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Amit Shah Tables Bills to Oust PM, CMs Jailed Beyond 30 Days



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New Delhi : Home Minister Amit Shah today introduced three contentious bills in the Lok Sabha that mandate automatic removal of the Prime Minister, chief ministers, or ministers if they remain in custody for 30 consecutive days.

The bills – the Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, and Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill – triggered massive uproar, with opposition MPs tearing copies and throwing them at the Home Minister.

The opposition slammed the move as "draconian," warning it could be misused to destabilise elected governments. AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi compared the legislation to Nazi Germany's Gestapo, while Congress MP Manish Tewari called it destructive to the Constitution's basic structure.

Shah defended the proposal, recalling that he resigned as Gujarat minister when arrested in the Sohrabuddin case, later being acquitted. The bills come amid controversies where leaders like ex-Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and TN minister V. Senthil Balaji continued holding office while jailed.

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Centre's Bills to Remove Jailed Leaders Spark Stormy Lok Sabha Showdown



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : A heated session is expected in the Lok Sabha today as the government introduces three contentious bills — the Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill 2025, the Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill 2025, and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill 2025.

The draft laws mandate the automatic removal of any Prime Minister, Chief Minister, or Minister held in custody for 30 consecutive days on charges punishable with five years or more.

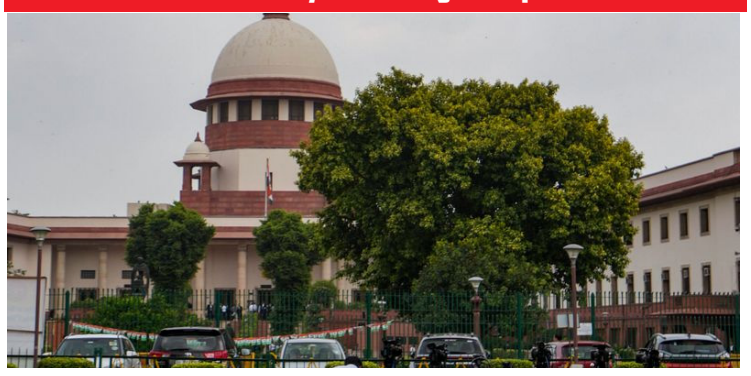
The move comes after controversies involving leaders like former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Tamil Nadu minister V. Senthil Balaji, who continued in office despite being jailed.

Opposition parties have slammed the move, calling it an attempt to destabilise non-BJP governments through "biased" central agencies. Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi termed it "a vicious circle," while TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee accused the Centre of trying to "crush democracy."

An Opposition MP even threatened protests inside Parliament to block its introduction.

Defending the move, BJP leaders said the bills were necessary to curb corruption and prevent leaders from ruling while in jail. A three-line whip has been issued to BJP MPs ahead of Home Minister Amit Shah's tabling of the bills at 2 pm.

SC Collegium Recommends 14 Advocates for Bombay HC Judgeships



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New Dehli : The Supreme Court collegium has recommended names of 14 advocates for appointment as Judges of the Bombay High Court.

The decision was taken in a meeting of the Collegium led by Chief Justice of India BR Gavai on Tuesday.

The Supreme Court collegium in its meeting held on August 19, 2025 has approved the proposal for appointment of the following advocates as judges of the High Court of Bombay," a Collegium resolution read.

The collegium approved the proposal for appointment of advocates Nandesh Shankarrao Deshpande, Amit Satyavan Jamsandekar, Ashish Sahadev Chavan, Vaishali Nimbajirao Patil-Jadhav, Abasaheb Dharmaji Shinde and Farhan Parvez Dubash as high court judges.

In a separate resolution, the Collegium approved the proposal for appointment of advocates Siddheshwar Sundarrao Thombre, Mehroz Ashraf Khan Pathan, Ranjitsinha Raja Bhonsale, Sandesh Dadasaheb Patil, Shreeram Vinayak Shirsat, Hiten Shamrao Venegavkar, Rajnish Ratnakar Vyas and Raj Damodar Wakode as judges of the Bombay High Court.

Rahul Gandhi's "Uncommon Handshake" With BJP MP After Club Poll Victory



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New Delhi : Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi today congratulated BJP MP and former Union Minister Rajiv Pratap Rudy on winning the election for secretary (administration) of the Constitution Club of India, calling it an "uncommon handshake" between Congress and BJP.

Rudy defeated fellow BJP leader Sanjeev Balyan in a high-stakes contest, reportedly with support from Opposition MPs. The election saw 707 of 1,295 members voting, including top leaders from both ruling and opposition parties.

Rahul Gandhi greeted Rudy in Parliament and remarked to the media, "An uncommon handshake between Congress and BJP. Congratulations, by the way," to which Rudy responded with thanks. Both BJP leaders have maintained the contest should not be viewed through the lens of party politics.



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ISRO Has A Busy Year Ahead. Next Big Thing Is A Humanoid In Space

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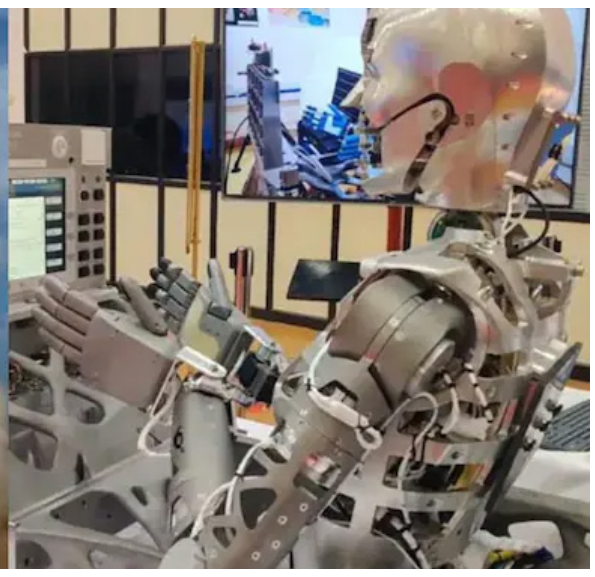
After the remarkable success of astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's 18-day mission to the International Space Station, the Indian space agency has a busy year ahead. Currently, it is gathering momentum to celebrate the second National Space Day on August 23 at Bharat Mandapam.

In a landmark year for India's space program, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is gearing up for an ambitious slate of missions that will redefine the country's position in global space exploration. Speaking exclusively to NDTV, V Narayanan, Chairman of ISRO, outlined a packed schedule that includes nine rocket launches, the rollout of industry-built launch vehicles, and the first uncrewed mission under the Gaganyaan human spaceflight program.

This year is declared as the Gaganyaan year," said Mr Narayanan. "We will have the first uncrewed mission by this year, December. That is what the target is. A robot will go. And, you know, Honourable Prime Minister has rolled out the space sector reform. Based on that, we have assigned five rockets to the industrial consortium of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and L&T Corporation."

The uncrewed Gaganyaan mission, scheduled for December 2025, will carry Vyomitra, a humanoid robot designed to simulate human responses in space. This mission marks a critical milestone in India's journey toward sending astronauts into orbit, with two additional uncrewed missions planned for next year and a crewed mission targeted for the first quarter of 2027.





The G1, first uncrewed mission, we have targeted this December, that is on track," Mr Narayanan confirmed. "And then, followed by two uncrewed missions next year, depending on how it does, followed by the crewed mission in the first quarter of 2027."

In addition to Gaganyaan, ISRO is rolling out the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV N1) rocket, the first launch vehicle built entirely by the Indian industry under the new space sector reforms. Developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Larsen & Toubro (L&T), the N1 rocket will carry a technology demonstration satellite featuring cutting-edge innovations.

The first rocket is going to roll out, called N1 rocket, the PSLV N1 rocket," said Mr Narayanan. "In that, we are going to launch a technologically advanced demonstration satellite in which we are going to demonstrate a lot of new technologies, including electric propulsion and quantum."

The year's launch manifest also includes several other key missions: Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) missions, aimed at providing cost-effective access to space for small payloads.

Oceansat, a satellite designed for oceanographic studies and climate monitoring. NAVIC NVS-03, part of India's regional navigation satellite system, which enhances positioning accuracy for civilian and military applications.

Adding to the excitement is a major commercial launch for an American company. ISRO will deploy the Bluebird 2, a 6,500 kg communication satellite, using its heavy-lift Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM-3) rocket. This launch is expected to take place between December 2025 and January 2026.

Before this financial year, that is going to be executed," Mr Narayanan said. "Most likely, in the December-January time frame, this will be executed. The Bluebird 2, a 6500 kg communication satellite of the US, will be lifted off and placed in orbit by our LVM3 vehicle."

The successful launch of the NISAR mission earlier this year, a joint Earth observation satellite developed with NASA, has further energised ISRO's workforce. The mission's success has been a morale booster, reinforcing confidence in the organization's ability to deliver on its ambitious goals.

In fact, the recent success of the NISAR mission has highly motivated the entire team," Mr Narayanan noted. "And the team is so energised, I am confident it will deliver whatever target we have set for this year."

The Gaganyaan program, India's flagship human spaceflight initiative, is particularly complex and technologically demanding. It involves developing life support systems, crew modules, and safety protocols that meet international standards. Despite the challenges, ISRO remains committed to its timeline.

Gaganyaan is a technologically advanced and complex mission," said Mr Narayanan. "And I will tell you the team, the entire team is working 24X7 with a single-minded devotion."

When asked about his work ethic, Mr Narayanan humbly replied, "I sleep very little. So, most of us do whatever is required for the country and the organisation. And yes, with a minimal level of sleep.

The reforms initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi have opened up India's space sector to private industry, allowing companies like HAL and L&T to take on greater roles in manufacturing and innovation. This shift is expected to accelerate India's capabilities and competitiveness in the global space market.

With nine launches planned, including missions that span technology demonstration, commercial payloads, and human spaceflight, ISRO's calendar for 2025 is one of its busiest ever. The organization's ability to execute this ambitious agenda will be closely watched by the global space community.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by: Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date 21th Aug

Born on 21th August : 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

August 21th 2025 : Avoid overeating and visit a health club regularly to stay fit. Perfect day to purchase items that would grow in value. Health of your spouse may cause reason for stress and anxiety Spell of love is all set to bind you this day. Just feel the bliss.

Taurus

August 21th 2025 : Avoid a serious attitude to life You will come up with brilliant new ideas that will bring financial gains. Children can cause some disappointment at school due to their lack of interest in studies. Romantic entanglement will add spice to your happiness.

Gemini

August 21th 2025 : A day of recreation and fun. Pending issues become murkier and expenses cloud your mind. Guests crowd your house for a pleasant and wonderful evening. Your love will reach a new height. The day will begin with the smile of your love.

Cancer

August 21th 2025 : A beneficial day and you may be able to find relief from a prolong illness. Today, you can spend a lot of money on a party with friends, but despite this, your financial side will remain strong today. Joyful time with family and friends Your beloved.

Leo

August 21th 2025 : Sheer pleasure and enjoyment for you- as you set about to enjoy life to the fullest. Financial hassles seem to get over as your parents extend support. Your witty nature will make you popular at social gatherings. Love life will blossom really beautifully today.

Virgo

August 21th 2025 : Check your aspirations to enjoy the life. Take the help of yoga-which teaches you the art of living physically mentally and spiritually healthy to improve your temperament. Use what you already have before rushing out to buy more.

Libra

August 21th 2025 : Your positive outlook will impress those around you. Lack of money can be the reason of discord in the family today. In such a situation, think well before talking to other family members and seek advice from them. Share your happiness with your parents.

Scorpio

August 21th 2025 : Your swift action will solve your longstanding problem. People who had invested somewhere are likely to suffer financial loss today. Children and family are the focus of the day. New romance for some uplifts your spirits and keeps you in a cheerful mood.

Sagittarius

August 21th 2025 : Creative work will keep you relaxed. According to the household requirement, you can go out with your spouse to buy some valuable items, which can make your financial situation a bit tight. You need to spend some time with children.

Capricorn

August 21th 2025 : Outdoor activities will be tiring and stressful today. Today, with the help of a close relative, you can do well in your business, which will also benefit you financially. Children could make the day very hard for you. Use affection weapon to keep their interest.

Aquarius

August 21th 2025 : Cultivate a harmonious nature to kill your hatred because it is more powerful than love and deadly affects your body. Remember evil triumphs sooner than good. Those who had spent their money in betting or gambling are likely to suffer losses today.

Pisces

August 21th 2025 : You will have abundance of energy- but work pressure seems to get you irritated. Investment in stocks and mutual funds recommended for long-term gains. You are best to avoid raising issue that could upset your relationship with loved ones.

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Mann Govt Boosting Sports Culture in Punjab MLA Kulwant Singh

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Mohali : MLA Kulwant Singh today said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, a highly conducive environment has been created for sports in Punjab. With all necessary resources and guidance now available under one roof, players are showing greater interest in sports activities, he added.

Speaking at the Aam Aadmi Party office in Sector-79, he released the poster of the upcoming Kushti Dangal (wrestling competition) to be held on August 25 at village Gigemajra as part of the Mela Baba Gosai Wala celebrations. The MLA further stated that the Punjab Government is not only providing cash rewards to sportspersons but also making efforts to ensure permanent employment opportunities, enabling players to dedicate more time to sports and bring laurels to the state.

On the occasion, village Sarpanch Satnam Singh said that Mela Baba Gosai Wala and the wrestling competition are being organized with the collective participation of the local community.

AAP senior leader Kuldeep Singh Samana, along with Gurdip Singh, Harvinder Singh, Yudhveer Singh, Manpreet Singh, Sandeep Singh and many other villagers, were also present.

Deputy Mayor Bedi Warns GMADA: Connect Sewer Line or Face Legal Action

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Mohali : Shopkeepers of Sector 65-A Bulk Market and residents of adjoining areas have been struggling with sewage overflow and dirty water problems for years due to the non-connection of the local sewer line with the main system of Sectors 76–80. The work, which was to be completed by GMADA in 2021, remains pending to date.

Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi strongly criticized GMADA's negligence, highlighting that despite repeated DO letters sent by the Municipal Commissioner, no action has been taken. He said he had to personally write to the Chief Administrator of GMADA, issuing a strict warning after being ignored repeatedly.

Lakhs Wasted, No Relief

Bedi revealed that due to the incomplete sewer line, the Municipal Corporation has been forced to repeatedly send vehicles to clean choked lines—an exercise that has cost lakhs of rupees in fuel and labour. He stressed that these efforts are futile until the main connection is provided.

Residents and Shopkeepers Suffering

Residents complained of sewage flooding streets, foul smell, and health risks, especially during the rainy season. Shopkeepers said customers avoid visiting the market due to the unhygienic conditions, severely affecting their businesses.

Officials Ignoring Letters

Bedi alleged that GMADA officials are deliberately ignoring official correspondence and termed it a case of serious negligence. He said while the Municipal Corporation is fulfilling its responsibility, the people will not get relief until GMADA acts.

Warning of Legal Action

The Deputy Mayor warned GMADA not to "test the patience of the people," making it clear that if the sewer connection is not provided immediately, he would initiate strict legal action, including filing a case in court.

What's Next?

The matter is now in GMADA's court, with residents waiting anxiously for relief. If corrective steps are not taken soon, locals have hinted at launching large-scale protests.

Toll-Free Helpline 14416 Available for Mental Health Support: Civil Surgeon

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Mohali : The Punjab Government has launched a toll-free helpline 14416 to provide counseling and treatment advice for mental health patients. Sharing details, Civil Surgeon Dr. Sangeeta Jain said the initiative, named Tele-MANAS, is a significant step for patients suffering from various mental health issues.

Through this helpline, patients and their relatives can seek medical advice, counseling, and information on medicines from the comfort of their homes. Patients can also book online doctor appointments through the service. Dr. Jain added that many people often hide their mental illnesses and avoid visiting doctors, but this helpline could prove to be a lifeline, as professional counselors will directly guide patients over the phone. Information is also available through the Tele-MANAS mobile app.

She further informed that free treatment for mental health issues is available at all government health institutions across the district. Additionally, a district-level de-addiction center is functional in Sector 67, Mohali, where patients are admitted and treated.

People suffering from addiction, anxiety, depression, negative thoughts, suicidal tendencies, exam stress, delusions, or paranoia are encouraged to call the national toll-free helpline for help.

Dr. Jain emphasized that the Health Department is fully committed to tackling mental health problems by providing free counseling and medicines. She added that awareness drives are being conducted widely to promote the Tele-MANAS helpline, and health officials across the district have been instructed to spread awareness about the service.

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District Red Cross Organizes Health Check-up Camp at Village Ghataur

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Kharar : The District Red Cross Society, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, under the leadership of Komal Mittal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner-cum-President, District Red Cross Society, organized a medical camp at Village Ghataur, Tehsil Kharar. The camp aimed at providing medical check-ups, treatment, and assistive devices for senior citizens.

A medical team comprising Dr. Ishan Sharma (Medicine), Dr. Ritu Gera (Eye Specialist), and Dr. Nidhi Sahota (Dental Surgeon) from Civil Hospital Kharar examined patients and provided treatment. Free medicines were distributed by the District Red Cross branch.

In addition, ALIMCO distributed assistive devices worth around ₹6 lakh to 55 senior citizens, including wheelchairs, hearing aids, walking sticks, and crutches, free of cost.

Harbans Singh, Secretary of the District Red Cross Society, informed that the organization regularly undertakes welfare activities such as distributing ration to the needy, providing sewing machines, and holding blood donation camps.

Village Sarpanch Ramanpreet expressed gratitude to the officials, staff, and villagers who contributed to the success of the camp.

PIC OF THE DAY

Who Cares...?

Loose Wires Hang Dangerously, Pose Safety Threat



Atul Sharma

Mohali : With the arrival of the monsoon, several parts of Mohali have been left waterlogged due to the Municipal Corporation's (MC) failure to clear silt from road gullies, triggering widespread inconvenience and public anger. Key areas including Phase 3B2, Sector 71, and the Industrial Area were inundated following a brief yet intense downpour, disrupting traffic and daily life.

Frustrated residents blamed the recurring flooding on the civic body's inadequate pre-monsoon maintenance. "Every year we face this mess. Gullies are choked, and no desilting happens until it's too late. What are we paying taxes for?" questioned a Phase 5 resident.

Environmental experts echoed the concerns, warning that clogged drains not only cause flooding but also damage roads and pose health risks. "Improper drainage leads to water mixing with waste, increasing disease risk and accelerating road deterioration," said Dr. Arora, an environmental scientist.

A senior citizen condemned the lack of preparedness: "Monsoon is an annual event. Yet, every year we see the same chaos. This reflects a total collapse of urban governance."

As rainfall is expected to continue through the week, residents and businesses are bracing for further disruption. With growing public resentment, citizens are calling for urgent desilting, better planning, and strict accountability from local authorities.

But Who Cares???

Punjab Mandi Board's Arvinder Singh Honored on World Photography Day



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Mohali : On the occasion of World Photography Day, the Chandigarh Photographers Association, in collaboration with Sony, organized a workshop highlighting advanced camera features and the latest technologies.

The event saw participation from senior photographers of the Association as well as other organizations, all of whom were felicitated for their contributions to the field. Among them, Arvinder Singh, Senior Photographer from the Punjab Mandi Board, was honored for his professional excellence.

Expressing gratitude, Arvinder Singh thanked the Chandigarh Photographers Association for the recognition, calling it an encouragement to continue his passion for photography with greater dedication.

ED Raids Phagwara Premises of SAD Leader Jarnail Singh Wahid



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Jalandha : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is conducting a search at the Phagwara-based premises of senior SAD leader Jarnail Singh Wahid since today morning.

The ED sleuths initiated raids at a sugar mill, his residence and a gym owned by his family in Phagwara. Wahid earlier co-owned the mill with his NRI partner Sukhbir S Sandal, but it is now being run by Rana Sugar Mills of Sultanpur Lodhi MLA Rana Inder Partap Singh.

The move against Wahid by the central agency comes on the basis of a Vigilance Bureau case lodged against him and his family two years ago for allegedly selling government land of the sugar mill. Wahid, his wife Rupinder Kaur and son Sandeep Singh had also then been arrested by the VB then. An FIR under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 166 and 176 of the IPC and the Prevention of Corruption Act was lodged against them in September 2023.

Wahid has had a controversial past. He was already under the ED scanner in a case pertaining to alleged money laundering through hawala in 2003. The case pertained to the investment made by then Wahid's NRI partner Sandal in the sugar mill. All their financial transactions were checked and the ED had summoned him in 2015 also in the same case. At that time, he was also the Markfed Chairperson.

In 2002, Wahid, as member of the Staff Selection Board (SSB), Punjab, along with other board members, was arrested by the Vigilance Bureau for irregularities in certain appointments during the SAD rule in the state in 1998-2002. He, however, reportedly managed to get a clean chit by Mohali court in 2010.

National Lok Adalat to be Held on September 13



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Chandigarh : The National Legal Services Authority, UT Chandigarh, will hold a National Lok Adalat on September 13, 2025, at the District Courts and other Tribunals in the city.

Cases that can be settled through compromise in this Lok Adalat include criminal compoundable offences, cheque bounce cases under Section 138 of the NI Act, money recovery suits, motor accident claims, labour disputes, electricity and water bill disputes, matrimonial and family disputes, rent matters, consumer protection cases, maintenance-related issues, and other civil matters such as injunctions, easement rights, and specific performance suits.

Litigants interested in resolving their disputes in this Lok Adalat may approach the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), UT Chandigarh, to get their cases listed.

For further details, people can contact DLSA Chandigarh at 0172-2972223, 8427566990, 9464741515 or email disautchd@gmail.com. Additional information is available on the State Legal Services Authority website www.chdslsa.gov.in or via helpline numbers 0172-2742999, 7087112348.

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Tricity Braces for 4-Day Heavy Rain From Aug 22

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Chandigarh : After a sudden and heavy spell of rain in the northern sectors of Chandigarh today evening, the tricity region--Chandigarh, Mohali, and Panchkula--is likely to remain dry today and Thursday before experiencing another heavy spell of rain for the next four days, from Friday to Monday.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted that the tricity region is likely to remain dry with a partly cloudy sky on Wednesday and Thursday, before the possibility of heavy rain from August 22 to 25.

The IMD has issued a yellow alert for heavy rain coupled with thunderstorms and lightning at isolated places in Chandigarh, Punjab, and Haryana from August 22 to 25.

Yesterday, the northern sectors of Chandigarh were flooded after 35 mm of rainfall inundated most parts of Sector 1 to 15, with water reaching knee-deep levels. The downpour, which began after



5:30 pm, continued for almost an hour, disrupting normal life after the Madhya Marg grid and other major roads and junctions in the northern parts of the city witnessed massive traffic jams and chaos until late in the evening.

The massive waterlogging once again exposed the inefficiency and indifferent attitude of the Municipal Corporation authorities.

The IMD's observatory at DAV School in Sector 7 recorded 35 mm of rainfall between 5:30 pm and 7 pm, while no downpour was experienced at the IMD's two other observatories in the city, located in Sector 39 and the IAF station. Also, Mohali did not experience any downpour on Tuesday.

Following last evening's scattered rainfall, Chandigarh recorded a night temperature of 25.2 degrees Celsius, which was 0.2 degrees and 0.3 degrees less than the previous night and below normal, respectively.

While Panchkula logged 24.5 degrees Celsius, Mohali measured a night temperature of 26.4 degrees Celsius.

Congress, BJP lock horns over free treatment under Himcare scheme



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Shimla : The BJP and the Congress locked horns in the Vidhan Sabha today over the issue of eligible beneficiaries not getting free treatment in government health institutions under the Himcare scheme.

To Nachan MLA Vinod Kumar's question, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dhani Ram Shandil informed the House that the Himcare scheme was still operational in all government hospitals. He added that Rs 231 crore had been paid while Rs 364 crore payments were still pending and would be cleared but no timeline could be given.

Vinod Kumar and other BJP members accused the government of misleading the House on the Himcare scheme. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that disbursements made under the Himcare scheme during the previous BJP government were a big scam. "The main motive of the BJP government was not to provide benefit to needy patients but to benefit its party workers, as private hospitals were arbitrarily empanelled for treatment," he alleged.

The Chief Minister said that the Himcare scheme had not been discontinued but was being improved and Rs 550 crore had been spent under it during his tenure. "Allocations under the Himcare scheme made during the BJP regime were a scam because of total nepotism. No effort was made to replace old and outdated MRI, CT scan and other equipment and people got tests done in private hospitals," he added.

Vinod Kumar said that the Health Minister had given wrong information to the House as free treatment under the Himcare scheme for eligible beneficiaries had been stopped. "Countless poor patients are not getting free treatment in government hospitals under the Himcare scheme," he added. After heated exchanges, the BJP MLAs indulged in sloganeering and later walked out of the House.

To Dharamsala MLA Sudhir Sharma's query on the installation of smart meters during the Question Hour, Sukhu said that power subsidy had not been withdrawn from even one electricity meter installed in rural areas and the government was contemplating to provide 300 units of free power to people. He added that about 12,000 to 15,000 people had surrendered 125 and 300 units of power subsidy voluntarily.

To Naina Devi MLA Randhir Sharma's query on the total number of educational institutions closed, Education Minister Rohit Thakur said that 818 schools with zero enrollment had been denotified or merged, 535 schools with less than five students had been merged. "This rationalisation move has helped us to post 1,424 teachers in 350 schools that had no teachers. We are following the Gujarat model and 90,000 schools have been de-notified across the country on the directions of the Central Government," he added.

Bhakra Dam Opens Floodgates for Controlled 2025 Monsoon Release

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Nangal : The Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) on Tuesday opened the floodgates of the Bhakra Dam on the Sutlej river for the first time this monsoon season, releasing excess water to maintain regulatory levels amid forecasts of heavy rainfall.

On August 19, the reservoir level touched 1,665.06 feet, surpassing the regulatory guideline of 1,662 feet for this date. With the maximum permissible limit at 1,680 feet, officials initiated a phased release to prevent overflow risks.

Phased release plan:
3 pm: Gates opened by 1 foot
4 pm: Gates opened by 2 feet
5 pm: Gates opened by 3 feet (radial and flood control gates)

In total, 45,000 cusecs of water were discharged — 22,000 cusecs into the Sutlej river and 23,000 cusecs through the Nangal Hydel Canal, which feeds the Bhakra Main Line and Anandpur Sahib Hydel Canal.

Authorities have issued warnings to residents in Bela and Mand



regions, vulnerable low-lying areas along the Sutlej floodplain. People have been urged to stay away from riverbanks as district administrations remain on alert.

The move, officials said, is a preventive step reflecting improved flood management practices. "The controlled release ensures both flood safety and uninterrupted irrigation and hydropower support," BBMB engineers stated.

Bhakra Dam, one of Asia's tallest gravity dams, supports water and power needs across Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Delhi. The last floodgate opening was in August 2023.

With more rain expected in coming weeks, the BBMB will continue to monitor water levels closely to balance storage, power generation, and flood control.

On the edge Monsoon Fury exposes climate crisis

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Palampur : Once known for its serene mountains and gentle monsoon showers, is today grappling with an unending cycle of destruction. For three consecutive years, the state has been battered by landslides, cloudbursts, and flash floods — claiming nearly 500 lives, with 220 deaths this year alone.

Between late June and mid-August, nature's fury intensified: 160 persons perished, 100 major landslides reshaped landscapes and cloudbursts nearly doubled compared to last year. Flash floods too surged dramatically, with 23 incidents this monsoon against just nine a year ago.

Experts warn that Himachal is facing the compounded effects of climate change



and human interference. The State Disaster Management Plan reveals a 1.6°C rise in average surface temperature over the last century — much higher than the global trend. With shifting rainfall patterns, extreme weather events like floods, avalanches, landslides, and forest fires have grown more frequent and destructive.

Environmentalists sound the alarm: while the plains saw only a 1°C rise, Himachal's spike is "abnormal and alarming." Rampant tourism and industrial traffic add to the stress, with 40,000 vehicles entering daily during peak season and thousands of trucks carrying cement clogging mountain roads.

Places that once saw snowfall at 3,000 feet now see it only above 5,000–6,000 feet," says RK Sood, highlighting the rapid melting of glaciers. The mix of glacial melt and torrential rain has turned streams into torrents, swelling rivers into killers.

CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has acknowledged the looming crisis, urging an urgent scientific study into the escalating disasters. "Cloudbursts are no longer rare; disasters are multiplying. This is the clearest signal of climate change," he warned, promising to engage experts and seek Central Government's support.

Coolie Makers Move Madras HC Against 'A' Rating For Rajinikanth Film

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Mumbai : The battle over Rajinikanth's much-anticipated film 'Coolie' has moved to the Madras High Court, with Sun Pictures contesting the Central Board of Film Certification's (CBFC) decision to issue the film an 'A' certificate. The certification, which bars viewers under 18, has drawn objections from the producers, who argue the film has been unfairly judged when compared to similar big-ticket releases.

On August 19, Justice TV Thamilselvi admitted the petition and directed that it be listed for hearing the following day. Sun Pictures maintains that 'Coolie' contains action sequences on par with films such as 'KGF' and 'Beast', both of which were cleared with a U/A certificate, yet has been subjected to harsher classification.

The courtroom exchange saw Central government counsel A Kumaraguru claim the plea was not maintainable. However, senior advocate J Ravindran, assisted by M Sneha, countered successfully, pointing out that under the Cinematograph Act, 1952, and the Tribunal Reforms Act, 2021 (which dissolved the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal), the High Court has jurisdiction to hear such appeals.

Despite multiple representations to the CBFC for a U/A rating, both the examining and revising committees upheld the 'A' classification, citing the film's depiction of violence.

Sun Pictures, however, has stressed that Rajinikanth's fandom spans generations, and younger audiences form a vital part of the celebrations around the superstar's milestone release. They argue that keeping children and teenagers out of theatres undermines the spirit of the film, envisioned as a mass entertainer.

Many theatres across Tamil Nadu saw parents involving in a fight with theatre owners to allow children inside the hall.

Produced on a massive budget, Lokesh Kanagaraj's 'Coolie' brings together an ensemble featuring Nagarjuna Akkineni and Aamir Khan. The film was released as Rajinikanth completed 50 years in cinema.

Boney Kapoor on No Entry 2: Regret not retaining Salman Khan, Anil, and Fardeen

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Mumbai : Filmmaker Boney Kapoor, who announced the sequel to the 2005 hit 'No Entry' back in 2019, recently confirmed that the original trio, Salman Khan, Anil Kapoor and Fardeen Khan, will not be returning for the second instalment. Instead, 'No Entry 2' will feature younger stars Varun Dhawan and Arjun Kapoor in lead roles.

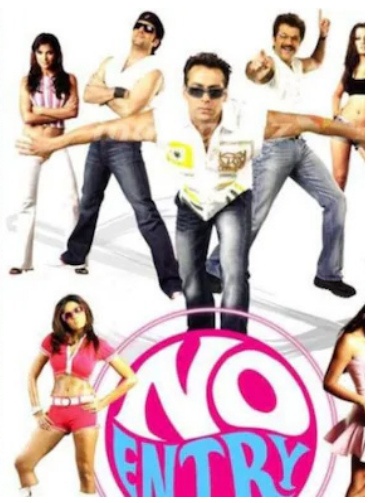
In a recent conversation with Instant Bollywood, Boney opened up about the casting shift and expressed regret over not being able to retain the original ensemble.

Speaking about the casting, he said, "Yeh humara loss hai that we could not retain the same star cast. We waited for almost 8 to 10 years, but somehow things didn't materialise. We will miss them. Now, we're trying to give it a fresh start with a younger lot of actors. But yes, we will miss Salman, Anil and Fardeen. They were the original three boys in 'No Entry', and they were most loved."

Reflecting further on the long wait and eventual change, Boney added, "Waqt beet gaya wait karte karte... gaadi aage nikal gayi. Ab ye pachhtaawa hoga ki same setup nahi hai." (Time passed as we waited, the train has moved on. Now, there will always be this regret that the original setup isn't there.)

Praising the original trio, he said, "Salman is a fantastic guy, Anil is a fantastic guy, brother and actor. Fardeen is one of the best people I've known in the industry. I will miss them. But somehow, we've moved on, and let's hope the decision proves right."

The original 'No Entry', directed by Anees Bazmee and produced by Boney Kapoor, was a comedy blockbuster that revolved around extra-marital affairs, mistaken identities, and chaotic hilarity. With hit songs like 'Koi Ladki Hai' and 'Ishq Mein', and the comic timing of its lead cast, the film struck gold at the box office.



The sequel will also be helmed by Bazmee, with Varun Dhawan and Arjun Kapoor stepping into new lead roles. The female cast is yet to be officially announced, though reports suggest Tamannaah Bhatia may be onboard.

While early buzz hinted at Diljit Dosanjh being one of the leads, speculation rose about him exiting the project due to creative differences. However, Boney has clarified that this isn't the case. "Yes, there are date issues, but certainly no creative differences. That is absolutely false. We are trying our best to work the dates out," he told Hindustan Times. It still remains unclear if Diljit will

Shubman Gill Not Initial Pick For T20I Vice-Captain: Gambhir Supports Move



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Shubman Gill appointment as Team India's T20I vice-captain ahead of the Asia Cup has become a major topic of debate within the cricketing folklore. Gill, who impressed in his debut series at Test captain in England, was elevated in the leadership department in the shortest format of the game, as BCCI announced a 15-man squad for the Asia Cup. Gill's appointment, however, came as a shock to many as he has not played a T20I since July last year.

When Ajit Agarkar, chairman of the selection committee, and T20I captain Suryakumar were asked about Gill's elevation during the press conference for the squad reveal, the duo insisted that the 25-year-old has always been an integral part of the T20 setup.

The last time when he played T20Is for India, post (the) T20 World Cup (2024), when we went to Sri Lanka (in July 2024), not (the tour of) Zimbabwe. I was leading then and he was the vice-captain and that's when we started a new cycle for (the next) T20 World Cup.

After that he got busy with all the Test series (at home). He did not get the opportunity to play T20 cricket because he got busy playing Test cricket and also the Champions Trophy. He is there in the squad (now) and we are happy to have him," said Suryakumar.

According to a report in The Indian Express, Gill's appointment as vice-captain came after a lot of deliberation. However, Gill was never the first choice as the Agarkar-led selection panel had other contenders in mind, including Axar Patel, who had been deputising Suryakumar in Gill's absence.

However, with age on his side, Gill was eventually given the nod during the selection meeting on Tuesday, which was also attended by head coach Gautam Gambhir.

Gambhir was one of the names favour of Gill's elevation.

It was the matter that consumed most of the time at Tuesday's selection meeting and head coach Gautam Gambhir, who joined online, was also of the view that India needs to groom someone for the future and Gill, who turns 26 next month, was the most eligible candidate," the report said.

Gill wasn't the first choice initially and some people felt that Axar Patel should continue the role of vice-captaincy. But the overall mood at the selection meeting was that it's better to invest in a player who is likely to serve Indian cricket for long. The panel couldn't find any other candidate whom they can hand over responsibility for the next five years. As Gill is already leading in Test cricket, the selectors felt it was a right time to prepare him to take over from Surya some time in the future.

The report also confirmed that the 25-year-old will be part of the first XI for the tournament in the UAE.

With the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee picking Gill in the T20 squad, for the first time this year, it seems likely that the Test captain, who had a dream outing on the recent England tour, will feature in the playing XI during the tournament to be played in the UAE from September 9-28," it added.

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The Lion and the Poor Slave

There was once a slave who was treated cruelly by his master. One day, he couldn't take it anymore and ran to the forest to escape. There, he chanced upon a lion who couldn't walk because of the thorn in its paw. Although scared, the slave mustered his courage and took out the thorn in the lion's paw. When the lion was finally free of the thorn, he ran into the forest and didn't harm the slave. Sometime later, the slave was caught by his master along with some animals in the forest. The master then ordered the slave to be thrown into the lion's den. When the slave saw the lion, he recognized it as the lion he helped in the forest. The slave was able to escape the den unharmed, and he freed all the other animals.





Delhi CM Rekha Gupta Attacked During Jan Sunwai

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New Delhi : Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta was attacked by a man during a public hearing (Jan Sunwai) at her residence today police confirmed. Contrary to earlier reports suggesting a slap, Delhi BJP chief Virendraa Sachdeva clarified that Gupta was physically assaulted during the event.

The accused, identified as 41-year-old Rajesh Bhai Khimji Bhai Sakariya from Rajkot, reportedly came with a petition seeking the release of a jailed relative. Preliminary investigations suggest he may be mentally unwell. Police have taken him into custody and are questioning him to ascertain his motives.

According to sources, Sakariya handed over papers to the Chief Minister before shouting and attacking her. He was overpowered by attendees and detained by the police. Delhi Police has also coordinated with Gujarat authorities to verify his background.

Gupta is stable but reportedly in shock. Sachdeva emphasized that she remains committed to her duties and Jan Sunwai sessions.

Delhi ministers Manjinder Singh Sirsa and Kapil Mishra strongly condemned the attack, calling it a political conspiracy and an "unforgivable crime."

Delhi Congress chief Devender Yadav and former Delhi CM MLA Atishi also condemned the incident, highlighting concerns over public safety and the need for strict action against the assailant.

The attack has raised questions about security protocols, as Gupta is provided with Z-plus protection, and all visitors to her residence undergo screening before meeting the Chief Minister. The Deputy Commissioner of Police is overseeing the ongoing inquiry.

Remember Arvind Kejriwal': Opposition Slams Centre Over 'PM Removal' Bill



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New Delhi : A new bill that seeks to remove senior government members – including the Prime Minister and chief ministers – if jailed for 30 consecutive days on serious criminal charges has sparked a major political storm.

Opposition parties have labelled the proposal "draconian" and "unconstitutional," accusing the BJP of attempting to destabilise non-allied state governments it cannot defeat electorally. They warned that the law would effectively turn India into a "police state."

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said, "Tomorrow you can file any case against a chief minister, have him/her arrested for 30 days without conviction… and he ceases to be a CM? It is absolutely anti-constitutional and undemocratic." Senior Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi alleged the law would give "biased central agencies" unchecked power to arbitrarily arrest opposition leaders while shielding BJP-ruled states.

Opposition MPs cited the cases of former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Tamil Nadu minister V. Senthil Balaji, both jailed without convictions, as examples of how the law could be misused. Under the proposed legislation, Kejriwal would have been removed from office automatically after 30 days in custody.

Leaders from the RSP, AIMIM, and RJD echoed the criticism, with AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi calling the bill "a step toward dictatorship" and RJD's Sudhakar Singh warning that India risked sliding into a Pakistan- or Bangladesh-like political climate where opposition leaders face arrest or exile.

The BJP defended the legislation, insisting it is aimed at curbing corruption and ensuring accountability in high office. Karnataka BJP MLA Arvind Bellad said, "This is a welcome move. In the past, chief ministers have tried to rule from jail and assume power as soon as they come out."

Currently, the Representation of the People's Act allows for the disqualification of MPs and MLAs only upon conviction for offences carrying a minimum two-year sentence. The new bill, however, seeks to enforce automatic removal from office even without a conviction, once a leader remains in custody for 30 days.

Cabinet approves internal reservation, splits 17% SC quota into three

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Karnataka : The Karnataka Cabinet approved internal reservation among Scheduled Castes (SCs), splitting the 17 per cent quota into three categories based on recommendations of the Justice HN Nagamohan Das Commission.

According to the formula cleared by the Cabinet, the SC (Right) and SC (Left) groups will get 6 per cent each, while 'touchable' Dalit communities such as Lambani, Bhovi, Korma, Korcha, along with most backward and nomadic communities, will get 5 per cent. This effectively covers 101 castes within the SC category.

The decision came after a special Cabinet meeting where the commission's 1,766-page report was discussed. The report, submitted to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on August 4, had originally suggested a five-way split, but the Cabinet reduced it to three categories.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil said the meeting was "fruitful" and that ministers from all SC communities were satisfied.

The chief minister will make a statement on the floor of the House tomorrow," he said. Backward Class Development Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi termed the move "historical," adding that the groups were restructured to merge certain categories for balance.

However, sources indicated that most backward and nomadic communities are not fully happy with the reclassification. The commission's report has not been made public.

The development follows the Supreme Court's August 2022 ruling that allowed states to make sub-classifications within SCs to ensure equitable distribution of reservation benefits. Karnataka had set up the commission in November last year to gather empirical data and frame an internal quota system.

Reacting to the move, BJP state president BY Vijayendra accused the Congress government of dragging its feet.

The Siddaramaiah government has been discussing this issue for 2.5 years but has failed to find a solution. During the BJP regime, SC reservation was raised from 15 per cent to 17 per cent and ST quota from 3 per cent to 7 per cent. What we implemented is now being continued by Siddaramaiah," he said.

Vijayendra stressed that "no injustice should be done to any SC community" and urged the government to ensure no group is forced to protest against discrimination.

NIA Raids Nine Sites in 2019 PMK Murder Case, Arrests One

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Chennai : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) today carried out searches at nine locations across Tamil Nadu in connection with the 2019 murder of PMK functionary Ramalingam.

Raids were conducted in Dindigul, Tenkasi, and Kodaikanal, including at the residence of Sheik Abdullah, an office-bearer of the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI). During the searches, the NIA arrested one person, Imthathullah, for allegedly harbouring absconding proclaimed offenders linked to the case.

The case relates to the killing of Ramalingam in Thanjavur district in February 2019. He was allegedly attacked by members of the now-banned Popular Front of India (PFI) after he opposed religious conversion attempts.

The NIA, which took over the case in March 2019, had earlier chargesheeted 18 people, of whom six were declared proclaimed offenders.

Since then, multiple arrests have been made, including that of Mohammed Ali Jinnah in November 2024 for allegedly sheltering absconders for nearly six years. Three more proclaimed offenders were arrested between 2021 and January 2025, while searches are still on for others, carrying a reward of Rs 5 lakh.

30-Year-Old Suspected Of Spying For Pakistan Arrested, Fourth Case

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Jaisalmer : A 30-year-old man suspected of spying for Pakistan was detained by the Military Intelligence (MI) in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer and later handed over to Kotwali police, officials said today.

According to officials, the accused, identified as Jivan Khan (30), a resident of the Sankada area, had earlier worked at a restaurant inside the military area in Jaisalmer. Sources said that Khan was trying to regain entry into the Army station on Tuesday (August 19) when he was stopped at the gate.

After his mobile was checked over suspicious activity, Khan was detained by MI personnel and was later handed over to the police on Tuesday night, they said. During questioning, he reportedly admitted to having relatives in Pakistan.

Khan will be produced before the Joint Interrogation Centre (JIC), where multiple security agencies are expected to question him further, they added.

More details are awaited.

This is the fourth suspected spy case in Jaisalmer. On August 13, a contractual manager at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) guest house near Chandan Field Firing Range was also arrested for allegedly spying for Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI.

According to the Rajasthan CID (Security), Mahendra Prasad, a resident of Almora in Uttarakhand, was found to be in contact with Pakistani intelligence agency through social media and was allegedly passing on sensitive details about the movement of DRDO scientists and Army officers engaged in missile and weapons testing at the firing range.

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US Accuses Indian Refiners of Profiteering From Russian Oil Exports



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Washington : What began as quiet encouragement from Washington for India to buy Russian crude in the early days of the Ukraine war has now escalated into sharp criticism, with the United States directly accusing Indian refiners of profiteering.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told CNBC that Indian refiners were engaged in "arbitrage," buying discounted Russian crude, refining it, and reselling fuels to Europe and other regions that have sanctioned Moscow. "They've made $16 billion in excess profits, some of the richest families in India," he said.

The criticism has focused on Reliance Industries and Nayara Energy, which together dominate India's refined fuel exports. Bloomberg and Kpler data show the two refiners exported petroleum products worth $60 billion in FY 2024-25, with $15 billion going to the EU in the first half of this year alone.

Reliance signed a 10-year deal with Russia's Rosneft in December 2024 for up to 500,000 barrels per day, while Nayara—nearly half-owned by Rosneft—now sources 72% of its crude from Russia, up from 27% in 2022. Their exports in 2025 have gone to major firms such as bp, ExxonMobil, Vitol, Shell, and Aramco Trading.

India's overall imports of Russian crude have surged since 2022, peaking at 2.15 million barrels per day in May 2023 before settling at 1.78 million barrels per day in July 2025. Russia now supplies about 36% of India's oil needs, compared with just 0.2% before the Ukraine war.

The US backlash follows President Donald Trump's recent announcement of a 25% tariff on Indian exports, along with threats of "secondary tariffs" aimed at buyers of Russian oil. China, another major importer, has so far avoided such measures.

Energy analysts point out that Washington had initially encouraged India's purchases to support the price cap mechanism that kept Russian oil flowing while limiting Moscow's revenues. But with exports turning into a key profit driver for India's private refiners, US officials are signaling tougher scrutiny ahead.

India's petroleum product exports, valued at $97.47 billion in FY 2022-23, have fallen to $63.35 billion in FY 2024-25, though they remain central to the country's trade basket. With US criticism intensifying, concerns are rising that private refiners may face direct restrictions, potentially testing New Delhi's ties with Washington.

Trump says US may provide air support to back a Ukraine peace deal



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Washington : Former President Donald Trump said that he has ruled out sending US troops on the ground in Ukraine but indicated that the United States might provide air support as part of a potential deal to end Russia's war in the country.

Speaking to Fox News, Trump said, "Europeans are willing to put people on the ground. We're willing to help them with things, especially, probably … by air." He did not elaborate on the specifics of the possible air support, which could include missile defense systems or fighter jets enforcing a no-fly zone. White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt confirmed that US air support was "an option and a possibility."

Trump's comments follow an extraordinary White House summit on Monday, where he pledged security guarantees to help end the conflict. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called the talks a "major step forward" and proposed a trilateral summit with Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin. Possible venues include Budapest, Istanbul, or neutral Switzerland. Trump, however, said it might be better if Zelenskyy and Putin met without him.

The conflict, which began with Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022, has resulted in more than 1 million casualties. Analysts caution that Russia could prolong negotiations to deflect US pressure, while Trump's vague statements on security guarantees have drawn skepticism from experts.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's allies are coordinating additional sanctions and security planning, and NATO military leaders are set to meet to discuss further measures. Putin has reiterated that NATO troops will not be tolerated in Ukraine and has made continued territorial demands.

Man, 21, Gets 14-Week Jail For Racist Death Threat Emails To Rishi Sunak



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London : A 21-year-old man has been sentenced to 14 weeks' imprisonment and a two-year restraining order for sending racist death threats to Rishi Sunak in June last year, when he was still the British prime minister.

Liam Shaw from Birkenhead in Merseyside, north-west England, pleaded guilty to sending two threatening and offensive emails to the public parliamentary email address of Sunak, MP for Richmond and Northallerton in Yorkshire, the UK's Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said. The emails were spotted by the British Indian leader's assistant and reported to the police.

Liam Shaw took to his phone that night to send racist and threatening messages to a person in an extremely important public office," said Matthew Dixon, Senior Crown Prosecutor at CPS Mersey Cheshire.

Racist abuse has no place, anywhere, in this day and age," he said.

Police traced the email, sent via a mobile phone, to Shaw's email address and to a hostel where he was staying in Birkenhead. He was arrested by police on September 3, 2024, and when the allegations were put to him, he claimed, "I don't even remember sending an email. I was probably drunk." He was then taken to a police station in Liverpool and interviewed, but remained silent throughout, according to the CPS, which went on to charge him with two counts of sending by a public communication network an offensive, indecent, obscene, or menacing message.

Last month, when Shaw appeared before Liverpool Magistrates' Court to face those charges, he pleaded guilty to both counts.

He was sentenced last Wednesday at the same court to 14 weeks' imprisonment for both counts to run concurrently, with the sentence suspended for 12 months under strict stipulations. Shaw must also complete 20 days of a rehabilitation activity and a six-month drug rehabilitation course.

Direct access to your constituency MP is a cornerstone of democracy. Misusing that access is detrimental to the democratic process. It is a highly aggravating factor for the offence," District Judge Timothy Boswell said at the sentencing hearing.

The CPS had also applied for a restraining order, which the court imposed for two years. It states that Shaw must have no contact with Sunak or his constituency office for at least that period of time

"The work of members of Parliament is extremely important and the police and the Crown Prosecution Service play their part in keeping them safe and able to do their work without fear. The Crown Prosecution Service has always, and will continue to, safeguard a person's right to freedom of expression," said CPS' Matthew Dixon.

But this is a case where the comments made were utterly beyond the boundary of what is tolerable in a fair, just and multi-racial society, and passed into the realm of criminality," he added.

Hurricane Erin Closes Beaches, Triggers Warning Along US East Coast



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Rodanthe : From Florida to New England, people trying to enjoy the last hurrahs of summer along the coast were met with rip-current warnings, closed beaches and in some cases already treacherous waves as Hurricane Erin inched closer today.

While forecasters remain confident that the center of the monster storm will stay far offshore, the outer edges are expected to bring high winds, large swells and life-threatening rip currents into Friday. But the biggest swells along the East Coast could come as early as today.

New York City closed its beaches to swimming on Wednesday and Thursday, and New York Gov. Kathy Hochul ordered three state beaches on Long Island to prohibit swimming through Thursday. Several New Jersey beaches also will be temporarily off-limits, while some towns in Delaware have cut off ocean access.

Off Massachusetts, Nantucket Island could see waves of more than 10 feet (3 meters) later this week. But the biggest threat is along the barrier islands of North Carolina's Outer Banks, where evacuations have been ordered.

Erin has become an unusually large and deceptively worrisome storm, with its tropical storm winds stretching 230 miles (370 kilometers) from its core. Forecasters expect it will grow larger in size as it moves through the Atlantic and curls north.

On Tuesday it lashed the Turks and Caicos Islands, where government services were suspended and residents were ordered to stay home, along with parts of the Bahamas before its expected turn toward Bermuda.

Tropical storm watches were issued for Virginia and North Carolina as well as Bermuda.

Erin lost some strength from previous days and was a Category 2 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 100 mph (161 kph), the National Hurricane Center in Miami said. It was about 540 miles (870 kilometers) south-southeast of North Carolina's Cape Hatteras.

On the Outer Banks, Erin's storm surge could swamp roads with waves of 15 feet (4.6 meters). Mandatory evacuations were ordered on Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands. More than 1,800 people had left Ocracoke by ferry since Monday.

North Carolina Gov. Josh Stein warned coastal residents to be prepared to evacuate and declared a state of emergency . Bulldozers shored up the dunes, and trucks from the local power company on Ocracoke were on hand to respond to downed wires.

Some side roads already saw some flooding on Hatteras, and the owners of a pier removed a few planks, hoping the storm surge would pass through without tearing it up

Most residents decided to stay even though memories are still fresh of Hurricane Dorian in 2019, when 7 feet (2.1 meters) of water swamped Ocracoke, county commissioner Randal Mathews said.

Tom Newsom, who runs fishing charters on Hatteras, said has lived there almost 40 years and never evacuated. He was not going to this time either. Comparing this hurricane to others he has seen, he called this one a "nor'easter on steroids."

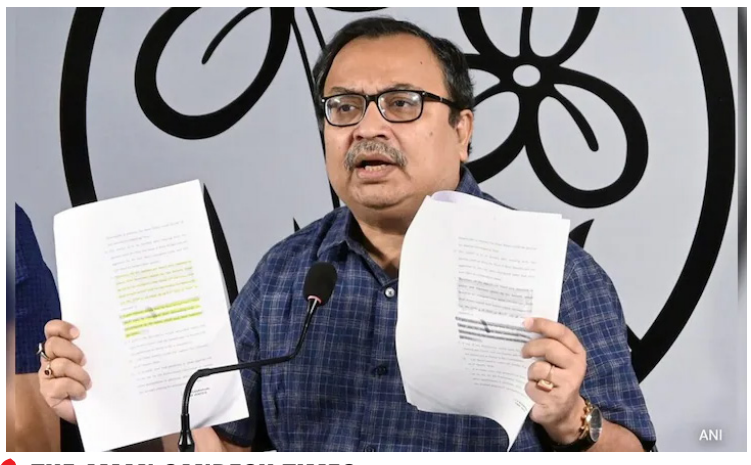
The Outer Banks' thin stretch of low-lying barrier islands jutting into the Atlantic are increasingly vulnerable to storm surges. There are concerns that parts of the main highway could be washed out, leaving some routes impassible for days. And dozens of beach homes already worn down from chronic beach erosion and the loss of protective dunes could be at risk, said David Hallac, superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Farther south, no evacuations were ordered but some beach access points were closed with water levels up to 3 feet (1 meter) over normal high tides expected for several days.

Climate scientists say Atlantic hurricanes are now much more likely to rapidly intensify into powerful and catastrophic storms fueled by warmer oceans. Two years ago Hurricane Lee grew with surprising speed while barreling offshore through the Atlantic, unleashing violent storms and rip currents.



Trinamool Leader Sues RG Kar Rape-Murder Victim's Father For Defamation



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Kolkata : A senior Trinamool Congress leader has filed a defamation case against the father of the 34-year-old doctor, who was raped and murdered at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital last year. Trinamool's state general secretary and spokesperson, Kunal Ghosh, has filed a case at a Kolkata court, accusing the rape-murder victim's father of defaming him.

Mr Ghosh has said in his complaint that the doctor's father recently told the media that the CBI allegedly took bribes from the ruling party in West Bengal and derailed the investigation into his daughter's chilling rape and murder. The doctor's father alleged Mr Ghosh went to meet CBI officials, paid them and "settled" everything.

A week back, the Trinamool leader sent a legal notice to the doctor's father, seeking an apology. He has said he has full respect and sympathy for the doctor's father. "But they cannot just keep saying whatever they want or whatever someone teaches them to say. If he does not apologise, he will have to prove in court what he has said. My lawyer has given him four days to respond after receiving the letter. After that, I will file a case," Mr Ghosh had said.

He is crossing all the limits of lies and drama. I understand the pain of a father who has lost his daughter. But that leaves room for questioning the words of those who are doing and saying whatever they are saying. On whose words and on what information did you make false like this?" he asked.

A 34-year-old doctor on night shift was found raped and murdered in Kolkata's state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9 last year. A civic volunteer, Sanjoy Roy, was arrested and later convicted of rape and murder. The case was first investigated by the Bengal police and then handed over to the CBI after a high court order. But the central agency did not make any more arrests in the rape-murder case.

The victim's father has criticised the CBI probe and alleged an understanding between the Mamata Banerjee government and the central agency. "CBI investigators just tried to re-establish the theory of the Kolkata Police, that the crime was just a case of rape and murder and not a case of gang-rape and murder. We have been raising this point since the beginning. But the CBI investigation officials in Kolkata constantly ignored our contentions," he said.

Centre to Introduce Bills Allowing Automatic Removal of PM, CMs on 30-Day Arrest

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New Delhi : The Union government plans to introduce three bills in Parliament today that could lead to the automatic removal of a prime minister, chief minister, or minister if they remain in judicial custody for 30 consecutive days. The bills—Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, and Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill 2025—have sparked intense opposition criticism, with leaders calling them "draconian" and a potential tool to destabilize opposition-ruled states.

The 130th Amendment Bill provides that officeholders arrested for offences punishable with five years or more can be removed from their posts even without conviction, aligning them with civil servants, who are suspended upon arrest. Similar provisions will apply to Union Territories and Jammu & Kashmir. The bills allow re-appointment upon release from custody.

The government has presented the bills as a reform to curb the criminalisation of politics, citing instances like AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal's six-month jail term last year and Tamil Nadu minister V. Senthil Balaji's arrest under the PMLA. Opposition leaders have argued that the legislation could be misused to target political rivals through biased central agencies.

The Supreme Court has previously criticized central agencies like the Enforcement Directorate for overreach and political bias, raising further concerns about the proposed bills.

The introduction of these bills is expected to dominate the remainder of the current parliamentary session, with strong debate anticipated between the government and opposition.

Karnataka Cabinet Splits 17% SC Quota into Three, Approves Internal Reservation

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Bengaluru : The Karnataka Cabinet approved internal reservation among Scheduled Castes (SCs), splitting the 17 per cent quota into three categories based on recommendations of the Justice HN Nagamohan Das Commission.

According to the formula cleared by the Cabinet, the SC (Right) and SC (Left) groups will get 6 per cent each, while 'touchable' Dalit communities such as Lambani, Bhovi, Korma, Korcha, along with most backward and nomadic communities, will get 5 per cent. This effectively covers 101 castes within the SC category.

The decision came after a special Cabinet meeting where the commission's 1,766-page report was discussed. The report, submitted to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on August 4, had originally suggested a five-way split, but the Cabinet reduced it to three categories.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil said the meeting was "fruitful" and that ministers from all SC communities were satisfied.

The chief minister will make a statement on the floor of the House tomorrow," he said. Backward Class Development Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi termed the move "historical," adding that the groups were restructured to merge certain categories for balance.

However, sources indicated that most backward and nomadic communities are not fully happy with the reclassification. The commission's report has not been made public.

The development follows the Supreme Court's August 2022 ruling that allowed states to make sub-classifications within SCs to ensure equitable distribution of reservation benefits. Karnataka had set up the commission in November last year to gather empirical data and frame an internal quota system.

Reacting to the move, BJP state president BY Vijayendra accused the Congress government of dragging its feet.

The Siddaramaiah government has been discussing this issue for 2.5 years but has failed to find a solution. During the BJP regime, SC reservation was raised from 15 per cent to 17 per cent and ST quota from 3 per cent to 7 per cent. What we implemented is now being continued by Siddaramaiah," he said.

Vijayendra stressed that "no injustice should be done to any SC community" and urged the government to ensure no group is forced to protest against discrimination.

Class 10 student stabbed to death by junior school vandalised



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Ahmedabad : A massive protest erupted outside a private school in Gujarat's Ahmedabad after a 15-year-old Class 10 student was stabbed to death by a boy from the ninth grade. The victim was rushed to the hospital, but he died of serious injuries on Tuesday night.

The student who was stabbed belonged to the Sindhi community. Following the news of his death, a large number of community members gathered at the school early in the morning. The accused boy belonged to the Muslim community.

The incident triggered widespread anger among the student's parents, Hindu organisations, and activists from the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP). Protesters resorted to vandalism at the school premises and even reportedly assaulted school staff.

Police deployed a heavy force at the school to maintain law and order. Clashes were also reported between the protesters and the police. The 9th-grade student accused of stabbing has been taken into custody. Police are proceeding with actions under juvenile laws.

Parents and Hindu groups have also filed complaints against the school principal and management, demanding accountability for the incident. Further investigation into the matter is underway.

Missing Madhya Pradesh Lawyer Found In Uttar Pradesh After 12 Days

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Bhopal : Lawyer Archana Tiwari, who had been missing for 12 days, was located late Tuesday night in Lakhimpur Khiri, Uttar Pradesh, near the India-Nepal border. She will be brought back to Bhopal today, confirmed Bhopal Government Railway Police (GRP) SP Rahul Kumar Lodha.

Tiwari, a resident of Katni and practising at the Indore bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court while preparing for Civil Judge exams, went missing on August 7 while travelling from Indore to Katni on the Indore-Bilaspur Narmada Express. Her bag was found at Umaria station, but she did not disembark at Katni. The last contact with her family was around 10:15 am near Bhopal.

Initial investigations revealed that Tiwari was spotted at Rani Kamlapati station in Bhopal before vanishing. The GRP traced her ticket booking to a police constable posted in Gwalior and conducted follow-ups

Officials have said that once she returns to Bhopal, she will be interrogated to clarify how she reached Lakhimpur Khiri, where she stayed for 12 days, and other details surrounding her disappearance. The GRP has been actively investigating her case since the day she went missing.

Hyderabad Internet Blackout After TGSPDCL Cable Snapping Sparks Outrage

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Hyderabad : Large parts of Hyderabad faced massive internet disruptions after the Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) launched a sudden drive to cut low-hanging and dangling internet and cable TV wires from electricity poles.

The crackdown comes in the wake of two recent tragedies involving live overhead wires during religious processions — six people were electrocuted in Ramanthapur on August 18 during a Krishna Janmashtami chariot procession, while two men died in Bandlaguda on August 19 during a Ganesh idol immersion.

Citing public safety, TGSPDCL teams began snapping cables across the city. However, the move triggered chaos as countless households and corporate employees working from home faced abrupt outages.

The sudden disruptions sparked a storm on social media, with users slamming the government for not issuing prior notice. "In a metropolitan city where countless corporate employees rely on WFH, cutting down cables without any intimation is highly irresponsible," one user posted.

Adding fuel to the row, BRS working president KT Rama Rao lashed out at the Congress-led state government, calling it "clueless." In a post on X, he said, "Elect a clown, expect a circus! TGSPDCL is snapping internet cables without any intimation to ISPs or customers. Lakhs of users hit. WFH disrupted. Daily life in chaos."

Many users also pointed out the irony that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had only recently urged IT employees to work from home due to rains and traffic jams, yet internet services were now being cut. Others called it a "Tughlaq decision" and demanded accountability and advance announcements for such drives in the future.

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