway that caused loaded apples to rot in stranded trucks. During the last three days, more than 6,000 trucks carrying apples out of the Valley have moved on the Srinagar-Jammu highway and the Mughal Road that connects Shopian district of the Valley with Poonch district of Jammu division.

Adopt agricultural diversification, Haryana CM asks farmers

Agency • Chandigarh

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Sunday called upon farmers to adopt agricultural diversification and give priority to the production of coarse grains.

He said the government always stands firmly with farmers and is continuously taking concrete steps to make agriculture more profitable and sustainable.

Encouraging farmers to embrace new opportunities, the Chief Minister said that by adopting activities such as medicinal plant cultivation, beekeeping, mushroom production, and vegetable, flower, and fruit farming, farmers can multiply their income. He assured the government will continue to provide all possible facilities, incentives, and support to farmers in this direction.

The Chief Minister was addressing a large gathering after inaugurating the Rabi Agriculture Fair organised by Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCSHAU) in Hisar.

On this occasion, he also launched the 'Har Ghar Chhaon Har Ghar Phal' scheme, under which 55,000 fruit saplings will be distributed free of cost in 110 villages across 22 districts. As part of this initiative, saplings were distributed to farmers during the event.

The Chief Minister also distributed



dummy cheques of up to Rs 40,000 to 50 cattle rearers under the Conservation and Development of Indigenous Cows and Murrah Development Scheme. In addition, he presented dairy establishment approval letters to 75 women entrepreneurs.

He inaugurated the Dattopant Thengadi Agricultural Entrepreneur Centre on the university campus and also inaugurated the Kalpana Chawla Women's Hostel and Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Women's Hostel. Highlighting the contribution of the university, the Chief Minister said the CCSHAU is a centre of pride for the

entire nation, where scientists are working tirelessly on agricultural research and solutions to farmers' problems.

He emphasised that agricultural fairs serve as an important platform for dialogue between scientists and farmers, providing valuable knowledge on new technologies, crop diversification, and natural resource management. This, he said, will help farmers reduce costs and increase production. He stressed the importance of harmony between agriculture and nature, calling for collective efforts of the government, scientists, and farmers.

PIYUSH GOYAL BULLISH ON EXPORTS TO EU AMID US TARIFF TURMOIL

Agency • New Delhi

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Sunday highlighted that the EU approval of 102 new Indian fishery establishments last week would boost seafood exports to Europe amid the US tariff hike, while the progress made in the talks with the EU Commissioners in Delhi is likely to lead to a ground-breaking free trade agreement by the year-end.

In a round-up of the Commerce Ministry's activities over the past week, the minister said that an increase in seafood exports to Europe would generate more jobs in India and increase the country's foreign exchange earnings.

The number of EU-approved Indian seafood export units has increased to 604 -- marking an enormous step forward in enhancing India's presence in the highly lucrative European seafood market.

The minister also said he hosted EU Commissioners Maros Sevcovic and Christophe Hansen for the 13th round of India-EU FTA negotiations. At a joint business interaction and a session with ACMA, he highlighted the strong momentum towards a balanced, ground-breaking deal by year-end. The agreement aims to boost trade, investment, and technology, with a specific focus on strengthening India's automotive component sector, he said.

Goyal also addressed FADA's 7th Auto Retail Conclave during the week, where he stressed the sector's vital role as a bridge between consumers and industry. He also called for stronger after-sales support and noted that ongoing FTAs will



further boost global participation.

He further stated that the inauguration of the APEDA's first office in Patna would support farmers, FPOs, and exporters. A seven metric ton consignment of GI-tagged Mithila Makhan was flagged off to New Zealand, Canada, and the USA, empowering local farmer groups and women-led enterprises. Until now, exporters from Bihar were reliant on APEDA's regional office in Varanasi. The new office will offer direct support to FPOs, FPCs and exporters, significantly reducing turnaround time for addressing exporter queries and strengthening coordination with state-level institutions.

Goyal also mentioned that the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India reported a record Rs 8.55 lakh crore in export support for FY 2024-25, a 17 per cent growth that makes global trade safer for Indian exporters. This includes new initiatives like a 90 per cent credit insurance cover for banks lending to small exporters and a facilitation centre for exporters and banks. The minister also addressed the 6th ISA Steel Conclave, where he urged the steel industry to boost self-reliance and reduce import dependence.



NC chief Vijaya Rahatkar presented with Acharya Tulsi Award for women empowerment

Agency • Ahmedabad

Vijaya Rahatkar, the chairperson for the National Commission for Women (NCW), was honoured with the 'Acharya Tulsi Kartrita Award' at a special ceremony organised by the All India Terapanth Mahila Mandal during the weekend. The award was presented to her for outstanding work and contribution to women's upliftment and empowerment. The event saw the gracious presence of Acharya Shri Mahashraman ji, the eleventh disciple of the Terapanth, whose presence added to the grandeur of the ceremony. The NCW chief said that she was elated to receive the prestigious award and termed it "a new call of action for her". She stated that throughout the glorious journey of Terapanth, from its founding founder, Acharya Bhikshu, to its current disciple, Acharyashree Mahashramanji, the Terapanth has always promoted the values of morality, goodwill, and social upliftment. She added that this honour further strengthens her resolve to work for the welfare of women. "When I see hope in the eyes of a poor mother, that is a reward for me," said Vijaya Rahatkar. "When a daughter says, Madam, I got justice because of you, that too is my greatest achievement. Today's honour embodies that emotional journey. For me, it is not just an honour, but also an inspiration to expand my work further," she stated. She further remarked, "I assure you that every breath I take, every ounce of my strength, and every effort I make will be dedicated to one purpose: ensuring the women of India receive their rightful place." Notably, the 'Acharya Tulsi Kartrita Award' is a humble tribute from the women's community to Acharya Tulsi, the promoter of women's awakening.



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- कनिंह उपाध्यक्ष: दिशांश अली
- संगठन सचिव: मोरो कुमार
- कांगड़ाध्यक्ष: विजय लक्ष्मी
- संगठन मंत्री: वीष्मी
- संप्रेक्षण: राजेश कुमार
- संस्कृतिक एवं खेल मंत्री: साधुराम
- प्रवार मंत्री: आनंद कुमार

कार्यकारिणी गठन के पश्चात वरिष्ठ कर्मचारी रवि शुक्ल, मेराज हैदर, गयासुदैन, पटेश्वरी प्रसाद,

मोतीलाल, संजय श्रीवास्तव, मंशाराम और तिलकराम ने सभी चयनित पदाधिकारियों को मात्रापंच कर बधाई दी और संगठन के प्रति समर्थन का आश्वासन दिया।

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सभी सदस्य यह सुनिश्चित करने का सकल ले चुके हैं कि वे नई कार्यकारिणी के साथ मिलकर संगठन के विकास, कर्मचारियों के अधिकारों की रक्षा और सामाजिक व व्यावायिक मूल्यों के समाधान में पूर्ण सहयोग प्रदान करेंगे।

इस नई कार्यकारिणी ने गठन से बलरामपुर जिले में उत्तर प्रदेश मिनिस्ट्रीयल कर्मचारी संघ की सक्रियता और संगठनात्मक मजबूती को नया आयाम मिलने की उम्मीद जताई जा रही है।

- संतोषी माता मंदिर से पेड़ तक 2.44 किलोमीटर लंबी दूलन सीसी सड़क को मंजूरी, बलरामपुर का विकास प्रगति की दिशा में कदम

- सदर विधायक पल्टूराम ने मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ का आभार जताया, सड़क परियोजना क्षेत्रीय व्यापार, शिक्षा और स्वास्थ्य सुविधा में सुधार लाएगी

द विलफ न्यूज़ ■ बलरामपुर

जिले में विकास कार्यों को गति देने के उद्देश्य से संतोषी माता मंदिर से पेड़ होते हुए पल्टूराम तिरहां और सीटी पोर्टेसरी रुक्का तक 2.44 किलोमीटर लंबी दूलन सीसी सड़क निर्माण की राज्य सरकार से मंजूरी प्राप्त हो गई है। इस परियोजना की कुल लागत ?9 करोड़ 90 लाख 3 ड्यूजर रुपए निर्धारित की गई है। साथ ही, सड़क निर्माण के दौरान विवृत एवं अन्य विभागों द्वारा शिपिंग कारों के लिए ?2.5 करोड़ का प्रावधान भी प्रस्तावित किया गया है।

यह परियोजना पंडित दीनदयाल उपाध्याय योजना के अंतर्गत चालाई जा रही है, जिसका उद्देश्य तहसील और ब्लॉक सीमावर्ती से बढ़ावा देना है।

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पडित दीनदयाल उपाध्याय के विचारों से प्रेरणा

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सुविधा पहुँचना ही सच्चा सुशासन है। यह सड़क न केवल शहर के प्रमुख हिस्सों को जोड़ने का कार्य करेगी, बल्कि ग्रामीण और शहर के बीच संपर्क बढ़ाकर समाज के सभी वर्गों को समाज और अवसर और सुविधा प्रदान करेगी। सड़क निर्माण के माध्यम से न केवल यातायात और परिवहन की समर्था हो जाएगी, बल्कि क्षेत्रीय व्यापार, शिक्षा और स्वास्थ्य के स्तर को भी सुदूर किया जाएगा। उपाध्याय जी के विचारों के अनुरूप, यह परियोजना अंत्योदय की दिशा में बलरामपुर की प्रगति का प्रतीक होगी।

विकास और सुशासन का संदर्भ

सड़क निर्माण परियोजना क्षेत्रीय विकास के साथ-साथ स्थानीय जनता के जीवन स्तर में सुधार लाने का माध्यम बनेगी। यह सड़क बलरामपुर को सुव्यवसित, सुगम और सुरक्षित मार्गों से जोड़ने में सहायक होगी। स्थानीय लोगों के लिए यह सुविधा रोजर्मर्ज के जीवन में समय और संसाधन की बहत के साथ-साथ रोजर्मर्ज और आधिकारिक विकास की भी बढ़ावा देगी।

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Manipur ambush: Joint forces intensify hunt for Assam Rifles personnel attackers



Agency • Imphal

The joint Central and state police forces intensified their search operations on Sunday to nab the armed group, who killed two Assam Rifles personnel and injured five others, in Manipur's Bishnupur district, officials said. A police official said that security forces, comprising Assam Rifles and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) continued their massive search operation in Bishnupur and adjoining Thoubal, Noney and Imphal West districts to nab the perpetrators. He added that in the ongoing search operation, two suspected persons were detained from Shantipur and Ishok areas of Bishnupur district and further verifications about them are underway. One Maruti Van, suspected to have been used in the ambush, was recovered from Mutum Yangbi in the same Bishnupur district. The vehicle was found nearly 12 km from the incident site. As per preliminary investigation, multiple owners of the vehicle have been identified and efforts are still underway to unearth more details. Investigation is in full swing, the official said. Meanwhile, another official said on Sunday that following the heinous attack on Assam Rifles on Friday, Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla reviewed the prevailing security situation in a meeting held at the Raj Bhavan on Saturday night. Manipur Chief Secretary Puneet Kumar Goel, Chief Security Advisor Kuldip Singh, Army's Eastern Command chief Lieutenant General Ram Chander Tiwari, Commissioner-cum-Secretary

Must speak for India: Union Minister Kiren Rijiju on Cong offensive over Trump's decisions

Agency • New Delhi

Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, on Sunday, asked the Congress to avoid politics over matters of national interests and stop criticising the government in the backdrop of the US administration's decisions to impose tariffs on India and make H-1B visa rules stringent. Without naming Mallikarjun Kharge in a social media message on X, Union Minister Rijiju reminded the Congress President that "when it comes to national interests, we all must speak for India". The Union Minister's remark came close to former diplomat Kanwal Sibal disapproving of Kharge's recent criticism of the Indian government over the US President Donald Trump's decision to revise guidelines, including a massive fee hike, for the H1-B visa, used by a large number of Indian techies to work in the US.

Union Minister Rijiju said in a post on X, "Kanwal Sibal is highly intellectual, thoroughly sober and an erudite diplomat known for his sharp and highly pertinent views. I can understand his pain, which forced him to give this perfect piece of advice to Congress President. We have enough time and space to do politics but when it comes to national interests, we all must speak for India."

Earlier, Sibal said in a social media message, "Blaming Prime Minister Narendra Modi for Trump's antagonistic steps against India rather than closing ranks against foreign bullying only weakens our resistance. Trump is being obnoxious to everyone, including his allies. See the way he has humiliated Europe, Japan, South Korea, Canada, Mexico etc. He thought he could get his way with India. Our resistance in pursuit of our national interest has rattled his bloated ego and unleashed his bullying nature."

"Is the Opposition against India refusing to be dictated on our foreign policy choices by the US? We have, unlike Pakistan, not done business deals involving his family and close associates to earn Trump's goodwill, which, in any case, cannot be relied upon. Why try to exploit a serious external challenge for domestic politicking? A lot has been achieved in the last many years in our ties with the US," he added. Kharge earlier criticised the Narendra Modi government and the tariff deadlock with the US, accusing it of failure in safeguarding national interests.

Referring to the H1-B visa crackdown, the Congress President said Indians are pained by the "gifts" that PM Modi received after President Trump called him on his birthday last week.

Amid the US tariff impasse and revision of the H1-B visa rules, the Indian government has pointed to the possible "humanitarian consequences" of the changes in visa rules. "The government hopes that these disruptions can be addressed suitably by the US authorities," said the Ministry of External Affairs in a statement.

Sujalam-Sufalam scheme: Gujarat farmers no longer dependent on rain for farming

Agency • Ahmedabad

Gujarat has taken the lead in expanding the agricultural and irrigation landscape for farmers and also setting new benchmarks for other states. Its success could be attributed to the Gujarat government's flagship 'Sujalam-Sufalam' scheme, which played a crucial role in strengthening the irrigation network to large tracts of agricultural lands. The 'Sujalam-Sufalam Scheme' was launched in 2003 by the then Chief Minister Narendra Modi and is said to be the backbone of the famed Gujarat model of improved irrigation and modern agricultural techniques.

The main objective of this scheme was to provide irrigation water to several districts of



state by diverting a canal from the Kadana Dam on the Mahi River in Mahisagar district.

A water management expert, Abhay Rawal, praising the scheme, said that it was a big success for 10 districts. The Sujalam-Sufalam spreading canal has also proven to be a 'life-saver' for areas

with water scarcity. While continuous water supply has increased farmers' yields, it has also improved their economic condition.

This scheme has transformed the fortunes of Gujarat's farmers. Previously, farmers relied on rain for agriculture, but now the year-round avail-

ability of water has enabled them to grow crops in every season. Kutch farmer Rajesh Bhai sharing his experience said, "Thanks to Sujalam-Sufalam Yojana, our fields have turned green and our incomes have increased. Under this scheme, we no longer have to depend on rain for water for our crops." Under the leadership of current Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Sujalam-Sufalam 2.0 is being further expanded. This scheme is proving to be revolutionary in addressing water scarcity across the state through water management, raising groundwater levels, and building check dams and canals. This initiative has not only turned into a boon for the farmers but also an inspiration for other states in the country.



Andhra Pradesh releases govt orders in Telugu for the first time

Agency • Amaravati

For the first time in the history of Andhra Pradesh, the state government on Sunday issued government orders (GOs) in the Telugu language. The Commercial Taxes Department started issuing GOs in Telugu along with English language. The Revenue (Commercial Taxes) department issued GO number 344 in Telugu for the first time.

The GO pertains to new Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates, which will come into force from midnight. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu released the booklet of all the Telugu GOs relating to the GST 2.0 rules. The state government claims that this is a major step towards bringing administration closer to people. People can now read Tax GOs in their mother tongue, Telugu, easily.

Anything read in the mother tongue reaches the heart easily. The innovative move of the Commercial Taxes Department is hailed by all the stakeholders in both the Telugu states, including thousands of dealers, accountants, officers, staff and professionals, according to the Chief Commissioner of State Taxes and Commercial Taxes, Babu A. The Chief Minister reviewed the

state's tax policy with the concerned officials. He felt that GST 2.0 is not just a tax reform but a people-first approach, which will reduce costs, simplify the process, empower every household, farmer, student and strengthen the system.

From tractors to textbooks to medicines, every rupee saved contributes to sustainable development. This is not just tax reform; this is a change.

The 'GST 2.0 Next-Gen Reforms' which will come into effect from midnight of September 21, will further strengthen the Indian economy. It is estimated that these reforms will generate an additional benefit of about Rs 2 lakh crore.

This new GST regime, brought with the principle of 'people first', will benefit every household, farmers, students and various sectors. Especially, the people of the state will get the benefit of Rs 8,000 crore due to this change. According to an official statement, the price burden on the common man has been reduced by reducing GST on essential commodities from 18 per cent to 5 per cent. Taxes have been reduced on items like butter, ghee, paneer, soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, hair oil, processed food, biscuits, and coffee.



The Cliff News • Mandsaur (Madhya Pradesh)

Seven persons were apprehended within a short span of time after they abducted a woman forcibly late Saturday night while practicing Garba at Bhavas Dharamshala in Khanpara, Mandsaur, the police said on Sunday. The incident, which occurred around 10 p.m., sent shockwaves through the community and raised serious concerns about women's safety during public events. Superintendent of Police Vinod Kumar Meena confirmed the details, stating that the abduction was carried out by her relatives. Kotwali station in-charge Pushpendra Singh Rathore identified the arrested individuals as Ramchandra, Manisha a.k.a Bunty, Kamlesh a.k.a. Ghota, Fakirachand, Shambhul, Shyamabai all residents of Chachawada Sathya under Garoth Police Station and Dinesh from Bhunki Hatunia.

A case has been registered under kidnapping, the Arms Act, and other relevant sections. The investigation is on-going. Local residents expressed outrage over the incident, especially given its timing during a cultural celebration. "This is not just a family matter it's a public safety issue," said one attendee. The incident has reignited conversations around personal freedom, family pressure, and the urgent need for stronger protections for women in both private and public spaces. Eyewitnesses reported that the woman was participating in the Navratri celebration alongside other women and young girls when four men and two women arrived at the venue. Without warning, they grabbed her and began dragging her away. A young woman present tried to intervene but was pushed aside. One of the accused brandished a pistol-like object, causing panic among attendees. Video footage shows people fleeing in fear as the woman was taken away, Kotwali police station in-charge Pushpendra Singh Rathore said.

Police were alerted immediately, and a district-wide blockade was imposed, said the police. Within two hours, Kotwali police traced and apprehended all seven accused and safely recovered the woman. The vehicle used in the abduction and the pistol later confirmed to be a toy were also seized, said the police.

According to the woman's statement, she had previously been married but left her husband due to repeated physical abuse and filed for divorce. She had been living with a young man named Yash in Khanpara for the past four months. Her family and in-laws, reportedly angered by the relationship, orchestrated the abduction to bring her back home.

Peace can prevail in country only when there is unity: Mamata Banerjee



Agency • Kolkata: On the occasion of Mahalaya on Sunday, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurated multiple Durga Puja Pandals in the state, some physically and others virtually, and then stressed that only in an ambience of unity, peace can prevail in the country. "Peace can prevail in the country only if communal unity prevails. Otherwise, peace cannot prevail. I personally think that Bengal means unity of religion, culture, language, and caste. Bengal always believes in all-inclusivity," the Chief Minister said while inaugurating a community Puja Pandal in South Kolkata. Speaking on the occasion, she said now that the Union government is making tall claims about the next generation goods and service tax (GST) returns, the real credit for it goes to the state government, which will have to bear the financial loss because of the reforms. "Still, we are not complaining since the sufferings of the common people have lessened to an extent because of the development. I am sure that BJP-ruled states will be indirectly compensated for the loss. But we in Bengal are being denied our share in central funds. Because of the GST reforms, West Bengal's financial loss will be to the tune of Rs 20,000 crore," Mamata said. The Chief Minister started her community Puja pandal inaugurations on Saturday, and on the first day, she highlighted the issue of alleged harassment of Bengali-speaking migrant workers across the country. She continued to attack the BJP on the issue on Sunday and said that the BJP did not have the right to impose language restrictions on anyone. "In Bengal, no one is harassed for speaking in any language other than Bengali. Then why will Bengali be harassed in other states for speaking in their mother language?" the Chief Minister questioned. On Sunday, the Chief Minister, along with Trinamool Congress's general secretary and the party's Lok Sabha member, Abhishek Banerjee, also attended the inauguration of the Puja Edition of the party's organ in Bengali, 'Jago Bangla' (Wake up Bengal). Speaking on the occasion, Abhishek Banerjee claimed that a few years back, an attempt was made to float a false narrative that the celebration of Durga Puja was not allowed in Bengal. "But today, under the leadership of Mamata Banerjee, Bengal's Durga Puja has been inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity," he said.



Jacqueline Fernandez moves SC to quash money laundering case

Agency • New Delhi

Bollywood actress Jacqueline Fernandez has approached the Supreme Court challenging a Delhi High Court order that dismissed her plea to quash money laundering proceedings initiated against her by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). As per the cause list uploaded on the apex court website, the matter has been listed for hearing on September 22 before a bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Augustine George Masih. The case arises from allegations that Fernandez received expensive gifts and financial benefits from alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar, who is accused of defrauding several high-profile individuals. The ED has claimed that assets worth Rs. 7.2 crore linked to Fernandez were "proceeds of crime" and had attached them during the investigation. In her petition before the Delhi High Court, Fernandez had contended that she was falsely implicated and could not be prosecuted under Sections 3 and 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA). She maintained that she had no role in laundering Chandrashekhar's alleged illegal wealth.

However, a single-judge Bench of Justice Anish Dayal of the Delhi High Court declined to interfere with the trial proceedings, holding that the allegations required examination before the trial court. The decision prompted Fernandez to move the Supreme Court. The ED has filed multiple charge sheets in the case. In its supplementary charge sheet, it named Fernandez as an accused, while another Bollywood personality, Nora Fatehi, was examined as a

witness. The federal anti-money laundering agency has alleged that Pinky Irani, an aide of Chandrashekhar, facilitated the delivery of luxury gifts to Fernandez on his behalf. The actress, who hails from Sri Lanka, has been a prominent face in Hindi cinema for over a decade, also featuring in music videos and reality shows.

ability of water has enabled them to grow crops in every season. Kutch farmer Rajesh Bhai sharing his experience said, "Thanks to Sujalam-Sufalam Yojana, our fields have turned green and our incomes have increased. Under this scheme, we no longer have to depend on rain for water for our crops." Under the leadership of current Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Sujalam-Sufalam 2.0 is being further expanded. This scheme is proving to be revolutionary in addressing water scarcity across the state through water management, raising groundwater levels, and building check dams and canals. This initiative has not only turned into a boon for the farmers but also an inspiration for other states in the country.

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Mohanlal says Phalke Award was something that was not even in his distant dreams; dedicates award to Malayalam film industry



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Malayalam superstar Mohanlal, who has been named the recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2023, on Sunday said he is not a big dreamer and the Dadasaheb Phalke Award was something that was not even in his distant dreams. Addressing the media in Kochi on Sunday, after being selected for the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award, Mohanlal said, "I'm not a big dreamer, I couldn't believe the phone call from the Prime Minister's Office informing me of the award." The ace actor said that when he received the phone call from the Prime Minister's Office sharing the news of his being selected for the prestigious Award, he could not believe it for a few moments. "When I got a call from the Prime Minister's office informing me of the award, I was on a shoot. We can't always believe it when something like this happens. This is something that I didn't even dream of. The moment something like this happens is a moment when we wonder if all this is true. I asked them to repeat the information a second time. Similarly, when I was called and told about my first National Award, I asked to repeat the information a second time. The press says it's the highest honour. But I don't see it that way, I want to share this with everyone, to see it as an achievement for Malayalam," Mohanlal said. He said at this point, he is feeling a deep sense of humility and gratitude, and that he is dedicating the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award to Malayalam cinema. "I speak with a deep sense of humility and gratitude here. This is a proud moment, and I cannot enjoy this alone. I'm shar-

ing this with everyone, the audience, the people I have worked with in the past, the ones I am working with in the present, and those I will work with in the future, and I dedicate the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award to Malayalam cinema," Mohanlal said. He said the moment is a special and beautiful one for him and the entire film industry. "The award is for the entire Indian film industry," Mohanlal said. He said that he is someone who takes criticism lightly and that he gives importance to the happiness of the moment. "All the criticisms are for a time. I'm not the kind of person who carries it on my shoulders. That time has passed. Forget all that, isn't this moment the happiest moment? Why think about the past? Let's just think about this moment," said Mohanlal. Calling the cinema a magic, the superstar said staying inside it for 48 years is a big circus. "Cinema is magic. If two films are successful, you will go up. If one film is bad, you will go down again. Staying inside it for 48 years is a big circus," he said. Acknowledging his gratitude to great actors in the Indian cinema, Mohanlal said he did not achieve this feat alone and that he has the blessings of the gurus of the Indian film world. "I did not achieve this feat alone, each and every one of you was with me. I am one of the rare actors who have been fortunate enough to act with the best actors in India. I have close relationships with Prem Nazir sir, Sivaji Ganesan sir, Nageshwar Rao sir, Amitabh Bachchan sir, Raj Kumar sir, Thikurissi sir, Adoor Bhasi sir, and others. I believe that I also have the blessings of these gurus. I have to do good films. I have to collaborate with good people.

'Idli Kadai' trailer shows Dhanush balancing ambition and family values

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Fans of Dhanush have a new reason to celebrate as the trailer for his upcoming film 'Idli Kadai' has finally dropped. The short, two-minute glimpse promises a mix of emotion, drama, and family values. This gives viewers a peek into what Dhanush's fourth directorial venture has in store. The film tells the story of Murugan, played by Dhanush, a young man with big dreams in hotel management. But chasing his ambitions creates tension with his father, who runs a small idli shop cherished by the local community. A twist of betrayal forces Murugan to return home, where he must fight to protect his family's legacy and the humble eatery that has been their pride for years. The 'Idli Kadai' trailer begins with a simple yet telling scene: Murugan asks his father to buy an idli grinder to make the work easier. His father refuses, holding on to tradition, insisting that the taste of the idlis would change. This clash between old customs and modern ideas forms the heart of the story, promising both heartfelt moments and relatable family drama. 'Idli Kadai' sees Dhanush taking the director's chair while also playing the lead. Nithya Menen joins him once again after their hit collaboration in 'Thiruchitrambalam' (2022). The film also features Shalini Pandey, who gained fame

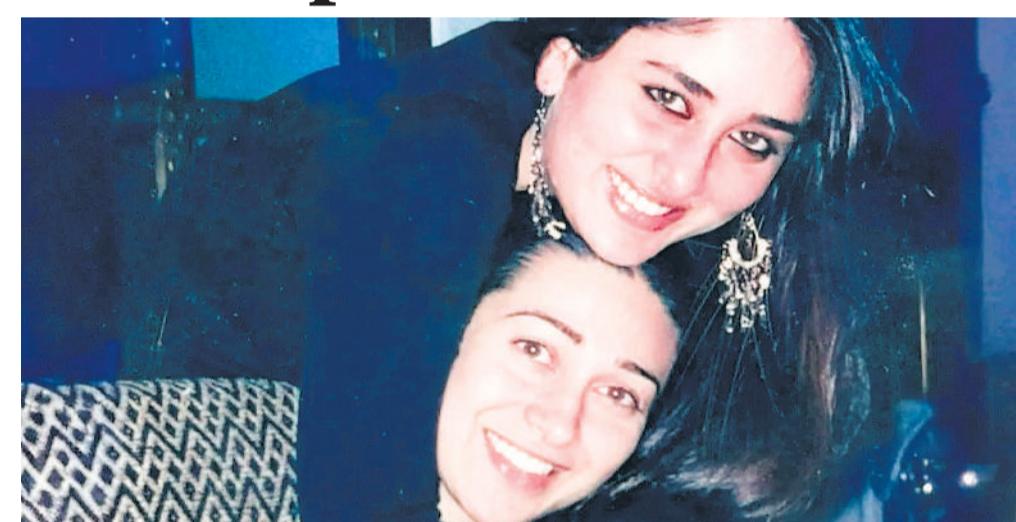


with 'Maharaj'. The movie is going to hit theatres on October 1. Dhanush has been keeping busy this year. He was last seen in 'Kuberaa', co-starring Nagarjuna, Rashmika Mandanna, and Jim Sarbh. Directed by National Award-winner Sekhar Kammula, the socio-drama explored greed, ambition, and redemption through the story of a beggar's journey. Beyond 'Idli Kadai', Dhanush will be seen in 'Tere Ishq Mein' alongside Kriti Sanon. Directed by Aanand L. Rai, this film has been described as a spiritual successor to 'Raanjhanaa'. Production wrapped in July, and the movie is slated for a November 28, 2025, release.

"Best sister, best friend": Karisma Kapoor's adorable post for Kareena

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Bollywood diva Kareena Kapoor Khan celebrated her birthday on Sunday, and the day was filled with warm wishes, family love, and excitement for her upcoming projects. The actress received a particularly sweet message from her elder sister, Karisma Kapoor. Karisma shared a heartwarming picture of the sisters together and wrote, "Best sister, best friends, and beyond... Happy birthday to my most precious sister. Love you mostest." Among the well-wishers were Saba Pataudi, Riddhima Kapoor, and Bhumi Pednekar, who all reacted with heart emojis. Social media users joined in the celebration. Kareena, daughter of legendary actors Randhir Kapoor and Babita, made her Bollywood debut in 2000 with 'Refugee'. Over the years, she has delivered memorable performances in films like 'Jab We Met', '3 Idiots', and 'Tanu Weds Manu'. This year, she is marking 25 remarkable years in Hindi cinema. Amidst the birthday cheer, Kareena also shared exciting updates about her next film. She will star alongside acclaimed actor Prithviraj Sukumaran in Meghna Gulzar's upcoming project 'Daayra'. The film was officially announced in



April after a brief meeting between the cast and crew. Kareena expressed her enthusiasm on Instagram, saying, "I've always said that I'm a director's actor, and this time I cannot wait to work with one of the finest directors we have, @meghnagulzar, and alongside the magnificent @theresaprithvi, whose work I deeply admire. To my dream team, #Daayra ?? let's do this." In a press statement, she added, "As I celebrate 25 incredible years in Hindi cinema, I'm thrilled to announce my next film, Daayra, with the incredible Meghna Gulzar in the director's chair. I've long admired her work, from Talvar to Raazi. And to work with her is surreal."

'Jolly LLB 3' box office report: Franchise's third part outperforms prequels

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Jolly LLB 3' at box office: Bollywood fans have welcomed the return of the courtroom comedy-drama with open arms as Akshay Kumar and Arshad Warsi hit the screens again in 'Jolly LLB 3'. Directed by Saurabh Shukla, the third installment of this popular franchise hit theatres on Friday, September 19, 2025, and has already shown promising numbers at the box office. According to trade analyst Taran Adarsh, the film earned Rs 12.50 crore on its opening day, and saw a significant jump on Saturday with Rs 20 crore, taking its two-day total to Rs 32.50 crore nett in India. This is nearly 60% growth on Day 2. Adarsh pointed out that Sunday collections might face a slight dip due to the India vs Pakistan cricket match, but he estimates that the opening weekend could close around Rs 54 crore. For context, the first film in the franchise had earned Rs 7.35 crore in



its first two days, while 'Jolly LLB 2' managed Rs 30.51 crore. With Rs 32.50 crore already in hand, the third film has already outpaced both of its predecessors. 'Jolly LLB 3' revolves around a legal battle between two 'Jollies,' both trying to outsmart each other in the courtroom using technical loopholes, clever arguments, and witty tactics. This time, the story follows struggling farmers whose lands are being seized by a corrupt businessman, played by Gajraj Rao. Akshay Kumar's character finds himself on the

wrong side of the case, leading to chaotic and humorous confrontations with Arshad Warsi's character. The film's cast has Huma Qureshi, Saurabh Shukla, Amrita Rao, Seema Biswas, Ram Kapoor, Shilpa Shukla, and Brijendra Kala.

Nagarjuna to re-release 'Siva' as tribute to his father ANR's 101st birth anniversary



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Telugu superstar Nagarjuna has announced something very special for fans and cinema lovers. His landmark film 'Siva', which first came out in 1989, is returning to theatres in a grand way. The announcement comes as a tribute to his father, Akkineni Nageswara Rao (ANR), on the occasion of his 101st birth anniversary. The film, directed by Ram Gopal Varma, will release once again on November 14, 2025, but this time with a modern touch. It has been restored in 4K and will feature Dolby

Atmos sound. For Nagarjuna, this re-release is deeply emotional. Remembering his father's vision, he shared, "My father always believed cinema had the power to live beyond generations. 'Siva' was one such film. Bringing it back to the big screen on November 14 is my way of honouring his dream of keeping stories alive for the next generation." He also made the announcement on social media, calling 'Siva' "the film that shook Indian cinema" and promised that it will once again "shake the theatres" with its grand re-release.

'THE DIPLOMAT' SEASON 3 TRAILER: POWER, SUSPENSE, POLITICAL INTRIGUE RETURN TO NETFLIX

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Fans of political drama have reason to cheer. Netflix has finally released the first trailer for Season 3 of 'The Diplomat' starring Keri Russell and Bradley Whitford. The show, known for its mix of high-stakes politics, personal drama, and suspense, is gearing up for another intense season. Season 3 picks up where the last season left off, diving deeper into the tense world of international diplomacy and personal rivalries. Keri Russell returns as Ambassador Kate Wyler, a character who has always lived on the edge between ambition and moral conflict. Last season ended with shocking revelations with Kate

accusing Vice President Grace Penn, played by Allison Janney, of planning a terrorist attack and admitting that she had her eyes on the VP's position herself. Now, the stakes are higher than ever. The trailer hints at major upheavals following the president's death, with suspicions swirling around Kate's husband, Hal (Rufus Sewell), and whether he played a part in the tragedy. Kate is shown navigating new responsibilities she never expected, while trying to maintain her personal relationships amidst the chaos. Fans will see her form a growing friendship with Foreign Secretary Austin Denison (David Gyasi) and an uneasy connection with First Gentleman Todd Penn, played by Bradley Whitford. Season 2 of 'The Diplomat' had kept audiences on edge after a bomb exploded in central London, leaving Kate determined to uncover those within the British government who were behind the attack. The show has gained praise for its mix of suspenseful political intrigue, complex characters, and the moral dilemmas faced by those in power. It has also become one of Netflix's most talked-about drama series. Alongside Russell and Whitford, Season 3 features a talented ensemble cast including Ali Ahn, Rory Kinnear, Atossa Essandoh, Celia Imrie, Michael McKean, Nana Mensah, and Miguel Sandoval.



'NASHA MUKT BHARAT' MESSAGE ECHOED IN NATIONWIDE NAMO YUVA RUN

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The 'Namo Yuva Run' drew lakhs of participants in cities across India on Sunday, spotlighting the call for a drug-free nation. As part of the ongoing Sewa Pakhwada campaign marking Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 75th birthday, the BJP organised early morning runs at 75 locations across the country. The mega initiative was announced by Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) on September 7, saying the marathon was focused on spreading awareness about fitness, health, and social responsibility. In the national capital, BJP MP Manoj Tiwari, National Secretary Alka Gurjar, Union Minister of State Raj Bhushan Choudhary, and Delhi BJP Yuva Morcha State President Sagar Tyagi jointly flagged off the marathon. Speaking to the reporters at DU's North Campus, Tiwari said, "Today, we organised a big marathon in Delhi, invited people, and a good number of youth participated in it. This is organised under Sewa Pakhwada to mark PM Modi's birthday." Encouraging the residents to make the society drug-free, he called on the people of Delhi to



defeat intoxication. Through this five-kilometre marathon in the city, he said, "We have to make people aware of fitness and health." Union Minister Raj Bhushan Choudhary also called on people to participate in the marathon in large numbers. "Through this marathon, our objective is to make India free from obesity and addiction so that the younger generation could contribute to building a Viksit Bharat in the

future," he said. India's economic capital, Mumbai, also saw similar enthusiasm. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, BJP MP Tejasvi Surya, and several other party leaders participated in Sunday's mass run. Actor and fitness icon Milind Soman, who has been named the brand ambassador of the event, also joined the campaign, lending his presence to inspire youth.

BCCI VP Shukla confirms filing nomination for board's elections

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The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Vice-President Rajeev Shukla on Sunday confirmed filing his nomination, and a panel is ready with former Delhi stalwart Mithun Manhas as the board's president. Shukla was speaking to the media at the headquarters of the BCCI. Speaking to the media, Shukla said, "I have come to file nomination. A panel is ready with Mithun Manhas for the post of president, me for vice president, Devajit Saikia for secretary, Prabhtjeet Singh Bhatia for joint secretary and Raghuram Bhatt for treasurer. There is a nomination for the names decided for the governing council. So, a new body is being formed for the next tenure. Good luck to all." Former Delhi captain Mithun Manhas on Sunday filed his nomination for the post of BCCI president. Speaking to the media, Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Secretary Devajit Saikia said, "Mithun Manhas filed his nomination in front of me." Manhas is currently the sole candidate



for the top post, which has been vacant since Roger Binny stepped down in August. BCCI vice-president Rajeev Shukla has been serving as interim president in the meantime. Another former cricketer is also expected to join the board's top brass, with ex-India spinner Raghuram Bhat likely to be appointed as treasurer. Bhat currently heads the Karnataka State Cricket Association. Manhas, who turns 46 next month, has been closely involved in cricket administration. He is part of the BCCI-appointed sub-committee that oversees the Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association. Born in Jammu, he shifted from Delhi to Jammu & Kashmir in 2015 before retiring the following year.

Mithun Manhas emerges as frontrunner for BCCI president's post

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Former cricketer Mithun Manhas has emerged as the frontrunner for the BCCI president's post, with key decision-makers of Indian cricket holding an informal meeting here on Saturday. Manhas, 45, played domestic cricket for Delhi before moving to Jammu and Kashmir, where he also took up coaching roles. Known for his calm approach and understanding of the game at the grassroots level, he has remained involved in cricket development after retirement. Sources said several senior administrators see him as a consensus candidate who can bridge differences among state associations. His background as a first-class cricketer and his work in coaching are believed to have strengthened his case for the top job in the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Saturday's meeting, attended by senior BCCI members and state officials, was held to exchange views on potential names for the presidency. While some experienced administrators were also discussed, Manhas reportedly received strong backing from

influential quarters. The BCCI president's post carries considerable weight, both within the Indian cricket structure and on the international stage. With ICC elections due later this year, the choice of leadership in the BCCI will be closely watched. If elected, Manhas would join a small group of former players, including Sourav Ganguly and Roger Binny, who have gone on to lead the cricket board. Observers say his appointment would reflect a growing trend of involving cricketers with direct playing experience in top administrative roles. The final decision will rest on consensus among state units. A formal announcement is expected in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, Arun Dhimal of Himachal Pradesh will remain chairman of the Indian Premier League (IPL) Governing Council, and Rajiv Shukla is likely to continue as the Vice-President. The election process opens with the date of filing nominations on September 21, followed by scrutiny and publishing of the final list of candidates on September 23. Voting, if necessary, will be conducted during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on September 28.



Business

Housing sales in top nine cities decline 4% in July–September

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Housing sales in India's top nine cities fell 4% year-on-year (Y-o-Y) in the July–September quarter of 2025, totalling 1,00,370 units, according to data released by NSE-listed real estate analytics firm PropEquity. This marked the tenth consecutive quarterly decline. New launches during the quarter remained largely unchanged at 92,229 units, but fell 10% compared to the previous quarter, the report noted. The decline was primarily driven by Maharashtra markets—Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane, and Pune—which contracted between 6% and 28% Y-o-Y. Pune, the largest market by volume, recorded sales of 17,762 units, a 16% drop from last year. In contrast, Bengaluru registered a 21% increase with 16,840 units sold. Chennai rose 16% to 5,406 units, while Kolkata surged 25% to 4,732 units. Delhi-NCR and Hyderabad also posted modest Y-o-Y growth of 4% each. Across the nine cities, overall sales



slipped by 1%. Delhi-NCR saw the sharpest fall at 24%, followed by Thane at 11%, while markets such as Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Mumbai recorded gains. On the supply side, Bengaluru accounted for nearly one-fifth of new housing launches, though its volumes were down

10%. Chennai, Navi Mumbai, Pune, and Kolkata witnessed increases, whereas Hyderabad, Mumbai, Thane, and Delhi-NCR reported declines. Quarter-on-quarter, new housing supply dropped 10%, led by sharp contractions in Delhi-NCR and Chennai. Looking ahead, developers are

optimistic that the festive season will spur demand, supporting stronger launches and higher absorption in the coming quarter. Additionally, recent GST reforms are expected to aid sales, as the tax on cement has been reduced from 28% to 18%, easing input costs for home builders.

MUMBAI STRENGTHENS LEAD AS INDIA'S DATA CENTRE CAPITAL

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Mumbai has reinforced its position as India's data centre capital, accounting for 40 percent of the country's total capacity and 44 percent of live IT capacity, according to Knight Frank's Asia-Pacific Data Centres 2025 report. In the first half of 2025, Mumbai's capacity jumped 14.3 percent, surpassing the 4GW milestone with 591MW operational, 185MW under construction, and 3.2GW in the pipeline, according to a report from real estate services firm Knight Frank. Strong cloud adoption, data localisation rules, and the growth of fintech and BFSI sectors are driving demand. Two-thirds of under-construction capacity is already pre-leased, but supply for hyperscale deployments remains tight. Only three live sites can support deployments above 2.5MW, and just one offers more than 10MW. To bridge this gap, global players are making large-scale bets. NTT's proposed 500MW NAV2 campus and Blackstone-Panchshil Realty's 500MW AI facility are among the large-scale investments entering the market.



Centre releases Guidebook providing allocation of 12,167 HSN Codes to 31 Ministries

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Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal released a Guidebook providing allocation of 12,167 HSN Codes to 31 Ministries and Departments of the Government of India, which aims to promote the adoption of a data-driven approach for manufacturing development, investment promotion, and trade facilitation. The Guidebook on Mapping of Harmonized System of Nomenclature (HSN) Codes, prepared by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), will serve as the foundation for building a resilient and competitive manufacturing ecosystem. Speaking on the launch, Minister Goyal mentioned that the Guidebook is a significant stride towards strengthening domestic production capacity and fostering sectoral growth. Additionally, it will also support more effective Trade Agreement negotiations, which are aligned with national economic priorities and domain strengths. "With the facilitation for identification of the relevant Ministry or Department for specific HSN Codes, this initiative will streamline regulatory processes and further enhance ease of doing business," he said. The minister added that the Guidebook will play an integral role in accomplishing the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047, where governance is responsive to the needs of the industry. Until now, many HSN codes, the standard system used globally to classify traded products, were often lumped under residual categories or lacked clear ministerial ownership. This created bottlenecks during trade negotiations, import substitution efforts, and industry grievance redressal. Guidebook on Mapping of HSN Codes is not merely a classification exercise but a strategic instrument for shaping the industrial future of India. It empowers Ministries and Departments to adopt an outcome-oriented approach to economic growth and development by streamlining custodianship of products.

HEALTHY BODY IS THE FIRST HAPPINESS, STAY FIT, AVOID ADDICTION: CM DR. YADAV

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Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has stated that maintaining a healthy body and mind, along with purity, is crucial for all of us. A healthy body is the primary source of happiness. Therefore, always strive to remain physically fit and avoid any form of intoxicant. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav made this appeal to all citizens of the state, especially the youth, at a program held on Atal Path on Sunday morning. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav flagged off the Namo Yuva Run (marathon race) organized to fulfill the commitments of the Central Government's Fit India Movement and the Drug-Free India Campaign and to raise public awareness. He stated that a Seva Pakhwada (service fortnight) is being organized across the country from September 17th to October 2nd. The Namo Yuva Run, organized during this fortnight, inspires all of us to come forward to serve the nation.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav also unveiled the Namo Yuva Run logo at the event. The Chief Minister and other guests personally participated in the marathon race in sports tracksuits, greeting and encouraging the thousands of Namo Yuva Run participants.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that today the entire world is looking towards India. We must always keep the spirit of "nation first" in our thoughts, ideas, and values. We must always use indigenous products, only then will our nation



become the leader of the entire world. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has established a unique reputation on the global stage. Madhya Pradesh, in step with Prime Minister Shri Modi's thinking and vision, has created a unique place and a new identity for itself in the country and the world. He said that Madhya Pradesh has achieved remarkable achievements in sports. Along with the country, Madhya Pradesh's performance in sports

competitions is improving day by day. Madhya Pradesh hockey player Shri Vivek Sagar was a member of the medal-winning team in the Olympics. This inspires us to do even better in the field of sports. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav called on the youth to pledge to keep themselves fit, stay away from drugs, and always be at the top of their respective duties and responsibilities.

During the event, a video message was broadcast by Prime Minister Shri Modi regarding the Fit

India Movement and the Drug-Free India Campaign. In the video message, the Prime Minister made an emotional appeal to all the youth of the country to stay fit and avoid drug abuse. He stated that we have prepared a national plan for a drug-free India. Special attention is being given to educating, treating, and rehabilitating those who have become addicts. He stated that the Narcotics Control Bureau, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force, and all departments of the Central and State governments are working together to make India drug-free. In the video message, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah and Union Sports Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya also made a special appeal to all the youth of the country to exercise daily for physical fitness and to avoid drug abuse.

Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Shri Vishwas Kailash Sarang, Minister of State for Backward Classes and Minority Welfare (Independent Charge) Smt. Krishna Gaur, Bhopal MP Shri Alok Sharma, MLA and State President Shri Hemant Khandelwal, MLA Shri Bhagwandas Sabnani, MLA Shri Rameshwar Sharma, Mayor Smt. Malti Rai, Shri Hitansh Sharma, Shri Vaibhav Panwar, Shri Ravindra Yati, Shri Ranjeet Chauhan, Shri Mahendra Yadav along with other public representatives and a large number of youth were present in the Namo Yuva Run Marathon race program.

Gates of Kolar and Kaliyasot dam opened in Bhopal



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The monsoon, returning from Rajasthan, Punjab, Gujarat, and Haryana, is now pouring heavily over Madhya Pradesh. Light to moderate showers were recorded in several areas, while drizzling continued in others. Despite only one trough passing through the state, local system activity also triggered rain. On Saturday, more than 25 districts witnessed rainfall. For the first time this season, two gates of the Kolar Dam, located in Sehore district, were opened. The dam supplies water to nearly 40 percent of Bhopal's population. Alongside this, two gates of the Kaliyasot Dam and one gate of the Bhadbhada Dam in Bhopal were also opened on Saturday.

The Kerwa Dam remains the

only major reservoir in the capital region whose gates have not been opened yet. Rainfall was recorded in 25 districts across the state, including Bhopal and Indore. Narmadapuram received the highest rainfall of 1 inch, while Narsinghpur, Shivpuri, and Khargone recorded half an inch each. Showers also occurred in Shahapur, Agar-Malwa, Sehore, Dews, Rajgarh, Vidisha, Dhar, Ujjain, Chhindwara, Damoh, Rewa, Balaghat, Barwani, Mauganj, Guna, and Dindori. According to the Meteorological Department, a north-eastern trough is currently passing through the state, while a cyclonic circulation is active over the eastern part. Additionally, localized systems have contributed to rainfall in several districts.

Fire erupts in army truck on goods train: Truck cover catches fire from high-tension line; RPF and railway teams quickly bring blaze under control

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A fire broke out in a loaded truck on an Army special goods train near the Ujjain railway station yard. Smoke rising suddenly from the train prompted it to be immediately stopped at Ujjain station. That a covering cloth placed over the Army vehicles touched an overhead high-tension line, which caused the fire. The RPF and railway teams were immediately informed about the incident. On reaching the site, the railway teams managed to control the fire. For now, the goods train has been safely stationed at Ujjain railway station. Fortunately, no casualties were reported.

Ujjain station alerted after smoke observed

According to information, the Army special goods train was travelling from Bhopal to Jodhpur. It was carrying Army personnel and supplies in around a dozen loaded trucks. The train reached Ujjain yard at approximately 9:30 am on Sunday. Seeing smoke, the



Army personnel alerted the Ujjain station management. Upon arrival at the station, the covering cloth on the truck caught fire, which gradually spread to the truck itself. On receiving news of the incident, the RPF and railway staff immediately began extinguishing the fire. After around 20 minutes of effort, the fire was fully brought under control. RPF TI Narendra Yadav stated that a possible technical fault caused the fire in the loaded truck on the Army special goods train travelling from Bhopal to Jodhpur. The fire also damaged the OAC of Line

Number 2. However, there was no significant loss of life or property.

Khemraj Meena, PRO of Ratlam Railway Division, said that the fire occurred when the cover on the goods train touched the overhead electric line at Ujjain yard. Smoke was noticed immediately, and the fire was quickly controlled.

On August 15, officials urged Bharti to attend the Independence Day event and accept an honor as a MISA detainee. He declined, stating that accepting recognition alongside alleged "fake MISA detainees" conflicted with his principles.

When the honor ceremony began, the officials insisted, and the collector allegedly grabbed him, saying he must accept the award. Bharti recalled,

This scene is from August 15. When Misa Bandi Santosh Bharti refused to accept the honor from the in-charge minister. The reason for Bharti's refusal ties back 40 years. In 1982, the Madhya Pradesh Housing Board allotted an LIG



quarter (LIG A/1) in Mission Colony, Damoh, to his wife, Abha Bharti, at a rent of 96.25 rupees per month.

In 1984, under the government's 'One Time Hire Purchase' scheme, the family decided to purchase the house and deposited the first installment of 10,000 rupees. Bharti alleges that an officer demanded a bribe of 5,000 rupees to complete the registration, which he refused, leading to the shelving of the file.

Bharti disputes this, stating that all dues have been paid and he has proof. He plans to file a defamation case against the collector, calling the press conference a deliberate attempt to tarnish their reputation. Meanwhile, ADM Meena Meshram

explained that the matter involves legal complications. The house was to be registered in the name of Abha Bharti, and the Housing Board reported an ongoing court order. An application has been filed in the High Court to reopen the case, according to Meshram. I acted as a responsible citizen and democracy fighter, not for accolades or financial gain. My refusal was a matter of principle, not disrespect to the government. Bharti also alleges that the administration's attempts to defame him and his wife violate this principle and reflect a misuse of authority.

In the memorandum submitted to the minister, Bharti detailed his longstanding grievance regarding the housing allotment and registration issue.

Despite the submission over a month ago, he says no action has been taken, and the authorities have instead tried to paint him and his family as defaulters. Bharti's insistence on following legal and ethical means, even after decades, has made him a symbol of principled resistance in Damoh. Bharti intends to pursue legal action against the collector for defamation, stressing that the administration should have verified the facts before holding a press conference.

BRO's Project Vijayak marks 15th Raising Day, unveils Rs 1,200-crore infrastructure plan

According to officials, these initiatives will enhance resilience, sustainability, and connectivity across Ladakh's high-altitude frontiers, bolstering both strategic mobility and socio-economic development in the region.

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Project Vijayak of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated its 15th Raising Day in Kargil on Sunday, with officials announcing an expansion of infrastructure projects worth over Rs 1,200 crore as it enters its 16th year.

The plan includes widening of key roads, construction of new tunnels and bridges, and the adoption of advanced technologies such as geotextiles, improved surfacing, slope stabilisation, digital monitoring, and eco-friendly construction practices. Over the last 15 years, the Project has built and maintained more than 1,400 km of roads and 80 major bridges across Ladakh, including the record-setting reopening of the strategic Zojila Pass within just 31 days of its winter closure in April 2025, an unprecedented feat in high-altitude connectivity, a statement from the BRO spokesperson said. The commemorative events to mark the 15th Raising Day celebrations included Sainik Sammelan, cultural programmes, prayers at Mandir and



Gurudwara, and the inauguration of the Vijayak Memorial to honour fallen heroes. A bike rally to the Drass War Memorial, painting competitions on Ladakh culture, and community gatherings such as the Pagal Gymkhana and Barakhana were also held to bring together troops, families and locals.

Project Vijayak has also placed strong

focus on welfare of its Casual Paid Labourers, who are the backbone of its operations. Welfare initiatives such as insulated shelters, improved sanitation, enhanced protective gear, winter clothing, and regular health camps have been introduced to ensure safety and well-being.

Raised in 2010, Project Vijayak was

entrusted with the task of linking Ladakh's remote valleys and forward areas with the national mainstream while fulfilling operational requirements of the Armed Forces. Its contributions have not only enhanced operational preparedness but also transformed connectivity and livelihoods for the people of Ladakh, the spokesperson added.

BJP leader's shop razed by bulldozer in Gorakhpur; Accuses local land mafia

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Chaurasia has accused a local land mafia figure of orchestrating the act and filed a formal complaint with the police, demanding the immediate arrest of the accused. A 45-year-old shop belonging to senior BJP leader and Uttar Pradesh State Backward Classes Commission member, Chiranjiv Chaurasia, was demolished by a bulldozer in the Kotwali area's Niyamat Chak locality in Gorakhpur. Chaurasia has accused a local land mafia figure of orchestrating the act and filed a formal complaint with the police, demanding the immediate arrest of the accused. The BJP leader, who resides in Diwan Bazaar, broke down emotionally while speaking to the media about the incident on Saturday. According to his written complaint submitted to the Station House Officer of Kotwali, Chaurasia stated that he had been running a business from the rented shop in Niyamat Chak since 1980. He alleges that Durga Prasad Jaiswal, a known land grabber in the area, brought a bulldozer and illegally razed the shop to the ground. Along with the demolition, Chaurasia also claimed that Rs 10,000 in cash and other valuables kept inside the shop were taken away. Despite the police registering a case, no arrests have been made so far, which has further angered the leader.

Seeking justice, Chaurasia visited the SSP's office demanding immediate action. As the SSP was not present, he chose to wait, sitting on the floor in protest. Later, he was assisted by Circle Officer (CO) Omkar Dutt Tripathi and taken to meet the SP City for a discussion on the matter.

Speaking to the media, Chaurasia explained that he had originally rented the shop from a woman named Gayatri Devi. He alleged that her son, who later became addicted to drugs and alcohol, was manipulated and coerced by the land mafia into signing over the property.

"They intoxicated him repeatedly until he was almost dead, and then had the land transferred," Chaurasia said. He further stated that although Gayatri Devi's son had taken Rs 3 lakh from him as well, he was never shown any registry papers for the property. "I have asked for the documents multiple times, but they never produced them. Recently, I became suspicious when I saw the accused near my shop, and I informed the Commissioner. He was on leave on September 15 and 16 and assigned the SDM to look into it," he said. While preparing to travel to Lucknow, Chaurasia said he was shocked to find his shop demolished on Friday morning.

