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NDA's First batch of women cadets to pass out with 300 male cadets on May 30

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Pune : In a momentous milestone for gender equality in the armed forces, the National Defence Academy (NDA) is set to witness history on May 30, as 17 women cadets graduate for the first time alongside their male counterparts during the 148th Passing Out Parade.
Women were first admitted into the NDA in 2022 following a landmark Supreme Court ruling in 2021, which opened the doors of India's premier tri-services academy to female candidates for the first time.
Among the trailblazing batch is Harsimran Kaur from Haryana, who will graduate as a division cadet captain before proceeding to the Indian Naval Academy. Coming from a proud armed forces background, Kaur said, "My father retired as a havildar and my grandfather also served in the Army. I've always had a deep association with the defence forces."
Reflecting on her journey, Kaur recalled her awe on the first day: "Seeing the Sudan Block and the old cadets marching out was unforgettable." She described the NDA experience as transformational. "There's a saying — the academy first breaks you and then makes you. The training is rigorous, but it instills Officer-Like Qualities (OLQs) — responsibility, teamwork, and leadership."
Equal Training, Equal Standards
Another graduating cadet, Shriti Daksh, who also held the role of division cadet captain, is headed to the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, with a keen interest in Artillery. "The 2021 Supreme Court judgment was a turning point. I seized the opportunity and made my family proud," said Daksh, who hails from an Air Force background — her father is an NDA alumnus and her sister serves in the Indian Air Force.
Daksh highlighted the gender-inclusive environment at NDA: "When we joined, separate infrastructure like washrooms and squadrons was already in place. We were trained shoulder to shoulder with male cadets — the drills, physical routines, and academics were the same. The camaraderie we built through games and shared training has been unforgettable."
Inspiring the Next Generation
As part of the first-ever women's batch, Kaur feels a strong sense of duty to set an example. "We're setting the benchmark for all future women cadets. It's not just about completing the course — it's about raising the bar," she said.\
She also mentioned upcoming changes to align with the National Education Policy, which will bring updates to the academic schedule and technical training structure.

With this historic graduation, the NDA takes a giant step forward toward a more inclusive and modern armed forces, setting a precedent not just for India, but for military academies around the world.

PM Modi Holds Grand Roadshow in Gujarat on First Visit Since Operation Sindoor

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Ahmedabad : Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a roadshow in Gujarat's Vadodara Today as he began his two-day visit to his home state, Gujarat. This is his first visit to the state following Operation Sindoor.
Visuals from the roadshow surfaced online that showed people showering flower petals as PM Modi waved at the crowd.
During his visit, PM Modi is set to inaugurate several infrastructural development projects worth Rs 82,000 crore.
The Prime Minister will first visit Dahod where he will inaugurate the Loco Manufacturing Shop-Rolling Stock Workshop. Following the inauguration, he will address the public in Kharod, Dahod and also lay the foundation for railways and other government projects worth Rs 24,000 crore.
PM Modi will also flag off the Somnath–Ahmedabad Vande Bharat train and inaugurate a railway production unit in Dahod, which has been set up at a cost of over Rs 21,000 crore under the 'Make in India' initiative.
He is also set to inaugurate four drinking water improvement group water supply schemes, built at a cost of Rs 181 crore. These will provide clean drinking water at 100 LPCD (Litres Per Capita Per Day) to a population of 4.62 lakh across 193 villages and one town in Mahisagar and Dahod districts.
Following these events, PM Modi will visit Bhuj, where he will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for development projects worth over Rs 53,000 crore. These will include infrastructure projects at Kandla Port, solar plants, power transmission systems, and road construction. Beneficiary districts will include Kutch, Jamnagar, Amreli, Junagadh, Gir Somnath, Ahmedabad, Tapi, and Mahisagar.
In the evening at 7:30 pm, Modi will lead a 3 km-long roadshow from Ahmedabad Airport to Indira Bridge. Over 50,000 BJP workers and citizens are expected to welcome him. He will stay overnight at Raj Bhavan in Gandhinagar.
On the morning of May 27, at 10:30 am, PM Modi will hold a 2-kilometer-long roadshow in Gandhinagar, where more than 30,000 BJP workers will welcome him.
Following the roadshow, he will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for projects worth Rs 5,536 crore at Mahatma Mandir.
The PM will also inaugurate 22,055 houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana at a cost of Rs 1,006 crore and will lay the foundation stone for Phase-3 of the Sabarmati Riverfront, which will be developed at a cost of Rs 1,000 crore.
Moreover, under the Swarnim Jayanti Mukhyamantri Shaheri Vikas Yojana, cheques worth Rs 3,300 crore will be distributed to urban local bodies.

India Surpasses 1,000 Active Covid Cases; Kerala, Maharashtra, Delhi Witness Sharp Rise

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New Delhi : India reported as many as 752 new Covid-19 cases in the last one week, with the spike in infections taking the country's overall caseload to over 1,000. Kerala, Maharashtra and Delhi were the states that saw the most number of new infections in the last one week.
Kerala reported 335 fresh infections, taking its total active cases to 430 while Maharashtra and Delhi saw 153 and 99 new cases respectively. Active Covid-19 cases in Maharashtra and Delhi now stand at 209 and 104, respectively, as per data released by the government on Monday (May 26) morning.
These cities are followed by Gujarat, which has recorded 83 cases; Karnataka with 47 cases, Uttar Pradesh with 15 cases, and West Bengal with 12 cases.
Amid an apparent rise in new Covid19 infections across several cities, the country has detected cases of two new variants -- NB.1.8.1 and LF.7--according to fresh data from the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (Insacog), a central government agency.
As of now, the World Health Organisation (WHO) classifies both LF.7 and NB.1.8 as Variants Under Monitoring, and not under Variants of Concern or Variants of Interest.
The Union Health Secretary, on Saturday, reviewed the national situation. "Cases have mainly been reported from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Karnataka. Most cases are mild and under home care," the ministry said.

SC Stays Bhushan Power Liquidation Amid JSW Review Plea

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New Delhi : In a key development in the Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd (BPSL) case, the Supreme Court Today ordered a status quo on liquidation proceedings before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), granting temporary relief to JSW Steel, which is seeking to file a review petition.
The top court was hearing a plea filed by JSW Steel challenging the ongoing liquidation process of BSPL. Senior counsel appearing for JSW submitted that the company is exercising its right to file a review of the court's earlier ruling and that the statutory limitation period for doing so has not yet expired.
The counsel also informed the court that necessary steps were already underway to formally submit the review petition.
At the same time, the former promoter of BSPL—referred to as Respondent No. 1—was pushing for swift implementation of the apex court's earlier directive, which would trigger the liquidation proceedings. JSW argued that going ahead with the liquidation before its review plea is considered would prejudice its legal rights and render the petition infructuous.
Recognising the concerns, the Supreme Court observed that a practical solution was necessary to ensure justice is served. "Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter, the interest of justice would be subserved if the status quo is maintained," the court said.
BSPL, once among India's leading steelmakers, was dragged into insolvency proceedings over mounting debt, and JSW Steel had emerged as a key contender for its assets. The legal wrangle has drawn significant attention given the size of the asset and the broader implications for India's insolvency regime.



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Operation Murshidabad Part 2: Banned Groups, Radical NGOs Fuel Bengal Violence

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After detailing the political orchestration behind the Murshidabad violence, India Today's Operation Murshidabad now reveals a more chilling truth: the role of banned radical groups, local NGOs with extremist ties, and a growing culture of digital and grassroots radicalisation — all operating in plain sight, and many under the protection or neglect of the local administration.

NGOs OR FRONTS FOR RADICAL MOBILISATION?

Following the April 8 flashpoint in Jangipur, local police were reluctant to grant permission for any Waqf-related protests. However, sources in the West Bengal Police's intelligence wing told India Today that this restriction was strategically bypassed. On April 10, a rally was announced under the pretext of protesting the SSC teacher recruitment verdict. However, it swiftly morphed into a Waqf demonstration. Investigators believe this served as a pre-mobilisation exercise for the violence that followed on April 11. India Today has accessed exclusive visuals from both rallies, revealing the same set of youth participants at both events — pointing to coordinated mobilisation, despite no police clearance for the April 11 gathering.

At the centre of the protest was a banner that read "All NGOs United." But India Today's investigation reveals that the so-called collective front was largely driven by just two organisations: Asomoyer Alor Bati and Golden Star Group. After reviewing multiple video recordings and speaking to officers involved in the probe, it appears that the mobilisation was steered by three individuals — Kausar, Mostakin, and Rajesh Sheikh. All three are now officially listed as absconding. However, sources on the ground tell India Today that they are not in hiding at all, but rather moving about freely, untouched by any immediate legal action. Their role in orchestrating the protest remains under scrutiny — as does the system that has thus far failed to hold them accountable.



Rajesh, a known TMC Yubo Block Committee member, has alleged past links to the PFI, and District Intelligence officials say he also mobilised support for an SDPI candidate during the 2018 local body elections. Dr Bashir Sheikh, a former SIMI member, has also surfaced as a key orchestrator. Local DIB Inspector Rajib confirmed all four individuals' roles to India Today in a sting operation: "Yes, they are involved in communal provocation They are absconding," he said.

These names have surfaced alongside individuals holding political office, such as MLC Mehboob Alam. A senior investigating officer, speaking to India Today on condition of anonymity, said, "These NGOs are for boots on the ground — whether it's creating ruckus during elections or orchestrating violence, they will always be the frontliners." The remark sheds light on what investigators believe is a deeper ecosystem — where lesser-known organisations act as operational arms, while those with political clout remain in the background, insulated from direct fallout.

MASQUERADING AS BLOOD DONORS, GROOMING FOOT SOLDIERS

The NGOs in question had previously gained visibility by organising blood donation drives across Samserganj and nearby areas. But India Today's ground reporting reveals a more troubling motive. These so-called social initiatives were allegedly used as fronts to mobilise local youth, including minors, for protest activity. One such minor told India Today, "Kausar called me and told me to come for the April 11 protest." Videos independently accessed from that day show both Kausar and Mostakin actively participating — making calls, coordinating movement, and being visibly present on the ground.

According to a list accessed by India Today, only 18 NGOs are officially registered as operating in Samserganj. However, a disturbing pattern has emerged — a growing number of local youth are launching NGOs as if it were the latest trend. Upon verification, many of these entities turn out to be unregistered and unregulated, raising serious concerns about their funding, oversight, and intent. What appears on paper as community work often masks a deeper network of mobilisation and influence, with little to no accountability.

Another minor interviewed revealed that he had received a pamphlet ahead of the protest and participated in arson because "others were doing it" and "they were abusing our religion."

More disturbingly, these boys didn't even know what Waqf meant — nor could they recite namaz. Yet they were armed with sticks, pamphlets, and a sense of purpose instilled through propaganda. India Today spoke to at least three minors involved in the protest, two of whom admitted to participating in acts of arson. One also claimed that local police had urged them to retaliate after protesters were verbally heckled while passing through Ghosh Para — a predominantly Hindu area located close to the Samserganj police station. These revelations raise serious concerns about the role of law enforcement in escalating tensions.

WAS FUNDING ORGANISED FOR THE PROTEST?

When India Today spoke to several minors who participated in the protest, a consistent claim emerged — they were never paid to throw stones or engage in violence. Instead, they said they had been called through pamphlets and local mobilisation drives. However, videos from the protests and preceding jalsas reveal another layer: speakers made repeated public appeals for "community contributions for the cause." These financial appeals were framed as donations for the "betterment" of the community, but with no formal oversight, audit, or accountability, the trail of money remains untraceable.

While no direct evidence of foreign or terror-linked funding has been found, the lack of transparency has raised serious red flags. Still, what stood out across interviews and ground inputs was this: the protest, at its core, felt organic to many Muslim youth — driven not by money, but by an emotional belief that their land and rights were under threat.

However, central intelligence agencies are now closely monitoring the NGOs named in connection with the Murshidabad violence. Their past activities, funding patterns, and affiliations are under scrutiny. During India Today's ground reporting, at least four officials from central intelligence — believed to be from the Intelligence Bureau — were observed working alongside local West Bengal Police intelligence units, collecting inputs and mapping the network behind the unrest. This signals a deeper, ongoing probe that may widen in the coming days.

THE MUEZZIN MOBILISATION: IMAMS SPEAK OUT

In one of the most damning revelations of this investigation, two local imams told India Today how they were approached by unidentified men and instructed to make announcements from mosques, urging worshippers to protest against Waqf decisions. Both incidents occurred just before Friday prayers — a deliberate choice to maximise attendance and outrage.

The identities of the imams have been withheld for their safety, but their confessions are on record. One claimed he did not know who the individuals were, while another, when asked if he could identify them, said that based on their appearance, they appeared to be from his community. These statements add a complex layer to the investigation, highlighting the difficulty of pinpointing exact roles amid communal sensitivities.

BANGLADESHI LINKS AND DIGITAL RADICALISATION

Five days before the April 12 rally, a prominent Bangladeshi Islamic speaker visited Samserganj for a jalsa (religious gathering). India Today's investigation uncovered a disturbing pattern of radical content circulating widely on Facebook and WhatsApp, with some posts traced to accounts based in Bangladesh. Among the most alarming was a post from a Facebook user in Beldanga, Murshidabad, urging Muslims to "pick up arms" and to place "children on the frontlines" — highlighting the dangerous escalation of inflammatory messaging ahead of the protests.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by: Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date 27th May

Born on 27th May : 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.

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.



Aries

May 27th 2025 : Refuse to worry about your health. It is a powerful vaccination against illness. Your right attitude will beat the wrong attitude. You are very likely to attain monetary benefits from your mother's side today. Your beloved will do things to keep you happy.

Taurus

May 27th 2025 : Some family members could irritate you by their envious behaviour. But no need to lose your temper otherwise situation could go out of control. Remember what can't be cured must be endured. Improvement in finances is certain.

Gemini

May 27th 2025 : A day of recreation and fun. Today's formula for success is to put your money on the advice of people who are innovative and hold good experience. Your extravagant lifestyle could cause tensions at home so avoid late nights and spending too much on others.

Cancer

May 27th 2025 : Domestic worries may make you anxious. Real estate investment would be lucrative. It is high time to change your dominating attitude in family. Work in close cooperation with them to share the ups and downs of life. Your changed attitude will give them unlimited joy.

Leo

May 27th 2025 : Avoid a serious attitude to life You'll come to understand the fact today that investing often proves to be very beneficial for you, as any old investment made by you an offer profitable returns. Family members will hold a special place in your life.

Virgo

May 27th 2025 : Take physical education along with mental and moral only then all round development is possible. Remember a healthy mind always remains in a healthy body. The arrival of money today can relieve you from many financial troubles.

Libra

May 27th 2025 : Friends will introduce you to somebody special who would have a remarkable influence on your thoughts. 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.

Scorpio

May 27th 2025 : Try to put your high energy to good use today. Today, you can spend a lot of money on a party with friends, but despite this, your financial side will remain strong today. Your friends might let you down at a moment when you need them the most.

Sagittarius

May 27th 2025 : Today is not a very high-energy day for you and you will get irritated over small matters. Do not make rash decisions- especially when negotiating major financial deals. Time to lend a helping hand to children to complete their home assignment.

Capricorn

May 27th 2025 : Spend some time with close friends in order to relax. If you are a student and want to study abroad, then financial crisis at home can upset you today. Someone you know might overreact to situations concerning finance, bringing uneasy moments at home.

Aquarius

May 27th 2025 : Put your energy into self-improvement projects that would make a better you. You may spend a lot today on small things around the house, which can mentally stress you out. Relations with your spouse will get strained due to your over involvement at office work.

Pisces

May 27th 2025 : Umpteen nervous breakdowns could weaken your resistance and thinking power. Encourage yourself to fight the disease with positive thinking. Married couples may have to spend a lot of money on the education of their children today.

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Mayor Jiiti Sidhu Orders Immediate Action, Assures No Shortage of Funds For Development Works

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Mohali : Municipal Corporation Mayor Amarjeet Singh Jiiti Sidhu today visited the Phase 7 Industrial Area Market, where he personally met with local shopkeepers to hear their key concerns. Taking prompt action, the Mayor issued on-the-spot directives to officials to resolve the issues raised.

Mayor Sidhu was accompanied by Senior Deputy Mayor Amrik Singh Somal and social activist Gursahib Singh. The delegation was warmly welcomed by Hanish Aggarwal, President of the Industrial Market Association, along with Vice President Rajan Bhandari and Secretary Ravneet Singh Batra.

The association submitted a memorandum of demands, which included:

Installation of benches in green belts

Placement of dustbinszz

Construction of speed breakers

Marking of parking lines

Installation of decorative lights and safety grills in front of shops.

Mayor Sidhu responded swiftly, issuing immediate orders for the installation of grills and dustbins. He also directed officials to prepare project estimates for the remaining demands and initiate the tendering process at the earliest.

During the visit, the Mayor also inaugurated a water cooler donated by the association. He appreciated the shopkeepers for their sense of responsibility regarding cleanliness and cited Japan as an example, emphasizing that public hygiene requires both government and citizen participation.

In closing, Mayor Jiiti Sidhu assured the market association that all legitimate demands would be addressed by the Municipal Corporation, emphasizing that "lack of funds will never be a barrier to genuine development work.

Pb Launches India's First Hassle-Free Property Registration System: Kejriwal & Mann Lead the Way

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Mohali : In a landmark move aimed at ending corruption and improving public service delivery, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and AAP National Convener Arvind Kejriwal today launched India's first fully digital and hassle-free property registration system from Mohali.

Calling it a "historic transformation," Kejriwal said, "Corruption ends, transparency begins." The new system, he said, eliminates middlemen, long queues, and outdated processes, replacing them with a fast, accessible, and citizen-friendly platform that will soon be implemented across Punjab.

By August 1, the system will be available state-wide, following a trial rollout in all districts beginning July 15. Under the revamped process, citizens can register property at any Sub Registrar Office within the district, not just the one where the property is located.

CM Mann highlighted that property registrations will now be completed within 48 hours, and citizens will receive real-time updates on WhatsApp for every step—from document submission to appointment scheduling.

The new platform also introduces online deed drafting tools, self-scheduled appointments, digital pre-scrutiny within 48 hours, and consolidated online payments—eliminating the need for cash handling, demand drafts, or trips to banks. Affordable doorstep services via Seva Sahayaks are also available through helpline 1076.

Importantly, the monopoly of sub-registrars ends, and accountability has been built into the system. If objections are raised, they will be instantly visible to the citizen and monitored by senior officials like the DC and SDM. Citizens can also report corruption directly via WhatsApp and track the action taken.

This is not just a reform, it's a revolution," said Mann. "No other state has such a robust and citizen-centric registration system. Punjab will now be a model for the rest of the country."

The new initiative is grounded in the principle of "Your Property, Your Convenience" and aims to save citizens time, money, and stress—ushering in a new era of efficient and transparent public service.

Health Awareness Crucial to Disease Prevention, Says Dr. Alkajot Kaur

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Mohali : Under the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) screening and awareness campaign, continuous efforts are being made to educate people at healthcare facilities under the Primary Health Centre, Boothgarh. Senior Medical Officer Dr. Alkajot Kaur stated that hypertension, or high blood pressure, is becoming increasingly common nowadays.

This year, the theme for World Hypertension Day is "Measure Your Blood Pressure Correctly, Control It, Live Longer," which aims to encourage the general public to be aware of the correct way to measure and manage their blood pressure. She explained that the main purpose of observing World Hypertension Day is to raise awareness and enhance public knowledge about high blood pressure.

Dr. Kaur mentioned that over 30% of the world's population suffers from high blood pressure, which increases the risk of heart, kidney, and other diseases. Due to changing lifestyles, even children are now falling victim to this condition. By adopting a healthier lifestyle, we can prevent high blood pressure and other non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and heart attacks.

She advised reducing the intake of salt and fried foods and completely avoiding tobacco and alcohol consumption. Maintaining a healthy weight, lowering fat intake, eating more vegetables and fruits, and reducing stress are essential steps for prevention.

Annapurna Seva Samiti Mohali Hosts Devotional Langar on Somvati Amavasya & Shani Jayanti

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Mohali : On the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Shukla Chaturdashi Somvati Amavasya and Shani Dev Jayanti, the Annapurna Seva Samiti Mohali organized its monthly Amavasya Langar (community meal) in front of Gate No. 4 of the New OPD at PGI Chandigarh. According to religious beliefs, bathing in holy rivers on Amavasya, performing rituals like Tarpan and Pind Daan for ancestors, and donating to the needy are considered highly auspicious.

Taking into account the summer heat of the Jyeshtha month, the langar service offered a variety of refreshing items including sweet and salty lassi, mixed lentils, kheer, rice, chapati, and bread. Devotees from various places across the Tricity contributed to the langar service, with many bringing chapatis prepared at home. The maternal team of the committee joyfully served meals to patients and their attendants while also engaging in devotional singing and bhajans.

To promote cleanliness and preserve the beauty of Chandigarh, the langar was served on steel plates. Volunteers who supported the event included Anita Joshi, Neetu Sharma, Saroj Babbar, Raj Sareen, Meenu Sharma, Neena Garg, Sheetal Sharma, Purnima Sharma, Laxmi Sharma, Tripta Sharma, Beena Dhiman, Santosh Sharma, Suchet Wala, Indu Wala, Promila Sharma, Nirmala Devi, Sunita Sharma, Renuka Arora, Kartar Kaur, Mamta Ji, Madhu Sharma, Surinder Kaur, Kulbhushan Sharma, Sheeshpal Garg, Praveen Kumar Sharma, Satish Kumar, Ashwini Sharma, Ramesh Kumar Sondhi, Pankaj Kumar, and Dhanshyam Pandey.

The committee prayed to Goddess Annapurna for the well-being of all contributors and volunteers and extended heartfelt greetings on the occasion of Shani Dev Jayanti.

PIC OF THE DAY

Who Cares...?

Street Light Poles Defaced with Posters, Officials Fail to Act



Atul Sharma

Mohali : In a shocking act of vandalism, most of the street light poles and signboards in the Industrial Area Phase 8, Mohali, have been covered with numerous posters, leaving the area looking unsightly and neglected. Despite the widespread damage, concerned municipal authorities have yet to take any action or impose penalties on the culprits responsible for this defacement.

Residents and business owners in the area have expressed their frustration over the ongoing issue, pointing out the lack of response from local officials. "It's been days since this vandalism occurred, and the authorities seem to be doing nothing about it," said one of the business owners. "These posters are not only ruining the aesthetic of the area but are also an eyesore for anyone passing through."

The defacement of public property with posters has been a recurring problem in various parts of Mohali, but this latest incident has sparked particular outrage in the Industrial Area, which is home to several businesses and serves as a key economic hub for the region.

Despite clear signs of vandalism, there has been no visible effort to remove the posters or investigate who is responsible. "The lack of accountability is appalling," said another local business owner. "We pay taxes, and the authorities have a responsibility to ensure that public property is maintained and protected from such damage."

Several community members have called for stricter enforcement of laws against vandalism, including fines for those caught pasting posters illegally. However, for now, the street poles continue to be covered in an array of posters, and the issue remains unresolved. Authorities have yet to comment on the matter, and residents are eagerly awaiting an update on whether any actions will be taken to address this blatant violation of public property.

As the situation remains stagnant, many are left wondering whether the responsible parties will ever be held accountable for their actions. But with the continued inaction from local authorities, the pressing question remains: **But Who Cares?**

Civil Surgeon Urges Public to Join Ongoing NCD Awareness Drive

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Mohali : The Health Department has launched a special campaign for screening and awareness of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) running from May 17 to June 17. Civil Surgeon Dr. Sangeeta Jain urged all individuals, especially those above 30 years of age, to visit their nearest health facility for timely screening to detect these diseases early.

In an official press release, Dr. Jain highlighted that the district health department is conducting various awareness activities such as rallies, public seminars, street plays, paintings, and webinars to educate people about prevention from non-communicable diseases. She emphasized that the main objective of this campaign is to identify conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes, common cancers, and other chronic diseases in the community and promote timely treatment. Dr. Jain pointed out that these diseases often go undetected due to lack of awareness but can be managed or prevented by making necessary lifestyle changes.

The Civil Surgeon further explained that NCDs are usually long-term illnesses, including hypertension, heart attacks, cancer, respiratory diseases, diabetes, asthma, and others, which require continuous and timely monitoring. She warned that without regular check-ups, these conditions can become severe and life-threatening.

Calling on the public, Dr. Jain urged everyone over 30 years of age to undergo health screening at government medical centers. For further information, individuals can also contact the Health Department's medical helpline at 104.

Pb CM Launches 'Easy Registry'; Statewide Rollout



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Chandigarh : The Punjab government has introduced a new system called 'Easy Registry' for property registration, aimed at making the process more transparent, efficient, and accessible to the public. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, along with Aam Aadmi Party supremo Arvind Kejriwal, dedicated the system to the people Today.

The government highlighted that with this new system, common citizens will no longer need to visit multiple tehsil offices or depend on middlemen and recommendations for property registration. The system offers several convenient options, including the ability to get registration done at any tehsil within a district or even complete the process online from home or office.

The 'Easy Registry' system is being rolled out statewide and will be fully implemented by July 15. A trial phase will run from July 15 to July 31, followed by full-scale operation from August 1.

Key Features of 'Easy Registry':
Registry can be done at any tehsil in the district.
Online registration option available.
Statewide applicability by July 15.
Trial phase from July 15 to July 31.
Full implementation starting August 1.

How the Process Works:

Citizens need to visit easyregistry.punjab.gov.in and register through the "Citizen Login" portal. After filling in property details in the prescribed format, the information is forwarded electronically to the Tehsildar for review. Within 48 hours, the Tehsildar must assess the submission and communicate any objections or flaws to the applicant, who can respond and make corrections. Updates and communications will be sent via WhatsApp. If disputes remain unresolved, complaints can be lodged with the District Commissioner (DC).

Following approval, the deed preparation will commence at the Seva Kendra, where a Patwari and Advocate will draft the deed. A fee of Rs 550 is charged for this service, and applicants will need to purchase stamp papers as per the fixed rates. Registrations can be completed at any convenient facility center, where buyer and seller photos will be captured, and the entire process will be monitored by officers to ensure transparency.

Background and Rationale:

The move to streamline the property registration process comes after numerous complaints about corruption, delays, and inefficiency in the department. Earlier attempts to monitor tehsil offices through CCTV cameras revealed that out of 180 offices, cameras were functioning in only three, exposing significant lapses.

There were widespread reports of bribery, with police and vigilance actions often leading to strikes by revenue department staff, causing further delays. CM Bhagwant Mann personally visited tehsils, resulting in transfers and suspensions of officials who failed to perform their duties.

The government also aims to end the extra unofficial charges paid by citizens through middlemen and eliminate the need for personal connections to get registrations processed.

Commitment to Transparency:

The 'Easy Registry' initiative is designed to foster transparency and ease for citizens engaging with the property registration system, particularly addressing issues faced in districts like Mohali. With this online and flexible approach, the Punjab government hopes to eliminate corruption, reduce bureaucratic hurdles, and make property registration hassle-free for all.

Citizens encountering demands for money beyond the fixed fees during registration are encouraged to file complaints through the designated WhatsApp number. The DC will intervene to ensure the registration proceeds without obstruction.

This innovative step marks a significant push by the Punjab government to modernize land record management and build public trust in the system.

Suspended Female Constable Amandeep Kaur Re-Arrested in Drugs Case

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Amritsar : Amandeep Kaur, a suspended female constable of the Punjab Police who was earlier arrested in a drug smuggling case, has been taken into custody again by the Punjab Vigilance Bureau's Bathinda Zone. The latest arrest follows allegations of disproportionate assets, corruption, and suspicious financial transactions.

Amandeep Kaur was granted bail earlier this year in the ongoing drug case, which had put her lifestyle under intense public scrutiny. Known for flaunting a luxurious lifestyle, including a Rolex watch, a Thar SUV, and an expensive house, she faced widespread questions about the source of her wealth given her official income.

According to vigilance investigations, her declared income over recent years stands at Rs 1.08 crore, while her expenditure has reportedly reached Rs 1.39 crore, raising red flags about unaccounted



assets. The vigilance team called her for questioning under the pretext of a routine interrogation; however, she was arrested upon arrival.

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau is now delving deeper into her income records, bank accounts, properties, and alleged connections, seeking to understand how such wealth was amassed by a constable.

Authorities are also investigating possible links between her financial activities and the drug network case she was earlier implicated in.

Amandeep Kaur was initially arrested in July 2023 for her alleged involvement in a drug smuggling racket. After spending nearly six months in jail, she secured bail in January 2024. Since her release, she has maintained her innocence, claiming to be falsely implicated. However, the renewed vigilance action indicates a widening probe into corruption and disproportionate assets linked to her case.

The police are expected to present her in court soon to seek custody for further investigation. This development has brought renewed attention to the ongoing investigation into drug-related corruption within the Punjab Police.

Progressive Welfare Society Honours Outstanding Students of Phase 5, Mohali for Academic Excellence

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : The Progressive Welfare Society (Regd.), Phase 5, Mohali, which actively contributes to social and religious causes, held its annual student felicitation ceremony today to honour children who have excelled in academics and sports. As in previous years, the society recognized students achieving exceptional performance in Class 10 and 12 board exams, scoring above 90%.

The event was held at the society's office at House No. 1272, Phase 5, Mohali. Society President Mr. Gurmeet Singh Sian shared that the aim of this tradition is to boost the morale of students and encourage them to strive further in academics and sports. This year, girls from Phase 5 remarkably led the list of achievers.

Honoured Students:

Ishmeen Kaur from Shemmrock Senior Secondary School, Sector 69, Mohali, secured 95.4% in Class 12 Humanities stream and topped her class.

Harleen Kaur from Guru Gobind Singh Senior Secondary School, Sector 35, Chandigarh, scored 91.2% in the Non-Medical stream.



Anahad, a Class 10 student from St. Joseph's School, Chandigarh, achieved 93%.

Gunreet Kaur from Lawrence Senior Secondary School, Mohali, scored 92%.

Namya Jain from Millennium School, Phase 5, Mohali, obtained 90%.

Each of the five girls hails from Phase 5, Mohali.

During the ceremony, students were felicitated with garlands and a trophy (memento) presented by Society President Mr. Gurmeet Singh Sian, General Secretary Mr. Madan Lal Bansal, Finance Secretary Mr. Mukand Singh, Advisor Mr. Amrik Singh Sabharwal, and Secretary Mr. Ramesh Verma.

The proud parents of the achievers were also present to witness the moment of honour. Guests were served tea and refreshments. Mr. Amrik Singh congratulated the students and their families, wishing them success in their future endeavours.

General Secretary Mr. Madan Lal Bansal encouraged the students to continue working hard and avoid bad company, reminding them to make their parents proud through discipline and excellence.

Prominent residents of Phase 5 including Mr. Jagbir Singh Sidhu, Mr. Maewa Singh, Mr. Jagtar Singh Bhambra, Mr. Talwinder Singh Bakhshi, Ms. Ruby, Ms. Daljeet Kaur Sian, Ms. Jaspreet Kaur Bakhshi, Ms. Rupinder Kaur, and Ms. Inderjit Kaur Bambra also attended and applauded the initiative.

DGP Demands Suspension of Shimla SP Over Misconduct Allegations

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES



Shimla : Himachal Pradesh Director General of Police (DGP) Atul Verma has recommended the immediate suspension of Shimla Superintendent of Police (SP) Sanjeev Kumar Gandhi for "gross misconduct, insubordination, and dereliction of duty." The recommendation came a day after SP Gandhi held a press conference leveling serious allegations against the DGP's staff, accusing them of links with drug peddlers.

In a letter addressed to the Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Chief Secretary, and the Private Secretary to Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, DGP Verma also urged that SP Gandhi be directed to report to the police headquarters pending the outcome of a departmental inquiry and the ongoing CBI investigation into the Vimal Negi death case.

The letter cites that SP Gandhi made "inappropriate and baseless allegations" against senior government officials, including the Chief Secretary, which amounts to misconduct and insubordination. It also highlights his "unverified and potentially prejudicial" comments regarding the National Security Guards in connection with an active investigation, warning that such actions could strain Centre-state relations.

According to the DGP, SP Gandhi's conduct violates Rule 3(1) and Rule 7 of the All India Service (AIS) Conduct Rules, 1968, which mandate absolute integrity and devotion to duty from every officer. Additionally, his actions fall under misconduct as per Section 87 of the Himachal Pradesh Police Act, 2007, which penalizes any wilful neglect or violation of orders by police officers.

SP Gandhi had earlier criticized the DGP's status report submitted to the Himachal Pradesh High Court on the SIT investigation into the Vimal Negi case, calling it "irresponsible" and driven by personal vendetta. He also accused members of the DGP's staff of having connections with the Sanjay Bhuria drug syndicate and alleged interference in the probe concerning leaked CID documents.

Moreover, SP Gandhi made serious allegations against former DGP Sanjay Kundu, Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena, and former Shimla Deputy Commissioner and Dharamshala MLA Sudhir Sharma.

The situation has escalated tensions within the Himachal police and government administration as the inquiry and investigations continue.

Renowned Mathematician and Former Pb University V-C RP Bambah Passes Away

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Chandigarh : Prof RP Bambah, distinguished mathematician, former Vice-Chancellor of Panjab University, and a former member of the Tribune Trust, passed away at his Sector 19 residence in Chandigarh on Monday morning. He was 99 and would have turned 100 this September.

A Padma Bhushan awardee and recipient of the prestigious Ramanujan Medal for mathematics, Prof Bambah is survived by his daughters, Bindu A Bambah and Sucharu Khanna. Known for his lifelong devotion to the advancement of mathematics and education, he had pledged to donate his body to the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGI), Chandigarh, for scientific research — a wish his family confirmed they would honour.

"He was a scientist till the very last. He lived a good life," said his daughter Bindu, reflecting on her father's unwavering commitment to science and learning.

A pall of gloom has descended on academic circles, where Prof Bambah was revered not only for his contributions to mathematics but also for his role as Professor Emeritus in the Department of Mathematics at Panjab University. According to a family statement, the university was his lifelong passion. "He cared about it till his last breath. Perhaps the only thing he cared about more was



mathematics," the family said, noting his habit of keeping up with university developments and scientific advancements through YouTube.

Born in a middle-class family in Jammu, Prof Bambah's academic brilliance became evident early in life. He scored a perfect 600 out of 600 in his master's degree from Government College, Lahore, before earning a PhD from the University of Cambridge in just two years — a rare feat.

Prof Bambah, along with Prof Hans Raj Gupta, was instrumental in founding the Department of Mathematics at Panjab University, initially based in Hoshiarpur and later moved to Chandigarh. Under his guidance, it became the university's first Centre of Advanced Study.

After a five-year tenure as a professor at Ohio State University in the US, Prof Bambah returned to Panjab University, where he served as Vice-Chancellor from 1985 to 1991 — a period marked by significant institutional growth.

Panjab University Vice-Chancellor Prof Renu Vig expressed deep sorrow over his passing. "The university was preparing to celebrate a century of the Punjab School of Mathematics and Prof Bambah's birth centenary in September this year. His death is a profound loss to mathematics, the university, and society at large," she said.

Prof Rajinder Jeet Hans-Gill, one of his former students, recalled meeting him just last week. "Despite being unwell, he was alert and deeply engaged in mathematical discussions. His passing is a personal and academic loss."

The Panjab University Teachers' Association also paid tribute, noting Prof Bambah's visionary leadership during his tenure as V-C. "He left an indelible mark on this institution. We remember him as a kind, conscientious, and duty-bound individual who embodied the true spirit of a scientist. His selfless decision to donate his body reflects his commitment to advancing knowledge," the association said in a statement.

Prof RP Bambah's legacy continues to inspire generations of scholars, educators, and scientists across the country.

Mahila Nyay Samiti Holds Monthly Meet to Resolve Family Disputes and Empower Women

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Chandigarh : The monthly meeting of "Mahila Nyay Samiti," an organization dedicated to delivering justice to women, was held at Sector-9, Chandigarh, under the leadership of Chairperson Bibi Satinder Dhawan.

Special guests Bibi Surjeet Kaur Brar and Bibi Satinder Dhillon also attended the session. During the meeting, Bibi Dhawan reviewed the committee's ongoing work and shared that the Samiti had successfully resolved two marital disputes through counseling, thereby preventing the breakdown of families.



The resolved cases involved couples Anita–Sunil and Chhoti–Vikas.

Dhawan engaged with office bearers and members on how to further strengthen the committee's efforts to support women in distress. On the occasion, Committee President Bibi Sunita Bhatt and Chief Secretary Sakuntla Rani emphasized the importance of planting trees at homes, farms, and community spaces to promote a greener environment and combat pollution.

The meeting was attended by Anita Dhawan, Santosh Sharma, Sunita, Gurmeet Kaur, Surjeet Kaur, Sunita Thapial, Rani Devi, and Jasbir Singh.

Gayathri Wins Super Singer Junior 10, Takes Home Trophy and Rs 60 Lakh Villa

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Chennai : Gayathri lifted the trophy of the Super Singer Junior 10 held in Chennai. She was presented the key to a luxurious villa worth Rs 60 lakh. Kamal Haasan and AR Rahman were the chief guests for the grand finale of Super Singer Junior 10. Nasreen was chosen as the first runner-up while Aadya and Sarasruthi shared the third position.

Gayathri comes from a music family, where her father and forefathers played musical instruments at temples. She was emotional after she was crowned the winner and so was her family. Nasreen was the first runner-up and took home a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh. Aadya and Sarasruthi shared the second runner-up position and Rs 5 lakh cash prize. Lynet took home a cash prize of Rs 3 lakh.

The grand finale saw performances from current and former Super Singer contestants paying tribute to Kamal Haasan. Five-year-old Sri Varshini sang 'Kanmani Anbodu' and 'Jinguchaa' along with Kamal Haasan, which became one of the most memorable moments of the night.

Kamal Haasan shook a leg to his iconic 'Yen Jodi Manjakuruvi', sung by contestant Lynet as a part of her final performance.

The singing-based reality show was judged by singers Mano, KS Chithra and music director Imman. Ma Ka Pa Anand and Priyanka Deshpande were the hosts of Super Singer Junior 10. The show was aired on Vijay Television and JioHotstar.

"Typical Hindi Heroine No More": Bipasha Basu Jism Redefined Women's Image in Bollywood

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New Delhi : Actor Bipasha Basu, in an interview, talked about playing the biggest gamble of her life in Bollywood by doing 'Jism'. The film, she said, introduced a 'path-breaking' change in Bollywood by featuring women in negative roles. The 2003 film starred her alongside John Abraham, and established both of them as artistes who liked to swim against the tide.

While speaking to Zoom now, Basu said she took a calculated risk at the 'peak' of her career because she really wanted to do it. The 46-year-old shared that she loved the 'Jism' story, and the idea of playing a woman in a negative character - something which was missing in Bollywood until then.

"Jism was the time when I was at the peak [of my career], and everyone told me you cannot do adult content films. You are like the typical Hindi heroine who is established in people's hearts now. And I said, I just like the story so much. I said I'd go ahead and do it. Everybody stopped me from doing it. My manager thought I had gone crazy," she said.

Basu added that her role in 'Jism' also became a part of pop-culture. She referred to women wearing a 'bronze look' after being inspired by her character. "But it worked for me and then things changed. Women suddenly were tonging their hair. They wore a bronze look. There was no stereotypical (thing) that the woman couldn't play the negative character. It all changed after that. So it's been path-breaking for me. That has been one very important film," she said.

'Jism', directed by Amit Saxena, was written by Mahesh Bhatt. The erotic thriller marks Abraham's debut in the film industry, while it set a new benchmark in Basu's career. The film was declared a clean hit at the box office, and received mixed reviews.

It's story TiME

The Boy Who Cried Wolf

There was a young boy whose job was to watch over the village sheep. One day, he was bored and wanted some fun, so he shouted, "Wolf! Wolf!" The villagers came running to help, only to find the boy laughing at them because there was no wolf. The next day, he did it again, and the villagers were angry. Later, a real wolf came and started attacking the sheep. The boy cried, "Wolf! Wolf!" But this time, no one believed him, and the wolf ran off with some sheep.



Moral of the story: If you keep lying, no one will trust you—even when you're telling the truth!

French Open 2025: Who Can Stop Alcaraz on Clay in the Post-Nadal Era?



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New Delhi : The emotional tribute to Rafael Nadal, May 25, on the red dirt he ruled for nearly two decades, was a powerful reminder: Roland Garros is on the lookout for new heroes. An era ended last year when Nadal, the near-mythical 14-time French Open champion, stepped away from the sport. It was a poignant moment at Philippe-Chatrier, as Nadal was joined by his fiercest rivals - Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, and Andy Murray - on the Parisian clay for a grand send-off.

As the spotlight shifts back to competition, Nadal's compatriot Carlos Alcaraz looks ready to carry the torch. A natural on clay, the 22-year-old arrives as the defending champion at the season's second Grand Slam. Alcaraz has built impressive momentum, capturing titles in Rome and Monte Carlo and finishing runner-up in Barcelona.

ALCARAZ SET FOR NO. 2 in PARIS?

He has looked imperious. His dominance on clay was clear when he comfortably dispatched World No. 1 Jannik Sinner in the Rome final earlier this month. Sinner, returning from a three-month doping ban, had impressed with his sharp form, breezing past opponents in Italy before running into Alcaraz.

But the Spaniard was unplayable. He dismantled Sinner in straight sets, sending a clear message ahead of his Roland Garros title defence. Alcaraz's footwork was electric, his shot variety bewildering, and the clay surface afforded him just enough time to unleash his devastating groundstrokes and execute audacious drop shots and lobs with surgical precision.

"All eyes are on Paris now, on Roland Garros. Beating Jannik, winning Rome - both things mix together and give me great confidence going to Paris," Alcaraz said after lifting the trophy in Rome.

He heads into Roland Garros as the man to beat. The World No. 2 opens his campaign against a qualifier and could face clay-court specialist Casper Ruud in the quarterfinals. He's dodged the dangerous half of the draw that includes Sinner and Djokovic, but Alcaraz still has plenty of work ahead if he's to defend his crown.

CAN SINNER STEP UP?

Sinner is a clear threat. The Australian Open champion has shown flashes of brilliance since his return, but whether he can summon the consistency and stamina to thrive over five sets on clay remains a question. Still, the Italian will be eager to prove he's more than just a hard-court prodigy.

Sinner begins his tournament against local hopeful Arthur Rinderknech and could face a rising Jack Draper in the quarters. Also in his half of the draw are Djokovic and third seed Alexander Zverev, adding layers of intrigue.

A DJOKOVIC COMEBACK IN PARIS?

In most Grand Slam previews, Djokovic would headline. But the Serbian legend, now chasing a record-extending 25th major title, enters Roland Garros in uncharacteristically shaky form. Dropping to World No. 6, Djokovic has endured one of the toughest stretches of his career, failing to win a Slam since the 2023 US Open and showing signs of wear in a title-less 2024 season.

His clay-court swing has been forgettable. Early exits in Monte Carlo and Madrid prompted him to accept a wildcard into the ATP 250 event in Geneva, where he finally found some rhythm and won the title.

"It's a new reality for me—trying to win a match or two, not thinking about getting far in the tournament. It's a completely different feeling from what I had in 20-plus years of professional tennis," Djokovic reflected after his Madrid exit.

Whether Geneva's wins can reignite his spark in Paris remains to be seen. Yet, writing off the three-time French Open champion would be a mistake. History has shown that Djokovic often thrives when doubted, and few rise to the occasion quite like him when their backs are against the wall.

THE OTHERS

Other names to watch include Zverev, Draper, Taylor Fritz, and Casper Ruud. Zverev's clay-court season hasn't dazzled, but his track record at Roland Garros—three straight semifinal appearances - demands respect.

Draper, despite not being a natural on clay, has impressed this year with a finals run in Madrid and a quarterfinal showing in Rome. The British lefty has added muscle and maturity to his game, and his progress hasn't gone unnoticed.

"I'm really impressed by Jack, his progress. He's become extremely formidable. You know, he's another one of those guys to me after the two guys—Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner," said John McEnroe in a recent interview with Reuters. "He's in Sinner's quarter, so that wouldn't make it easy. But he's a threat to anyone at this point."

And then there's Ruud. The Norwegian is once again rounding into form on clay, highlighted by his triumph in Madrid. Having reached the finals in 2022 and 2023—losing to Nadal and Djokovic respectively—Ruud knows the terrain and the expectations that come with it.

The clay remembers greatness — and forgets no one. It's time for someone to leave their mark where the dust never settles.



Assembly Speaker Lifts Suspension of 18 BJP MLAs After 2 Months

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Bengaluru : More than two months after their suspension, the Karnataka Legislative Assembly Speaker UT Khader revoked the six-month suspension of 18 BJP MLAs.

The decision was announced on Sunday following discussions between Khader, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Leader of Opposition R Ashoka, and Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil.

Khader said the suspension was revoked without any conditions, emphasising that the MLAs are colleagues and friends. "The incident happened in a fit of the moment. I had to take strict action to protect the respect of the House. Now, with faith that such behaviour will not be repeated, I have revoked the suspension," he said.

The Speaker added that the suspended MLAs had expressed regret for the incident and assured that they did not intend any disrespect. The decision will be ratified by the Assembly in the next session.

The BJP legislators were suspended on March 21 for alleged indiscipline and disrespect towards the Speaker during a protest in the Assembly.

The incident involved BJP MLAs surrounding the Speaker's chair, climbing onto the podium, and hurling papers, which led to their forceful eviction by marshals.

Leader of Opposition R Ashoka welcomed the move, thanking the Speaker for revoking the suspension and praising the patience and discipline shown by the MLAs during the two-month period.

The suspended BJP MLAs include prominent leaders such as former Deputy Chief Minister C N Ashwath Narayan and BJP chief whip Doddanagouda Patil. The suspension had followed protests against a 4 per cent reservation for Muslims in public contracts and demands for a judicial probe into an alleged honey-trap attempt on Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna.

Plane Battling Sandstorm, Forced to Abort Landing

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New Delhi : A domestic flight in Pakistan had a close shave with disaster after it was caught in a severe sandstorm while attempting to land in Lahore. The incident, which took place on May 24, was captured on video and has since gone viral, showing passengers praying and clinging to their seats as the aircraft shook violently mid-air.

The flight, operated by private airline Fly Jinnah, was en route from Karachi to Lahore when it encountered extreme weather conditions. According to a Gulf News report, strong crosswinds and near-zero visibility made landing impossible at Lahore's Allama Iqbal International Airport.

Air Traffic Control reportedly instructed the pilot to abort the landing due to unsafe conditions. The aircraft, identified as Flight FL-842, was then rerouted back to Karachi.

Footage circulating online shows the terrifying moments inside the cabin as the plane was buffeted by winds. "The landing seemed normal at first. But as soon as the wheels touched down, we were engulfed by a powerful sandstorm. Suddenly, the aircraft lifted off again. For the next 10 to 12 minutes, it felt like we were caught in a cyclone," a passenger told Gulf News. "The plane was being thrown around violently."

Another flight from Islamabad to Lahore was also diverted to Karachi due to the same weather system.

The incident comes just days after an IndiGo flight from Delhi to Srinagar encountered a violent storm and hail near Pathankot, requiring assistance from the Indian Air Force to land safely.

Fortunately, no injuries were reported in the Pakistan flight incident. The airline is yet to issue an official statement.

50 Citizens Detained in 'Verification Drive' Amid Confusion and Uncertainty

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Dispur : At least 50 people were detained in Assam over the weekend as the state government stepped up its 'verification drive' to identify illegal immigrants from Bangladesh. According to police sources, the 'doubtful citizens' were detained from many districts, including Guwahati, Golaghat, Dhubri, Barpeta, and Cachar.

The detained citizens have been kept at the Rupnagar Police Reserve and their papers are being checked, officials said.

Families of some of the detained citizens said that they are Indian citizens, officials added.

The 'verification drive' was based on a central directive to act against Bangladeshi citizens who are staying in India illegally. It is being carried out under the supervision of the Assam Police Border Organisation, headed by an Inspector General rank officer.

However, the Assam police is yet to issue an official statement on the operation, raising questions about the transparency of the drive.

Nine Bangladeshis staying illegally in India were arrested in Morigaon district. All of them had been declared foreign nationals by the Foreigners Tribunals but had been evading arrest.

"The declared foreigners will be sent to the detention centre, now called a transit camp, in Goalpara after verification of their documents. The process is on," an official said.

"No Small Achievement": Anand Mahindra Hails India Becoming 4th Largest Economy

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New Delhi : India has surpassed Japan and become the world's fourth-largest economy, with a projected Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of 4.187 billion dollars for the financial year 2025-26.

Industrialist Anand Mahindra said the "milestone" was a dream come true and reminded the country to "stay dissatisfied."

"It is no small achievement," Mr Mahindra wrote on X.

GDP (Gross Domestic Product) is the total amount of money a country makes by making things and doing services in one year. It shows how big and strong the country's economy is.

When Anand Mahindra was in business school, the idea of India overtaking Japan in GDP felt like a "distant, almost audacious dream", the Mahindra Chairperson said. "Today, that milestone is no longer theoretical," he said.

Until 2024, India ranked fifth. According to the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) April World Economic Outlook, India's GDP is projected to reach 4.19 trillion dollars in 2025, marginally ahead of Japan's estimated figure.

"Japan has long been an economic colossus, with legendary productivity and resilience. That we've caught up is a testament to the ambition and ingenuity of millions of Indians across sectors, generations, and geographies," he said.

Mr Mahindra said the next goal must be to raise India's per capita income. "India's next leap must be in per capita GDP, not just overtaking Germany," he said.

Per capita income is how much money each person in a country makes on average in a year. It shows how much people earn, on average.

"For us to keep rising, India needs sustained economic reforms, in governance, infrastructure, manufacturing, education, and capital access," he added.

India's per capita income has doubled over the last decade, from 1,438 dollars in 2013-14 to 2,880 dollars expected in 2025.

NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam cited IMF data to confirm that only the US, China, and Germany are ahead of India. He added that if India stays on course with its current policies and reforms, it could move up another spot. "In 2.5 to 3 years, we will be the third largest economy," he said.

Despite the new ranking, India's gap with the top economies remains wide. The United States, which continues to lead as the world's largest economy, is projected to have a GDP of 30.5 trillion dollars in 2025, nearly seven times India's estimated GDP of 4.19 trillion dollars.

China, holding the second position, is expected to post a GDP of around 19.2 trillion dollars. Germany ranks third, just ahead of India.

The IMF has predicted India's economy will grow at 6.2 per cent in 2025-26, a slight dip from its earlier estimate of 6.5 per cent, citing trade tensions and global uncertainty.

Monsoon Gains Strength: Heavy Rain Lashes Mumbai, Pune; High Alert Issued

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Mumbai : Mumbai and Pune have been witnessing heavy rainfall as the monsoon continues to advance after hitting Kerala Today.

On Monday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued an orange alert for Maharashtra's Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts, warning of heavy to very heavy rainfall. A yellow alert is also in place for Mumbai, Thane, Palghar and other districts.

The weather department also issued a warning for Mumbai on Monday morning, stating that thunderstorm activity accompanied by lightning, intense spells of rain, and gusty winds reaching speeds of 50–60 kmph is very likely to occur at isolated places in the city over the next 3 to 4 hours.

On Monday morning at around 8:15 am, the IMD also said that a moderate spell of rainfall is likely to continue over Kerala, coastal Maharashtra, including Mumbai, south Jharkhand, north Uttar Pradesh and Meghalaya during the next three hours.

From 6:00 am to 7:00 am, significant rainfall was recorded in Mumbai, with Nariman Point Fire Station receiving 40 mm, Grant Road Eye Hospital 36 mm, and Memonwada Fire Station 35 mm. Other notable rainfall figures included Colaba Fire Station (31 mm), C Ward Office (35 mm), and Byculla Fire Station (21 mm).

Parts of Karnataka, including Bengaluru, witnessed sporadic rain, while Mysuru, Kodagu and other districts experienced moderate rainfall. The schools and colleges have been closed in Mysuru and Kodagu.

Light rain was also observed in the eastern and western regions of the state. The southwest monsoon is expected to bring continued heavy to very heavy rainfall in Karnataka, especially in the coastal and ghat areas, between May 25 and 27.

NORTHERN STATES

Uttarakhand is expected to receive scattered to widespread rain until May 31, with isolated heavy rainfall on May 25 and between May 28–30. Himachal Pradesh may witness hailstorms and heavy rainfall on May 27, 28, 30, and 31. Thundersqualls are forecast across the region, including Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan during the week. Dust storms with wind speeds up to 50 kmph are very likely in Rajasthan on May 25 and 26. A heatwave is expected to abate from May 28. However, heatwave to severe heatwave conditions may persist in isolated pockets of West Rajasthan on May 25–27 and East Rajasthan on May 25 and 26, along with warm nights in the western parts of the state.

WESTERN STATES

A well-marked low-pressure area over South Madhya Maharashtra and adjoining Marathwada and North Interior Karnataka is driving intense rainfall along the west coast. Over the next seven days, coastal Maharashtra, Goa, and Karnataka will experience heavy to very heavy rainfall, with extremely heavy rain likely in some areas.

The IMD has also forecast thundersqualls with wind speeds of 50–60 kmph, gusting to 70 kmph, over Gujarat on May 25. Isolated heavy rainfall is expected across Marathwada and Gujarat from May 25 to 27, while very heavy rainfall is likely over Konkan, Goa, and Madhya Maharashtra through May 30.

SOUTHERN STATES

Kerala and Mahe are likely to see very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall on May 25 and 26, with continued downpours until May 31. Similarly, Tamil Nadu (including Puducherry and Karaikal) is expected to receive extremely heavy rain in isolated areas on May 25 and 26, with heavy to very heavy rainfall persisting until May 29.

Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, and Telangana are likely to experience scattered to fairly widespread rainfall with thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds (40–50 kmph) over the next five days. Isolated heavy rainfall is expected in these areas, especially from May 25 to 29. Thundersqualls are also likely in South Interior Karnataka on May 25 and in parts of Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema during May 27–29.

EASTERN, CENTRAL STATES

Scattered to fairly widespread rain is likely in Vidarbha and Chhattisgarh until May 29, and in Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Sikkim, and Bihar until May 31. Thunderstorms with gusty winds reaching 40–50 kmph are expected across the region, with thundersqualls over Madhya Pradesh and Bihar on specific dates.

Heavy rainfall is likely in Vidarbha (May 25–28), Chhattisgarh, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands (May 25–27). Very heavy rainfall is expected over Andaman & Nicobar on May 25 and 26, and in Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim on May 30 and 31.

NORTHEASTERN STATES

Fairly widespread to widespread rainfall with thunderstorms, lightning, and winds (30–40 kmph) is forecast across the Northeast over the next seven days. Assam, Meghalaya, and the other northeastern states are likely to witness isolated heavy rainfall daily until May 31. Extremely heavy rainfall is expected over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura on May 28 and 29, and over Assam and Meghalaya on May 30 and 31.

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Jaishankar, Canadian FM Hold Landmark Talks to Mend Strained Ties

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New Delhi : In a step toward mending strained bilateral ties, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held a phone conversation with Canada's new Foreign Minister Anita Anand, the first high-level political engagement between the two nations since Mark Carney became the Canadian Prime Minister.

The conversation centred on strengthening economic cooperation and advancing shared priorities. It comes amid cautious optimism in New Delhi over a potential reset in ties following the exit of former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, under whose leadership relations between the two countries deteriorated sharply.

"Discussed the prospects of India-Canada ties. Wished her a very successful tenure," Jaishankar posted on X after the call.

Anand, who was sworn in earlier this month, described the conversation as "productive".

"Thank you Minister @DrSJaishankar for the productive discussion today on strengthening Canada–India ties, deepening our economic cooperation, and advancing shared priorities. I look forward to continuing our work together," she said in a post on X.

Anand, 58, of Indian origin, has previously served as Canada's Defence Minister and is a senior member of the Liberal Party. She took her oath of office with her hand on the Bhagavad Gita, a gesture she has repeated in earlier Cabinet appointments.

Bilateral ties took a downturn in September 2023 when Trudeau accused Indian agents of being "potentially" involved in the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in British Columbia. India rejected the claim as "absurd and motivated" while maintaining that Canada is a safe haven for pro-Khalistan elements.

The diplomatic rift deepened further when Ottawa linked several Indian diplomats, including then-High Commissioner Sanjay Verma, to Nijjar's murder. India subsequently withdrew Verma and five other diplomats in October, while also expelling an equal number of Canadian diplomats from New Delhi.

While bilateral relations remained frosty through late 2023, security officials from both countries resumed contact in recent months. Discussions are underway to appoint new high commissioners in New Delhi and Ottawa.

Following Trudeau's departure, India expressed its intent to rebuild relations with Canada based on "mutual trust and sensitivity." Sunday's conversation between Jaishankar and Anand is being seen as a key first step in that direction.

Shehbaz Sharif Thanks 'Dear Brother' Erdogan For Support Against India

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New Delhi : Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan held talks with Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Istanbul, just weeks after tensions rose between Pakistan and India. Shehbaz thanked Erdoan for 'resolute support' against India.

On X, Pakistan PM wrote: "Had the honor of meeting my dear brother President Reccep Tayipp Erdogan in Istanbul this evening. Thanked him for his resolute support to Pakistan in the recent Pakistan India standoff."

"We also reviewed the ongoing progress of our multifaceted bilateral engagements particularly in trade and investment and reaffirmed our resolve to continue working closely to further strengthen these unshakable bonds of brotherhood and cooperation. Long live Pakistan Turkiye Friendship," he added.

According to a statement from the Turkish president's office, the meeting aimed to strengthen ties between the two countries, particularly in the energy, trade, transportation, and defence sectors.

Erdogan stressed the importance of deeper cooperation between Turkey and Pakistan in areas like intelligence sharing and counter-terrorism. He said both countries must continue working together to ensure regional stability.

"It is in the interest of Turkey and Pakistan to increase solidarity in education, intelligence sharing and technological support in the fight against terrorism," his office stated.

The meeting took place amid strained ties between Turkey and India. Turkey has been supporting Islamabad. Ankara faced backlash from New Delhi, who discovered that Pakistan used Turkey-made drones during the clashes. However, Turkish officials have denied these claims, saying no weapons were sent to Pakistan during the conflict.

'WE HAVE STRENGTHENED UNBREAKABLE TIES'

In response to Sharif's post, President Erdogan wrote: "We discussed many critical issues with them, especially the economy, trade and security. We confirmed and strengthened our will to strengthen the deep-rooted historical, human and political relations between Turkey and Pakistan in every field. As my dear brother Shehbaz stated, we have further strengthened the unbreakable ties, cooperation, solidarity and brotherhood between our countries and peoples. I convey my most heartfelt love to my Pakistani brothers through Mr. Sharif."

A statement released by Sharif's office after delegation-level talks with Erdogan stated that the PM expressed "heartfelt gratitude" to the government and people of Turkey for its support during the conflict with India, the worst between the two nations in decades.

$5 BILLION TRADE GOAL

After the meeting, Turkey's Directorate of Communications issued a statement: "During the meeting, President Erdoan stated that Trkiye and Pakistan would continue to take steps to advance their relations and achieve the goal of a five billion dollar trade volume."

"Emphasizing that efforts would be made to enhance cooperation in all areas, particularly in energy, transportation, and defence between the two countries, President Erdoan noted that strengthening solidarity between Turkey and Pakistan in the fight against terrorism through training, intelligence sharing and technological support would serve the interests of both nations, and added that the Istanbul–Tehran–Islamabad railway line should be made more efficient and that concrete steps in the field of education would contribute to bilateral relations," it added.

ERDOGAN BACKS PAKISTAN

Erdogan has been vocal in his support for Pakistan after the conflict with India escalated. The clashes began after armed terrorists attacked tourists in Pahalgam in Kashmir on April 22, killing 25 Indian nationals and one Nepalese citizen. India accused Pakistan of indirectly sheltering the attack, which Pakistan has firmly denied.

In response, India launched military operations at nine sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK). The situation quickly escalated into a four-day military conflict. Notably, both countries possess nuclear weapons. Turkey called for an international investigation into the attack, backing Pakistan's request.

On May 10, both sides eventually agreed upon a ceasefire.

President Erdoan was accompanied during the talks by several top officials, including Minister of Foreign Affairs Hakan Fidan, Minister of National Defence Yaar Gler, National Intelligence Chief brahim Kaln, and other senior advisors and military leaders.

"What the Hell...": Trump Erupts as Putin Unleashes Largest Air Assault of War

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Washington : After Russia launched its biggest airstrike on Ukraine since the beginning of the war, US President Donald Trump, who had previously shown patience with Russian President Vladimir Putin, lost his cool, warning, "If he wants all of Ukraine, it'll lead to Russia's downfall."

Speaking to reporters at the Morristown airport in New Jersey, Trump criticised Putin, saying, "I'm not happy with Putin." "He's killing a lot of people. And I don't know what the hell happened to Putin! I've known him a long time. Always gotten along with him. But he's sending rockets into cities and killing people. And I don't like it at all," he said.

"We're in the middle of talking and he's shooting rockets into Kyiv and other cities! I don't like it at all. I don't like what Putin is doing, not even a little bit. He's killing people. And something happened to this guy, and I don't like it," he added.

Overnight Sunday, Russia launched 367 drones and missiles across Ukraine, striking multiple cities, including Kyiv, the country's capital.

At least 12 people were killed in the attack, and many others were injured. The Ukrainian Air Force claimed to have shot down 45 missiles and destroyed 266 drones, but several areas were still badly hit.

The Ukrainian President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, said that over 30 cities and villages were affected by the strikes.

Trump also took to his social media platform Truth Social to publicly rebuke Putin over the strikes that came amid prisoner swap between the two countries.

He wrote, "I've always had a very good relationship with Vladimir Putin of Russia, but something has happened to him. He has gone absolutely CRAZY! He is needlessly killing a lot of people, and I'm not just talking about soldiers. Missiles and drones are being shot into Cities in Ukraine, for no reason whatsoever."

ZELENSKYY SLAMS US 'SILENCE'

Earlier, Ukrainian President Zelenskyy said he was disappointed with the international response, particularly the US. He cautioned that without more forceful action, Russia's ongoing brutality could not be stopped.

"The world may go on vacation, but the war continues, despite weekends and weekdays," Zelenskyy said. "This cannot be ignored. America's silence, and the silence of others in the world, only encourages Putin."

He added that the strikes will continue unless there is serious pressure on the Russian leadership. The military of Ukraine claims that the strikes, which started, have impacted almost every area of the nation.

Trump, who has recently attempted to broker a war ceasefire, spoke with Putin last week, which lasted more than two hours. In an effort to get both sides to the negotiating table, he has also been in touch with Zelenskyy.

"Always gotten along with him, but he's sending rockets into cities and killing people, and I don't like it at all," Trump said about Putin.

However, peace efforts suffered a setback when Putin failed to show up for a scheduled peace meeting in Turkey. Despite calls from the international community, Russia has continued to escalate its attacks, showing little interest in ending the conflict.

Himanta Sarma Highlights Bangladesh's Strategic Weak Points with 'Two Chicken Necks' Map

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New Delhi : Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched a fresh attack on Bangladesh, asserting that those who "habitually threaten" India on the Chicken's Neck corridor should note the neighbouring country has two "chicken necks", which are "far more vulnerable".

Sarma made the remarks while making a reference to India's strategically crucial Chicken's Neck, known as the Siliguri Corridor. It is a narrow strip of land, measuring around 22 km-35 km in width, that connects the Northeast with the rest of India.

"Bangladesh has two of its own 'chicken necks'. Both are far more vulnerable. First is the 80 km North Bangladesh Corridor - from Dakshin Dinajpur to South West Garo Hills. Any disruption here can completely isolate the entire Rangpur division from the rest of Bangladesh," he said in a post on X.

"Second is the 28 km Chittagong Corridor, from South Tripura till the Bay of Bengal. This corridor, smaller than India's chicken neck, is the only link between Bangladesh's economic capital and political capital," he added.

The Assam Chief Minister asserted that he was presenting "geographical facts that some may tend to forget". "Just like India's Siliguri Corridor, our neighbouring country is also embedded with two narrow corridors of theirs," he further said.

Sarma's remarks came weeks after Bangladesh's chief advisor and Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus brought up India's "landlocked" Northeast during his recent visit to China and positioned the country as the "only guardian of the ocean" for this region.

In response, Sarma put Bangladesh on notice amid Dhaka's growing interest in India's Chicken's Neck corridor.

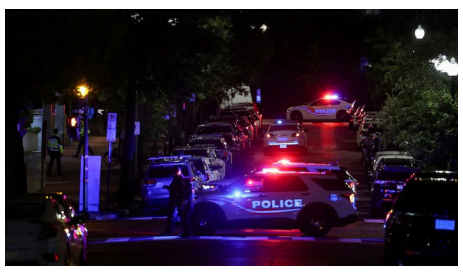
"We have one Chicken's Neck. But Bangladesh has two chicken necks. If Bangladesh attacks our Chicken's Neck, we will attack both the Chicken Necks of Bangladesh... the one in Meghalaya connecting Chittagong port in Bangladesh is even thinner than India's Chicken's Neck and is located just a stone's throw away," he told reporters at a press conference.

The fiery BJP leader also reminded Bangladesh of India's military strength, especially after Operation Sindoor, where India destroyed terror camps deep inside Pakistan and pounded 11 of its military bases. Sarma said "Bangladesh has to be reborn 14 times" before attacking India.

The warning came against the backdrop of reports that China was allegedly helping Bangladesh in reviving a World War II-era airbase at Lalmonirhat, just 100 km from the Chicken's Neck corridor.

11 Injured in South Carolina Beach Town Shooting; Police Launch Major Operation

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Columbia : At least 11 people were hospitalised following a shooting on Last night in the South Carolina beach town of Little River, authorities said.

Horry County Police said the incident occurred around 9:30 p.m. but did not provide details about the conditions of those injured.

Dozens of police cars and ambulances were seen rushing in and out of a mostly residential street near the Intracoastal Waterway, where the shooting took place in Little River, about 20 miles (32 kilometres) northeast of Myrtle Beach.

Horry County Police said investigators were receiving reports of more victims arriving at hospitals in private vehicles. Authorities have not released any details about possible suspects or the motive behind the shooting.

The area where the incident occurred also has a few boating businesses, but remains largely residential.

Notably, this comes a month after one person was killed, and 11 others were wounded in a mass shooting in a popular tourist area of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in April.

Authorities had observed a disturbance involving multiple individuals on North Ocean Boulevard, when one person began firing a weapon. In response, an officer opened fire and shot one individual, who later died from their injuries, according to police.



Govt to File Defamation Case Against BJP Over 'False' Advertisements



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New Delhi : The Karnataka government has announced it will file a defamation case against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its leaders in the state for allegedly spreading false and defamatory content through a media advertisement accusing the state administration of corruption and poor governance.

In an official notification dated May 25, the Congress-led government said it would approach the 42nd Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) Court in Bengaluru, citing what it calls "false, distorted and misleading" claims published by the BJP in both print and electronic media. The campaign titled 'Charge List on the Failure of the State Government for 2 Years' accused the Congress government of large-scale scams and misgovernance since taking office in 2023.

Government officials said the legal action aims to curb the spread of misinformation and hold the opposition accountable. The Secretary of the CAS Department has been authorised to file the complaint, and two government prosecutors — BS Patil and Shailaja Nayak — have been appointed to represent the state. Coordination across departments will be overseen by Deputy Secretary in the Home Department (Law and Order) Kumta Prakash, who has been tasked with gathering all relevant documentation and evidence for the case.

BJP HITS BACK, CITES 'EMERGENCY-LIKE TACTICS'

Reacting strongly to the announcement, Karnataka BJP President BY Vijayendra accused the Congress of invoking Emergency-like situation in the state and in misusing state machinery to silence criticism. In a post on social media platform X, Vijayendra compared the move to the Emergency era, claiming the Congress was "reviving the spirit of 1975" by suppressing press freedom, targeting the opposition, and undermining democratic institutions.

"The Congress government is scared of a mere advertisement," he wrote. "This act reflects cowardice and perfectly fits the saying, 'a pumpkin thief touches his shoulder when accused.'"

Vijayendra also pointed to the recent suspension of 18 opposition MLAs from the Assembly as an example of what he called the government's "autocratic behaviour." He alleged the Congress was using the police to intimidate BJP leaders and accused the administration of failing to deliver on development while engaging in corruption.

He further slammed the Congress's two-year anniversary event, Sadhana Samavesha, held in Hosapete, calling it a "lavish, wasteful" propaganda exercise meant to distract the public from the government's shortcomings.

Calling the lawsuit a threat to press freedom and a "revenge move" against dissenting voices, Vijayendra urged citizens, the media, and opposition parties to "resist what he called a second Emergency." He said, "The power to reverse it lies with democracy, the people of Karnataka, and the media."

"A second chapter of Emergency has begun in Karnataka, and the power to reverse it lies with democracy, the people of Karnataka, the opposition parties, and the media," he said in the post and stated that the Congress-led government in the state "will soon have to face this truth."

"Time For a New Normal Against Terrorism": Shashi Tharoor Backs Op Sindoor Initiative

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Georgetown : The all-party delegation led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor arrived in Georgetown, Guyana, where it was received with great fervour and enthusiasm by the members of the Indian diaspora. Upon arrival, Tharoor congratulated the people of Guyana in advance for their Independence day celebrations, and shared the purpose of the visit of the all-party delegation.

Addressing the diaspora, Mr Tharoor said that the delegation was in transit in New York City where it paid tributes at the 9/11 Memorial. He underlined that the visit to the Memorial showed India's solidarity with victims of terrorism in that city. "I think this is something that unites many of us from around the world."

Speaking about the interactions which will take place in Guyana, Mr Tharoor mentioned, "We are having meetings with the Prime Minister, the Vice President, other ministers, Foreign Minister. We're also hoping to see some MPs".

Mr Tharoor highlighted in his remarks, "Our message is very clear. We have to stand against terrorism wherever it comes. We have to not only bring the evil killers to justice, but we must also seriously challenge those who are financing them, training them, equipping them, directing them to do their evil."

Noting that India has been suffering from terrorism for four decades, he said that India has reached a point of "resolved determination" against terrorism.

"We will never let anybody believe they can just walk across the border and kill our civilians or kill anybody in our country and get away with impunity... We feel we have to actually show them there is a price to be paid. That is the message that the government of India is sending and that all of us are echoing, which is that for us the time has come for a new normal against terrorism."

Mr Tharoor in his remarks, urged the diaspora for their support. He said, "We are seeking all of you to join us in expressing support, in strength, in resolve, and in response to this kind of action if it happens again in the future. So this is the purpose of our trip. We are looking forward to joining the celebrations on your fifty-ninth Independence Day, and I thank you all very much for joining us today".

The all-party delegation led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor will project India's national consensus and firm stance on combating terrorism in all its forms. They will carry India's strong message of zero tolerance against terrorism to the global community during their outreach.

The delegation aims to brief international partners on India's response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack and its broader fight against cross-border terrorism.

Operation Sindoor was launched on May 7 as a decisive military response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack by Pak-sponsored terrorists in which 26 people were killed. Indian Armed Forces targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, leading to the death of over 100 terrorists affiliated with terror outfits like the Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Taiba and Hizbul Mujahideen.

Congress' Alka Lamba Mistakes 'Op Sindoor' for 'Op Blue Star'; BJP Voices Strong Reaction

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New Delhi : All India Mahila Congress president Alka Lamba made an embarrassing mistake, leaving herself as well as the party red-faced over misquoting Operation Sindoor as 'Operation Blue Star'.

The video of her gaffe, while slamming BJP leaders for 'insulting' the armed forces, including women officers, landed on social media and, as expected, created a sensation. The BJP was quick to lap up the issue and called it a deliberate attempt by the Congress party to belittle and demean the forces.

The controversy erupted after Alka Lamba addressed a press conference at the Congress office Sunday morning, where she accused the Centre and BJP of politicising the military operation for political gains and demanded action against their motormouth leaders for insulting the sacrifice of the Armed Forces as well as the Pahalgam victims.

Notably, Operation Sindoor, launched on May 7, 2025, marked the decimation of terror bases in Pakistan by the Indian Air Force's precision strikes. Under Operation Blue Star, in June 1984, the Army carried out a military operation to remove Sikh militants from the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

The Congress leader was, however, quick to take note of her slip of the tongue. She took to X to acknowledge her slip-up and asked the BJP not to deviate from real issues, and rather give answers on why the Modi government was hesitant and reluctant to call a special session of Parliament.

"The BJP just wants to divert attention from real issues. The public knows the answers to real questions - Will the BJP apologise on behalf of the leaders who made statements against a brave army officer like Colonel Sofia Qureshi? When will those who insult women from the families of martyrs be expelled from the party? Will these leaders be sent to jail?" she said in the X post in Hindi (loosely translated).

For the BJP, the Congress leader's 'slip of tongue' made up for political fodder, given the political showdown over Operation Sindoor.

BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawala said this was 'not ignorance but a mischief and deliberate' attempt to weaken the forces and lower their morale.

"It was not a slip of tongue but slip of mindset," he said in a blistering attack at the Congress party and also recalled past instances of how Congress leaders, including Charanjit Singh Channi, questioned surgical strikes, Ajay Rai mocked Rafale prowess, and Manju Nath called Operation Sindoor a showoff.

He said that Congress leaders, including party president Mallikarjun Kharge, are out on a mission to demean and undermine the security forces.

"Sena ka apman is Congress ki pehchaan (Insulting the armed forces is the identity of Congress)", he claimed.

"More Terrorists in Pakistan Than Rest of World": Ghulam Nabi Azad



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New Delhi : Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad said the number of terrorists living in Pakistan is probably more than the number of terrorists residing all over the world.

Azad, who is part of the all-party delegation led by BJP MP Baijayant Jay Panda, said although Indian leaders may belong to different political parties, they are united as Indians here.

Azad said, "I am happy to see that it (Bahrain) looks like mini India. The people from every religion live here. There are no restrictions...Regarding our political intention, we might belong to different political parties in India, but here we come as Indians... Pakistan was formed on the basis of religion."

He further highlighted how Pakistan, despite being formed on the basis of religion, lacks unity.

He added, "However, eastern Pakistan (Bangladesh) and western Pakistan were not able to stay united...But in our country, people from all religions stay united. We live in peace and harmony...If we see, probably the number of terrorists that are living in Pakistan is more than the number of terrorists residing all over the world..."

The Democratic Progressive Azad Party chief, during his visit to Bahrain, also praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for maintaining good relations with neighbours.

"We are happy to meet the Indian diaspora, they came in large numbers. Be it any government, all our prime ministers have always tried to have good relations with our neighbours, including Pakistan. They always held talks with the Pakistan leadership, but after every such initiative, India faced terrorist attacks from the other side of the border," he said.

Speaking about Operation Sindoor, Azad said it was against the terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and not the people of the country.

"I congratulate our armed forces that none of the civilians of Pakistan were killed, as only terrorists were killed, and some family members of terrorists. But the sad part is that Pakistan blindly fired in our border areas, and they intentionally attacked our civilians," he said.

NEET Aspirant From Jammu & Kashmir Dies by Suicide

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Kota : An 18-year-old NEET aspirant from Jammu and Kashmir allegedly hanged herself from the ceiling fan of her paying guest room here at Pratap Chouraha in Kota, police on Monday said. This is the 15th such incident this year and second this month alone.

Before she killed herself Last evening, the girl, Zeeshan, spoke to a relative of hers on the phone and told him that she might commit suicide before hanging up, Circle Inspector Ramesh Kavia, posted at Mahaveer Nagar Police Station, said.

Burhan, the relative, immediately called another student Mamta, who lived in the same building on the floor above, and asked her to check on Zeeshan, he said.

Mamta rushed to Zeeshan's room, found it bolted from inside, and shouted for help.

A crowd gathered and broke open the door with the help of a grinder they borrowed from some carpenters working nearby, he said.

They found Zeeshan hanging from the ceiling. She was rushed to a hospital, but was declared dead.

According to police, Zeeshan had returned to Kota a month ago, having earlier lived in the city enrolled at a coaching institute to prepare for the medical entrance exam. This time, she was engaged in self-study and hadn't enrolled anywhere.

Police said the room was not equipped with the 'anti-hanging device' - a metal cage-like contraption mounted around the ceiling fan to prevent hanging.

Another NEET aspirant from Madhya Pradesh hanged herself in her room under the Kunhadi Police Station area - a day before her entrance exam on May 3.

Auto Driver Killed by Friends Over Money Dispute; 3 Arrested

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New Delhi : A 25-year-old man was stabbed to death by his three friends after a dispute arose over the transaction of money over a mobile phone in Gujarat's Surat, police said. The accused, Harilal, was an autorickshaw driver and was killed on May 23, and the three accused were arrested.

The incident occurred when Harilal and his friends - Uttam alias Kalu Shakharam, Mohan Gosavi and Kiran alias Nagaraj Nimba Patil - had gone to visit the Mama Dev temple. Following that, an argument broke out between the friends over monetary transaction over the phone, after which the accused stabbed the victim.

Harilal suffered serious injuries due to the stabbing and was rushed to a nearby hospital. However, he succumbed to his injuries.

Police then launched a manhunt and arrested the three accused on Sunday, two days after Harilal's murder.

The accused and the victim were all residents of the Limbayat area in the city, police said.

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