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GOLD	94,580.00
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Sunset	6:56 PM
Moonrise	7:23 AM
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Today's Prediction	
Maximum	38°C
Minimum	28°C
Tomorrow's Prediction	
Maximum	38°C
Minimum	26°C

Govt rolls out caste enumeration, Oppn calls it political strategy

Announcing the decision, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the census comes under the purview of the Centre but some states have done caste enumeration in the name of surveys.

New Delhi: In a major decision, the government on Wednesday announced that caste enumeration will be included in the next census exercise in a "transparent" manner and slammed the opposition parties for using caste survey as a "political tool".



The Congress and other opposition parties have been vociferously demanding a nationwide caste census, making it a major election issue, and some states like Bihar, Telangana and Karnataka have conducted such surveys. The government decision comes ahead of assembly elections in Bihar, where several parties including some BJP allies have been coming out in support of the caste census. Announcing the decision taken by the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the census comes under the purview of the Centre, but some states have done caste enu-

meration in the name of surveys "non-transparently" which has created doubts in the society. Noting that caste was not included in all censuses operations conducted since Independence, Vaishnaw alleged that the Congress governments have always opposed caste census and the party had used the issue as a political tool. "Considering all these facts and to ensure that the social fabric is not disturbed by poli-

Some States have conducted surveys to enumerate caste, some States have done this while some others have conducted such surveys purely from a political angle in a non-transparent way," -Mr. Vaishnaw said

X, reacting to the government announcement. He said the party had raised the issue in its resolution on social justice, which was passed in Ahmedabad on April 9, 2025, and also shared an April 16, 2023 letter of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in which he had demanded that the decennial census be carried out and a comprehensive caste census be made a part of it. The last nationwide census was completed in 2011 and the next decadal one was to commence in April 2020 but got delayed due to the Covid pandemic. Agency

Bangladesh HC orders Hindu leader's release on bail



Dhaka: A bench of Bangladesh High Court on Wednesday ordered release of Hindu leader Chinnoy Krishna Das on bail, five months after he was arrested on a charge of defaming the country's national flag, court officials said. "The two-judge bench declared absolute its earlier rule asking authorities why he should not be granted bail," an official of the High Court said. The bench comprising Justice Atoar Rahman and Justice Ali Reza granted the bail after the final hearing on their previous rule. On October 31, a case with Kotwali police station in Chattogram was filed accusing Das and 18 others of disrespecting the Bangladesh national flag. A former ISKCON leader, Das was arrested at Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on November 25 last year. A spokesman for the Sammilito Sanatani Jagannath Jota, a Hindu organisation, Das was taken to the court at the southeastern port city of Chattogram, which sent him to jail rejecting his bail petition the next day. Das' arrest sparked widespread protests with his followers demonstrating in Dhaka and other places. In the port city, the protest turned violent when assistant government prosecutor Saiful Islam Alif was hacked to death, hours after Das was sent to jail. The development - less than three months after a mass student-led protest ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina on August 5 - also emerged as an issue between Bangladesh and India with New Delhi expressing its concern over his detention. After Hasina fled to India, Muhammad Yunus took over as Chief Adviser of the Interim government on August 8. Agency

India warns Pak against unprovoked ceasefire violations along LoC

New Delhi: India has warned Pakistan against its unprovoked firings along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir as the directors general of military operations of the two armies spoke on the hotline amid the escalating tensions over the Pahalgam terror attack.



The Pakistan military has been warned against the unprovoked firings, people familiar with the DGMO talks said. The sources, however, described the exchanges over the hotline as "routine", saying it was a weekly conversation between the DGMOs that is held every Tuesday. The Indian DGMO strongly took up the matter of ceasefire violations to "unprovoked firings" using small arms from their posts across the LoC in Baramulla and Kupwara districts, and across the international

border in the Pargwal sector on Tuesday night as well. The Pakistan military has been put on high alert following India's assertion that it will hunt down the terrorists involved in the Pahalgam strike. In a high-level meeting with the defence brass on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted that the armed forces have "complete operational freedom" to decide on the mode, targets and timing of the terror attack, according to government sources. Agency

Kolkata Hotel blaze claims 14 lives, PM Modi pledges Ex gratia



Kolkata: At least 14 people were killed when a massive fire swept through a low-cost hotel in the congested Meachapatti area of Burrabazar in central Kolkata, police said on Wednesday. "The initial reports mentioned 15 casualties. There was some confusion. But after verification, the number has been corrected to 14. That is the confirmed figure we have at the moment," Verma told reporters. The fire, which was first spotted around 7:30 PM on Tuesday, quickly turned the four-storey building into a furnace. Of the 14 deceased, 11 were men, the police said. Eight have been identified so far. A woman and two children - a boy and a girl - were among the victims. **CONT'D ON PAGE-2**

US economy shrinks in Trump's first 100 days, hit by import surge

Washington: The US economy shrank at a 0.3% annual pace from January through March, the first drop in three years, as President Donald Trump's trade wars disrupted business. First-quarter growth was slowed by a surge in



imports as companies in the United States tried to bring in foreign goods before Trump imposed massive tariffs. The January-March drop in gross domestic product - the nation's output of goods and services - reversed a 2.4% gain in the last three months of 2024. Imports grew at a 41% pace, fastest since 2020, and shaved 5 percentage points off first-quarter growth. Consumer spending also slowed sharply - 1.8% growth from 4% in October-December last year. Federal government spending plunged 5.1% in the first quarter. Forecasters surveyed by the data firm FactSet had, on average, expected the economy to eke out 0.8% growth in the first quarter, but many expected GDP to fall. Financial markets sank on the report. Agency

Pahalgam attack: India reaches out to non-permanent members of UNSC

New Delhi: India on Wednesday reached out to Denmark in line with its diplomatic overdrive to apprise the non-permanent members of the UN Security Council about the brutal Pahalgam terror attack with cross-border linkages. On Tuesday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar spoke to his counterparts from seven non-permanent member nations of the UN Security Council. Jaishankar held a phone conversation with his Danish counterpart Lars Lokke Rasmussen on Wednesday



and is understood to have conveyed to him India's resolve to bring the perpetrators of the April 22 attack to justice. "Spoke with PM @larsloekke of Denmark. Appreciate his support

and solidarity over the terrorist attack in Pahalgam. Also exchanged views about our bilateral cooperation," he wrote on X. Jaishankar's phone conversations with foreign ministers of the non-permanent member nations of the UN Security Council assumes significance as Pakistan is also a member of the influential UN body for the 2025-26 period. The external affairs minister held conversations with his counterparts from Algeria, Greece, Guyana, Panama, Slovenia, Sierra Leone and Somalia on Tuesday. Citing "cross-border linkages" to the horrific attack, India has promised severe punishment to those involved in the strike. Agency

Seven killed in temple wall collapse in AP

Visakhapatnam: Seven people, including a couple and two of their relatives, were killed when a rain-soaked wall collapsed at the Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Simhachalam here in the early hours of Wednesday, as an annual ritual at the famous north Andhra shrine turned into a scene of both grandeur and grief. The government said seven people died after the wall collapsed on the Rs 300 ticket queue line near the shopping complex on the ghat



road from Simhagiri bus stand at around 3 am. Opposition YSRCP blamed the government for "negligence," which resulted in the tragic incident. President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, among others, expressed grief over the incident. Agency

Minors stab men over women's toilet dispute



New Delhi

Two juveniles were apprehended for allegedly stabbing two men after they asked them not to stand outside a women's public toilet here, police said Wednesday.

According to police, the incident occurred on April 25 around 8 pm when the victims, Beepat and Naresh, confronted the accused for obstructing the entrance to a women's public toilet in the Gulabi Bagh area of north Delhi.

Enraged by the objection, the duo attacked the victims with a knife, "inflicting deep head and shoulder wounds on Beepat and a critical abdominal injury on Naresh", a senior police officer said. Both were rushed to Deep Chand Bandhu Hospital for treatment.

Following the attack, a case was registered at Gulabi Bagh police station. The Police team scanned over 100 CCTV cameras to identify the accused and their subsequent apprehension, the officer said.

During questioning, the juveniles confessed to being addicted to drugs and alcohol. On the day of the incident, they were planning a snatching near the lavatory.

CM pushes for clean Delhi with DJB drive

New Delhi
All remaining unauthorised colonies in Delhi will be connected to sewer network by 2028, announced Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Wednesday.

Gupta, after the meeting at Delhi Jal Board (DJB) headquarters, Varunlaxya, said that equal distribution of water, proper sewerage management infrastructure in the city, and replacement of old and damaged sewer and water lines and installation work of decentralised sewage treatment plants (DSTPs) would be carried out by the government in a phased manner.

"The government aims to connect all unauthorised colonies with the sewer network by 2028. This is not just an infrastructure project but a committed effort toward sanitation, health, and environmental protection. Officials were directed to ensure both speed and quality in project implementation so that every colony is connected to this basic facility within the set time frame," Gupta said.



The chief minister further informed that sewer lines have been successfully laid in 1,226 unauthorised colonies in Delhi so far, while work is in progress in 154 unauthorised colonies.

"Government has prioritised the completion of sewer line work in unauthorised colonies. While previous governments neglected these areas, our government aims to connect every colony to the sewer

network, and an action plan will be made to provide clean water through a tap to every house," the chief minister said.

All households will be connected to the sewer system, and local-level sewage treatment facilities will be established to ensure a well-organised network, she added.

ister Narendra Modi's "Har Ghar Nal Se Jal" mission successful.

"Equal access to water supply across all parts of the city will be a top priority. Through reforms in the DJB's operations, Delhi will emerge as a leader in water management. The government's goal is to ensure an equal water supply to every citizen, regardless of where they live. The era of certain areas receiving more water than

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needed while others suffer from scarcity is over—such inequality will no longer be tolerated," an official statement said.

The chief minister, who was accompanied by Water Minister Parvesh Verma, reviewed tanker management, grievance redressal systems, and digital monitoring mechanisms at the DJB's Command and Control Center.

"Many areas in Delhi still rely on decades-old water pipelines and sewer lines. Given the rapidly growing population and increasing water demand, dependence on these outdated systems is no longer feasible. This reliance has led to recurring issues like water crises and sewer blockages," the chief minister said.

Delhi traders urge Mayor for clean sewers clear streets

New Delhi
Delhi traders on Wednesday met the newly elected MCD Mayor or Raja Iqbal Singh with a series of demands, including the removal of addition of user charges on house taxes and action against encroachment, a statement said.

During the meeting, the Federation of Sadar Bazar Trades Association addressed the mayor regarding problems in Sadar Bazar, expressing anger among traders over the Municipal Corporation of Delhi's high user charge imposition, the statement said.

"Many shops in Sadar Bazar are very small with house tax of Rs 500 or Rs 700. Along with that, Rs 5000 user charge will put a burden on small traders, due to which they are struggling," it said.

Demanding precautions for the upcoming monsoon season, they said, "Water enters the shops during the rainy season which is why we request the MCD to clean all the sewer lines



beforehand." The union also called for the removal of the parking space between Sadar Bazar Police Station and 12 Tooti Chowk, allotted by the MCD, which has led to traffic jams and criminal activities, it stated.

They also demanded action against the various e-rickshaws that are operating without licenses and numbers, further contributing to the traffic woes.

After the meeting, the association claimed that the mayor assured them of appropriate solutions and would work towards developing the area.

Rain forecast brings relief from heat for Delhiites

New Delhi
Delhiites can expect some relief from the heat as the weather department has forecast rain, cloudy skies and thunderstorms for the next three days.

On Wednesday evening, the sky turned cloudy, with the city recording a maximum temperature of 38.1 degrees Celsius, 0.9 notch below the season's average, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

The minimum temperature settled at 28.8 degrees Celsius, two notches above normal. The relative humidity ranged between 58 per cent and 39 per cent.

According to the IMD's weekly forecast, thunderstorms with rain are expected on Thursday, Friday

and Saturday, which may lead to a slight dip in temperatures.

The forecast also mentions generally cloudy skies, very light rain or drizzle and thunderstorms accompanied by lightning, dust storms and strong surface winds ranging from 30 to 40 kmph, gusting up to 50 kmph, during the afternoon and evening.

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all the sports complexes operated by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), for such children and youths, said a statement from the Assembly secretariat.

The Speaker has emphasised that the absence of inclusive infrastructure not only restricts the potential of children with special needs, but also discour-

ages their active participation in sports.

Given the high standards and broad reach of DDA sports complexes, he asserted that these facilities are ideally positioned to lead the change towards inclusivity.

He proposed reserving exclusive time slots in all the DDA sports complexes for CWSN

and deploying specially trained instructors to support their unique training requirements, the statement said.

He said this initiative would cultivate a supportive and inclusive sporting environment while also prepare these young athletes to represent the nation at national and international competitions, it added.



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Delhi Congress slams govt for milk price hike

Staff Reporter
New Delhi:

Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee president Deveder Yadav here on Wednesday said that the "Triple Engine" BJP government has been inflicting heavy financial burden on the people without fulfilling any of its election promises.

Mother Dairy's decision to hike the milk price by Rs 2 per litre effective from Wednesday, April 30, 2025, was yet another financial blow on housewives, who are already stressed out due to all-round price rise of essential goods, including vegetables, he added.

Yadav said that when Mother Dairy hikes the milk price, it will have a cascading effect as the private milk suppliers also arbitrarily increase the prices without any checks and balances, and all other milk-based items also witness a sharp rise in prices.

He said that the price hike by Mother Dairy was an attempt to snatch milk from the mouths of poor children, thereby putting additional stress and pressure on housewives. Therefore, the government should forthwith roll back the price hike.

Yadav said that on April 7, the BJP government had hiked the cooking gas price by Rs 50 and excise duty on petrol and diesel, but was silent on providing gas cylinder at subsidised rate of Rs 500 per cylinder, free cylinder on Holi and Diwali, and Rs 2500 per month to every woman in Delhi.

The Gupta government was not different from the inefficient and corrupt AAP government as both would make big promises as a vote-catching trick to influence the housewives during elections, only to deceive them after capturing power.

Woman held in Haryana's Faridabad for forcing minor girl into prostitution: Police

Faridabad:

A 43-year-old woman was arrested here on Tuesday for allegedly forcing a minor girl into prostitution, Faridabad police said.

The woman, identified as Mamta, was sent to judicial custody after police produced her at a court.

The matter came to light when the 14-year-old girl went missing from the Dabua police station area on April 17. Thereafter, the girl's family filed a complaint; however, the FIR was reportedly lodged only on April 22, after the Child Welfare Committee in the city intervened on the family's insistence.

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After this, the place was raided, and police rescued the girl on April 23.

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Delhi govt to rehabilitate homeless beggars under SMILE scheme

New Delhi:

The Delhi government will rehabilitate beggars, including homeless children, with the help of NGOs and provide skill development training, health care facilities and education, a statement said Wednesday.

The Department of Social Welfare has issued a call for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from NGOs and other interested organisations, for the implementation of the SMILE scheme (Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise), which focuses on the comprehensive rehabilitation of beggars.

The department has instructed the organisations to submit their proposals by May 13, the statement read.

The SMILE scheme, introduced by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, will be implemented in nine selected areas of Delhi — Karol Bagh, Dwarka, Munirka-Vasant Vihar, R.K. Puram, Nizamuddin, Rohini, Shahdara, Old Delhi and Bangla Sahib Gurudwara.

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disabilities, it stated. As part of the process, selected agencies will carry out surveys in a uniform format to identify individuals engaged in begging. This information will be uploaded to a central portal for easy access and coordination among stakeholders, it said.

Once identified, individuals will be reached through outreach activities to encourage them to move into shelter homes voluntarily. These homes will provide basic amenities and support services aimed at helping residents rebuild their lives with dignity, it added.

The shelter homes, accommodating at least 50 individuals each will offer food, clothing, hygienic facilities, and recreational options, the order read. It also mentioned that there will be separate shelters for men and women, with provisions for children accompanying female residents. Special efforts will be made to link children to Anganwadi centres and Child Care Institutions to ensure their safety and early development.

Beneficiaries will also receive assistance in identification documents and will be connected with existing welfare schemes. Health care services, including medical check-ups and referrals for de-addiction support (if needed), will be provided through

government hospitals, it stated. Education and vocational training form a core part of the rehabilitation process. Children will be enrolled in nearby schools under existing government education schemes, while adults will receive skill development training based on their abilities and interests, it said.

Agencies will collaborate with recognised training centres, including those supported by the Ministry of Skill Development and the PM-DKSH programme, to help beneficiaries secure employment or start small businesses. NGOs can also engage private partners through CSR initiatives to expand

training opportunities, it stated. Residents are expected to stay in the shelter homes for a period of three to six months, depending on their needs. This time will be used for recovery, skills training, and preparation for reintegration into the community, it said.

To be eligible, organisations must be legally registered and have at least three years of experience working with marginalised or homeless populations. They should also have sound operational and financial capabilities and must not have been blacklisted by any government or funding agency, the order said.

Proposals must include registration documents, audited financial reports of the last three years, a record of relevant experience, and a technical approach for implementation, it added.

Manjinder Singh Sirsa unveils ₹2 Cr Rajouri Garden redevelopment

Staff Reporter
New Delhi:

In a significant move aimed at enhancing civic infrastructure, Environment and Wildlife Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa on Wednesday inaugurated redevelopment projects worth approximately ₹2 crore in the Rajouri Garden area. The initiatives focus on improving public amenities, sanitation, and overall urban livability for local residents.

As part of the civic upliftment, the projects include the renovation of public toilets, renewal of drainage systems, and refurbishment of local parks. These efforts are intended to address long-standing infrastructural gaps and provide cleaner, more functional public spaces.



During his visit, Sirsa criticized former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, accusing him of leaving the city in disarray. He reiterated his commitment to cleaning up Delhi and tackling persistent issues such as garbage mismanagement and illegal activities across neighborhoods.

The Minister highlighted that several improvements are already visible on the ground, including the construction of new toilets for slum dwellers and ongoing efforts to provide them with permanent housing. He also issued a stern warning to illegal dihaba operators,

urging them to vacate occupied spaces, and assured that strict action would be taken against lawbreakers.

Looking ahead, Sirsa announced additional projects aimed at enhancing the water supply and sewage systems in the area—needs he said had been neglected for far too long. Emphasising the government's people-centric approach, he stated that regular inspections are being conducted across Delhi to ensure cleanliness standards are met and encroachments are removed.

Sirsa underlined the Delhi Government's resolve to foster a more organized, hygienic, and dignified city through proactive governance and sustained civic improvement efforts.

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ACB case against Sisodia, Jain a political move to pressure them: AAP



New Delhi:

The Aam Aadmi Party on Wednesday said the ACB's case against its leaders Manish Sisodia and Satyendar Jain was registered to "pressure and scare" them as they were recently appointed as in-charge and co-in-charge of Punjab party unit.

The Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) of the Delhi government has filed a case against former deputy CM and education minister Sisodia, and ex-PWD minister Jain, over alleged corruption in the construction of government schools.

The scam is pegged at around Rs 2,000 crore and involved awarding contracts at highly inflated rates with classrooms reportedly built at Rs 24.86 lakh each, nearly five times the usual cost, the ACB added in a statement.

Reacting to the development, the BJP said there was corruption in the construction of schools in Delhi under the previous AAP government.

AAP national media in-charge Anurag Dhanda in a press conference dismissed the charges and said the case was a "political" move to "pressurise and scare" Sisodia and Jain.

"The way cases are being registered against Sisodia and other leaders, I feel there could soon be cases against him for occupying the minister's seat, for forgetting to put a comma or a full stop in a document," Dhanda said.

Dhanda added that the BJP government does no work, instead it files cases against AAP leaders on every matter.

"It can not be a mere coincidence that earlier a case was registered against party leader Durgesh Pathak when he became co-in-charge of Gujarat. Now, a case has been registered against Sisodia and Satyendar Jain who are in charge and co-in-charge of the Punjab unit of AAP," Dhanda stated.

Earlier in March, the AAP appointed Sisodia as in-charge and former minister Jain as co-in-charge of the Punjab unit of the party.

Stolen Jewellery and cash worth lakhs retrieved in major theft bust

Amar Saini
Noida:

In a major breakthrough, Noida Police have arrested two suspects, including a former domestic help and a driver, in connection with a high-value house theft reported in the Sector-39 police station area. The arrests led to the recovery of Rs 5 lakh in cash and jewellery worth approximately Rs 1 crore, along with an illegal knife.

According to the police, the accused have been identified as Samarjeet and Sandeep Singh, both originally from Bihar and currently residing in a rented accommodation in Agahpur village, Samarjeet had worked as a domestic help at the victim's residence for nearly two and a half years before being dismissed.



Sumit Shukla, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Noida Zone, stated that Samarjeet managed to steal a set of keys from the victim's home prior to his departure. He later conspired with Sandeep Singh, a former driver, to carry out the theft. The duo meticulously planned

the heist, making use of their familiarity with the house.

The police are now probing whether the two have been involved in similar criminal activities in the past. A case has been registered under relevant sections, and further legal proceedings are underway.

Improve basic amenities in Industrial workers' and EWS colonies: Ravinder Indraj Singh

Staff Reporter
New Delhi:

Minister of Social Welfare Ravinder Indraj Singh has directed urgent improvements in basic infrastructure and living conditions in colonies housing industrial workers and economically weaker sections (EWS), particularly in Bawana.

Chairing a high-level meeting with officials from the Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC) and the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement



Board (DUSIB), Singh stressed the need for immediate action to enhance civic amenities in these areas. Key issues discussed included the repair and construction of roads, upgradation of sewerage and drainage systems, strengthening of boundary walls, and ensuring uninterrupted electricity and water supply. The Minister also highlighted the importance of regular maintenance, sanitation, and swift removal of encroachments.

Specific areas such as Bawana Lal Flats and Shahbad Dairy were identified for focused intervention. Singh reaffirmed the government's commitment to the welfare of the underprivileged and stated that developing and maintaining colonies for the poor remains a top priority. He urged concerned departments to act without delay and ensure that residents benefit from improved living conditions at the earliest.

ACEO Sanjay Khatri inspects Bhangal elevated road, cracks down on public health lapses

Ajeet Kumar
Noida:

In a decisive move to streamline infrastructure maintenance and enhance public health standards, Noida Authority's Additional CEO Sanjay Khatri conducted a detailed inspection of the Bhangal Elevated Road and the Public Health Department on Wednesday.

Accompanied by the General Manager, Project Engineer, Senior Manager, and other key officials, Khatri reviewed the condition of the road infrastructure and ongoing sanitation efforts. He issued firm directives to expedite the completion of maintenance work on the road, footpaths, and the central verge beneath the elevated corridor.

During the inspection, cleaning of drains was underway using a super sucker machine. However, Khatri em-



phasized the need for urgent completion, instructing officials to finish the task within seven days. He expressed dissatisfaction over the accumulation of floating waste in the drains, citing irregular cleaning practices. Consequently, a penal-

ty of ₹50,000 was levied on the contractor, M/s Amrit Construction Co.

Khatri also addressed issues related to solid waste management. He ordered all vendors in the area to adopt the use of double dustbins for proper garbage dis-

posal. Additionally, he called for an updated household survey in the villages of Bhangal and Salarpur to ensure better public service delivery.

Concerns were also raised regarding encroachments on footpaths and roads by shopkeepers and unauthorized vendors. Khatri directed officials to launch a campaign to remove these encroachments and restore pedestrian space. A penalty of ₹2 lakh was imposed on M/s New Modern Enterprises for inadequate mechanical cleaning of the DSC Road in the area.

The inspection underscored the authority's commitment to improving urban infrastructure and public hygiene, with Khatri warning of strict action against lapses in municipal services and contractor negligence.

Punjab Police arrests 5 BKI operatives foils potential grenade attack



Chandigarh Punjab Police on Wednesday claimed to have thwarted a potential grenade attack at a police establishment with the arrest of five members of Pakistan's ISI-backed Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terror module, which allegedly had links with foreign-based gangster Jiwan Fauji.

Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said those arrested have been identified as Naresh Kumar alias Babbu of Haripura, Abhinav Bhagat alias Abhi, Ajay Kumar alias Ajju and Sunny Kumar, all residents of Haripura in Amritsar and a 17-year-old juvenile.

Police teams also recovered a hand grenade and a country-made .32 pistol, along with five live cartridges.

DGP Yadav said Fauji, currently operating from abroad, has been running a terror module in border districts of the state with the help of the arrested persons, who were recruited and radicalised to execute criminal activities.

Probe also revealed that the arrested persons were provided with motorcycles and tasked with retrieving weapon consignments from the Ajnala sector in Amritsar district, he added.

The accused were plotting to target a police establishment with grenades, said police.

An FIR has been registered, and further investigation into the matter is underway, he said.

Sharing more details, Amritsar Commissioner of Police (CP) Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said during a follow-up recovery operation, accused Ajay Kumar attempted to escape by snatching a service weapon and opening fire at the police team.

The accused sustained injuries in his leg during retaliatory fire and has been undergoing medical treatment at Guru Nanak Dev Hospital in Amritsar, he added.

The probe has also revealed that the accused had also provided logistic support and a scooter to assailants involved in a gun-firing incident at Mahal village in Amritsar.

Haryana CM urges Gau Seva to tackle climate crisis

Praveen Attre, New Delhi/Chandigarh Haryana Chief Minister Navab Saini on Wednesday emphasized the need to reconnect with India's ancient traditions to combat modern challenges such as global warming, health crises, and moral decay. Speaking as the chief guest at the annual function of Gau Seva Dham Hospital in Hodal on the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, Saini said that the path to sustainable living and universal welfare begins with "Gau Seva" - the service and protection of cows.

"Reverence for cows is the very soul of Indian culture. Our sages proclaimed thousands of years ago that the welfare of mankind is intrinsically linked to the protection of cows. Today, as the world grapples with climate change and declining values, we must return to our roots," the Chief Minister said in his address.

During the visit, the Chief Minister inaugurated a newly constructed shed at the Gau Seva Dham complex and

toured the facilities. He lauded the work being done at the hospital, particularly its use of modern facilities to care for and treat injured and ailing cattle. He remarked that the Gau Seva Dham has transformed into a "pilgrimage of service," where both compassion and modernity go hand in hand.

Describing Akshaya Tritiya as a day of undiminished virtue, Saini drew parallels between the sanctity of the day and the timeless significance of Gau Seva. "In Sanatan Dharma, the cow is not merely an animal but a symbol of motherhood. She holds religious, social, economic, and health-related importance in our lives," he said.

Appreciating the efforts of the World Sankirtan Tour Trust, the Chief Minister said the organization had played a pivotal role in transforming cow protection into a dynamic and widespread movement. He announced a grant of ₹21 lakh for the Gau Seva Dham Hospital and assured that the various demands submitted by the institution would



be addressed through official channels.

Highlighting the government's increased investment in Gaushalas (cow shelters). From just 215 registered Gaushalas with 1.74 lakh cattle in 2014, the state now has 683 shelters housing nearly 4 lakh stray cattle. The state has allocated ₹595 crore for Gaushalas in the current financial year alone and has distributed ₹270

crore as fodder grants over the past ten years. In the last fiscal year, ₹166 crore was given to 608 Gaushalas for fodder provision. To ensure no stray cow remains uncared for, the government has established three Gau Abhyarans (cow sanctuaries) in Panipat's Nain village, Hisar's Dhandloor village, and Panchkula. These sanctuaries, hous-

ing around 6,500 cattle, are equipped with shelters, water facilities, and fodder arrangements. In a further push for infrastructure development, the Chief Minister announced ₹35 crore for constructing approximately 400 cow sheds and fodder warehouses. He also mentioned that Panchayat-owned Gau-Charan (grazing) lands are being allocated to Gaushalas to strengthen their capacity.

Saini also spoke about the central government's initiatives, particularly under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. He noted that the GOBARDDhan Yojana, aimed at promoting biogas and organic waste management, offers financial aid for Gaushalas willing to set up biogas plants. He referenced the foundation stone laying of a ₹90 crore biogas plant in Yamunanagar by the Prime Minister as a milestone.

Additionally, the Chief Minister said that solar energy projects are being actively supported in Gaushalas. Solar plants have already been in-

stalled in 331 shelters, and the remaining 344 Gaushalas are eligible for 90 percent subsidies to adopt solar energy. Also present at the event was Minister of State for Sports and Youth Empowerment, Gaurav Gautam, who praised the spiritual and cultural importance of cow worship. He commended Gau Seva Dham Hospital's selfless service under the leadership of Devi Chitralekha, noting its contributions over the past 12 years in caring for injured, elderly, and sick cattle. Gautam affirmed the government's ongoing commitment to developing and implementing policies that uphold the welfare and protection of cows.

As Akshaya Tritiya marks a time of spiritual and material prosperity, the Chief Minister's address served as a clarion call to revive and uphold traditional values through tangible, community-based action like Gau Seva, which he described as both a moral and ecological imperative for the future.

Haryana opposition leaders slam Punjab CM Mann over water row

Chandigarh Haryana opposition leaders on Wednesday slammed Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann after he refused to release more water, with INLD chief Abhay Singh Chautala threatening to block all routes from Punjab passing through Haryana.

Senior Congress leader and former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda accused the Mann government of reducing the supply of water to Haryana, a BIM ruled state, from 8,500 cusecs to 4,000 cusecs.

Mann on Tuesday refused the release of more water to Haryana, stating that the neighbouring state has already utilised 103 per cent of its allocated share. He also accused the BJP of exerting pressure on the Punjab government through the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to meet Haryana's demand.

Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan are partners in their water requirements from Bhakra and Pong dams managed by the BBMB. The BBMB decides the annual quota of water supply to the three states for a cycle from May 21 to May 21 every year, he added.

A fresh row erupted with Haryana opposition leaders saying Punjab capped the Bhakra water supply to Haryana at 4,000 cusecs, even as the Sutlej Yamuna Link canal issue has been a



bone of contention between the two states for the past several years.

Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) president Chautala said, "Bhagwant Mann does not know what he is saying, he is trying to make people of the two states fight with each other."

Chautala further said that during the agitation against central farm laws, farmers from Haryana stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Punjab farmers.

He urged the Punjab farmers to exert pressure on the Mann government so that Haryana is given its due share of water.

"If the government does not take any immediate action, then we will have to take a big decision," he said.

"We will be forced to block all roads from Punjab which pass through Haryana and go towards Delhi and other parts of North India. This is not mere threat," Hooda said.

"This unconstitutional step of the Punjab government will create a water crisis in many districts including Hisar, Fatehabad, Sirsa, Rohatak and Mahendragar and irrigation of the upcoming crops will also become difficult," he said.

Chief Minister Mann has issued strict instructions to all Deputy Commissioners to personally monitor the availability of beds, medicines, and other essentials at OoAT and de-addiction centres in their respective districts. Emphasising a zero-tolerance policy towards negligence, Mann warned that any lapses in this crucial public health initiative would lead to strict disciplinary action.

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13:20	13:30 Uslapur	01:15
14:55	14:57 Pandra Road	23:00
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19:50	20:00 Katni Murwara	17:50
21:30	21:32 Damoh	15:15
22:40	22:45 Saugor	14:00
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06:20	06:25 Agra Cantt.	04:45
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15:25	15:30 Moradabad	22:38
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Mandawar Mahwa Road	D	MURD	04
Hodal	D	HDL	03
Achhara Jn.	D	AH	03
Nadbal	D	NBL	03
Kheri	D	KR	01
Bhuteswar	D	BTSR	01
Vindhan Road	E	VRRD	01
Shamshabad Town	E	SSOT	01
Sholaka	E	SHLK	01
Fatehabad	E	FAB	01
Bhandal Jn.	E	BHA	01
Ranghar	E	RAH	01
Chhala	E	CHJ	01
Glewindgar	E	GWH	01

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Kuberpur	E	KBP	01
Keranpur	E	KRP	01
Bij Nagar	E	BJN	01
Bad	E	BAD	01
Kilham	E	KHM	01
Kirpal	E	KLB	01
Yamuna Bridge	E	YAB	01
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AAP strengthens battle against drugs with expanded rehab support

Chandigarh In a major step to strengthen its battle against drug abuse, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-led Punjab government has significantly ramped up its rehabilitation efforts by tripling the number of de-addiction beds from 1,500 to 5,000. Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has reaffirmed his government's commitment to not just crack down on drug supply chains, but also to rehabilitate and reintegrate victims into society with dignity.

According to a spokesperson from the Chief Minister's Office, the

state has adopted a two-pronged approach in its ongoing "war against drugs": aggressively targeting drug peddlers and expanding medical infrastructure to support victims. With Punjab Police tightening the grip on drug traffickers, there has been a noticeable disruption in the drug supply chain, resulting in a surge of addicts seeking help at de-addiction and rehabilitation centres across the state.

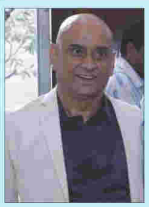
To meet this growing demand, the government has increased the number of beds capacity but has also improved service quality at existing centres. Air

conditioning and other facilities have been introduced to create a more supportive and humane environment for recovery. In addition, several new centres have been established, forming a robust network aimed at detoxifying individuals and supporting their journey back to a life of respect and purpose.

The state's Outpatient Opioid Assisted Treatment (OoAT) centres have also seen significant upgrades. The number of such centres has increased from 529 to 565, with an emphasis on ensuring the continuous supply of essential

medicines. Authorities expect a further rise in the number of people seeking treatment as law enforcement continues to intensify operations in the coming days.

Chief Minister Mann has issued strict instructions to all Deputy Commissioners to personally monitor the availability of beds, medicines, and other essentials at OoAT and de-addiction centres in their respective districts. Emphasising a zero-tolerance policy towards negligence, Mann warned that any lapses in this crucial public health initiative would lead to strict disciplinary action.



By Dr. Anil Singh, Editor, STAR Views

India's Silent Storm: Modi's Democratic Retaliation Against Terror-State Pakistan

Pakistan: A Globally Isolated Terror State

Pakistan's policy of supporting terrorism has left it nearly completely isolated on the global stage. Its listing in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) grey list, dwindling economic aid, and internal instability have reduced it to a failed state. India has seized this opportunity to apply diplomatic and strategic pressure on Pakistan—through cross-border precision strikes, cyber attacks, intelligence coordination, and economic disengagement.

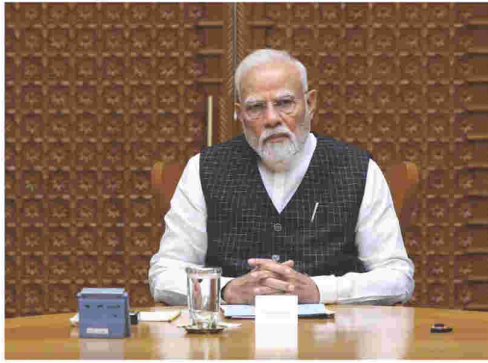
Democracy's Blow, Strategic Clarity

India's new approach is not just a reaction but a well-planned strategic doctrine rooted in democratic accountability. In my recently launched book, *The Prime Minister: Discourses in Indian Polity*, unveiled in April 2025 at the Prime Minister's Museum and Library, I have highlighted this emerging India—where leaders like Prime Minister Modi put the nation first and believe in bold, decisive actions. The launch, attended by numerous parliamentarians, scholars, and senior bureaucrats, marked India's arrival in a new era of governance.

This is the India that Prime Minister Modi pledges to protect with his stirring words that echo the national will: "I vow upon this sacred soil, I will never let this nation bow, I will never let this nation perish." This is not just a slogan—it represents the essence of India's new strategic consciousness.

Global Realignment in Favor of India

Meanwhile, Pakistan retains support only from China and



Indicator	India	Pakistan
GDP (2024 est.)	\$4 trillion	\$370 billion
FDI	\$85 billion	< \$2 billion
Defense Budget	\$75 billion	< \$11 billion
Global Status	Top 5 economies	FATF grey list
Digital Infrastructure	5G, UPI, AI mission	Basic utilities in crisis

The world now stands firmly with India:

- **United States:** Fully supports India's right to self-defense.

- **European Nations:** Especially France, have acted against Pakistan-based terror financing.

- **Russia:** Despite close ties with China, continues to support India's anti-terror stance.

- **Middle East:** Traditional Pakistani allies like Saudi Arabia and UAE are now India's strategic partners.

Meanwhile, Pakistan retains support only from China and

Turkey:

- **China:** Supports Pakistan due to strategic interests like CPEC, but internal issues like Balochistan instability and concerns over terror in Xinjiang have weakened its resolve.

- **Turkey:** Under President Erdoğan, Turkey backs Pakistan on Kashmir, but its regional influence remains limited.

Developing India vs. Collapsing Pakistan

India's strength today is not limited to military might, but also includes development and innovation:

This contrast is not just numerical—it's ideological: democratic development vs. failed authoritarianism.

Territorial Control as Strategic Message

The time has come for India's military action to go beyond symbolism. The armed forces should establish control over select border areas to make it clear that sponsoring terrorism comes with a tangible cost—loss of territory.

Conclusion: Beyond Symbolism, Towards Strategic Supremacy

By granting operational freedom to the armed forces, Prime Minister

Modi has demonstrated India's mature democratic thinking, strategic clarity, and national confidence. This policy not only aims to dismantle Pakistan's terror infrastructure but also strengthens India's geopolitical standing.

Way Forward: Strategic Recommendations

1. Establish a Doctrine of Territorial Deterrence – Make cross-border responses part of official strategic policy.

2. Strengthen Internal Security – Improve coordination between state and central intelligence agencies.

3. Maintain Diplomatic Offense – Accelerate global efforts to isolate Pakistan diplomatically.

4. Disrupt Terror Financing – Push for Pakistan's FATF blacklisting if it continues to harbor terrorists.

5. Promote India's Democratic Success Story – Showcase India's development and democratic ideals to further isolate Pakistan morally and diplomatically.

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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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THE WISDOM TREE BY SUVEEN KUMAR

STAY WITH YOURSELF

Sometimes while trying to be something more you end up becoming something less, sometimes while trying to be something big you end up becoming something small, sometimes while trying to be somewhat bossy you end up becoming somewhat botchy, we lose more control on us when we are happy than when we are sad, happiness makes us more prone to mistakes than sadness, we remain careless when we are happy but we stay careful when we are sad. Know your limits so that you can better manage actions, weigh your words so that you can better manage your language, know your intentions so that you can better manage your results. when at new place choose your behaviour that makes you feel comfortable, make an image that you don't hate yourself one day, don't go off beat just to show people how different you can be. don't confuse people being unpredictable, don't misuse people being innocent. don't

refuse people what you know you can do for them.

collect yourself even when you feel you are good being scattered, unite yourself even when you feel like being disunited, keep breaking your pattern of life and then life will offer you a different pattern of living, pattern expires so keep changing it and live lives in a life here you are the only reason of your good or bad life, good in and bad in life, sometimes we tend to ignore that it is us who took a bad road and then complain about the bumps in the road, sometimes we tend to ignore that it is we who went to a bad place and complains about the bad weather.

Moral: first try to control yourself but if you can't then manage yourself still if you can't then forgive yourself, because then it is not you; it is someone else in you.



By Vijay Garg

Medicines Lost Ahead of Diseases

despite being treated on the basis of mere symptom of Covid-19. The U.S., Italy, China and India were major countries, where the impact of Corona was widespread. Since then, it had started to feel that due to new diseases in the nature, it could continue to be a panic among people at all times because of non-receipt of medicines or the impact of the medicine being minor. The complexity of the antibacterial component is estimated by it that it also goes difficult or sometimes impossible to treat infections after the resistance of antimicrobial drugs is developed or become. Apparently the sick person slowly succumbs to agony in absence of suitable treatment. Allopathy is seen to have many medicines that stop working after a boundary. How effective will new medicines be in treating new diseases, it is known only after their use. Now concern is that new-born diseases causing panic in the world after Covid-19. Sometimes they started with China, sometimes from African countries, but in all the countries of the world, an atmosphere of panic is formed in a short day. Such situations may never last in the world, as today are. Question why antimicrobial resistance i.e. AMR is a matter of concern? It is a matter of concern that with the gradual and growing growth of resistance to antimicrobial agents, many medicines are losing their ability to treat infections. This



threatens to reverse the benefits derived from years of progress in science and medicine. The World Health Organization has warned about its growing threats that drug-resistant diseases can lead to untimely death of a crore people by 2050. Forty lakh 19 thousand deaths were linked to antimicrobial resistance in 2019, according to a study published in the 'Lancet' magazine. The study suggests that any person, at any stage of life, can have antibacterial properties bearing. These are developing so fast that new antibacterial agents have also surpassed the pace of developing. The study suggests that the AMR developed as global exposure increases through trade and travel has increased fears of spreading around the world. If we do not resolve antimicrobial resistance, regular medical procedures and surgical

will also lose the ability to do safely. Antibacterial resistance occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites are naturally mutated with time, and do not react to modern medicines. This makes it difficult to treat the infection. As a result, standard antibiotic treatments become ineffective and the infection persists, increasing the risk for the patient. We can understand this way. In a developing country like India, many drugs are priced out of the status of the common man. This makes diseases grow continuously. The price of antimicrobial resistors (AMR) drugs is very high and can be measured as a loss of human life 'Antimicrobial Stewardship' (AMS) is a commitment to preserve antibiotic bearing for future generations through proper use of antimicrobial drugs. According to medical field researchers, the 'anti-

microbiol stewardship' initiative aims to ensure that the right antibiotic is given to the right patient from time to time, with the right dose, causing at least harm to the sick. But the kind of disorder that is in the field of medicine, does not think that the ill gets the appropriate medicine at the right time and without any extra pressure without proper treatment. There are a variety of discrepancies and complications in the field of Indian medicine. The entire system of this area is a waste in corruption. Significantly, drugs have a huge market in India. Here arbitrarily they decide the prices of medicines. With this, millions of people are spontaneously ill with the business of fake drugs and are getting into the mouth of death. These fake medicines are ten to five hundred times expensive only, failing to treat the pa-

tient too.

In the last four years, millions of people who have been ill due to AMR R died of death. Significantly, people suffering from AMR have to take medicines continuously. The disease of the people who keep taking medicine does not end, but by constantly taking medicines, they become victims of new diseases. The medicine of these new diseases also starts taking patients, but the effect of the medicine does not occur very rarely or. This is because of keeping taking medicines, the body gets home to diseases due to non-impact of the medicine where the immunity of the body is eliminated. The achievements that have been earned in the world in the medical field have been made medical extremely intuitive and available to everyone in many countries, but the field of medicine in India is filled with so many complications and discrepancies, which are difficult to say something about. Yet we should expect that the global panic will not arise from AMR as it happened in the Corona period.

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BJP leaders hail decision for caste census recall Cong's opposition to it

Opposition parties claim victory in govt's caste census announcement

Modi govt committed to social justice decision on caste census historic: Shah

New Delhi: The BJP on Wednesday hailed the Modi government's announcement of caste enumeration in the next census as historic and a reflection of its commitment to social equality and the rights of every section of society.

Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP president J P Nadra and a host of other leaders, including the party's OBC faces, lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan describing it as an unprecedented development towards the cause of social justice.

BJP leaders were quick to point out the past aversion to the caste census from the Congress, which has been championing it under Rahul Gandhi.

Shah said, "In the CCPA meeting held today under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a message of strong commitment towards social equality and rights of every section has been given by deciding to include caste census in the upcoming census."

He alleged that the Congress and its allies opposed the caste census for decades while in power and played politics over it while in the opposition.

New Delhi: As the Centre announced the inclusion of caste enumeration in the next census on Wednesday, opposition parties said it is a victory for their longstanding demand and the BJP has been compelled to bow to the will of the majority.

"Better late than never," Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said, while former Bihar chief minister and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad Yadav said the "socialists" have been advocating it for the last 30 years.

"Those who called us casteists for demanding a caste-based census have received a fitting reply. There is still much left to do. We will keep making these Sanghis dance to our agenda," Yadav said in post in Hindi on X.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had been shying away from implementing this policy of social justice and had "falsely accused the opposition of dividing society."

He demanded that the government allocate funds to initiate the caste census with "complete transparency".

Communist Party of India (Marxist) MP



John Brittas claimed the government has done a "volte-face" in view of the upcoming Bihar elections.

"Welcome the caste census though it is a reversal looking at the Bihar elections. The PM had said he only recognised four castes - the poor, youth, women, and farmers! This volte-face is OK but this nation has been denied of the census which was due in 2021!" he said.

CPI(M) general secretary MA Baby welcomed the decision but stressed that it should be completed in a time-bound fashion.

"Wholeheartedly welcome the CCPA's decision to conduct caste enumeration as part of the decadal census. However, the failure to

declare its timing is regretted," he said.

Announcing the decision taken by the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs on caste enumeration, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav alleged that the opposition parties have used caste survey as a political tool.

He alleged that caste census was not included in all census operations conducted since Independence as the Congress governments have always opposed it.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said the party had raised the issue in its resolution on social justice, which was passed in Ahmedabad on April 9, 2025.

He also shared an April 16, 2023 letter of Kharge to Prime Minister

Narendra Modi in which he demanded that the decennial census be carried out and a comprehensive caste census be made a part of it.

Yadav said the "first-ever caste-based survey" in the country was also conducted in Bihar during the 17-month Mahagathabandhan government.

"While I was the national president of the Janata Dal, our United Front government in Delhi decided in 1996-97, through the cabinet, to conduct a caste-based census in the 2001 census, which the NDA's Vajpayee government later did not implement," Yadav said in a post on X.

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New Delhi: The Narendra Modi government is committed to social justice and has taken a historic decision to carry out caste enumeration in the forthcoming census exercise, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Wednesday.

Hours after the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA) took the significant decision, the home minister said the government has shown its strong commitment towards social equality and the rights of every section.

"In the CCPA meeting held today under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri @narendramodiji, a message of strong commitment towards social equality and the rights of every section has been given by deciding to include caste census in the upcoming census," he wrote on X in Hindi.

Shah said the Congress and its allies opposed the caste census for decades while in power and played politics over it while in the opposition.

"This decision will empower all economically and socially backward classes, promote inclusion and pave new paths for the progress of the deprived," he said.

Announcing the decision, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said the caste enumeration will be included in the forthcoming census exercise in a "transparent" manner and slammed the opposition parties for using the caste survey as a "political tool".

Vaishnav said the census comes under the purview of the Centre, but some states have done caste enumeration in the name of surveys "non-transparently" which has created doubts in the society.

Sacred Heart Hosts Unified Condolence Service

SC reserves verdict over AIFF constitution

New Delhi: In a solemn display of Christian unity, leaders and faithful from various denominations came together at Sacred Heart Cathedral for an Ecumenical Condolence Prayer Service, centered on the passage from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, which urges believers to "encourage one another with these words."

The service opened with a moving hymn performed by the Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir, setting a reflective tone for the evening. Fr. Norbert Herman SVD, who coordinated the event, welcomed attendees and introduced the program, emphasizing the spirit of solidarity that brought everyone together.

Rev. Daniel led the scripture reading, drawing from the chosen passage to highlight the Christian message of hope, resurrection, and

The service opened with a moving hymn performed by the Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir, setting a reflective tone for the evening.

comfort in the promise of eternal life. His words prepared the congregation for a moment of shared reflection and spiritual reassurance.

Delivering the keynote address, His Grace The Most Reverend Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio and Ambassador of the Vatican to India, offered heartfelt condolences and spoke on the strength of faith during times of sorrow. He called upon all present to remain steadfast in the Gospel's message of peace and unity, especially in moments of collective mourning.

The Prayer of the

Faithful was led by Fr. Vinayanand, Vicar General of the Malankara Church, followed by brief condolence messages from several prominent church leaders. Their words, grounded in compassion and shared grief, echoed the evening's theme of togetherness and spiritual resilience.

Archbishop Anil JT Couto concluded the service with remarks that underscored the importance of interdenominational unity in the face of loss. As the choir's gentle music filled the cathedral, attendees stepped forward to offer floral tributes, each one a silent prayer and gesture of remembrance.

The Ecumenical Condolence Prayer Service was a moving testament to the healing power of shared faith and the enduring strength of Christian fellowship.

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday reserved its verdict on the issue of finalisation of All India Football Federation's (AIFF) draft constitution prepared by former apex court judge L. Nageswara Rao.

A bench comprising Justices P S Narasimha and Joyymalya Bagchi heard a host of senior lawyers including Ranjit Kumar, Rahul Mehra and amicus curiae Gopal Sankaranarayanan before reserving the judgement.

The bench heard clause-wise objections to the draft constitution raised by various state football associations and former players for several days.

The draft constitution, prepared by Justice Rao on top court's directions, proposed some radical changes, including a person holding the office for a maximum period of 12 years during their lifetime subject to serving a maximum of two successive terms of four years each.

While it said a cooling off period of four years had to be observed after eight years as an office bearer of the sports body, the draft said a person couldn't remain a member of the sports body after attaining 70 years of age.



Under the draft constitution, the executive committee of the AIFF would have 14 members, who would be under the age and tenure restrictions.

There will be one president, two vice presidents (a man and a woman), one treasurer and 10 other members, it added.

Of the 10 other members, five would be eminent players including two women.

The draft constitution also has provisions for the removal of the office bearers, including the

president, through a no-confidence motion which the existing constitution of the AIFF does not have.

The top court reserved its verdict after commencing the hearing on March 25 on the issue.

Senior advocate Sankaranarayanan previously referred to important clauses of the AIFF's constitution and said some members and former players objected to certain

classes.

The top court then asked former apex court judge Rao to prepare the constitution of the AIFF.

The bench subsequently took note of the draft constitution and asked Justice Rao to prepare a report after taking note of the objections of several stakeholders to the various constitutional schemes.

The bench was hearing a plea related to the finalisation of the constitution of the AIFF after taking note of objections of the stakeholders from the realm of football in the country.

The bench took note of Sankaranarayanan's submissions that in certain respects, the suggestions to the draft constitution were accepted except those "in breach of either the judgements of this court or the national sports code".

CAPSI forms committee on Internal security to bolster national preparedness

SC punches holes in prosecution story acquits two rape convicts

New Delhi: In a significant step towards strengthening the country's internal preparedness in the face of rising tensions with Pakistan, the Central Association of Private Security Industry (CAPSI) has announced the formation of the CAPSI Committee on Internal Security (CCIS). The committee is tasked with creating a resilient and secure environment for citizens and providing a proactive, coordinated response to any potential conflict.

Announcing the formation of the CCIS, Kunwar Vikram Singh, Chairman of CAPSI, said the committee aims to mobilize the collective operational frameworks, the CCIS will work diligently to safeguard our



communities, provide rapid-response capabilities, and promote public awareness," he stated.

The committee will work closely with key stakeholders including the Ministry of Home Affairs, Civil Defence

Department, National Disaster Management Authority, and various law enforcement agencies to establish a unified response mechanism in the event of any conflict.

In a major leadership announcement,

Lt Gen Ashok Shivane (Retd), PVSM, AVSM, VSM, former Director General of Mechanised Forces, has been appointed Co-Chairman of CCIS. His experience and strategic expertise are expected to significantly enhance the committee's operational effectiveness.

Bhagwan Shankar, IAS (Retd), former Additional Chief Secretary, emphasized the historic nature of this initiative, stating, "This is the first time a high-level committee has been formed to support the government in a war-like situation. The proactive steps taken by CAPSI to engage with stakeholders will prove highly beneficial for the citizens and the nation."

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday acquitted two rape convicts on finding the prosecution's theory "full of holes" raising grave suspicion.

A bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and K Vinod Chandran referred to an apex court verdict which cautioned against false allegation of rape as it caused distress, damage and humiliation to the accused though rape led to greatest distress.

The bench said a court should be equally careful in protecting the accused from a false implication.

"We find difficulty in accepting their testimony to be one having sterling quality. We cannot also say that the story as narrated by the victims inspires confidence. Looking for assurance, we find the entire narration to be unbelievable

and not substantiated on its finer details," it said.

The top court's verdict came on an appeal filed by two accused persons who challenged the Bombay High Court's July 2024 order, which dismissed their appeal against a trial court July 2023 order.

The trial court convicted them in a case of abduction and rape of two women in June, 2000.

There were a total of four accused, two of whom were only convicted on the abduction charge.

The high court, however, allowed the appeal of the duo and acquitted them.

The punishment of the two accused, who were before the top court, was confirmed by the high court.

In its verdict, the top court noted both the trial court and the high

court placed a heavy reliance on the testimony of a witness who saw the alleged survivors with a child travelling in a vehicle, in which the four accused were purportedly travelling.

The bench said "strangely" the witness did not identify either of the accused as having travelled in the tempo.

"The story put up by the prosecution as spoken of by prosecution witnesses (alleged victims) is full of holes and it raises a grave suspicion in our minds which qualifies as reasonable doubt," the bench said.

While allowing the appeal, the top court acquitted both the accused and set aside the orders of the subordinate courts.

The accused, it directed, if in custody should be released if not wanted in any other case.

Caste Census decision a victory for 'PDA' and INDIA bloc says SP chief

Lucknow: Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday termed the Centre's decision to conduct a caste-based census as a "100 per cent victory" for the united strength of the PDA (Backwards, Dalits and minorities) and the INDIA bloc.

Reacting to the announcement on social media platform X, the SP chief said, "The decision to conduct a caste census is a 100 per cent victory of the unity of 90 per cent PDA. Due to our collective pressure, the BJP government has been forced to take this decision. This is a crucial step forward in the PDA's fight for social justice."

"This is a warning to the BJP government — keep its electoral manipulation away from the caste census. Only an honest census can ensure that every caste receives its rightful share based on its population, which has so far been denied by the dominant forces," he said.

Calling the move the beginning of a transformative movement, the former Uttar Pradesh chief minister added, "This is the first stage of a positive democratic movement for rights, and the last phase of BJP's negative politics."

Two trekkers rescued from Churdhar valley in Himachal's Sirmour

Nahan (HP): Two trekkers from Chandigarh were rescued on Wednesday after they had gone missing while trekking the Churdhar valley in Himachal Pradesh's Sirmour district to reach Chureshwar Maharaj temple, police said. "After an intense search of over 30 hours, the missing trekkers were rescued from Churdhar valley by the teams of Nohra Dhar and Chaupali Police stations, with the help of local residents," Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Headquarter Ramakant Thakur, who is also holding the charge of Sangrah, told the PTI on Wednesday.

According to the police, late on Monday night, a trekker from Chandigarh, Dheeraj reported on emergency helpline 112 that two of his companions, Shubham and Prabhjot, had gone missing in Churdhar Valley while trekking.

He had reported that "a group of six trekkers including him had started trekking Churdhar Peak from the Nohradhar side on Monday but their two companions Shubham and Prabhjot separated from the group."

The family members of the trekkers have been informed. Rescued trekkers told police that they lost their way due to heavy fog and bad weather.

The Sirmour police administration has repeatedly appealed to all tourists and devotees to travel to Churdhar in groups, take information about the weather and keep in mind the limitations of mobile networks and difficulties of the routes during trekking.

Uttarakhand aims to become defense production hub: Dhama

Pawan Lalchand Dehradun: Reaffirming his government's commitment to transforming Uttarakhand into a leading center for defense and drone manufacturing, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama on Wednesday said that the state is poised to emerge as a hub of technological innovation in the defense sector.

Speaking at the "Surya Drone Tech 2025" event held at Jasant Ground in the Dehradun Cantonment, CM Dhama emphasized the pivotal role drone technology can play, especially in a geographically sensitive state like Uttarakhand. He described drones as a "boon" for disaster relief operations and called upon the youth of the state to step forward and become experts in this emerging field.

"The two-day exhibition, organized by the Central Command of the Indian Army in collaboration with the Society of Indian Defense Manufacturers (SIDM), is showcasing cutting-edge drone technologies developed indigenously. The event aligns with the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' (self-reliant India) campaign, highlighting innovations tailored to diverse military requirements."

CM Dhama said the government is working seriously towards building a strong ecosystem for drone and defense manufacturing by creating a strong inclination toward technology among the youth and encouraging



innovations. "Our vision is to make Uttarakhand not only a drone manufacturing hub but also a leader in defense production," he said.

He also highlighted that the state's new industrial policies have given special priority to defense production and technological advancement. Events like Surya Drone Tech 2025, he said, represent a confluence of science, technology, and talent, providing a vital platform

for showcasing technological achievements and inspiring young minds to innovate.

The Chief Minister noted that the growing diversity in drone technology is a testament to India's rising self-reliance and technological capabilities. From defense to disaster management, agriculture, and education, drone technology is driving revolutionary changes across sectors, he said.

Applauding the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in fostering a culture of innovation in the defense and drone sectors, CM Dhama said that Uttarakhand is also committed to contributing to this national vision by promoting defense manufacturing within the state.

The event saw the presence of defense personnel from the Central Command, SIDM members, drone experts, startups, MSMEs, NCC cadets, and school students, all of whom witnessed the array of drone applications and future possibilities showcased at the exhibition.

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Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya on Wednesday hailed the Centre's decision to include caste enumeration in the upcoming census exercise, describing it as a "historic" move.

In a post on X, Maurya lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for taking what he termed a long-awaited step. "The successful Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's decision for a caste census is historic. The entire Dalit, tribal and backward communities wholeheartedly welcome this decision. This was awaited for decades," Maurya said.

Taking a swipe at opposition parties, he added, "This is also a lesson for those leaders who would often raise

UP Deputy CM Maurya hails Centre's decision on caste-based census



the demand for a caste census but conveniently forgot the issue while being in power for decades."

"Caste is a reality of Indian politics, and caste census is its axis. Democracy will be strengthened by this," he said.

Maurya said the prime minister understands the realities of grassroots politics. "With this decision, he has touched the hearts of crores of Indians. We are grateful to him from the bottom of our hearts. Vande Mataram!" he added.

In a major decision, the government on Wednesday decided to include caste enumeration in the forthcoming census exercise in a "transparent" manner.

UP opens doors of Old-Age homes to transgender seniors

Lucknow: In a landmark move towards inclusive development and social equity, the Uttar Pradesh government under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced the extension of old-age home facilities to transgender individuals aged 60 and above. The initiative aims to ensure a life of dignity, security, and care for elderly members of the transgender community, who have long been marginalized.

Under this scheme, the state will provide not only shelter but also access to essential services including pensions, Ayushman Bharat health cards, regular medical check-ups, nutritious meals, and mental health counseling. These homes will also promote a healthy and active lifestyle through organized community activities, libraries, yoga sessions, and meditation.

This initiative is part of the government's broader effort to mainstream the transgender population and address the historical neglect they have faced. In 2021, the Yogi government im-



plemented a dedicated transgender welfare policy and established the Uttar Pradesh Transgender Welfare Board to oversee and implement various schemes for the community's upliftment.

The government has also operationalized Transgender Protection Cells in every district, functioning under the supervision of District Magistrates. These cells ensure safety, provide legal aid, and facilitate quick resolution of complaints, while a State-level Protection Cell monitors implementation and helps frame relevant policies.

Through these mechanisms, the transgender community now has access to police protection, social rehabilitation, and legal support, creating a safer and more in-

clusive environment. The first "Garima Grih" or Dignity Home has already been established in Gorakhpur, offering shelter, education, healthcare, and skill development to transgender individuals. So far, 1,067 transgender persons have been issued identity cards, enabling them to avail benefits under various schemes. Moreover, 248 transgender students have received scholarships to support their education and promote self-reliance.

Principal Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare, L. Venkateshwaru, said the government is committed to launching more schemes aimed at the social, economic, and psychological empowerment of transgender people.

Gangotri and Yamunotri open as Char Dham Yatra begins

Dehradun: On the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, the sacred portals of Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham were ceremoniously opened to devotees amid Vedic chants and religious rituals, officially marking the commencement of the Char Dham Yatra 2025 in Uttarakhand. Thousands of devotees from across India and abroad gathered to witness the grand spiritual event, bathing in the holy waters of the Ganga and Yamuna rivers in search of divine blessings and spiritual merit.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama took part in the ceremonial openings of both shrines and offered the first prayers in the name of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, praying for the successful conduct of the Yatra and the well-being of the nation. Notably, Shri Dhama became the first Chief Minister to be present at the ceremonial opening of Yamunotri Dham, marking a significant

milestone in the state's spiritual and political history. Flower petals were showered from a helicopter over both temples, adding grandeur to the sacred celebrations.

In keeping with religious tradition, the Utsav Doli (ceremonial idol) of Goddess Gangga was carried from the Bhairav Temple at Bhairav Ghati to Gangotri Dham on Wednesday morning. Following special prayers and abhishek, the temple doors were opened at 10:30 AM. Similarly, the Doli of Goddess Yamuna, accompanied



by Lord Shani, traveled from her winter abode in Kharsali and reached Yamunotri Dham. After the completion of all religious rituals, the portals of the Yamunotri shrine were opened at 11:55 AM.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dhama emphasized that the Char Dham shrines are spiritual centers of immense faith for devotees from India and across the world. He described the Yatra as a sacred aspiration for countless pilgrims and affirmed the state's full commitment to ensuring a smooth and

spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage.

The Chief Minister stated that elaborate preparations have been made by the Uttarakhand government for the safe and well-managed conduct of the Yatra. He outlined that arrangements for transportation, healthcare, security, and other essential services are in place, with all departments working in coordination. Special attention has been given to traffic management and the availability of basic facilities along the pilgrimage routes.

While another man who died was suffering from high BP. The family of the third man said that he was an asthma patient," said Shukla, who had sent a team of officials from the district administration and police to the villages.

Probe launched after 6 men die in Alwar villages in 4 days

Jaipur: The death of six people due to unconfirmed reasons in two villages located around Siliserh Lake in Alwar district in the last four days has prompted the district administration to initiate a probe.

Senior Rajasthan Congress leader and leader of opposition in the state assembly Tikaram Jolly, however, alleged that the deaths occurred due to spurious liquor.

The administration, on its part, has ruled out the possibility of spurious liquor being a cause of the deaths.

Alwar Collector Aratika Shukla confirmed on Wednesday that six men have died, but she said three of the deaths had no connection with liquor.

"Family members of one of the deceased men informed our team that he fell sick after pesticide spray on the farm,

while another man who died was suffering from high BP. The family of the third man said that he was an asthma patient," said Shukla, who had sent a team of officials from the district administration and police to the villages.

The collector said that the exact cause cannot be ascertained since no postmortem was conducted.

The remaining three men who died were liquor addicts, but they were not taken to hospital by the family members after they fell sick, she informed. "CMHO (chief medical and health officer) said that liver failure or high BP could be a probable cause of death," she said.

An investigation into the matter is underway. The district authorities, including the police, are probing the matter, including illicit liquor.

UP launches vision to transform teaching roles

Lucknow: In a major step towards transforming the landscape of primary education in Uttar Pradesh, the Yogi Adityanath-led government is set to launch a new initiative under the NIPUN Bharat Mission, aimed at empowering teachers and enriching the learning experience of students.

Starting May 1, a five-day master trainer training program will be rolled out at the State Institute of Educational Management and Training (SIEMAT), Prayagraj. The initiative is designed to enhance the quality and innovation in primary education by enabling teachers to evolve into mentors and holistic guides for students.

Ahead of the official launch, twenty state-level resource persons participated in intensive practice ses-



sions held from April 25 to 29 at SIEMAT. These sessions focused on developing a coherent training structure, setting clear expectations, and ensuring effective delivery.

The training will be conducted in three separate batches scheduled for May 1-5,

May 7-11, and May 13-17. Each batch will consist of 100 district-level master trainers who will be equipped with practical teaching techniques such as NCERT-based textbook reviews, activity-based learning methods, and effective assessment strategies.

Expert trainers from the English Language Teaching Institute (ELTI), Prayagraj, and the State Institute of Education (SIE), Prayagraj, will lead hands-on workshops in both Hindi and English. Additionally, mentors from various educational institu-

tions will showcase classroom practices, evaluation models, and management strategies that emphasize experiential and student-centric learning.

Following their training, the master trainers will conduct similar workshops and follow-up sessions at block and district levels, with the goal of strengthening foundational literacy and numeracy in government primary and composite schools across the state.

As part of the larger capacity-building efforts under NISHTHA and other programs, nearly 2.5 million pre-primary and primary teachers are expected to receive further training this year. These efforts underscore the state's commitment to continuous teacher development and systemic educational reform.

West Asia
latest At least 12
killed overnight
by Israeli strikes
in Gaza

Deir Al-Balah:
At least 12 people including
children were killed overnight
in Gaza by Israeli strikes,
hospital workers said Wednesday.

The pre-dawn strikes hit
three houses in the urban
Nuseirat refugee camp,
according to staff at the Al-Aqsa
hospital, which received the
bodies. Among the dead were
three children, including two
brothers whose bodies arrived
in pieces, according to the
hospital's morgue.

Israel has carried out daily
strikes on Gaza since ending its
ceasefire with Hamas last
month. It has cut off the territory's
2 million Palestinians from
all imports, including food
and medicine, since the
beginning of March in what it
says is an attempt to pressure
the militant group to release
hostages.

The strikes come after more
than two dozen people were
killed earlier this week in
Gaza City and Beit Lahiya.

Israel's war against Hamas in
Gaza has killed more than
52,000 Palestinians, according
to the territory's Health Ministry.
Israeli forces arrested a
Palestinian journalist in
occupied West Bank.

Israel's military said it
arrested Ali Samoudi, a
well-known journalist, in an
overnight raid in Jenin, a
Palestinian city in the north
of the territory.

Kamala Harris plans speech sharply criticizing Donald Trump's policies

Los Angeles:
Former Vice President
Kamala Harris plans to use
a high-profile speech
Wednesday to sharply
criticise President Donald
Trump amid speculation
about whether she will
mount another presidential
campaign or opt to run for
California governor.

Harris will address the
20th anniversary gala for
Emerge America, an
organisation that recruits
and trains Democratic
women to run for office
that grew in part from
Harris' run for San
Francisco district attorney
in the early 2000s.

Her speech comes the
day after Trump reached
100 days in office. It is
expected to be her most
extensive public remarks
since leaving office in
January following her
defeat to Trump, with
planned critiques of the
Republican president's
handling of the



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economy, US institutions
and foreign policy.

Harris is ramping up her
public presence as
Democrats nationally
search for a path forward
after November's election,
in which Republicans
also won control of
Congress. While a slate
of high-profile Democrats
— from governors to
businessmen — seek
leadership roles within
the party, the former

vice president retains
unique influence and
will reshape any future
race she chooses to
enter.

Harris, a former state
attorney general and US
senator from California,
has not discouraged
speculation that she
might enter the race to
replace term-limited Gov
Gavin Newsom, himself
a potential contender for
president. And she has

not ruled out another
run for the White House.

She continues to fundraise,
using a joint committee
that includes Harris for
President, the Democratic
National Committee and
State Democratic parties.
The committee, the
Harris Victory Fund,
reported having about
USD 4.5 million on hand
at the end of March,
according to federal
records.

In recent fundraising
emails, Harris has been
blunt about the need
for Democrats to unify
ahead of the 2026
mid-term elections.

Democrats need to
organise and stop Trump's
agenda while electing
Democrats everywhere,"
she wrote in recent
emails. "There has never
been a more important
time for a strong
Democratic Party — one
that is willing to stand
up to Donald Trump, Elon
Musk and what they are
doing to this country."

Kremlin says deal to end war with Ukraine can't be achieved quickly

Kyiv:
Cinching a deal to end
the Russia-Ukraine war
"is far too complex to be
done quickly," a senior
Kremlin official said
Wednesday, as the US
labours to bring momentum
to peace efforts and
expresses frustration over
the slow progress.

Meanwhile, a night-
time Russian drone
attack on Ukraine's
second-largest city of
Kharkiv, wounded at
least 45 civilians, officials
said. The United Nations
reported that



The number of Ukrainian civilian casualties in the more than three-year war has surged in recent weeks amid Washington's attempts to broker a peace agreement.

fore peace negotiations,
"but before it's done, it's
necessary to answer a
few questions and sort
out a few nuances."

Kremlin spokesman
Dmitry Peskov said. Putin
also is ready for direct
talks with Ukraine
without preconditions
to seek a peace deal,
he added.

"We realise that
Washington wants to
achieve quick progress,
but we hope for
understanding that the
Kremlin crisis settlement
is far too complex to be
done

quickly," Peskov said.
"There are many details
and an array of small
nuances that need to be
solved before a settlement."

US President Donald
Trump has previously
expressed frustration
over the slow pace of
progress in negotiations
aimed at stopping the
war, which he said he
could end in the first
24 hours of his new
administration in January.
Western European
leaders have accused
Putin of stalling while his

US ambassador meets Pak Deputy PM Dar to de-escalate tensions with India

Islamabad:
US Chargé d'Affaires
Natalie Baker on
Wednesday met Deputy
Prime Minister and
Foreign Minister Ishaq
Dar as part of efforts
to de-escalate tensions
with India following the
Pahalgam terror attack
on April 22 in which 26
people were killed.

According to the
Foreign Office, US
Chargé d'Affaires Baker
and Dar exchanged views
on recent regional
developments.

"The US Chargé d'Affaires
conveyed the US
desire for de-escalation
and that it will stay
engaged with both
countries on the evolving
situation," the Foreign
Office said.

It added that Dar
reaffirmed "Pakistan's
commitment to regional
peace and security while
safeguarding national
interests".

The meeting comes
as the United States
stepped in diplomatically
to defuse the tension,
with Secretary of State
Marco Rubio set

to speak with the foreign
ministers of both
nations to encourage
restraint and prevent
further escalation.

Speaking to reporters
on Tuesday, US State
Department spokesperson
Tammy Bruce said
Washington is urging
both sides to de-escalate.
"We are reaching out
to both parties and, of
course, telling them to
not escalate the situation,"
Tammy Bruce told
reporters.

"Secretary Rubio believes
diplomacy must take
the lead," Bruce said,
noting that the
Secretary has also
encouraged other
national leaders and
foreign ministers "to
reach out to the
countries on this issue".

Meanwhile, Pakistan's
Defence Minister
Khanesar said that the
chances of conflict
with India were
increasing with the
passage of time
despite efforts by
different countries to
defuse the tensions
between the two
neighbours.

BUSINESS

Union Bank of India conducts MSME & CASA Outreach Programs in Delhi



New Delhi:
Union Bank of India,
conducted a MSME &
CASA Outreach program
at Delhi aimed at
strengthening relationships
with existing customers,
expanding outreach to
new MSME clients, and
driving sustainable
growth in CASA deposits.

This countrywide
initiative of outreach
camps organized at 62
locations follow the
RBI Monetary Policy
Committee's back to
back rate cuts which
saw interest rates on
bank credit fall 50 basis
points. Union Bank's
MSME loan now start
at an affordable interest
rate of 8.75%.

The MSME camp at
Delhi was inaugurated
by Honorable Cabinet
Minister of Delhi Shri
Kapil Mishra and was
graced by MLA Shri
Ajay Mahawar and
Union Bank of India
Chief General Managers
Shri Biju Vasudevan
and Shri Sanjay Narayan.

The camp focused
on existing & prospective
MSME customers,
start-ups, young
professionals, emerging
entrepreneurs, women
entrepreneurs, vendors
and suppliers associated
with large industries,
and representatives from
industry associations,
trade bodies, and
chambers of commerce.

Farm Credit Growth Slows to 10.4% in March: RBI

Mumbai:
The bank credit growth to
the agriculture sector
slowed to 10.4 per cent
year-on-year for the
fortnight ended March
21, while advances to
the industry remained
flat at 8 per cent, as per
the RBI data released on
Wednesday.

The Reserve Bank of
India (RBI) has released
the data on sectoral
deployment of bank credit
collected from 41 select
commercial banks,
accounting for about 95
per cent of the total non-
food credit deployed by
all banks taken together.

Credit to agriculture
and allied activities
registered a growth of
10.4 per cent (y-o-y) as of
the fortnight ended
March 21, 2025, against
20 per cent in the
corresponding fortnight
of the previous year.

"Credit to industry
expanded by 8.0 per cent
(y-o-y) as on the



fortnight ended March
21, 2025, same as in
the corresponding
fortnight of the previous
year," the RBI said.

Among major industries,
outstanding credit to
'petroleum, coal products
& nuclear fuels', 'basic
metal' and 'metal products',
'all engineering' and

'construction' recorded
an accelerated y-o-y
growth. However, credit
growth in the infrastructure
segment decelerated.

Bank loans to the services
sector increased by
13.4 per cent as of the
fortnight ended March
21, 2025, (20.8 per cent
in the corresponding

fortnight of the previous
year), primarily due to
decelerated growth in
credit to NBFCs.

Credit growth (y-o-y) to
'professional services' and
'trade' segments remained
robust. Further, the credit
to personal loans segment
registered a growth of

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the data on sectoral deployment of bank credit collected from 41 select commercial banks, accounting for about 95 per cent of the total non-food credit deployed by all banks taken together.

14 per cent compared to 17.6 per cent a year ago, largely due to a decline in growth in other personal loans, 'vehicle loans' and 'credit card outstanding'.

On a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis, non-food bank credit as of the fortnight ended March 21, 2025, grew by 12 per cent compared to 16.3 per cent during the corresponding fortnight of the previous year (March 22, 2024), the RBI said.

Sebi proposes mandatory demat accounts for IPOs

New Delhi:
Markets regulator Sebi
on Wednesday proposed
mandating select
shareholders, including
directors, key managerial
personnel and current
employees, to hold
shares in demat form
before filing an initial
public offering (IPO)
document.

These measures, if
implemented, will help
eliminate inefficiencies
and risks associated
with physical share
certificates, including
loss, theft, forgery, and
delays in transfer and
settlement.

Presently, ICDR regulations
mandate that all
specified securities held
by promoters must be
dematerialised form
before the filing of the
offer document.

"In spite of several
regulatory mandates
and facilitation
mechanisms being in
place, there remains a
significant volume of
holding of physical
shares even among
critical pre-IPO
shareholders, such as
directors, Key Managerial
Personnel (KMPs),
senior management,
selling shareholders,
and even Qualified
Institutional Buyers
(QIBs). This leaves a
regulatory gap that
allows a good volume
of physical shares to
continue existing
post-listing," Sebi said
in its consultation paper.

To address the concerns,
Sebi proposed that
the existing regulatory
requirement be expanded.

"We are here to stay" says Nissan Motor India

Noida / Ghaziabad:
Nissan Motor India Pvt.
Ltd. (NMIPL) continued
consistent and sustainable
growth in India, delivering
best single year performance
for FY 2024-25 in the last
seven years despite multiple
headwinds faced by the
domestic auto industry.
The year was marked by
the continued success of
the new Nissan Magnite,
which remains a key pillar
of Nissan's domestic
business plan and a vital
part of the company's
global export operations.
In FY 2024-



25 Nissan Motor India recorded total domestic volume of 28,000+ units led by the New Nissan



Magnite introduced in October 2024. This strong performance was delivered despite the rising

consumer preference for
alternate fuel vehicles in
the B-SUV segment in
India.

On the export front,
the company expanded
its operations from 20
markets to 65+ international
markets as a part of its
'One Car One World'
philosophy and registered
an unprecedented and
historic export sales of
71,000+ units further
reinforcing India's role as
a growing manufacturing
and export hub for
Nissan globally. This
brings the consolidated
sales of the company to
99,000+ units for FY
2024-25.

Commenting on the
performance, Frank
Torres, Divisional Vice
President of AMIEO
Region Business
Transformation &
President of Nissan
India Operations said,
"India remains a strong
pillar of growth for
Nissan driven by the
continued success of
the Nissan Magnite.
The popular New Nissan
Magnite powered the
brand to register its
highest single year sales
of 99,000+ units since
FY17-18. The export of
the new Nissan Magnite
expanded to over 65
international geographies
including LHD markets

this year." On the
restructuring of the
India business operations
as a part of the global
turnaround actions, he
said, "Despite global
turbulence, it is
important to highlight
that India remains a
unique case in our
Mid-Term Plan, with
strong sales growth in
both domestic and
export markets. Our
annual sales results
reinforce our commitment
— we are here to stay, not
exit. Let me reassure you
our future plans and
product pipeline remain
intact."

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Nair hasn't made most of second chance that cricket has given him: Aakash Chopra



New Delhi: Former cricketer-turned-commentator Aakash Chopra believes Karun Nair hasn't made the most of the second chance that cricket has given him following his sub-par performance during Delhi Capitals' 14-run defeat against the defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders.

"Dear cricket, give me one more chance," Karun's tweet on December 10, 2022, became a reality during the pulsating clash between the Delhi Capitals and Mumbai Indians in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025.

In Delhi's pursuit of a daunting 206-run target, Karun lit the Arun Jaitley Stadium with his sizzling 80 from 40 deliveries, leaving the spectators mesmerised and former cricketers in awe of his prolific batting form.

However, since showing signs of promise, Karun's charm has vanished into thin air. In the aftermath of his rollicking display, the 32-year-old has lost his mojo and mustered up just 65 runs in the last five innings.

While analysing DC's failed pursuit of a 205-run target against the Knight Riders, Chopra didn't mince his words while dropping a verdict on Karun's form in the ongoing 18th edition of the cash-rich league.

"Karun Nair hasn't made the most of the second chance that cricket has given him. This was a kind of run chase where the eight overs from Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy had to be negotiated. I think KL Rahul's run-out was absolutely critical. After that, it was their last opportunity. When Tristan Stubbs didn't contribute, it felt like Delhi was going to fall short," Chopra said on JioHotstar.

"Delhi Capitals had their chances to seal the deal, but it wasn't just about Faf du Plessis. Someone else had to bat alongside him and take the game deep to build pressure. They didn't start well," he added.

Agency

Revitalised Rajasthan Royals look to halt Mumbai Indians' charge

Jaipur: Rajasthan Royals (RR) will turn up against Mumbai Indians (MI) with renewed vigour as they aim to halt the five-time champions' surging momentum in the Indian Premier League (IPL) here on Thursday.

With 14-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi potentially playing the knock of the tournament on Monday, the Royals have found a ray of hope in what has been an IPL campaign of missed opportunities.

The hosts still have a mathematical chance of making the play-offs but deep down the management has accepted its fate.

A side strain to skipper Sanju Samson paved the way of Suryavanshi's debut and it only took him three innings to become the talking point of the cricketing world.

Samson last played on April 16 and there is no clarity over his comeback, leaving Suryavanshi and Yashasvi Jaiswal to open the innings again. Their 166-run stand against Gujarat Titans ensured they made short work of the 210-run target.



Having put bowlers of international repute to the sword, it would be interesting to see how southpaw Suryavanshi fares against Jasprit Bumrah.

Lower down the order, there will be pressure on Shimron Hetmyer who has not been at his ballistic best this season where the pitches have been on the slower side.

What will probably make the difference in their ordinary run is their inability to close games from winning positions.

In the pace department, Jofra Archer has provided the break-

throughs but has conceded close to 10 runs per over. Sandeep Sharma too has proved to be a tad expensive. In fact, none of their frontline bowlers have an economy rate of less than 9.

For Hardik Pandya-led Mumbai Indians, the return of Bumrah has coincided with their ascent to the top of the table. The perennial slow starters have now collected five wins on the bounce and look unstoppable.

"This competition is very tough, can't get carried away. We need to play good cricket, always prepare for the next

game and keep up with the momentum going forward," Pandya had said after the win over LSG.

One of the positives for MI in the previous game was the performance of debutant Corbin Bosch who scored at a strike rate of 200 besides taking a wicket.

With likes of Suryakumar Yadav and Rohit Sharma back at their best, MI seem to be peaking at the right time, an ominous sign for the opposition teams.

Squads: Rajasthan Royals: Yashasvi

The hosts still have a mathematical chance of making the play-offs but deep down the management has accepted its fate

Jaiswal, Shimron Hetmyer, Shubham Dubey, Vaibhav Suryavanshi, Sanju Samson, Dhruv Jurel, Kunal Singh Rathore, Riyan Parag, Yudhvir Singh Charak, Nishik Rana, Sandeep Sharma, Tusshar Deshpande, Akash Madhwal, Kumar Kartikeya, Kweana Maphaka, Wanindu Hasaranga, Maheesh Theekshana, Fazalhaq Farooqi, Ashok Sharma, Jofra Archer.

Mumbai Indians: Suryakumar Yadav, Rohit Sharma, Tilak Varma, Bevon Jacobs, Ryan Rickelton, Robin Minz, Krishnan Shrijith, Hardik Pandya, Naman Dhir, Raj Bawa, Vignesh Puthur, Will Jacks, Mitchell Santner, Jasprit Bumrah, Arjun Tendulkar, Ashwini Kumar, Reese Topley, Lizaad Williams, Kam Sharma, Trent Boult, Deepak Chahar, Satyanarayanan Raju, Mujeeb Ur Rahman.

Match starts 7:30 pm IST.

Rohit Sharma turns 38, wishes pour from cricketers across the country

New Delhi: India's Test and ODI captain Rohit Sharma turned 38 on Wednesday, and the cricketing fraternity extended heartfelt wishes to the veteran batter, widely regarded as one of the modern greats of the game.

Young Indian batter Tilak Varma, who has often spoken about Rohit's influence on his career, took to Instagram to write, "True class never gets old. Happy Birthday Rohit bhai."

Ayush Mhatre, the promising youngster who has impressed with Chennai Super Kings this season, also joined in with a birthday message, "You inspire us everyday... Happy Birthday to the Best in the world @rohitsharma45"

It was in June 2007, against Ireland, that a baby-faced 20-year-old Rohit burst onto the scene, displaying his immense potential and versatility with some impactful knocks during the 2007 T20 World Cup-winning campaign. Since then, the 'Hitman'

has evolved into one of the bravest openers, a tactician, a captain and a trophy cabinet worth envying, and the calm composure of a monk.

Having made his Test debut in 2013, Rohit has scored 4,301 runs in 67 Tests and 116 innings, averaging 40.57, with 12 centuries and 18 fifties, and his best score being 212. He is India's leading run-getter in the ICC World Test Championship (WTC), with 2,716 runs at an average of 41.15 in 40 Tests, with nine centuries and eight fifties in 66 innings.

He is the 10th-highest run-getter of all time in the competition and was the captain of the team which finished as runners-up to Australia in 2023 during the WTC final. He has had mixed success in Tests as a captain, with 12 wins, nine losses, and three draws, with most wins coming at home.

The world got a glimpse of Rohit as a white-ball batter, a form of cricket in which he has dominated. In 273 ODIs and 265 innings, he has made 11,168 runs at an average of 48.76 with 32 centuries and 58 fifties. His best score in ODIs is 264. He is the only batter with three ODI double tons.

Zimbabwe fast bowler blessed with rapid rankings rise

New Delhi: Zimbabwe quick Blessing Muzarabani has been the big winner following the latest update to the ICC Men's Test Player Rankings, as per the official website of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Muzarabani picked up nine wickets in a Play-off of the Match performance as Zimbabwe registered an impressive three-wicket triumph over Bangladesh in the first Test in Sylhet, and the tall right-arm rose up the bowling rankings as a result to reach a career-best rating of 705 points.

He is just the second Zimbabwean bowler to surpass the 700-point barrier in Test cricket.

The 28-year-old pacer rises four places to move to 15th overall on the rankings list for Test bowlers, with India seamer Jasprit Bumrah still maintaining his spot at the head of proceedings.

Muzarabani's Zimbabwe teammate Wellington Masabira centers the rankings for Test bowlers in equal 68th spot after five wickets against Bangladesh in



his first Test appearance in more than two years, while there was some joy for the hosts as experienced spinner Mehidy Hasan gained four runs to improve to 26th following his 10 scalps from the same match.

There are further gains for Bangladesh on the latest rankings for Test batters, with Mominul Haque, Jaker Ali and Najmul Hossain Shanto all making ground inside the top 100 following decent efforts against Zimbabwe.

Haque managed innings of 56 and 47 and improved five places to 48th overall. Ali jumped 10 spots to 50th following a half-century in the second innings of the Sylhet contest, while Shanto climbed four runs to 53rd after knocks of 40 and 60.

We will try to come back and finish in top two: DC's Vipraj Nigam

New Delhi: Undeterred by a third home defeat, spin all-rounder Vipraj Nigam said Delhi Capitals are determined to bounce back, not just to reach the play-offs but to secure a top-two finish in the IPL standings.

DC suffered a 14-run loss to Kolkata Knight Riders after falling short in their chase of 205, and Nigam admitted a few shot selection errors cost them the match on Tuesday.

"There are some decisions that we take at the last moment, because of which the game gets messed up sometimes here and there. But we are still in the top four, and we have five more games left, in which we will try to come back and finish in the top two," Nigam told reporters.

The Capitals currently have 12 points and occupy the fourth spot on the table.

"Our plan was to target their two main spinners and we did that in the first two overs but there were a few moments where we erred in our shot selection or something like that happened because that happened because of our set players got out."



"Against such a bowling line-up, it is very difficult to come and play a shot immediately. That's why if the set players kept playing, we would have easily won the match," Nigam said.

The 20-year-old leg-spinning all-rounder, who went wicketless in the last four games, returned with figures of 2 for 41 and also scored a 19-ball 38.

"IPL is a journey where you always face ups and downs. But the main thing is how strong your mindset is, how the team atmosphere is — the seniors' role is

Rahane may need a couple of days to recover: Anukul Roy

KKR skipper Ajinkya Rahane suffered a hand injury during the win over Delhi Capitals, prompting senior spinner Sunil Narine to lead the side in the final nine overs.

Rahane hurt his hand while fielding at short cover, when a firm shot from DC opener Faf du Plessis struck him, forcing the captain off the field for medical attention. With his hand heavily strapped, he did not return.

"It doesn't look too serious. He may need a couple of days to recover. The doctors will assess and provide more clarity, but for now, he's doing fine. He got a few stitches," said Anukul Roy.

Defending 205, Rahane's gamble to toss the ball to Anukul (1/27), who was playing his first game this season, paid off as the spinner bowled an early breakthrough, dismissing Abhishek Porel (4) on the second ball of the innings.

Dhawan unveils jerseys for Intercontinental Legends Championship

New Delhi: The Intercontinental Legends Championship (ILC) on Wednesday unveiled the official team jerseys ahead of its highly anticipated season, set to begin on May 27 at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathak Sports Complex in Greater Noida, as per a release from ILC.

Cricketer icon Shikhar Dhawan, the celebrated former India opener, headlined the jersey unveiling ceremony alongside ex-India cricketers Ravinder Awana, Pradeep Kumar, and ILC founder Pradeep Sangwan.

Speaking about the League and jersey, Shikhar Dhawan said, "It's a great initiative to bring together cricketing legends from around the world under one banner. The Intercontinental Legends Championship not only revives the passion of legends but also brings fans a unique blend of nostalgia and entertainment. I'm thrilled to be part of this launch and look forward to the exciting action ahead," as quoted from a release by ILC.

The upcoming Championship featuring 6 teams from 6 continents. MLA from Khanpur, Unesh Kumar, who attended the jersey unveiling ceremony of the Intercontinental Legends Championship (ILC), expressed his appreciation for the event and the people behind it.

He thanked all the dignitaries present and specially congratulated ILC founder Pradeep Sangwan, saying, "Pradeep Sangwan has been a remarkable IPL player, and I congratulate him for this initiative. Initially, I thought it would be difficult to pull off something of this scale, but after seeing his dedication and hard work, it's clear how this vision has now reached the stage of a successful jersey launch."

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Took retirement call in Gabba as I didn't want to repeat the circle: Ashwin

New Delhi: Former India off-spinner R Ashwin thought about retiring after his 100th Test but finally took the call midway into the tour of Australia to ensure the "whole circle" related to his spot in the playing eleven doesn't repeat itself.

Speaking on a newly-launched podcast by Chennai Super Kings, Ashwin told fellow CSK member Mike Hussey that he made up his mind on retirement after not starting the Australian Test series in Perth where Washington Sundar played ahead of the veteran off-spinner.

Ashwin did play the second Test at Adelaide before being left out of

the eleven for the third Test at Gabba where he eventually brought the curtains down to a glorious career.

"To be very honest, I wanted to do it after my 100th Test (in Dharmsala, March 2024). And then I thought, OK, let me give it a go in the home season. Because, I mean, you're playing well, and you're getting wickets, you're making runs," Ashwin said.

"I thought I'd probably close off with the Chennai Test here (against Bangladesh). I ended up getting a six-wicket haul and a hundred. So it's very tough to quit when you're doing very well. "So, I went on with the series, and we lost



against New Zealand. So, one after the other, it was just building up. And then I thought, okay, let me go to Australia. Let me see how this goes. Because the last time I was in Aus-

"I thought it does make sense to play a bit. I was having a lot of fun, but the whole hard yards that I had to put through to put myself in the park again, physically and mentally, one of the most important things that was pulling me down was the family time," he said.

The 38-year-old, who is back at CSK this season, eventually made the announcement at the Gabba.

"And when I didn't start in Perth, it was like, okay, this whole circle keeps going again. People add very little value to what you're going through emotionally," he said.

Kuldeep not finishing his spell to me was missed opportunity: Daren Ganga

New Delhi: Former West Indies cricketer Daren Ganga felt Delhi Capitals "missed" an opportunity by not using its premier wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav's last over in the first innings against Kolkata Knight Riders at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in the 18th edition of the Indian Premier League.

During their slender defeat on home turf, Delhi didn't exercise the option of using spin in the overplay and kept Kuldeep away from attack till the 11th over. The defending champions went on to post a daunting 204/9 on the board, which proved 14 runs too much for the hosts, their third at the home strip.

Kuldeep appeared off-colour, bowled three overs, went wicketless and leaked 27 runs at an economy of 9.00. Despite an underwhelming outing with the ball, Ganga felt Kuldeep should have bowled his full quota as he was a wicket-taking option for the Capitals.

"Kuldeep not finishing his spell to me was a bit of a missed opportunity. When you have a bowler like Kuldeep, regardless of the day he's having, I'd like to see him exhaust his full complement of overs. That is something he [AXAR] could've looked at — bowling Kuldeep's one over earlier on and then bowling three overs in the middle.

Kalinga Super Cup 2025: Jamshedpur FC faceoff Mumbai City FC in second semi final



New Delhi:

The second semi-final of the Kalinga Super Cup 2025, with equal stakes, will see Mumbai City FC go toe-to-toe with Jamshedpur FC in what promises to be a thrilling encounter, as per a release from the ISL website.

Historical context adds to the drama, as Jamshedpur FC have enjoyed recent success against Mumbai City FC, coming off two consecutive victories in their previous Indian Super League (ISL) encounters. This presents a psychological advantage for Khalid Jamil's side heading into this crucial clash.

Khalid Jamil, the Jamshedpur FC manager, emphasized the importance of their semi-final match against a strong opponent, stressing the need for hard work to achieve a positive outcome.

"We're playing the semi-final. It is an important game. We are playing against a good team and must work hard to get a positive result," Khalid Jamil said.

Mumbai City FC, however, come in with their own strengths and are led by their captain Lallianzuala Chhangte, who has been in fine form in the Cup competition, having scored in each of the two games so far.

The Islanders will give their everything to salvage something from their season and aim for the Kalinga Super Cup—a trophy still missing from their cabinet. But standing in their way are Jamil and Jamshedpur FC, a side that has troubled them in recent seasons.

Petr Kratky, the Mumbai FC manager, expressed the team's ambition to win the semi-final and secure the trophy for the club and fans. He also highlighted their high expectations and competitive spirit.

"Our expectations are always the highest; we want to win every game, we want to finish as high as we can, so we are here to win and bring the trophy for the club and the fans," Petr Kratky said ahead of their semi-final clash.

India women's hockey team set to test new combinations against Australia

Perth:

After two matches against the Australia A side, the Indian women's hockey team is set to face the senior team in their next three friendlies at the Perth Hockey Stadium on May 1.

India will be looking to improve upon their performance after suffering two defeats in their first two games against Australia A. In the first match, India fought valiantly but fell short, losing 3-5 to the Australia A team. The winning side took an early lead, scoring four goals in the first half. India did well to reduce the deficit, but was unable to make a comeback over the next two quarters.

Mahima Tete (27), Navneet Kaur (45), and Lalremisiami (50) scored goals for India while Neasa Flynn (3), Olivia Downes (9), Ruby Harris (11), Tatum Stewart (21), and Kendra Fitzpatrick (44) recorded goals for Australia A.

In the second match, India suffered an unfortunate defeat with a narrow scoreline of 2-3. This time, it was India that scored the opening goal through Jyoti Singh (12), after which Australia A came back with goals from



Evie Stansby (17), Dayle Dolken (48), and Jamie-Lee Surha (52). India's second goal came through Sunelli Toppo (59), but the visiting side couldn't equalise in time. India's 26-member squad, led by captain Salima Tete and vice-captain Navneet Kaur, will now face a bigger challenge than the senior team of Australia over the next three matches. The last time both sides met, India enjoyed a 1-0 victory during the FIH Hockey

Pro League 2023-24 and will look to obtain a similar result.

Reflecting on India's performance in the tour so far, chief coach Harendra Singh stated, as quoted from Hockey India, "In both the matches, we have conceded some soft goals which were disheartening, but apart from that, we have been very competitive. This is a test series, so it is not about winning or losing, it is about the experience."

"There are some play-

ers who have come out of the country to play for the very first time. I am giving the youngsters a chance to play so they are prepared to be the next generation," he added.

Harendra Singh also touched upon the team's strategy for the matches coming ahead and added, "In the first two games, most of the players have had a chance to play and now we will try out the best combinations among players. I am looking forward to this because

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this is how we identify the players who can compete in the forthcoming Pro League matches in Europe. Before going to the World Cup next year, the new girls should play a minimum of 35 matches. That is the goal we keep in mind while preparing for such tournaments."

Talking about his assessment of the young players in the team, the coach said, "Everyone is giving their heart and there is healthy competition within the team. The one girl who has caught my eye is Mahima Tete. She's mobile, quick and has great potential."

"Same for Pooja, Sujata, Ajmina and all the other young players. Everyone is working hard and trying to learn. The key is to play simple hockey and gain experience against tough opponents like Australia," he concluded.

Novak Djokovic withdraws from the Italian Open after losing his past 3 matches



Rome:

Novak Djokovic pulled out of the Italian Open in the midst of a three-match losing streak, shedding doubt on how well he'll be able to play at the upcoming French Open as he continues to seek a record 25th Grand Slam trophy and 100th tournament title overall.

The clay-court event in Rome, which will be held next month, posted on social media that Djokovic wouldn't be participating and wrote, "See you next year, Nole," referring to the 37-year-old Serbian star by his nickname.

Djokovic has struggled this season, going just 12-6 and dropping his past three contests in a row — at the Miami Open, the Monte Carlos Masters and, on Saturday, at the Madrid Open.

After losing to Matteo Arnaldi 6-3, 6-4 in Spain, Djokovic said: "It's a completely different feeling from what I

had in 20-plus years of professional tennis. It's a challenge for me mentally to really face these kinds of sensations on the court, going out early now regularly in tournaments." He has spent more weeks ranked No. 1 than any other tennis player but is currently No. 5. His only title in 2024 or 2025 was the gold medal he claimed by beating Carlos Alcaraz in the final of the Paris Olympics in August.

Djokovic has repeatedly said that what now matters to him is adding to his major championships. The next such event begins in Paris on May 25.

He had to withdraw during last year's tournament at Roland Garros because of a knee injury that required surgery. Djokovic also stopped during the Australian Open this January because of a torn hamstring muscle.

Hockey India congratulates Nitin Kohli, Manoj Bhore



New Delhi:

Hockey India on Tuesday extended their heartfelt congratulations to Nitin Kohli and Manoj Bhore on their appointment as Associate Vice Presidents and Lalrinfela on his appointment as Associate Joint Secretary. Their vast experience and commitment to the development of Indian hockey will be instrumental in our efforts to enhance the sport at all levels."

Hockey India Secretary General Shri Bhola Nath Singh added, "The appointments made during the Executive Board meeting reflect our continued focus on administrative excellence and long-term vision. We are confident that Mr. Kohli, Mr. Bhore and Mr. Lalrinfela will make valuable contributions to Indian hockey, and we congratulate Cdr. R.K. Srivastava on his well-deserved promotion."

Speaking on the appointments, Hockey India President Dr. Dilip Tirkey said, "We are pleased to welcome Nitin Kohli,

Goa enter Kalinga Super Cup final with 3-1 win over Mohun Bagan SG

BHUBANESWAR:

FC Goa put Mohun Bagan Super Giant to the sword, beating them 3-1 to progress to the final of the Kalinga Super Cup on April 30, 2025. The scores were tied 1-1 at half-time.

Goals from Brison Fernandes (20'), Iker Guarrotxena (51' p), and Borja Herrera (58') sealed a comfortable victory for Manolo Marquez's side over Bastab Roy's young guns.

The Gaurs, champions in 2019, will face the winners of the clash between Mumbai City FC and Jamshedpur FC in Saturday's final.

In a blistering start, Goa constantly pressured Mohun Bagan's defence on the backfoot, their high pressing and high-speed game leaving the Mariners' midfield constantly out of position and disoriented.

To add to that, Goa also brought unpredictability to their set-piece routines, and in the 20th minute, Brison Fernandes capitalised on one to score the opener. From an improvised corner routine, Borja Herrera curled a perfect cross into the danger zone, for Brison to slightly glance into the far corner.

Goa's lead didn't last too long, and Mohun Bagan were level within



two minutes. Ashique Kuruniyan picked up a pass on the byline and, with a devastating turn of pace and skill, left the marking defender Boris Singh in his wake before unleashing a low fizzing cross into the six-yard area. Suhail Bhat merely had to tap it in to create a carbon copy of his quarter-final goal against Kerala Blasters.

The Gaurs came out with more energy, desire, and verve in the second half, and within a minute, Brison's driving midfield run and pass split the midfield, delivering a perfect opportunity for Dejan Drazic on the left side of the box. The Serbian pulled his shot wide. Mohun Bagan's defence had gone absent, and it portended

things to come. In the 50th, while running to a long ball in the same channel, an unmarked Drazic was brought down by a reckless Dheeraj Singh challenge. The referee duly pointed to the spot, and Iker Guarrotxena made no mistake, sending the goalkeeper the wrong way to score.

Dheeraj's evening got worse seven minutes later, when he was badly caught under a Herrera corner, which flew over him and straight into the net. The Spaniard had threatened constantly with his curling corners and on this occasion found the perfect blend of curl and flight to outwit the goalkeeper.

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Kalinga Cup 2025: Mohun Bagan SG takes on FC Goa in the 1st semi-final

New Delhi:

The stage is set for an exciting semi-final showdown in the Kalinga Super Cup 2025, with four top teams battling it out for a spot in the final, as per the ISL official website.

Indian Super League (ISL) double winners Mohun Bagan Super Giant will take on FC Goa in the first semi-final on Wednesday afternoon at the Kalinga Stadium, as per a release from ISL.

Mohun Bagan Super Giant head into this semi-final with tremendous confidence after a morale-boosting win against Kerala Blasters FC in the quarter-finals. Having already secured a spot in the AFC Champions League Two by winning the ISL Shield — and adding the ISL Cup to their trophy cabinet — the Mariners are fielding a young, hungry squad determined to continue their winning run.

Bastob Roy, the assistant manager of Mohun Bagan Super Giant, acknowledged FC Goa's strength but emphasised his team's focus and readiness for the semi-final, viewing it as an opportunity for both young and senior players to gain exposure.

"FC Goa are, without a doubt, a better and stronger team than Kerala Blasters. So my job is not easy. But my players are focused and ready. It's an exposure trip for the young boys and some seniors as well. It's a semi-final and I've told my boys to enjoy the game," Bastob Roy said.

FC Goa, on the other hand, has shown the resilience and character, most notably in their comeback win over Punjab FC. Under Manolo Marquez, the Gaurs have looked sharp and are among the front-runners to lift the trophy and secure a shot at continental football next season.

India secures 25 medals at Asian U-15 Boxing Championships, including 11 gold

Amman:

India topped the Asian U-15 Boxing Championships medal tally with 25 medals, 11 golds, powered by a stellar showing in the girls' category.

The young Indian women's team secured 10 golds and four bronze medals across the 15 weight appearances, winning every title bout they contested in the finals on Tuesday, cementing their supremacy at the event.

The girls' U-15 bouts started with Komal (30-33 kg) narrowly edging Kazakhstan's



Aiaru Onggarbek with a 3:2 split decision. Khushi Ahlawat (35 kg) then beat her opponent with a 4:1 win, while Tamanna (37 kg)

sealed hers with a second-round RSC, as per a press release from the Boxing Federation of India (BFI). Svi (40 kg), Milky

Meinam (43 kg), Princy (52 kg), Navya (58 kg), Sunaina (61 kg), Trishana Mohite (67 kg), and Vanshika (70+ kg) all won their

respective bouts unanimously, capping a clean sweep in the finals for the girls' U-15 squad.

Speaking on the U-15 contingent's accomplishment from Amman, BFI President-Chairman, Interim Committee, Ajay Singh, said: "What an incredible evening for Indian boxing. Hearing the national anthem play eleven times and seeing India topping the charts rilled us all with pride. I heartily congratulate our 25 Under-15 medallists on this out-

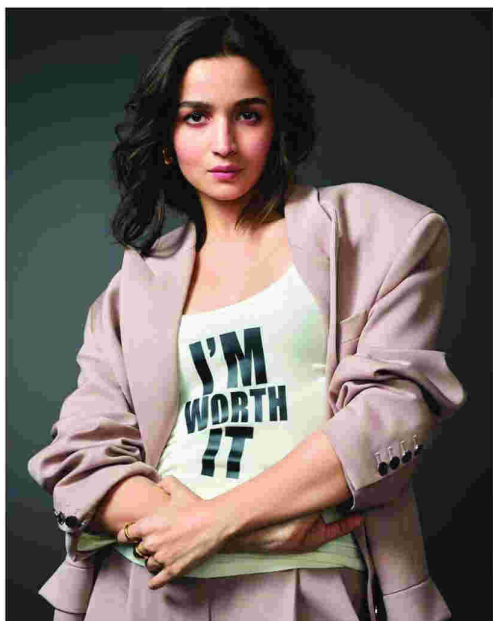
standing achievement; these are our future Olympic Champions, and they have made the nation proud. But, India's campaign is not over yet. Seven of our Under-17 boxers will step into the ring for finals on the last day, and we will be backing them all the way from the sidelines. Such performances confirm our belief that India's national anthem will play again and again in the coming years in boxing arenas around the world."

Four Indian boys contested the finals.

Apart from one gold for Sanskar Vinod (35 kg), three finished with silver medals, adding to the seven bronzes from earlier. India was already assured of 43 medals ahead of the finals, including 25 in the U-15 category and 18 in the U-17 category—the finals of which will be contested on Wednesday.

Rudraksh Singh Khaidem (46 kg), Abhijeet (61 kg), and Lakshay Phogat (64 kg) settled for silver against Ukraine, Uzbekistan, and Iraq, respectively.

Alia Bhatt's lifestyle brand Ed-a-Mamma opens doors to it's first store in Bengaluru



Bengaluru: Ed-a-Mamma, the homegrown sustainable clothing and lifestyle brand for children and mothers, founded by actress Alia Bhatt, has opened its first standalone store in Bengaluru.

Located at the newly launched Mall of Asia, this new address marks the brand's fourth physical store in India, and the first in the South, as the brand scales thoughtfully in partnership with Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd. (RRVL).

Founded by actor and entrepreneur Alia Bhatt, Ed-a-Mamma has captured the hearts of conscious families across India with its joyful, earth-friendly approach to kids' wear, maternity wear, and early learning products.

In a press note shared by Reliance Retail and Ed-a-Mamma, Alia Bhatt said, "Ed-a-Mamma's first offline store in Bengaluru is a significant milestone for our brand and a dream come true for me!" said Alia Bhatt, Founder.

"We began as a small, homegrown business, and with the right part-

nership with Reliance and a shared purpose, we've been able to grow our world to include clothing, books, toys, and so much more—all designed to nurture a love for the planet. I'm excited for Bengaluru's families to experience everything we've built with so much heart," added Alia Bhatt.

Located on the second floor of Mall of Asia, the 805 sq ft store has been thoughtfully constructed using sustainable materials, including eco-conscious fixtures and natural textures.

It reflects Ed-a-Mamma's "forest-first" philosophy, where nature is both inspiration and intention. What makes this store truly magical is how it brings to life the whimsical world of Ed Finds A Home, Alia Bhatt's debut children's book.

The visual merchandising playfully recreates the journey of Ed, a hopeful dog in search of a family, and Alia, a compassionate girl with a secret superpower—echoing the brand's deeper values of empathy, environmentalism, and wonder.

Sam Elliott joins season 2 of 'Landman'

Washington Paramount plus has announced that Sam Elliott will join the cast of its drama series 'Landman' for season 2.

Elliott, known for his roles in '1883' and 'A Star Is Born,' will bring his signature charm and charisma to the show, as per Deadline.

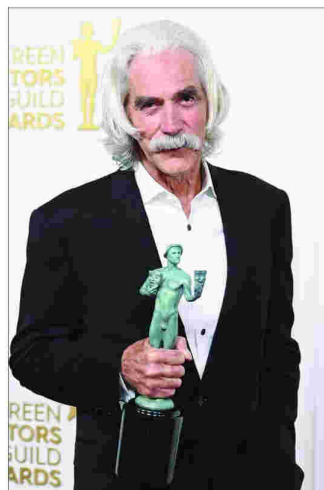
Elliott's addition to the cast comes as no surprise, given his previous work with series creator Taylor Sheridan on '1883.'

His character's role in season 2 has not been disclosed, but fans can expect him to bring depth and nuance to the show.

Production on season 2 of 'Landman' is currently underway in Texas, where the series is set.

The show follows the Texas oil industry and stars Billy Bob Thornton, Demi Moore, and Andy Garcia, among others.

'Landman' has been a critical and commercial success for Paramount plus, ranking as a Top 10 SVOD Original Series and setting new records for the network, as per Deadline.



The show's premiere episode reportedly had 35 million global streaming viewers. 'Landman' is co-created by Taylor Sheridan and Christian Wallace and executive produced

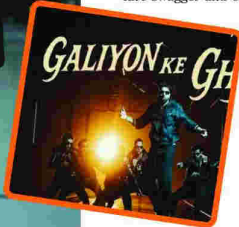
by Sheridan, David C Glasser, and Billy Bob Thornton, among others. The series is produced by MTV Entertainment Studios, 101 Studios, and Bosque Ranch Productions.

Badshah surprises fans with his groovy dance moves in new song 'Galiyon Ke Galib'



Mumbai Singer and rapper Badshah's much-awaited song 'Galiyon Ke Galib' has finally been released today.

The next potential party anthem, 'Galiyon Ke Galib', features a dance performance by Badshah in a catchy music video, showcasing his signature swagger and ef-



fortless flow.

The recent release showcases Badshah's artistic evolution as he not only delivers a new party song characterised by incisive lyrical storytelling, street sensibility and dynamic production, but also unveils his dynamic dance skills for the first time in the song's catchy music video.

Badshah calls 'Galiyon Ke Galib' a "testament" to his evolution in the music industry from his album 'Fitoor', which represents a pivotal moment in his artistic journey.

'Fitoor' represents a pivotal moment in my artistic journey, a profound exploration of self and sound where I've shed the constraints of expectation to embrace creative auton-

omy. 'Galiyon Ke Galib' is a testament to this metamorphosis, a track that embodies the raw experimental energy I've always strived for, fuelled by a primal love for hip-hop and the kaleidoscopic culture that has shaped and defined my unique creative expression. It's an unapologetic expression of my artistry, and I hope it will resonate with listeners on a visceral level," said Badshah as quoted in a press note shared by the artist's team.

Badshah's other albums include 'Fitoor', 'Blessed', 'Velvet Flow' and others.

The singer shared the track on his Instagram handle while showcasing a glimpse of his groovy dance moves.

'Housefull 5' teaser promises a 'killer comedy' as franchise celebrates 15 years



Mumbai The 'Housefull' franchise, one of Indian cinema's most successful comedy series, marks its 15th anniversary today.

To celebrate this occasion, Sajid Nadiadwala has unveiled the teaser for 'Housefull 5', which is set to release on June 6, 2025.

The 'Housefull' franchise, which first premiered in 2010, is known for its ensemble casts, absurd humour, and slapstick moments.

The first 'Housefull' movie, directed by Sajid Khan, introduced audiences to a world of chaotic comedy, featuring Akshay Kumar, Riteish Deshmukh, Lara Dutta, and Deepika Padukone.

As the franchise enters its fifth chapter, 'Housefull 5' is set to deliver even more laughs, twists, and unexpected situations.

The teaser introduces an ensemble cast, including Akshay Kumar, Abhishek Bachchan, Riteish Deshmukh, Jacqueline Fernandez, Sonam Bajwa, Nargis Fakhri, Sanjay Dutt, Jackie Shroff, Nana Patekar, Chitrangada Singh, Fardes Khan, Chunky Pandey, Johnny Lever, Shreyas Talpade, Dino Morea, Ranjeet, Soundarya Sharma, Nikitin Dheer, and Akashdeep Sabin.

Directed by Tarun Mansukhani, 'Housefull 5' takes place on a luxurious cruise, offering a mix of slapstick comedy, outrageous characters, and an intricate plot filled with twists.

The teaser also leaves room for suspense for the audience, as it gives a glimpse of a masked 'killer' and introduces a new twist in the franchise.

Produced by Sajid Nadiadwala under his banner Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment, 'Housefull 5' sails into cinemas worldwide on June 6, 2025.

Nicole Kidman to receive Women in Motion Award at Cannes Film Festival



Washington The Cannes Film Festival and Kering have announced that Nicole Kidman will be the 10th recipient of the Women in Motion Award. This prestigious honour recognises female artists who advance the place of women in cinema and society.

The award ceremony will take place on May 18 during a glamorous gala at the festival, confirmed The Hollywood Reporter.

Kidman's commitment to working with female directors has been cited as a reason for her selection. In 2017, she pledged to work with a female director every 18 months, but has since exceeded

that goal, collaborating with nearly 20 female directors.

This commitment to promoting female representation in cinema has made her a powerful example of what Women in Motion has been advocating for over the past decade, as per The Hollywood Reporter.

Kering chairman and CEO Francois-Henri Pinault praised Kidman. They said, "Through her artistic standards, her committed choices and her concrete action to change representations in cinema, she is a powerful illustration of what Women in Motion has been defending for a decade," as quoted by The Hollywood Reporter.

Robert De Niro's daughter Airyn comes out as trans

Washington Airyn De Niro, the 29-year-old daughter of Oscar-winning actor Robert De Niro, has publicly come out as transgender in a revealing interview.

Airyn, who is also an aspiring actress and model, recently shared details about her life growing up as one of Robert's seven children and her journey towards self-discovery in an interview, according to People magazine.

In the interview, Airyn spoke about the difference between being visible and being seen and said, "There's a difference between being visible and being seen. I've been visible. I don't think I've been seen yet."

She also addressed the media's portrayal of her as a "nepo baby" due to her father, saying that she wants to achieve success on her own merit.

Airyn credited her parents, Robert De Niro and Toukie Smith, for keeping her out of the limelight and allowing her to have a relatively normal childhood. "My dad was very big on us finding our own



sort of path," she said, adding, "I would want [success] to happen on my own merit," as quoted by People magazine.

Airyn spoke candidly about her experiences with body dysmorphia and beauty standards, and said, "I was always told I was too much of something or not enough of something growing up."

She began hormone therapy last November and is studying to be-

come a mental health counselor to support people of colour and queer individuals.

Airyn said that she hopes to be an inspiration for others who may be struggling with their identity. "I'd want to hopefully be an inspiration for at least one other person like me who is Black, who is queer, who is not a size extra small," she said, as quoted by People magazine.

'Einstein' drama starring Matthew Gray Gubler delayed to 2026-27 season



Washington CBS has announced that its recently ordered procedural drama 'Einstein' will not premiere next season as initially planned.

The network has decided to postpone the show until the 2026-27 season due to scheduling constraints, as per Deadline.

The decision to delay 'Einstein' comes after CBS began assembling its schedule for the 2025-26 season.

The network reportedly didn't have enough space on its schedule to fit the show in.

Despite the delay, CBS is moving forward with other new series, including the workplace comedy 'DMV', which is still set to premiere next season.

CBS will have a busy schedule ahead, with three other new dramas set to premiere in the 2025-26 season. These include 'Boston Blue', a spinoff of 'Blue Bloods'; 'CIA', set in the same fictional universe as 'FBI'; and 'Sheriff Country', a spinoff of 'Fire Country'.

The network has also renewed a dozen scripted series and will continue to air reality staples like 'Survivor' and 'The Amazing Race.'

'Einstein' stars Matthew Gray Gubler as Lewis Einstein, the great-grandson of Albert Einstein and a tenured professor at Princeton who gets involved in solving puzzling cases with a detective played by Rosa Salazar.

The show is produced by CBS Studios and created by Andy Breckman, with executive producers including Randy Zisk, Tariq Jalil, and Rose Hughes.