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Stalin Criticizes PM Modi For Skipping Katchatheevu, Fishermen Talks During Lanka Visit

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin today accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union government of neglecting the longstanding demands of the state's fishermen. He stated that despite the Prime Minister's recent visit to Sri Lanka, there has been no concrete action to address the repeated arrests of Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy or to retrieve the Katchatheevu island. In a statement made in the Tamil Nadu Assembly, Stalin said, "This only shows that Tamil Nadu's demand for retrieving Katchatheevu has been ignored. It does not appear that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who went to Sri Lanka, raised the fishermen's release, too. This is regrettable and disappointing."

He added that the BJP-led Union government has let down the fishermen, but assured that the DMK government will not fail to protect their livelihood. Stalin reiterated that the state government stands firmly with the fishermen and is committed to their welfare, regardless of the Centre's response. "No matter how the Union government behaves, we will not fail to protect our fishermen's livelihood. The DMK government will stand with the fishermen," he declared.

Just days after Modi's visit to Sri Lanka, the Tamil Nadu government passed a resolution in the Assembly on April 2, urging the Centre to find a permanent solution to prevent the continuous arrests of Tamil Nadu fishermen by the Sri



Lankan Navy. The resolution called for the retrieval of Katchatheevu island, the release of fishermen from Sri Lankan prisons, and the return of their seized boats.

The resolution also pressed the Prime Minister to raise these issues directly with the Sri Lankan government during his visit, as a demonstration of goodwill and to safeguard the traditional fishing rights of Tamil Nadu fishermen.

Despite these appeals, only 14 Indian fishermen were released by Sri Lanka the day after Modi met Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake. While the Union government claimed that Modi advocated for resolving the fishermen issue with a humane approach, Stalin criticised the lack of clear action or mention of Katchatheevu and the remaining imprisoned fishermen.

Reaffirming his government's commitment, Stalin announced a range of welfare measures for the fishing community, including the establishment of a fishing harbour at Thangachimadam in Rameswaram, a region heavily affected by the ongoing dispute.

Court Slams UP For Converting Civil Cases into Criminal, Calls it Breakdown of Rule of Law

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : The Supreme Court today blasted the Uttar Pradesh Police for routinely converting civil disputes into criminal cases, calling it "absurd" and a "complete breakdown" of the rule of law. While hearing a cheating case, the top court said a case of not returning money doesn't constitute a criminal offence.

"This is something strange which is happening day in and day out in UP. A case of merely giving money and not returning that money is not a criminal offence. This is absolutely no case. This is a breakdown of the rule of law," the Supreme Court said.

This is the second time in four months that the Supreme Court has expressed concern over the growing number of civil disputes turning into criminal cases in Uttar Pradesh.

The Supreme Court was considering a plea where allegations of cheating have been made against an accused. The police filed a criminal case against the accused.

While a civil case pertains to disputes between individuals or organisations and involves seeking compensation or remedy, a criminal case is filed for violating the law and involves varying degrees of punishment.



The top court also pulled up the investigating officer in the case and warned of proceedings.

"This is absurdity... I will ask the investigating officer to stand in the witness box and record his pre-summoning evidence. I will haul up and begin proceedings against the IO," the top court said while staying trial court proceedings in the case.

In December, the top court asked the UP Police chief to curb the routine conversion of civil disputes into criminal cases and stop the harassment of civilians. The court warned that if the practice did not cease, it would pass orders that the police chief would "remember his whole life".

The strong remarks came while the court was hearing the anticipatory bail plea of a person against whom criminal cases were lodged over various land disputes.

'Tarrifying': Congress Targets PM Modi as Trump Tariffs Send Shockwaves Through Indian Markets

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : The Congress today intensified its attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi as stock markets in India crashed following US President Donald Trump's tariff announcements last week.

Comparing PM Modi to his US counterpart, Congress said that both leaders are experts in delivering "self-inflicted wounds" to their countries as a result of which the markets are responding in a "tariffing" manner.

"It is no wonder that Mr. Modi and Mr. Trump describe themselves as good friends. Both are experts in giving their economies self-inflicted wounds," Congress MP Jairam Ramesh said on his official X handle on Monday, soon after both Sensex and NSE Nifty sank by nearly 4,000 points and 1,200 points respectively.

The crash wiped out nearly Rs 19 lakh crore within a few minutes of the market opening as Sensex plunged to a 10-month low.

"Nov 8, 2016 was demonetisation. April 2, 2025 was the bizarre reciprocal tariffs. Markets are reacting predictably in a tariffing manner," Ramesh added.

Last week, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, speaking on



the floor during the Zero Hour, warned the Narendra Modi government that tariffs would "completely devastate" the Indian industry.

Demanding answers from the government on how they intend to protect the domestic economy amid Trump's tariff announcements, Rahul Gandhi said, "Somebody once asked Indira Gandhi ji - 'In the matter of foreign policy you lean left or you lean right,' and Indira Gandhi ji answered, 'I don't lean left or right, I stand straight.' Putting the spotlight on the PM Modi-Trump bonhomie, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge said in the Rajya Sabha last week, "America is a businessman and our customer got trapped."

Congress MP Manish Tewari followed suit, calling the additional tariffs a "complete failure" of the Modi government in negotiating with the Trump administration.

Chaos Erupts in Assembly as MLAs Tear Copies of Waqf Act, Slogans Fill the Air

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Srinagar : The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly today witnessed a huge uproar over the newly enacted Waqf law, as the Speaker turned down the adjournment motion - meant to suspend other proceedings in the House to discuss a matter of public importance - moved by the ruling party National Conference (NC) legislators.

The Assembly resumed after being adjourned for 15 minutes, as the NC MLAs chanted "Modi Sarkar hai, hai" while storming into the well of the House. Dismissing the adjournment motion, Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather, citing Rules 56 and 58 (7), said that "no matter which is sub-judice can be brought up for adjournment." "Since this issue is in the Supreme Court and I have got a copy of it, the rule clearly says that we cannot discuss it through an adjournment motion," he added.

After the Speaker's refusal to take up the matter for urgent discussion, massive protests erupted among the NC legislators. As protests erupted in the assembly, NC MLAs, Hilal Lone and Salman Sagar, tore copies of the Waqf Act. The situation further worsened when NC MLA Abdul Majeed Larmi tore his jacket on the floor of the House in protest.

Revealing the reason why Larmi resorted to such an extreme measure, the NC MLA told: "The Modi government must withdraw Waqf law just like farm laws were rolled back. We won't allow



proceedings of the assembly to take place till this law is withdrawn. Our religious sentiments have been hurt. That's why I tore my jacket."

Denouncing the NC's move, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, Sunil Sharma, called the ruling party's demand "highly unconstitutional."

"Parliament has passed the bill, the President has given assent, and it is now law," said Sharma. Reiterating the Speaker's objection to the adjournment motion, he said that "when the matter is with the judiciary, this Assembly has no authority to debate or discuss it."

Sharma further stated that if a sub-judice matter is brought up for discussion in the assembly, then it would amount to violating constitutional norms.

Meanwhile, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti called the Speaker's decision to reject the adjournment motion "profoundly disappointing." Expressing surprise, she said that despite being in majority, the NC-Congress alliance "completely yielded to the BJP's anti-Muslim agenda, cynically attempting to appease both sides."



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Millions in India Unaware of Chronic Illnesses, Reveals Apollo Health Report

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Millions of Indians are living with serious health issues like high blood pressure, diabetes, and fatty liver without even knowing it, according to the latest Health of the Nation 2025 report by Apollo Hospitals.

Based on screenings of over 2.5 million individuals, in the past five years, preventive health checks at Apollo, India's largest private hospital chain, have jumped 150%, from 1 million in 2019 to 2.5 million in 2024, revealing a silent epidemic—millions are living with undiagnosed chronic conditions despite showing no visible symptoms. This reflects growing awareness, but the data also shows that more needs to be done.

"Don't wait for symptoms, make preventive health your priority," the report highlighted, pointing out that 26% of those screened had hypertension and 23% diabetic despite showing no symptoms.

"India must rise to the opportunity of creating healthy, happy families by placing health at the heart of every household. Preventive healthcare is no longer a future ambition—it is the cornerstone of a nation's well-being today. This report affirms our collective responsibility to act early, screen deeply, and empower every citizen with knowledge and access," said Dr. Prathap Reddy, Chairman, Apollo Hospitals.

Dr. Suneeta Reddy, Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals added, "When 66% of people screened have fatty liver, 85% of them being non-alcoholic; it signals the urgency for new diagnostics and early detection at scale. Traditional screening is no longer enough. Apollo's ProHealth program is not just empowering individuals to take control of their health, it is laying the foundation for scalable and predictive healthcare."



The data were drawn from de-identified electronic medical records (EMRs) of preventive health checks, structured clinical evaluations, and AI-driven risk stratification across Apollo's hospitals, clinics, diagnostics labs, and wellness centres.

The report zeroes in on three urgent health challenges: fatty liver disease, post-menopausal health decline, and childhood obesity, stressing the need for early personalised interventions and lifestyle-based care models.

FATTY LIVER DISEASE IS A KEY CONCERN

One of the most worrying trends in the report is the rise of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD).

Among the 2.57 lakh people screened, 65% had fatty liver, and 85% of these had never consumed alcohol.

This means the condition is being driven by poor diet, inactive lifestyles, and other metabolic issues, not alcohol. More than half of the individuals had normal blood tests, suggesting that common lab reports may miss early warning signs.

Advanced scans and screenings may be necessary for accurate diagnosis.

POST-MENOPAUSE HEALTH NEEDS URGENT ATTENTION

The report shows that women face sharp health risks after menopause, the period that marks the end of their menstrual cycle.

Diabetes in women rises from 14% before menopause to 40% afterward. Obesity jumps from 76% to 86%, and fatty liver becomes even more common.

"This is not just about ageing, it's about a stage in life that needs specific attention. We need age-appropriate, gender-sensitive care models," said Dr. Preetha Reddy, Executive Vice Chairperson of Apollo Hospitals.

RIISING OBESITY TRENDS IN CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

Obesity is also increasing among the young. The report found that 8% of primary school children and 28% of college students are overweight or obese.

Even more concerning, 19% of college students were found to be pre-hypertensive, suggesting early risk of heart disease.

The report authors said that this trend is due to poor diets, lack of physical activity, and rising stress among youth.

"This is not just about body weight—these are early signs of lifelong health issues," said Dr. Preetha Reddy.

THE HIDDEN BURDEN OF HEART DISEASE

Even among people with no symptoms, 46% were found to have early signs of heart disease through calcium scoring.

Shockingly, 2.5% of those affected were under the age of 40. This means many Indians could be walking around with undiagnosed heart conditions, reinforcing the need for advanced screenings.

MENTAL HEALTH, SLEEP ISSUES OFTEN IGNORED

Mental health is another growing concern. In a screening of over 47,000 people, 6% showed signs of depression. Women between 40–55 were most affected.

Sleep disorders are also widespread. 1 in 4 Indians are at high risk for Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA), a disorder closely linked to obesity, cardiovascular disease, and daytime fatigue.

Based on screenings of 53,000 individuals, 33% of men and 10% of women were identified as high-risk of sleep apnea.

Risk levels rise sharply with age, affecting 68% of men and 22% of women over 55.

Despite its high prevalence, OSA remains underdiagnosed, often mistaken for general fatigue or stress.

Doctors are calling for routine sleep risk assessments in metabolic screenings, stronger public awareness about OSA symptoms, and workplace wellness programs that address sleep hygiene as a core pillar of preventive care.

Despite being common, both conditions are underdiagnosed, often mistaken for stress or tiredness.

CANCER BURDEN

In 2024, the median age for cervical cancer diagnosis was 49, for breast cancer 57, and lung cancer 61: a full decade earlier than global averages.

The report advocates lowering the age threshold for routine screening and driving awareness in urban and rural populations alike.

MICRONUTRIENT DEFICIENCIES

Anemia affected 45% of women and 26% of men, while vitamin D deficiency impacted 77% of women and 82% of men. Vitamin B12 deficiency was also significant, with 38% of men and 27% of women showing low levels.

Among those under 40, the deficiency was even more pronounced: 49% of

men and 35% of women were vitamin B12 deficient.

These gaps, if left unaddressed, can impair energy, cognition, and metabolic function. Apollo recommends widespread education as an essential first step towards improving national nutrition and long-term health.

OBESITY AND METABOLIC DYSFUNCTION: THE CASCADE CONTINUES

The report highlights that 61% of individuals screened were obese, with another 18% overweight. Obesity continues to act as the root cause of a range of non-communicable diseases.

The report stated that Apollo supports expanding physical literacy in schools and workplaces and making BMI (body mass index) and metabolic screenings part of every annual health check.

Doctors even advocated for healthcare to move from a symptom-driven model to a preventive, data-led system.

They recommended making regular health check-ups part of school curriculums, corporate wellness programs, and insurance coverage.

"This report shows that waiting for symptoms could be too late. Early screening, lifestyle changes, and awareness are the only way forward," said Dr. Prathap Reddy.



Atul Sharma



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Born on 08th April : They can read the motives of others and are good judges of character. These ambitious, career-oriented people have a pragmatic nature yet dream large. They possess a generous soul and the desire to be part of the crowd but may be unwilling to show these aspects of their personality.

They are consistent, dependable, and loyal. They often have more than their share of emotional ups and downs in romantic love. Finding the right person can be a chore, but when they do, they want that person with them for a lifetime.

This could relate to a difficult childhood or feeling left out of the family. They are sometimes unsure in their parenting role. They believe in strict discipline but don't want to restrict their children the way they themselves may have been.

The people born on this date are worriers and often suffer from worrier's ailments: headaches, backaches, upset stomach, and sleeping disorders.

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<h3 style="color: red;">Aries</h3> <p>April 08th 2025 : Lots will depend on your shoulders and clarity of mind will be important for you to take decisions. You know the importance of money very well, which is why the money you save today will be useful in the future and get out of any major difficulty.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Taurus</h3> <p>April 08th 2025 : Suffering from a body pains is high on the card. Try to avoid any physical exertion that would put more stress on your body. Remember to take sufficient rest. Your ability to impress others will bring rewards. Do not be vulgar to your girlfriend.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Gemini</h3> <p>April 08th 2025 : Today you feel relaxed and in the right mood to enjoy. Important people will be ready to finance anything that has a special class to it. An old contact might create some problems for you. Be cheerful and courage to face downs in love.</p>
<h3 style="color: red;">Cancer</h3> <p>April 08th 2025 : Today you are under magic spell of hope. Well-established and known businessmen of this zodiac sign are required to invest their money very thoughtfully today. Your smile is best antidote for your beloved's unhappiness.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Leo</h3> <p>April 08th 2025 : You need to put your intelligence tact and diplomacy to sort problems that trouble your mind. Those who were going through financial crisis for a long time can attain money from anywhere today, which will eliminate several life problems in an instant.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Virgo</h3> <p>April 08th 2025 : A sparkling laughter filled day when most things proceed- as you desire. You should value time and money or else the upcoming time will be full of troubles and challenges. Take the opinion of your family members before finalising anything.</p>
<h3 style="color: red;">Libra</h3> <p>April 08th 2025 : Playing with kids would give you a wonderful healing experience. You will possess a considerable amount of money today, and with it there will be peace of mind. A better understanding with your spouse brings in happiness-peace and prosperity at home.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Scorpio</h3> <p>April 08th 2025 : Today, your health is expected to be healthy. Due to your good health, you can plan to play with your friends today. Not a very beneficial day- so check your money situation and limit your expenses. Your love could invite disapproval.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Sagittarius</h3> <p>April 08th 2025 : You are likely to spend your time in sports to maintain your physical stamina. If you are married, then take special care of your children today, as there are chances of their health deteriorating. As a result, you may have to spend a lot of money on their health.</p>
<h3 style="color: red;">Capricorn</h3> <p>April 08th 2025 : Do not poke your nose in wife's affairs as it would invite her anger. It is better to mind your own business. Interference as little as possible otherwise it could create dependency. Today financial losses seem likely if you invest on the words of others.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Aquarius</h3> <p>April 08th 2025 : Today, your health is expected to be healthy. Due to your good health, you can plan to play with your friends today. If you are planning on hanging out with your friends, then spend money thoughtfully, as you are likely to suffer from money loss.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Pisces</h3> <p>April 08th 2025 : Outdoor sports will attract you- Meditation and yoga will bring gains. Today, you can learn the skill of accumulating and saving money and put it to the right use. Your partner would be supportive and helpful. Try harder you will definitely be luckier as it is your day.</p>

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MLA Kulwant Singh Inaugurates Development Works at Government Primary Schools

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : Under the Punjab Government's 'Education Revolution Punjab' initiative, MLA Kulwant Singh today inaugurated the development works at government primary schools in Phase-7 and Phase-2 of Mohali city. The event aimed to modernize educational facilities in the state.

At Phase-7 government primary school, classrooms have been equipped with modern facilities at a cost of ₹15 lakh, while Phase-2 school received an upgrade worth ₹2.55 lakh, including the installation of projectors and LED TVs. These upgrades are part of the ongoing efforts to provide modern amenities in schools as a part of the Punjab Government's commitment to improving education.

In his address, MLA Kulwant Singh emphasized that under Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's leadership, the Punjab Government, guided by the Aam Aadmi Party's National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal, is focusing on providing the best possible facilities for education and



health. He stated that a prosperous society can only be built if its residents are healthy and educated.

He further mentioned the government's efforts in enhancing education, including the opening of 881 Aam Aadmi Clinics and the recruitment of teachers to ensure the provision of quality education in government schools. Kulwant Singh assured that the state government will leave no stone unturned to ensure there are no obstacles in the education of children. Additionally, he urged school principals

to treat the future of the children as their own and ensure that every essential need of the school is met, regardless of the cost. He stressed that the Aam Aadmi Party government is committed to providing all necessary resources to schools.

On this occasion, several dignitaries including Mrs. Damandeep Kaur, SDM Mohali, Kuldeep Singh Samana, Dr. Kuldeep Singh, R.P. Sharma, and others were present, along with a large gathering of city residents and parents of school children.

MLA Kuljeet Singh Randhawa Inaugurates Development Works at Government Primary Schools

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Zirakpur : As part of the Punjab Government's "Education Revolution," led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and Education Minister Harjot Bains, various development projects aimed at improving government schools across the state were inaugurated today.

MLA Kuljeet Singh Randhawa, representing Derabassi, inaugurated two key projects in Zirakpur. At the Bishangarh Government Primary School, facilities including separate washrooms for boys and girls were upgraded at a cost of ₹2.31 lakh. Additionally, at the Bishanpura Government Primary School, new classrooms and washrooms were developed with an investment of ₹8.64 lakh.

During the event, students presented cultural performances, highlighting the vibrant atmosphere in the schools. MLA Randhawa mentioned that within the next one and a half months, most of the schools in the region would see significant improvements. He emphasized that the goal of the "Punjab Education Revolution" is to raise the standard of education and infrastructure in government schools to match those of private institutions.



Addressing the media, MLA Randhawa highlighted the importance of providing basic facilities like clean drinking water and sanitary toilets, which contribute to the overall well-being and academic performance of students. He further assured that private schools would not be allowed to hike fees arbitrarily, ensuring that education remains affordable for all, regardless of economic background.

Randhawa also commended the ongoing efforts to revolutionize the state's education system, under the guidance of Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains. He reiterated the commitment of the Punjab Government to provide all necessary resources to government schools, including clean drinking water, high-speed Wi-Fi, separate toilets

for boys and girls, desks, chairs, and boundary walls. This broad infrastructure development program is centered around enhancing educational facilities and introducing modern educational technologies in government schools.

The "Punjab Education Revolution" initiative has been widely welcomed by the community, as it promises not only to improve the quality of education but also bridge the gap between government and private schools. In attendance at the event were Gurpreet Virk, Block Coordinator, Sandeep Kumar, Headmaster of Bishangarh Government Primary School, Manveer Kaur, Headmistress of Bishanpura Government Primary School, and other local officials and representatives from the Aam Aadmi Party.

World Health Day Celebrated at Government Health Institutions

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Mohali : On the occasion of World Health Day, various government health institutions in the district organized awareness activities to educate patients about the symptoms, causes, prevention, and treatment of different diseases. Civil Surgeon Dr. Sangeeta Jain highlighted that World Health Day is celebrated every year on April 7, a day that emphasizes the importance of good health. This day was first observed in 1950, though its origins trace back to 1948, the year the World Health Organization (WHO) was established.

Dr. Jain mentioned that World Health Day is not just a single day but an opportunity for individuals and society to prioritize good health and contribute to the creation of a healthy and prosperous community. This year's theme is "Healthy Start, Bright Future," which focuses on the health of newborns and mothers. She stressed that



when the health of mothers and children is ensured, the future generation of the country will also be healthy.

Dr. Jain added that government health institutions in the district are providing high-quality services for maternal and child health, including free tests, medicines, ultrasounds, meals, and transport facilities for patients traveling to and from health centers. Furthermore, newborns are provided free treatment for up to one year.

She appealed to pregnant women to prioritize their health and the health of

their babies by maintaining a balanced and nutritious diet and regularly undergoing necessary tests. During pregnancy, four essential check-ups, including weight, blood, urine, and blood sugar tests, are necessary. Dr. Jain also recommended including fresh vegetables, fruits, and milk in the diet.

Pregnant women were encouraged to visit government health institutions for routine check-ups. For any health-related information, individuals can contact the health department's helpline at 104.

Grand Religious Celebrations Mark Shri Ram Navami in Shri Hari Sankirtan Mandir

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Mohali : Shri Ram Navami was celebrated with fervor and devotion across Mohali, with religious programs being organized in nearly all local temples. The Shri Hari Sankirtan Mandir, located in Phase-5 of Mohali, hosted a grand celebration that attracted a large crowd of devotees from all walks of life.

The day began with Durga Stuti and Mahila Sankirtan, followed by bhajan-kirtan and puja-paath in the temple. As the morning prayers concluded, the temple witnessed a series of devotional performances, including a special aarti of 108 lamps, which has become a highlight of the temple's daily rituals. Due to the overwhelming number of devotees, arrangements were made for 200 to 250 lamps, with temple authorities planning for even more should the crowd continue to grow.

Maresh Chandra Manan, the current head of the temple committee, expressed his



gratitude for the enthusiastic participation of the devotees. Along with General Secretary SK Sachdeva, Joint Secretary Kishori Lal, and other committee members, Manan highlighted the ongoing religious programs, including the daily bhajan kirtans and the evening aarti, which has become an integral part of the temple's tradition.

The highlight of the celebration was the grand aarti dedicated to Lord Shri Ram, after which prasad was distributed to all attendees. Following the religious ceremonies, an unbroken langar was

organized, continuing for hours to accommodate the steady flow of visitors. Devotees were seen enjoying the langar while dancing to bhajans, creating an atmosphere of joy and devotion throughout the temple premises.

The temple's committee members expressed their commitment to continuing these religious programs and services, ensuring that the temple remains a place of spiritual solace for the growing number of devotees. The festive spirit was palpable, with all present fully immersed in the devotional celebrations.

PIC OF THE DAY

Who Cares...?

Roadside Potholes Cause Accidents, Municipal Corporation Officials Show Little Concern



Atul Sharma

Mohali : Persistent potholes on several key roads in Mohali have become a major safety hazard, leading to multiple accidents in recent weeks. Despite numerous complaints from the public and local authorities, officials from the Municipal Corporation (MC) have shown little urgency in addressing the issue, leaving commuters at risk.

Motorists and pedestrians have expressed growing frustration over the dangerous potholes, which are particularly prevalent in high-traffic areas. Several accidents, including some involving two-wheelers, have been reported due to the large, unfilled potholes. Many victims of these accidents have raised concerns about the lack of timely action from the MC in repairing the damaged roads.

Residents allege that despite repeated complaints to the concerned departments, there has been little or no response. "These potholes have been here for weeks, and nothing has been done about them. It is only a matter

of time before someone gets seriously injured," said a commuter who just had a narrow escape.

Commuters stated that accidents caused by potholes are becoming an increasing issue, leading to delays and posing risks to both road users and emergency responders.

Municipal Corporation officials, however, have been accused of being indifferent to the growing problem. While officials have acknowledged the issue, many claim that budget constraints and the need for a more thorough assessment of the roads are delaying repairs.

As the situation worsens, residents and commuters are calling on the authorities to take immediate action to fill the potholes and ensure road safety. Many are questioning whether public safety will ever be prioritized over bureaucratic delays, urging the Municipal Corporation to act before more accidents occur.

But Who Cares...???

Progressive Welfare Association to Organize Mega Free Eye Checkup Camp



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : The Progressive Welfare Association, a registered social service organization in Mohali's Phase-4, is set to organize its first-ever free mega eye checkup camp on April 20, 2025, at Shri Kalgidhar Gurudwara Sahib, Phase-4. This initiative is part of the organization's decade-long commitment to serving humanity, which has included a variety of social welfare activities, from providing ration and medicines during the COVID-19 pandemic to other charitable efforts.

Officials from the association, including current head HS Kanwar, Senior Vice President Karan Johar, General Secretary Balwinder Singh, and Additional General Secretary Jaspal Singh Tiwana, shared the details of the upcoming camp with the media. They emphasized that the association has always prioritized

humanitarian service, extending its efforts beyond the local community to help people across Punjab and even other states.

The eye checkup camp, which will run from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, is being organized with the collaboration of eye specialist Dr. Nimisha Nagpal and her team of experts. The camp will be open to all individuals, especially those in need, and will offer free eye checkups. In addition to the checkup, the association has also made provisions for providing free eye drops, medicines, and even eye surgeries for those requiring further treatment.

The association officials also noted that the event is being organized independently, with funds raised through their own efforts, as the organization remains non-political and non-religious, focusing solely on its mission of serving humanity.

Pb CM Inaugurates School of Eminence in Nawanshahr, Education Revolution Promised



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Chandigarh : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, accompanied by AAP Punjab in-charge Manish Sisodia, inaugurated the "School of Eminence" in Nawanshahr on Monday, marking a significant milestone in the state's educational reforms. During his speech, CM Mann highlighted that previously, parents were forced to send their children to government schools due to financial constraints. However, with the new initiatives, these schools are now offering quality education, he said, calling it an "education revolution."

The CM emphasized that, unlike earlier times when students were given porridge and spoon instead of books and pens, the new schools are well-equipped and offer a conducive learning environment. He also mentioned that the state government had provided 54,003 jobs on merit, marking a departure from the old system of nepotism. Meanwhile, BJP leader and Delhi minister Manjinder Sirsa criticized the Punjab government, accusing them of misusing teachers by asking them to become AAP's

social media team. Sirsa expressed concerns over teachers being instructed to create social media accounts and broadcast political programs instead of focusing on education. Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains, in his address, countered the BJP's claims, stating that there is nothing wrong with promoting the government's achievements if they lead to improving education. He further added that the government's primary focus is on raising educational standards and addressing drug addiction issues through initiatives such as PTM (Parents-Teachers Meetings) in government schools. The government claims that under the AAP's leadership, significant strides have been made to improve educational facilities, including Wi-Fi connectivity in over 17,000 schools. The government asserts that no student now sits on the floor, with 12,500 schools offering modern facilities. CM Mann ended his speech with a call for unity, promising that Punjab's education system would continue to rise as they focus on fighting against drug abuse and pushing for quality education.

HPSEBL to Be Strengthened, Assures CM Sukhu



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Shimla : Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, during a review meeting with the Energy Department, reaffirmed the state government's commitment to strengthening the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL) and enhancing its services for the people of the state. The Chief Minister emphasized the importance of large-scale recruitment for field staff to ensure smooth ground-level operations. He praised the dedicated role of HPSEBL officers and employees in ensuring consistent electricity supply across the state. In a significant move, CM Sukhu directed that several HPSEBL officers currently on deputation to the Directorate of Energy, Himachal Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Limited, and Power Corporation be permanently absorbed into their respective organizations by April 30. The state government also plans to fill remaining vacant

posts on priority to improve the functioning of HPSEBL. CM Sukhu also highlighted the upcoming formal inauguration of the 100 MW Uhl Phase-III hydroelectric project. The project, which had been delayed due to a penstock burst in May 2020, was fast-tracked by the current state government with a financial provision of Rs. 185 crore. Since its commissioning, the project has already generated 2.97 crore units of electricity. Initially started in 2003, the project has now been completed after 22 years, and once fully operational, it is expected to produce 392 million units annually, generating about Rs. 200 crore in revenue for the state each year. The meeting was attended by Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani, Chief Minister's Principal Advisor Ram Subhag Singh, Chief Minister's Secretary Rakesh Kanwar, Director Energy Rakesh Kumar Prajapati, Managing Director HPSEBL Sandeep Kumar, and other senior department officials.

Farmers' Protest to Continue Until Demands Are Met, Dallewal Confirms

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Chandigarh : Farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal today reaffirmed that the farmers' agitation will persist until the government accepts their demands, including a legal guarantee for minimum support price (MSP) for crops. Dallewal announced that farmer leaders would participate in the upcoming talks with the Centre scheduled for May 4. He emphasized that their presence was necessary to prevent the government from claiming that the farmers did not attend the meeting. "We will attend the meeting and strongly present our demands," he stated. The farmer leader, who recently ended his 130-day hunger strike, clarified that the agitation was far from over. The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-



Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM), both of which Dallewal represents, will decide the next course of action in a meeting. These groups had led a year-long protest at the Shambhu and Khanauri border points in Punjab and Haryana, demanding a solution to their issues. The protest was cleared by police on March 19. Dallewal explained that 'Kisan

Mahapanchayats' would continue to be held across Punjab as part of the ongoing agitation. He also mentioned that similar events would be organized in Haryana and Rajasthan. Responding to the upcoming meeting with the government, Dallewal confirmed that farmers' representatives would attend, emphasizing their commitment to pushing for a legal guarantee on MSP. Dallewal had called off his fast-unto-death following requests from supporters. He was discharged from a private hospital in Khanna today after a check-up. The ongoing farmers' protest is set to intensify until their demands are met.

Peer Mohammad Resigns from Akali Dal Over Unfulfilled 2 December Order

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Chandigarh : Shiromani Akali Dal leader Karnail Singh Peer Mohammad has resigned from the party, raising serious concerns about its leadership and direction. In his resignation letter, Peer Mohammad emphasized the importance of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, stating that it remains supreme for the community. Peer Mohammad questioned why the 2 December Hukamnama was not implemented as per its original intent,



expressing dissatisfaction with the

formation of a seven-member committee which, he claimed, sidelined the Jathedars. He also referred to the resignation of Harjinder Singh Dhami, highlighting the growing unrest within the party. Calling for unity, Peer Mohammad criticized the way the leadership has handled religious decisions and urged Panthic forces to work together for the greater good.

Former Pb SSP, SP Sentenced to 5 Years in 2007 Sex Scandal

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Mohali : A CBI court today sentenced former Moga SSP Devinder Singh Garcha and SP (Headquarters) Paramdip Singh Sandhu to five years of rigorous imprisonment, along with a fine of Rs 2 lakh each, in connection with the 2007 Moga sex scandal case. Inspector Amarjit Singh received a sentence of six-and-a-half years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 2.5 lakh, while Sub-Inspector Raman Kumar was sentenced to eight years of rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs 3 lakh. Both were convicted under the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA). Additionally, Raman Kumar was convicted for extortion, while Amarjit Singh faced charges of attempting extortion. The scandal, which made national



headlines, involved high-ranking police officials and politicians allegedly extorting wealthy youths by trapping them in a sex trade case. The accused police officers had taken bribes to manipulate the statements of two women, dropping the names of the accused. While Barjinder Singh (alias Makhan),

son of former SAD minister, and Sukhraj Singh were acquitted on March 29, the case continues to have lasting repercussions. It was discovered in 2007 after the high-profile involvement of politicians and senior police officials. In the case's aftermath, the high court ordered a CBI investigation, acknowledging the difficulty of proceeding due to the powerful figures involved. In 2012, charges were framed against the accused under multiple sections of the IPC and the Prevention of Corruption Act. The scandal's investigation was further complicated by a key witness, Manjit Kaur, who died during the trial, and another minor girl who initially turned approver but later became hostile.

Gangster Happy Passia Claims Rocket Attack on Police Station; Cops Deny

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Gurdaspur : Foreign-based gangster Happy Passia has claimed responsibility for a rocket launcher attack on the Kila Lal Singh police station early Monday morning in a social media post. However, senior police officers have denied the allegation. SSP Suhail Qasim Mir stated that he received a call around 3 a.m. reporting the attack. He immediately dispatched a team led by a DSP-rank officer to investigate the incident. Upon reaching the site, the team found no evidence of an attack.



Mir said, "I ordered a thorough combing

operation, but no such activity was found. To stay on the safe side, an FIR was registered at the police station." The police chief confirmed that Happy Passia had made the claim on social media, but assured that their investigation revealed no signs of an attack. An officer also revealed that rumors had circulated overnight, suggesting an untoward event, but the combing operation found no evidence to support the claims.

Skill-Based Saturday at Delhi Public School Promotes Holistic Student Development

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Jalandhar : Delhi Public School recently organized a successful Skill-Based Saturday, a dynamic initiative designed to foster the holistic development of students through a combination of engaging, educational activities. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students across various classes, who took part in a series of well-structured sessions. Activities included yoga and meditation, aimed at promoting mindfulness and well-being, alongside creative and critical thinking games that stimulated cognitive growth. A Gratitude Chain allowed students to express appreciation for the things they are grateful for, while a Vocabulary Building Game focused on enhancing interpersonal skills.



One of the major highlights of the day was the National Level Painting Competition, where students showcased their artistic talents and creativity. The Skill-Based Saturday served as an ideal blend of learning and enjoyment, providing students with a chance to explore new skills beyond the traditional

classroom environment. By offering such enriching experiences, the school continues to demonstrate its commitment to the overall development of its students. The event was a resounding success, leaving students inspired, energized, and looking forward to more such interactive and enriching activities.

Karma Review: A Gripping, Gritty Tale of Fate and Retribution

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New Delhi : If you think you can outrun your karma, think again. 'Karma', the latest South Korean crime thriller from director Lee Il-hyung, lands on Netflix with a six-episode punch that's tight, bold, and relentlessly intense. The show is based on Choi Hee-seon's Kakao webtoon that takes the concept of fate and twists it into a volatile thriller where no one walks away clean. At its core, Karma is about six people—each harbouring secrets, guilt, and hunger for something just out of reach. Their stories spiral around one another like a slow-burning fuse, and when it finally hits the powder keg, the fallout is messy, violent, and deeply human. The show doesn't waste time; every episode peels back another layer, exposing how past sins bleed into present choices. There's no redemption arc here without cost. Lee Il-hyung's screenplay is sharp and meticulous. In just six episodes, he manages to thread a complex narrative without ever feeling rushed or overloaded. The pacing is surgical. You think you know where it's going? Think again. Every time the show sets up an expectation, it flips it. You guess "A," it hits you with "B," and not for shock value—each twist lands



with purpose. Performance-wise, the cast delivers across the board, but Lee Kwang-soo, Park Hae-soo, and Shin Min-a are standouts. Typically known for his comedic roles, Kwang-soo [Running Man], surprises with a dark, layered performance that stays. Hae-soo [Squid Game] brings intensity with a chilling undercurrent. On the other hand, Min-a [Hometown Cha Cha Cha] is quietly devastating—a mix of grace and suppressed rage. Kim Nam-Gil in an extended role is quite impressive as well. The way they hold the emotional weight of the show while pushing the plot forward with raw, believable energy is interesting till the end. The action is well-choreographed. It's not stylised for the sake of it; every punch and blood splatter has

narrative weight. And yes, there's gore—but not just for shock. This is Korean storytelling after all: unafraid to go dark when the story demands it, and Karma demands it often. The cinematography keeps the tension high with moody framing. The shadow-drenched alleys and stark interiors make you feel trapped in the same fated spiral as the characters. There's a lingering dread to every scene, as if karma itself is watching—and waiting, which makes it a thrilling watch. In the end, Karma doesn't just tell you that fate catches up. It shows you—brutally, elegantly, and with no easy way out. With standout performances and razor-sharp storytelling, it's one of the most compelling Korean dramas of the year. Watch it—just don't expect to sleep easy after.

Tahira Kashyap Announces Breast Cancer Relapse: 'Round 2, But I Got This'

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New Delhi : Writer-filmmaker Tahira Kashyap today shared a note on Instagram, revealing her cancer diagnosis. The 42-year-old is now battling a breast cancer relapse, seven years after she beat it for the first time. In her social media post, Kashyap, who is also the wife of actor Ayushmann Khurrana, spread awareness about regular mammograms, and called her relapse 'round two' of the battle. She used the popular phrase 'when life gives you lemons, make lemonade' to express that she is going to fight the disease for the second time with a positive outlook towards life. A part of the caption on her post read, "#regularscreening #mammogram not shying away from saying it #breastcancer #onemoretime #lets go. Ironically or not, today is #WorldHealthDay Let's do whatever we can in our capacity to take care of ourselves. #gratitude through and through (sic)." Kashyap was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2018. Known for her directorial debut, 'Sharmaji Ki Beti',



she has been a regular advocate of being aware of the disease. She has also been leading body positivity campaigns, by sharing her own surgery scars. Kashyap also embraced baldness and refused to wear a wig to hide it during her first chemotherapy session. In an interview with Filmfare earlier this year, she talked about undergoing a mastectomy, and shared that her parents didn't talk to her after she posted her photos of a bald look on

social media. She said, "My parents got really upset with me when I put up my bald picture (after the cancer diagnosis). A bald look for a woman is somehow synonymous with disaster, so they refused to talk to me and were forcing me to take it down (sic)." Kashyap remembered telling her parents that she wanted to 'celebrate' that phase of her life, while they couldn't understand what 'celebrating an illness' meant.

MI vs RCB IPL 2025 Preview: Bumrah's Return Poses Major Challenge for Bengaluru



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New Delhi : Mumbai Indians will breathe a sigh of relief as they gear up for their big Wankhede clash against their familiar rivals Royal Challengers, and that is all due to Jasprit Bumrah's potential return for the match. With the IPL 2025 slowly shifting gears to its more intense stages, MI have received a big boost with Bumrah's return, and against a batting unit like that of RCB, the hosts will be eyeing to make full use of it. When it comes to overall performances this season, RCB will have the edge in confidence walking into the Monday clash. Despite losing their first home game of the season to Gujarat Titans, that takes nothing away from their overall dominance in their first two wins over Chennai Super Kings and Kolkata Knight Riders. However, their fresh batting unit featuring the likes of Phil Salt, Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar, Jitesh Sharma, and Tim David are yet to find full sync. A Bumrah-featured MI clash will test them to the fullest. On the other hand, MI, who are standing 8th on the points table, will have very little room for error when they take the field in this high-value clash. Although the win in their previous two clashes against KKR and LSG will give them a great deal of confidence, the side will be looking to come over their batting mishaps - which has majorly been saved by individual brilliance so far this season. While MI have Bumrah's possible return on the cards, there is a high chance that the side's star man Rohit Sharma misses out on the clash depending upon his recovery from the knee injury he suffered ahead of their LSG fixture - which might discount fans from a highly anticipated Kohli-Rohit face-off. **HEAD-TO-HEAD: MI vs RCB** Although a slim one, MI enjoy an edge when it comes to their head-to-head tally. In their 33 matches played against each other over the course of IPL, MI have a 19-13 lead over RCB with one match ending in a tie. The last clash between the two sides, that came in IPL 2024, saw MI clinch a 7-wicket win at Wankhede. **Team News: MI vs RCB** After receiving the "match-fit" go-ahead, MI could see Jasprit Bumrah returning for the side against RCB, and then go on to play a leading role for the bowling unit this season. On the

other hand, there is very little clarity over the availability of Rohit Sharma for this clash, who missed MI's last game against LSG after picking up a knee niggle. **Royal Challengers Bengaluru Predicted XI:** Virat Kohli, Phil Salt, Devdutt Padikkal, Rajat Patidar (c), Liam Livingstone, Jitesh Sharma (w), Tim David, Krunal Pandya, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Josh Hazlewood, Yash Dayal **Impact Player:** Suyash Sharma/Rasikh Dar Salam **Mumbai Indians Predicted XI:** Rohit Sharma, Ryan Rickelton (w), Will Jacks, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, Hardik Pandya (c), Naman Dhir, Mitchell Santner, Deepak Chahar, Trent Boult, Ashwani Kumar **Impact sub:** Jasprit Bumrah Or, Ryan Rickelton (w), Will Jacks, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, Hardik Pandya (c), Naman Dhir, Mitchell Santner, Deepak Chahar, Jasprit Bumrah, Trent Boult, Ashwani Kumar **Impact sub:** Rohit Sharma **MI vs RCB: Top Fantasy Picks** **Mumbai Indians:** Suryakumar Yadav, Trent Boult, Jasprit Bumrah, Ashwani Kumar **Royal Challengers Bengaluru:** Phil Salt, Rajat Patidar, Tim David, Josh Hazlewood **Pitch Conditions:** MI vs RCB The red soil pitch at the Wankhede Stadium has usually seen batters take out a big advantage. But in its only IPL 2025 fixture so far - that came in MI's clash against KKR - bowlers shone the brightest. Ashwani Kumar, on his IPL debut, picked a four-wicket haul on this track, and he along with Trent Boult enjoyed consistent bounce on the pitch. Meanwhile, heavy-hitting batters from both sides like Phil Salt, Tim David, Suryakumar Yadav, Rohit Sharma, and Hardik Pandya have the skill set to use bounce in their favour. The short dimensions of Wankhede will only help their case. **Weather Prediction: MI vs RCB** The weather in Mumbai is expected to remain warm throughout April 7, with temperatures ranging from 33-30 degrees Celsius. In terms of humidity, with a 40-57% range, dew might also be a factor to keep in mind.

It's story TIME

The Lion and the Mouse

On a peaceful sunny afternoon, a lion was lying under a shady tree. A mouse happened to stumble upon the lion's paw while passing. The disturbed lion angrily got up and wanted to crush the mouse. The mouse was scared to death and said "Please spare my life, one day I will repay you." The lion laughed in amusement but was generous enough to spare the tiny creature's life. After a few days, the lion got stuck in a hunter's net. This time, the mouse had a chance to repay the lion. He hurriedly gnawed the net with his teeth, and released the lion!



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SC Rejects Urgent Hearing on Waqf Act, Chief Justice Affirms System in Place

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Kolkata : The Supreme Court today declined an urgent hearing on pleas challenging the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, saying that "there's a system in place" to handle such matters. The petition challenges the constitutional validity of the newly notified Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, and seeks directions to the Centre to defer bringing the law into force. Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal mentioned the plea filed by Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind President Maulana Arshad Madani before a bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna. Sibal urged the bench to consider listing the matter urgently, highlighting concerns raised by multiple petitions. However, the CJI reiterated that all urgent matters would be placed before him in the afternoon and that the court would "take a call on listing" them accordingly. Questioning the need for repeated oral



mentions, the CJI said, "Why are you mentioning when we have a system in place?" He assured that the matters would be reviewed in the afternoon and the "needful will be done." Multiple petitions arising out of the Waqf Act amendment have been mentioned before the apex court since the Centre's notification of the legislation. President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday gave her assent to the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which was earlier passed by

Parliament after heated debates in both Houses. Several petitions, including one by Samastha Kerala Jamiathul Ulama, have been filed in the apex court challenging the validity of the Act. In its petition, the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind has said that this law was a "direct attack on the country's Constitution, which not only provides equal rights to its citizens but also grants them complete religious freedom." "This bill is a dangerous conspiracy to strip Muslims of their religious freedom. Therefore, we have challenged the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, in the Supreme Court, and the state units of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind will also challenge the constitutional validity of this law in the high courts of their respective states," the Jamiat stated.

Minister Faces Backlash for Remark on Woman's Street Molestation

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Bengaluru : In remarks that could stir a controversy, Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara on Monday said incidents like the one in which a woman was molested on a street tend to happen in a big city like Bengaluru. However, he emphasised that legal action would be taken against the molester, and he directed the police to increase beat patrolling. "Incidents like these tend to happen here and there in a big city like this. Whatever legal action needs to be taken will be done in accordance with the law. I have also instructed our commissioner to increase beat patrolling," G Parameshwara said. Last week, CCTV footage went viral on social media showing a man groping a woman on a street at Bharati Layout in Suddaguntepalya before fleeing. The



incident happened in the early hours of April 3. The video shows a man approaching two women walking in a narrow lane before pushing one of them against a wall. The man then gropes her and touches her inappropriately before running away. The two women, visibly startled by the incident, walk away from the area, the

footage shows. Bengaluru police have registered a suo motu case after the incident sparked outrage even though the victim is yet to file a complaint. The case has been registered under Section 354B (assault or use of criminal force with intent to disrobe a woman). Last year, a similar incident was caught on camera in August. A woman in Bengaluru's Konanakunte area was groped by a man during her morning walk. The accused, who was a cab driver, was arrested two days after the incident took place. According to government data shared last year, Bengaluru saw a significant increase in crime against women in 2023, with police registering 3,260 cases, including 1,135 related to molestation.

Kunal Kamra Moves HC Challenging FIR in Parody Controversy

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Mumbai : Stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra has approached the Bombay High Court, seeking the cancellation of cases registered against him for jokes targeting Shiv Sena leader and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. The petition argues that the cases infringe upon his fundamental right to the freedom of expression under Article 19 and the right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution. The matter is scheduled to be heard on April 21, but the comic may press for an urgent hearing. The Madras High Court earlier granted the comic interim protection from arrest till today. He has skipped three summons from Mumbai Police. Kamra hit headlines last month after his remarks at a show shot at Mumbai's Habitat Studio went viral on social media. The comic sang a parody of 'Bholi Si Surat', a popular song from the Bollywood movie 'Dil To Pagal Hai'. The lyrics targeted Mr Shinde, referring



to him as 'gaddar' (traitor). Mr Shinde led the rebellion that split the Shiv Sena and toppled the Uddhav Thackeray government in 2022. Mr Thackeray has often used the 'gaddar' insult against his former lieutenant. Infuriated by Kamra's remarks, Mr Shinde's supporters vandalised the Habitat studio, a preferred venue for stand-up comedy shows. The studio in Khar subsequently shut down, stressing that it exercises no control over the content of any show. Parts of the studio were demolished the next day, with civic

authorities citing building law violations. But the timing of the action has sparked a buzz that the action was linked to the Kunal Kamra controversy. Kunal Kamra has stressed his right to freedom of speech and said, "Your inability to take a joke at the expense of a powerful public figure does not change the nature of my right. As far as I know, it is not against the law to poke fun at our leaders and the circus that is our political system." He has said he was willing to cooperate with the police and courts, but has questioned if those involved in vandalising the studio will also face action. "I will not apologise. I don't fear this mob and I will not be hiding under my bed, waiting for this to die down," he has said. Mr Shinde has said he did not support the vandalism, but cited party workers' sentiments and said, "every action has a reaction". He has also asked who gave Kunal Kamra "supari" to target him.

Sensex Plunges 3,000 Points. Nifty Dips as Trump Tariffs Shake Global Markets

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New Delhi : Benchmark stock market indices plunged sharply today, imitating the global market as uncertainty over Donald Trump's tariffs fuelled the bloodbath. The S&P BSE Sensex crashed 2564.74 points to 72,799.95, while the NSE Nifty50 tanked 831.95 points to 22,072.50 as of 9:24 am. With today's stock market crash, the Sensex and Nifty have plunged to their lowest levels in approximately 10 months, and analysts suggest that they could fall further due to massive volatility in global markets. The crash was so severe that it wiped out Rs 19 lakh crore from the combined market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms. Dr. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said that globally markets are going through heightened volatility caused by extreme uncertainty. "No one has a clue about how this turbulence caused by Trump tariffs will evolve. Wait and watch would be the best strategy in this turbulent phase of the market," he added. All 13 major sectoral indices were trading in the red. Broader market indices also suffered steep losses. The small-cap index dropped 10%, and mid-caps declined by 7.3%.



In Monday's trading session, the domestic stock market witnessed carnage; there was not a single gainer in sight across the BSE Sensex. The market crash was particularly severe for Tata Steel, which plummeted 11.25%, marking the steepest decline among all stocks. Tata Motors followed with a sharp drop of 8.24%, while Tech Mahindra tumbled 6.70%. Infosys and HCLTech rounded out the top five losers, both sliding 6.00%. The market sell-off was widespread and relentless, with even traditionally defensive sectors offering no refuge for investors. Heavy selling pressure was evident across all segments, with banking, technology, and automobile stocks bearing the brunt of the negative sentiment. The comprehensive red screen signals significant investor anxiety,

potentially triggered by broader macroeconomic concerns or specific sectoral headwinds. "Domestic consumption themes like financials, aviation, hotels, select autos, cement, defence and digital platform companies are likely to come out relatively unscathed from the ongoing crisis. Trump is unlikely to impose tariffs on pharmaceuticals since he is on the back foot now and, therefore, this segment is likely to show resilience," said Vijayakumar. **GLOBAL MARKETS BLEED** The slump on Dalal Street mirrored the heavy losses seen on Wall Street and across key Asian markets, with the MSCI Asia ex-Japan index falling 6.8%. Japan's Nikkei 225 tumbling 6.5%. The sharp global market sell-off came after US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said on Friday that newly announced tariffs by former President Donald Trump were "larger than expected" and could significantly affect inflation and economic growth, casting doubt over the US outlook. The Nasdaq officially entered bear market territory as commodity prices, including oil, fell sharply in response to Trump's sweeping tariff announcement made earlier in the week.

BJP MLA Claims Waqf Law Will Curb 'Land Jihad', Calls for 'Hindu Rashtra'

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Hyderabad : BJP's Telangana MLA T Raja Singh said the amended Waqf law would put an end to what he described as "land jihad" in the country. Speaking during a Ram Navami procession in Hyderabad, Singh claimed that since the formation of a "saffron government," those issuing Waqf notices over land had started facing pushback. "Those who used to put up a board (on a land parcel) in the name of 'land jihad' by issuing a Waqf notice, as if it was the property of their father, will no longer be able to do so," Singh said. He attributed the change to the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which recently became law after President Droupadi Murmu gave her assent. The legislation, passed last week in Parliament amid heated debate, amends key provisions related to the functioning and powers of Waqf Boards in India. Critics, including AIMIM president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi, have argued that the changes weaken protections for Waqf properties and endowments belonging to various religious communities. Singh questioned the current scale of Waqf holdings. "At the time of Independence, Waqf board people had 4,000 acres. How did they end up with 9.5 lakh acres?" he asked. He also attempted to reassure Muslim citizens, claiming that the new law would not take away their lands. "Muslims should understand that this isn't about snatching property. It's about



justice," he said, invoking Prime Minister Modi's slogan "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas." Taking aim at Owaisi, Singh called him the "biggest enemy of Muslims" and said his petition in the Supreme Court challenging the amended law would have no effect. In his plea, Owaisi has argued that the new law strips Waqf properties, as well as Hindu, Jain, and Sikh endowments, of key protections. T Raja Singh went further during the rally, declaring that it was the "demand of every Hindu" that India be declared a "Hindu Rashtra." The Ram Navami procession, which he led, began in the afternoon and went on till late in the evening. Hyderabad Police deployed around 20,000 personnel and used drones and CCTV to monitor the event, which passed off peacefully. "With the cooperation of the Sri Ramanavami Shobha Yatra organisers, officials of other government departments, devotees, and the people of Hyderabad, the procession was completed peacefully," Hyderabad Police Commissioner CV Anand said.

Tragedy Strikes on Mumbai-Varanasi IndiGo Flight: Woman Dies, Emergency Landing Made



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New Delhi : An IndiGo Airlines flight made an emergency landing at the airport in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar after an 89-year-old woman died onboard, an airport official said today. The Mumbai-Varanasi flight made an emergency landing at the Chikalathana Airport on last night, he said. The official said Sushila Devi, a native of Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh, boarded the flight from Mumbai and started feeling unwell mid-air.

He said the flight landed at the Chikalathana Airport due to a medical emergency around 10 pm. A medical team examined the woman on landing, but she had already succumbed. The MIDC CIDCO police station did the necessary formalities, and the flight proceeded for its onward journey to Varanasi, the official said. According to the airline, the woman's body was sent to the Government Medical College and Hospital in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.

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India Chooses Restraint: Rejects Counter-Tariffs on US Amid Market Turmoil

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New Delhi : India is unlikely to impose counter-tariffs on the US and focus on finalising the bilateral trade agreement as quickly as possible after the Donald Trump administration slapped a 26% duty on exports from the country, a government official told. Trump's move has shaken global markets as well as Dalal Street, with the Sensex losing 1.6% since.

The government is banking on a key clause in the executive order signed by Trump last week that offers respite to nations who take "significant steps to remedy non-reciprocal trade arrangements", the official said.

Another government official pointed out that India was taking comfort in the fact that it was one of the first nations to have started talks on a trade deal with the US. Its Asian peers, like China (34%), Vietnam (46%), and Indonesia (32%), have been hit by higher tariffs.

While China said it would impose reciprocal 34% tariffs on all imports from



the US from April 10, Indonesia said it would not retaliate. Vietnam, an emerging manufacturing and export alternative to China, has agreed to slash its tariffs to zero in a potential trade deal.

Last week, Trump announced a 26% reciprocal tariff on India even though he called Prime Minister Narendra Modi a "great friend".

The silver-lining for India is that semiconductors, copper and pharmaceuticals are exempt from the US tariffs. India supplies nearly half of all generic medicines in the US. However,

exports in key sectors like electronics, auto parts, gems and jewellery may take a hit. While India has been cautious in its response to the tariffs, the opposition has attacked the government for failing to get a reprieve despite the "camaraderie" between PM Modi and Trump. Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi has said the tariffs would "completely

devastate" the economy. The proposed Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with the US has seen considerable progress. Last month, the two nations agreed to the terms of reference for the BTA.

India has tried to win over Trump by slashing import duties on Harley-Davidson bikes from 50% to 40%, and bourbon whisky. It has also dropped a tax on digital services, known colloquially as the 'Google Tax', that affected US tech giants.

Are Trump's Tariffs Effective? Vietnam and Taiwan Offer Zero Duty on US Imports



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New Delhi : Are Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs on the US's allies and adversaries working? Five days after the announcement sent global markets into a tailspin, nearly 50 countries have dialled the White House while a few others have decided to do away with tariffs on US imports altogether.

Vietnam and Taiwan, among the countries to face the steepest US reciprocal tariffs, have offered to eliminate all levies as the basis for trade talks. Other nations like India and Indonesia have also decided not to retaliate after Trump left the door open on one-to-one deals if countries addressed their trade deficits with the US.

VIETNAM OFFERS ZERO TARIFFS ON US PRODUCTS

Vietnam was the first off the block to slash its tariffs on US imports to zero after the US imposed a hefty 46% duty on goods from the Southeast Asian nation. The development came after Vietnamese leader To Lam spoke with Trump in the weekend in what the US President called a "very productive" call.

"Just had a very productive call with To Lam, general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, who told me that Vietnam wants to cut their tariffs down to ZERO if they are able to make an agreement with the US," Trump posted on Truth Social.

Vietnam has already cut several duties in the lead up to Trump's reciprocal tariff announcement, dubbed Liberation Day, and has also pledged to buy more American planes and agricultural products.

The US is Vietnam's biggest export market and the 46% import duty threatens to upend its economy, which is heavily reliant on trade.

Amid tensions between China and the US, Vietnam has rapidly emerged as a manufacturing hub in recent years. As companies diversified their supply chains, it gave Vietnam's economy a leg-up.

TAIWAN TO REMOVE TRADE BARRIERS

Another Asian country that has offered zero tariffs on US products is Taiwan. On Sunday, Taiwan President Lai Ching-te pledged to remove trade barriers after it was slapped with a steep 32% US tariff.

The move, which Taiwan's President has called "unreasonable", comes despite the Asian country's announcement of a \$100-billion investment in US chip factories. Taiwan, which runs a large trade surplus with the US, has also made major commitments to invest in US energy projects.

In March, Taiwan's semiconductor giant TSMC announced that it would expand its investment in advanced semiconductor manufacturing in the US, pledging an additional \$100 billion. TSMC's major customers include Apple, NVIDIA, and Qualcomm. Semiconductors are, however, exempted from US tariffs.

INDIA, INDONESIA UNLIKELY TO RETALIATE

Even though several countries have pushed back against Trump's tariffs, with some, like China, imposing swift countermeasures, nations like India and Indonesia have decided to rely on diplomacy and negotiations.

Indonesia's chief economic minister Airlangga Hartarto told Reuters the country won't retaliate against Trump's 32% tariff and instead find "mutually beneficial solutions".

India, which has been hit with a 26% tariff, has decided to focus on finalising the bilateral trade agreement with the US as quickly as possible, a government official told.

The official said the Narendra Modi-led government was banking on a key clause in Trump's executive order that offers respite to nations who take "significant steps to remedy non-reciprocal trade arrangements".

Hajj 2025: Saudi Arabia Temporarily Bans Visas for India and 13 Other Countries

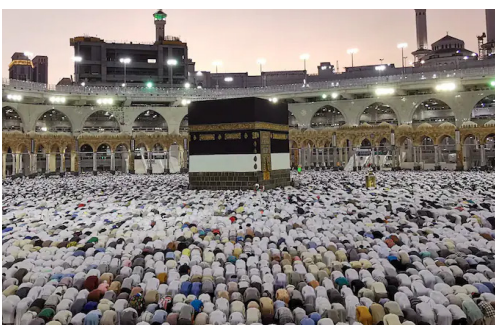
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New Delhi : With the Hajj pilgrimage around the corner, Saudi Arabia has temporarily suspended the issuance of certain visas to citizens of 14 countries, including India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. The ban on Umrah, business and family visit visas will be effective till around mid-June, coinciding with the conclusion of the pilgrimage to Makkah.

The ban impacts 14 nations, including India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Nigeria, Jordan, Algeria, Sudan, Ethiopia, Tunisia, Yemen, and Morocco.

The step was reportedly taken to prevent individuals from trying to perform Hajj without proper registration. However, individuals holding Umrah visas can still enter Saudi Arabia until April 13, quoting Saudi authorities.

The reports said the ban was necessitated as many foreign nationals have entered the country on Umrah or visit visas in the past



and then overstayed illegally to participate in the Hajj without official authorization, leading to overcrowding and intense heat. In one such incident during the Hajj in 2024, at least 1,200 pilgrims were killed. The kingdom has a quota system, which allocates specific Hajj slots to each country to regulate the number of pilgrims. People participating illegally in the Hajj bypass this system.

Another reason behind the move was illegal employment. Authorities said that foreigners, using business or family visas, engaged in unauthorized work in Saudi Arabia, violating visa rules and causing labor market disruptions.

The Saudi Ministry of Hajj and Umrah has assured that the move has nothing to do with diplomatic concerns and was only taken as a logistical response to ensure a safer and better-organized pilgrimage.

Reports said that authorities have asked the affected travelers to comply with the new rules, as individuals found violating the order may face a five-year restriction on future entries.

Meanwhile, diplomatic visas, residency permits, and visas particular to the Hajj remain unaffected by the move. The Hajj 2025 season is set for June 4-9.

'Hypocrites': Indian-Origin Techie Resigns from Microsoft in Bold Gaza Protest

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Jerusalem : An Indian-American software engineer confronted Microsoft's current and past CEOs - Satya Nadella, Steve Ballmer, and Bill Gates - at Microsoft's headquarters, accusing them of using the company's technology to aid "genocide in Gaza."

"Shame on you all. You're all hypocrites," she shouted as she was escorted out of the hall, while some of the employees gathered at the 50th anniversary event started booing.

As the three top faces of Microsoft bore a stupefied gaze, the employee, Vaniya Agrawal, said: "50,000 Palestinians in Gaza have been murdered with Microsoft technology. How dare you. Shame on all of you for celebrating on their blood. Cut ties with Israel."

After Vaniya was shown the doors, Gates gave a nonchalant smile before continuing with the discussion.

"I think Steve and I almost cared too much, and our life was the company, and



Satya has this ability to care as much as we did, but with more of a team," he went on.

Following the confrontation, Vaniya dropped a scathing resignation letter, stating that her last day at the office would be April 11. She said she could no longer be part of an organisation that empowers "oppressors" instead of the oppressed.

In a lengthy letter, Vaniya claimed that Microsoft was "complicit" in Israel's military campaign against Gaza.

"Microsoft cloud and AI enable the

Israeli military to be more lethal and destructive in Gaza. It is undeniable that Microsoft's Azure cloud offerings and AI developments form the technological backbone of Israel's automated apartheid and genocide systems," she stated in the letter, accessed by The Verge. "All this begs the question, which 'people' are we empowering with our technology? The oppressors enforcing an apartheid

regime? The war criminals committing a genocide? Unfortunately, at this point, it's irrefutable that Microsoft is complicit - they are a digital weapons manufacturer that powers surveillance, apartheid, and genocide. And by working for this company, we are all complicit," she further wrote, detailing her reasons for walking out of the company.

In fact, it was the second interruption in a day as another employee, Ibtihal Aboussad, called Microsoft's AI CEO Mustafa Suleyman "a war profiteer."

Global Markets Plunge as Trump's Tariff Tsunami Erases Trillions

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New Delhi : Markets across the globe plunged into chaos today as Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs sent shockwaves from Wall Street to Asia. With no signs of backing down, US President Donald Trump doubled down on his aggressive trade stance, demanding that other nations "pay a lot of money" to lift duties as high as 50%.

Asian markets have been hit particularly hard, with markets in Japan and Taiwan hitting circuit breakers for the first time since March 2020. In Tokyo, the Nikkei 225 nosedived to its lowest level in over 18 months, with banks shedding almost a quarter of their market cap in just three sessions. India's Dalal Street fared no better, with the Sensex and Nifty crashing more than 5% in pre-open trade.

At around 9:32 am, the Sensex was down 2,497.08 points to 72,867.61, and the Nifty50 fell 807.70 points to trade at 22,096.75. Broader indices, especially small- and mid-caps, bled heavily as the ripple effects of a potential global recession gripped investors.

Dr. VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment



Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said, "Globally, markets are going through heightened volatility caused by extreme uncertainty. No one has a clue about how this turbulence caused by Trump tariffs will evolve. Wait and watch would be the best strategy in this turbulent phase of the market."

It may be noted that the global stock market crash has already wiped off trillions of dollars in market capitalisation, hitting shares of some of the biggest companies in the world. "Sometimes you have to take medicine to fix something," Trump said aboard Air Force One, brushing off concerns about the trillions of dollars already wiped from markets.

According to the White House, the tariffs

are intended to reset America's position in global trade, but critics say it reeks of economic blackmail.

GLOBAL STOCK MARKETS BLEED

Over the weekend, Trump said he had spoken with leaders from Europe and Asia. While they hope to negotiate exemptions, the message from the US president was clear: no talks unless they pay. Meanwhile, US Customs began collecting the blanket 10%

tariff on all imports, with harsher, country-specific rates set to kick in within days. Some nations are already scrambling to de-escalate. Taiwan offered to zero out tariffs entirely in exchange for a deal. Italy's PM pledged support for affected local industries. India, facing a 26% tariff on its exports, has chosen restraint—at least for now. "Talks are ongoing, and we are evaluating our options," an Indian official told.

The market bloodbath continued in the US, where Nasdaq officially entered bear market territory. Oil prices plunged, inflation fears surged, and investors began betting that the Fed may be forced to cut rates by May.

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Mamata Banerjee Vows to Support Sacked Bengal Teachers, Defies Threat of Jail



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Kolkata : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee met with a section of sacked teachers at Kolkata's Netaji Indoor Stadium today and vowed to back them and assured that eligible candidates would not be jobless. The development comes days after the Supreme Court upheld the cancellation of 25,752 school job appointments made through the 2016 West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC) recruitment.

"Please don't consider that we have accepted it. We are not stone-hearted, and I can even be jailed for saying this, but I don't care," says West Bengal CM Mamata, addressing people who lost their jobs as teaching and non-teaching staffers in West Bengal government-run and aided schools after a Supreme Court order.

She added, "We have separate plans to ensure eligible candidates don't become jobless or have break in service. My name being dragged into something about which I have no inkling."

The top court's April 3 verdict cited large-scale irregularities and fraud in the recruitment process, leading to the dismissal of thousands of teachers. While Mamata Banerjee has vowed to abide by the court's ruling, she called the verdict unjust for deserving candidates. "We are victims of a system we had no hand in manipulating," said Yasmin Parveen, one of the dismissed teachers,

outside the venue. "We need nothing but our jobs back."

On stage with the Chief Minister were 20 teachers—part of a group created by Mamata herself—along with West Bengal Education Minister Bratya Basu. The move has sparked criticism from the Opposition.

BENGAL BJP PROTESTS

At the same time as Mamata was meeting the dismissed teachers, the Bengal BJP called for a protest march to the Chief Minister's Kalighat residence over the same issue. The march is scheduled for 1 pm.

BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari accused Mamata Banerjee of favouring only a select few. "She is not the Chief Minister but TMC's leader. If she was Chief Minister, then she would have met all the teachers, not only some," he said. Suwendu Adhikari is sitting in protest with BJP MLA's inside state assembly with "Mamata Chor" posters even as Mamata Banerjee meets teachers who have lost job.

The controversy began with the 2016 SSC recruitment drive, which received 23 lakh applications for 24,640 vacancies. However, more appointment letters were issued than available posts. Investigations revealed tampered OMR sheets and manipulated rankings. The Calcutta High Court cancelled the appointments in April 2024, a decision that was upheld by the Supreme Court last week.

New CPM General Secretary Defends CM's Daughter, Calls Case 'Fabricated'



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New Delhi : Newly elected CPI(M) General Secretary MA Baby strongly defended Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's daughter, T Veena, after she was named by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) in an alleged illegal payment case.

Baby claimed the case against Veena was "fabricated" solely because she is the daughter of Pinarayi, who he described as the "head" of the CPI(M) and the ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF) in Kerala. "To attack the CPI(M) and the LDF in Kerala, they have to hit at its head...and its head is Pinarayi Vijayan," he said in an interview with a Malayalam news channel on Monday, a day after being elected to the party's top post.

This is Baby's first major political statement as General Secretary, and it comes amid mounting pressure on Vijayan from the Congress and BJP, who are demanding his resignation following reports that the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has approved prosecution against Veena. Media reports allege that Veena received Rs 2.70 crore from a private mining company without providing any services through her IT firm.

Baby questioned the basis of the case, asking what illegal benefits the company received from the Kerala government in return. He also accused central agencies of being politically motivated. "Everyone knows how the central agencies are functioning," he said, calling the investigation "the worst form of an anti-

democratic approach."

He also criticised a tribunal under the Union Finance Ministry for allegedly singling Veena out by noting her relationship with a prominent political leader, which he said sparked the entire controversy.

FROM POLITBURO TO TOP POST MA Baby, a CPI(M) Politburo member since 2012, was elected General Secretary at the party's 24th All India Congress, which concluded on Sunday. He is the second leader from Kerala to hold the post, after EMS Namboodiripad. While former General Secretary Prakash Karat is also from Kerala, he was part of the party's Delhi unit.

Baby's election came after some leaders backed All India Kisan Sabha president Ashok Dhawale for the top post. CPI(M) leaders Surya Kanta Mishra, Nilotpal Basu, Mohd Salim, and Ramchandra Dome reportedly supported Dhawale. However, the party eventually rallied behind Baby, who called himself an "obedient soldier" of the CPI(M).

The post fell vacant after the death of Sitaram Yechury last September. Prakash Karat served as interim coordinator in the run-up to the party congress.

In his message to party delegates after being elected, Baby acknowledged the party's decline and urged every member to work together to revive its strength. He emphasised activating mass organisations, which together have over five million members, to face future challenges.

'Ask a 1st-Year Economics Student': P Chidambaram Slams PM's Funds Statement

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New Delhi : Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his remark that the Centre allocated for Tamil Nadu's development three-time higher funds compared to the period before 2014.

The former Union finance minister said even a first-year economics student would be able to tell that the "economic metric" would always be higher when compared to previous years.

"Hon'ble prime minister and central ministers constantly say that they have given more money to Tamil Nadu in 2014-24 than was given in 2004-14. For example, Hon'ble prime minister said that his government has given for railway projects in Tamil Nadu seven times more money than before," Chidambaram said in a post



on X.

"Ask a first-year student of economics. She will tell you that the 'economic metric' will always be higher than in the previous years. The GDP's size is bigger now than before. The size of the central budget is bigger every year than in the previous year. Government's total expenditure is bigger every year than in the previous year," he added.

"You are one year older than in the previous year. In terms of 'numbers',

the number will be bigger but is it higher in terms of proportion of GDP or in terms of proportion of total expenditure?" the former Union finance minister asked. Against the backdrop of the ruling DMK crying foul over the allocation of funds, PM Modi -- during his visit to the state -- said the central

government allocated three times more money for Tamil Nadu's development over the past decade compared to the period before 2014. He noted that this increased funding had greatly contributed to Tamil Nadu's economic and industrial growth.

Despite the increased allocation, some "cry" over funds, the prime minister said, referring to beneficiaries from the state in respect of several initiatives.

ED Raids Properties Linked to Stalin Minister KN Nehru and Son in Bank Fraud Probe

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New Delhi : The Enforcement Directorate conducted searches at multiple locations connected with Tamil Nadu Minister for Municipal Administration, Urban and Water Supply KN Nehru and his son, Lok Sabha member Arun Nehru.

According to sources, the raids were reportedly in connection with a Rs 22 crore bank fraud case, which was registered based on a complaint by Indian Overseas Bank against Truedom EPC Limited. Minister Nehru's brother N Ravichandran is a director with Truedom EPC Limited. There were also reports that raids were conducted at locations linked with real estate firm True



Value Homes (TVH), owned by N Ravichandran. The ED conducted raids at 13 locations in Tamil Nadu, including the Minister Nehru's house in Trichy.

The ED raids come on the heels of similar raids in Chennai against AM Gopalan's chit fund company

Sree Gokulam Chits. AM Gopalan, also known as Gokulam Gopalan, is one of the producers of Empuraan, a Malayalam film that created a stir at its release because of how it showed the Gujarat riots and the part played by right-wing Hindu groups. Similarly, Empuraan's director and actor

Prithviraj Sukumaran received a notice from the Income-Tax department to explain his earnings from three films that came out in 2022: Jana Gana Mana, Gold and Kaduva. He was given time until April 29 to respond to the notice.

Drunk TV Director's Car Rams Crowd, 1 Dead, 6 Injured

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Kolkata : One person died, and six others were critical after a private car rammed a crowd in one of the busiest marketplaces in South Kolkata on a last morning.

A director of a daily soap and an executive producer from a renowned Bengali entertainment channel were in the car at the time of the accident, according to the police.

Following the incident, both were stopped by locals and beaten by the agitated crowd before being handed over to the police. As officers rushed to the spot to rescue them, an official told that the co-passenger, Shriya Basu, appeared to be intoxicated and collapsed on the road.

At the time of the crash, Siddhanta Das alias Vikto - a renowned director in Bengali film industry - was behind the wheels and was subsequently arrested by the Kolkata Police.

Shriya Basu, an executive producer, was handed over to her family after



being rescued by the police from the mob.

Sources confirmed that both were under the influence of alcohol.

According to a source who spoke to India Today, the two were out partying till late night before the incident. They were at a pub in Kolkata's South City Mall, celebrating the success of their show. While the rest of their group dispersed at around 2 am, the two continued drinking, driving round the city for the remainder of the night.

On Last morning, their car entered Thakurpukur Bazar and began hitting pedestrians. "The vehicle was coming from the Bishnupur side. After the

crash, we found only one person inside the car," an eyewitness told.

A Kolkata Police official said, "At around 09:30 hrs near Thakurpukur Bazar on Diamond Harbour Road under the Thakurpukur Police Station, a private car hit several pedestrians. As a result, six people sustained multiple injuries. Four were taken to Kasturi Nursing Home, and two were shifted to CMRI Hospital in critical condition. The police seized the offending vehicle and detained the driver. An investigation is underway."

The injured are currently undergoing treatment at a hospital. One of the victims, Aminur Rahman, a sweeper with the Kolkata Municipal Corporation and a local CPI(M) leader, died in the accident. The accused, Siddhanta Das, is expected to be produced in court today.

19-Year-Old Woman Stabbed Multiple Times on Busy Road

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New Delhi : A 19-year-old woman was knifed several times by a man in full public view in the Kirbi Place bus stop area of southwest Delhi, a police officer said today.

The man, 20, later injured himself with the same knife, he said.

The matter was reported to police around 9.30 pm by a passerby.

"The girl sustained serious injuries to her neck and the left side of the abdomen. A knife was recovered from the scene. Both were hospitalised and are under treatment," the officer said.

On inquiry, it was revealed that the



accused, Amit, and the victim girl had been friends since last year and had had a fallout over some issue.

"Both were admitted to DDU

Hospital and are under treatment. A case under section 109(1) of the BNS has been registered against accused Amit at Delhi Cantt Police Station and investigation is under progress," said the officer. Meanwhile, a video, purportedly of the incident, made rounds on social media.

The 45-second clip shows the man and the woman sitting on the road divider in a bloodied state and a crowd of passersby gathered around them.