



CBI unearths bribery racket in medical college inspections

SANJAY KAW ■ New Delhi

Busting systematic corruption in the education sector, the Central Bureau of Investigation has booked several officials from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), the National Medical Commission (NMC) and representatives of medical colleges, besides a former chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

The agency said that the accused were allegedly involved in a litany of “egregious” acts,

including corruption and unlawful manipulation of the regulatory framework governing medical colleges across the country.

In all, the CBI has named 34 people in an FIR, including eight health ministry officials, a National Health Authority official and five doctors, who were part of the National Medical Commissioner (NMC) inspection team.

Tata Institute of Social Sciences Chairman DP Singh, Gitanjali University Registrar Mayur Raval, Rawatpura

Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Chairman Ravi Shankar ji Maharaj and Index Medical College Chairman Suresh Singh Bhadoria have also been named in the FIR.

The CBI recently arrested eight people in the case. These include three doctors of the NMC team who were arrested for allegedly taking a bribe of ₹55 lakh for giving a favourable report to the Naya Raipur-based Rawatpura Institute of Medical Sciences and Research.

The FIR alleged that the syndicate has its roots in the Union

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health ministry, where eight accused officials ran the sophisticated scheme facilitating unauthorised access, illegal duplication and dissemination of highly confidential files and sensitive information to representatives of medical colleges through a

network of intermediaries in exchange for huge bribes.

The CBI alleged that the officials, in collusion with the intermediaries, manipulated the statutory inspection process conducted by the NMC by disclosing inspection schedules and identities of the designated assessors to the medical institutions concerned well in advance of the official communication.

The FIR has been registered as a regular case under section 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and sections 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12 of the Prevention of

Corruption Act. The probe implicates dozens of public officials, private individuals, and institutional heads across the country, with charges ranging from bribery and criminal conspiracy to breach of official secrecy and forgery.

The CBI has named the Union health ministry’s Poonam Meena, Dharamvir, Piyush Malyan, Anup Jaiswal, Rahul Srivastava, Deepak, Manisha and Chandan Kumar as accused in the FIR. They allegedly located files and clicked photographs of notings

and comments made by officers. As per the FIR, the confidential information, which included inspection schedules and the names of assessors, was reportedly disclosed to colleges in advance.

This allowed institutions to stage setups during official inspections, deploying ghost faculty, admitting fake patients, tampering with biometric attendance systems, and bribing assessors to obtain positive reports.

Officials associated with the health ministry are alleged to

have photographed internal ministry files, including confidential comments from senior officials, and transmitted them via personal mobile devices to intermediaries working with private colleges.

The agency has mentioned bribes running into lakhs of rupees being exchanged between NMC teams, intermediaries and representatives of medical colleges, being routed through hawala and used for multiple purposes, including the one in the name of construction of a temple.

China used Pakistan during Operation Sindoor

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

China used Pakistan as a “borrowed knife” to cause pain to India and was providing all possible support to its all-weather ally during the four-day conflict between India and Pakistan in May.

Making this assertion here on Friday, Deputy Chief of Army Staff Lt General Rahul R Singh also said India had to contend with three adversaries including Pakistan, China and Turkey during the conflict.

Moreover, China used Pakistan as “live lab” to test various weapon systems supplied to Islamabad, he said.

In an address at Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Singh also highlighted China’s ancient military strategy of 36 Stratagems and killing the adversary with a “borrowed knife” to buttress the point that Beijing extended all possible support to



Deputy Chief of Army Staff Lt General Rahul R. Singh speaking during a conference-cum-exhibition organised by FICCI in New Delhi on Friday PTI

Pakistan to harm India.

India was actually dealing with three adversaries, he said, suggesting that besides Pakistan and China, Turkey was also playing a major role in supplying military hardware to Islamabad.

Addressing a seminar on “New Age Military Technologies” organised by industry chamber FICCI, Singh suggested that China used its satellites to monitor

Indian military deployment as the Pakistan military was getting live inputs on it during the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO)-level phone talks.

The Deputy Chief of Army Staff, who looks after the Indian Army’s capability development and sustenance vertical, said Beijing’s support to Islamabad was not surprising as 81 per cent of the military hardware of the Pakistani

armed forces are from China.

“He (China) would rather use the neighbour to cause pain (to India) than getting involved in a mudslinging match on the northern border,” Singh said.

“Pakistan was the front face. We had China providing all possible support. And there was no surprise because, if you look at the statistics in the last five years, 81 per cent of the military hardware that Pakistan is getting is all Chinese,” he said. Singh said Turkey also played an important role in providing support to Pakistan.

“We saw numerous drones coming and landing in the face of war, during the war, along with the individuals who were there,” he said.

The Deputy Chief of Army Staff said the “strategic messaging” by the Indian leadership was unambiguous, adding that the planning and selection of targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) was based on a lot of data.

On lessons learnt from the conflict, he said “The next important lesson is the importance of C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) and civil-military fusion. There is a lot to be done as far as this domain is concerned,” he said.

India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7, targeting terrorist infrastructure in territories controlled by Pakistan in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

The strikes triggered four days of intense clashes that ended with an understanding on stopping the military actions on May 10. New Delhi has been maintaining that India’s fierce counter-attack that day forced Pakistan to plead for ending the hostilities.

The Deputy Chief, meanwhile, said Pakistan received real-time inputs about India’s important vectors from China during Operation Sindoor.

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EAM’s first visit to China after Galwan

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is likely to visit China for the first time after 2020 standoff between two countries at the Line of Actual Control (LAC). He will travel there in the third week of July to attend a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) foreign ministers’ meeting and for bilateral meetings with key Chinese leaders, it was learnt.

Since India and China reached an understanding on ending the face-off last October, Jaishankar has met his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on the margins of multilateral events several times.

Jaishankar is expected to travel to Beijing for a bilateral meeting with Wang before going to Tianjin for the meeting of the SCO Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs on July 14 and 15, sources said. The bilateral meeting will be part of an ongoing series of meetings between senior Indian and Chinese officials to



normalise relations and find a solution to the long-standing border dispute.

Efforts to speed up de-escalation and withdrawal of troops to peacetime positions along the LAC and measures to normalise ties in areas such as trade and people-to-people contacts are expected to figure in Jaishankar’s discussions with Wang.

National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval visited China last December and in June to

attend a meeting of the SCO Security Council Secretaries in Beijing. Doval and Wang also held a bilateral meeting.

This was followed by a visit by defence minister Rajnath Singh to attend a meeting of the SCO defence ministers in Qingdao. At a meeting with his Chinese counterpart Dong Jun, Singh called for a structured roadmap for “permanent engagement and de-escalation” and pushed for a “permanent solution of border demarcation”.

The Bystander



SEBI bans Jane Street Group

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has barred US-based Jane Street Group from the securities markets and directed the group to disgorge unlawful gains of ₹4,843 crore for allegedly manipulating stock indices through positions taken in derivatives segment. This could be the highest disgorgement amount ever directed by the SEBI.

In its interim order, the regulator has debarred JSI Investments, JSI2 Investments Pvt Ltd, Jane Street Singapore Pte Ltd, and Jane Street Asia Trading — entities collectively referred to as the Jane Street Group — from trading until further notice.

“The total amount of unlawful gains earned by the JS Group from the alleged violations as provided in Table 44 ie ₹4,843,57,70,168 shall be impounded, jointly and severally. Entities are directed to open escrow account in a Scheduled Commercial Bank in India to deposit jointly and severally the aforesaid amount of unlawful gains with a lien marked in favour of SEBI and the amount kept therein shall not be released without permission from SEBI,” the regulator said in its order.

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China cows India on Dalai Lama

SANJAY KAW ■ New Delhi

Urging India to act cautiously on Tibet-related issues to avoid affecting the improvement of bilateral relations, China on Friday objected to Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju’s remarks that the incarnation of the Dalai Lama should follow his own wishes.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said India should be clear about the anti-China separatist nature of the 14th Dalai Lama and honour its commitments on Xizang (Tibet) related issues. She said India should avoid interfering in China’s internal affairs concerning Xizang and avoid impacting the development of China-India relations.

Hours later, the Ministry of External Affairs said India does not take any position on matters concerning practices of faith and religion. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the Government has always upheld freedom of reli-



A man walks past a cut-out of the Dalai Lama, in McLeod Ganj on Friday PTI

gion for all in India and will continue to do so.

“We have seen reports relating to the statement made by His Holiness the Dalai Lama about the continuation of the Dalai Lama institution,” Mr Jaiswal said. “The Government of India does not take any position or speak on matters concerning beliefs and practices of faith and religion,” he added.

Mao’s comments related to the improvement and develop-

ment of relations refer to the efforts by both India and China to normalisation of ties after over four years of freeze following the Eastern Ladakh stand-off. The two countries resumed ties after a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit at Kazan in Russia last year followed by a series of high-level meetings.

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HM Shah to open first cooperative varsity

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

With the objective of giving a boost to co-operative movement in the country, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday will lay the foundation stone of India’s first national-level cooperative university, being established at Anand in Gujarat.

The decision to establish Tribhuvan Cooperative University is a historic and visionary initiative for capacity building in the cooperative sector and to realise the vision of ‘Sahkar se Samridhi’. This university will prove to be an important step towards realising the Triveni of cooperation, innovation and employment, a press statement said.

The aim of establishing the Tribhuvan Cooperative University is to prepare professional and trained manpower to meet the growing needs of the cooperative sector. It will provide specialised education, training and research opportu-



Home Minister Amit Shah speaking at an event in Pune on Friday PTI

nities in areas such as cooperative management, finance, law and rural development. It will empower cooperative institutions at the grassroots level by promoting innovation, capacity building and best practices, improve governance and accelerate inclusive and sustainable rural economic development.

Based on the National Education Policy 2020, the academic structure of the University will offer a range of

flexible and multidisciplinary programmes, including PhD, degrees at the managerial level, diplomas at the supervisory level and certificates at the operational level. It will set up subject-specific schools at its campus and in other States and create a national network to standardise the quality of cooperative education and training. To create a national network, the university will try to connect more than 200 existing cooper-

ative institutions in the next four years.

To meet the skill development and capacity building needs of India’s estimated number of about 40 lakh cooperative personnel and 80 lakh board members, the university will train around 20 lakh personnel of cooperative societies like Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Dairy, Fisheries, etc. in the next five years.

To address the shortage of qualified teachers, the university will develop a strong teacher base through PhD programmes based on cooperative studies. At present, cooperative education is limited to a few States and scattered across various institutions, which is inadequate to meet the growing demand in this sector.

There is currently no institutional mechanism in India to support research and development focused on innovation and affordable technologies in cooperatives, especially for rural areas.

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Bihar polls phase 1 roll revision complete: ECI

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

Amid controversy over Special Intensive Revision (SIR), the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Friday said that the first visit of the first phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral roll in Bihar has been completed, with Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have so far covered nearly 1.5 crore households across the State.

According to an official statement issued by the ECI, as of July 2, 2025 the BLOs have distributed over 6.86 crore Enumeration Forms, which amount to more than 87 per cent of the 7.90 crore enrolled electors in Bihar as per records updated till June 24, 2025.

The poll panel further said that the remaining households could not be reached due to reasons such as the premises being locked, possibly due to death of electors, migration of families or dwellers might be traveling. Officials in the poll



An elderly voter being given the enumeration form by a BLO during the ongoing special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar PTI

panel, however, contended that since BLOs would be revisiting each household up to three times, the coverage might improve significantly. The poll panel said, to further ease the process, partially filled

Enumeration Forms are now available for download via the ECI portal (https://voters.eci.gov.in) and the ECINET App. “Voters can also complete and upload their forms direct-

ly through the ECINET App,” it added.

Active political engagement has bolstered the effort, with 1,54,977 Booth Level Agents (BLAs) appointed by various parties aiding the BLOs. The BJP leads with 52,689 BLAs, followed by RJD (47,504), JD (U) (34,669), and INC (16,500), the poll panel said.

Smaller parties like CPI (ML) L, LJP (Ram Vilas), and others have also contributed, as each of the BLAs are allowed submit up to 50 certified forms daily, it added.

Nearly 38 lakh signed forms - about 5 per cent of the total - have already been submitted, demonstrating early voter responsiveness. Emphasising its motto “Inclusion First,” the Commission is urging all voters to sign and submit their forms by July 25 to ensure inclusion in the Draft Electoral Roll, which will be published on August 1.

Simultaneous verification of submitted forms is already underway.

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Siraj, Akash limit England

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Birmingham

Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj took six wickets, while Akash Deep bagged four as India took a first-innings lead of 180 runs by dismissing England for 407 after a fight back by middle-order batters Harry Brook and Jamie Smith on day three of the second Test here on Friday.

Siraj struck vital blows in the morning session, dismissing Joe Root (22) and Ben Stokes (0), while Akash Deep broke a 303-run partnership between Brook (158) and Smith (184 not out) by getting rid of the former in the post-tea session.

Akash then got rid of Chris Woakes for 5 runs to reduce England 395/7, before Siraj wiped out the tail, dismissing Brydon Carse, Josh Tongue and Shoaib Bashir for ducks.

Earlier in the day, Harry Brook and Jamie Smith took England to 355 for five in a wicket-less afternoon session on day three of the second Test.

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India's Mohammed Siraj celebrates the dismissal of England's Joe Root on day three of the second cricket test match between England and India PTI

Administration on Alert Ahead of Muharram, Tight Security Arrangements in Place

PNS : BOKARO

BOKARO : In view of the upcoming Muharram observance, the district administration has put in place strict security arrangements to ensure the festival is celebrated peacefully and harmoniously. As per the directions of Deputy Commissioner Ajay Nath Jha, flag marches were conducted on Friday evening in sensitive areas by BDOs, COs, and local police officers. A total of 357 magistrates and police officers have been deployed across key locations, intersections, and crowded zones throughout the district. Additionally, 31



magistrates in Chas subdivision and 53 in Bermo subdivision have been kept on reserve to respond swiftly

when needed. To strengthen surveillance, CCTV cameras and drones have been deployed in sensitive areas. A 24x7 district control room has been activated to handle any emergencies, with 59 magistrates specially appointed to manage the response. The administration is also keeping a close watch on social media. The deputy commissioner has warned that strict action will be taken against those spreading misinformation or provocative content online. DC Ajay Nath Jha has appealed to residents to celebrate Muharram with peace,



unity, and mutual respect. He urged citizens to report any suspicious activity immediately to the control room (06542-223705 / 223475 / 100 / 112) or inform nearby

officials. The administration has assured prompt action on all such reports.

Tree Plantation Drive Organised by BSL Water Supply Department and DAV Ispat School Sector 02

PNS : BOKARO



A tree plantation programme was organised today by the Water Supply Department of Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) in collaboration with DAV Ispat School, Sector 02, under the leadership of BSL Director In-Charge Birendra Kumar Tiwari. The initiative aimed to promote greenery and biodiversity in the city and raise environmental awareness among school-children. On this occasion, several senior officials of BSL participated, including Executive Director (Works) C.R. Mahapatra, Executive Director (HR) Rajshree Banerjee, Executive Director (Materials Management) C.R. Mishra, Executive Director (Mines) Vikas Manawati, and Chief General Manager (Technical) Lakshmi Das. The programme saw enthusiastic involvement from BSL executives and employees along with the principal, teachers, and students of DAV Ispat School, Sector 02. The event reaffirmed BSL's commitment to sustainability and community-driven environmental efforts.

The Inner Classroom: A Lesson in Gratitude — From a Horse Named Crompton



SHEETAL BAGARIA

When we think of gratitude, we instinctively look for it in our relationships with people: parents, teachers, friends, or mentors who shape our journeys. But sometimes, our deepest lessons in gratitude come from the quietest corners of our lives, from those who cannot speak our language yet

understand us better than we do ourselves. A few weeks ago, Sanvi, a young rider and national-level equestrian champion, came to me for help with her Common App essay. We spoke about many topics, but I nudged her towards the most avoided yet beautiful prompt: "Reflect on something you are grateful for." It is a prompt that students often fear because they think they must find a dramatic human saviour. But gratitude, I believe, often lies in places we overlook. Sanvi's story unfolded in our session, a story that had been tucked away behind pride, disappointment, and a small ache of betrayal. For years, Sanvi had ridden her favourite horse, Crompton. Together they had won many trophies and ribbons. She would always visit Crompton in the stable after competitions, feed him sweet carrots, stroke his mane, and whisper her secrets into his warm neck.

At first, she resisted telling this story. She worried it wasn't good enough, or that writing about a horse would seem childish. But as her mentor, I urged her to stay with it, to dig deeper, to remember the moments that truly mattered. I asked her simple questions: What did Crompton mean to you? When did you last see him? Why did you stop going? And slowly, the forgotten details surfaced, the little moments that hold the truth of our gratitude when we dare to look. She told me that at her last big championship, something had gone wrong. Crompton stumbled mid-course, costing her the win. In that bitter moment, instead of pausing to reflect on her own mistakes, Sanvi felt betrayed. She told herself Crompton had let her down. She stopped visiting him. The carrots stopped. The gentle brushing and soft words stopped. As we spoke and wrote,

something shifted. Memories flooded back: early morning rides in the mist, Crompton's gentle nudge when she was nervous, his patient calm when she needed courage. In the quiet of writing, Sanvi saw her own ingratitude. She realised how easy it was to blame, to abandon, to turn her back on a loyal friend who had carried her, quite literally, to her dreams. With the essay draft in hand, Sanvi did something she hadn't done in months. She went back to the stables. Crompton stood there, older but unchanged in his gentle grace. The moment he saw her, he let out a soft nicker, stamping his hoof as if to say, "Where have you been?" Sanvi held out her palm. Crompton nuzzled it, his breath warm, eyes kind. Horses don't speak, but they remember. And they forgive. In that small stable, Sanvi's Inner Classroom came alive. She learnt that gratitude is not just an emotion for good times, it is a

responsibility for all times. It is about loyalty when things go wrong, about honouring bonds that cannot speak for themselves. In a world that often teaches us to compete, outshine, and move on, sometimes we need a gentle horse to remind us to stand still, to remember, and to give thanks. For Sanvi, her best trophy is not made of metal and ribbons. It is made of hay, hoofbeats, and a horse called Crompton who taught her how to be grateful, truly grateful. And this is what the Inner Classroom is all about: finding lessons in the unexpected, and letting them shape us into kinder, more grateful human beings. (Sheetal Bagaria is an essay strategist who guides students toward foreign education while sharing meaningful life lessons along the way. bagariasheetal1971@gmail.com)

More Italian Than Italy: A Love Letter to Fire & Ice, Kolkata From the pages of my Diary : Antara Mohan

DEAR DIARY,

Today felt like something out of a feel-good film. One of those days when everything just feels right — when you wake up with that little flutter in your heart because something lovely is about to happen. Annamaria had invited Mamma and me for lunch at Fire & Ice. The moment I saw her message, I lit up. There's something about her — her warmth, her light — that just makes you feel held. It didn't feel like a restaurant invitation. It felt like love. I pulled out my favourite white dress, the one that makes me feel soft and happy. Mamma looked elegant as always, full of grace. We both took our time getting ready, already smiling at what the afternoon would bring. Walking into Fire & Ice felt like coming home. The smell of garlic and butter, the sound of clinking glasses and easy laughter, the way the staff welcomed us like old friends — it wrapped around me in the gentlest way. Everyone was so kind. The chefs smiled from behind the counter, the waiters checked on us with such care. It felt like the whole place was breathing kindness. We ordered all our favourites. The handmade sage and butter pasta, which was warm, rich, and full of comfort. The mint and lemon cooler — bright, fresh, the kind of drink that feels like sunshine. The Fungi pizza, soft and earthy. And the tiramisu... oh, Diary, that tiramisu. Light, creamy, layered with love. And then came Suraj. He's always warm and steady, but today his smile held something softer. We soon found out he had just lost his grandmother the night before. He hadn't eaten all day, yet there he was — checking on us, sitting with us for a moment, making sure we felt cared for. That kind of grace is rare. It moved me so deeply. Sometimes love is quiet, and today, Suraj showed me what that looks like. Then, my phone lit up. It was a video call from Annamaria. The moment I saw her face, I smiled like a child. She



looked radiant, full of life. She asked if we were enjoying the food, how we were doing, and whether everything felt good. Her energy was warm, joyful, loving — just like always. And then, suddenly, in that excited, unmistakable Annamaria way, she exclaimed, "Make Antara sign the VIP book!" She said it with such joy, as if it was the most obvious and important thing in the world. I was stunned. I've never felt so flattered. I know how many real VIPs must walk through those doors — actors, diplomats, celebrities. But that day, it was me. She saw me. She wanted me to be part of the Fire & Ice story. That moment... I'll carry it forever. Not because of the book, but because of how she made me feel — cherished. Annamaria and I share something beautiful. We can talk about anything — life, food, heartbreak, healing, just being present. She's the kind of person who leaves you lighter. She's not just beautiful — she's soul-deep beautiful. The kind that lingers. There's a photograph of her tucked quietly into one corner of the restaurant. She doesn't need to be everywhere, because her spirit is already in everything. You feel her in the way the napkins are folded, in the joy of the staff, in the love that rises like heat from the oven. Before we left, I peeked into the kitchen. It was quiet, calm. The chefs worked like artists — stretching dough gently, layering toppings with care, placing pizzas into the oven like a quiet prayer. There was no rush. Just rhythm. Just heart. Dear Diary, today wasn't just about food. It was about being seen, being held, being loved — by a space, by its people, by the little rituals that turn a meal into memory. To Annamaria — thank you for your light, your words, your love. You made me feel like someone who mattered. To Suraj — thank you for your grace in grief. For showing up with quiet dignity and so much heart. And to the Fire & Ice family — thank you. You didn't just feed us. You filled our hearts. I'll treasure this day for a long, long time. Love, Antara ??

Talent shines at Star Runway Fashion Show

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

The city's first major fashion and entertainment extravaganza, the Star Jamshedpur Runway Fashion Show — Season 1, unfolded with style and spectacle at DS International School, Mango. Organised by WAMS Modelling Institute, the event captivated the audience with a vibrant display of creativity, regional craftsmanship, and emerging talent. More than 80 models from across Jharkhand—spanning Kids, Mr, Miss, and Mrs categories—graced the runway in a dynamic celebration of fashion diversity. The evening also saw 15 local designers showcase exclusive collections that drew widespread appreciation from fashion enthusiasts and industry professionals alike. Adding to the glamour, a dedicated team of 30 professional makeup artists delivered stunning transformations that brought each look to life. The organisers further honoured 25 social media influencers for their contri-



butions to promoting fashion and cultural initiatives in the region, highlighting the growing synergy between digital platforms and creative industries. "The response has been phenomenal," said a

spokesperson from WAMS Modelling Institute. "This show sets a new benchmark for the fashion scene in Jamshedpur and demonstrates the extraordinary talent waiting to be recognised."

Bokaro Police Clinches Top Title at Coalfield Duty Meet 2025

R SHARMA : BOKARO

The three-day Coalfield Police Duty Meet, held from 2nd to 4th July under the guidance of SP Bokaro Harvinder Singh, concluded on a high note with Bokaro district police force winning the overall championship. Dhanbad district force secured the runner-up position. Sub-Inspector Pushpraj Kumar from Bokaro, in-charge of the SP's technical branch, emerged as the Individual Overall Champion with an impressive tally of three golds and one silver. Dhanbad's Mahuda Circle Inspector Mamta Kumari bagged one gold, one silver, and one bronze, earning the runner-up title in the individual category. The closing ceremony was graced by IG Bokaro Range Kranti Kumar Gadidesi, who felicitated the winners and encouraged all participants for their dedication. Top-performing officers from this event will now represent their districts at the state-level police competitions. Also present were Rural SP Dhanbad Kapil Choudhary, City SP Dhanbad Ritvik Srivastava, and City DSP Bokaro Alok Kumar. The event was efficiently conducted under the leadership of Sergeant Major-I Pranav Kumar, with support from Sergeant Major-II Joy Prabhakar Lakra and Parichari Shiv Prasad Mahato.



Youth donates platelets for the second time in 8 days

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR



Setting an inspiring example of selfless service, Inderjit Singh, founder president of the social organisation Aagaaz, donated platelets for the second time in just eight days. With this contribution, he has completed 26 platelet donations to date. According to the blood bank, a patient in urgent need of platelets for treatment was identified, following which Inderjit Singh was contacted. Without delay, he reached the facility and completed the donation. Speaking on the occasion, Inderjit Singh appealed to citizens, saying, "Every healthy person should regularly come forward to donate blood and platelets when the need arises. Your contribution can save someone's life." During the donation, Jagjit Singh from the Bahadur Khalsa Gatka Group was also present in support. Inderjit Singh has consistently championed the cause of voluntary blood donation, motivating many in the community to join such life-saving efforts.

NDRF team deployed in East Singhbhum to strengthen disaster management

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

With an eye on effective disaster response during the monsoon, the Jharkhand government has deputed a 30-member unit of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in East Singhbhum district. The deployment was approved by the Disaster Management Department on the request of Deputy Commissioner Karn Satyarthi. The team arrived in Jamshedpur on Thursday and was immediately pressed into action, successfully carrying out relief and rescue operations after a drowning incident in a reservoir in Jadugoda. The unit comprises four officers and 26 trained personnel equipped to respond swiftly to floods, waterlogging, drowning cases, gas leaks, and other emergencies. Until now, NDRF teams

had to be requisitioned from Ranchi, Patna, or neighbouring regions whenever an emergency arose, often causing delays in critical response times. In past incidents—including the MGM hospital accident, major floods, and gas leakage from a tanker on the highway—assistance from the force had been sought. Deputy Commissioner Satyarthi stated that the proactive move was necessitated by the rising likelihood of floods, increasing river water levels, and water accumulation in low-lying urban and rural areas during monsoon. "We had sent a proposal to the Home, Jail, and Disaster Management Department, highlighting the need for a dedicated NDRF team in the district. The state government has given approval for the deployment," he said. With the stationing of



this dedicated NDRF unit in East Singhbhum, the district administration expects a significant strengthening of its disaster preparedness and the ability to conduct prompt relief and rescue operations when needed. Meanwhile, Chaibasa in West Singhbhum district recorded the highest rainfall in Jharkhand over the past 24 hours, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) reporting 69.6 millimetres of rain as monsoon activity picked up pace across the state. Most regions experienced widespread light to moderate showers, accompanied by thunderstorms and gusty winds. According to IMD forecasts, the spell of unsettled weather is set to continue for at least the next three days. On Saturday, July 5, isolated heavy rainfall is expected over northern Jharkhand, while thunder-

storms, lightning, and gusty winds reaching speeds of 30–40 km per hour may affect scattered areas. Similar conditions are likely to prevail on Sunday, July 6, particularly over north-central and adjoining southern and eastern districts. Weather officials said the increase in rainfall is due to several active systems influencing the region. The monsoon trough at mean sea level currently stretches from Bikaner through Sheopor, Khajuraho, Daltonganj, and Digha, extending into the northeast Bay of Bengal. In addition, an upper-air cyclonic circulation remains positioned over north Odisha and neighbouring parts of Gangetic West Bengal between 1.5 and 5.8 kilometres above sea level. This system tilts south-westward with height, further enhancing monsoon conditions.

Annapurna Devi inaugurates Savitri Bai Phule regional centre in Ranchi



Union Women and Child Development Minister Annapurna Devi alongwith MoS MWCD Savitri Thakur and others during inaugural ceremony of Sabitribai Phule National Institute for Women and Child Development regional centre at JUPMI, beside HEC HQ, Dhurwa in Ranchi on Friday. Pix by Ratan Lal

PNS : RANCHI

The Ministry of Women and Child Development has started a new Regional Centre of the Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development in Ranchi today. Union Minister Annapurna Devi inaugurated

the centre in presence of attendees, including state ministers and local MLAs.

The establishment of the Regional Centre in Ranchi represents a pivotal advancement in the decentralization of capacity-building efforts within the Eastern region of India.

Previously, states in the Eastern region faced challenges in accessing dedicated training facilities, often relying on centres located in Guwahati and Lucknow.

This centre will specifically address the training and research needs associated with the Ministry's flagship

programmes, including Mission Shakti, Mission Vatsalya, and Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0.

Addressing the gathering, the Union Minister Annapurna Devi said that the initiative taken by the WCD Ministry in starting the new regional centre will mark a major step in decentralising capacity-building efforts and improving service delivery in the Eastern region of the country.

This will also provide a major boost to the development of Women and children and pave the way for a better future, and accomplish the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. The new regional centre will cater to the training and research needs of several initiatives like Mission Shakti, Mission Samarthya, Mission Vatsalya, Mission Saksham Anganwadi, Navya and Poshan 2.0 schemes, keeping the cultural diversity of Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, and West Bengal states intact. Annapurna Devi mentioned that the new Regional Centre will also offer an



Union Women and Child Development Minister Annapurna Devi alongwith MoS MWCD Savitri Thakur, MoS for Defence Sanjay Seth and others during inaugural ceremony of Sabitribai Phule National Institute for Women and Child Development regional centre at JUPMI, beside HEC HQ, Dhurwa in Ranchi on Friday. Pix by Ratan Lal

Advanced Diploma Course in Child Guidance, Vocational training and Counselling to provide enhanced training to officials and frontline workers. She also said that 7 hostels for working women will be established in Jharkhand, out of which 2 will be present

in Ranchi. The new regional centre will play an important role for four states - Jharkhand, West Bengal, Bihar and Odisha.

The minister said that the Ranchi centre would help implement central govern-

ment schemes effectively in these four states.

Minister of State, WCD Savitri Thakur, MoS Defence and Ranchi MP Sanjay Seth, Hatia MLA Navin Jaiswal were also present on this occasion. Previously, states in the Eastern region faced

challenges in accessing dedicated training facilities, often relying on centres located in Guwahati and Lucknow. This reliance posed logistical difficulties for field-level workers who needed immediate access to resources and training. The new Ranchi Centre will eliminate these barriers by bringing essential infrastructure closer to those who need it most. By enhancing the capacity of local workers, the centre aims to improve the delivery of services at the last mile, ensuring that women and children receive the support they require.

The Ranchi Centre's establishment is a significant step towards improving service delivery in the region. It will provide a much-needed resource for training and development, enabling local workers to implement government initiatives more effectively.

This shift is expected to lead to better outcomes for women and children, ultimately fostering a more inclusive and empowered community.

RJD GIVES OWAISI'S OVERTURES THE COLD SHOULDER, SAYS REFRAIN FROM CONTESTING BIHAR POLLS

ALOK MOHIT : PATNA

The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) has given the cold shoulder to Hyderabad MP and AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi's overtures to Mahagathbandhan (Grand Alliance), expressing his party's desire to be part of the opposition alliance in Bihar for the upcoming assembly elections.

Owaisi had earlier written to RJD chief Lalu Prasad urging for unity among secular parties to avoid vote division, especially in regions like Seemanchal where AIMIM holds some influence.

Responding to the Owaisi's proposal, RJD spokesperson Mrityunjay Tiwari said AIMIM chief's track record showed that his party often contested elections in ways that benefited the BJP.

"AIMIM has worked as BJP's B-team, helping the saffron party gain advantage.

This time, no one will fall for any deception," Tiwari said, adding that there would be no fragmentation of secular votes.

Leader of Opposition in Bihar assembly and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav's tsunami was already underway in Bihar, Tiwari said.

RJD Rajya Sabha MP Manoj Jha was even more blunt in his response to Owaisi. He said if the AIMIM chief genuinely wanted to defeat "the BJP and its divisive politics", he should refrain from contesting the Bihar elections altogether. "Not contesting is also a political strategy. Owaisi and his advisors are well aware of that," Jha said.

At present, AIMIM has only one MLA in Bihar - Akhtarul Iman, who has been publicly advocating for joining the Mahagathbandhan comprising RJD, Congress, Left parties, and VIP. In the 2020 assembly elections, AIMIM had won 5 seats as part of the Grand Democratic Secular Front, but later four of its MLAs joined the RJD, leaving only Iman with the AIMIM.

Although current indications suggest a cold response to Owaisi's overtures, the final decision on AIMIM's proposal will be taken collectively by Lalu Prasad, Tejashwi Yadav and top Mahagathbandhan leaders,

30 IEDS RECOVERED IN MAJOR ANTI-NAXAL OPERATION

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

Acting on specific intelligence inputs, security forces successfully foiled a major attempt by the banned CPI (Maoist) outfit to target police and paramilitary personnel in West Singhbhum and Seraikela-Kharsawan districts.

According to police sources, intelligence received on July 4 indicated that Maoist cadres under the leadership of notorious commanders were mobilizing in Kolhan region to carry out disruptive activities against security forces. In response, a combined team comprising West Singhbhum District Police, Seraikela-Kharsawan District Police, CRPF, and SSB launched a coordinated area domination and search operation in the forested and remote localities falling under the Tonto Police Station and New Hatgamda OP



jurisdiction.

During the intensive operation, the joint team detected approximately 30 powerful Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) buried in the ground, each weighing about 2

to 2.5 kilograms. These IEDs had been planted earlier by the Maoist groups with the intent to inflict casualties and disrupt patrol movements.

The recovery was made possible through the vigilance of the forces, supported by trained sniffer dogs and bomb disposal squads. All the explosives were safely neutralized at the site itself, preventing any harm to security personnel or civilians.

Police officials stated that further investigation and combing operations are ongoing to trace additional explosives and apprehend those involved in the conspiracy.

Security forces reiterated their commitment to continuing sustained anti-Naxal drives in sensitive areas to ensure safety and restore confidence among local communities.

Kairali School, Ranchi Hosts Grand Opening Ceremony of KSRYS 2.0

Kairali School proudly inaugurated the much-awaited KSRYS 2.0 (Kairali School Youth Summit) this morning in a vibrant ceremony attended by presence of the Chief Guest for the occasion, Shri S. H. Nathan, Honarary Chairman SMC ,Malayalee Association, Ranchi, the Principal Shri Rajesh Pillai, Vice Principals Mrs. Sujā Pillai, Mrs. K R Smriti, and Mrs Ruchira Shukla, the teacher coordinator, whose support and encouragement added immense value to the ceremony The Opening Ceremony began with a soulful prayer song performed by students of Classes 9-12, setting a serene and auspicious tone for the day. This was followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries, Symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and the ushering in of knowledge and enlightenment.

The Chief Guest for the occasion, graced the stage with an inspiring speech emphasizing the power of youth engagement and leadership in shaping a brighter future.

Mr. Nathan was also felicitated by the school as a token of respect and appreciation for his presence and support.

The Principal, Shri Rajesh Pillai delivered an insightful speech, highlighting the objectives of KSRYS 2.0 and commended the students and staff for their dedication in organizing the summit thereby officially inaugurating the ceremony.

The ceremony concluded with a lively and heart-warming welcome song presented by students of Classes 9-12, leaving the audience uplifted and eager for the sessions ahead. KSRYS 2.0 continues throughout the day with various



committee sessions, cultural events, and discussions designed to empower young minds and promote critical thinking and collaboration among students.

DPS Ranchi Students Excel in Common University Entrance Test 2025

Reinforcing its legacy of scholastic distinction, Delhi Public School, Ranchi has witnessed an outstanding performance by its students in the Common University Entrance Test (CUE) 2025. Among the outstanding performers are Shubhaan Sharma, Kumar Chaitanya, Dhvani Mishra, Vijaya, Ananya Ashi Raj, Ashka Singh, Ankur Bhaskar, Sawanjeet, Miriyalu Martand Mohit Naidu, Piyush Agarwal, Abhinav Kumar, Shreyanshi Mishra, Mayank Raj, Kamya Agarwal, Rishabh Tiwari, Deepesh Verma, Nidhi Basant Prakash, Unnati Arya, Manisha and many others whose achievements are being celebrated. A special mention goes to Shubhaan Sharma, who has set an inspiring benchmark by appearing in four subjects. He secured a perfect 100 percentile in History, Political Science and Sociology, and an exceptional 99.99 percentile in English. As results continue to be announced, the tally of successful candidates is steadily rising, bringing immense pride to the school community. Congratulating the achievers, Principal Dr. Jaya Chauhan expressed her



delight. She said, "We are extremely proud of our students whose hard work, determination, and resilience have brought laurels to the school. These achievements reflect their

perseverance as well as the efforts of our dedicated faculty members. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the qualifiers and wish them great success in their future endeavors."



Two day annual Mela of Ranchi Doctor's Wives Association (DWA) was inaugurated today at IMA Hall in Ranchi.

ED raids at Yogendra Sao, Amba Prasad's residences

PNS : RANCHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday conducted raids at multiple locations in Jharkhand as part of an ongoing alleged illegal sand mining and extortion linked money laundering investigation against former Minister Yogendra Sao and his family members, official sources said. The raids were conducted at Sao residences and also his daughter and former MLA Amba Prasad's residences.

At least eight premises in Hazaribag and Ranchi were raided since early morning

The action is being undertaken as per the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the sources said.

The raids pertain to an ongoing probe into allegations that substantial proceeds of crime were generated through activities such as extortion, illegal sand mining, and land grabbing, the sources said.

One ED team was deployed at Kishoreganj on Harmu Road in Ranchi, while another conducted raids in Barkagaon, Hazaribagh. The raids are linked to an investi-

gation into the RCTC coal transportation case.

Residences of Amba Prasad's close aides—personal assistant Sanjeev Sahu, Manoj Dang, and Pancham Kumar—were also searched.

This is not the first time the ED has taken action in this case.

On March 18, 2024, the agency had raided several premises associated with Amba Prasad in Hazaribagh. Today's raid comes months after the ED conducted a similar crackdown between March 12 and March 14 this year, targeting Amba Prasad,

her father, and former Minister Yogendra Sao, brother Ankit Raj, and several other relatives and associates.

During those raids, the agency had seized Rs 35 lakh in cash, digital devices, fake stamps of banks and government offices, handwritten receipts, diaries, and other incriminating documents.

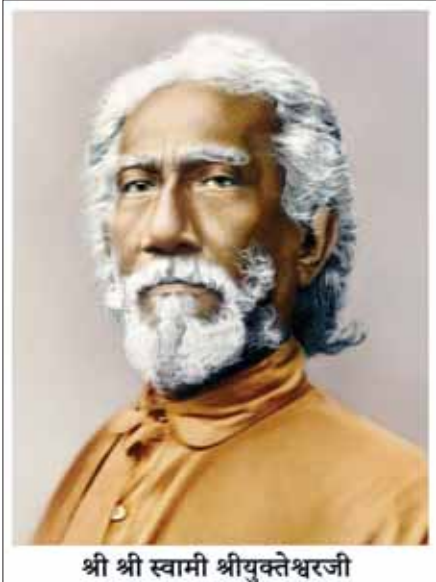
Officials believe that the current searches are based on evidence and leads gathered during the earlier raids. The ED is now closely examining documents related to financial transactions, land

deals, and mining activities.

Ten companies reportedly registered in the names of Amba Prasad and her family members are under scrutiny.

Earlier, the ED had questioned Amba Prasad, her father Yogendra Sao, and her brother Ankit Raj at its zonal office in Ranchi in connection with the same case.

Amba Prasad was elected to the Jharkhand Assembly from Barkagaon in 2019 on a Congress ticket. Her parents - Yogendra Sao and Nirmala Devi -- have also represented the same constituency in the past.



under the weight of his disciplinary hammer: I am immeasurably grateful for the humbling blows he dealt my vanity. I sometimes felt that, metaphorically, he was discovering and uprooting every diseased tooth in my jaw.

Despite his towering spiritual stature, Sri Yukteswarji remained simple and humble, incapable of striking a pose or flaunting his inner withdrawal. Sri Yukteswarji's profound understanding of the infinite was reflected in his habitual silence and his every word, etched with wisdom. Yogananadaji devotionally observed, "I was conscious that I was in the presence of a living manifestation of God. The weight of his divinity automatically weighed my head before him."

Knowing him to be a peerless interpreter of the scriptures, Mahavatar Babaji requested Sri Yukteswarji to write a treatise exploring the parallels between the teachings of Christ and Bhagwan Krishna, which he expounded brilliantly in his acclaimed work, "The Holy Science," published in 1894.

Yogananadaji often reflected that Sri Yukteswarji "could easily have been an emperor or world-shattering king warrior had his mind been centred on fame or worldly achievement. He had chosen instead to storm those inner citadels of wrath and egotism whose fall is the height of a man." Further Info.: yssofindia.org

Man sentenced life imprisonment for killing wife in Garhwa

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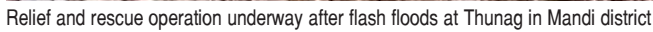
The court of Additional District and Sessions Judge-I, Dinesh Kumar in Garhwa, sentenced Bablu Kumar, also known as Vikas Saw or Vikas Prasad, to life imprisonment with hard labor for the murder of his wife. The convict, a resident of Chatakman village under Ranka police station, was also fined ₹25,000. The case is related to Ranka Police Station Case No. 306/2021, which dates back to December 14, 2021. The victim's brother,

Ravindra Prasad from Lami village in Palamu district, had filed an FIR suspecting that his sister, Roopwanti Devi (also known as Diya Devi), had been murdered by her husband. According to the FIR, Roopwanti was married to Vikas Prasad on April 23, 2012. While the first two years of marriage went smoothly, disputes began thereafter. She was allegedly harassed due to dowry demands and for not having children. The accused reportedly demanded ₹1 lakh in cash and a Pulsar motorcycle.

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addressing the inauguration of UP Mango Festival 2025 in Lucknow

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Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma attends BJP Karyakarta Sammelan in Tamulpur, Bodoland Territorial Region, Assam

SAUGAR SENGUPTA
 Kolkata

bhatta (honararium to the Imams) out of State exchequer it is real politics and when others protest against this it becomes communal politics, she is making this hue and cry because she knows that the Hindus are revolting against her and even the Muslims are looking at her with suspicion, they are gradually realising that Mamata Banerjee has respect for none, she only knows power and money. Which is why she has been using the Muslim voters by playing with their sentiments, she has been entrapped in her own trap."

Editor's
TAKE

Voter verification row
stirs a political storm

Given the complexities, the ECI's voter verification drive has made political parties jittery and voters nervous

With elections in Bihar barely a couple of months away, a political storm is sweeping the state. And it is not political campaigning — it is the voter verification drive ordered by the Election Commission of India (ECI). It is feared that millions of voters would be disenfranchised by the ECI's decision seeking fresh documentation from voters — both existing and new — as part of a special intensive revision of electoral rolls. With millions scrambling to procure residence, caste or other specified documents, the INDIA bloc (Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance) is up in arms, accusing the move of being a deliberate attempt to disenfranchise marginalised communities and young voters — traditionally their core support base.

The ECI's new directives require that anyone not listed in the 2003 electoral rolls, or not descended from someone who was, must now produce one of 11 officially notified documents to prove citizenship and identity. These include caste certificates, land allotment papers, permanent residence certificates and a few others. The normally held documents like Aadhaar cards, MGNREGA job cards or even voter ID cards are no longer valid. This sudden directive, with a mere 25-day window for compliance, has sparked panic and confusion across the state. Voters, especially in rural areas, are scrambling to obtain the necessary paperwork, but given the complexity of the mandate, a large number of voters may not be able to participate in the elections to be held in October–November this year. Many — especially women, young voters, and daily wage earners — do not possess the requisite documents and lack the time, information and resources to furnish them.

The concern of disenfranchising the marginalised is not ill-founded. The process of procuring these documents is not only tedious but also unfamiliar and daunting, especially for those working outside the state or unaware of the new requirements. Moreover, it is near impossible for 7.8 crore electors to be verified with a deadline looming at the end of July. The INDIA bloc, particularly the RJD and Congress, has accused the ECI of acting under pressure to carry out what they term a “selective voter cleansing” operation. Given the concerns raised by political parties, the public, and even bureaucrats about the feasibility of this exercise, the ECI must reconsider its decision as it impacts the poor, the uneducated, the youth, and those working as migrant labourers. Besides, why the voter ID cards issued by the Government itself cannot be used as valid document is incomprehensible.

The Election Commission, on its part, maintains that the process is a legitimate step to update and cleanse voter rolls and ensure citizenship verification. So far, only about three per cent have successfully uploaded their documents to the ECI portal, underscoring the logistical challenge. The ECI also points out that similar revisions were carried out in 2003 and that the documentation now sought is standard for establishing identity and domicile. However, the timing, urgency, and intensity of the rollout raises several questions.

If it was so necessary, it could have been started well in advance and not just months away from elections. Whether the ECI will reconsider the timeline or relax norms remains uncertain. But one thing is clear: the road to the Bihar elections just got a lot bumpier.

Radical Currents and Muslim Youth in India

In the complex tapestry of India's religious and social fabric, two influential Islamic movements — Jamaat-e-Islami and Tablighi Jamaat — are drawing increased scrutiny for their role in shaping the worldview of young Indian Muslims

In the intricate mosaic of India's religious landscape, Muslim organisations play a significant role in shaping identities, beliefs, and communal behaviour. Among them, Jamaat-e-Islami and Tablighi Jamaat have historically positioned themselves as Islamic revivalist movements. While they publicly disavow violence, concerns are growing over how their ideological frameworks and influence networks may be radicalising segments of Muslim youth in India.

This article aims to unpack the mechanisms, narratives, and patterns through which these groups operate, as well as how their doctrines can lean towards exclusivism, isolationism, and even extremism.

From Spiritual Revival to Political Agenda

The Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), founded in 1941 by Abul A'la Maududi, is not merely a religious movement. It is based on a political interpretation of Islam, aiming to establish an Islamic state governed by Sharia. While banned in Jammu & Kashmir, JeI continues to operate across India, student organisations, and civil society under various names and fronts. Tablighi Jamaat, on the other hand, is ostensibly apolitical and inward-looking, focusing on personal piety and Islamic evangelism (dawah).

But its brand of Islam — rigid, Deobandi-based, and anti-modernist — discourages pluralism and instils a worldview where religious identity trumps national identity. It is often accused of building echo chambers that alienate youth from mainstream society. Though the two groups differ in method — JeI being politically charged, and Tablighi Jamaat spiritually intense — both promote binary, us-versus-them narratives that breed alienation.

Campus Footprints and Student Influence

One of Jamaat-e-Islami's most visible arms is its student wing. While presenting itself as a platform for education and social justice, the student wing often mirrors Jamaat's ideological undertones — opposing secularism, glorifying Islamic governance, and reinforcing communal identity. Across campuses in Kerala, West Bengal, and Delhi, JeI's student wing has cultivated an ideologically regimented cadre that sees modern politics and Western liberalism as antithetical to Islam.

These young recruits are often introduced subtly to anti-democratic ideas under the guise of “intellectual Islam.”



Tablighi Jamaat, meanwhile, maintains a low-profile but deep network of young followers who are trained through chillas (40-day missionary tours). Youths are encouraged to abandon regular education or jobs, isolate themselves from “non-Islamic environments”, and dedicate their lives to purifying the ummah. The emphasis on blind obedience, uniform dress codes, and rigid gender segregation is an early form of ideological radicalisation.

Alienation, and Gateway Radicalism

Both groups are non-violent in stated strategy, but that does not mean they are non-radical. The radicalisation process is not always about violence; it's about the creation of a mindset that normalises separatism, rejection of constitutional values, and distrust of the “other.”

Many young Muslims drawn to these groups begin to question:— democratic participation— secular education — coexistence with other faiths — integration into India's plural society.

In doing so, a space is created where more radical elements can easily recruit. Indeed, various intelligence reports in the

past have noted that individuals involved in terror plots or who later joined ISIS had a background of association with such ideological groups. For example, in Jammu and Kashmir, JeI has been accused of ideological indoctrination that later led to militancy. While the group denies links to terror outfits, its literature often paints the Indian state as an aggressor

Digital Propaganda and Transnational Influence

Modern radicalisation doesn't need a mosque. It needs a smartphone, an internet connection, and unregulated content. Both JeI and Tablighi networks have been quick to adapt.

- WhatsApp groups pushing Maududi's or Zakir Naik's content
- YouTube sermons discouraging integration into the Indian mainstream
- Telegram channels sharing conspiracy theories against the Indian state

These media are now fertile ground for soft radicalisation. Moreover, both movements have strong transnational linkages. JeI receives ideological backing from Pakistan-based networks, and Tablighi Jamaat is tightly connected with counterparts in Bangladesh, Malaysia, and even the UK — countries where their role in promoting extremism has come under scrutiny.

Need for Counter-Narratives and Engagement

Outlawing or banning these groups alone

will not suffice. What's needed is a robust civil society response that includes:—

- Promotion of inclusive Islamic scholarship (Sufi, interfaith dialogue) —
- Mentorship for Muslim youth through cultural and academic platforms.
- Monitoring of digital propaganda without targeting communities indiscriminately.
- State engagement with moderate Muslim voices, especially at local and university levels.

Government agencies must distinguish between legitimate religious expression and ideological grooming. Muslim communities, in turn, must introspect and challenge hardline dominance in their educational, social, and cultural spaces.

The silent radicalisation of Indian Muslim youth through ideological soft power — whether via Jamaat-e-Islami's politicised Islam or Tablighi Jamaat's rigid piety — poses a serious challenge to the ideals of secularism and national integration. The time has come for assertive, inclusive interventions not just by the State but by civil society and the Muslim community itself.

The battle against radicalism cannot be won in courts or police stations alone. It must be fought in minds, in classrooms, and on digital platforms — through reform, reason, and responsible leadership.

(The writer is the Chairman of the Muslim Students' Organisation of India. Views expressed are personal)

PICTALK



Children fly kites under a partly cloudy morning sky in Nadia, West Bengal. PTI

God is everything: A journey from belief to realisation

SECOND
Opinion

This is not my conjecture. Lord Krishna states, “After the efforts of many births, a yogi in the end becomes wise, and he takes My shelter. A great soul, who considers Lord Vasudeva thus as everything, is very rare.” (The Bhagavad Gita 7.19) What message comes through from the next very famous verse translated into English? “You only are my mother and you only are my father. You only are my relative and friend, you only are my knowledge and wealth, you only are my all, my God of Gods.” I scanned the internet about this matter. What did I find? Different religions have the same message. The entire universe is viewed as a manifestation of God. We souls are parts of God. (15.7) Sikhs believe that God is everything. Christians believe in God's omnipresence. Islam believes that Allah is the sole source of all creation.

My main source of knowledge is the Bhagavad Gita. What have I learnt? Lord Krishna states, “Whatever there is opulent, effulgent or even energetic, all that you should know as produced from a fragment of My splendour” (10.41) Arjuna describes what he saw in the Vishwaroop of Lord Krishna: “O Lord of the universe, I see Your innumerable forms on all sides, having many hands, bellies, mouths, and eyes; I do not see Your end, nor middle, not even Your beginning.” (11.16) “I see You without beginning, middle or end; of unlim-



ited strength; having numberless hands, having eyes like the moon and the sun; having the mouth burning like fire; and scorching this universe by Your own radiance.” (11.19) Lord Krishna confirms, “Having limbs on all sides; having eyes, head and mouth on all sides; having ears on all sides, God is situated in this world, pervading all.” (13.13) “He only is outside and inside of all living entities, in non-moving and moving too; unknown due to being subtle, and situated far away also, and nearby too; it is He only.” (13.15) I can go on, but will summarise briefly what I have learnt about God. He is omnipotent, i.e., all-powerful; omniscient, i.e., knows past, present and even future, besides all that is knowable; omnipresent, i.e., present everywhere all the time. God is the source of everything; He is, in fact, the essence of all existence. God encompasses everything; we are living within God. God is the Creator and very much involved in its continuation for millions of years.

Believe it or not, God, in spite of what has been described earlier, is waiting for us to turn to Him. Lord Krishna states, “Four kinds of virtuous people worship Me. These are a distressed person, an inquisitive person, a seeker of wealth and a wise person.” (7.16) Surely, we fit in at least one category, if not two or three. Who is not struggling to exist well in this 'dukhalaya' (place of misery – 8.15)? Aren't we all desirous of material objects, mostly money? And some of us are inquisitive about God. Wise persons are few, and they have already taken shelter of God. I will

state my experiences about how I benefitted by taking active shelter of God and how I managed it. Long back, I realised that material objects like lots of money and sense enjoyments pleased but did not satisfy. (3.39) Most of all, I needed to be peaceful to be satisfied and happy. Fortunately, my grandfather, grandmother, father and mother were all devotees of God in various ways. I had good saskaras (cultural values) to emulate. I did, and started doing spiritual practices, beginning with chanting mantras and the Lord's names.

As I began to get a response from God, I took up many more spiritual practices, like praying sincerely. I hung a large photo of Lord Krishna on the right side of my bed in order to have darsana — to see my Lord easily and frequently. This led to namana (offering obeisance). By now I was becoming God-conscious. I started seeking guidance and help in all matters concerning me, and God was responding like I could have never imagined. Obviously, I was very thankful, which I expressed gratefully. My spiritual writing began to flourish. It was some experience with God inspiring me to write, helping me to put the text together, and getting my articles and books printed and uploaded. Life became completely different and, yes, very satisfying. God, who is everything, was proving to me how He could guide and help in all matters. Challenges came, as they do, and I was able to deal with them successfully under God's micromanagement. Life has progressed from almost nothing to quite something.

(The writer is a spiritual teacher. Views are personal)

Letters to the Editor

A noble gesture

Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in India to officially announce a guard of honour for individuals who donate their body or organs after death. The initiative includes: Guard of honour during last rites for donors of heart, liver, kidney, or entire body.

Public recognition of their families on Republic Day (Jan 26) or Independence Day (Aug 15).The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr Mohan Yadav, deserves to be congratulated for this noble and thoughtful gesture. However, the state Government should also ensure that the procedure/process for both full body donation as well as organ donation is made as simple as possible. Hospitals and medical colleges should also be sensitised to handle such cases with dignity and promptness. Also, advertisements must be placed in newspapers to encourage people to donate their body/vital organs and to inform people how to go about it. Failing this last-mile effort, the full impact of this noble step may not be accomplished.

Donating one's body/organs is indeed a good way of contributing to medical science as well as to society. As Maya Angelou has so wisely said — “I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.” (A catcher's mitt is a baseball glove designed solely for catching, not throwing.)

AVINASH GODBOLEY | DEWAS

Shubman Gill enters record books

Congratulations to the *Shubh-man of India*, Captain Gill, for scoring a superlative double century at Edgbaston in the second Test vs England. He showed all the qualities of a top-class player — patience, application, dedication, discipline. In the process, Gill tumbled many records. He is the 5th Indian Test captain to achieve this outstanding feat.

Also, the 4th Indian whose name starts with “S” to have double centuries in both Tests and ODIs (S-hubman, S-harma Rohit, S-achin, and S-ehwag). Gill is the 25th Indian and the 203rd cricketer in the world to have scored a Test double ton. The first Indian to hit a double ton was Polly Umrigar (in 1955). The Indian with the most double tons is Virat Kohli (7). The first player to score a double ton in Tests was Billy Murdoch (in 1884). The player with the most double tons in Tests is Aussie star Donald Bradman (12).

A historic knock at Edgbaston! Captain Shubman Gill's double century not only powered India in the second Test vs England but also etched his name among legends. He's now the 5th Indian Test captain with a double ton, 25th Indian overall, and 203rd globally. Joining the elite “S-club” with Sachin, Sehwaag, and Sharma, Gill has double tons in both Tests and ODIs. A masterclass in patience and power — cricket's future is in safe hands.

PVP MADHU NIVRITI | SECUNDRABAD

Safety audit of industries is a must

This is with reference to the news article “Urgent call for smarter crowd management” (July 3). India thrives in its gatherings. Cricket triumphs, political rallies, religious festivals, or celebrity events draw thousands — sometimes lakhs — into streets and squares, showcasing our nation's vibrant pulse.

Yet, this energy comes with a persistent challenge — managing these crowds safely and predictably. Recent tragedies, from stampedes to chaotic dispersals — stampede at Hathras religious event, stampede at Maha Kumbh, Puri car festival stampede, and stampede outside Bengaluru stadium — reveal the steep price of mismanagement.

Crowds in India are evolving. Effective crowd management in this scenario requires careful planning of entry and exit points, strategic placement of barriers, clear communications, and possibly monitoring through cameras to detect and respond to congestion before it escalates into a hazard. By leveraging AI-driven video analytics, event operators can enhance their situational awareness, respond to potential hazards proactively, and maintain a secure environment for attendees. The Karnataka Government is considering passing a Bill, *The Crowd Control Act 2025*, to award penalties to organisers who violate safety rules. It is welcome.

P VICTOR SELVARAJ | TIRUNELVELI

DESPITE GLOBAL HONOURS, INDIA STANDS ALONE ON KEY ISSUES

It is embarrassing for India when Minister of External Affairs (MEA) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar himself admits and confesses that nobody supports India. He criticised the West for their lack of support towards India concerning terrorism.

Whereas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has travelled all over the world to be known as Vishwaguru. Even yesterday (Wednesday), he was conferred with his 24th highest state honour — ‘The Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana’ — by Ghana's President, John Mahama.

As usual, the Bharatiya Janata Party lauds his 24 global awards. But the people want to know — among these 24 countries, how many actually go in India's favour?

Actually, this shows that the rest of the world does not consider India's cry important (even after India has deployed seven delegations across 33

countries, while Pakistan's smaller diplomatic initiative covers just five capitals and cities: Washington, New York, Brussels, London, and Moscow). The US is always in favour of Pakistan; even PM Modi's so-called best friend Donald Trump has never been a well-wisher of India. Has he not approved the \$1.3 billion IMF loan to Pakistan and announced \$400 million in security assistance in March?

Has not Trump and his family received billions of dollars from Middle Eastern Arab countries, who are always pro-Pakistan despite maintaining outwardly friendly relations with us? It is our fault for being so gullible. Whatsoever, so many world trips, so many delegations, so much money wasted on Trump's felicitation in India — all gone to waste. No one knows who is truly with us.

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Bharat's Beacon of Cooperative Renaissance and Economic Swaraj

When the story of India's cooperative resurgence is written, the establishment of Tribhuvan Sahakarita University will stand not merely as an academic milestone, but as a revolutionary leap towards economic Swaraj and people-powered prosperity

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When the chronicle of India's cooperative resurgence is etched in history, the founding of Tribhuvan Sahakarita University will be hailed not as just another educational institution, but as a transformational moment — Bharat's proud gift to the cooperative world and a blueprint for true economic swaraj. This university isn't simply bricks and mortar; it is a Gurukul of modern Sahakarita, a sacred forge of leadership, where young minds will be shaped into visionary cooperative warriors, poised to carry the dream of Viksit Bharat 2047 with resolve and pride.

Flowing like a sacred Gangotri, the university's hub-and-spoke model will reach every corner of India — from the hills of Himachal to the deltas of Odisha, from desert outposts in Rajasthan to forested interiors of Chhattisgarh. It will connect, uplift, and unify, ensuring that no dream is too remote and no voice too small. It will serve as a national knowledge trust, attracting the finest cooperative economists, extension specialists, grassroots innovators, and policy thinkers from Bharat and beyond.

The university will incubate India's cooperative future across all verticals — from agri-tech and logistics to finance and governance. It will be the crucible where doctrines of people-owned markets are forged, where AI-integrated grain systems, blockchain-powered warehouses, and bioethanol and compressed biogas entrepreneurship take shape. It will redesign the social contract theory, empower local economies, and fuel India's role as a leader among Global South nations, championing the cause of smallholder farmers, island states, and climate-affected communities at global multilateral platforms like the United Nations and the World Bank.

Aligned with Mission Karmayogi, the university will shape future regulators, build governance capacity, and drive cooperative-led reforms in line with Net Zero Emissions by 2070, not imposed, but rooted in the Indian way. Its models of climate-resilient cooperative farming, circular supply chains, and renewable-powered rural infrastructure will make ecological sustainability the heartbeat of inclusive growth.

When the world is at a crossroads where SDG targets are challenged and transformation to ESG I staking place, inequality widens with Ginni coefficient of 52, one of the highest and corporatisation deepens, India is responding not with resistance but with reinvention - through the Sahakar Path, with Ginni coefficient one of the lowest to only twenty six built on dignity, decentralisation, and ownership. Named after the revered Tribhuvandas Patel, the architect of the White Revolution, this university will do for agriculture, textiles, forestry, and logistics what Amul did for milk. It won't just teach; it will transform. Graduates from this university will manage procurement, design agri-export strategies, digitise rural warehouses, and lead cooperatives



from Arunachal's valleys to the skyline of Mumbai.

They will become the custodians of India's 2.5 lakh-strong warehouse grid — blockchain-integrated, powered by renewable energy, and governed with transparency. These young future graduate managers emerging from Tribhuvan Gurukul will combat financial and economic crimes through a coop eco framework lens and will create secure benefit transfer systems, root out leakages, and ensure every rupee reaches the last mile. Among them also will be cyber commandos and cooperative forensic experts, rebuilding trust in the rural digital economy, while also supporting the last mile criminal

Justice administration reforms, which further will save the national fabric and will strengthen the National Internal Security system differently as done in Israel.

The days of MSP-centric thinking are behind us. The university will train young minds to think ahead — to align production with demand, to plan procurement with precision, and to transform rural India into a global agri-export powerhouse. These professionals

will master global trade protocols, operate AI-enabled agri-market platforms, and turn India's diverse produce into world-class brands.



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THE THREE-TIER COOPERATIVE MODEL — PACS AT THE BASE, PROCESSING IN THE MIDDLE, AND GLOBAL MARKETS AT THE TOP — WILL NO LONGER BE THEORY. IT WILL BE ACTION. FROM COTTON FIELDS TO BOUTIQUE BRANDS, FROM FOOD BASKETS TO CLIMATE STARTUPS, TRIBHUVAN SAHAKARITA UNIVERSITY WILL LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR INDIA'S COOPERATIVE VALUE CHAIN ECONOMY.

This university is not a milestone. It is a mission. It embodies the Paanch Pran of our Hon'ble Prime Minister. A Developed India. Freedom from colonial mindsets. Pride in roots. Unity of purpose. And a deep sense of duty. Every student here will not just earn a degree — they will carry a pledge. A pledge to make Bharat a cooperative republic in the truest sense. In an era when India's grain is stored by NCML, owned by Canada's Fairfax, the farmer remains shackled. These entities profit without planting, storing without sharing, and dictate prices to those who till the soil. But this won't last. Tribhuvan Sahakarita University will produce a new generation that dismantles this dependence — professionals who reclaim sovereignty, replace middlemen, and transform agri-finance from a system of control into one of empowerment.

Bharat, through Sahkar Se Siddhi, is empowered enough to combat the organised cartels led by Soros-backed private equity funds. Their cartelised kin will be shown the door by a new breed of cooperative professionals emerging from Tribhuvan Sahakarita University. These graduates will not just know how to manage grain — they will know how to reclaim sovereignty. They will reimagine the very idea of agri-finance, ensuring that the farmer does not just grow but gains. No more MSP rhetoric in the mandis. No more waiting for arbitrary grading. Every PACS will have trained manpower to convert it into a mini-Mandi, agroclimatic zone-wise. The farmer will have his co-op warehouse, his QR-coded smart receipt, and his price intelligence system. These

The eternal struggle: Karbala and the triumph of conscience over cruelty

John Bradshaw once said, "Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God." Can man stand up to these conditions? "Man can but not necessarily with ease", Imam Husain, the grandson of Prophet Mohammad announced from the battlefield of Karbala (Iraq), on the fateful day of 10th Muharram, 61 AH (October 10, 680 A.D.).

The pre-Islamic period in Arabia is known as the "age of ignorance". Scudding away from the noble attributes of human principles, the Arabs were treading the path of retrogression and abhorrence. Suffering from worst evils and vices, these Arabs known as Bedouins (uncivilised rustics) were highly temptative of wrecking vengeance, group quarrels, tribal animosities leading to bloody warfare that lasted for generations.

In pre-Islamic period these Arabian Bedouins used to bury their newly born daughters alive out of ego. They had no sense of equality, humanity, decency and brotherhood. In this crucial moment, Prophet of Islam Hazrat Mohammad brought the message of peace, tolerance, humanity, forbearance, liberty, equality, brotherhood, assisting to weak and securing justice for the persecuted. The Prophet gradually started transforming the heartless brutes to humanise and turning towards peaceful life.

The most notorious among them were the Bedouin tribals of "Bani-Omayya" (Omayyads). Omayyads did not tolerate the sojourn of humanity and peace. They violently opposed Prophet's teachings. Omayya's grandson, Abu Sufiyan, son of Herb, unfurled the flag of revolt against Islamic teachings.

They started a campaign of persecution on the Prophet, who was forced to migrate from his home in Mecca to Medina. As such, the year of Prophet's flight from Mecca to Medina is marked as the beginning of Hijri era of Islamic calender. Still the Prophet Mohammad was not given any respite and relief. Mohammad was compelled to fight battles many a time. In Medina, Prophet established the system for administering the "rule of law" in the light of Islamic jurisprudence, under the command of his son-in-law Hazrat Ali Murtaza. Notwithstanding the bravery of Ali, Omayyads suffered a thorough collapse. The shrewd Abu Sufiyan played a trick to subscribe to Islam outwardly and the Prophet mercifully granted quarter to Abu Sufiyan and his men. On the contrary, Mohammad realising his duties as Prophet was preparing his two beloved grandsons, 'Hasan' and 'Husain', sons of Ali Murtaza and Fatima Zehra, as perfect specimen of his own attainment and imparted to their young minds all the characteristics of his high morality.

After the demise of the Holy Prophet Mohammad, the school of Islamic thought, philosophy, culture and administration was shifted to 'Caliphate' with temporal and ecclesiastical powers. The first three caliphs were: Abubakar, Umar and Usman. The last caliph Imam Ali Murtaza, was assassinated by the henchmen of the conspirator



and hypocrite Muawiya son of Abu Sufiyan while Hazrat Ali Murtaza was prostrating before Allah in the mosque. After Ali's assassination, Muawiya with the might of sword, usurped the seat of Caliphate in Syria and declared himself as the self-appointed caliph. Muawiya, the first ruler of the House of Omayyads displaced the democratic Islamic rule by oligarchical and barbaric despot-

ic rule. After the death of Muawiya, his son accused Yazid ascended to the Caliphate seat of Syria. He was a hardcore terrorist and had surpassed all his ancestors in practicing cruelty, violence and corruption. Yazid was libertine and sinner to the extent that the barest mention of his objectionable character is taboo in this civilised society. Yazid was the mammon of unrighteousness, whose

lust for power prompted him to beat society the mould he favoured. Yazid's criminal behaviour indicated the extreme occurrence of vulgar, inhuman innovations in the established Islamic values. On the contrary Imam Husain was recognised throughout the Arab world for his excellence of behaviour, wisdom, compassion and piety.

When Yazid occupied the seat of Caliphate, deceitfully usurped by his father Muawiya, Yazid by terrorising the citizens sought their allegiance to accept him as leader of the faithful. He then demanded allegiance from Hazrat Imam Husain. Yazid was equipped with all the paraphernalia of power but so long, he didn't get the allegiance from Imam Husain, the grandson of the Prophet, he had no religious sanction to claim the Caliphate.

He therefore demanded allegiance from Imam Husain to subscribe him as leader of the faithful. When Yazid bargained hard for Imam Husain to

choose between allegiance and death, Husain straightaway refused him for allegiance, saying, "A person of my kind, can not accept the allegiance of a man of his (Yazid's) kind." Husain knew that recognition of Yazid's immorality will permanently disfigure the "true faith" and a "pseudo religion" will emerge in the guise of Islam. Had he encountered no opposition, Islam was bound to acclimatise to the paralysing atonality from Yazid's degenerated symphony. Imam Husain was mercilessly assassinated in the desert of Karbala along with 71 family members and companions on 10th of Muharram, 61 Hijri (October 10, 680 A.D.), after being kept hungry and thirsty for three days.

Their heads were severed from the bodies and were mounted on lancers. Among the slain martyrs was Husain's six month old infant son, Ali Asghar, the buoyancy of whose innocent blood refloated the sinking ship of Islam. Ali Asghar's moon-like innocent severed head was too mounted on a lancer. Asghar's little innocent body among 71 others was too trampled through the hoofs of horses of Yazid's cavalry.

The tents of Husain's household were torched. Daughters and grand children of Prophet Mohammad's extended family and the only surviving, ailing son of Imam Husain, were taken captives and paraded from Karbala to Syria, on bare backs of camels, where they were appeared before accursed Yazid, the wild beast in human form. 10th Muharram is universally observed by right thinking and kind-hearted people irrespective of caste, religion or faith. "Never in the fight of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few", said Churchill. The event of Karbala, taking place on 10th Moharram, 61 Hijri, teaches us: Never support injustice and oppression, no matter, how powerful the oppressor might be. No matter, what incentive, what threat you might be given.

(The writer is a legal journalist and author. Views are personal)

The Emergency years: A personal reflection

June 25, 1975 is unforgettable. Fifty years ago, the Emergency was declared in India ohn this very day. I was then a student at Banaras Hindu University (BHU), pursuing my postgraduate studies in Economics after graduating. I chose the subject because of the brilliant professors in the department - teachers who could simplify complex theories and relate them to rural life and household economics. My ambition was to become a teacher like them, to study further, and live a life devoted to knowledge. In those days, teachers were our role models-symbols of integrity, intellect, and inspiration.

But destiny had other plans. The Emergency slowly but surely altered the trajectory of my life. How and why it happened is difficult to explain in words-but it left an indelible mark on me.

It was exactly around this time that I came to Delhi for the first time. Until then, I had never stepped outside Allahabad and Banaras. I carried with me the address of a family from my village-members of the Vishwakarma carpenter community-who lived near Shahdara. After a long search from the railway station, I reached their house on the evening of June 25, 1975.

What I witnessed the next morning shocked me. A woman was carrying human waste on her head-manual scavenging was still practiced in the national capital. After all the social movements led by Gandhi, after decades of independence, how could this inhuman practice continue? The sight deeply disturbed me and raised questions about the failure of the system to ensure dignity for all citizens.

Before coming to Delhi, I had met Jagdish Babu (Jagdish Narayan Singh), JP's close associate who lived in our village. He had given me a letter addressed to a prominent professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), who would later hold high office in the Janata Party Government.

On the morning of June 26, I went to JNU to deliver the letter, mentioning I was from JP's village. I was told the professor was present, but shortly after, the messenger returned and said he wasn't available. He also warned me: "Don't go around with JP's secretary's letter. Don't mention that you're from his village. Return immediately."

I was stunned. A man once associated with JP now refused to even acknowledge a messenger from him. That incident opened my eyes to the deep fear and hypocrisy that had begun to spread in academia and society at large. I returned to Banaras within two days. By then, BHU had started to feel the chill of Emergency. Pamphlets were being circulated secretly. Under Bharat Singh, a student leader from Ballia, efforts to resist the regime gained momentum around the university campus. One powerful moment remains etched in my memory.

PACS-based cyber-secured, QR-coded receipts, real-time dashboards, and cooperative warehouses, powered by Tribhuvan Sahakarita University graduates, will set the price, not take it.

And finance? It will no longer be the privilege of the urban elite. From rural credit to venture capital, the university will train young minds to build a cooperative BFSI ecosystem. They will run NBFCs in the hinterlands, manage crop and live-stock insurance in tribal belts, and create digital platforms where farmers can access capital in real time. This is the future: from village to venture, from SHG to stock exchange.

In the EU, cooperative banks serve 210 million clients. In the US, co-ops generate over \$650 billion annually. Bharat now joins that movement — not just as a participant, but as a leader. Drawing inspiration from Israel's cooperative transit models and Germany's cluster-based development, this university will pioneer new cooperative diplomacy, knowledge transfer, and export partnerships, with language training and intercultural education to support global cooperation.

This is Bharat's answer to rising inequality. Not through taxation, but through ownership. Not through handouts, but through institutions.

The vision does not stop at agriculture. Tribhuvan Sahakarita University will build the architecture of a three-tier cooperative economy. The first tier — production — will aggregate farmers, artisans, miners, and forest dwellers through PACS, FPOs, and SHGs. The second tier will add value through processing units, khadi clusters, dairy plants, and community manufacturing. The third tier will connect to markets — both domestic and global — through cooperative banks, export houses, and digital trading platforms. This is not theory. This is economic engineering, done the Indian way.

The three-tier cooperative model — PACS at the base, processing in the middle, and global markets at the top — will no longer be theory. It will be action. From cotton fields to boutique brands, from food baskets to climate startups, Tribhuvan Sahakarita University will lay the foundation for India's cooperative value chain economy.

As the International Year of Cooperatives is marked in New York and beyond, let history note Bharat didn't just celebrate — it led. And at its helm was Tribhuvan Sahakarita University.

The Young India of tomorrow will not stand in line for jobs. They will create livelihoods through cooperative ecosystems, unshackled from credit card debt, EMI traps, and exploitative fintech. They will build a financial future rooted in the Rig Vedic ideal — "Let us think together, let us be of one mind." A future where the mind is without fear and the head is held high, where knowledge is free, and every village becomes a centre of innovation, prosperity, and peace.

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On August 15 1975, at the university amphitheatre, the Vice Chancellor was giving his Independence Day speech when loud slogans rangout:

"Down with Indira Gandhi!"

"We will not tolerate dictatorship!"

The voice was unmistakable-it was Mahendra Singh, Vice President of the Student Union. Disguised and lifted on the shoulders of others, he disrupted the ceremony and was arrested and beaten. His act of defiance sparked courage in many hearts. Around this time, I began to shift my focus from economics to politics and social thought. I visited Sarva Seva Sangh in Rajghat and spent time with Gandhian thinkers like Prof. Krishnanath and Dada Dharmadhikari. Their ideas broadened my worldview.

Later, when a journalism department was launched at BHU, I enrolled. I was already drawn to newspapers and public discourse. During our journalism training tour to Delhi, Prof Krishnanath gave me letters for noted figures like Raghuvir Sahay and Anupam Mishra. At Anupam Mishra's house, I instead met his father, Bhavani Prasad Mishra, though I didn't know who he was at first.

Upon learning that I was from JP's village, he warmly welcomed me, took the letter, and said, "If you face any trouble in Delhi, come back here." His kindness to an unknown young man touched me.

Only later did I learn that he had been writing a poem every day during the Emergency — later published as 'Trikal Sandhya'. In contrast to these moments of warmth were the scenes of sycophancy that defined the Emergency.

I recall hearing of a rally in Lucknow where Congress leader Narayan Dutt Tiwari reportedly picked up Sanjay

Gandhi's slipper and handed it to him. That image haunted me — a symbol of the moral decay that authoritarianism brings. Student politics too began to rot. Musclemen backed by political parties began to dominate campuses, carrying weapons, collecting "goonda tax", and spreading fear. It was the birth of a culture of lawlessness, nurtured under the shadow of Emergency.

A new culture of lawlessness and criminalisation was taking shape. After the Emergency, when Indira Gandhi was arrested, a student leader hijacked a plane in Ranchi, falsely claiming it had a bomb. Such acts of desperation and drama grew out of the suppression that Emergency had cultivated. Emergency tested the soul of our democracy and the spirit of resistance proved stronger. Brave individuals, known and unknown, stood up and ensured that democracy did not die. To them, and to all who suffered and struggled during those dark days, my deepest salutations!

(The writer is Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha. Views are personal)

Top EU officials head to Moldova for key summit

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■ Bucharest (Romania)

The European Union's top officials will travel to Moldova's capital on Friday for a key bilateral summit to strengthen ties months before the EU candidate member holds a pivotal parliamentary election. Moldova's pro-Western President Maia Sandu and Prime Minister Dorin Recean will host the European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Council President António Costa in Chisinau.

Talks will focus on EU membership, security and trade. The leaders are expected to

issue a joint statement afterward. Brussels agreed to open accession negotiations with Moldova for EU membership last year after granting official candidate status in June 2022, the same day as neighbouring Ukraine.

Some observers say Hungary's opposition to Ukraine's EU membership could hamper Moldova's progress, since both countries' applications are being processed concurrently.

"Moldova is now at the most advanced stage of European integration in its modern history," said Daniel Voda, Moldova's government spokesman.



"The path toward the EU has become clear, irreversible, and politically embraced at the highest level."

Brussels is keen to reaffirm its commitment to Moldova joining the 27-nation bloc with the approach of a parliamentary election September 28.

Allegations continue to circulate about Russia conducting a "hybrid war" against the former Soviet republic by interfering in elections and spreading disinformation.

Moldova's pro-Western government led by the Party of Action and Solidarity, or PAS, has been in power since 2021.

Moldova watchers have warned the upcoming parliamentary vote is in Moscow's

crosshairs.

The summit's agenda states EU leaders will reiterate their "unwavering commitment" to Moldova's sovereignty and security in the face of "Russia's continued hybrid attacks."

Moscow has denied meddling in Moldova.

Radu Magdin, a political analyst at Smartlink Communications, said the joint summit is "of top symbolic importance" and could bolster support for PAS in the upcoming elections.

"The elections are pivotal, as a PAS government majority or a PAS-led coalition can be more credible for Brussels in terms of genuine intention of reform," he said.

"The main threats to Moldova's accession process is any EU state opposition to Ukraine's entry."

Moldova's membership in the EU is conditional on the country enacting reforms in policy areas, known as chapters, in areas such as the rule of law, fundamental rights and economic reforms, a process that will likely take years.

To support such reforms, Brussels is providing Moldova with up to 1.9 billion Euros (about \$ 2.2 billion) between 2025 and 2027.

"EU accession is not just a destination," said Voda, the government spokesman.

"It's a profound change for the benefit of the people."

Turkey and Greece battles wildfires

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■ Ankara (Turkey)

Firefighters in Turkey remained locked in a battle to contain flames tearing through forested hillsides in the west of the country on Friday, while similar wildfires in neighbouring Greece were largely brought under control.

Wildfires that broke out in at least five locations across Turkey's Aegean coastal province of Izmir fuelled by soaring temperatures, strong winds, and low humidity have killed two people, forced the evacuation of tens of thousands and damaged some 200 homes.

three neighbourhoods and caused temporary road closures. In Greece, a coastal wildfire on Crete remained under control. But the fire service maintained a large deployment on the island as the authorities feared flare ups due to strong winds.

More than 5,000 tourists, hotel workers and local residents were moved out of the area on Wednesday as the blaze threatened seaside resorts.

Several areas of the country remain on alert due to the adverse weather conditions. Local authorities in Crete estimate that the wildfire has burned approximately 15 square kilometres of land.

American bombs in Iran also reverberate in China and North Korea

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President Donald Trump campaigned on keeping the United States out of foreign wars, but it didn't take long to convince him to come to the direct aid of Israel, hitting Iranian nuclear targets with bunker-buster bombs dropped by B-2 stealth bombers and Tomahawk cruise missiles fired from a submarine.

Beyond the attack's immediate impact on helping bring the 12-day war to a close, experts say Trump's decision to use force against another country also will certainly be reverberating in the Asia-Pacific, Washington's priority theatre.

"Trump's strikes on Iran show that he's not afraid to use military force — this would send a clear message to North Korea, and even to China and Russia, about Trump's style," said Duyeon Kim, a senior analyst at the Centre for a New American Security based in Seoul, South Korea.

"Before the strikes, Pyongyang and Beijing might have assumed that Trump is risk averse, particularly based on his behaviour in his first presidency despite some tough talk," Kim said.

China, North Korea and Russia all condemn US strike. Ten days into the war between Israel and Iran, Trump made the risky decision to step in, hitting three nuclear sites with

The attacks prompted a pro forma Iranian retaliatory strike the following day on a US base in nearby Qatar

American firepower on June 22 in a bid to destroy the country's nuclear programme at a time while negotiations between Washington and Tehran were still ongoing.

The attacks prompted a pro forma Iranian retaliatory strike the following day on a US base in nearby Qatar, which caused no casualties, and both Iran and Israel then agreed to a ceasefire on June 24.

North Korea, China and Russia all were quick to con-

demn the American attack, with Russian President Vladimir Putin calling it "unprovoked aggression," China's Foreign Ministry saying it violated international law and "exacerbated tensions in the Middle East" and North Korea's Foreign Ministry maintaining it "trampled down the territorial integrity and security interests of a sovereign state."

While the strikes were a clear tactical success, the jury is still out on whether they will have a more broad strategic benefit to Washington's goals in the Middle East or convince Iran it needs to work harder than ever to develop a nuclear deterrent, possibly pulling the US back into a longer-term

conflict. US allies could see attack as positive sign for deterrence, if the attack remains a one-off strike, US allies in the Asia-Pacific region likely will see the decision to become involved as a positive sign from Trump's administration, said Euan Graham, a senior defence analyst with the Australian Strategic Policy Institute.

"The US strike on Iran will be regarded as net plus by Pacific allies if it is seen to reinforce red lines, restore deterrence and is of limited duration, so as not to pull the administration off-course from its stated priorities in the Indo-Pacific," he said.

"China will take note that Trump is prepared to use force, at least opportunistical-

ly." In China, many who have seen Trump as having a "no-war mentality" will reassess that in the wake of the attacks, which were partially aimed at forcing Iran's hand in nuclear programme negotiations, said Zhao Minghao, an international relations professor at China's Fudan University in Shanghai.

"The way the US used power with its air attacks against Iran is something China needs to pay attention to," he said. "How Trump used power to force negotiations has a significance for how China and the US will interact in the future." But, he said, Washington should not think it can employ the same strategy with Beijing.

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To be known to all that I, Asha Bhaktry (Asha Ranji Bhaktry) W/o Late Sh. Anmol Rattan Bhaktry, Flat No-130, First Floor, Category-II (along With Scooter Garage) Alakhanda New Delhi, of vide DDA file no. F21(68)18FS. The All Original Documents i.e. Allotment Letter and Fifth and Final Demand, Letter and DDA Possession Letter and NOC for Electricity Water Connection and Possession Slip and Scooter Garage No. 10, Alakhanda Letter and DDA Possession, Have been Lost/Misplaced somewhere and not traceable inspite of my best efforts. An FIR of this has been lodged in Police Station Crime Branch, Delhi vide LO: 29/5478/2025 on 04/07/2025.

Any person(s) claiming any right, interest having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above address/phone No. 9810450184. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director, LAB(H) or Director (H)-1, D-Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi-110023.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of Mr. Prince Kumar to inform to the public at large that Mr. Aray Kumar is the owner of Residential Vacant Plot No.162-A, measuring 25 sq. yds., Kharsa no. 40, Situated at Mohalla Navcheta Enclave Khoda Colony, Pargana Loni, Tehsil & District Ghaziabad vide Sale Deed dated 25-06-2019(Doc. No.8560) and same to be finance & mortgage by Ummed Housing Finance Pvt. Ltd. (Noida), That, Original Registered GPA dated 24.01.2003 executed by Mrs. Sarita Devi in favour of Mrs. Kiran Devi has lost/misplaced and FIR for the same lodged vide FIR dated 28.06.2025. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of claim right/interests/creating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucem Legal LLP B-338, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Bank Sector 2 Noida UP-201301 Contact#0120-4269379

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that I lost my original conveyance deed, allotment letter, possession letter and payment receipts of my flat No. 393, LIG Flats, 2nd Floor Sector - 14, Pocket - 2, Phase-II, Dwarka, New Delhi and an FIR for missing of documents has been registered. No one should use the same for any purpose and missing shall call for penal action.

Vimla W/o Late Ravinder Kumar, R/o H.No. WZ-2486, IInd floor Gali No. 4A/5 Virender Nagar, New Delhi.

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EXAMINATION SECTION

विज्ञापन क्रमांक. 251/2025

Advertisement No. 251/2025

No.F.AIIMS/Exam.Sec./4-11/(SR/SD/July2025) Dated:26.06.2025

Sub:- Recruitment Examination -SRD-CET (Senior Residents / Senior Demonstrator-Common Eligibility Test) for July 2025 session.

Online applications are invited from Indian Citizens for the post of Senior Residents / Senior Demonstrators for the period of 3 years as per Govt. of India Residency Scheme for July 2025 session. These posts include existing vacant posts, backlog vacancies and those posts which are likely to fall vacant between **01.07.2025 to 31.12.2025**. Details of posts can be seen on the website www.aiimsexams.ac.in. The Examination will be conducted in online (CBT) mode only followed by Interview (Stage-II) of eligible candidates.

Date for Online Registration of applications	
Registration Opens on	27th June, 2025 (Friday)
Registration closes on	11th July, 2025 (Friday) (upto 5:00 P.M.)
Date of CBT Entrance Examination	26th July, 2025 (Saturday)
Timings of Examination	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Important: For Prospectus, detailed information etc. please visit the website www.aiimsexams.ac.in. All applicants are required to visit the website regularly since all subsequent corrigendum / addendum/updates will be uploaded on the website only.

Sd/-
CBC 17112/12/0017/2526 ASSISTANT CONTROLLER(EXAMS)

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Mohammad Danish**, on behalf of my father, late **Aijaz Ahmad**, holding Registration certificate No.B-0616/DEUPER/1000+/3/3151/92 under the Emigration Act, 1983 for export of manpower are intending to close our business with effect from **21/02/2019**.

In the event there is any claim against us, the same may be referred within **30 days** from the publication of the notice. Copies of the complaint may also be sent to the Protector General of Emigrant, Ministry of External Affairs, Room No.308 Sushma Swaraj Bhawan (SSB) Chanakypuri, New Delhi-110021.

FOR FAISAL CONSULTANTS (Proprietor)
71, 2nd floor, Regal Building, Baba Khark Singh Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001
Place: New Delhi Date: 05/11/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Certificate(s) for the under mentioned Equity Shares of the Company - Escorts Kubota Limited - have been lost / misplaced and the holder(s) of the said Equity Shares has applied to the Company to issue duplicate Share Certificate(s).

Any person who has a claim in respect of the said Shares should lodge the same with the Company at its Registered Office within 21 days from this date else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate certificate(s) to the aforesaid applicants without any further intimation.

FolioNo.	Shareholder	No.of Shares	DistinctiveNos.		Certificate No.
			From	To	
ESC0109486	C.Fernandez / P. A. Pai	50	65479071	65479120	1352488
ESC0109486	C.Fernandez / P. A. Pai	25	22425809	22425833	90098152
ESC0109486	C.Fernandez / P. A. Pai	25	22425834	22425858	90098153
ESC0109486	C.Fernandez / P. A. Pai	25	22425859	22425883	90098154
ESC0109486	C.Fernandez / P. A. Pai	25	28675809	28675833	90098155
ESC0109486	C.Fernandez / P. A. Pai	25	28675834	28675858	90098156
ESC0109486	C.Fernandez / P. A. Pai	25	28675859	28675883	90098157

C. Fernandez / P. A. Pai
Date- 05 July 2025
Name and Registered office of the Company
Escorts Kubota Limited
15/25 Mathura Road, Faridabad,
Haryana 121003

DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

Delhi Transco Ltd (A Government of NCT of Delhi Undertaking) invites online two part Domestic Competitive Biddings (DCB) for the following work:

Tender No. T25P090641 : Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 220kV and 66kV C&R panel with associated accessories and complete substation automation work for 220kV substation Mehrauli on turnkey basis.

For complete details of the tender please visit following websites :-
<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> (Tender ID No. 2025_DTL_274827_1) and www.dtl.gov.in (Unique No. DTL-9664-040725)

Last date for bid submission: 21.08.2025 at 1:30 PM.

All corrigendum, addendum, amendments, time extensions, clarifications etc. to this e-tender will be hosted on the above websites only. Bidders should regularly visit websites to keep themselves updated.

NAME CHANGE

I, Samarth Syal S/o Deepak Syal, R/o A-18, Park View Apts, 2nd Floor, Freedom Fighter Enclave, Neb Sarai, New Delhi, IGNOU Road, have changed my minor daughter's name from Kaira Syal to Kyra Syal vide affidavit no. DL1142220480474X dated 2 July 2025, sworn before a notary, New Delhi. In the future, she will be known as & read as Kyra Syal

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to you that the Property No. 34/1-2,Ramesh Nagar,New Delhi-110015 was allotted through Public Auction under Section 20 of the Displaced Persons (Compensation and Rehabilitation) Act,1954, vide CERTIFICATE OF SALE issued on 26.12.1964, vide No. 473, Supplementary Book No.1,Vol. No.193,Page-159, dated 07.12.1964 and leased out to SHRI FAQIR CHAND AND SHRI WAZIR CHAND, both son of Late Sri Duni Chand on 15th of December, 1964 by way of LEASE DEED vide Registration No.11344 in Adl.Book No.1,Vol.No.1202 at Pages 180-183 dated 15.12.1964, duly registered with Sub-Registrar Office-S.R.-1, Kashmiri Gate, Delhi.

It is further stated that Sri Wazir Chand S/o Late Shri Duni Chand released/relinquished his share in favour of Shri Faqir Chand S/o Late Shri Duni Chand in the property no 34/2 (First Floor) Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi 110015 hereinafter called the said property through RELEASE DEED vide Registration No.5452 at Page No.47 to 49 with Sub-Registrar-Delhi dated 08. 07. 1994. After the said release deed, Faqir Chand Jain had become the absolute owner of the said property.

It is further stated that father of the Applicant namely Shri Faqir Chand Jain (F.C. Jain) died on 10.01.2002 and mother of the Applicant namely Rameshwari Devi also died on 27.01.2019 leaving behind them only son namely Avinash Chand Jain.

It is further stated that the Applicant namely Avinash Chand Jain has been issued Surviving Member Certificate vide Certificate No. 90660000267159.

It is further stated that the Applicant namely Shri Avinash Chand Jain, aged about 79 years is the resident at 21803, Bonestey Way, German Town, MD 20876, USA and due to his old age, medical condition,he is unable to visit India to complete all legal compliances accordingly, the applicant namely Shri Avinash Chand Jain had executed Special Power of Attorney duly apostle by the Indian Embassy in favour of the Mr. Animesh Jain S/o Late Shri Wazir Chand Jain,Resident of A-205,Parkview Apartments, Plot E10B, Sector 61, Noida, GautamBuddh Nagar,Uttar Pradesh-201307(Power of Attorney Holder) to do all legal documents on his behalf the Applicant before any Authority/Court regarding the aforementioned property.

Since, the Applicant is under process to get the aforementioned property substituted in his name as being the only legal heir and last surviving member of his father namely Faqir Chand Jain (F.C. Jain), if there is any objection to any one regarding the aforementioned property, can file objection within 30 days from the date of publication to the Deputy Land & Development Officer, the Land & Development Office, Room No. 623, 6th Floor, A- Wing, NirmanBhawan, New Delhi-110011.

Applicant (Shri Avinash Chand Jain) Through - Avinash Jain Power of Attorney Holder Resident of A-205,Parkview Apartments, Plot E10B, Sector 61, Noida, GautamBuddh Nagar,UP-201307 Advocate- Ram Anugrah Singh Ch.No.17(Consultation Room), New Lawyers Chambers Supreme Court of India,New Delhi-110001. Ph:- 9711232231,9750746465.

PD(2393)C

I, **Naysha Dawara D/o Sh. Anand Kumar** R/o 421, Kohat Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name from Naysha Dawara to Naysha Dawra for All Purposes.

PD(2394)C

I, **No.14668523L** **Nk Gurusiddhaya Hiremath R/o-Vill- Ganeshawadi, PO- Duradundi, Teh- Gokak, Dist- Belgaum, Karnataka- 591306**, have changed my son's name from Bhavan to Bhavan Gurusiddhaya Hiremath, vide affidavit dated 04/07/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2395)C

I, **Mikki W/o- No.14683396Y** **Hav Amit Kumar Singh R/o- Vill & Post- Beri, PS- Baniyapur, Dist- Chhapra (Saran), Bihar- 841403**, have changed my name from Mikki Kumari, vide affidavit dated 04/07/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2396)C

I, **Shilpa W/o No.14668523L** **Nk Gurusiddhaya Hiremath R/o- Vill- Ganeshawadi, PO- Duradundi, Teh- Gokak, Dist- Belgaum, Karnataka- 591306**, have changed my name from Shilpa to Shilpa Gurusiddhaya Hiremath, vide affidavit dated 04/07/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2397)C

Auto, agriculture drag India-US BTA

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■ New Delhi

An Indian team has returned from Washington after holding talks with the US on an interim trade pact, which is likely to be finalised before July 9, but discussions will continue as certain issues in the agri and auto sectors still need to be resolved, an official said.

The Indian team is led by chief negotiator Rajesh Agrawal. He is special secretary in the department of commerce.

The official said that the talks are in the last phase and its conclusion is expected to be announced before July 9, which marks the end of the 90-day suspension period of the Trump tariffs imposed on dozens of countries including India.

‘Indian team is back from Washington. Negotiations will continue. There are certain issues which need to be resolved in agriculture and auto sectors,’ the official said.

India has raised issues over 25 per cent duty in auto sectors. It has taken up the matter in the Safeguards committee of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

India has also informed the WTO that it has reserved the right to impose retaliatory duties on select US products in response to American tariffs on steel and aluminium.

On March 26, 2025, the US adopted a measure in the form of a tariff increase of 25 per cent ad valorem on imports of passenger vehicles and light trucks and on certain automobile parts originating in or from India, a communication sent by India to WTO said.

The measure on automobile parts applies from May 3, 2025 and for an unlimited duration.



AT WTO, INDIA PROPOSES RETALIATORY DUTIES OVER US AUTO TARIFFS

New Delhi: India on Friday proposed imposing retaliatory duties under the WTO (World Trade Organisation) norms against the US over American tariffs on automobile sector in the name of safeguard measures. ‘The proposed suspension of concessions or other obligations would take the form of an increase in tariffs on selected products originating in the United States,’ according to a notification of the WTO being circulated at the request of India. India has notified the WTO’s Council for Trade in Goods of its proposed suspension of concessions and other obligations under certain WTO provisions. ‘This notification is made in connection with safeguard measures extended by the United States of America on imports of automobile parts from India,’ it said. On March 26 this year, the US adopted a safeguard measure in the form of a tariff increase of 25 per cent ad valorem on imports of passenger vehicles and light trucks and on certain automobile parts from India. These measures apply from May 3, 2025 as regards automobile parts and for an unlimited duration.

The measures have not been notified by the United States to the WTO, but are, in essence, safeguard measures. India has maintained that the measures taken by the United States are not consistent with the GATT (General Agreement on Trade and Tariff) 1994 and the agreement on Safeguards. As consultations sought by India on these tariffs have not taken place, ‘India reserves the right to suspend concessions or other obligations’, it added. The safeguard measures would affect \$2,895 million imports annually into the United States of the relevant products originating in India, on which the duty collection would be \$723.75 million. ‘Accordingly, India’s proposed suspension of concessions would result in an equivalent amount of duty collected from products originating in the United States,’ it said. The development is important as India and the US are actively negotiating an interim trade agreement to boost trade ties. India has last month taken similar measures against the US tariffs on steel and aluminium.

The US imported \$89 billion worth of auto parts globally last year, with Mexico accounting for \$36 billion, China for \$10.1 billion, and India for just \$2.2 billion.

In agriculture sector, the US is seeking duty concessions on products like dairy items, apples, tree nuts and genetically modified crops.

However, being a politically sensitive sector, it will be difficult and challenging for India to provide any concessions in the agri sector.

India has not opened up the dairy sector for any of its trading partners in free trade pacts the country has signed so far.

India has hardened its position on giving duty concessions to American farm and dairy products.

The Indian team was in Washington for negotiations on an interim trade agreement with the US from June 26 July to July 2.

These talks are important as the suspension of Trump’s reciprocal tariffs is ending on July 9. The two sides are looking at finalising the talks before that.

On April 2, the US imposed an additional 26 per cent reciprocal tariff on Indian goods but suspended it for 90 days. However, the 10 per cent baseline tariff imposed by America remains in place. India is seeking full exemption from the additional 26 per cent tariff.

The US also wants duty concessions on certain industrial goods, automobiles, especially electric vehicles, wines and petrochemical products.

On the other hand, India is seeking duty concessions for labour-intensive sectors like textiles, gems and jewellery, leather goods, garments, plastics, chemicals, shrimp, oil seeds, grapes and bananas in the proposed trade pact.

How Jane Street played markets for over ₹36,000 crore gains

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The strategy was straightforward — aggressively buy select Bank Nifty index stocks in the morning and sell them just as forcefully later in the day, triggering a sharp drop in share prices. While this often resulted in losses on the stock trades, the firm profited heavily from large parallel short positions in index options, which gained value as the market declined.

US trading firm Jane Street, which started its India operations in December 2020, is said to have made ₹36,671 crore in alleged ‘egregious’ market manipulation between January 2023 and March 2025 on its India trades.

The capital market regulator SEBI temporarily banned Jane Street from dealing securities in India and ordered it to transfer ₹4,843 crore of ‘illegal gains’ in an escrow account. Jane Street and its related entities have been accused by SEBI of deploying two key strategies to manipulate Indian derivatives markets and amassing illegal gains to the tune of ₹36,671 crore over a two-year period.

Established in 2000, Jane Street Group LLC is a global proprietary trading firm in the financial services industry. It employs more than 2,600 people across five offices in the US, Europe and Asia and conducts trading operations in 45 countries. How Jane Street manipulated Indian derivatives markets? The Jane Street (JS) Group allegedly manipu-

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□ Jane Street allegedly manipulated Indian markets by executing aggressive buy-sell trades in Bank Nifty stocks, incurring stock losses but profiting heavily from short positions in index options during market declines.

□ SEBI found that between Jan 2023 and Mar 2025, Jane Street earned ₹36,671 crore through two manipulative trading strategies exploiting expiry day market movements in derivatives segments.

□ Key manipulation tactics included morning buying and afternoon selling of Bank Nifty to soften closing prices, and concentrated expiry-day trades to influence index values in Jane Street’s favor.

□ The group recorded ₹44,358 crore in index options profits, offset by ₹7,687 crore in losses across stock futures, index futures, and cash segments, resulting in net gains of ₹36,671 crore.

□ SEBI has banned Jane Street from Indian markets, ordering ₹4,843 crore of illegal gains into escrow; most profits were made through foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) under Jane Street.

□ Indian entities like JSI Investments were allegedly used to bypass FPI rules against intraday cash trading, allowing manipulation without direct violation of regulations, according to SEBI findings.

lated index levels in the stock market to earn illegal profits, primarily through the highly liquid Bank Nifty and Nifty index options segments. Jane Street and its related entities have been accused of deploying two key strategies to manipulate Indian derivatives markets and amassing illegal gains to the tune of ₹36,671 crore over a two-year period.

An investigation by SEBI revealed that over 21 expiry days between January 2023 and May 2025, the group executed large trades in the underlying cash and futures markets to influence index movements and profit from massive positions in the options market.

Two key strategies were identified — one involved buying heavily in Bank Nifty stocks and futures in the morning and selling them aggressively in the afternoon to create a softer close, while the other involved concentrated

selling or buying in the last two hours of the expiry day to sway index levels.

These actions helped the group earn illegal profits of about ₹4,843 crore, even as they incurred smaller losses in cash and futures trades, the regulator said.

SEBI also noted that between January 2023 and March 2025, the JS Group recorded substantial trading activity across various segments of the market. The group made gains of ₹44,358 crore from index options trading, which formed the bulk of their profits.

However, these were partially offset by losses of ₹7,208 crore in stock futures, ₹191 crore in index futures and ₹288 crore in the cash market. After accounting for all gains and losses, the JS Group reported a net total profit of ₹36,671 crore during this period, SEBI noted.

GoM on GST discusses steps to curb ITC frauds

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■ New Delhi

The GoM on GST revenue analysis under Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant met on Friday and discussed sector-specific tax leakages and corrective action to curb over ₹2 lakh crore ITC frauds.

The GoM also discussed comparative analysis of pre- and post-GST revenue trends, e-invoicing and IT system enhancements for better traceability.

The GoM also discussed state-specific policy suggestions for boosting revenue, and coordination between central and state tax administrations for plugging GST evasion. ‘Chaired a meeting of the Group of Ministers (GoM) on GST Revenue Analysis to review state-wise revenue trends and identify actionable strategies for improved GST collection,’ Sawant said in post on X.

The GoM identified Input Tax Credit (ITC) fraud as a major issue under goods and services tax (GST) and states suggested various measures.

Brokering stocks fall amid Jane Street row

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■ New Delhi

Shares of stockbroking firms such as Nuvama Wealth, Angel One, leading stock exchange BSE, and depository CDSL saw sharp declines on Friday amid concerns of potential business impact following a regulatory crackdown.

Markets regulator SEBI has barred US-based Jane Street Group from the securities markets and directed the group to disgorge unlawful gains of ₹4,843 crore for allegedly manipulating stock indices through positions taken in derivatives segment.

This could be the highest disgorgement amount ever directed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Shares of Nuvama Wealth Management tanked 11.26 per cent to settle at ₹7,263.10 on the BSE. During the day, it fell sharply by 12 per cent to ₹7,202.25.

The BSE has sought clarification from Nuvama Wealth Management Ltd on Friday, with reference to news quoting ‘Jane Street effect: Nuvama shares slump 7 per cent after Sebi order. What’s the connection?’

Other stocks that also faced

selling pressure was stockbroking firm Angel One that dropped 5.94 per cent.

Shares of BSE tumbled 6.42 per cent and Central Depository Services (India) Ltd declined 2.29 per cent on the NSE.

‘Investor sentiment was dented following SEBI’s interim ban on US-based Jane Street for alleged manipulation in equity derivatives. Shares of platforms exposed to foreign trading activity - including Nuvama Wealth, Angel One, BSE and CDSL — saw sharp declines amid fears of potential business impact following the regulatory crackdown,’ Gaurav Garg, Analyst, Lemonn Markets Desk, said.

In its interim order, the regulator has debarred JSI Investments, JSI2 Investments Pvt Ltd, Jane Street Singapore Pte Ltd, and Jane Street Asia Trading — entities collectively referred to as the Jane Street Group — from trading until further notice, while continuing its investigation.

Established in 2000, Jane Street Group LLC is a global proprietary trading firm in the financial services industry. It employs more than 2,600 people across five offices in the US, Europe, and Asia and conducts trading operations in 45 countries.

DGTR to probe into polyethylene dumping

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■ New Delhi

The commerce ministry’s arm DGTR has initiated an anti-dumping probe into the import of polyethylene from Kuwait, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the UAE following a complaint by Chemicals and Petrochemicals Association of India.

The applicant has alleged that the industry is impacted due to the dumped imports of Linear-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE).

It is primarily used in raw materials for the plastic processing industry to make a variety of products such as packaging films, profiles, wire and cable.

According to the DGTR’s notification, the applicant has provided evidence with respect to the injury suffered by the domestic industry due to the dumped imports.

‘The authority hereby initi-

If it is established that the dumping caused material injury to domestic players, DGTR would suggest the imposition of the levy on imports

ates an anti-dumping investigation to determine the existence, degree and effect of the dumping,’ it said.

If it is established that the dumping has caused material injury to domestic players, the DGTR would recommend the imposition of the levy on imports. The finance ministry takes the final decision to impose duties.

Anti-dumping probes are conducted by countries to determine whether domestic industries have been hurt because of a surge in cheap imports.

Markets end high in volatile trade

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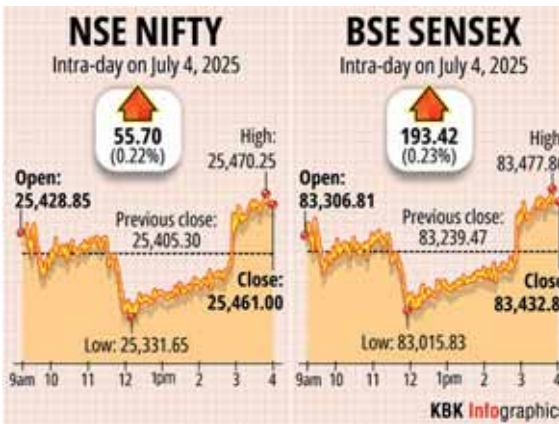
Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ended higher on Friday in a highly volatile trade amid buying in bank stocks and a rally in the US markets.

After oscillating between highs and lows in intra-day trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 193.42 points or 0.23 per cent higher at 83,432.89.

During the day, it hit a high of 83,477.86 and a low of 83,015.83, gyrating 462.03 points.

The 50-share NSE Nifty inched higher by 55.70 points or 0.22 per cent to 25,461.

From the Sensex firms, Bajaj Finance, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever, ICICI Bank, HCL Tech, UltraTech Cement, Bajaj Finserv, State Bank of India, Tata Consultancy Services, Reliance Industries, Axis



Bank and Larsen & Toubro were among the major gainers.

However, Trent, Tata Steel, Tech Mahindra and Maruti were among the laggards.

In Asian markets, Japan’s Nikkei 225 index and Shanghai’s SSE Composite index settled higher while South Korea’s Kospi and Hong Kong’s Hang Seng ended lower.

European markets were

trading in the negative territory.

The US markets ended in the positive territory on Thursday.

‘The Indian market is experiencing a pause as investors adopt a wait-and-watch strategy ahead of the impending US tariff deadline with mixed global cues. Ongoing FII outflows reflect a risk-off approach, while DII inflows are offering partial support.

CCI directs cement firms to furnish financial records

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■ New Delhi

Fair trade regulator CCI has directed Aditya Birla firm UltraTech, which now owns south-based cement firm India Cements, along with two other makers, and their executives to submit financial documents, after its Director General in its investigations found contravention of competition norms.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has also directed Dalmia Bharat Cements and Shree Digvijay Cements to submit their audited financial statement, including balance sheet and profit and loss account, within eight weeks of the order. It has directed UltraTech to submit the financial statements of its subsidiary India Cements for five years from FY15 to FY19, while Dalmia Bharat Cements and Shree Digvijay Cements for nine years, from FY11 to FY19.

CCI has also directed their executives to submit financials and income tax records for five years, along with responses to the investigation report

Besides, CCI has also directed their executives to submit detailed financials and income tax records for five years, along with formal responses to the investigation report. An email sent to UltraTech Cements and Dalmia Cement Bharat remained unanswered till the time of filing the story.

The CCI direction came over a complaint filed by ONGC alleging cartelisation in its tenders. Following this, the fair trade regulator had on November 18, 2020, directed its probe unit Director General to look into the issue.

The DG had submitted its investigations report on

February 18, 2025, in which found contraventions of the competition regulations.

It had found that Ultratech’s subsidiary India Cements, along with Shree Digvijay Cement and Dalmia Cement, with a middleman named Umakant Agarwal, engaged in anti-competitive collusion.

Later, CCI on May 26, 2025, considered the investigation report and in a four-page order also directed the cement manufacturer to submit income derived from sales to alleged contraventions by the PSU.

The CCI notice also mentioned if there is non-furnishing of the financial details or incomplete/false information, within the time frame by the companies, then they would be liable under section 45 of the Act.

Earlier, in December 2024, UltraTech Cements had acquired 32.72 per cent stake from promoters and promoter group entities of India Cements Ltd.

Gold, silver decline

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■ New Delhi

Gold prices declined ₹600 to ₹99,020 per 10 grams in the national capital on Friday due to fresh selling by stockists, according to the All India Sarafa Association. The yellow metal of 99.9 per cent purity had settled at ₹99,620 per 10 grams on Thursday.

Gold of 99.5 per cent purity slipped ₹500 to ₹98,500 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes). It had closed at ₹99,000 per 10 grams in the previous market close.

‘Gold prices declined on Friday as the US dollar and treasury yields moved higher following stronger than expected US macroeconomic data.

‘Furthermore, the macro data reduced the expectation of an interest rate cut by the US Federal Reserve, which also negatively impacted gold prices,’ Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst, Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

Silver prices also plunged ₹1,000 to ₹1,04,800 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes) on Friday. It had finished at



₹1,05,800 per kg in the previous market close.

Spot gold in the international markets went up marginally to \$3,334.45 per ounce.

‘Gold prices may see fresh movement ahead of the upcoming US Personal Consumption Expenditures Price (PCE) inflation report.

‘A stronger than expected PCE data could revive inflation worries and lift safe-haven demand, while a softer print may boost hopes for interest rate cuts,’ Abans Financial Services’ Chief Executive Officer Chintan Mehta said.

CEA, BSES organise Electrical Safety Day 2025

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■ New Delhi

The Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Ministry of Power, Government of India, in collaboration with BSES discoms, organised the Electrical Safety Day 2025 in New Delhi on June 26, 2025.

This year’s theme, ‘Smart Energy, Safe Nation’ underscored the need to embed safety into every facet of India’s modernising energy journey—especially in the context of emerging technologies like Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure, and Rooftop Solar. With the increasing electrification and decentralisation of power systems, the associated risks have multiplied, making electrical safety a collective imperative.

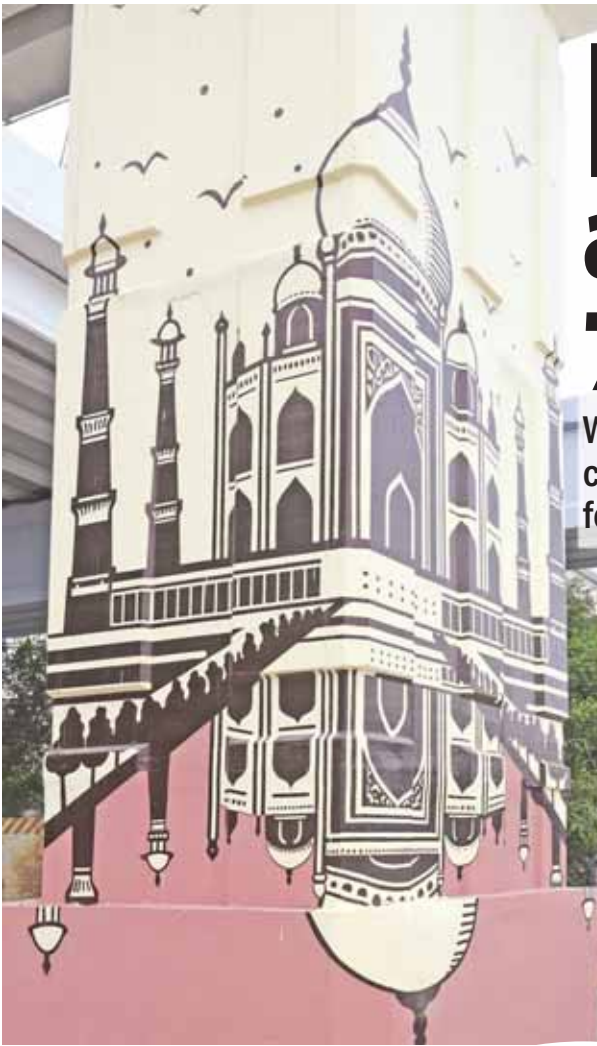
The event was inaugurated by Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Hon’ble Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy. He was joined by



Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Power, Ghanashyam Prasad, Chairperson, Central Electricity Authority, Amal Sinha, Director and Group CEO, BSES, Abhishek Ranjan, CEO, BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, Amarjeet Singh, CEO, BSES Yamuna Power Limited, and Rishika Sharan, Member Secretary, NRPC.

A major highlight of the event was the launch of

Suraksha Shakti, the official Electrical Safety Mascot, designed to popularise safety awareness in an engaging and relatable manner. Alongside, the first edition of the Electrical Safety Handbook was also released. This joint initiative by CEA and BSES provides clear safety guidelines for the installation and maintenance of BESS, rooftop solar systems, and EV chargers.



Pillars as canvas for 7 Wonders

When artists turn concrete into canvas, a city not only transforms visually, it begins to feel alive again, says SAKSHI PRIYA



What happens when pillars meant only to hold up flyovers begin to hold up imagination instead? Can concrete become a canvas? And if it can, who decides what belongs there graffiti or geometry, dragons or domes?

At Sarai Kale Khan, beneath the looming metro line and beside a theme park built from waste, these questions begin to answer themselves, not in theory, but in paint. Here, art has found its way into the folds of daily life, not through grand gestures, but through persistence, precision, and quiet pride.

It isn't often that concrete pillars stop traffic visually, that is. But walk through the stretch near the *Waste to Wonders* theme park and you'll find yourself slowing down, transfixed by a burst of colour, line, and meaning.

Each towering pillar has been transformed into a canvas telling stories, evoking heritage and most of all, showcasing the raw brilliance of artists who are turning a forgotten stretch into an open-air gallery. Under the scorching sun and in monsoon drizzles, young artists are elbow-deep in paint and passion. What once looked like skeletal supports now breathe with art.



WHY ART MATTERS, EVEN ON A PILLAR

When a city turns its pillars into painted canvases, it reveals something deeper than surface change. It reflects care, imagination, and intent. Why does that matter? Because art speaks where words fall short. It allows people to feel seen, to feel part of something greater than routine. A painted pillar becomes a sign that the city values feeling as much as function. Public art in everyday spaces brings expression to where life actually happens. It belongs on the streets, beside traffic, within reach. It invites those passing by to pause, to notice, to reflect. The act of painting such a structure becomes both labour and offering. When colour appears where there was once only grey, it marks a shift in thinking. Beauty becomes a shared experience. People begin to look around rather than look away. Art matters because it restores meaning to public space. It turns concrete into conversation. Even a single painted surface can remind us that care, detail, and imagination are still possible. And that in a fast world, someone still takes the time to create something worth looking at.

geometry. He's on his semester break but chose not to spend it indoors. "This is part of my college life. We first sketch, plan the palette, and then it takes two to three days, sometimes a full week, depending on complexity." His brush moves like clockwork, steady and confident. His current pillar is inspired by the Taj Mahal, a blend of symmetry, soft pastels, and Persian detail. "Art in public space is different," he adds. "You feel a responsibility. This is not for a gallery. This is for everyone." Further down the same stretch, another artist is blending vivid greens into dinosaur silhouettes, referencing the park's most popular instal-



lations. Nearby, another artist was carefully mixing shades of ochre and indigo. His name was Sumit Kashyap, and his story stretched across generations. "My father was also a painter," he said. "That's where it started for me."



He greets you with the easy warmth of someone who knows exactly where his craft stands in the world. "*Maine apne sapne ko passion bana liya*," he says with quiet pride. Sumit's journey is nothing short of a testimony to

inherited skill and individual perseverance. Each one demands precision, designs must align vertically so that the composition holds, even when seen from a distance or below. "The sequence matters," Sumit explains, pointing to how a floral vine curves along the cylindrical form without distortion. "Even one wrong line can disturb the entire rhythm. It's geometry and imagination working together."

There's a nod to Indian heritage, a wink to environmental awareness, and the occasional pop of surrealism, but this is what we live for, recognition helps," he says, "But the real win is when someone pauses, looks up, and smiles. Art should interrupt softly, beautifully." It's easy to romanticise public art, but what makes this particular initiative compelling is its function.

People walk past them on their way to work, drive by them on school runs, stop under them for shade. In making art part of infrastructure, this initiative bridges a gap between the aesthetic and the utilitarian. No one imagined beauty here — yet it stands, quiet and sure. In reclaiming art, they reclaim the right to care. And in that quiet defiance, the city rediscovers something it had almost forgotten, its own heartbeat.

Seeing Old Delhi in Silence



BY TEAM VIVA

To step into *Delhi Through My Eyes* is to enter a city that speaks through shadows cast by fading balconies, through the curve of a forgotten archway, through textures that evoke memory without ornament. Krishna Sheil Gupta's solo exhibition draws the viewer into the intimate depths of a Delhi that persists through its masonry, fragrance, and inherited quiet.

With ninety photographs and ten paintings on view, the exhibition avoids spectacle in favour of sentiment, offering an experience shaped by presence and detail. Gupta's camera attends to what often escapes notice, the threshold of an ageing doorway, the carved details of a window grate, the softened outlines of a courtyard in half-light. These images are invitations to stay a while, to observe with care, to allow the city to reveal itself slowly.

Old Delhi appears here not as a historical site frozen in time, but as a presence still unfolding. Each frame is rich with layered textures, sun-warmed bricks, chipped paint, dust-cloaked archways and every surface seems to carry the imprint of a life once lived. What we see is the city as it



EACH PHOTOGRAPH SPEAKS AS A VERSE FROM DELHI'S LONG MEMORY, DRAWING THE VIEWER INTO A CONTEMPLATIVE JOURNEY THROUGH TIME AND PLACE

stands: worn, resolute, dignified. Gupta's connection to the subject is evident in every composition.

With a family rooted in Old Delhi for over three centuries, his perspective is shaped not by nostalgia but by deep familiarity. There is something undeniably personal in the way he frames even the smallest details, hinges, latches, iron railings — as if each holds a

chapter of a continuing story. The accompanying paintings extend the photographic experience, translating form into feeling.

While the photographs capture the structural and textural essence of the old city, the paintings explore its emotional tone. Executed with a gentle, weathered palette, they answer the architectural motifs found in the photographs, yet seem to belong to a different dimension — one of memory and reverie rather than record. His rendering of *Chandni Chowk*, for instance, does not replicate its physical structure but conveys its atmosphere, the weight of time and continuity. This exhibition invites reflection — where silence, shadow, and memory speak with quiet eloquence.

The Gond Art Legacy of Patangarh Lives On

BY SAKSHI PRIYA

In a land where storytelling once travelled through forest paths and shrine walls, tribal art was never ornament, it was inheritance. It was art with purpose, a way of seeing, remembering, and belonging. In this visual grammar, myth breathes beside memory, and every line knows where it came from. Continuing the Songline: **The Gond Legacy of Jangarh Kalam**. The ongoing exhibition "Jangarh Kalam from Patangarh Continued" brings this truth to life with clarity and presence. The show, featuring 30 works by 18 Gond artists, stands as a cultural event rooted in the soil of Patangarh and raised with the hands of those who remember through paint rather than performance.

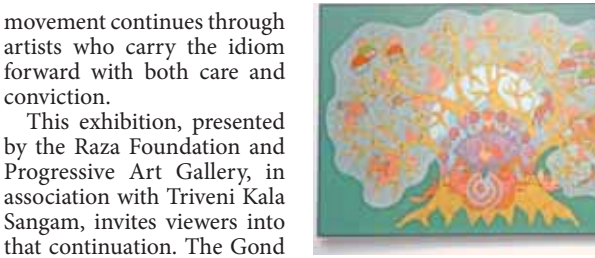
Tribal art in India has often been reduced to a 'folk' category or framed in anthropological terms. This exhibition moves away from such treatment. It places Gond painting, and specifically the Jangarh Kalam idiom, on the pedestal it commands — without sentimentality, because the work itself insists upon that position.

Jangarh Singh Shyam, the late master whose legacy anchors this exhibition, transformed the course of tribal art by turning inward. In the 1980s, encouraged by artist and cultural visionary J Swaminathan, he began to translate oral traditions and temple murals into a distinctive visual format. His style later recognised as Jangarh Kalam, is defined by intricate dotting, animated linework, and a surreal vocabulary of deities, animals, trees, and spirit-beings. What he initiated quickly evolved from a personal exploration into a collective vocabulary. Today, that

In a world obsessed with originality, tribal art reminds us that innovation can be quiet. It lives in repetition, in symbols passed down through memory rather than manifestos



PHOTOS: PANKAJ KUMAR



movement continues through artists who carry the idiom forward with both care and conviction.

This exhibition, presented by the Raza Foundation and Progressive Art Gallery, in association with Triveni Kala Sangam, invites viewers into that continuation. The Gond artists featured, many of whom are Jangarh's family, disciples, or artistic descendants, bring unique perspectives to the style. Menka Shyam's compositions are filled with ancestral weight, while Phoolchand Dhurve's densely packed images layer myths with lived

experience. Rahul Shyam introduces urgency in his ecological themes, blending ancestral wisdom with the



Tune In Weekly

BY TEAM VIVA

Two albums, one emotion, romance returns to the spotlight. July has opened on a melodic high with two major albums capturing the nation's imagination — *Metro... In Dino* and *Saiyaara*. While one builds upon the legacy of an iconic soundtrack, the other paints a fresh canvas for new-age romance. Pritam strikes again with *Metro... In Dino*, which released yesterday, marking his return to the musical world he helped shape in 2007. The album reunites him with the sonic atmosphere, reinterpreting its emotional undertones for a new generation of listeners. The new album brings a modern sensibility to the original's emotional depth, and fans have already taken to its stirring compositions.

However, many listeners admit to feeling the absence of KK, whose unforgettable voice was central to the soul of the original. Still, the album delivers a moody, melodic soundscape that fits the chaos and poetry of contemporary urban life. Listeners have praised tracks for being "deeply felt" and "classic Pritam," marking a successful continuation of a musical journey that first began nearly two decades ago. Mohit Suri's *Saiyaara* leads the love revival. If *Metro* is about introspection, *Saiyaara* is about passion. *Saiyaara* has quickly risen to the top of streaming charts with a power-packed line-up: Arijit Singh, Jubin Nautiyal, Vishal Mishra, Sachet-Parampara, and Faheem-Arslan.

Calling it his "tribute to the best romantic albums," Suri says *Saiyaara* is deeply personal, reflecting his early influences from films like *Aashiqui*. He adds, "I fell in love with music because of *Aashiqui*, and that love continues with *Saiyaara*." The album has resonated with younger audiences, with its intense lyrics and sweeping melodies.



Gill, Pant, Jaiswal can take India forward: Vaughan



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ Birmingham

It would take the combined might of new Test captain Shubman Gill, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Rishabh Pant to take the Indian Test team forward in the absence of Virat Kohli, who did the job “single-handedly” in his prime, feels former England captain Michael Vaughan.

The Indian batting line-up seems to have moved on rather smoothly from Kohli and Rohit Sharma going by the performances so far in the Test series against England but Vaughan, in an interview to media, said a good start does

not mean that the task has been accomplished. “They (Gill, Jaiswal and Pant) now have to drag this Indian Test team forward like Virat did single-handedly. There’s a group of them that I see that play the game the right way,” said the cricketer-turned-commentator.

“They’ve got a great chance of leaving a legacy in a few years’ time of doing what Virat Kohli did to the Indian Test team. If they can be anywhere near as close as what he brought to the Test match team, the energy and the number-one status for such a long period of time, they’ll have done a decent job,” he added.

Kohli and Rohit announced

Test retirements ahead of the England tour and Vaughan said while India will always have abundant talent but aura of a player like Kohli is not easy to find.

“You can’t move on so suddenly after two legends have retired or moved out of the team. Shubman’s made an incredible start as a captain and as a player. He’s a wonderful player. In terms of batting, I don’t think the team will struggle too much,” said Vaughan.

“It’s that competitive energy that Virat brought to the Test team. He just brought that buzz and that intensity that you require. Tactically, he was very good as well. That’ll be

something that Shubman can get better at over the years as captain,” he added.

Considering the depth of talent and resources, Vaughan expects India to dominate Test cricket which they have not been able to do despite reaching two WTC (World Test Championship) finals in three cycles.

“I wouldn’t be worried about a Test team if I was India. You’re always going to produce a very competitive team. I’d want my Test team to be more consistent if I was India. With the talent that you have in India, I’d want it to be more competitive across all the different areas where they play,” he said.

Irish Open: Indian golfers face early exit

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ Kildare (Ireland)

Things were looking bleak for the Indian women golfers at the KPMG Irish Open three out of four in contention were staring at an early exit at Carton House on the Ladies European Tour.

Led by Tvesa Malik, who had the best card among the four Indians on the first day with an opening score of 1-over 74, none were inside the projected cut line of even par.

Tvesa was tied 72 out of a field of 131 players, while Diksha Dagar and Avani Prashanth with rounds of 75 each were T-91 and Hitaashee Bakshi with 77 was T-133.

This month is stacked full of high profile Ladies European



Indian golfer Tvesa Malik

FILE PHOTO

Tour events and all the Indians will need low scores on the second day if they hope to make the cut.

The leaders at the end of the first round were Chiara Tamburlini of Switzerland and

Blanca Fernandez of Spain.

The Swiss and Spanish stars shot rounds of 6-under 67 to share the lead heading into day two. Both the players had one bogey and seven birdies in their round.

Tamburlini is currently placed 11th on the Order of Merit and will have a chance to move back into the top 10 if she continues her strong performances.

Tvesa started her round with a strong front nine with two birdies in the first four holes. Her round came undone with the bogey on the 11th and a double bogey on the 16th.

Starting on the 10th Diksha made one birdie in the round on the first hole, her tenth hole, but three other bogeys on the fifth, sixth and 11th holes of the course hurt her cause.

Avani made four birdies and four bogeys with one double bogey. Hitaashee began her round on the back nine and shot three bogeys and two double bogeys by the time she had made it to the front nine.

Spain beats Portugal 5-0 in Euro 2025

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ Bern (Switzerland)

Esther González scored twice and world champion Spain delivered a strong statement by routing Portugal 5-0 in their Women’s European Championship opener.

The 32-year-old González became the oldest player to play for Spain at the tournament and she scored minutes before the youngest, 18-year-old Vicky López, added the second goal.

Spain captain Alexia Putellas also scored for La Roja on Thursday, showing she’s ready to lead the team to success after missing Euro 2022 with a knee injury. Spain lost to eventual winner England in the quarter-finals of that tournament.

“We’ve been talking about how motivated we are for this (Euro) for so long, and now we



had to show it. We have reason to be pleased,” Putellas told Spanish broadcaster TVE.

Substitute Cristina Martin-Prieto completed the scoring with a header in stoppage time.

González wasted little time before opening the scoring after 87 seconds with a flick

past Inês Pereira. It quickly became apparent the Portugal goalkeeper would have a busy game. She did.

Pereira did well to clear a cross but was unable to stop Mariona Caldentey giving López a tap-in minutes later.

Only 24 minutes were played when the fans started a

Mexican wave around the nearly 30,000-capacity Wankdorf Stadium, normally home to Swiss Super League team Young Boys. The club also has a women’s team, which is also called Young Boys.

Spain dominated possession in a textbook first-half display. Teammates’ work off the ball ensured there was always a passing option.

No player had the ball for long as it zipped around and the Portuguese players were left to chase it.

Putellas went close, Pereira denied Claudia Pina, and it was no surprise when Putellas finally got the third goal after she displayed some brilliant control to evade a defender in the 41st.

The fourth came two minutes later when González tucked in the rebound after Pina’s cross came back off the post.

AIFF begins process to find new men’s head coach

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ New Delhi

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Friday began the process to find a new head coach for its under-fire men’s national team, setting July 13 as the last date for interested applicants, who must have at least 10 years of experience and “cultural sensitivity” among other qualifications.

The process has been necessitated by the departure of Spaniard Manolo Marquez from the position. The 56-year-old parted ways on mutually agreeable terms with the AIFF after a string of poor results by the team. He had taken over just last year and had an entire year left on his contract.



Indian football team at a training session

FILE PHOTO

“The Head Coach - Senior Men’s National Team” will report to the AIFF Secretary General and is accountable for the performance of the team in all matches and competitions it participates in during the term of the coach’s contract,” the AIFF stated on its website and added that the duration and remuneration for the new appointee will be decided later.

“The Head Coach will work closely with the National Team Department, the National Team Director and the Technical Director, to strengthen the position and performances of the Men’s Senior National Team,” it added.

Minimum of 10 to 15 years of coaching experience at the elite youth and senior level football has been listed as a

basic requirement. “Experience as the first team coach (head coach) of the senior national team will be preferred with experience of coaching in the World Cup and continental championship qualifiers being an advantage,” the AIFF added.

Minimum of AFC/UEFA Pro license or equivalent along with experience as a football player (not neces-

Responsibilities

The “primary objective” of the new coach would be “to ensure that the National Team wins the maximum number of matches and competitions it participates in.” The appointee will report regularly to the AIFF Secretary General and the Technical Committee, and work in close cooperation with the National Team Department, the National Team Director and the Technical Director.

Maintaining “positive working relationship” with AIFF President, Secretary General, Technical Director, Media, and other relevant administrative staff” is also listed as one of the responsibilities for the new coach. Marquez’s predecessor Igor Stimac had a particularly bitter equation with current AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey and the Croat had even accused him of being vain. “Duration (the coach’s tenure) and Remuneration can be decided during the interview period,” the AIFF said. The shortlisted candidates will be called, and “may be asked to make a presentation and/or attend an interview.”

I’m not enjoying playing chess: Carlsen after defeat to Gukesh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ Zagreb

World number one Magnus Carlsen says he is struggling to enjoy chess after suffering a second consecutive defeat to reigning world champion D Gukesh, who the Norwegian has described as a “weak” player multiple times.

The 19-year-old Indian Grandmaster once again outplayed the former world champion maverick, this time in the rapid format at the Super United Rapid & Blitz tournament on Thursday.

The win comes less than a month after Gukesh stunned Carlsen in the classical format at the Norway Chess tournament, a match that ended with

latter visibly frustrated, famously banging the table.

“Honestly, I am not enjoying playing chess at all right now. I just, I don’t feel any flow at all when I’m playing. I’m constantly hesitating and it’s just really poor right now,” Carlsen told ‘Take Take Take’ after the loss.

The win against Carlsen marked Gukesh’s fifth consecutive triumph in the tournament as he grabbed the sole lead after six rounds.

“He’s doing incredibly well now (in the format). It’s a long way to go in the tournament but winning five games in a row is no mean feat,” said Carlsen.

Carlsen has rarely missed an opportunity to voice his doubts over Gukesh’s prowess in the faster formats.

But he now has struggles of

his own to worry about as he has managed just one win so far in the ongoing tournament. He conceded that his overall performance in the has been sub-par. “I have played kind of poorly the whole tournament and this time I got soundly punished,” he said.

He credited Gukesh for capitalising on his chances while admitting that he found himself “hopelessly lost” at one point during the game. Playing with white pieces, Carlsen was forced to resign after 49 moves. “I had a very, very nice position. He took his chance to open out his position with C6. After that it was a little bit like earlier where I got short of time and I couldn’t really handle it that well and he found a lot of really good moves.”

Spain’s Vicky López announces her presence at Euro 2025

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■ Bern (Switzerland),

From the country that claimed the last four Ballon d’Or awards, Spain has a new star.

The 18-year-old Vicky López announced her arrival on the big stage Thursday by helping Spain to an opening 5-0 rout of Portugal at the Women’s European Championship. It was Spain’s biggest ever win at the tournament, eclipsing the 4-1 win over Finland at Euro 2022.

López added the second goal just minutes after Esther González scored the first and she proved a constant threat for the beleaguered Portuguese defense, setting up

chances for Alexia Putellas and playing a decisive role before González’ second goal.

Her performance earned praise from Spain coach Montse Tomé, even if she understandably tried to reign in the burgeoning expectations. “She’s a young player with whom we have to be patient. We’ve been working with her for a year, almost two years now,” Tomé said.

“We have a lot of faith in her talent, and she’s at a point where we’ve been able to give her minutes (of playing time) now. She responded well. She did the job she had to do very well,” Tomé said López still had plenty of time to develop.

“We have to keep helping her improve. She’s very young, and we’re here to help

her continue enjoying what she does,” the Spain coach said.

It’s clear that Tomé’s faith is paying off for the player.

“When I play with confidence, I play better,” López told media in the mixed zone after Thursday’s match.

“When you play without confidence, it’s bad. Ultimately I’m grateful for the trust that I’m shown because I try to be myself on the field.”

López played till the 81st minute when she made way for Aitana Bonmati, who started on the bench after being hospitalized for viral meningitis last week. Bonmati won the last two Ballon d’Or awards. Putellas won the previous two. All three players are teammates at Barcelona.

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