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# Shah asks CMs to ensure no Pakistani stays after April 27

■ Reinforcing the CCS decisions, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has announced the immediate suspension of all visa services for Pakistani citizens.

New Delhi
Inion Home Minister Amit Shah
on Friday asked
the chief ministers of
the states and union the chief ministers of the states and union territories to identify all Pakistani nationals in their respective jurisdic-tions and take immedi-ate steps to ensure their prompt return to their country, sources said. Earlier on Wednesday the Cabinet Commit-tee on Security (CCS) chaired by prime Minis-

Centre tells

New Delhi
The Waqf (Amendment)
Act, 2025, respects the essential religious practices of the Muslims by leaving matters of faith and worship "unbouched", the Centre on Friday informed the Supreme Court.

In a preliminary affidavit filed in the apex court, the government said the reforms introduced serve compelling objectives of transparency, accountability, so-cial welfare and inclusive governance, which

ency, accountability, social welfare and inclusive governance, which
are in harmony with the
values of the Constitution and public interest.
Seeking dismissal of
pleas challenging the validity of the Act, the Centre called the amended
law a "constitutionally
valid" enactment that
"formalised, harmonised and modermised" the pre-existing waff
regime with the fundamental rights to freedom of religion under
Articles 25 and 26 of the
Constitution.
The 2025 Act, it said,
was passed with the
objective of modernising the management of
waqf properties in India through transparent,
efficient and inclusive
measures.
"Act respects the essen-

SC Wagf act upholds core Muslim practices



ter Narendra Modi took the decision to cancel all types of visas, effective immediately in the af-termath of the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 tourists were killed.

The Centre has mandated that all Pakistani nationals must leave India by April 27, with a

India by April 27, with a brief extension granted only to those on medical visas, who must exit by April 29.

Reinforcing the CCS decisions, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has announced the immediate suspension of all visa services for Pakistani citizens. CONTO ON PAGE-2 CONTD ON PAGE-2

# Pak troops open fire along LoC, Indian Army retaliates

New Delhi
The Indian Army
has effectively responded to unprovoked firing by Pakistani military at some
places along the Line of
Control (LoC) in Jammu
and Vachoria mild sharp

Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir amid sharp escalation of tension between the two neighbours following the dastardly Pahalgam terror attack. Military sources said the Pakistan military resorted to the firing on Thursday, adding there were no reports of any casualties. There is no official word from the Indian Army on the Pakistani



firing and the Indian re-

firing and the Indian re-sponse.
"There were incidents of small arm firing at some places on Line of Control initiated by Pa-kistan," said a source. "The firing was effec-tively responded to," the source added. As tensions between India and Pakistan rose, Army Chief General Up-

endra Dwivedi reviewed

endra Dwivedi reviewed the security situation in Srinagar with senior Army commanders Pakistan military has been put on high alert following India's as-sertion that it will hunt down the terrorists in-volved in Tuesday's Pa-halgam strike that killed 26 neonle.

26 people. CONTD ON PAGE-2

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**Prime Minister** 

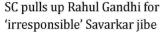
# Narendra Modi



26th April, 2025 🐧 11:00 AM



(Through Video Conferencing)



New Delhi
The Supreme Court
on Friday censured Congress
leader Rahul Gandhi for "irresponsible" remarks on Vinayak Damodar

Irresponsible Fenarks on Vinayak Damodar Savarkar at a rally in Maharashtra but stayed the criminal proceedings against him.

A bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Manmohan said, "Let's not mock our freedom fighters," The bench further asked senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Gandhi, whether he knew that even Mahatma Gandhi used the words such as "your faithful servant" in his communications to the Britishers.



efficient and measures.

"Act respects the essential religious practices of the Muslim community by leaving matters of faith and worship untouched, while legitimately regulating the

When Singhvi argued charges of promoting enmity and public mischief were not made out against Gandhi, the bench remarked, "You are most obedient. does your client know that Mahatma Gandhi also used 'your faithful servant' while addressing the viceroy? Can Mahatma Gandhi be called a 'servant of Britishers' merely because he addressed himself to the viceroy as 'your servant'. Agency

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- Lakhs of recruitments in Government jobs leading to significant improvement in citizen services





# Shah asks CMs to ensure no after April 27

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Meanwhile, it is also learnt from the sources that the Home Minister would hold a meeting regarding the Indus Water Treaty at his residence, as besides him Union Minister for Jal Shakti CR Patil and other senior government officials will be in attendance. It is to be noted here

It is to be noted here that India has already notified and formally informed Pakistan in writing about the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty. Secretary of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Devashree Mukherjee, has informed the Secretary of Pakistan's Ministry of Water Resources, Syed Ali Murtaza, about this decision of the Indian government through a letter.

In the letter the government has given notice to the Pakistani government for amendments to the treaty.

The notice mentioned that several fundamental aspects of the treaty have changed and require reconsideration. Population changes, the development of clean energy, and various factors related to water for the pakistic for the relation, as out-lined in the treaty, have

lined in the treaty, have occurred. Any treaty should be implement ed in good faith, but Pakistan is promoting cross-border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. The letter stated that India has sent notices to the Pakistani govern-

ment seeking modifica-tion of the Indus Waters

tion of the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 (the Trea-ty) under Article XII (3) of the Treaty. The Indian govern-ment has taken a signif-icant step following the cowardly terrorist atack in Pahalgam, Jam-mu and Kashmir. This comes after terrorists mu and Kashmir. This comes after terrorists attacked tourists at Bais-aran meadow in Pahal-gam on April 22, killing 25 Indian nationals and one Nepali citizen while leaving several others injured.

### Pak troops open fire along LoC, Indian Army retaliates

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In view of the cross
border linkages to the
Pahalgam terror attack,
India on Wednesday announced a raft of punitive measures including
the suspension of the
65-year-old Indius Waters Treaty, closing of
the Attari land-border
crossing and expulsion
of Pakistani military attaches.

taches. New Delhi also asked all Pakistanis who en tered the country via the Attari land border to leave by May 1.

leave by May 1.

In its response, Pakistan on Thursday announced shutting its airspace to all Indian airlines and suspended trade with New Delhi including through third countries.

Pakistan also rejected India's suspension of India's India's

rakistan also rejected India's suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty and said any measures to stop the flow of water belonging to Pakistan under the pact will be seen as an "act of war".

Amid nationwide outrage over the ter-ror strike, Prime Min-ister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the killers of Pahalgam will be pursued "to the ends of the earth" as he promised to "iden-tify, track and punish every terrorist and their backers". nationwide

# Design education curriculum to make students 191 Pakistani nationals Pakistani stays lead change, VP Dhankhar tells V-Cs

Udhagamandalam (Tamil Nadu):

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday appealed to Vice Chancellors of universities to design education curriculum to prepare students to lead the change and define its trajectory.

its trajectory. Also, he urged them to engage themselves in sharing with one an-

in sharing with one another, use technology, and not be an island in yourselves.

"It is not time to be standalone the standalone this challenge has to be fixed. And we have no time," the Vice President said while addressing the inaugural session of the two-day conference of Vice Chancellors of state, central and private universities that commenced at the Raj Bhavan here.

"Our curriculum must be designed to prepare

be designed to prepare students not just to restudents not just to respond to change, but to lead the change and to define its trajectory," he said.

Our administrative structures must be the guiding principle to others, he stressed.

"From this platform,

I wish to indicate that the National Educa-tion Policy is not a gov-ernment policy. It is a policy for the nation. Therefore, I appeal, it is time for us all to adopt it, understand it, evecute it and rean the

execute it, and reap the fruits," Dhankhar said. The NEP aligned with our civilisational ethos and encouraged multi-disciplinary learning. It gave priority to In-dian languages and envisions education as the development of the

execute it, and reap the

person, not just employability.

"The most significant aspect of the NEP is that it allows students to learn in their mother tongue. It has got us out of the colonial regime. Even medicine and engineering in local languages, which could not be entertained at one point of time, is getting shaped on the ground. It he vice President said. He noted that not only Bharat but also the entire world faced

formidable challenges, including rapid tech-nological disruption. A paradigm shift is taking place every moment. The global order, on this count, was becom-ing increasingly com-plex. Every facet of life was being affected.

plex. Every facet of life was being affected. "Therefore, it is in the lad on the front foot by Vice-Chancellors, to act as stewards of India's academic land-scape. More the chal-lenges, greater their

# return home through Attari-Wagah border in Punjab

Chandigarh:
A total of 191 Pakistani
nationals visiting India
returned home through
the Attari-Wagah land
route in Punjab's Amritsar on Friday, after
the Centre set a 48hour deadline for them
to leave the country in
the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, offigam terror attack, offi-cials said. A total of 287 Indian

leave the country.

leave the country.
Twenty-six people,
mostly tourists, were
killed and several injured when terrorists opened fire at
a meadow near the
popular tourist town
of Pahalgam in south
Kashmir's Anantnag

nationals, who were visiting the neigh-bouring country, have also returned, they added.

added. A few women married in Pakistan but
possessing Indian
passports alleged that
they were facing problems in going back,
despite carrying the
required documents.
They said they had
come to meet their
relatives in India but
had to return after the
government set the
48-hour deadline for
Pakistani nationals to
leave the country.

curriculum

must be designed to prepare students not just to respond to change, but to lead the change and to define its trajectory,"

"Our

he said.

formidability, the more we must rise as impregnable, not only to overcome them, but to deliver results for the nation and the world," he said.

Faculty availability, faculty retention, and sometimes faculty attrition were among the challenges faced by the Vice-Chancellors.

Tamil Nadu has been home to widely acclaimed learning centres like Kanchipuram and Ennayiram, which must be considered our North Star.

He asserted that accessibility of education was trial, but what was more significant was that in a world changing so fast, accessibility and affordability as to be of quality education.

Fortunately in our country, this is emerging as national priority, "he said.

district on Tuesday af-

The Centre on Wednesday anternoon.

The Centre on Wednesday announced a raft of measures, including expulsion of Pakistani military attaches, suspension of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 and immediate shutting down of the Attari I and-transit post, in view of the cross-border links to the Pahalgam attack.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said Pakistani nationals will not be allowed to travel to India under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) and any Pakistani national currently in India under the scheme day 8h ours to leave the country.

The decisions were taken at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

ister Narendra Modi. It was announced at the meeting that the integrated check-post (ICP) at Attari will be closed immediately and those who crossed over to Pakistan with valid documents may return through that route before May 1.

## Centre tells SC Waqf act upholds core Muslim practices

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secular, administrative facets of waqf management as authorised
by the Constitution," the
affidavit said.

The reforms are directed solely at the
secular and administrative aspects of waqf
institutions, such as
property management,
record-keeping, and
governance structures,
without impinging upon
any essential religious
practices or inents of the
Islamic faith, it added.

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# NIA teams speak to survivors of Pahalgam attack massive hunt for terrorists continues

Srinagar:
Special teams of the
NIA have started reaching out to eyewitnesses
including tourists who
survived the deadly attack by terrorists of the
Pakistan-based Lash-

tack by terrorists of the Pakistan-based Lash-kare-Taiba (LeT) in south Kashmir's Pahalgam, officials said on Friday.

Armed with the latest gadgets like Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and drones, Jammu and Kashmir Police, Army and paramilitary forces continued their massive operations to bunt down the terrorists in the dense jungles of the Pir Panjal range, overlooking Pahalgam and the Jammu-Srinagar national highway.

Pahalgam and the Jammu-Srinagar national highway. Initial investigations into the audacious terror attack, which claimed the lives of 26 people on April 22, indicate that the number of terrorists involved could range from five to seven. They were aided by at least two local militants who received training in Pakistan, the officials



said.
Even though the National Investigation
Agency (NIA) is yet to take over the case, its teams have started speaking to the survivors in search of clues which could help in pinning down the terrorists whose help in pinning down the terrorists whose attack has sparked widespread outrage and spontaneous pro-tests in the Valley - a never-seen-before de-velopment in the over three-decade-long history of terrorism in the region.

The teams started reaching out to eye-

The teams started reaching out to eye-witnesses on Tuesday, the officials said.

Intensified operations by police, Army
and CRPF have led
to a few encounters
in south and north
Kashmir over the last
couple of days and
the elimination of top
LeT commander Altaf
Lalli in Bandipora distriet on Friday, they
said.

A hideout was also
busted in Kulgam the
day before and dozens
of suspected persons
were detained, they
added.

According to the of-

added.
According to the officials, based on the piecing together of the available evidence, the roles of prime suspect Aadil Thokar

alias Aadil Guree of Bijbehara and Asif Sheikh of Tral have

Sheikh of Tral have emerged.

The officials believe that Thokar crossed over to Pakistan in 2018, where he un-derwent armed train-ing with the banned LeT before returning to India to carry out attacks.

to India to carry out attacks.

The houses of the two terrorists were destroyed when explosives believed to be stored there went off, they said.

Explosives were believed to have been found on the premises during a search operation, prompting the security forces to evacuate the occupants of the houses as well as neighbours to safety, the officials claimed.

While Thokar, a resident of south Kashmir's Anantnag district, is one of the key accused in the Pahalgam attack, Sheikh, a resident of Tral in Pulwama district, is suspected to have been involved in the conspiracy of the attack.

# mique role in its develop-nent," added Naravanan.

Kasturirangan was like

a family to us ISRO chief

Bengaluru: Former Chief of Indian Former Chief of Indian Space Research Organ-isation (ISRO) K Kas-turirangan was a legend-ary leader and was like a family to the 20,000-odd family to the 20,000-odd ISRO employees, said V Narayanan, Chairman of the space agency on Priday. Kasturirangan passed away in Bengalu-ru on Friday. He was 84, and was suffering from age-related ailments for the past few months, ac-cording to family sources. He is survived by two sons.

Narayanan said ISRO Satellite Centre, which is now called R Rao Satel-lite Centre (URSC), is one of the many accomplish-ments of the multi-faceted scientist.

scientist.
"Many people worked to make that centre into a world-class organisation, but Kasturirangan, who was its director between 1990 and 1994, played a

nent," added Narayanan. Incidentally, the centre nunched its 100th satellite

launched its 100th satellite on January 12, 2018. According to Narayanan, in his 33, years in ISRO – of which he was the chairman for nine years – Kasturirangan played a crucial role in India's satellite tech build-up. Narayanan also said in 1995, just a year after taking over as ISRO chief, Kasturirangan approved the indigenous cryogenic propulsion

proved the indigenous cryogenic propulsion technology, which was led by Narayanan. With its success, India became one of the six countries to have indigenous cryogen-ic tech.

"He encouraged young-sters like me a lot. I still remember how when the cryogenic project faced an issue, he was patiently lis-tening to my briefings, for nearly three hours," said Narayanan.

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# Innovation leads the way in a competitive world says CM Saini

Sniv Rumar
New Delhi:
Haryana Chief Minister
Nayab Singh Saini on
Thursday emphasized
that innovation is the
driving force behind
progress in today's globally competitive environment. Speaking at
the International Conference on Vision 2047;
A Prosperous and Great
India at Pusa Bhavan,
New Delhi, the Chief
Minister highlighted
Haryana's significant
strides in fostering a robust innovation ecosystem across the state.
He noted that emerging fields like artificial
intelligence, machine
learning, robotics, renewable energy, and
biotechnology are becoming the foundational pillars of a new
India. To this end, the
Haryana government
has initiated multiple
efforts, including the
establishment of incubation centers in uni-



versities and tinkering labs in schools, with the aim of promoting a re-search-oriented mindset

search-oriented mindset among students. Underscoring the role of Al in everyday life and future development, Mr. Saini amounced that under the Al Mission, dedicated Al hubs will be set up in Gurugram and Panchkula. These hubs aim to train over 50,000 youth and professionals

in cutting-edge technol-ogies, thereby preparing them for new employ-ment opportunities in

ment opportunities in emerging sectors.

The Chief Minister shared that innovation hubs are being established in every district of Haryana to nurture entrepreneurship and skill development. These efforts, he said, are part of a larger vision to empower the

in building a prosperous India.

The three-day conference, which attracted participation from institutions including the Swadeshi Research Institute (New Delhi), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Kurukshetra University, Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural

al University (Hisar), Indira Gandhi Tribal University (Madhya Pradesh), and the Uni-versity of Agder (Nor-way), served as a plat-form to define national aspirations and strate-gic goals for the coming decades.

gic goals for the coming decades.

Mr. Saini urged citizens to collectively envision India's centenary of independence in 2047 and evaluate whether the nation has transformed into a strong, self-reliant, and prosperous entity. He reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's goal of making India a developed nation by 2047, stating that this vision is not just a governmental not just a governmental directive but a shared mission of all 140 crore

mission of all 140 crore Indians.

He highlighted India's demographic dividend, pointing out that 65 percent of the popula-tion is under the age of 35. "This is our greatest

strength," he said, "but it will only be meaning-ful if we offer quality ed-ucation, practical skills, and connect our youth with innovation and en-

with innovation and en-trepreneurship."
The Chief Minister lauded national initi-atives like Make in In-dia, Skill India, Startup India, and the Kaushal Vikas Yojana, which are equipping the youth to meet the demands of a modern, technology-driven economy. He also commended the New National Education Policy, which aligns education with the skills required in the 21st century.

Speaking about Harv-

Speaking about Hary-ana's role in India's eco-nomic landscape, Mr. Saimi said that despite its small size, the state is a significant contrib-utor to national growth, with a per capita in-come nearly double the national average and a 3.8% contribution to the

### Noida Authority installs public drinking water facility amid heatwave

Noida
The Noida Authority has installed public drinking water facility amid heatwaves to help people heat the heat.
The people are suffering due to increasing heat and plants have started withering in the scorching sun. In view of this, the Noida Authority has started preparations. It has started drinking water stalls at three places nons, it has started drinking water stalls at three place where plain water and swee water (sherbat) will be dis-

tributed. The drinking water stall in front of the district hospital on the road between sector-5 and sector-22/24, was in-augurated by the OSD of theaAuthority Mahendra Prasad. There is a plan to start six more drinking water stalls by next week

Due to the increasing heat, the bonsai and topiary plants planted for decoration along the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway have started to wither. To protect these Expressway have started to wither. To protect they plants from the sun, the de-partment concerned ha covered them with nets Plants have been covered ear sector-94 Mahamaya

yover. It is difficult for two scorching sun after the traf-fic signal turns red. In view of this, the authority has decided to install blue nets ial concerned informed

### Grief and Unity Shine in Congress Candlelight Vigil

Staff Reporter

Staff Reporter
New Delhi
The Congress workers
and leaders, under the
leadership of Leader of
the Opposition in the Lok
Sabha Rahul Gandhi,

Sabha Rahul Gandhi, held a candle march to pay homage to the Pahalgam terror attack victims on Friday.

They started the candleight march from the AICC office, 24 Akbar Road, to 5, Tees January Marg on Priday evening to pay homage to the innocent tourists who fell victims to terrorists' bullets at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir.

mu and Kashmir.

The march was organised by Delhi Congress.

Delhi Congress president

Devender Yadav expressed sorrow to the pressed sorrow to the families of those who lost their dear ones in the terrorist attacks and wished

rorist attacks and wished speedy recovery of those who suffered injuries. He said that Congress leaders, along with vari-ous Opposition leaders, visited the Government Medical College (GMC) in Anantnag to check on the condition of those injured in the deadly at-tack. He said that the in this hour of tragedy to ward off the nefarious designs of inimical forces who want to create unrest in the country with such terrorist attacks on innocent tourists to divide people on communal lines. Yaday said that the Congress stands united with the entire country in this hour of crisis to repulse the designs of ter-rorists and their backers rorists and their backers who want to create un-rest in the country, but the question arises why didn't the government take serious note of intelligence outputs, and why did the government fail to control the repeated breach of security in the borders of Jammu and Kashmir as lakhs of tourists visit the Valley

# News in Brief BJP's Raja Iqbal Singh elected new Delhi mayor Jai Bhagwan Yadav deputy mayor

■ Singh defeated Congress candidate Mandeep Singh by a margin of 125 votes to secure the top civic post, while the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) boycotted the mayoral election.

New Delhi

JP's Raja Iqbal
Singh was elected
as Delhis new maying the saffron party's return to power in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi
(MCD) after two years.
Singh defeated Congres
candidate Mandeep Singh
by a margin of 125 votes to
secure the top civic post,
while the Aam Aadmil Party
(AAP) boycotted the mayoral

(AAP) boycotted the mayo election.

As the mayoral result w

announced, the second round of polling for the deputy mayor's post was ex-pected to take place.

However, Congress can-didate Ariba Khan (from Abul Fazal Enclave, Ward 188) withdrew her nomina-tion, clearing the way for BJP's Jai Bhagwan Yadav to be elected unopposed as

Deputy Mayor.

As Singh took his seat,
BJP councillors filled the air rith chants of "Bharat Mata

Out of the total 142 votes cast for the mayor's post, one vote was declared in-valid. Iqbal secured 133 votes, while Congress candi-

### Woman found dead in locked room in Ghaziabad probe on Police

Ghaziabad
A 40-year-old woman was
found dead under suspi-cious circumstances in a
locked room of a house in
a village here, officials said
on Friday.

on Friday.

Acting on a tip-off from neighbours who reported a foul smell emanating from a house in Elaichipur village, police arrived at the scene, broke open the lock on the main gate and discovered the body on the first floor, they said. "The body was found wrapped in a blanket, and a strong odour was emanating from the room," said ACP Loni, Siddhartha Gautam.

Preliminary investiga tion identified the de-ceased as Krishna Devi. She had been living in a rented house with a man named Imran for the past two and a half years.

New Delhi In an effort towards image-building, the Delhi Devel-opment Authority (DDA) plans to hire a social media

agency, which will increase its presence on platforms like X, Facebook and In-

like X, Facebook and In-stagram. The proposal on it plans to create a 'brand DDA' through increased visibility, using effective channels of communica-tion, engage with social media influencers on var-ious platforms and even making reels about DDA's

making reels about DDA's projects, events and other

"The company will man-e all of DDA's existing

and future social media activities and digital com-

munication campaigns. Regularly addressing queries and complaints

from the public on the so-cial media handles by fol-

lowing up with various de-partments is also part of the responsibility. We have issued a tender request-

ing proposals," said an of-ficial.

The DDA, which is the iggest land-owning

biggest land-owning agency of the city, has been expanding its sphere of work besides housing and

public outreach efforts



The BJP lost two votes ue to the absence of MP Janoj Tiwari. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) had an-nounced a boycott of the election on Monday. The election was conduct-

ed during the general meet-ing of the MCD.

ing of the MCD.

After being elected, Singhannounced that the Standing
Committee would be formed ithin a month and said, Everyone will work together with commitment."
"We will try to form the

New Delhi
The Special Cell of Delhi
Police has arrested five persons, including a gun house
owner, after busting a network of interstate arms traffickers, which allegedly sup-

plied sophisticated firearms and foreign-made ammu-nition to criminals, officials

nition to criminals, officials said on Friday. According to the police, li-censed gun dealers, trusted to sell firearms legally, al-legedly turned traffickers by supplying sophisticated weapons to criminals run-

ning extortion rackets while covering their tracks with fudged records.

These gun dealers al-These gun dealers al-legedly procured sophisti-cated firearms directly from the ordinance factories, erased their unique serial numbers and then sold

them to criminals at inflat

ed rates, ACP (Special Cell) Pratiksha Godara said.

agency for better public outreach

maintenance of green spaces. In the past two years, several beautifica-

tion projects, recreational spaces on the Yamuna floodplain, and develop-

ments of ghats along the Yamuna bank have been

taken up by the authority Installation of fountains

sculptures and horticul-ture work has also been

taken up. Periodically the social

edia strategy and pub-ity campaigns will be re-ewed by the officials for eir impact, according to wy the officials for their impact, according to the proposal.
"The aver-

"The agency must col-laborate with five influ-

encers yearly (as and when required) who have a min-

DDA plans to hire social media

a month and work in coor dination with the Delhi gov dination with the Delhi government to ensure people face no problems. Our pri-orities include making parks greener, curbing corruption and pollution, and scrap-ping user charges immedi-ately, "Iqbal Singh said. He added that the party will "motivate" teachers, pro-

will "motivate" teachers, provide funds for students' un

frastructure. "The people of Delhi have nown faith in Prime Minister Modi and the BJP. We are committed to serving the city through the MCD and

The sales were falsely

ith valid licence holders

The seized arms included the serzed arms inclined two ordnance-made pistols, a Taurus pistol, a Webley re-volver, two pen pistols, one .32 bore pistol, and several cartridges of foreign make, the officer said

the officer said.
The breakthrough in the

case came during an inves-tigation into an extortion racket busted last Decem-

ber, the ACP said.
"In December 2024, the
Special Cell arrested sev-

imum follower base of 100K on Instagram or X (formerly Twitter) to invite

them for events and vari-ous campaigns," the pro-posal read.

posal read.

It will be required for creating a video bank and reels for DDA events, as well as regularly covering important DDA project works to maintain an updated.

works to maintain an up-dated photo bank and video library, the tender

video library, the tender says further. As per the proposal, in order to engage with the audiences, the social media agency will have to conduct regular online surveys,

quizzes, and contests on all the platforms of DDA, it said.

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delivering on our promise All eligible contractual wor ers under the BMP will be regularised as per rules," he

He said that in the last

He said that in the last two-and-a-halfyears, the de-elopment of the capital had slowed down.

"With the support of both the Delhi government and the central government, we will now accelerate the pace of development and com-plete pending work," he said. He also emphasised that "positive initiatives" will be undertaken to improve cleanliness, ensure quality

eral people involved in an extortion network run by gangsters lodged in Jaipur

gangsters todged in Jaipur and Dausa jails (in Ra-jasthan). One of their Delhi-based associates, who was

associates, who was assing on information bout the potential targets, as also arrested," the offi-

The extortion racket had

overseas masterminds who issued threats to the vic-tims in India on behalf of the jailed gangsters, she said.

"During the investigation it was found that some Del-hi-based criminals were in-volved in trafficking high-

said.

Delhi Police busts interstate arms trafficking

education, and strengthen primary healthcare. Special focus will be given to resolv-ing issues related to legacy waste at landfill sites and

waste at landfill sites and waterlogging. Igbal Singh was the Leader of the Opposition in the MCD and earlier served as the Mayor of North MCD. He hails from a family with strong Akali Dal con-nections. His father-in-law was a councillor from the GTB Nagar constitue and his brother-in-law

and his brother-in-law was also active in Akali politics. Iqbal Singh had also served as an Akali Dal coun-cillor from GTB Nagar and headed the Civil Lines Zone of the corporation until Sep

kerneber 2020. Key political figures, including BJP MPs Harsh Malhotra, Praveen Khandelwal,
Bansuri Swanji, Kawaljeet
Sehrawat, and Yogendra
Chandolia, cast their votes in
the mayoral election.
The Aam Aadmi Party
(AAP), which held the mayor's post for over two-andahalf years, completely boycotted the polls.
The last mayoral election,
held on November 14, 2024,
saw AAP's Mahesh Kumar

racket gun house owner among 5 arrested

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Mr. Satish @ Sabir Ahmed S/o Late Sh. Saira R/O G- Chiranji Lal And his Wife Mrs. Saira 8A/277, Ratiya Marg, Sangam Vibar, South Delih-110026, Has Severed All Relations And Disowned my client's step-Son and his wife's son Gulnawaz From Their All Movable. - Rite Wiffe Bukkaja From Their All Movable Im-movable Properties Due To Their Misconduct/Misbehave. My Clients Shall Not Be Re-sponsible For Their Arts/Deed sible For Their Ad In Future Anybody Dealing With Them Shall Be Doing So At Their Risk And Conse-

wolved in trafficking high-end illegal weapons, in-cluding Taurus pistols, Webley revolvers and am-munition," the ACP said. Several other suspects, including gun house owners from other states, have been identified and are under surveillance. Further probe

### Illegal cigarette godown busted in Delhi's Mahipalpur one held

New Delhi
Police have busted a
godown storing illegal tobacco products and arrested a man who allegedly

ed a man who allegedly imported and supplied these products across Del-hi-NCR, an official said on Friday. The accused, identified

as Manmeet Kumar (29), was arrested following a

as Manmeet Rumar (29), was arrested following a raid on April 23, he said. He used to procure illicit eigarette consignments from foreign sources and stock them in the Mahipalpur area before distributing them in various parts of Delhi-NCR. "Kumar, who previously worked at a private hospital in Preet Vihar, came in contact with a person named Kapil, and later visited Oman, where he was allegedly introduced to the illegal eigarette trade," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southwest) Surrendra Choudhary said.

ronce (Southwest) suren-dra Choudhary said.

He has been supplying foreign-made cigarettes across Delhi-NCR since, Choudhary said.

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My client Dharam Yeer S/O
Late Shri Jai Lai R/O A-344,
Kusum Pur Pahari, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-11,0057
My client Dharam Veer has dis
owned his wife namely Smt.
Sushma Dev (aged about 53
years) and severed his relationship with his son's namely
Admach Janea abour 36 years) Avinash (aged about 36 years

tonsnip with nis son's namely Avinash (aged about 38 years), younger son Sagar (aged about 33 years), dayther Sadna (aged about 30 years). That consequently his wife and children have no claim whatso ever from his moveable and immovable property situated in Delhi or arrywhere in India. That detail of my client's belonging are Office Salary Account, Gratufly Accounts, GPF Accounts, Retirement amount/benefits. Any other benefits, and the consideration of the same activities of his wife and children from anybody dealing with them shall be at his/her/ther own risk and my

his/her/their own risk and m client shall not be responsib for any act/deed of the his wife and children from all his wife and children from all fis moveable and immoveable properties situated all over in dia due to theirs misconduct, disobedience and misbehavio attitude. My dient will not be responsible in future for their sponsible in future for the ts or deeds which was do SWATI SHUKLA

ADVOCATE CHAMBER NO.860, PATIALA HOUSE COURTS, NEW DELHI-110001

# Khinchi win by a razor-thin

Khinchi win by a razor-thin margin of just three votes. Salya Shamna, a BIP coun-cillor from Gautampuri, served as the presiding offi-cer for the mayoral election for the fourth time. Shama is a three-time councillor. At the beginning of the proceedings, Shamna called for a two-minute silence in memory of the 26 people.

nor a two-minute shence in memory of the 26 people who died in the recent terror attack in Pahalgam.

Despite the BJP's victory, the party refrained from cel-ebrations and did not gar-land the newly elected may-

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tiala House Court, New Delhi

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sort of connections whatsoev er, with Mrs. Sarika will do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibilities and my clients Smt. Rani will not be responsi ble for any act, deed or done by Mrs. Sarika. NAMAN AGARWAL

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By Priyanka Saurabh

n one hand, India is breaking itself into pieces in the name of castes, sub-castes, ideologies, and beliefs; on the other hand, our enemies are getting organized and attacking our unity. The terrorist attack that happened recently in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, has once again reminded us that the Kashmir, has once again reminded us that the real enemy is not with in us but sitting across the border. This attack is not a conspiracy but a bloody expression of the jihadi ideology, which has been trying to drown India in blood for the past several decades. Innocent civilians

Innocent civilians were killed in this attack were killed in this attack, security forces were injured, and once again the same old scenes returned on TV channels—weeping eyes, blood-soaked pieces of land, and ritualistic reactions of political parties. But the most worrying thing is that this time too many intellectuals, journalists, and political analysts got busy blaming Prime Minister Narendra Modi instead of striking at the roots of lerrorism.

What kind of politics is this?

# "Pahalgam attack: When will we learn to identify the real enemy?"

revei of mental bank-ruptcy where silence on enemy bullets and harsh comments on the coun-try's leadership have become fashionable? A question needs to be asked—did Modi invite terrorists to Pahalgam? Did he, as prime minis ter, encourage such at-tacks?

In fact, Narendra Modi Is the same prime minister who announced India's new military policy by conducting surgical and air strikes on Pakistani soil. This is the prime minister whose government gave a free hand to the" army—"Goli ka jawab bullet se" became not just a slogan but a strategy.

Political will and secu-

India's surgical strike after the Uri attack in 2016 and the Balakot air-strike after the Pulwama strike after the Pulwama attack in 2019 proved that India is no longer a country that only apologizes but has become a country that responds. These actions were not just proof of military provess but of political will. After this, India's policy against terrorisance and a political will after this, India's policy against terrorisance of support at interalso got support at inter-national forums.

The recent extradition of 26/11 attack master-mind Tahawwur Rana from the US is also a diplomatic victory of



this government. Paki-stan, which earlier used to challenge India, is to-day on the verge of eco-nomic bankruptcy and is pleading on global fo-

All this did not happen by chance. It is the result of a well-thought-out strategy, clear goals, and tough decisions.

## But why the criticism anyway?

A large section, which maintains silence after every jihadi attack in the name of 'secularism', attacks the Modi government. For them, it is important to hide the religion of the terrorists, but it is also important to put the government in the dock. This ideology has to understand that terrorism has no religion, but it has its roots in an ideology. And being afraid of naming that ideology is equal to sui-

Those who are waging war against infidels by using a 1400-year-old book as a weapon are insulting any religion. This jihad is not 'faith'; it is the politics of power. And it is not just the army, but the society too, that must recognize and reject it. reject it.

## Society divided into castes, country unaware of terrorism

It is unfortunate that on one hand our youth are busy in social media reels and casteism debates, and on the other hand our soldiers are facing the bullets of terrorists on the border. On one hand there are debates of 'jobs after asking caste' and 'bread after asking religion': on the other hand, terrorists are firing bullets after asking religion. This

an irony, but a

Today we have to de-Today we have to de-cide whose sidewe stand with—with those who want to tear this country apart or with those who have the courage to re-spond to every attack?

# It's not Modi but the mindset that is to

Blaming Modi for the terrorist attack is like blaming a doctor for the death of a patient before he has even started surgery. The truth is that the Jihadi mindset, Pakistan, which fosters terrorism, and the global silence, which is keeping mum on this ideology. mum on this ideology, are responsible for this attack.

Modi has not only re-sponded but has also vowed to bring out the terrorists and their masters from the neth-

erworld. The track re-cord of his government says this. So shouldn't we now stand united against terrorism?

## A united India is the

The Pahalgam attack has shaken us once again. This is not the first attack, and perhaps not the last. But if we still do not wake up, if we still keep fighting among ourselves, the enemy is sure to win. We need an India that can identify and confront terrorism, rising above castes, religions, and differences.

Have political differences, but be united on national issues. Criticize, but choose the right target. Silence on the terrorist's bullets and noise on the Prime Minister—this is suicide.

The Pahalgam attack is a warning for us—if we do not wake up even w, the next target wil be none other than our-selves. And then per-haps we will not even get time to say, "I wish we had identified the right enemy in time."

# India's startup surge: A new innovation powerhouse



In less India has transformed from a budding startup landscape into the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, behind only the United States and the United States and the United Kingdom, In just a decade, India's startup ecosystem has emerged as a powerful driver of innovation, employment, and national competitiveness. From a nascent startup scene, India has exploded into one of the world's most dynamic and rapidly expanding startup ecosystems.

The numbers tell a dramatic story, where from approximately 500 Government-recognised startups in 2016, the count surged to over 1.59 lakh by 15 January 2025.

This is not just development, but represents a fundamental change in India's economic structure, making the country the world's third-largest startup hub, after the United States and the United States and the united Kingdom. The presence of over 100 unicorns depicts the scale and value being created within this vibrant ecosystem.

India's startup boom, from 2014 to early 2025, is not Just a result of entrepreneurial spirit but the outcome of a powerful convergence – the drive of Indian entrepreneurs coupled with proactive government policies designed to nurture a thriving ecosystem.

This remarkable growth highlights the

synergy between inten-tional policy and organic innovation, unleashing hidden potential across the nation. It demon-strates how focused ef-forts have transformed ideas into successful businesses, paving the way for India's emer-gence as a global startup hub.

The exponential growth trajectory of India's startup ecosystem coincides directly with the rollout of key government programmes and visionary leadership that removed roadblocks and actively fostered innovation. Launched in 2016, these initiatives provided a structured framework that catalysed the entrepreneurial surge. entrepreneurial surge. Pivotal to this transfor-mation was the launch of the Startup India in-itiative in January 2016.

Envisioned as a flag ship programme, its core objective was to cultivate a startup cul-ture, build a robust and system, and

India's visionary leadership has transformed the nation from job-seekers to job providers, reflecting its entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to building a self-reliant, job-generating economy. It wasn't just a slogan; it was backed by a comprehensive Action Plan focusing on Simplification, Funding, and Incubation. This framework offered tax exemptions, simplified compliance, and financial support to help early-stage ventures overcome funding and regulatory challenges.

the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) in 2016, which fostered a culture of innovation through initiatives like the Atal initiatives like the Atal Tinkering Labs and Atal Incubation Centres. These programmes not only nutrured young talent but also created a robust infrastructure that supported startups across diverse sectors, including technology, healthcare, and manufacturing. AIM's focus on nutruring creativity and research has played a crucial role in strengthening the ecosystem and preparing it for the future.

In 2024, the Indian In 2024, the Indian Government made a transformative decision by abolishing the angel tax in the Union Budget. Introduced in 2012, this tax had acted as a significant obstacle for investors, discouraging investment by imposing levies on capital raised above fair market value, often hindering critical funding at vital stages. This step has cleared the way for a more investor-friendly environment, fostering growth and opportunity for startups across the nation.

The removal of this tax has been celebrated as a major step towards creating a more investor-friendly environment, helping startups access the funding they need to scale and succeed.

The decision to abolish the angel tax, alongside other reforms, show-cases the Government's cases the Government's commitment to providing a conducive atmosphere for entrepreneurship to thrive. The growth of India's startup ecosystem has been far from centralised. While traditional tech hubs like Bengaluru, Hyder-



abad, and Gurugram remain significant, a noticeable shift has oc-curred as entrepreneurs from smaller cities and towns have begun to make their mark.

inis democratisation of innovation has been facilitated by the Gov-ernment's push for a more inclusive startup ecosystem that is acces-sible to a broader pool of talent. This democratisation

Sectors like fintech, healthtech, and agritech have emerged as hotspots for innovation, with over 1,300 active tech startups added in 2022 alone. The Government has played a vital role in fostering growth within these sectors, encouraging investment and providing specialised support to startups that address critical societal needs.

For instance, finteen startups have revolutionised access to financial services, healthtech ventures have improved healthcare delivery, and agritech innovations have brought efficiency to the agriculture sector. Despite facing slowdowns and hiring freezes, the ecosystem demonstrated resilience. In 2023, India added over 1,000 startups, including 400 in emerging areas, underscoring the sector's adaptability.

The journey of our nation from ancient to modern India is a saga of remarkable achievements and milestones. It begins with the wisdom of great saints, progresses through the profound teachings of Swami Vivekananda and the Upanishads, and extends to the strides of modern innovation like the upagrah (satellite) and the evolution from the traditional Kumbh Mela to the Startup Kumbh Mela. Each chapter of this journey stands as a powerful testament to our nation's relentless hard work, groundbreaking innovation, and unwavering self-reliance.

India is now rapid-or emerging as a global eader in fostering sus-ainable, innovative, and tainable, innovative, and thriving startups. As re-ported by the Press In-formation Bureau (PB) on 16 January 2025, the country commemorates nine years of Startup In-dia, a game-changing in-titative launched in 2016. National Startup Day marks a key milestone in India's entrepreneurial journey.

Startup India, launched under the lead-ership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has be-come a cornerstone of national innovation and growth. It has championed the entrepreneurial spirit across the country,

empowering thousands to explore creativity and innovation. As a result, India has become the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world.

India's startup story is a testament to the indomitable entrepreneurial spirit of New India. Since 2016, our vision has been to drive innovation, provide financial support, and nurture budding businesses. In just under a decade, ideas have evolved into industry giants, and dreams have become tangible realities.

Today, India stands tall, not only as a hub for technology but as a beacon of progress across diverse sectors. Our achievements in areas like vaccination further reflect our scientific prowess and societal resilience.

Inspired by the principles of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family) and Na Phaleshu Kadachana (focus on action, not results), India continues to grow with values at its core. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's push for "Vikas bhi, Virasat bhi" (growth and heritage, hand in hand) defines today's India — which is modern and aspirational, yet deeply — which is modern and aspirational, yet deeply rooted in its rich tradi-tions and culture.India's story is not just one of economic expansion, but a journey of purpose, passion, and progress.

### About the Author

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### **Breaking Time** Sudoku

What to doFill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digit 1 to 9. Every puzzle has only correct solution

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### Solution, Sudoku

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### CONSCIOUSNESS - A SPIRITUAL SOLVENT AND A SCIENTIFIC STARTLER

there is a lot of space that exists between the elec-trons, protons, neutrons

trons, protons, neutrons and subatomic parti-cles. This space is not an empty space but is governed by four kinds of forces known as the electromagnetic force, gravitational strong nuclear force and weak nuclear force. It is these forces that hold the entire universe to-gether and do not let the atoms collide with each

gether and do not let the atoms collide with each other. These forces are forms of energy that can neither be created, nor destroyed, but they can only change from one form to another. The basic scientific principle that we are aware of is that energy can become matter, and matter can turn back into energy.

turn back into energy. While these are the dimensions that science has been able to explore, spirituality has already explained these and more by stating that the energy or force is a 'conscious energy' with its own inherent or latent intelligence. The universe with all its variety and versatility is proof enough to know that there is a supremely intelligent force at play. If not for its conscious presence, who could orchestrate such a

beautiful boun-ty in creation that provides everything which sustains Problem C Conscious ness' is bein discussed b scientists a life? scientists as they are trying to explore the cause at the root of crea-tion. They have found that if an atom is broken down further, there is a lot madnusudan Sai

There are ad-vanced research institutes that are working on this dimen-

on this dimension of science, which is at the cusp of spirituality. The rsis is of yore understood the highest truth about consciousness through their intuition without having to perform experiments. The best part is that consciousness is not an experimental exercise but an experiental intuitive knowledge. This is the point to which scientists are slowly reaching. Is there a place in this Is there a place in this entire universe bereft of consciousness? The answer is a definite 'No'. answer is a definite 'No', for any existence exists only because of consciousness; it includes both sentient and insentient objects. The entire creation floats in the sea of consciousness, and there is not a sprinkle of space where it is not present. We might because there is sprinkle of space where it is not present. We exist because there is consciousness in us. Consciousness is the only indestructible, imperishable, eternal presence that truly defines us.

our consciousness is our connection with our own true Self. It is only this connection that we are here to tune into. To live in concordance with our consciousness is the most natural, effortless, and cheerful way to lesa

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Five dead as car plunges into Pandoh

Dam in Mandi

Rajan Punchhi Mandi In a hearthreaking inci-dent, five members of a family lost their lives after a car fell into the Pandoh Dam on Friday aftermoon. The victims, including a three-month-old infant and

the vectors, including a three-month-old infant and a couple, were returning from a wedding ecremony when the tragedy struck. According to police reports, the accident occurred around 4:15 pm on the Bakhli Mandir road near Pandoh Dam. The car, bearing registration number HP 31 C-1189, is believed to have lost control and vecred off the narrow mountain road before plunging into the dam's waters. The vehicle rolled down a steen slone and

down a steep slope and overturned multiple times before shattering on im

Emergency teams from andoh Police Station and

Mandi Sadar Police Station rushed to the scene along with the State Disaster Re-sponse Force (SDRF) and local residents to carry out

conse Force (SDRF) and cal residents to carry out ne rescue operation. Four eople were declared dead

people were declared dead on the spot, while the crit-ically injured infant suc-cumbed to her injuries while being transported to the hospital.

All the deceased were re-

# Youth can overcome drug addiction with support of khaps: CM Saini

Praveen Attre
New Delhi/Chandigarh

Minister Nayab
Singh Saini on
Friday said
helping young people overcome drug addiction, which
adversely impacts the entire
society. ociety. The chief minister also as

The chief minister also assured that his government would provide whatever support the khaps (caste councils) need to combat drug addiction.

Addressing khap representatives from Haryana at the PWD rest house in Jind after flagging off a cyclothon event, Saini urged them to launch a campaign to keep the youth away from drugs and support the goal of making Haryana a drug-free state.

"We must save our youth

Board results ever

Lucknow/Prayagraj
The Uttar Pradesh Mad-hyamik Shiksha Parishad
(UPMSP) announced the 2025 High School and In-termediate board exami-

termediate board exami-nation results on Friday, setting a new benchmark in efficiency by declaring the results in just 43 days. This swift aunouncement, made possible by the proactive and transparent system un-der the Yogi Adityanath-led government, marks a significant milestone in the

significant milestone in the state's educational reforms. This year's results reflect a strong overall perform-ance across both categories. The pass percentage for High School students stood

at an impressive 90.11% while Intermediate stu-

while Intermediate stu-dents recorded a success rate of 81.15%. Once again, girls outshone boys in both categories, continuing a consistent trend of aca-

demic excellence.

In High School, Yash
Pratap Singh from Late
Smt. Raskendri Devi Inter

Smt. Raskendri Devi Inter College, located in Umri, Jalaun district, emerged as the state topper with a re-markable 97.83% marks. In the Intermediate exams, Mehak Jaiswal from Bacha

Ram Yadav Inter College in Bhulai Ka Pura, Prayagraj district, secured the first position with 97.20%, be-

coming a source of inspira-tion for students across the

Breaking down the sta-

tistics, the pass percentage among girls in the High School exams was signifi-

cantly higher at 93.87%, compared to 86.66% among boys—a difference of 7.21%. In the Intermedi-

ate category, girls again led with 86.37% pass rate, out-pacing boys who stood at

76.60%, showing a 9.77% lead in favor of female stu-

Chief Minister Yogi dityanath extended his

artfelt congratulations to

all successful students

wishing them a bright and prosperous future. He also

prosperous future. He also praised the efforts of edu-

tors and administrative

Yash Pratap & Mehak Jaiswal

shine bright in fastest UP



from the harmful effects of drug addiction. It is crucial to engage as many young peo-ple as possible in sports, en-abling them to bring home maximum medals and make

xaminations, in line with his vision for a more obust education system in

the state. The 2025 board exami-

from February 24 to March 12 across 8,140 centers in the state. The UP Board ensured the entire process

ensured the entire process was concluded within just 13 working days. The eval-uation of answer sheets was aarried out between March 10 and 4 well

19 and April 2 at 261 eval

total of 92,594 examiner for High School and 56,060 teachers for Intermediate

teachers for Intermediate answer scripts.

The practical examina-tions for Intermediate stu-dents were held in two phases from February 1 to

February 21. According to Mahendra Dev, Director of

Mahendra Dev, Director of Secondary Education, and Bhagwati Singh, Secretary of UP Board, the smooth

and timely execution of the exams and results was made possible due to key reforms introduced in re-

Jind under the pledge of a drug-free Haryana. Speaking on the occasion, Saini said the fight against drugs must be won through the united efforts of khap

the state-level 'Drug-free Haryana Cyclothon 2.0' from Jind under the pledge of a

"We aim to build a drug

"We aim to build a drug-free, healthy and empow-ered Haryana. This cycle ral-ly represents the commit-ment to fight the drug men-ace, raise awareness and eliminate addiction through unity," he said.

The chief minister also

and that khap panchayats have been an integral part of Haryana's social fabric since

ancient times.

"History is witness to the role these (khap) panchayats have played in resisting foreign forces and making significant decisions. Today, as we battle the social evil of drug addiction, their active participation in this cyclothon proves that khaps are not only guardians of tradition but also pioners of social change," the chief min-

"In the past, too, they've sent a clear message — those sent a clear message — those who promote drug use will face social boycott, and those who quit drugs will be wel-comed," Saini added.

Stating that the money earned from illegal drug trade fuels terrorism across the world, Saini said, "The

the world. Saini said, "The anti-drug campaign will in-directly help curb terrorism." If you see someone trapped in addiction, don't isolate them but help them get back on the right path. Social change begins at home, so let us all take the first step from our homes," the chief minister said. The exclution, which began in the chief minister said. The cyclothon, which began in Hisar on April 5, reached Jind after passing through various districts. It will now proceed to Barwala before

## All the deceased were reportedly part of the groom's family and their native villages after attending a wedding at a village above groom's brother, who

his hands, was among the victims. village above Bakını. Mandir, The groom's brother, who still had mehndi on his hands, was among the

victims.

The deceased have been identified as Duni Chand (35) and his wife Kanta Dewi (30) from village Taraur Segli, Tehsil Chachiot; Dahlu Ram, son of Thalia Ram from village Naun, Kot Tehsil Chachiot; Meena Devi daughter of Amar Period Amar Amar Period Amar Period Amar Period Rama From Village Naun, Kot Tehsil Chachiot; Meena Devi daughter of Amar Period Ramar Pe Kot Tehsil Chachiot; Meena Devi, daughter of Amar Singh; and a three-month-old baby girl. They hailed from villages in the Gohar sub-division, including Naun, Taraur, and Lahaul. The bodies were recov-ered and brought to the Mandi Zonal Hospital for

Mandi Zonal Hospital for post-mortem. They will be handed over to the families after necessary procedures. Superintendent of Police, Mandi, Sakshi Verma, con-firmed the incident and aid that the cause of the ac ident is under investiga

# Double engine govt following ideals of Ambedkar to uplift poor: Haryana CM

Chandigarh
Haryana Chief Minister
Nayab Singh Saini on Friday
said the "double engine government" of the Centre ernment" of the Centre and the state is committed to uplifting the last person in society by following the path and ideals of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. He said various welfare schemes are being implemented to empower the poor, improve the lives of the most backward commu-nities and ensure unitie for nities, and ensure justice for

The Chief Minister was speaking at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Samman Samaroh and Seminar or ganized by the Ravidas Tem ple and Dharamshala in Ku rukshetra. On the occ: he also inaugurated the new-ly constructed Ambedkar awan and offered prayers the temple of Sant Shiro-mi Guru Ravidas Ji, seek-



ing happiness and prosper ity for the people of the state He announced a grant of ₹21 lakh for the institution. Saini said that Baba Saheb

dedicated his life to the ca of social justice and worked relentlessly to eradicate casteism, untouchability, casteism, untouchability, and inequality. "He not only fought for the upliftment of the marginalised but also played a key role in the free dom movement."

Minister Narendra Modi is walking in the footsteps of Dr. Ambedkar, implement-ing schemes to uplift every section of society. "In the last to years, the state gov-ernment has given due re-spect to the poor through schemes like Ayushman Bharat and Chirayu Yojana," he said.

The Chief Minister highlighted the achievements under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, stating that

T151 crore has been de-posited in the accounts of 36,000 beneficiaries across Haryana. He added that toi-lets have been constructed in every house, ensuring dig-nity for women. Reiterating his govern-ment's commitment to mer-ti-based employment, Saini-said one labh government jobs have been provided without any bribery or fa-voritism. He also recalled Prime Minister Modi's re-cent visit to Vamunanagar Prime Minister Modi's re-cent visit to Yamunanagar and Hisar on April 14, Dr. Ambedkar's birth anniver-sary, where he inaugurated an airport and an 800 MW

an airport and an 800 MW thermal power plant for the people of the state. As a mark of tribute to Dr. Ambedkar, the state gov-ernment has decided to ob-Serve 2025 as 'Samvidhan Gaurav Varsh' to commem-orate his legacy and contri-butions to the nation.

# portedly part of the groom's family and were returning to their native villages after attending a wedding at a Yogi Adityanath emphasizes infrastructure

ity-driven, and employment-

the challenges posed by the Supreme Court's ruling that declared the Kamil (graduate) and Fazil (postgraduate degrees of the Madrasa ard unconstitutional, the Chief Minister underscored the urgency to align the urgency to align madrasa recognition and operational standards with those of mainstream. tional institutions under the Education Department. He stressed the need to revamp the madrasa curriculum in line with the National Edu

criteria for teaching and non-teaching staff accord-ingly. "The process of teacher selection in madrasas must be made fai

and transparent," he added.

In pursuit of these reforms, the Chief Minister announced the formation of a special committee to be headed by the Director of neaced by the Director of Minority Welfare. The com-mittee will include Special Secretaries from the de-partments of Basic Education, Secondary Education, Finance, Law, and Minority Welfare. It will be tasked with recommending com-prehensive reforms for the effective functioning of madrasas, job security for educators, and a brighter academic future for stu-

dents.
During the meeting, the
Minority Welfare and Waqf
Department presented a detailed report on the current
status of madrasa education in the state. Officials informed the Chief Minister that there are currently 13,329 recognized madrasas operating in Uttar Pradesh, with a total enrolment of over 12.35 lakh students. Among these, 9,979 madrasas cater to primary madrasas cater to primary and upper primary educa-tion (Classes 1 to 8), while 3,350 offer secondary and higher secondary education (Classes 9 to 12). Of the total, 561 madrasas

eceive government grants nd together serve 2,31,806 students. These grant-in aid institutions 9,889 teachers and 8,367 non-teaching staff, all of whom have been receiving salaries and allowances as per the 7th Pay Commission since January 1, 2016.

# om movement," he added. He further said that Prime Prez Murmu to attend

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IIT Mandi's 15th

reforms introduced in re-cent years. These reforms included the integration of technology in administra-tion, better coordination among departments, and stricter monitoring proto-cols. MANDI The Indian Institute of The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi is all set to commemorate its 15 years of academic, re-In a heartening develop ment, inmates from Utta Pradesh jails also partici pated in the board exams search, and innovation ex-cellence with a grand cele-bration titled Celebrating Fifteen Years of Achieveable results. In the High School examinations, 94 in-School examinations, 94 im-mates appeared and 91 passed, registering an im-pressive pass percentage of 96.81%. Similarly, in the In-termediate category, 105 in-mate candidates took the ments (CFA-2025). The event will take place on May 7 and 8, 2025, at the institute's scenic campus nestled in the hills of Himachal Pradesh

exams, out of which 91 passed, reflecting a success rate of 86.67%. These figures underscore the trans-Adding to the prestige of the occasion, the Honble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, will attend as the Chief Guest formative role of education in rehabilitation and self-in underlining the national significance of IIT Mandi's

in rehabilitation and self-im-provement, even behimd bars. The 2025 UP Board re-sults not only reflect the ac-ademic potential of students across the state but also signicance of III Mandis journey since its inception. As part of the celebra-tions, the institute will host a multidisciplinary research conclave focusing on emerging front-runner technologies. The conclave highlight the significant ad ministrative progress made under CM Yogi Adityanath's aims to spotlight cutting-edge developments in fields such as Artificial Intellileadership in ensuring a fair fast, and inclusive exami-nation process.

nce and Robotics, Semiconductors, Quantum Technologies, Advanced Materials, and Entrepreeurship. The CFA-2025 conclave

is expected to draw some of the world's leading minds in science and technology. Among the eminent speakers scheduled to attend are Prof. Richard Siegel from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, USA; Prof. Ous-sama Khatib from Stan-ford University; Prof. Robert Wille of Technical University of Munich, Gernv: Dr. Randhir Thakur. CEO and MD of Tata Elec tronics; Dr. James McLaughlin from Ulster University, UK; Prof. Ga pati Ramanath from RPI, USA; Prof. Anirban Bandyopadhyay from NIMS, Japan; Prof. Fabien Breteker from CNRS France Dr. Bikramjit Basu from CGCRI: Dr. Santanu audhury from IIT Delhi: esh Wagh and Dr. Umesh from JNCASR.

## standards in Madrasa approval drive Anniversary celebrations Lucknow Uttar Pradesh Chief Minis

Ottar Pradesh Chief Minis-ter Yogi Adityanath on Fri-day called for major reforms in the state's madrasa edu-cation system, directing of-ficials to ensure strict comhicials to ensure strict com-pliance with infrastructure norms before granting recognition to any madrasa. Chairing a high-level meet-ing to review the current state of madrasa education, the Chief Minister empha-icing that madrasa chould the Chief Minister empha-sized that madrasas should not remain confined to reli-gious teachings and must provide students access to modern and holistic educa-

tion. The Chief Minister asserted that the governmen goal is to mainstrea madrasa education throug innovation and inclusivit innovation and inclusivity, ensuring equal opportuni-ties and quality education for every section of society. "Students studying in madrasas should have access to the full spectrum of modern education," he stat-ed, adding that education should be transparent, qual-

cation Policy (NEP) 2020 and to update the eligibility

# Pakistani nationals continue to return home through Attari-Wagah border in Punjab

India continued to return home through the Attari-Wagah land route in Pun-jab's Amritsar on Friday, after the Centre set a 48 hour deadline for them to eave the country in the rake of the Pahalgam terror

However, a few women narried in Pakistan but pos-

sessing Indian passports al-leged that they were facing problems in going back, de-spite carrying the required

documents.
They said they had come to meet their relatives in India but had to return after the government set the 48-hour deadline for Pakistani nationals to leave the coun

try. Twenty-six people, most-

tourists, were killed and rorists opened fire at a meadow near the popular tourist town of Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Friday after

The Centre on Wednes-day announced a raft of measures, including expul-sion of Pakistani military attaches, suspension of the down of the Attari land-transit post, in view of the cross-border links to the Pahalgam attack.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said Pakistani nationals will not be allowed to travel to India under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) and any Pakistani national currently in India under the scheme had 48 hours to leave the ountry. The decisions were taken

at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It was announced at the meet was announced at the meet-ing that the integrated check-post (ICP) at Attari will be closed immediately and those who crossed over

to Pakistan with valid doc

to Pakistan with valid doc-uments may return through that route before May 1. The Centre on Thursday announced revoking all visas issued to Pakistani nationals from April 27 and advised Indian nationals readvised Indian nationals re-siding in Pakistan to return home at the earliest as ten-sions between the two neighbours escalated fol-lowing the Pahalgam attack.

ending visa services to Pak-tani nationals with imme-

diate effect.
Pakistani nationals con-tinued to flock the Attari-

Wagah border on Friday.

A woman, married in
Karachi, said she had come to Delhi for 15 days to meet her mother, who is a heart patient. She alleged that she was not being allowed to

"I am not being allowed to go back. My husband and father-in-law are waiting for me on the other side of the Wagah border," Shaniza, who holds an Indian niza, who holds an Indian passport, told reporters at Attari. Another woman, who came to India with her two children, also demanded that she be allowed to return to Pakistan

Umran Malik joins KKR camp to continue rehab

from injury

Kolkata Indian pacer Umran Malik rejoined the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) camp for a "return to cricket" programme as he continued his rehab to recover from an

injury which ruled him out of the on-going Indian Premier League (IPL)

The official X handle of KKR made he announcement, posting that Um-an has not joined as an official play-ng member, but to work with the team

ing member, but to work with the team and support staff to get back to his best after his injuy. KKR posted, "Umran Malik has joined the squad in Kolkata to continue his relab and "return to cricket" programme with KKR for the remainder of the season. He's not joining as an official playing member of the squad, but will work with the team and support staff to get back to his best! Welcome to the family, Umran."

# Shreyas Iyer returns to Eden Gardens to lead **Punjab Kings against Kolkata Knight Riders**

## ■ Reuniting with his old Delhi Capitals mentor Ricky Ponting, the duo steadies

Kolkata

The man who led them to glory just a season ago could now stand in the way of Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) playoff qualification when the side hosts the Shreyas Iyer-led revamped Punjab Kings (PBKS) in a high-stakes Indian Premier Leahue (PFL) clash here at the Eden Gardens on Saturday.

day.

Twelve months ago, Iyer had led KKR to their first IPL title in a decade.
On Saturday, he returns in opposition colours, at the helm of a rejuvenated Punjah side chasing a playoff spot.
Let go by KKR in one of the most surprising off-season moves, Iyer has found both comfort and purpose in Puniah Kings.

found both comfort and purpose in Punjab Kings. Reuniting with his old Delhi Capi-tals mentor Ricky Ponting, the duo has steadied PBKS into the top five of the table with five wins from eight

games.
The partnership has given lyer the space to lead confidently and he has tallied 263 runs with three half-centuries so far. However, he comes into the weekend game, carrying three single digit scores.

Saturday offers him the perfect

chance to make a statement—much like KL Rahul did the other against his former franchise Lucknow Super Gi-



nnts with a composed 57 not out. Iver too could have a Rahul-like mo-

Tyer too could have a Kanut-nke mo-nent under the Eden lights.

KKR, on the other hand, are in esperate need of momentum.

With five defeats in eight matches, nother stumble could tighten their al-

another stumble could tighten their al-ready narrow path to the playoffs. Their top-order remains unsettled, the middle-order erratic, and the spin attack ineffective on a surface they once called their fortress. KKR's middle-order trio of Russell,

et-taker with 11 scalps) and Yuzvendra Chahal operate.

Skipper Ajiniya Rahane too will be under the scanner, having anchored the innings well at times but struggled to shift gears and finish games.

He will be wary of Chahal, who dismantled KKR in their demoralising 95 all-out collapse only last week by claiming the wickets of Rahane, Raghuvanshi, Rinku Singh, and Ramandeep Singh in a devastating spell. With Marco Jansen providing the early menace and new find Nehal Wadhera managing tidy finishes, PBKS certainly look a more confident and well-rounded outfit.

For KKR's bowling unit, Harshit Rana's duel with PBKS opener Priyansh Arya could set the tone. Arya smashed a century against Chennai Super Kings earlier this season. Despite their troubles, KKR are, however, still alive in the playoffs race.

Winning five of their remaining

Winning five of their remaining six games could be sufficient, but anything less would leave them de-pendent on other results.

pendent on other results.

For this to happen, KKR must fix
their home record, which is just one
win from four matches here.

The much-publicised friction with
Eden curator Sujan Mukherjee over
pitch preparations has drawn un-

wanted attention and debates over spin-friendly surfaces, fairness, and even calls from commentators to con-sider shifting base. Despite it being slow and grippy, which is exactly what KKR wanted, Sunil Narine has taken just two wick-ets at the Eden. Varun Chakravarthy (4) has been marginally better, while Moeen Ali has failed to strike in two matches.

matches.

Teams (from):

KKR: Ajinkya Rahane ©, Rinku
Singh, Quinton de Kock (wk), Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wk), Angkrish
Raghuvanshi, Rovman Powell, Manish Pandey, Luvnith Sisodia,
Venkatesh lyer, Anukul Roy, Moes
Ali, Ramandeep Singh, Andre Russell,
Anrich Nortje, Vaibhav Arora,
Mayank Markande, Spencer Johnson, Harshit Rana, Sunil Narine,
Varnu Chakravarthy and Chetan Varun Chakravarthy and Chetan

PBKS: Shreyas Iyer ©, Yuzvendra Chahal, Arshdeep Singh, Marcus Stoi-nis, Nehal Wadhera, Glenn Maxwell, Vyshak Vijaykumar, Yash Thakur, Harpreet Brar, Vishnu Vinod, Marco Vyshak Vjaykumar, Yash Thakur, Harpreet Brar, Vishnu Vinod, Marco Jansen, Lockie Ferguson, Josh Inglis, Xavier Bartlett, Kuldeep Sen, Pyla Avinash, Suryansh Shedge, Musheer Khan, Harnoor Pannu, Aaron Hardie, Priyansh Arya, Azmatullah Omarzai. Match starts: 7,30pm.

also been picked by MLC fran s. Allrounder Michael Bracewei

chises. Allrounder Michael Bracewell, who was a key part of New Zealandr's journey to the Champions Trophy final in March, has joined MI New York (MINY). He'll team up with fellow Kiwi star Trent Boult, who is already part of the Mumbail Indians setup across MLC, SA20, and Indian Premier League (TP1)

aryl Mitchell has re-signed with Texas Super Kings (TSK) after missing the 2024 season due to injury. Last year, in his absence, TSK brought in Afghan spinner Noor Ahmad, who has been re-

spinner Noor Ahmad, who has been re-tained for 2025 alongside Devon Con-way. Fast bowler Adam Milne, who played for Washington Freedom 2023, will join Mitchell and Conway at TSK. Milne is familiar with TSK coach Stephen Fleming, having worked under him at CSK in the IPL.

TSK have also strengthened their TSK have also strengthened their squad by signing South African players Nandre Burger and Donovan Ferreira, both of whom play for Joburg Super Kings (JSK) in SA20. Meanwhile, New Zealand great Ross

Taylor has been named the Scattle Or-cas' ambassador for the upcoming sea-son. He previously worked as their batting coach. Former England batter

batting coach. Former England batt Ian Bell will now take over that role

Ahead of the season in the IPL Ahead of the season in the IPL Mega Auction last year, Umran was roped in by KRR for his base price of Rs 75 lakhs, However, an injury ruled him out, making the defending cham-pions announce Chetan Sakariya as his replacement in March before the start

replacement in Maren Detore the sasson of the season. Umran, who had a four-year stint with Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH), rose to fame as 'Jammu Express' due to his ability to hit the 150 kmph mark while bowling. In his stint with SRH from 2021–24, Umran took 29 wickets in 26 matches at an average of 26.62 and an economy rate of 9.39, with best figures of 5/25.

of 5/25.

His peak as an IPL player was the 2022 season, where he took 22 wickets at an average of 20.18, with best figures of 5/25 and an economy rate of 9.03. He finished as his side's top wicket-taker and overall at fourth that

These numbers earned him an Indian team call-up in June 2022 against Ireland. Since then, he has played 10 ODIS and eight T20IS for Men in Blue, taking 13 wickets at an average of 30.59, with best figures of 3/57 in the 50-over format. While in the shortest format, he took 11 wickets at an aver-age of 22.09, with best figures of 3/48 His last match in Indian colours was

an ODI during July 2023 against West Indies, in which he took 0/27 in three

His last professional cricket match s the IPL clash for SRH against Mumbai Indians (MI) last year in

KKR is currently at the seventh spot in the points table with three wins and five losses, having suffered a loss

### "I can't wait to get started this sum-mer and add some more firepower with a team that is already stacked with In a major step, New Zealand Crick-et has become the first national board to invest directly in an overseas T20 league. It will help launch a new MLC team when the league expands in 2022 talent and in a great position to take McGurk)," he added. Several other New Zealand players to the Gujarat Titans by 39 runs in their Getting hate and abuse for inviting Pakistan's

# Arshad Nadeem to NC Classic: Neeraj Chopra

Indian javelin throw star Neeraj Chopra on Friday said he has been bombarded on Friday said he has been bombarded with "hate and abuse" for inviting Pak-istan's Arshad Nadeem to next month's NC Classic in Bengaluru, clarifying that the Olympic champion's presence was "completely out of question" in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack.

The Tokyo Olympics gold-medallist and Paris Games silver-winning star from Haryana said he was deeply hurt to see his and his family's integrity be-ing questioned in abusive social media

feated the Indian in Paris last year to win gold, for the inaugural Neeraj Chopra Classic to be held in Bengalu-

"After all that has taken place over the last 48 hours, Arshad's presence at the NC Classic was completely out of the question. My country and its interests

will always come first," Chopra, who is a Subedar Major in the Indian Army,

said in a lengthy post on X.

To those that are going through the loss of their people, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Along with the en-tire nation, I am both hurt and angry at what has taken place, "said Chopra.

"I am confident that our country's re nse will show our strength as a na-and justice will be served," he added. Nadeem had declined to come citing other commitments

The 27-year-old Chopra said he is well aware of the chatter surrounding his in-vitation to Nadeem after the Pahalgam

attack in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were gunned down by terror-

ists.
"...most of it has been hate and abuse.

"...most of it has been hate and abuse. They haven't even left my family out of it," said Chopra.
"I usually am a man of few words, but that doesn't mean I will not speak up against what I think is wrong. up against what I think is wrong. More so when it comes to questioning my love for our country, and the respect and honour of my family," he

Chopra said invites for NC Classic

Chopra said invites for NC Classic were sent out on Monday, a day before the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed. "The invitation I extended to Arshad was from one athlete to another-nothing more, nothing less. The aim of NC Classic was to bring the best ath-letes to India and for our country to be the home of world-class sporting events.

oaanee. gkrish Raghuvanshi, one of the

Rinku and Ramandeep has failed to deliver the finishing punch this sea-son, prompting calls for a shake-up. The team may be forced to bring in Caribbean all-rounder Royman Powell, whose power-hitting and handy pace can add much-needed spark

few bright spots in KKR's batting might once again look to negotiate the

Anderson had led the Unicorns to a ers-up finish in the 2024 edition the tournament. Though both Seifert and Allen don't

ently have central contracts with currently have central contracts with New Zealand Cricket, they've commit-ted to playing in all of New Zealand's T201 series leading up to the 2026 T20 World Cup. The pair was recently re-called to the national team for the

Teof series against Pakistan and im-pressed with their explosive starts at the op of the order. They've been nick-amed New Zealand's bash brothers for

named New Zealand's bash brothers for their aggressive batting style. At pres-ent, both are also playing in the Pakistan Super League (PSL). "Twe been following MLC from afar over the last couple of seasons, partic-

we me ast couple of seasons, particularly keeping a close eye on some of the Kiwi contingent," Seifert said, as quoted from ESPNcrieifo.

"Tean't went

# Tim Seifert joins San Francisco Unicorns for 2025 MLC season

New Delhi
New Zealand wicketkeeper-batter Tim
Seifert is all set to play in Major League
Cricket (MLC) for the first time after being signed by San Francisco Unicorns
for the 2025 season. The 30-year-old
will reunite with his New Zealand
opening parture Finn Allen and former
Northern Districts teammate Coventrade. Northern Districts teammate Core Anderson at the franchise, as per ESP

Barcelona, Real Madrid to face off

in Copa del Rey 2024-25 final

Sevilla Spanish giants FC Barcelona (FCB) and Real Madrid (RM) are set to clash and Real Madrid (RM) are set to dash in the Copa del Rey 2024-25 final on Sunday at the Estadio La Cartuja in Sevilla, as per Olympies.com. The Copa del Rey is Spain's top domestic cup competition, run by the Reyal Spainish Football Federation.

Barcelona, currently leading the La Liga table, reached the final after a 5-78.

a win on aggregate over Atletico Madrid (ATM) in the semi-finals. However, they will be missing key players --Robert Lewandowski and Alejandro Balde are both out with hamstring in juries, while Marc Casado is sidelined

juries, while Marc Casado is sudelined with a knee problem.

Real Madrid, second in La Liga, also made it to the final after edging past Real Sociedad 5-4 on aggregate. They too have injury concerns, with Dani Carvajal and Eder Militao ruled out due to knee injuries. Star forward Kylian Mbappe is doubtful after suffering an ankle knock.

This will be the third El Clasico of the This will be the third El Clasico of the season. Barcelona have won both previous meetings — a 4-0 victory in La Liga and a 5-2 win in the Supercopa de Espana final in January.

In total, the two sides have faced each

other 259 times. Real Madrid have won 106 matches, Barcelona 102, and

Sol games have ended in a draw.

Barcelona hold the record for the most Copa del Rey titles with 31, while Real Madrid have lifted the trophy 20 Real Madrid have litted the trophy 20 times. Last time when Real Madrid won a Copa del Ray final was in 2023. Brazilian youngster Rodrygo rose to the occasion with a 2-1 victory against Os-asuna as his brace secured the 20th ti-tle for Real Madrid.

The game had barely got underway when the Los Blancos established their dominance in the game and took the lead. Within two minutes into the game, Vinicius Junior picked the ball on the left flank and slipped past Os-asuna defenders as he turned them in-side out on the byline and served a goal on the plate to Rodrygo with his pin-point pass inside the box.

The Brazilian made no mistake to

find the back of the net with his left-foot mind the poech of the her twin his left-iool shot. After suffering an early selback Osasuna players tried to find a re-sponse and bring the game back on lev-el terms. They were able to create an opening six minutes later, but Budimir's header didn't pose a threat to Thiliaut Courtois. A few moments later Aimar tried to open the scoreline for Os-asuna but his effort was saved by Madrid's goalkeeper. Real Madrid continued their domi-

Real Madrid continued their domi-nation with possession play and Os-asuma tried to neutralize the threat by creating chances. However, their lack of sharpness in the attacking front kept the score in favour of Real Madrid in the first half.

in the first half.

The second half began as Osasuna made their intentions clear by pressing for an equaliser. They found their moment of glory as Torro drilled in a low shot with 58 minutes on the clock and brought the game back on level terms. After suffering a setback which was always on the cards, Benzema took charge as he crossed the ball from the left and Valverde's volley from the penalty spot narrowly missed the target.

Ancelotti's side finally went back in front in the 70th minute of the game af-ter creating a goal which had similar traits to their first goal. Vini Jr. got past two defenders to reach the byline and e pulled backfor Kroos and the ball fell o Rodrygo who stabbed home from ose range.As the Brazilian walked back to the dugout after watching his number come up on the substitution board, he recieved a standing ovation from the spectators in the 89th minute

next few minutes, it see if Real Madrid was desti rialise the third goal as Vinicius raced through against Herrera, but his pas-to Benzema fell just short and the Os asuna shot-stopper was able to smother the ball. In the end, Real Madrid managed to hold onto their lead to en-sure they would lift their third trophy of that season, following the Euro-pean Super Cup and the Club World Cup.



"We look for both quality cricketers and quality personalities when bring-ing players into the Unicorns fold, and Tim definitely checks both those box-

"His skills with the gloves will also be a major asset this year, especially with the new wickets in Oakland and Fort the new wickets in Oakland and Fort Lauderdale offering something of an unknown for spin bowling. He's also coming in with impressive form with the bat, adding to an already dominant top order alongside Finn (Allen), Shorty (Matt Short), and Jake (Fraser-

he added.

s," Unicoms head coach Shane Wat on said, as quoted from ESPNcricin

### **UK PM Starmer** speaks to Modi over 'devastating' Pahalgam terror attack

London:
British Prime Minister Keir
Starmer spoke to Prime
Minister Narendra Modi
on Friday and said he was
"horrified" by the terror
attack in Pahalgam that
killed 26 people.

"horrified" by the terror attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 people. According to a readout of the call from 10 Downing Street, Stammer expressed his deep conclolences on behalf of the British people, and both kaders agreed to stay intouch. "The Prinne Minister (Stamer) began by saying he was horrified by the devastating terrorist attack."

ing he was horrified by the devestating terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, which saw the tragic loss of 26 innocent lives," a Downing Street spokesperson said. "He expressed his deep conclolences on behalf of the British people to all those affected, their loved over and the proceds of the

ones, and the people of In-dia. The leaders agreed to stay in touch," the spokes

stay in touch; the spokes-person said. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said Stamer conveyed his sincere condo-lences on the innocent fives lost in the Theinous terror attack on Indian soil. "He strongly condemmed the barbaric terror attack and expressed that the UK stands with the people of Indian in this hour of tragedy." MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on X. On Thursday, the Pahalgam terror rattack awas nised in the House of Commons by Opposition Conservative Party MP Bob Blackman, Chair of the Backbench Business Committee, who Business Committee, who called for a parliamentary statement by UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy.

## Business

# Trump says 'Crimea will stay with Russia'as he seeks end to war in Ukraine

Kviv:

S President Donald Trump said published on Friday that "Crimea will stay with Russia," the latest example of the US leader pressuring Ukraine to make concessions to end the war while it remains under siege.

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Zeienskyy understands that," Trump said, referring to Ukranian President Volodymy Zelenskyy, "and everybody understands that it's been with them for a long time."

The US president made the comments in a Time magazine interview conducted on Tuesday, Trump has been accusing Zelenskyy of prolonging the war by resisting negotiations with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Crimea is a strategic peninsula along the Black Sea in southern Ukraine. It was seized by Russai an It was se

It was seized by Russia in 2014, while US President Barack Obama was in of-fice, years before the full-

scale invasion that began in 2022. "They've had their sub-

marines there for long before any period that we're talking about, for many years. The people speak largely Russian in Crimea," Trump said. But this was given by Obama. This wasn't giv-en by Trump."

en by Trump." Meanwhile, Russia has continued its bombard-ment. A drone struck an

apartment building in a southeastern Ukraine a southeastern Ukraine city, killing three people and injuring 10 others, officials said Friday, a day after Trump re-buked Russia's leader for a deadly missile and drone attack on Kyiv. A child and a 76-year-old woman were among the pixilina billad in the

old woman were among the civilians killed in the nighttime drone strike in Pavlohrad, in Ukraine's Dnipropetrovsk region,

200 eminent homeop-athy professionals, re-searchers, and policy influencers from across

the head of the regional administration, Serhii Lysak, wrote on Tele-

Russian forces fired 103 Shahed and decoy drones at five Ukrainian regions overnight, Ukraine's air force reported. Authorities in the northeastern Sumy the northeastern Sumy and Kharkiv regions re-ported damage to civil-ian infrastructure but no

in a Time magazine interview conducted on Tuesday. Trump has been accusing Zelenskyy of Zelenskyy prolonging the war by resisting negotiations with Russian President

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Vladimir Putin.

The war could be approaching a pivotal moment as the Trump administration weighs its options. Senior US officials have warned that the administration could be administration be administration because the administration could soon give up attempts to stop the war if the two sides do not come to an agreement. That could potentially mean a halt of crucial US military aid for Ukraine.

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Amid the peace efforts, Russia pounded Kyvi in an hourslong barrage Thursday, killing at least 12 people and injuring 87 in its deadliest assent to the Ukrainen sault on the Ukrainian capital since July.

## Iran offers help in restoring India-Pakistan relations

Tehran: Iran on Friday offered its help in mending relations between India and Pakistan, amid flared tensions after the Pahalgam terror

attack.
Foreign Minister Seyed
Abbas Araghchi said Tehran stands ready to use its
good offices in Islamabad
and New Delhi to "forge
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Agarchi had condemned the Pahalgam attack the Pahalgam attack "strongly and unequivocal-ly" two days ago.

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Terrorists opened fire in
Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on Tuesday, killing
26 people, mostly tourists,
in the deadliest attack in
the Valley since the Pulwama strike in 2019. The
Resistance Front (TRF), a
proxy of the banned Pakistan-based Lashkare-Taiba (Leff), claimed responsibility for the attack.

In a post on X, Araghchi drew attention to how
India and Pakistan are
Prootherly neighbours' of
Iran, enjoying relations
rooted in centuries-odd
cultural and civilizational
ties and how, like other
neighbours, Iran considers
the two of them as our

foremost priority."
"Tehran stands ready to
use its good offices in Is-lamabad and New Delhi to

lamabad and New Delhi to forge greater understand-ing at this difficult time, in line with the spirit taught. by Persian poet Saadi,' Araghehi said in the post. The lines by Saadi he in-word are: 'Human Beings are members of a whole In creation of one essence and soul if one member is inflicted with pain Other members uneasy will re-main.'

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Earlier on Wednesday, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, de-scribing "this behnous act as a grave crime, in fla-grant violation of all inter-national legal and human-itarian norms."

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He extended concloerces to the government and people of India and wished a swift recovery for the in-jured. He underscored the urgent need to strengthen cooperation and coordina-tion at regional and inter-national levels to prevent and combat terrorism, and to ensure the prosecution to ensure the prosecution and punishment of its per-petrators and sponsors.

# Burnett Homeopathy leads global gathering to power Ayush Bharat vision

Köthen, Germany: In a major stride towards globalizing traditional Indian medicine and fur-thering Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Ayush Narendra Modf's 'Ayush Bharat' initiative, Burnett Homeopathy Pvt. Ltd. successfully hosted the third edition of the World Homeopathy Summit in the historie German town of Köthen during World Homeopathy Week 2025, Recognized as the birth-place of classical homeopathy. Köthen provided a symbolic and fitting backdrop for this prestigious



international gathering

the globe. Among the distinguished participants were Dr. Lorie Grossman, President of the National Center for Homeopathy, USA; Prof. Ronald Morie from the United Kingdom; Dr. Nitish Dubey, Chairman and Managing Director of Hariom Homeopathy, India; Professors Dr. Dorly and Leoni from Brazil; Dr. Vesna Marinkovic from Serbia; and Dr. Martin from the Netherlands.

erlands. A key highlight of

event was l Award Cere grand Award Ceremony, which honored 60 acclaimed doctors for their outstanding contheir outstanding con-tributions to homeop-athy. The awards were presented in the pres-ence of special guests Eoin Morgan, former captain of England's World Cup-winning cricket team, and Bas-tian Bernhagen, Mem-ber of Parliament from Köthen.

Dr. Nitish Dubey,

Government's efforts to promote AYUSH systems on a global platform. "The initia-tive taken by the Modi tive taken by the Modi Government to ele-vate AYUSH systems is commendable. This summit is a concrete step in the same di-rection. We are deep-ly grateful to our key partners—Wiss Home-opathy, the European Library of Homeopa-thy, the House of Hah-nemann, and Dr. Ste-fanie Jahn—for their immense support," he

stated.

In a gesture of cultural and professional exchange, the Scientific Society for Homeopathy in Köthen hosted a special luncheon in honor of the international delegates. Attendees also had the opportunity to visit the ancestral home and clinic of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of homeopathy, followed by a collaborative roundtable at the European Library of Homeopathy.

### MATTER accelerates national rollout of AERA — World's first geared electric motorcycle



New Delhi:

After a successful debut in Bengaluru, EV startup MATTER has announced the national rollout of its groundbreaking electric motorcycle, the AERA — the world's first geared electric motorbike. Over the next 45 days, MATTER will launch the AERA in eight major Indian cities: Pune, Delhi, Chennai, Coimbatore, Mumbai, Jaipus, Surat, and Rajkot.

The AERA, equipped with MAITER's proprietary HyperShift technology, combines electric innovation with the thill of manual gear shifting — a

novation with the timil of manual gear shifting — a first-of-its-kind globally. The bike has already gar-nered praise for its distinc-tive design, cutting-edge features, and dynamic rid-ing experience tailored for Indian roads.

In a statement, Mohal CEO of MATTER, said.

"Bengalum's response was nothing short of phenomenation with this next wave of city launches, we're making AERA accessful and delivering a product that's not just high-tech, but deeply relevant to Indian roads and aspirations. Bookings are open—the future of riding is one click away."

Pre-bookings are now live on www.matterin and Flipkart, with special early bird pricing and bundled benefits for first-time buyers. Customers in

time buyers. Customers in the launch cities will gain the launch cities will gain access to exclusive Expe-rience Hubs that offer up-close interactions with the AERA, real-time test rides, and priority delivery for online pre-orders.

# **India's Direct Tax Collection** Hits Target in 2024-2025

New Delhi:
The provisional net direct tax collection for the 2024-25 financial year has met the set target, growing 13.57 per cent to over Rs 22.26 lakh crore with the income tax department

13.57 per cent to over 8s 22.26 lakh cror over with the income tax department issuing the highest-ever amount of refunds ever delivered, official data showed Friday.

The government set a target of Rs 22,07,000 crore for the direct tax administration as per the budget receipt of July 2024 and revised it to Rs 22,37,000 crore during the budget presented this February.

Direct taxes include revenue collected by the Union government under the corporate taxes and non-corporate taxes category (earlier personal income tax). The non-corporate taxes category includes taxes category fineldes taxes and non-corporate faxes category includes firms. Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs), local authorities, artificial ju-



ridical persons etc.
According to official data, the provisional gross (before adjusting for refunds) direct ax collection for the 2024-25 fiscal that ended March 21 stood at Rs 27,02 lakh crore, a growth of 15,59 per cent, when compared to the

gross collection of Rs 23,37 lakh crore during the 2023-24 fisseal. Similarly, the provisional figures for net (after issuing refunds) direct tax collections for the 2024-25 fiscal stood at Rs 22,26 lakh crore, an increase of 13,37 per cent as compared to Rs

19.60 lakh crore in the preceding 2023-24 fis-cal, the data shows. The provisional net direct tax collections are

direct tax collections are 100.78 per cent as per the July receipt budget target (Rs 22.07 lakh crore) and 99.51 per cent of the revised estimate target presented during

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lection figures are pro-visional and the collecvisional and the collec-tions are expected to grow as last stage rec-oneiliation and adjust-ments for the 2024025 fiscal are still underway, officials said.

The data shows that the tax department is-sued the highest-ever re-funds worth Rs 4:76,743 come during the 2024.

funds worth Rs 4,76,743 crore during the 2024-25 fiscal which is an increase of 26.04 per cent as compared to the refunds of Rs 3,78,255 crore issued during the last fiscal of 2023-24.

# Road safety experts push for exclusive tracks for two-wheelers'

New Delhi:

Road safety experts, automotive industry leaders, and representatives from global vehicles afety bodies have strongly advocated for dedicated two-wheeler lanes and stringent enforcement of traffic regulations to enhance road safety across India. Speaking at a two-day workshop on Vehicle and Fleet Safety, organised jointly by the Global New Car Assessment Program (GNCAP) and the Institute of Road Traffic Education (IRTE), par Education (IRTE), par-ticipants emphasised



the urgent need to address the alarming rate of accidents involving powered two-wheelers (PTWs), which consti-

tute 44% of all vehicles in the country. Dr. Rohit Baluja

roads and the problems arising due to the lack of dedicated infrastruc-President of IRT highlighted the gro

turd. "The new powered two-wheelers are on a constant rise without any regulation, creating serious safety issues for all road users. Dedicated driving lanes and strict enforcement of traffic laws are critical to ensure the safety of these riders, who are among the most vulnerable along with pedestrians," he said, during a session on the challenges faced by powered two-wheelers in India.

Citing official statistics, Dr. Baluja pointed out that India records around 4.8 lakh road

accidents annually, leading to approximately 1.8 lakh fatalities. "Two-wheeler riders account for 38% of road deaths in Delhi alone. There is an urgent need not only for dedicated lanes but also proper speed signage specifically for two-wheelers in the capital and other cities," he added. K.K. Kapila, President Emeritus of the International Road Federation (TRF), called for greater integration of technology to improve safety for two-wheeler riders. "Two-wheelers are the annually, accidents

lifeline of many Indian cities, and we must find technological solutions to protect their users. The IRF has developed a smart helmet that prevents work. With DRDO's collaboration, we've also created a meteorogical enhalunce. we've also created a motorcycle ambulance that can save lives during the golden hour on highways, 'he said. Kapila further mentioned that IRF and IIT-Delhi have co-developed a motorbike fitted with airbags, a feature he believes should become mandatory in future models.

## Equity investors lose Rs 8.88 Lakh Cr in 2 Days

New Delhi:
Investors' wealth got wiped out by Rs 8.88 lakh crore in two days of market slump due to profit-taking and growing tensions along the Indo-Pak border following the terror attack at Pahaleam in

growing tensions along the Indo-Pak border following the terror attack at Pahalgam in Jammu & Kashmir. On Friday, the 30-share BSE barometer tanked 588.90 points or 0.74 per cent to settle at 79,212.53. During the day, it dropped 1,195,62 points or 1.49 per cent to 78,605,81. In two days, the benchmark has lost 903.96 points or 1.12 per cent. The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms declined by Rs 8,88,975,14 crore to Rs 4,21,58,900.91 crore (USD 4.93 trillion) in two days. Experts said worries over growing geopolitical tensions of the said of the

Experts said worries over growing geopolitical tensions after Tuesday's Pahalgam terror attack weighed on market sentiment. "Benchmark indices extended losses on Friday in a volatile session on rising tensions between India and Pakistan in the aftermath of terror attack in J&K.

Tinvestors also

"Investors also looked to book profits ahead of weekend after markets posted sharp gains in recent ses-sions. All the major sec-

sions. All the major sec-tors, except IT, posted losses," Satish Chandra Aluri, Analyst, Lemonn Markets Desk, said. Among Sensex firms, Adani Ports, Axis Bank, Eternal, Bajaj Finserv, Power Grid, Bajaj Fi-nance, Tata Motors, Tata Steel, NTPC and Maruti were the big-gest laggards.

# Suniel Shetty's intense first look from historical drama 'Kesari Veer' unveiled



# Tom Cruise's 'Mission Impossible Final Reckoning' to release a week early in India

om Cruise fans in India have a reason to celebrate as the Hollywood star's highly awaited ac-tion-packed film, 'Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning,' is set to hit Indian cinemas on May 17, a full six days before its glob-

Paramount Pictures India announced the excit-ing news on Friday, sharing the new release date along

with a poster on Instagram.
"Mission: Impossible The Final Reckoning now releases early in India. New date - 17th May," read the

official caption.

Directed by Christopher McQuarrie, the film's screenplay is co-written by McQuarrie and Erik Jen-

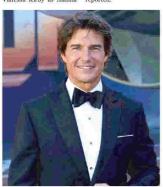
The makers of the highly anticipated film unveiled an intriguing new trailer earlier this month.

Apart from Cruise, the cast also includes Simon Pegg as Benji Dunn, Ving Rhames as Luther Stickell, Vanessa Kirby as Alanna

Mitsopolis, Havley Atwell the antagonist Gabriel, Shea Whigham as Jasper Briggs, Greg Tarzan Davi as Degas, and Pom Kle mentieff as the assassin Paris, according to Variety. Newcomers to the Mis-sion: Impossible franchise include Ted Lasso star Hannah Waddingham Nick Offerman, Lucy Tulu-garjuk, Katy O'Brian, Tramell Tillman, and Stephen Oyoung, Variety

reported.

Cruise had earlier hinted at the thrilling action fans can expect in The Final Reckoning, which features an underwater submarine sequence and a scene where he dangles from a plane "When you stick your face over 120 to 130 miles an hour, you're not getting oxygen," Cruise said in a interview with Empire. "So I had to train myself how to breathe. There were times I would pass out physical-ly; I was unable to get back into the cockpit," Variety reported



period drama 'Ke sari Veer, shared the first look of his character Vegdaji on Friday. Taking to his Instagram,

Suniel dropped a fierce poster of himself dressed as a pow-erful warrior. Along with the poster, he

wrote, "#Vegdaji, ek mahan yoddhaa and a fearless war-rior of the battle of mighty #Somnath #HarHarMahadev. Releasing worldwide in cinemas on 16th May,

Makers on Friday also

As per a press note, Kesari

Oberoi, who plays Zafar Khan in the film

Apart from Shetty and Vivek, the film also stars Sooraj Pancholi in a key role. Dhiman, the film is produced by veteran producer Kanu Chauban

er delves into the inspiri tale of unsung warriors who fought and sacrificed their lives to protect the Somnath Temple from invaders in the 14th century AD.

Sharing his passion for the project, producer Kanu Chauhan said that the story was deeply personal to him and that it was a dream to bring this lesser-known chapter of history to light. Dire tor Prince Dhiman described how the narrative moved him emotionally, sparking thorough research to ensure every detail reflects historical acrracy. The period drama, which

was originally scheduled to release on March 14, is now

set to hit theaters on May 16.

In the coming months,
Suniel will also be seen in various projects, including The Legend of Somnath, Wel-come to the Jungle, a show ti-tled Nanda Devi with Lionsgate, and Hunter 3.



# Rajkummar Rao's 'Maalik' release postponed

ajkummar Rao is all set to take on the role of a

The film, directed by Pulkit and produced by Tips Films and Northern Lights Films, is scheduled to release in cinemas on July 11, 2025, having been previously slated for a re-

Rao transforms into a ruthless gangster with a striking new intensity.

The actor shared the up date with his fans on In-stagram, writing, "Raub, Rutba, aur RAJ hoga Maa-

in #Maalik, 11 July se sirf cinemagharon mein The film has been generating buzz since its an-nouncement on August 31,

Rajkummar Rao shared a poster from the film, showcasing his intense look as Maalik, with a gun in hand and a bold state ment: "Paeda nahi huye toh kya, ban toh sakte hai (What if we aren't born that way but we can be-

'Maalik' is currently in post-production, with Tips Films and Northern Lights

Films presenting the film. Kumar Taurani and Jay Shewakramani are producing the film under their respective banners.

# Charlie Puth, Brooke Sansone share their official wedding video

onths after saying "I do" to each other, popular singer Charlie Puth and Brooke Sansone have given fans a special look of their official edding video on social me

On Thursday, Puth, who tied the knot with Sansone last year, took to his Instagram account to share a beautiful clip that showed adorable, never-before-seen moments from their cere mony. The video also cap-tured the happy couple cel-ebrating with family and friends, enjoying cham-pagne, delicious food, and lots of laughter. However, the highlight of the video was the part where Puth can be seen wiping away happy tears as Brooke walks down

Charlie Puth and Brooke Sansone tied the knot on September 7 of last year in a small, private ceremony at Puth's family home in Montecito, California. The couple



who have known each other since childhood, celebrated gathering.

Last year, during an interview with People maga-zine, the 32-year-old singer-songwriter recounted how he had prepared meticu-lously for the moment.

"Thad practiced it so many times, and I was reading it with such confidence. I thought I sounded like Barack Obama reading a speech," Puth joked. However, the reality of the mo ment hit him hard. "I got up there, and I was trembling and crying, but I was just so happy. I think my happi

Dhawan, turned 38

Thursday

thanked his fans for lovely

birthday wishes and also gave an update for his upcoming

film 'Hai Jawani Toh Ishq

On Friday, Varun posted

Hona Hai'.



Tusshar Kapoor, Shreyas Talpade starrer Kapkapiii teaser released

Mumbai Tusshar Kapoor and Shreyas Talpade are set to reunite are set to reunite on the big screens after six years for the horror-comedy 'Kapkapiii'. The makers dropped the teaser of the film on Friday. The film is directed by the

late filmmaker Sangeeth Sivan, who is known for his works like 'Kya Kool Hain Hum' and 'Apna Sapna Mon-

ey Money'. Makers have finally resed the teaser of the film which is a treat for the fans of the horror-comedy genre.

The teaser offers a peek into the life of a group of friends who, on one night, de-cide to play a game with a Ouija board to make contact with the otherworldly spirits

of Varun and Pooia, 'Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai' features Mrunal Thakur, Ma-niesh Paul, Jimmy Shergill, Mouni Roy, Chunkey Panday, Rakesh Bedi, and Ali

Asgar in key roles.

A lot of combination scenes, leading to chaos on screen, will

some pictures of himself where he is looking handfilmmaker David some in a beige outfit.
"Thank you for all the birthday wishes sorry if I couldn't reply to everyone Hegde. The actors recently Felt very lucky that I got to spend a working birthday," he captioned the post. finished an adventurous

Varun also gave an update land. The of his shooting schedule fo 'Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai'. He wrote, "kick off our outdoor schedule of Hai

Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai." Being helmed by veteran filmmaker David Dhawan, the film stars his son Varun alongside Pooja Hegde. The actors recently finished an adventurous sequence in

Rishikesh. Apart from the leading pair ebrated his birthday, Varun chose to celebrate his special day with his fans in Mumbai. The 'Baby John' actor took to his Instagram to share a

In the video Varun can be Being helmed by veteran Dhawan, the film stars his son Varun alongside Pooja

birthda

cake wit

ing for pic

inside the cafe

The actor also recre

ated some of his popu lar dance moves, leaving fans excited. In

the video, a fan can

seauence in Rishikesh.

conclusion of the Scotland schedule will lead to a film wrap, notwithstanding a couple of songs and some patchwork seq mees "the source

rani under the Tips banner, Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai sees Varun Dhawan re-turn to his signature comic

Talking about how he cel- be heard saving.



