

All three have been booked under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice Act (which relates to cruelty towards children), and Section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southwest) Amit Goel said, "The child was subjected to extreme humiliation and physical abuse. One of the men held him tightly by his hands and belt, while another poured water into his pants. Yet another man kicked him and abused him."

Cabinet approves new promotion rules for govt employees

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

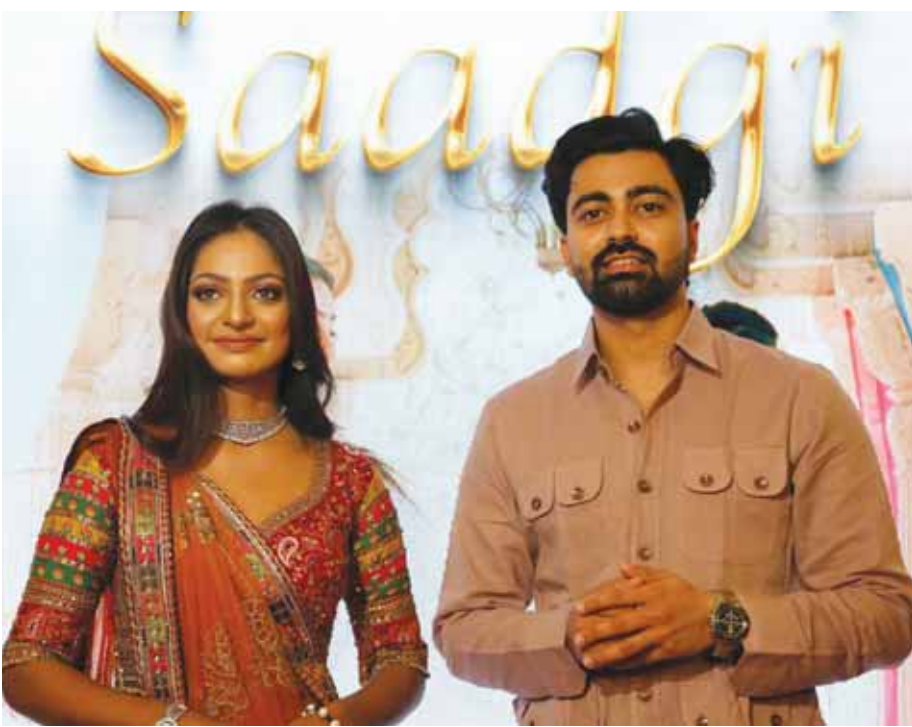
The State Cabinet on Tuesday took several significant decisions to strengthen the administrative and developmental framework of the state. Among the key approvals was the Madhya Pradesh Public Service Promotion Rules, 2025, aimed at ensuring representation and safeguarding the interests of Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) while enhancing administrative efficiency. The new promotion rules provide for 20 percent reservation for STs and 16 percent for SCs. They also make room for merit-based promotions and introduce advance Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs), allowing selection

lists for next year's vacancies to be prepared in the current year itself. Seniority will be a key factor, and in the case of Class I officers, the principle of merit-cum-seniority will be applied. The rules clearly define eligibility and ineligibility criteria and allow for review DPCs where necessary. Elimination of the rotation system is expected to create more promotional opportunities. DPCs will be empowered to determine suitability, and Class IV employees will be considered for promotion solely on the basis of suitability, without any marks-based evaluation. To avoid delays, partial service in a year will be considered as full qualifying service, and even partial Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs) will be valid. In case of delayed promo-

tions due to unavailable ACRs, seniority will be preserved once the promotion is granted. Vacancies arising from deputations or unforeseen circumstances will be filled using existing selection or waiting lists. Promotions will not be stalled merely due to sealed show-cause notices prior to DPC meetings. The provisions are designed to ensure that every available post is filled fairly, efficiently, and with adequate representation. These reforms are expected to result in the creation of approximately 2 lakh new posts across departments. The Cabinet also approved a proposal for the establishment and operation of 459 new Anganwadi Centres in special tribal areas under the PM-JANMAN program as part of the Saksham

Anganwadi and Nutrition 2.0 scheme. The decision includes approval for 459 honorary posts each for Anganwadi Workers and Helpers, and 26 regular supervisory posts. The total estimated cost of this initiative is Rs. 143.46 crore, to be spent from the financial year 2025-26 to 2030-31, with Rs. 72.78 crore funded by the central government and Rs. 70.68 crore by the state. In a significant step toward strengthening power infrastructure, the Cabinet sanctioned Rs. 5,163 crore for ongoing and upcoming capital works under Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company Limited (MPPTCL) for the period 2025-26 to 2029-30. The funding will be arranged through 20 percent equity from the state

government and 80 percent from financial institutions and banks. The sanctioned amount will cover a wide range of projects, including the construction of new substations, transformer capacity enhancements, conversion of existing power lines, upgrades to the SCADA system, power arrangements for Simhastha-2028, and infrastructural improvements to ensure uninterrupted power supply in various regions of the state. Further, the Cabinet gave its nod to the establishment of District Treasuries in the newly formed districts of Pandhurna, Maihar, and Mauganj to improve fiscal management and administrative reach at the district level. The Cabinet meeting commenced with the singing of Vande Mataram.



Monalisa Bhosle (Mahakumbh Mela Rudraksha garlands seller fame) with singer artist Utkarsh Singh in a press conference during a promotion of their music album "Saadgi" in Bhopal on Tuesday. Pioneer photo

3 nabbed in crackdown on illegal arms, criminal acts

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In a series of swift operations under an ongoing anti-crime drive, Bhopal Police arrested three individuals in two separate incidents involving illegal possession of sharp weapons and other criminal activities. The first arrest was made after a video went viral on social media on the night of June 16, showing a man brandishing a sword in the Itwara area. Acting promptly, a team from Talaiya Police Station launched a night operation and apprehended the accused, identified as Shoyab Qureshi (35), son of Salim Qureshi. He was located near Keved's Garden around 3:00 AM and attempted to flee upon spotting the police, but was successfully captured. Authorities recovered a 33-inch iron

sword from his possession. Qureshi, a resident of Javed Bhai's house near Panchayati Mosque under Talaiya police limits, has a known criminal history. His record includes multiple serious offenses registered under Sections 147, 148, 149, 307, 323, and 427 of the IPC by Hanumanganj Police and under the Arms Act (Section 25) by Talaiya Police. In a separate early morning crackdown, Shahjehanabad Police arrested two suspects near Hari Mazar during a routine patrol, thwarting a suspected illegal gambling operation. The suspects, identified as Junaid alias Bachcha (25), a resident of Anjum Ara Building, and Sonu alias Bhura (29), from Kavitpura, attempted to flee but were apprehended after a brief chase.

A sharp-edged knife was recovered from Junaid, who was subsequently booked under Section 25 of the Arms Act by Tilajamalpur Police. Junaid has a long criminal history with more than 15 registered cases, including theft (IPC 379), assault (IPC 294, 323, 506), and violations under the Arms Act, Excise Act, and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act across police stations in Nishatpura, Kohefiza, and Gautam Nagar. Sonu alias Bhura also has a criminal record dating back to 2008, including multiple theft cases and recent offenses under the BNSS Act. Senior officials confirmed that these arrests are part of a broader strategy to curb anti-social elements and ensure public safety across Bhopal. Investigations are ongoing.

CM announces moong and urad procurement on MSP

Bhopal: To support farmers, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav on Tuesday announced that the Madhya Pradesh government will procure moong and urad at Minimum Support Price (MSP) this season. Moong will be procured at Rs 8,682 per quintal in 36 moong-producing districts, while urad will be procured at Rs 7,400 per quintal in 13 designated districts. Farmers can register from June 19 to July 6, and procurement will take place from July 7 to August 6. The announcement was made during an address to Cabinet Ministers ahead of the cabinet meeting at the Mantralaya. Dr. Yadav also outlined various ongoing efforts to promote investment and employment in the state. He informed that a regional industries and employment summit will be held in Ratlam on June 27 to

mark MSME Day, while a national-level interactive session on MSMEs will take place in Ludhiana on July 7. These events are part of the government's broader strategy to strengthen local industries and attract investment. The Chief Minister said that the first phase of the Bhopal Metro is scheduled to be inaugurated in September, and a formal request will be made to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the inauguration ceremony. He also announced that beneficiaries of the Ladli Behna Yojana will receive an additional Rs 250 on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, as part of the state's commitment to women's welfare. Highlighting the importance of International Yoga Day on June 21, Dr. Yadav stated that this year marks the completion of a decade of the global event.

Class 11 student shot dead over land dispute

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In a shocking incident that has rocked the town of Jaura, a 19-year-old Class 11 student, Malishka Kadera, was brutally shot dead by unidentified assailants late on Monday night, June 16, in what appears to be a revenge killing tied to a long-standing land dispute. The attack occurred around 9:30 PM at Badarpura intersection with Malishka was returning home on a motorcycle with her parents after visiting relatives in Balera village. According to police and eyewitness accounts, four assailants intercepted the family mid-route. Upon recognizing one of the attackers, Malishka was shot three times in the head with a country-made pistol,

dying instantly. Sirmam Singh, Malishka's grandfather, alleged that the murder stemmed from an eight-year-old land dispute involving six bighas of farmland bought from a man named Bhikam for Rs 6 lakh. Singh claims that Bhikam's son, along with his associates Saurabh and Gaurav, had been disputing the land's registration and had issued threats in the past. The family believes the attack was a targeted act of vengeance. Adding to the family's anguish, they accused police of delayed response, stating that Malishka's body lay unattended on the road for an extended period despite repeated calls for help. The Baghchini Police Station in-charge, TI Dimple Maurya, confirmed the incident and

said a murder case has been registered. A police team has been formed to track down and arrest the culprits. Malishka, a student at Karaira School in Chinoni, was the eldest of three sisters. Her body was sent for post-mortem on Tuesday morning, and her tragic death has plunged the family and the local community into mourning. The gruesome murder has sparked widespread outrage in the region, with residents demanding swift justice and heightened security in light of the increasing number of violent land disputes in rural Madhya Pradesh. Authorities have assured that no leniency will be shown to the perpetrators and that a thorough investigation is underway.



School children with their teachers and parents stage a protest to raise the issue of the recognition of private schools, at Rajya Shiksha Kendra in Bhopal on Tuesday.

Workshop on 'Mission Karmayogi and iGOT' held at MAPCOST

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In light of current challenges facing governance such as economic growth, environmental sustainability, equality, and issues related to ethics, integrity, accountability, and public participation, there is an increasing need for a new generation of public servants. These individuals must not only possess updated knowledge but also demonstrate a strong commitment to citizen satisfaction. This view was expressed by Dr. Praveen Digharra, Senior Principal Scientist and Head of the Human Resource Division, while chairing a capacity-building workshop at MAPCOST. Organized by the HRD Division of Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology (MAPCOST), the workshop focused on "Mission Karmayogi and iGOT" as part of capacity-building efforts for council officials and staff. Dr. Digharra emphasized that in



order to meet the growing demands of modern governance, public servants must modernize their perspectives and continually improve their competencies. In alignment with the vision of the Government of India's Capacity Building Commission, Mission Karmayogi aims to transform public servants into professionals who are progressive, energetic, capable, transparent, tech-savvy, creative, innovative, and empathetic—thereby enabling them to effectively tackle future challenges.

Subject expert Anadi Mishra, Advisor to Mission Karmayogi and representative of the State Nodal Institute RCVP Noronha Academy of Administration and Management, Bhopal, provided in-depth insights on the mission. He demonstrated how public servants can enhance their skills through online training via the iGOT portal. Participants were also given hands-on training on the portal. Principal Scientist and HRD Division In-Charge Shailendra Singh Dabi highlighted the increasing role of technology in public service delivery, stressing that public servants must remain eager to learn continuously. He further stated that to contribute effectively to India's vision of becoming a five-trillion-dollar economy, state governments must become active

partners by expanding the current training framework to incorporate both functional and behavioral competencies relevant to various fields of work. Dabi also delivered a comprehensive presentation covering various aspects of Mission Karmayogi, including the qualities of ideal public servants, the concept and limitations of capacity building, its objectives and strategies, departmental responsibilities, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, funding, and implementation strategies. The workshop was designed to empower public servants at MAPCOST to become more professional, innovative, and responsive, ultimately leading to better service delivery and higher work quality. Participants actively engaged in discussions with experts and had several of their queries addressed. The session marked the successful completion of the first phase of Mission Karmayogi and iGOT training for MAPCOST officials and staff.

Vikram University pays tribute to Indian Army through Sindoor sapling plantation

PNS ■ Ujjain

In a heartfelt tribute to the courage and valour of the Indian Army under Operation Sindoor, Vikram University organized a ceremonial planting of Sindoor (vermilion) trees at the garden located in front of the university's Golden Jubilee Gate. The event was graced by Ms. Shipra Pathak, founder of PanchTatva Foundation and widely known as the "Water Woman of India," who served as the chief guest. She initiated the ceremony by planting the first Sindoor tree, symbolizing respect and gratitude toward the armed forces. Dr. Anil Sharma, Registrar of Vikram University, informed that the plantation drive took place on Tuesday as a mark of honour for the Indian Army's bravery during Operation Sindoor. Following Ms. Pathak's lead, students, faculty, officers, and staff members actively participated in the tree plantation drive, expressing their appreciation for the army's unwavering dedication. The programme was presided over by the Vice Chancellor of Vikram University, Prof. Arpan Bhardwaj. In her brief address,

Ms. Pathak lauded the Indian Army's unmatched courage, stating that every citizen of the country reveres the sacrifices and commitment of the soldiers. In his presidential remarks, Prof. Bhardwaj emphasized that the bravery and heroism of the Indian Army are deeply embedded in the national identity. He noted that Operation Sindoor stands as a powerful symbol of victory and patriotic spirit. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Registrar Dr. Anil Sharma, who acknowledged the participation and support of all those present in making the event meaningful and memorable. The event not only highlighted the bravery of the Indian Army but also emphasized the importance of environmental consciousness. By choosing to plant Sindoor trees—a symbol of sacrifice and strength—the university aimed to blend patriotic fervour with ecological responsibility. The initiative was widely appreciated by attendees, who described it as a unique and inspiring way to honour the armed forces while contributing to a greener campus and sustainable future.

Illegal LPG refilling unit unearthed at Pushpa Nagar

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

An illegal gas refilling operation hidden inside a Pushpa Nagar home was exposed on Tuesday, with 38 cylinders and machinery worth Rs 1.25 lakh seized. Domestic LPG was being funnelled into commercial cylinders inside the residence of Ramesh Sharma. What looked like an ordinary house concealed a stockpile of highly flammable material. The Food Department had kept the investigation under wraps for weeks. When the timing was right, officers entered the premises and uncovered the operation. The raid was conducted on the orders of Collector Kaushalendra Vikram Singh. District Supply Controller Chandrabhan Singh Jadon led the team, comprising Sandeep Bhargava, Pushparaj Patil, Safdar Khan, and Mayank Dwivedi. Officials recovered 16 commercial and 22 domestic cylinders, two weighing machines, a 1.5 HP transfer pump, plastic pipes, and 100 cylinder caps—used to conceal the illegal transfer.

WhatsApp chats admissible in matrimonial disputes under Family Courts Act: HC

Gwalior: In a significant ruling, the Gwalior Bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court has held that private WhatsApp chats can be admitted as evidence in matrimonial disputes under Section 14 of the Family Courts Act, even if obtained without the consent of the partner or deemed inadmissible under the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. Justice Ashish Shroti, delivering the order, stated that the right to privacy under Article 21 of the Constitution is not absolute and may yield to the right to a fair trial, which also arises under Article 21. "Since no fundamental right under the Constitution is absolute, in the event of conflict between two fundamental rights, as in this case, a contest between the right to privacy and the right to fair trial... the right to privacy may have to yield to the right to fair trial," the court observed. The order came while hearing a petition filed by a woman challenging a Family Court decision that allowed her husband to produce WhatsApp chats between her and a third party as evidence to support allegations of adultery. The husband had accessed the chats through a special application secretly installed on the wife's mobile phone,

which automatically forwarded her conversations to his device. Arguing before the High Court, the wife's counsel submitted that the act of secretly installing the application without her consent was illegal and violated her right to privacy. It was further argued that evidence obtained through such means should not be admissible in court. However, the husband's counsel maintained that the chats were crucial to proving the allegation of an extramarital affair and relied on Section 14 of the Family Courts Act. The provision allows Family Courts to admit any material that, in the court's view, may assist in effectively resolving a matrimonial dispute, even if such material is otherwise inadmissible under standard evidence rules. Justice Shroti agreed with this interpretation, observing that Section 14 was designed to free Family Courts from the strict procedural constraints of the Indian Evidence Act. "The only test under Section 14 for a Family Court to receive the evidence, whether collected legitimately or otherwise, is based upon its subjective satisfaction that the evidence would assist it to deal effectually with the dispute," the court said.



Senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP Dgviyaya Singh, AICC in-charge for Madhya Pradesh Harish Chaudhary and Congress State President Jitu Patwari during a joint press conference at PCC headquarters in Bhopal on Tuesday.

Delhi-bound flight diverted to Bhopal amid heavy rains

Bhopal: A Delhi-bound flight from Jodhpur was diverted to Bhopal on Tuesday afternoon due to heavy rainfall in the national capital. The aircraft landed safely at Raja Bhoj Airport around 4:50 PM. Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat was among the passengers on board. Meanwhile, the southwest monsoon continued its advance across Madhya Pradesh, covering 19 districts as of Tuesday,

including Indore. This marks a significant progression from Monday, when the monsoon had entered only four districts. The state witnessed widespread showers accompanied by thunderstorms, bringing much-needed relief from the scorching summer heat. Two lightning-related fatalities were reported from Singrauli district, highlighting the hazards accompanying the monsoon onset. Several districts, including

Bhopal, Rajgarh, Dhar, Ratlam, Chhindwara, Jabalpur, Mandla, Satna, and Tikamgarh, recorded substantial rainfall. The rainfall led to a noticeable dip in temperatures statewide. Shivpuri reported the highest temperature at 40°C, while Pachmarhi remained the coolest at 28.2°C. Temperatures in major urban centers also fell, with Bhopal recording 34.4°C, Indore 32.2°C, Gwalior 38.5°C, Ujjain 33°C, and Jabalpur 34.5°C.

Two killed in mob lynching in neighbouring Raisen distt

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

In a deeply disturbing incident, a Muslim youth identified as Junaid Qureshi succumbed to injuries after being brutally assaulted by a mob allegedly comprising members of the Bajrang Dal, on suspicion of cow transportation. Another youth, Armaan, remains in critical condition on a ventilator. The attack took place late on June 5 near Mehgaon, between Sanchi and Raisen, sparking outrage and raising fresh concerns over rising vigilante violence in India. According to the victims' families, Junaid and Armaan were transporting six cows from Dhanora to Siroj as part of their legitimate dairy business when they were intercepted by a mob of 20–25 individuals, allegedly led by Bajrang Dal workers Chandan Yadav and Chandan Kushwaha. Family members claim the two

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were first taken to Vidisha police station, and later moved to a secluded spot near Mehgaon, where they were beaten throughout the night. The assailants also allegedly looted Rs 2 lakh from the victims during the assault. After nearly 24 hours, both youths were located at Vidisha District Hospital, and later transferred to Hamidia Hospital in Bhopal. Junaid succumbed to his injuries, while Armaan remains in critical condition. Junaid, a resident of Siroj and dairy operator based in Jinsi, Bhopal, had been running a legitimate business for the past

two years. Armaan is a native of Shyampur. Speaking to reporters, Junaid's brother Zaid Qureshi and Armaan's father Zafar Uddin accused Bajrang Dal members of orchestrating the attack. Mohammad Ashraf, a relative, stated that the victims were involved in lawful dairy activities and had no connection with illegal cow transport. Raisen SDO Pratiksha Sharma confirmed that an FIR has been registered against 10–15 unidentified persons, and three individuals—Dhruv Chaturvedi, Gagan Dubey (both from Vidisha), and Rampal Rajput

(from Kararia)—have been arrested. The arrested suspects reportedly have prior records involving animal cruelty, assault, and illegal transport. Authorities are probing the alleged involvement of Bajrang Dal members, as well as the reported looting and custodial mishandling. The case has added to a string of recent violent incidents across India tied to cow vigilantism, frequently targeting members of the Muslim community. Cow slaughter and transport are regulated or banned in most Indian states, but human rights groups have long warned against the rise of mob justice and impunity. As the investigation continues, civil society groups and political leaders have demanded a thorough probe and swift justice in the case, urging authorities to crack down on vigilante violence and uphold the rule of law.

CM reviews preparations for Yoga Day

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has emphasized the health benefits of yoga, stating that it helps eliminate diseases, brings balance to the body, and makes it free from disorders. He encouraged everyone to incorporate yoga into their daily routine to maintain overall well-being. Dr. Yadav made these remarks while reviewing preparations for the 11th International Yoga Day programme, scheduled to be held on June 21, during a meeting at Samatva Bhavan in his official residence on Tuesday. Highlighting the global recognition yoga has received, the Chief Minister credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's efforts for elevating India's ancient wellness tradition to the international stage. "It is because of Prime Minister Modi's initiative that International Yoga Day is now celebrated across the world, not just in India," he said.



CPI (M) and CPI activists express solidarity towards Palestinians during a protest demanding to stop the brutal crackdown in Gaza, amid Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in Bhopal on Tuesday. Pioneer photo



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav witnesses MoUs signed between Madhya Pradesh State NITI Aayog and 4 organizations namely Antar Foundation, Pradaan, PHIA Foundation and UN Women at State Mantralaya in Bhopal on Tuesday.

MoUs with NGOs to boost inclusive development

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav on Tuesday witnessed the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) between the Madhya Pradesh State Policy Commission and four prominent non-governmental organizations—Antra Foundation, Pradan, PHIA Foundation, and UN Women. The MoU exchange took place at the Secretariat, marking a new phase of collaboration between the government and civil society organizations. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav emphasized that Madhya Pradesh's social landscape is undergoing a positive transformation. He noted that citizens are increasingly leveraging government schemes to improve their lives

and livelihoods. In order to ensure holistic progress across all social development indicators, the state government will actively incorporate the field-level expertise and experience of NGOs. He stated that the State Policy Commission will work in close coordination with organizations that possess subject-specific knowledge to enhance human and social development indicators across the state. This collaboration will also help ensure the widespread dissemination of public welfare schemes, maximizing their reach and impact. Dr. Yadav added that suggestions received from NGOs working on the ground will be seriously considered and integrated into policymaking and implementation strategies.

Rameshwar inspects Rs 305 Crore Bairagarh project

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

MLA Rameshwar Sharma on Tuesday inspected the Rs 305 crore flyover project at Bairagarh, urging faster construction to benefit thousands of daily commuters. Sharma reached the site early morning and reviewed the progress of the double-decker flyover being built from Laukhedhi sewage pump to Jhulelal immersion ghat. Spanning 3 km, it will be Madhya Pradesh's first of its kind. He directed PWD officials to ensure timely relocation of power poles and to address other bottlenecks. The structure, 19 metres wide, is expected to ease congestion in



Bairagarh (Sant Hirdaram Nagar). While checking the drainage system near the flyover's service road, Sharma noticed a key drain covered with an iron sheet. Calling it encroachment, he ordered the lock broken and action against violators. Conveying displeasure to officials he described the site as vital to drainage system in the

Bairagarh project

area and questioned them over their silence. He also visited the Lalghati grade separator, Sant Nagar-Indore Road flyover, and the Railway Overbridge (ROB) at Phatak Road. Sharma reviewed progress at each site and shared instructions with engineers. Further stops included the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana site at Bhauri, a proposed power substation at Bairagarh village, and the upcoming six-lane flyover on the Bhopal bypass. Officials from the PWD, district administration, municipal corporation, and police accompanied the inspection, noting Sharma's emphasis on timelines, public convenience, and anti-encroachment measures ahead of the monsoon.

President's visit spurs intensive security review

PNS ■ Barwani

With President Droupadi Murmu scheduled to visit Barwani on June 19, Indore Zone Inspector General, Anurag, held a high-level security review with senior police officials on Tuesday. The meeting took place at the Barwani SP Office, where IG Anurag, DIG Nimar Range Siddharth Bahuguna, and SP Jagdish Dawar discussed law and order, traffic planning, and intelligence measures across the district in light of the upcoming visit. Key directives issued included implementing a three-tier security sys-

tem at the helipad, programme venue, and all other locations along the presidential route. Station house officers were instructed to step up monitoring of suspicious activity and the analysis of intelligence reports. Dog squads, bomb squads, and anti-sabotage teams will inspect key sites regularly. Trained personnel will be deployed at traffic diversion points, and CCTV surveillance and drone mapping will be conducted by the Special Branch. Officers were directed to keep staff on high alert, finalise duty charts early, and monitor hotels and locals around the event site as

needed. IG Anurag emphasised strict adherence to protocol. "Even the slightest lapse will be unacceptable," he warned, stressing teamwork, vigilance, and early completion of preparations. He reminded the force that citizen convenience and courtesy must accompany tight security. All arrangements are to be finalised 48 hours before the event, with field supervision and timely reporting prioritised. The meeting concluded with attendance from Special Branch officials and senior police personnel involved in the security grid for the President's upcoming visit.

Man gets 10 years RI for raping minor

Bhopal: A special POCSCO court in Bhopal on Tuesday convicted 28-year-old Satnam Singh for the rape of a minor girl aboard the Jhelum Express in 2022. The Thirteenth Additional Sessions Judge sentenced Singh to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 10,000, finding him guilty under Section 376(1) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and relevant sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The horrific incident occurred on July 18, 2022. The survivor, who was traveling alone on Train No. 11078 (Jhelum Express), felt hungry but lacked the money to purchase food. During a halt at Bhopal station, she went to drink water and then returned to her seat near the AC coach gate. It was there that Singh, a co-passenger, allegedly lured her to the pantry car under the pretext of offering food, where he then sexually

assaulted her. Following the crime, the survivor bravely reported the incident to the Government Railway Police (GRP) in Bhusaval. After jurisdictional verification, GRP Habibganj Police registered an FIR (No. 126/2022) under Section 376(1) of the IPC and Sections 5/6 of the POCSCO Act. The prosecution of the case was led by Special Public Prosecutor Tribhuvan Prasad Gautam, who was assisted by Sarla Kahar and Laxmi Kasav. The court's conviction of Satnam Singh relied heavily on a combination of scientific evidence, compelling witness testimonies, and the powerful statement provided by the survivor. This verdict marks the culmination of a three-year legal battle, serving as a stark reminder of the persistent need for enhanced safety measures for women and minors utilizing public transport.

8 kg tumour removed

Bhopal: An 18-year-old girl from Bhopal underwent surgery to remove an 8 kg abdominal tumour after six months of misdiagnosis and worsening health. She had been experiencing abdominal pain, vomiting, loss of appetite, and rapid weight loss. Multiple visits to local clinics failed to identify the cause. She was eventually taken to Sagar Multi Speciality Hospital, where investigations led to the detection of a large tumour pressing against internal organs. The surgical team removed the tumour in an eight-hour operation. The tumour was located near the left kidney and pancreas and close to major arteries. The girl has been discharged and is now under follow-up care.

Chaos and confusion as MP enforces e-pravesh portal for college admissions

KISHAN SINGH RANA ■ Bhopal

The Madhya Pradesh government's decision to enforce its E-Pravesh Portal as the sole gateway for undergraduate, postgraduate, and higher education admissions has left students and their families overwhelmed, facing technical roadblocks and a lack of official assistance. Marketed as a move to digitise and streamline the admission process, the state-run online portal is now compulsory for all college applicants—including those applying to government institutions. However, the rollout has been marred by poor awareness, limited accessibility, and scarce support on the ground. Students like Devendra Jaat, Amit, and Tarun, who recently passed their Class 12 exams, are

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visiting campuses in person to seek admission, unaware that the process has shifted online. "We thought we could just apply at the college counters," said Amit. "Now suddenly we're being told about a website we've never heard of. No one explained this." The portal mandates a multi-step process: registration, logging in, uploading required documents, paying a registration fee, and finally undergoing manual verification by designated officials. It is this final step—document approval—that has drawn sharp criticism.

Documents such as Aadhar cards, income certificates, domicile proofs, and mark sheets, all issued and verified by government authorities, are being subjected to a second round of manual validation. "These records are already authenticated and stored in DigiLocker, the Government of India's certified digital repository," said a retired college principal who declined to be named. "Requiring another officer to approve them is redundant. Are they more legitimate than the central government?" Each applicant's file is routed to

a Help Centre, where an official must manually verify the uploads. But several students report delays and a lack of communication from these centres. When contacted, Dr Mathura Prasad, the district's Chief Higher Education Officer, was unavailable due to a week-long medical leave. Dr Tulsi Ram Dahayak, who oversees admissions from the Satpura Bhawan office, did not respond to repeated calls. With the admission season at its peak, many fear the lack of awareness, training, and responsiveness could derail academic prospects for hundreds of students. If authorities fail to intervene with effective outreach and on-ground support, the digital transition meant to simplify admissions may end up creating a new web of bureaucratic hurdles, frustrating students more than ever.

VD Sharma accuses Cong of anti-Ambedkar mindset

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

Bharatiya Janata Party's Madhya Pradesh President and Khajuraho MP, Vishnu Dutt Sharma, launched a scathing attack on the Congress party on Tuesday, accusing it of historically opposing Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and his ideology. Addressing the media at the BJP state headquarters, Sharma stated that both the Congress and the Nehru-Gandhi family have consistently disrespected Dr. Ambedkar, both during his lifetime and posthumously. Sharma criticised Congress's planned three-day public awareness campaign starting June 23, saying that instead of pretending to honour Dr. Ambedkar, the party should undertake a "penance march" and observe a fast to apologise for its anti-Ambedkar actions. "Congress, which has always been against Babasaheb and the Constitution, is now staging political drama in Madhya Pradesh to incite social division and gain electoral mileage," he alleged.

The BJP leader demanded an unconditional apology from Congress leaders such as Digvijaya Singh, Jitu Patwari, Umang Singhar, Phool Singh Baraiya, and the Nehru-Gandhi family for their past remarks and actions against

Dr. Ambedkar. He emphasized that while the Congress never gave Ambedkar due respect, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has worked to honour his legacy by developing five key memorial sites, known as "Panch Teerth," associated with the Dalit icon. Sharma further claimed that Congress did not allow a single memorial for Dr. Ambedkar to be built. He cited historical events, saying that it was the Congress that defeated Dr. Ambedkar in the 1952 general election and again in the 1954 by-election. "It was the Congress that forced Babasaheb to resign as Law Minister and denied him the Bharat Ratna," Sharma said. "Instead, they awarded the Padma Bhushan to Narayan Kajrolkar, the man who defeated Ambedkar in elections." Highlighting the BJP's efforts to honour Ambedkar, Sharma pointed out that the development of Dr. Ambedkar's birthplace, Mhow, as a pilgrimage site began during the tenure of former Chief Minister Sundarlal Patwa, and was inaugurated by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Sharma credited Prime Minister Modi for significantly raising the stature of Dr. Ambedkar through initiatives like the Ambedkar International Centre in Delhi, the restoration of Ambedkar's

London residence, and commemorative sites at Nagpur's Deeksha Bhoomi and Mumbai's Chaitiya Bhoomi. He contrasted this with the Congress's inaction, alleging that even though former PM Chandra Shekhar had sanctioned land for the Delhi Ambedkar Centre, it was never built during Congress rule. Referring to a controversial letter, Sharma alleged that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had once expressed satisfaction in a letter to Edwina Mountbatten over Ambedkar's resignation from the cabinet. "It is shameful that a party with such a legacy is now pretending to honour Babasaheb," Sharma concluded.

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I, Khannu Singh Tomar S/o Munna Singh Tomar R/o Mahendra Nagar, Gadaipura Gird, Gwalior Madhya Pradesh-474004 have changed the name of my minor son Gulshan Singh Tomar alias Krishna Tomar aged 15 years and she shall hereafter be known as Krishna Tomar

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER, Gwalior Municipal Corporation

No. /PIU/2025

(NIT)

Date : 12/06/2025

Gwalior Municipal Corporation, Gwalior Invites online for the following work:

जलसफाई रोड क्रमांक 405, दिनांक 17-06-2025

S. No.	E-Tender No.	Tender Name	Probable Amount of Contract (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Tender Fee (Rs)	Period of completion	Date & Time
01	2025_UAD_429955_1	Construction of Synthetic track 4 m wide 1000 m Long at Gwalior	1,32,93,090/-	66,466/-	12,500/-	180 Days	11/06/25, 10:30 Am to 11/07/25, 5:30 Pm
02	2025_UAD_430265_1	Construction of ISBT Bus Terminal Premises under PM E-bus at Gwalior	1,77,77,467/-	88,887/-	12,500/-	180 Days	12/06/25, 10:30 Am to 11/07/25, 5:30 Pm

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1	Loan Account No & Branch.	71220000001538, 712200000002486 Katni
	Name and address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/s/ Guarantor(s)	(1) Ramsujan Soni, S/o Kashi Prasad, Ward No.11, Gram Kharkhari-02, Kharkhari, Katni, Madhyapradesh-483440. (2) Abha Soni, Ward No.11, Gram Kharkhari-02, Kharkhari, Katni, Madhyapradesh-483440.
	Date of Demand Notice, Outstanding Amount and possession taken date.	Notice dated: 29.11.2023. Amount due: Rs. 6,66,625/- (Rupees Six lakhs Sixty-Six Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-Five only) as on 07.11.2023 regarding the account number 71220000001538 and Rs. 8,59,921.53/- (Rupees Eight lakhs Fifty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-One and Fifty-Three paise only) as on 01.11.2023 regarding the account number 712200000002486. and Interest accrued, future interest & Other. Possession taken date:12.06.2025.
	Description of Secured Assets	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 918 sq. ft (85.31 sqm) of immovable property including building and all the improvements therein in Khasra No.1394/2 (plot No.) comprised in Survey No. 54/27 of Rihi Village, Katni Taluk, Katni District, as per Sale Deed No.: MP208052018A1017188 in the name of Ramsujan Soni. Boundaries as per Sale Deed No.: MP208052018A1017188 EAST: House of Bihari Lal Patel, WEST: Vacant land of Shivaprasad, NORTH: Road, SOUTH: House of Jaggu.
2	Loan Account No & Branch.	712200000003664 Katni
	Name and address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/s/ Guarantor(s)	(1) Mediya Bai Jaiswal, W/o Syam Lal Jaiswal, 1196, Tilak College Road, Achary Vinowa Bhawe Ward No.14, Kirihani Science College, Murwara, Katni, Mariana Islands, Madhya Pradesh- 483501. (2) Sharda Jaiswal, S/o Syam Lal Jaiswal, Jagarati Coloni, Tilak College, Road, Achary Vinowa Bhawe Ward No.14, Jholi, Katni, Mariana Islands, Madhya Pradesh-483501 (3) Deepa Jaiswal, D/o Goya Prasad Jaiswal, Tikuriya Tola Kandhi Gali Ke Andar, Ward No.44, Satna, Mariana Islands, Madhya Pradesh- 485001
	Date of Demand Notice, Outstanding Amount and possession taken date.	Notice dated: 31.12.2024 Amount due: Rs. 13,36,498.61/- (Rupees Thirteen lakhs Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Eight and Sixty-One paise only) as on 04-12-2024 and Interest accrued, future interest & Other. Possession taken date:12.06.2025.
	Description of Secured Assets	All that piece and parcel of land and property including building constructed or to be constructed in respect of property bearing Mouza Khirhani, Patwari Halka No.-41, Khirhani, Khasra No.617/2 (present Khasra No.617/34)-part area 0.005 Hect.545 Sq.ft. situated at Mouza-Khirhani Tehsil-Katni District.Katni (M.P.). BOUNDARIES: EAST: Road, WEST: Land of Mohanlal Vishwakarma, NORTH: Land of Ajay Vishwakarma, SOUTH: Plot of No.3 Chaina Bai Jaiswal.

Date: 17/06/2025

Place: Katni

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BJP slams Congress for false propaganda on census 2027

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
New Delhi

The BJP on Tuesday alleged that the Congress is carrying out false and misleading propaganda on census 2027 because its hope of gaining power by creating division in society is falling apart with the Narendra Modi-led Government's decision to include caste enumeration in the nationwide exercise.

Terming the government's notification on the 16th census a "damp squib", the Congress on Monday said it is silent on the inclusion of caste in the exercise and asked whether this is another "U-turn" by the Government.

The Home Ministry noted that some misleading information, which stated that there was no mention of caste count in the gazette notification, was being spread and later asserted that the Census 2027 would include caste enumeration.

Lambasting the Congress for "misleading" people with false claims, BJP national spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi alleged that the prime



BJP national spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi

FILE PHOTO

objective of the Opposition party by resorting to such a "petty" act is to create confusion in society and gain power.

Since it is witnessing its objective falling apart, the Congress has resorted to spreading "falsehood, deception and lies", he told reporters at the BJP headquarters.

Trivedi said the press releases issued by the Government had clearly mentioned that along with the census, a socio-economic assessment and caste census would also be conducted.

"Marred by its myopic view

and blurred vision, rather a motivated nefarious vision, however, they (Congress) are unable to see what is categorically explained in the Modi Government's decision to conduct the census," he charged.

They are running completely false and misleading propaganda because they feel that their hopes are not being fulfilled, the Rajya Sabha MP added.

Trivedi alleged that the Congress has always resorted to vote bank politics in the name of caste but did nothing for the backward communi-

ties.

"The party decided to stop the caste census (enumeration) in 1951 and did not allow the Kaka Kalekar Commission report and the Mandal Commission report to be released," he said.

With the 'Sabka saath, sabka vishwas' mantra, Trivedi said, the NDA Government under Prime Minister Modi's leadership wants to conduct a census with caste enumeration to ensure "recognition of all castes, respect for all castes and upliftment of the most backward castes".

On the contrary, the leaders of the Congress and "INDI Alliance" only want the upliftment of their families by creating division in the society on caste lines, the BJP leader charged.

"In 2022, our alliance Government in Bihar decided to conduct a caste survey in the state," the BJP leader said.

Trivedi also raised questions over the Congress government's decision to conduct a fresh caste survey in Karnataka and asked whether the previous survey conducted with an expenditure of ₹165 crore was erroneous.

PK Mishra urges States to focus on high impact DRR plans

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
New Delhi

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, PK Mishra, on Tuesday said that states should focus on low cost but high impact interventions to mitigate disaster risks. Addressing the valedictory session of the two-day Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Mishra said the potential of loss in certain disasters is found to be more than estimated which needs re-calibration of mitigation efforts to tackle them.

Observing the nature of disasters is changing, he said that we must accept this reality that hazards are interconnected, impacts are multiplying and risks are evolving faster than we are adapting.

"In view of the emerging challenges of extreme events and uncertainties, states need to recalibrate and re-activate their institutions, processes and systems for equipping themselves to be ready to handle such situation by preventing loss of life and property," he added.

Mishra said that states should focus on low cost but

high impact interventions to mitigate disaster risks.

"Preparedness and awareness is crucial for tackling increasing uncertainty on disaster occurrence. The hazard and vulnerability landscape are changing and so should enhance the preparedness level of the states," said Mishra, according to an official statement.

"For better transition from relief and response approach to preparedness and mitigation approach, states need to institutionalise the lessons learnt. This is essential, so that insights from the past disasters are not forgotten," he added. Mishra said India's Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) financing model has been acknowledged at the global platform on DRR held in Geneva on June 4 to June 6, 2025, states should ensure for proper utilisation of recovery and mitigation funds.

Highlighting India's vast geography, which mandates a robust national disaster response force, he said that states should assess and invest in capacity augmentation of agencies involved in the disaster relief operations.

"Disaster preparedness is

not a matter of hours but is a matter of minutes, as every minute taken in mobilisation and starting relief operation counts. Thus, the speed of response should be improved. There is still a lot to be done on the early warning from for certain disasters," added Mishra.

Giving example of drought having the potential to severely affect lives and livelihood, the principal secretary said the potential of loss in certain disasters is found to be more than estimated.

"These days lightning is coming forth as one of the largest-fatality disasters. Hence, our mitigation efforts should be re-calibrated to tackle these kind of disasters. States should focus on low cost but high impact interventions to mitigate disaster risks," he added.

Mishra said that urban flooding solutions need to keep in mind the local geographical and climatic conditions.

The principal secretary further said the Aapda Mitra scheme for volunteer mobilisation like community involvement is very important for enhancing the effectiveness of disaster response.

Robert Vadra skips ED summons again

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
New Delhi

Robert Vadra, the businessman husband of Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, skipped his scheduled deposition before the Enforcement Directorate for the second time in a money laundering case linked to UK-based arms consultant Sanjay Bhandari, official sources said on Tuesday.

He was asked to appear on Tuesday (June 17) after he failed to do so on June 10.

Sources close to Vadra said he has communicated his travel plan to the UAE and UK for this week in advance to the agency and that he would join the probe once he is back in India.

He skipped the June 10 summons saying he had flu-like symptoms on June 9 and had undertaken a COVID test as per protocol.

His lawyer had then said that Vadra had no intention of avoiding summons and was ready to appear before the ED anytime before or after his travel abroad later this month.

The agency is understood to be summoning Vadra to record his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and subsequently file a chargesheet in the case. The federal probe agency had questioned the businessman for three consecutive days in April in a separate money laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in a 2008 land deal in Haryana. He is being investigated in three money laundering cases by the ED.

Bhandari (63) fled to London in 2016, soon after the Income Tax Department raided him in Delhi. A UK court earlier this month refused an application filed by the Indian government seeking permis-

sion to appeal in Britain's Supreme Court against the discharge of Bhandari in an extradition case, virtually ruling out chances of him being brought to the country to face the law.

The ED filed a chargesheet in this case in 2023, alleging that Bhandari acquired the 12, Bryanston Square house in London in 2009 and got it renovated "as per the directions of Robert Vadra, who provided the funds for the renovation".

Vadra has denied that he owns any London property directly or indirectly.

Terming the charges a "political witch hunt", Vadra said he was being "hounded and harassed" to subserve political ends.

The ED is also investigating Vadra in a separate money laundering case linked to alleged financial irregularities in a land deal in Rajasthan's Bikaner.

Environment Minister urges *matri* vans for Aravalli Green Wall Project

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
New Delhi

Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav on Tuesday urged people to create forests in the name of their mothers as part of the Aravalli Green Wall Project, an ambitious plan to build a 1,400-km long and five-km wide green buffer around the Aravalli mountain range.

Launching the 'National Workshop on Strategies for Combating Desertification and Drought' in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, Yadav said that unsustainable farming practices, excessive use of urea and pesticides, and overuse of groundwater are some of the key reasons for land degrada-

tion worldwide. He warned that fast-paced desertification is threatening the human food chain.

Yadav said India is taking several steps to tackle land degradation and desertification, including interlinking of rivers, distribution of soil health cards to farmers and plantation programmes.

The Government has now decided to restore degraded land in the Aravalli range, which stretches from Delhi to Gujarat, he said.

The minister encouraged people to develop *matri van* (forests named after one's mother) on degraded forest land under this initiative.

He also said that under the Green Credit Programme, companies could be asked to

help restore such degraded areas. Inspired by Africa's 'Great Green Wall' that spans from Senegal in the west to Djibouti in the east, the Aravalli project aims to establish a 1,400-km long and five-km wide green belt across 29 districts in Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Delhi.

Yadav said the project will be a turning point in the careers of divisional forest officers in these districts.

According to the government, the Aravalli Green Wall will help fight air pollution in the region, support India's climate goal of creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, and help restore 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030.

Centre's intention to take control of judges' appointments: Sibal

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
New Delhi

Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Tuesday alleged that the real motive of the government in moving towards bringing an impeachment motion against Justice Yashwant Varma for alleged corruption is to take control of appointment of judges by doing away with the Collegium system and bringing in the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC).

Sibal, who is also a senior advocate, also accused the government of having a selective approach in handling the cases of Justice Varma and Justice

Shekhar Yadav, against whom Opposition MPs have submitted a notice in the Rajya Sabha for moving an impeachment motion for making allegedly "communal" remarks last year.

Law Minister Kiren Rijiju has underlined the government's resolve to take all political parties on board in moving the impeachment motion against Justice Varma. A fire incident at Varma's residence in the national capital in March, when he was a judge at the Delhi High Court, had led to the discovery of several burnt sacks of cash at the outhouse.

Addressing a press conference, Sibal said the intention of the government is to finish the

Collegium system and to take control of the appointment of judges.

Talking about Justice Varma, Sibal said, "I can say with utmost responsibility that he is one of the finest judges that I have argued before. You ask any lawyer in the High Court or Supreme Court, there is not a whiff of any wrongdoing by this judge. You ask any lawyer in Allahabad." "It is shocking that you (the government) are targeting a judge against whom there is no evidence and you are protecting a judge against whom there is no evidence required because his statement is in the public domain and there is an impeachment

motion pending before the Chairman and he has been sitting on it for verification of signatures," Sibal said.

Rijiju wants to bring a motion on the first day of Parliament's Monsoon session to put the Supreme Court's in-house inquiry report in Justice Varma's case in the public domain, he said.

"For what? Why are you protecting Shekhar Yadav?" Sibal added.

Why isn't the opposition not realising that the game plan is to take away the power to appoint judges from the Collegium and give it to the NJAC, Sibal alleged, adding "That is the whole purpose of

this exercise". Slamming the government, he said it took a decision against a high court judge without any inquiry and procedure.

"The judge was not even heard. This is absolutely shocking...Unfortunately, the political class is brought into the act," he said.

Sibal last week had questioned why Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has not taken any action on the notice for moving an impeachment motion against Justice Yadav of the Allahabad High Court and alleged the government was trying to save the judge who made "totally communal" remarks last year.

Four states lead low birth weight: Study

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
New Delhi

Cases of a low weight at birth from four States — Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and West Bengal — account for nearly half of India's cases, despite an overall progress in lowering rates over the last 30 years, an analysis of the National Family Health Survey shows.

The findings are published in the British Medical Journal (BMJ) Global Health.

Having a low birth weight — under 2.5 kg — can often signal a mother's underlying health issues and poor nutrition, and has been linked with problems in the child's cognitive development and a vulnerability to chronic conditions in later life.

Analysing data gathered from all five waves of the national survey, researchers from Duke and Harvard universities in the US and institutes in South Korea found that overall, the prevalence of low birth weight in India fell by eight percentage points — from 26 in 1993 to 18 in 2021.

State-wise, the average prevalence was seen to decline across the five waves of the survey from 25 per cent in 1993 and 1999 to 20 per cent in 2006, and 16 per cent in 2021, when the last wave concluded.

Analysis of data from the fifth wave (2019-21) suggests that 42 lakh babies were born with a low weight in a single year, almost half (47 per cent) of which came from only four states — Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and West Bengal.

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prevalence of low birth weight in 1993 and in 2021 as well.

The authors wrote, "The overall prevalence of low birth weight in India declined from 26 per cent to 18 per cent during the period. The 2019-21 survey revealed that four states, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, and West Bengal, accounted for almost half of all low-birth-weight births in India."

The data from the fifth wave also showed that babies having both a lower weight and a smaller-than-average size at birth were "considerably more likely" to be born to women with little or no formal education and from the poorest households.

DRDO, IIT-Delhi demonstrate experimental progress in quantum communication

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
New Delhi

India has successfully demonstrated an experimental advancement in quantum communication domain that paves the way for real-time applications in quantum cyber security, according to the defence ministry.

"The free-space quantum secure communication using quantum entanglement over a distance of more than one km was achieved via a free-space optical link established on the

IIT-Delhi campus," it said in a statement on Monday.

With this, India has entered a "new quantum era", officials said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has congratulated the DRDO and IIT-Delhi for this landmark achievement, stating that India entered a new quantum era of secure communication which will be a "game-changer" in future warfare.

"This entanglement-assisted quantum secure communication paves the way for real-time applications in quantum

cyber security, including long-distance Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), the development of quantum networks, and the future quantum internet," the statement said.

The experiment attained a secure key rate of nearly 240 bits per second with a quantum bit error rate of less than 7 per cent, the ministry said.

These efforts align with India's broader objectives to advance quantum technologies for national development.

Under the project 'Design and development of photonic

technologies for free space QKD', sanctioned by Directorate of Futuristic Technology Management (DFTM), DRDO, the demonstration was given by Prof Bhaskar Kanseri's research group in the presence of several senior officials of the DRDO, Dean (R&D) IIT-Delhi, Director (DIA-CoE) and DRDO laboratory scientists.

"Quantum entanglement-based QKD offers several significant advantages over the traditional prepare-and-measure method by enhancing

both security and functionality. Even if devices are compromised or imperfect, the use of quantum entanglement ensures the security of key distribution.

"Any attempt to measure or intercept the entangled photons disturbs the quantum state, allowing authorised users to detect the presence of an eavesdropper," the statement said.

Quantum communication provides fundamentally unbreakable encryption, mak-

ing it a dual-use technology with applications in securing data in strategic sectors such as defence, finance, and telecommunications, as well as in protecting national security-related communications, it said.

"Free-space QKD eliminates the need to lay optical fibers, which can be both disruptive and expensive, especially in challenging terrains and dense urban environments," the statement said.

Earlier, India's first intercity quantum communication

link between Vindhyachal and Prayagraj in 2022, using commercial-grade underground dark optical fiber was demonstrated by DRDO scientists along with Prof Bhaskar's team, it said.

More recently, in 2024, the team successfully distributed quantum keys using entanglement over a 100 km spool of telecom-grade optical fiber in another DRDO-supported project.

These technologies are being developed through DRDO-Industry-Academia -

Centres of Excellence (DIA-CoEs) — an initiative of the DRDO.

Where 15 Centres of Excellence have been established at premier academic institutes like IITs, IISc and universities for development of cutting-edge defence technologies.

Department of Defence R&D Secretary and DRDO Chairman, Samir V Kamat, and IIT-Delhi Director, Prof Rangan Banerjee, also congratulated the team for these key achievements.

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Editor's TAKE

A turning point for India-Canada ties

Prime Minister Modi's Canada visit could mark a new chapter in India's diplomatic engagement with the West

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Canada for the G7 Summit has captured global attention — not merely for its diplomatic weight but for its potential to recalibrate several key international relationships. This visit, his first to Canada since 2015, marks a crucial inflection point in India's foreign policy, Canada's outreach under a new leadership, and possibly, even in the broader Indo-Pacific dynamics that include China. This visit assumes heightened significance as it comes on the heels of a major diplomatic fallout between India and Canada.

In 2023, ties hit rock bottom following the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in British Columbia, with then Prime Minister Justin Trudeau suggesting Indian involvement — a claim India flatly denied. The recent change in Canadian leadership, with Mark Carney taking office after Trudeau's exit, seems to signal a new willingness to repair and rebuild the ties. Carney's invitation to PM Modi to attend the G7 Summit in Alberta was more than just protocol — it was an overture of trust, diplomacy, and re-engagement. Modi's acceptance of the invitation, and his public emphasis on "mutual respect and shared interests," underscores India's readiness to reset the relationship. On the sidelines of the two-day summit PM Modi is expected to hold bilateral meetings not only with PM Carney but also with several other world leaders. With India and Canada both being vibrant democracies with strong people-to-people ties — bolstered by a diaspora of over 1.6 million Indo-Canadians — the scope for strategic cooperation in areas like education, technology, climate change, and trade remains vast. In 2024, bilateral trade in goods stood at \$8.6 billion, nearly evenly split between exports and imports. Services trade was even more significant, at \$14.3 billion. Modi's visit could serve to unlock stalled trade discussions, revitalise strategic partnerships, and perhaps even set the stage for a long-pending Free Trade Agreement. Although India is not a formal member of the G7, Modi has been a regular invitee since 2019 — a testament to India's rising geopolitical and economic influence. This year's G7 deliberations are especially charged, focusing on intensifying global crises: the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, fresh conflict in West Asia following Iran-Israel strikes, and economic instability triggered by geopolitical realignments and trade tensions. India's position as a neutral but influential voice on many of these issues — particularly the Ukraine conflict — places it in a unique spot. Modi's presence offers the West a crucial bridge to the Global South, while allowing India to assert its values of multilateralism and peaceful diplomacy.

This visit may offer an indirect way to resolve tensions with China as well. With rising anti-China sentiment in several G7 countries and a growing Indo-Pacific strategy that seeks alternatives to Chinese hegemony, India's role becomes pivotal. A recalibrated India-Canada axis, especially under a more globally nuanced leader like Carney, could act as a soft diplomatic channel for India to manage its competitive yet critical relationship with Beijing. Modi's 23-hour tour may well be the catalyst for a series of long-overdue resets, not just with Canada, but with the world.

A Quiet Revolution in Indian Politics

The Modi Government's announcement of the 2027 Census date has set the stage for a transformative political shift: The implementation of the long-awaited 33 per cent reservation for women in 2029 elections

The Modi Government's recent announcement of the Census date as March 2027, before the implementation of a 33 per cent quota for women in Parliament and State legislatures in 2029 polls, has been welcomed by women. This is not just a step but a monumental leap for women's empowerment and gender justice — a cause that women have long championed.

The introduction of a women's quota in legislatures, preceded by a Census and delimitation, is a significant milestone that must come sooner than later. This process is closely tied to the concepts of delimitation and the Census. Delimitation will follow the Census, followed by the implementation of the one-third quota for women.

Why is this topic coming up now, considering that the 2029 elections are still some time away? It seems that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) aims to keep this issue in the spotlight to attract women voters in the interim.

All political parties are making efforts to court women voters in the upcoming elections, whether for the Lok Sabha or state assemblies. State assembly elections, such as those in Bihar, are scheduled for later this year, with more set to occur next year. The Congress party and other Opposition parties have been criticising the Modi government for the delay in conducting the national Census.

Two key issues need to be addressed before the Government can implement the women's quota: Census and delimitation. Both are sensitive issues. Once the data from the Census is available, Parliament will need to pass a Delimitation Act to establish a commission for overseeing the redrawing of constituency boundaries. Women's empowerment is a long-standing effort to provide one-third reservation for women. This goal has been on the agenda of previous Governments. However, the Modi Government successfully passed the law in 2023, with implementation scheduled for 2029. Historically, despite facing Opposition from parties such as the Samajwadi Party and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), the bill was passed in both houses of Parliament in 2023.

Many male representatives expressed concerns about possibly losing their seats due to the redistribution, which favoured women. Nevertheless, the Government pushed the bill through, and members adhered to the party whip. The nationwide Census, scheduled for March 2027, will include caste enumeration for the first time, and the results will significantly influence



the delimitation process. Delimitation is not just a technicality but a crucial process as it redraws the boundaries of parliamentary and assembly constituencies, particularly when the population has increased more than five times since Independence. The anticipation and uncertainty surrounding this process are palpable.

Most politicians are closely monitoring how these constituencies will be redrawn. Delimitation can create more constituencies based on the latest Census data. Media reports say that it could increase the number of Lok Sabha seats from 543 to 888 and the number of Rajya Sabha seats from 250 to 384, according to a Government response to the Supreme Court. This increase could lead to a more representative and diverse Parliament. Envisaging this, the new

Parliament building has adequate seating capacity to accommodate the increased number of members. While central states such as Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan could gain approximately 31 seats, southern states like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala might lose around 26 seats.

Currently, the Lok Sabha's representation is based on population figures from the 1971 Census. The delimitation of seats was frozen in 1976 and again in 2001 to promote family planning, and this freeze will remain in effect until after the first Census post-2026.

Southern states are concerned that reliance solely on population figures may not accurately reflect their representation, as they have successfully controlled population growth. They worry about getting fewer seats compared to northern states. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin stated on X, "The Indian Constitution mandates delimitation after the first Census post-2026. The BJP's delay of the Census to 2027 reveals their intention to reduce Tamil Nadu's parliamentary representation.

We need clear answers from the Union Government." Home Minister Amit Shah has assured that southern states will not lose any seats on a pro-rata basis. These changes could not only alter the numbers but also shake the existing power base. Political dynasties, particularly in some northern states, which are deeply rooted, could lose their traditional seats of power. Political parties may need to reassess their strategies.

The women's quota may quietly usher in one of the most significant political realignments in decades — challenging not only regional balance but also entrenched power hierarchies. Ultimately, the women's quota could become a game changer if it parallels the earlier initiative that empowered women's sarpanches through a bill in 1992. That effort was so successful that today, there are 1.45 million women sarpanches. The success of the present initiative largely depends on women's commitment to entering politics.

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PICTALK



Tourists bathe at Kempty Falls in Mussoorie to beat the scorching heat. PTI

Canada's Car-nama: Modi invite marks strategic shift

SECOND Opinion

The new Canadian Government has brought with it a summer of hope. The Indo-Canadian troubles of last year seem to be melting into the past.

Though not out of the woods yet, both camps are making the right noises. Carney's G7 invitation to India's PM Narendra Modi has brought about mixed reactions across Canada, with Poilievre accepting that India was a necessary invitee and the Khalistani supporters' meltdown.

This is the Canada's CAR-NAMA moment for Carney and Narendra Modi (Namo) which could help turn the page on Indo-Canadian relationships. Carnama in Hindi translates to miracle or brave act.

Mark Carney's Liberal Government has been eager to distance itself from Trudeau's image and policies, whilst silently working back channels with global players, like India.

Anita Anand and Dr S Jaishankar's phone diplomacy facilitated Modi's acceptance for the G-7 after other partners felt it imperative for India to be present.

India and Canada have moved a step further, with an intelligence-sharing understanding, to combat the rising threat of international crime and extremism. This

came out of the left field and has truly set the cat amongst the pigeons in Canada, in the wake of Justin Trudeau's allegations against India last year. Canada's headache has been the US tariffs against Canadian exports to the USA, making all things Canadian, more expensive. This in turn has driven prices up, affected jobs, and brought in higher inflation in Canada.

It is rumoured that a back-channel trade deal between India and Canada may not be far away, signalling Canada's return as an Indian frontline trading partner, not merely as America's 51st state, but as a proud nation rich in heritage and the world's largest natural resources.

India is an insatiable consumer of minerals, fuels, pulses, fertilisers, steel, pearls & precious stones, oil & gas, and nuclear fuel.

India's earliest nuclear reactors were built with Canada's help in the early 1970s and this could kickstart a new wave of mini-reactor technology across India.

There are also products like lumber, organic chemicals, plastics and foreign students across Canada.

According to the COMTRADE database on international trade, India's imports from Canada were US \$6.26 Billion during 2024, this was as against 7.5 billion in 2023 when the Trudeau allegations hit trade. Given the jump from US 2.7 billion in 2022 to US\$ 7.5 billion in 2023, there

is ample scope to increase that number to US\$10 billion in the coming years by 2026/2027.

As per an Agriculture Canada report, in 2022, India imported Can \$35.4 billion worth of processed food and beverages, with Canada supplying only Can \$20.9 million (0.1 per cent) of that total. There is a case for Canada to increase that by 10x within the next year or two. India's largest imports from the world were palm oil, soya bean oil, and sunflower oil, and Canada's share was negligible or non-existent.

Defence, Nuclear, automobile and housing are just a few of the sectors for Indo-Canadian cooperation, with India being one of the major QUAD players in the Pacific security region.

With the Nijjar case locked into the Canadian legal system, the gaze now moves to India's concerns about Khalistani terror within Canada, and their transnational terror and extortion plots in India.

Car-Nama will have to learn to hyphenate their relationships with the USA, as both nations India and Canada, learn to deal with the American tariffs and maintain their happy positions of strength in the relationship. This is a moment of reckoning for the Mark Carney Government to seize the initiative and he will find Modi's India a very willing ally.

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Letters to the Editor

Do not damage communal harmony

The statement made by Hemant Biswa Sarma is false and entirely fabricated. Muslims hold deep respect for Hindu temples, as instructed in the Holy Quran. Why would they desecrate a temple by throwing beef near it? This allegation is baseless and only reflects Sarma's longstanding anti-Muslim stance.

He has already ordered the demolition of 600 madrasas in Assam. Being a Brahmin by caste, it seems he is seeking undue political credit from the BJP by promoting violence and targeting Muslims through police actions, including reported firing orders. This is not governance — it is political overaction designed to boost his image as an anti-Muslim hardliner. Meanwhile, he turns a blind eye to more pressing tragedies, such as the plane crash in Ahmedabad; the helicopter crash that claimed 13 lives, and the drowning of five youths in Basar, Godavari.

I personally served as a Veterinary Assistant Surgeon in Basar, bathed in the sacred Godavari River, and witnessed the harmony of the region. I also spent three months in Assam and saw firsthand the cordial relations between Hindus and Muslims, who make up 42 per cent of the population. Under Congress rule, a Muslim even rose to become the President of India. Sarma himself was once a part of Congress. When the BJP falls, he won't hesitate to return to Congress.

ABDUL HAMEED MAQDOOMI | HYDERABAD

India's maternal mortality rate improves

In India, the maternal mortality ratio (MMR), which signifies the number of maternal deaths per one lakh live births, has improved to 88 in 2020-22 from 93 in 2019-21.

However, six states saw an increase in maternal mortality ratio: Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh. The Office of Registrar General, working under the Ministry of Home Affairs, released the data this month.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) defines maternal death as the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of her pregnancy, irrespective of the duration and site of pregnancy. The maternal mortality ratio in India has consistently been declining over the past few years. It stood at 130 deaths per one lakh live births in 2014-16, whereas it stood at 88 in Unlike maternal mortality ratio, the maternal mortality rate is the maternal deaths in women aged 15-49 years (reproductive age) per lakh of women in that age group. The maternal mortality ratio is declining in India overall, but a few.

One factor that can increase the complications among pregnant women is anaemia. The National Family Health Survey-5 results showed that 52.2 per cent of pregnant women aged 15-49 years have anaemia.

BHAGWAN THADANI | MUMBAI

The first martyr of freedom: Rani Laxmi Bai

Remembering Rani Lakshmbai on her death anniversary is not a mere ritual; it is a moment of introspection. Are we truly the heirs of the freedom for which she gave her life? Her life teaches us that independence is not a gift but a right earned through sacrifice, struggle, and perseverance. She exemplified the power of Indian womanhood, a force that, when awakened, can reduce empires to ashes. Her sword's gleam still shines through the pages of history, her voice still calls to every soul that lives for pride. Rani Lakshmbai may have left this world, but she became immortal. Her saga is not just Jhansi's story; it is the saga of India's very consciousness.

Whenever Mother India calls, whenever pride faces peril, the name of Rani Lakshmi will resound like a battle cry. She was not just a queen; she was the soul of India — and she will remain so forever. Rani Lakshmbai's life is not merely a story of battles; it is a living lesson in leadership, resilience, and strategy. A young queen who blended political diplomacy, administrative skill, and military organisation with fearless decisions, she was not just a battlefield heroine but a pioneer of national awakening. Her indomitable spirit, therefore, transcends history, offering a timeless blueprint for courage and self-determination. It is a profound legacy that continues to inspire generations to uphold justice and national pride.

RITESH KUMAR JAIN | BARWANI

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IS THE ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY

This refers to the news 'Kommineni out' (17-6-25). It is said dictatorship begins with control over media and suppression of freedom of expression. This has been witnessed during the Emergency period in India. Newspapers used to have some blank space indicating that the news meant for the space had been censored by the Government.

Voice of dissent was dealt with too harshly. The present scenes resemble the same. Hundreds of dissenters and journalists are lodged in prison for a long time, even without framing charges. The very role of the media is to present the facts and expose the mistakes and misdeeds of the Government. Most in the monopolised media are seen singing in praise of the rulers in a subjugated tone. Articles glorifying the economy reaching fourth place and GDP growth are repeatedly appearing.

But very rarely do articles or editorials appear highlighting the growing disparity, growing unemployment, social issues,

efforts to prop up communal divide to cover up the failures, etc. Even courts convey their displeasure over such turns of events that suppress the freedom of expression but fail to sensitise the Government.

The latest one is the arrest of journalist Mr Kommineni, a well-known name in Andhra Pradesh; his release was ordered by the Court. But history is very clear with its message that such suppression cannot last for a long time and when the people understand the facts, they react accordingly to restore democracy and normalcy in a democratic manner.

This is also witnessed in India. Promoters of the Emergency were defeated and the massive movement for democracy won. Suppression of dissent is an expression of fear of getting exposed for deliberate misdeeds. Positive corrections will go a long way in strengthening democracy.

AG RAJMOHAN | JANANTAPUR

G7 Summit in Canada: Diplomacy Tested, Alliances Strained

Prime Minister Mark Carney’s invitation to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi – despite ongoing tensions over Khalistani extremism and human rights concerns – signals a bid to recalibrate relations

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Column

From Ground Zero Alberta (Canada)

The leaders of the G7, comprising the world’s wealthiest democracies, convened in Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada, from June 15 to 17. The meeting served as a significant demonstration of the G7’s resolve to maintain unity during challenging circumstances. The most recent G7 meeting took place in Canada in 2018, during which President Donald Trump, in the early stages of his presidency, departed from the summit in a state of anger. He declined to endorse the concluding joint statement, issued threats regarding tariffs against his fellow leaders, and characterised the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, as “very dishonest and weak.”

However, on this occasion, Trump departs from the G7 summit prematurely to address the Israel-Iran conflict. It is now widely recognised that Trump’s second presidency is significantly more controversial than the first. The fractures within what can scarcely be referred to as the “Western family” have now been thoroughly exposed. In the interim, European initiatives have predominantly concentrated on preventing a severe rupture with the United States rather than attempting to mask the unease stemming from division. Given this new reality, a successful summit is characterised by the absence of melodrama or significant confrontation. Mitigating the damage has emerged as a goal in its own right.

While Mark Carney has found himself in the unusual position of hosting a US president who has repeatedly claimed that his country, Canada, should be the 51st US state, he has had to explain to him that his country is not for sale. For this year’s summit amid a perilous escalation in the Middle East and Mr. Trump’s reshaping of global alliances. Also, as soon as Indian PM Narinder Modi lands at Calgary airport, some Sikhs and MPs oppose his G7 attendance, citing India’s human rights record. Despite this, the new information-sharing pact is a major step toward normalising relations and addressing internal security challenges in both nations.

While the advocacy group Sikhs for Justice held a day of protests Monday, Modi landed at the Calgary airport in the evening and then made his way to the summit in the nearby wilderness retreat of Kananaskis. Then on Tuesday, condemning Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi as he visits the G7 leaders’ summit.

The protest in downtown Calgary included posters of the leader handcuffed in a prison jumpsuit and another depicting him behind bars. The relationship between the two nations has worsened since Canada accused Indian Government agents



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of assassinating Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a 45-year-old naturalised Canadian citizen and prominent advocate for a separate Sikh homeland in India. New Delhi calls the claims “absurd” and “preposterous.” Punjab is uneasy about India-Canada tensions over the Sikh slaughter. The controversy damaged India-Canada ties, prompting diplomatic expulsions in 2023 and 2024.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney is open-minded and forward-thinking. He warmly invited Modi to attend the summit, despite India’s economic, commercial, market, and strategic importance. In this digital technology era, the G7+5, an informal alliance of major developing economies, has invited India, Mexico, Brazil, and South Africa as guests in previous years. India, Brazil, South Africa, Russia, and China founded the BRICS alliance of developing countries, which some see as a mirror of the G7’s geopolitical and economic competition.

The G7 and invited parties reached a wide consensus on these invitations. The data shows India’s 50-year exit from the G7, while the invitations emphasise the guests’ economic might outside. With less than 1 per cent of the world’s GDP, Russia first visited the G7 in 1992. Meanwhile, the five original



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BRICS nations had less than 9 per cent of world GDP. The G7 accounted for 63 per cent of global GDP. The G7 currently accounts for 44 per cent of global GDP, whereas the original BRICS have quadrupled to 25 per cent. Since becoming the 47th President of the United States for the second time on January 21, 2025, Trump’s aggressive, capitalist, and expansionist policies have caused turmoil in the US and across the globe. Trump’s terror tariffs and immigration crackdowns have sparked violent demonstrations in several US states for the second time. On April 5, 2025, 1400 sites in 50 US states conducted the first anti-regime protests.

Now violent demonstrations against immigration deportation continue. Canada joined in 1976. The G-8 group included Russia, but it ejected it in 2014 for annexing Crimea. These gatherings often include other major nations. France hosted this organisation’s 2019 conference and welcomed India for the first time. Invitations have continued since.

The world’s fourth biggest economy is India. India has a greater economy than France, Italy, Canada, and Japan. Canada needs new trustworthy partners to address global peace, law, and order issues. After Justin Trudeau’s Liberal Party beat Stephen Harper’s Conservatives in 2015, Canada was in high demand worldwide. Now things have changed. At the summit today (Tuesday), Prime Minister Modi will

address energy security, technology, and innovation, particularly the AI-Energy Alliance and quantum challenges, with G7 leaders, invited outreach nations, and international organisation leaders.

Canada spent \$300 million and \$600 million hosting the G-7 meetings in Huntsville, Ontario, in 2010 and Charlevoix, Quebec, in 2018. This meeting should deliver important outcomes.

The Indian Prime Minister may have a chance to address national interests, diplomatic, trade, economic, and military problems with G-7 and other leaders, as well as Pakistan’s role in worldwide terrorism.

While Indian political observers say Modi’s visit may allow Canada and India to rebalance ties. As Canada’s prime minister since March, Carney has raised hopes of a thaw. According to former Indian envoy to the US Meera Shankar, Modi’s trip will “hopefully mark the beginning of a reset in India’s relations with Canada, which have plummeted over the Canadian allegations regarding the Nijjar case and India’s belief that Canada indulges Sikh extremism directed against India.”

She said both sides gain “if the relationship is stabilised, particularly in a volatile world. With bilateral trade hitting \$9 billion in 2023 and Canadian pension funds investing \$55 billion in India, India and Canada have strong commercial and interpersonal ties. About 5 per cent of Canada’s population is Indian, with roughly 2 million living there. The US and North America are the top choices for Indian students pursuing higher education.

Outstanding issues and relationship implications

New Delhi and Ottawa are trying to repair their ties, but Nijjar’s murder remains unsolved. The group supports “Khalistan,” a fringe separatist movement seeking an independent Sikh state from India. New Delhi wants stricter steps against India’s banned Khalistan movement.

On the other hand, Senator Baltej Singh Dhillon, a former member of the Mounted Police, wrote in a public essay on Sunday that “inviting Prime Minister Modi currently represents a troubling departure from our principles.” He also stated that “prioritising short-term strategic calculations over long-term democratic values” “sends the message that trade and geopolitical interests matter more than sovereignty, justice, and public trust” and that “there are no real consequences for foreign interference in our democracy.” In the end, the meeting will test Canada’s global leadership and Carney’s diplomacy. Canada has a unique opportunity to establish a host. If this summit goes well, Canada might become a more vital Western partner amid high tensions and risks. Canada may lose credibility for years if it doesn’t.

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Hydro-Politics in Boil: India Wields Water as Weapon After Pahalgam Massacre

Modi and Carney poised to bury the bilateral hatchet

When Ismail Serageldin, then Vice President of the World Bank, warned in 1995 that “the wars of the next century will be fought over water,” few took him seriously. Today, that foresight reverberates across the fault lines of Asia’s geopolitical map.

As glaciers shrink, river flows diminish, and populations swell, water is no longer a shared life source — it has become a potent geopolitical lever. Former UN Secretary — General Boutros Boutros — Ghali too had warned that water, especially in arid, densely populated regions, could spark future conflicts.

This warning is materialising in South Asia, where India, Pakistan, and China — three nuclear powers — are tangled in an uneasy hydrological balance. What was once theoretical is now dangerously real.

China’s infrastructural build-up along the Brahmaputra, India’s tougher stance on the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) — especially after the Pahalgam carnage — and Pakistan’s worsening drought fears are all interwoven in a complex new theatre of hydro-politics. As diplomacy erodes and climate extremes escalate, Asia’s river systems may well become tomorrow’s battlegrounds.

The Pahalgam Massacre

The gruesome terror attack in Baisaran meadows near Pahalgam on April 22, 2025 — where 26 Indian tourists and one Nepali national were gunned down by Islamist extremists — has deeply unsettled India and shaken the very foundations of South Asia’s oldest water-sharing pact: the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960.

India’s subsequent decision to suspend its operational commitments under the IWT marks a sharp departure from its long-held water diplomacy ethos — where rivers once symbolised cooperation, they now represent coercion.

Though framed as a temporary measure, India’s move is already yielding disruptive consequences across Pakistan’s farming belt, dependent as it is on the Indus system.

By halting hydrological data sharing and beginning regulatory moves to prioritise its water rights, India has pushed Pakistan toward an impending agricultural disaster and a humanitarian dilemma.

Pakistan’s Fields Are Run Dry

India’s withdrawal from routine data sharing and its upstream recalibrations have left Pakistan’s breadbasket provinces — Punjab and Sindh — grappling with acute water stress just as their Kharif sowing period begins.

Agrarian Distress

According to Pakistan’s Ministry of National Food Security, the Kharif cycle (April-July) contributes roughly 65 per cent of total crop yield annually, and over 85 per cent of it is irrigation — dependent via Indus canals. In Punjab, which supplies over 70 per cent of Pakistan’s wheat and half of its sugarcane, planting of water-intensive crops like rice and cotton is already lagging by nearly a month. In Sindh, where cotton, sugarcane, and paddy dominate, the Indus River System Authority (IRSA) estimates a 30 per cent drop in canal water flow. Remote sensing and NDVI (Normalised Difference Vegetation Index) analysis from early May show a 14 per cent drop in vegetation density versus last year’s average.

Farmers from regions such as Okara, Multan, Bahawalpur, Jacobabad, and Larkana are holding street protests, citing failing crops, shrivelling seedlings, and vanishing groundwater tables as tube wells run dry without river seepage.

India’s Tactics

New Delhi hasn’t completely choked the river flows — an act that would violate the IWT and risk global condemnation. Instead, it is exercising its treaty — sanctioned rights with strategic precision.

Long-term Blueprint

The Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Central Water Commission are pursuing a multi-pronged plan: construction of seven mini hydropower projects (adding up to 1,800 MW) on the Chenab and Jhelum; expansion of irrigation in Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab; real-time satellite surveillance to ensure no surplus flow enters Pakistan during low-flow months. A senior official confided, “Water is now a pillar of our national security calculus.”

Steps already taken | India has stopped sharing real-time river data and flood alerts — a move that has left Pakistan’s National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) operating in the dark during monsoon months.

Historically, India’s telemetry inputs were responsible for nearly 90 per cent of Pakistan’s flood warnings.

Reservoir action

The pace of filling reservoirs like Tulbul (Jhelum), Baglihar, and Ratle (Chenab) has been accelerated, causing delays of 15-20 days in downstream flow.

Diverting flow | Projects like Shahpur-Kandi on the Ravi and the Ujh multipurpose project have seen renewed momentum. These aim to



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store water previously flowing into Pakistan, allowing India to finally utilise its entitled 3.6 million acre-feet (MAF) that often went untapped.

A New Water Doctrine Emerges

India’s recalibration signals a break from its earlier posture of moral restraint. The new policy is predicated on conditional reciprocity: that continued cross-border terrorism will be met with escalating economic and ecological costs.

This is not without precedent. After the 2016 Uri attack, India considered revisiting the treaty. Following the 2019 Pulwama bombing, it initiated a water diversion on the Ravi. But the post-Pahalgam suspension of the IWT represents the most decisive stance yet — clearly articulating that terrorism and treaty sanctity cannot run on parallel tracks.

Collaboration to Confrontation

The Indus Waters Treaty, brokered in 1960 with World Bank mediation, allocated 80 per cent of the total river waters (Indus, Chenab, Jhelum) to Pakistan and the remaining 20 per cent (Ravi, Beas, Sutlej) to India.

India retained restricted, non-consumptive rights over the Western Rivers, mainly for hydropower, irrigation, and navigation. Traditionally, New Delhi chose under-utilisation to avoid regional escalation.

But patience has worn thin. Years of terror attacks traced to Pakistan-based outfits have forced a rethink.

The freeze in water cooperation — especially real-time data sharing and advance flood warnings — is not just administrative friction; it marks a structural shift. India’s approach has turned kinetic: the battle is no longer verbal, but hydraulic.

Water Wars on the Horizon?

Through a calculated manipulation of the Indus flow, India has touched Pakistan’s most vulnerable nerve — its water-reliant agrarian economy, already fragile under political and economic stress. This pressure tactic highlights not only Pakistan’s food and water insecurity but also the unsustainable costs of sponsoring cross-border terrorism.

If Islamabad does not reassess its approach to Kashmir and terrorism, its dream of uninterrupted Indus waters could be headed toward a terminal drought.

What began as a diplomatic freeze may evolve into a full-spectrum hydro-strategic doctrine. India has drawn a clear line: terrorism and treaty privileges cannot coexist in perpetuity.

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The long-drawn bitterness in New Delhi-Ottawa bilateral ties is beginning to show signs of a rapprochement with PM Narendra Modi expected to meet his new Canadian counterpart Mark Carney on the margins of the upcoming G-7 Summit in picturesque Kananaskis in the Canadian province of Alberta from June 15 to 17.

Both sides will need to ensure that a major irritant in the bilateral relationship — Khalistani extremism in Canada — is not allowed to derail efforts to normalise ties.

That India’s perennial bugbear Justin Trudeau is no longer the Canadian PM has contributed in no small measure to the initiation of efforts to end the chill in bilateral relations.

Modi swiftly accepted an invite from Carney to participate in the gathering of the world’s advanced economies — US, Canada, UK, France, Italy, Germany and Japan — even though it came just a few days ahead of the meet. As “vibrant democracies”, the two countries will “work together with renewed vigour guided by mutual respect and shared interests”, Modi affirmed.

It was Trudeau’s policy of appeasement of the Khalistani elements based on Canadian soil that saw bilateral relations nose-dive since he became PM in 2015.

The ties deteriorated even further in 2023-24 after the Trudeau Government’s accusations that the Indian Government was behind the killing of Khalistani separatist Kuldeep Singh Nijjar in Canada in June 2023.

Both sides are hoping to turn a new chapter under the new Canadian PM. It’s perhaps the reason why Carney invited Modi even though he’s facing domestic criticism, including within his party, in the backdrop of charges by Canadian security that Indian agents were behind Nijjar’s killing.

Carney, on his part, said India is the world’s most populous nation and with the fifth largest economy, besides being “central” to several supply chains.

For the economist turned politician who never held any political office till he became the PM, the outreach to India is driven by pragmatism and realpolitik.

Having succeeded Trudeau as the Liberal Party leader and PM, Carney not only has to deal with the challenges of a world in geopolitical and economic flux but also the harsh reality of his country no longer being treated as a valuable ally by its all-powerful neighbour, the US.

Instead, Donald Trump in his second term as US President has unleashed a trade war on Canada. Furthermore, in what is even more



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galling for Ottawa, Trump has questioned Canada’s sovereignty by threatening to annex it.

As Carney negotiates a new path and shapes an economy wherein the US is no longer its largest trading partner, it has become imperative for his Government to look for new trading partners.

It’s in this backdrop that Carney is seeking to bury the hatchet with the two Asian giants, India and China — countries with whom Ottawa’s ties have been extremely fraught in recent years.

Carney has also reached out to Beijing with a recent phone call to Chinese premier Li Qiang, where they agreed to “reset” ties. Beijing, of course, has been engaged in its trade war with Washington, though the two sides have reached a delicate truce for now.

India, facing its share of troubles with Trump’s trade war, too is looking to closer economic ties with other partners. The normalisation of ties with Canada could, therefore, see the two sides revive discussions for a trade pact, talks on which were halted by Canada in September 2023 as tensions mounted after the Nijjar killing.

It’s noteworthy that trade ties have remained quite stable despite the turbulence in bilateral relations. In 2023, bilateral trade in goods between the two countries was 12.65 billion Canadian dollars, while in services it was 13.49 billion Canadian dollars.

Canada also sees India as a key partner in its efforts to enhance economic links with the Indo-Pacific in its strategy for the region.

The two also have shared interests in cooperating on security matters in the Indo-Pacific amid China’s expansionist muscle-flexing. Security will be one of the important items on the G-7’s agenda as well as energy. For India, Canada can be an important ally in its campaign against Pakistan on the issue of cross-border terrorism.

However, as India and Canada prepare to bury the hatchet, it will require some deft diplomatic manoeuvring from both to ensure the Nijjar killing as well as the broader issue of activities by Khalistan separatist elements is not allowed to bedevil ties.

Ottawa would do well to remember that it was these secessionist elements who were behind the deadly bombing of AI-182 ‘Kanishka’ in 1982 that exploded over the Atlantic Ocean, killing 329 passengers. As former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton once warned Pakistan — you cannot keep snakes in your backyard and expect them only to bite your neighbours.

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Mehul Choksi takes kidnapping allegations against India to UK court

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ London

Mehul Choksi, the businessman wanted in India to face charges in the Punjab National Bank (PNB) fraud case, is suing the Indian government and five individuals in the High Court in London as conspirators for his alleged kidnap, torture and attempted rendition.

The Indian authorities have denied the allegations and objected to the UK jurisdiction on the basis of state immunity and also sought permission for expert evidence on Indian law and the Indian Constitution to be taken into account.

During a case management hearing listed before Justice Freedman on Monday, the court was told that Choksi claims to have been tortured back in May 2021 as part of a kidnap attempt orchestrat-



ed by the government of India.

For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in these submissions is intended to waive or should be interpreted as waiving India's state immunity, the court was told this week by the Indian side.

Choksi was accused of making extremely serious

allegations against India, alleging it masterminded an international plot to kidnap and harm him.

It is India's position that the present claim is being pursued principally with the (misguided) intention of attempting to cause embar-

assment to India and obtain leverage in the Claimant's

international attempts to avoid extradition, barrister Harish Salve argued on behalf of the Indian authorities.

Choksi's lawyers, led by barrister Edward Fitzgerald, allege that there was a collusion between five individuals in the attack on him in Antigua to be forcibly taken to Dominica in the Caribbean with the purpose of being rendered to India.

The Defendants thereby entered into an unlawful means conspiracy whereby the Defendants agreed to, and then did, inflict unlawful and injurious acts on the Claimant by means of assault, battery, false imprisonment, unlawful detention and/or unlawful restriction of liberty, Choksi's legal claim reads.

The businessman, meanwhile, remains in custody in Belgium, fighting against his extradition to India.

He is wanted in India along with his nephew, Nirav Modi,

who remains behind bars in London after repeated attempts at bail have been denied by the English courts.

There are three sets of criminal proceedings against Nirav in India — the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) case of fraud on PNB, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) case relating to the alleged laundering of the proceeds of that fraud and a third set of criminal proceedings involving alleged interference with evidence and witnesses in the CBI proceedings.

In April 2021, then UK home secretary Priti Patel had ordered his extradition to face these charges in the Indian courts after a prima facie case was established against him. But recent court hearings in London have alluded to a confidential impediment to his extradition, believed to be an asylum application.

Trump says all of Tehran should evacuate immediately

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Washington

Authorities within Iran's Government continued to insist everything was under control and did not offer any guidance for public on what to do

US President Donald Trump posted an ominous message on his social media site Monday calling for the immediate evacuation of Tehran but later denied reports he had rushed back to Washington to work on a ceasefire.

Israel's air campaign on the Iranian capital appeared to broaden on the fourth day of an intensifying conflict after it issued warnings on Monday for about 300,000 people in Tehran to evacuate ahead of airstrikes.

People were seen leaving the city Tuesday morning as shops and the historic Grand Bazaar were closed. Iranian authorities insist everything is under control and no guidance has been issued.

Here's the latest: People seen leaving Tehran

As the sun rose Tuesday on Iran, the downtown area of Tehran, the country's capital,

appeared to be beginning to empty out.

Many shops in the capital stood closed. The city's ancient Grand Bazaar was closed, something that's rarely done, like during demonstrations or during the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

On the roads out of Tehran to the west, traffic stood bumper to bumper. Many appeared to be heading to the Caspian Sea area, with local reports suggesting there were some diversions.

Long lines also could be seen at gas stations operating in Tehran. Iran's capital, Tehran, is home to some 10 million people. That's roughly the same population for the

entirety of Israel.

It remained unclear how the city could be evacuated.

Authorities within Iran's government continued to insist everything was under control and did not offer any guidance for the public on what to do. G7 leaders call for de-escalation but insist Iran must not get nukes

Leaders of the Group of Seven countries meeting in Canada signed a joint statement calling for de-escalation of fighting between Israel and Iran while reaffirming that Iran cannot be allowed to have a nuclear bomb.

The statement reads: We, the leaders of the G7, reiterate our commitment to peace and stability in the Middle East. In this context, we affirm that Israel has a right to defend itself.

We reiterate our support for the security of Israel. We also affirm the importance of the protection of civilians. Iran is the principal source of regional instability and terror.

Trump rejects intelligence assessment on Iran nukes

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Washington

US President Donald Trump insisted that Tehran was very close to building a nuclear weapon despite congressional testimony from his top intelligence adviser earlier this year.

Back in March, National Intelligence Director Tulsi Gabbard told lawmakers that spy agencies have assessed that Iran is not building a nuclear weapon and the country's supreme leader has not authorised the nuclear weapons program that he suspended in 2003.

Trump dismissed that when speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One during an overnight flight back to Washington after leaving the G7 summit early. I don't care what she said, Trump said. I think they were very close to having it.

Trump not in the 'mood to negotiate' Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon, it's very simple, Trump told reporters on Air Force One during his overnight flight back to Washington.

He accused Iranian leaders of being unwilling to reach an agreement over their nuclear programme, and suggest-

ed he was now less interested in talking with them.

They should have done the deal. I told them, do the deal, Trump said. So I don't know. I'm not too much in the mood to negotiate.

The Republican president, who said he plans to meet with advisers in the Situation Room, appears to be gradually building the public case for a more

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direct American role in the conflict.

His shift in tone comes as the US has repositioned warships and military aircraft in the region to respond if the conflict between Israel and Iran further escalates. Iran cancels leave for medical personnel in Tehran on Tuesday, placards and boards calling for a severe response to Israel could be seen everywhere.

US Congress to mark Dalai Lama's 90th birthday as Day of Compassion

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Washington

Two influential congressmen have introduced a bipartisan resolution in the US Congress to designate July 6 as A Day of Compassion in honour of the Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama's 90th birthday.

The resolution was introduced on Monday by Republican Michael McCaul and Democrat Jim McGovern.

McCaul, chairman emeritus of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, introduced a resolution alongside McGovern designating July 6th, 2025, as 'A Day of Compassion' in honour of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's 90th birthday, according to a press release issued by McCaul's office.

Despite having faced persecution, oppression, and unspeakable violence at the hands of the CCP (Chinese

Communist Party), His Holiness the Dalai Lama has maintained inner peace and continues to preach compassion - inspiring not only his own people, but the entire world, McCaul said.

Ahead of His Holiness's 90th birthday, I am proud to introduce this resolution calling for 'A Day of Compassion' and affirming Tibetans' fundamental human rights as we look forward to the day the Dalai Lama and his people can return to their homeland in peace, he said. The Dalai Lama has been living in India since 1959, after fleeing Tibet during the 1959 Tibetan uprising.

McGovern said the Dalai Lama is an inspiration to millions of people around the world.

His teachings on religious tolerance, non-violent responses to conflict and violent extremism, and peace-building are both timeless and urgent-

ly needed in the present circumstances.

He has been a passionate advocate for the freedom and dignity for the Tibetan people.

It is appropriate for Congress to honor the 14th Dalai Lama and his countless accomplishments on his 90th birthday.

May his next one be celebrated in Lhasa (Tibet), the Democratic leader said.

This resolution also recognises the Dalai Lama's lifelong commitment to peace, nonviolence, human rights and the preservation of Tibetan culture.

It reaffirms bipartisan US support for the Tibetan people's right to self-determination, opposes Chinese government interference in Tibetan practices, and expresses deep respect for the Dalai Lama's moral leadership and humanitarian contributions to the international community, the press release said.

European leaders push for de-escalation



US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot discussed the developing situation in the Middle East on Monday

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Paris

French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot spoke with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Monday night and then in the ensuing hours with the Iranian, British and German foreign ministers about the situation in the Mideast.

The French, British and German ministers passed on joint messages to the Iranian foreign minister about the need for a de-escalation and a return to diplomacy, according to a French diplomatic official. They urged Iran to return to negotiations as soon as possible, without conditions, the official said.

They urged Iran to avoid any threats to Western interests, any extension of hostilities elsewhere in the region and any nuclear escalation including leaving the Non-Proliferation Treaty, stopping cooperation with the IAEA or pursuing further enrichment, the official said.

The ministers also passed along messages to Israel on the need to not target Iranian authorities, infrastructure and the civilian population, the official said. The official was not authorised to be publicly named in accordance with Foreign Ministry policy. Italy's Meloni reiterates negotiations with Iran Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni reaffirmed the opportunity to reopen the

road of negotiations with Iran during a bilateral meeting with President Trump on the sidelines of the G-7 meeting in Canada, her office said in a statement Tuesday. She also underlined the necessity in this moment of reaching a ceasefire in Gaza. More than 40 Palestinians killed while waiting for aid in Gaza. At least 45 Palestinians were killed in the Gaza Strip while waiting for UN and commercial trucks to enter the territory with desperately needed food, according to Gaza's Health Ministry and a local hospital.

The circumstances of the killings were not immediately clear. Palestinians say Israeli forces have repeatedly opened fire on crowds trying to reach food distribution points run by a separate US and Israeli-backed aid group since the centres opened last month.

Local health officials say scores have been killed and hundreds wounded.

In those instances, the Israeli military has acknowledged firing warning shots at people it said had approached its forces in a suspicious manner. Egypt, Jordan and others call for a halt to the conflict Twenty countries denounced in a joint statement the escalating tensions in the Middle East caused by what they term Israel's aggression against Iran and called for diplomacy and dialogue to restore stability in the region.

Czech coalition Government faces no-confidence vote over bitcoin scandal

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Prague

The Czech coalition government on Tuesday faced a parliamentary no-confidence vote over a bitcoin-related scandal.

The main opposition centrist ANO (YES) movement led by populist billionaire Andrej Babiš requested the vote after the Justice Ministry accepted a donation of bitcoins and sold them for almost 1 billion Czech koruna (\$47 million) earlier this year.

The three opposition parties, including ANO, the anti-migrant Freedom and Direct Democracy movement and the liberal Pirates party, are unlikely to oust the four-party coalition government led by conservative Prime Minister Petr

Fiala, which has a majority in the lower house of Parliament.

Justice Minister Pavel Blažek resigned from his post over the issue on May 30 and was replaced by Eva Decroix on June 10.

Blažek said he wasn't aware of any wrongdoing, but didn't want the coalition to be harmed by the scandal. Fiala said he appreciated his resignation and believed Blažek acted with goodwill.

Blažek was a close ally of Fiala in the government and also in his conservative Civic Democratic Party. The new minister is from the same party. Decroix said she will order an independent probe into the ministry's activities in the case. The scandal focuses on the fact that the bit-

coins were donated to the ministry by a person who was previously convicted of drug dealing and other crimes, while it was not clear why he did it.

The opposition has accused Blažek of possible money laundering, because it wasn't clear where the bitcoins originated, and demanded the resignation of the entire government. The issue has been investigated by the national police's organised crime unit. Czech lawmakers were debating the no-confidence motion, the fourth since the government took over after a 2021 election, with a vote expected late Tuesday or Wednesday.

The scandal comes just months before the Oct 3-4 parliamentary election.

Trump warns Iran, US may back Israel with military aid

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Washington

President Donald Trump in about eight hours Monday went from suggesting a nuclear deal with Iran remained achievable to urging Tehran's 9.5 million residents to flee for their lives as he cut short his visit to an international summit to return to Washington for urgent talks with his national security team.

He was expected to arrive at the White House early Tuesday at a moment of choosing in his presidency. Israel, with five days of missile strikes, has done considerable damage to Iran and believes it can now deal a permanent blow to Tehran's nuclear programme - particularly if it gets a little more help from Trump.

But deepening American involvement, perhaps by providing the Israelis with bunker-busting bombs to penetrate Iranian nuclear sites built deep underground or offering other direct U.S. Military support, comes with enormous political risk for Trump.

Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon, it's very simple, Trump told reporters on Air Force One during his overnight flight back to Washington.

He accused Iranian leaders of being unwilling to reach an agreement over their nuclear programme, and suggested he was now less interested in talking with them.

They should have done the deal. I told them, do the deal, Trump said. So I don't know. I'm not too much in the mood to negotiate.

The Republican president, who said he plans to meet with advisers in the Situation Room, appears to be gradually building the public case for a more direct American role in the conflict. His shift in tone comes as the US has repositioned warships and military aircraft in the region to respond if the conflict between Israel and Iran further escalates.

Trump made an early departure from G7

The White House announced Monday, while Trump was at the Group of Seven summit in the Canadian



Rockies, that the president would be cutting his trip short.

Simply stated, IRAN CAN NOT HAVE A NUCLEAR WEAPON, he wrote on social media. I said it over and over again! Everyone should immediately evacuate Tehran!

Asked about his evacuation comments aboard Air Force One, Trump told reporters that I just want people to be safe.

He also insisted French President Emmanuel Macron was wrong to say the US Was working on a ceasefire.

We're looking at better than a ceasefire. We're not looking for a ceasefire, Trump said, adding that Macron is a nice guy but he doesn't get it right too often.

Trump said he wasn't ruling out a diplomatic option, and he could send Vice President JD Vance and special envoy Steve Witkoff to meet with the Iranians. It depends on what happens when I get back, he said.

He also dismissed congressional testimony from National

Intelligence Director Tulsi Gabbard, who told lawmakers in March that U.S. Spy agencies did not believe Iran was building a nuclear weapon.

I don't care what she said, Trump said. I think they were very close to having it.

Speculation grows that Trump may be tilting toward more direct involvement

The Israelis say their offensive has eviscerated Iran's air defences and they can now strike targets across the country at will. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says the Israeli bombardment will continue until Iran's nuclear programme and ballistic missiles are destroyed.

So far, Israel has targeted multiple Iranian nuclear programme sites but has not been able to destroy Iran's Fordo uranium enrichment facility.

The site is buried deep underground - and to eliminate it, Israel may need the 30,000-pound GBU-57 Massive Ordnance Penetrator, which uses its weight and sheer kinetic force to reach deeply buried targets and then explode. But

that could escalate in dangerous and uncontrollable ways. Israel launched an aerial bombardment campaign against Iran on Friday, and Iran has hit back with missiles and drones.

Trump left the summit in the Canadian Rocky Mountain resort of Kananaskis a day early late Monday, saying: "I have to be back, very important." It came as conflict between Israel and Iran intensifies and the US leader declared that Tehran should be evacuated "immediately" — while also expressing optimism about a deal to stop the violence.

Before leaving, Trump joined the other leaders in issuing a statement saying Iran "can never have a nuclear weapon" and calling for a "de-escalation of hostilities in the Middle East, including a ceasefire in Gaza."

Israel does not have the munition or the bomber needed to deliver it - the penetrator is currently delivered by the B-2 stealth bomber.

Israel's own defenses remain largely intact in the face of Iran's retaliatory strikes, but some of Tehran's missiles are getting through and having deadly impact.

The White House, soon after announcing Trump was returning to Washington, dispatched Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth for a prime-time Fox News appearance as speculation grows about whether Trump could be tilting toward more direct U.S. involvement.

Hegseth told Fox News' Jesse Watters that of course Trump wanted to see a deal made to curb Iran's nuclear programme.

His position has not changed, Hegseth said. What you're watching in real time is peace through strength and America first. Our job is to be strong. We are postured defensively in the region to be strong in pursuit of a peace deal. And we certainly hope that's what happens here.

China to commission third aircraft carrier 'Fujian' later this year: Official media

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Beijing

China plans to operationalise its third aircraft carrier 'Fujian' this year as it has completed nearly three years of sea trials, setting the stage for the Chinese navy for the first time to operate three carrier groups, official media reported on Tuesday.

Fujian, stated to be China's most advanced aircraft carrier possessing the electromagnetic aircraft launch system (EMALS) similar to that of the American aircraft carrier USS Gerald R Ford, was launched in 2024 and since then completed multiple sea trials, accumulating more than 100 days of sea trials. The entry of the carrier with more than 80,000 tons carrying a wide variety of carrier-borne aircraft, including fighter jets, early warning aircraft, and drones

will enable China to enter a new era of three aircraft carriers, state-run CCTV reported. The official daily, Global Times, quoted Wei Dongxu, a Chinese military affairs commentator, as saying that Fujian has been making steady progress in sea trials, and is expected to be commissioned within this year.

China currently has two aircraft carriers in operation - the Liaoning, a refit of the Soviet-era ship commissioned in 2012, and Shandong, which is an indigenously built 2nd aircraft carrier commissioned in 2019.

Ahead of its operationalisation, Fujian flexed muscles joining Shandong in conducting exercises north of the Philippines this month, while Liaoning has led exercises in the Pacific waters of Japan's exclusive economic zone drawing protests from Japan.

According to the official media, China plans to have four to five aircraft carriers, includ-

ing a nuclear-powered one, making them the frontline force of its navy as Beijing seeks to expand its global influence with deployments in the South China Sea, the Taiwan Strait and the Indian Ocean in future.

Fujian is the first fully domestically developed and constructed aircraft carrier with EMALS while the other two aircraft carriers are equipped with ski-jump take-off ramps. The Fujian features a flat-top flight deck.

Simultaneously, China is developing a new fighter aircraft that can operate from its carrier groups. Early this year, President Xi Jinping issued fresh orders revising rules to transform the country's military into world-class armed forces, focusing on combat readiness and war preparation amid growing rivalry with the US and tensions over Taiwan and neighbours. On Monday, Stockholm International Peace Research

Institute (SIPRI) Yearbook 2025 revealed that China, which has 600 nuclear weapons, is rapidly growing its nuclear stockpile adding 100 warheads a year in an apparent attempt to match with stockpiles of the US and Russia.

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Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of our client (i.e. HFC Bank Ltd.) that M/s. VR Developers UP (earlier known as M/s. VR Developers Pvt. Ltd.) is claiming to be the owner of Property bearing Municipal No. 11/A, Area Measuring 204.22 sq. yds., situated at Industrial Area, Najibabad Road, New Delhi vide different Sale Deeds dt. 05.04.2006, 23.10.2013, 17.01.2014, 03.06.2006, 27.12.2005, 16.10.2008 & 27.04.2017. It has been informed by the Owner that original documents i.e. Original AT'S dated 24.04.1952 (Document No. 1017), Original Conveyance dt. 16.04.1956 (Doc. No.807), Original Sale Deed dt. 09.06.1969 (Doc. No.775), Original Partition Deed dt. 08.05.1976, Original Release/Assignment Deed dt. 02.12.2005 (Doc. No.2891), Original Partition Deed with stamp duty & additional duty each dated 06.02.2006, Original Release/Assignment Deed dt. 18.10.2005 (Doc. No.3470) in respect of said property are lost & not traceable. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned Owner wants to mortgage & intends to obtain a loan from our client (i.e. HFC Bank Ltd.) against the said property, if anybody has any objections on the ownership of above owner or the said property, its mortgage/repayment, & any other objections, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address situated at: 11/A, Area Measuring 204.22 sq. yds., Najibabad Road, New Delhi-110007. (Smt. & Associates (Advocates & Consultants) 200, 2nd Fl., 23, Sector-77, Faridabad, Haryana. Ph: 011-4119257-28)

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Israel strikes on Tehran as Trump issues ominous warning

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Khan Dubai

Israel appeared to be expanding its air campaign on Tehran five days after its surprise attack on Iran's military and nuclear programme, as US President Donald Trump posted an ominous message warning residents of the capital to evacuate.

IRAN CAN NOT HAVE A NUCLEAR WEAPON, Trump wrote Monday night before returning to Washington early from a Group of Seven summit in Canada. Everyone should immediately evacuate Tehran! he added.

Trump later denied he had rushed back to work on a ceasefire, telling reporters on Air Force One during the flight back to Washington: I'm not looking at a ceasefire. We're looking at better than a ceasefire.

Asked why he had urged for the evacuation of Tehran, he said: I just want people to be safe.

Earlier, the Israeli military had called for some 330,000 residents of a neighborhood in downtown Tehran to evacuate.

Tehran is one of the largest cities in the Middle East, with around 10 million people, roughly equivalent to the entire population of

Israel. People have been fleeing since the hostilities began. Israel says its sweeping assault on Iran's top military leaders, nuclear scientists, uranium enrichment sites and ballistic missile programme is necessary to prevent its longtime adversary from getting any closer to building an atomic weapon. The strikes have killed at least 224 people in Iran and wounded 1,277 since Friday.

Iran has retaliated by launching more than 370 missiles and hundreds of drones at Israel. So far, 24 people have been killed in Israel and more than 500 wounded. The Israeli military said a new barrage of missiles was launched on Tuesday, and explosions could be heard in northern Israel.

Shops closed, lines for gas in Iran's capital

Downtown Tehran appeared to be emptying out early Tuesday, with many shops closed.

The ancient Grand Bazaar was also closed, something that only happened in the past during anti-Government demonstrations or at the height of the corona virus pandemic.

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My, Wife Smt. Stuti Nanolia, R/O. Hasanpur, Samtipur, Bihar-84820, had purchased flat no-07-1002, Project Eco Village -3, in the housing scheme, named SUPERTECH ECO VILLAGE-3, situated at Plot No- GH-06, Sector -16B, Greater Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar, (U.P.)-201303. After her death, I requested to M/s. Supertech Limited to transfer the said flat to my name alone, if anybody has any objection, he/she may contact M/s. Supertech Limited office, Supertech E-Square, Plot No C2, Sector-58, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India 201303 within 15 days of the Published notice. Ashish Kumar S/o. Sh. Arun Kumar Drolia, R/o. Hasanpur, Samtipur, Bihar-848205.

DIWAKAR JHA (Advocate)

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My son Sh. Anurag Mishra S/o Sh. Poon Chandra Mishra, had purchased flat no-003, Lower B4, Project Eco Village-2, Situated at GH-01, Sector-16 B, Greater Noida-201301. After his death, I requested to M/s. Supertech Limited to transfer the said flat to my name alone, if anybody has any objection, he/she may contact M/s. Supertech Limited office at Supertech E-Square, Plot No C2, Sector 96, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India 201303 within 15 days of the published notice. Sudha Mishra W/o. Sh. P. C. Mishra R/o. 127, God Shepherd Colony, Kolar Road Huzar, Kolar Road, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462049.

DIWAKAR JHA (Advocate)

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Notice is hereby given to the general public that the following original documents belonging to my client Mrs. Meera Mahotra have been lost/misplaced: Sale Deed dated 27-4-2005 vide vaskia no. 1934 regd at Gurgaon for property bearing plot no. 939 and measuring 250sqyds situated at Saraswati Colony, Wazirabad Tehsil Gurgaon. Any person or institution in possession of these documents or who has knowledge of their whereabouts is requested to immediately contact Adar. Avihaji Patro (No. D/204/2002), T301, BPTT PF-1, Sector 77 Faridabad or call on 8800903978 within 15 days from the date of this notice. Furthermore, any individual or entity dealing with these documents without the express permission of my Client will be deemed as at their own risk and peril.

Avihaji Patro (Advocates & Consultants)
D/204/2002, Office: T-301, BPTT PF-1, Sector-77, Faridabad, Haryana. Ph: 8800903978

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location:- 30-Elect-10-T-2025-26-E3. Electrical work regarding provision of Centralized control and command center (C-4) at BRSD Railway Station.

Approx cost of the works in:- Rs. 8966875.00

Address of the office:- Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

Earnest Money:- Rs. 179300.00

Last Date & time of submission of tender:- 10.07.2025, 12.00 Hrs.

Opening of tender:- 10.07.2025, 12.00 Hrs.

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PD(2271)A I, POOJA RAO alias KAVITA RAO, D/o Sh. Mafat Lal Rao residing at H.No. C-63/B, Near Durga Pur Mandir, Janta Garden, Pandav Nagar, Shamas Pur, Delhi-110091, have changed my name from POOJA RAO to KAVITA RAO and shall henceforth be known as KAVITA RAO for all purposes.

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(CD2) TARUN THAPLYAL, 508, GALI NO. 2, NEAR RAJ MANSA RAM SCHOOL, KAPASHERA, NEW DELHI - 110037 ALSO AT: DIRECT DODARSHAN KENDRA, NEW DELHI, DIRECT DODARSHAN BHAWAN PERCINUS MARG, NEW DELHI - 110001

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1. Whereas Transfer Recovery Certificate No. 1/21/2023 in OA No. 691 of 2015 directed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I for the recovery of a sum of Rs. 17,13,030.00, together with costs and future interest @ 12.00% p. a., from the date of filing of OA I-3.10.2015 i.e. its realization and also to pay cost as per the Certificate debtors together with costs and charges as per recovery certificate.

2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of the property mentioned in the Schedule before the sale certificate.

3. And whereas there will be due to the said R/O, 17,13,030.00, together with costs and future interest @ 12.00% p. a., from the date of filing of OA I-3.10.2015 till its realization and also to pay cost. Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the property/properties as under shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "On line Electronic Bidding" through the website <https://www.bankauctions.com> on 01/08/2025 between 12.00 pm and 01.00 pm with extensions of 5 minutes duration after 01.00 pm, if required.

4. The description of the property proposed to be e-auctioned is as follows:

S. No.	Description of property	Reserve Price	EMD
1.	PROPERTY BEARING FLAT NO. 306, THIRD FLOOR, BLOCK NO. 23, PALM APARTMENT, COSMOS GREEN, BHIWADI, RAJASTHAN - 3301019	Rs. 19,00 LAKHS	Rs. 1,90 LAKHS
5.	The EMD shall be paid through Demand Draft/Pay Order in favour of Recovery Officer, DRT-I, Delhi- A/c T. R. C. No. 121/2023 along with self-attested copy of Identity V-card/Driving/License/passport which should contain the address for future communication and self-attested copy of PAN Card must reach to the Office of the Recovery Officer, DRT-I, Delhi latest by 30/07/2025 before 5.00 PM. The EMD received thereafter shall not be considered. The said deposit be adjusted in the case of successful bidders. The unsuccessful bidder shall take return of the EMD directly from the Registry, DRT-I, Delhi after receipt of such report from e-auction service provider/bank/financial institution on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings.		
6.	The envelope containing EMD should be super-scribed "T. R. C. No. 121/2023" along with the details of the sender i.e. address, e-mail ID and Mobile Number etc.		
7.	Intending bidders shall hold a valid Login Id and Password to participate in the E-Auction email address and PAN Number. For details with regard to Login Id & Password, please contact M/s C 1 INDIA PVT. LTD Udyog Vihar, Phase 2, Building No. 301, Gurugram, Haryana (India) Tel. 91 7291981124/25/26, 9948182222, E-MAIL : andhra@c1india.com , support@bankauctions.com , WEBSITE https://www.bankauctions.com .		
8.	Prospective bidders are requested to register themselves with the portal and obtain user ID/password well in advance, which is mandatory for bidding in above e-auction, from M/s C 1 INDIA PVT. LTD		
9.	Details of concerned bank officers/Help-line numbers etc. are as under:-		

Name & Designation	Email & Phone Nos.
Ms. POONA (DEPUTY MANAGER)	Email: poonm21@axisbank.com
10. What is proposed to be sold are the rights to which the certificate debtors are entitled in respect of the properties. The properties will be sold along with liabilities, if any. The extent of the properties shown in the proclamation is as per the Recovery Certificate schedule. Recovery Officer shall not be responsible for any variation in the extent due to any reason. The properties will be sold on 'as is where is' and 'as is what is condition.	
11. The property can be inspected by prospective bidder(s) before the date of sale for which the above named officer of the bank may be contacted	
12. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.	
13. EMD of unsuccessful bidders will be received by such bidders from the Registry of DRT-I, on identification/production of Identity proof viz., PAN Card, Passport, Voter's Id, Valid Driving License or Photo Identity Card issued by Govt. & PSUs. Unsuccessful bidders shall ensure return of their EMD and, if not received within a reasonable time, immediately contact the Recovery Officer, DRT-I, Delhi/for the Bank	
14. The sale will be of the property of the above named CDs as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities & claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule attached each lot.	
15. The property will be put up for the sale in the lots specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale also be stopped if, before any lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.	
16. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.	
17. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act: 1961 and the rules made there under and to the further following conditions: The particulars specified in 'a' annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.	
18. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be in multiple of Rs. 50,000 (Rs. Fifty Thousand only). In the event of any dispute arising as to amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put up to auction.	
19. The Successful/Highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of any lot provided that further that the amount bid by him is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the undersigned to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so.	
20. Successful highest bidder shall have to prepare DD/Pay order for 25% of the sale proceeds favouring Recovery Officer, DRT-I, Delhi, A/c T. R. C. No. 121/2023 within 24 hours after close of e-auction and after adjusting the earnest money (EMD) and sending/depositing the same in the office of the Recovery Officer so as to reach within 3 days from the close of e-auction failing which the earnest money (EMD) shall be forfeited.	
21. The Successful/Highest Bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Pay Order favouring Recovery Officer DRT-I, Delhi A/c. T. R. C. 121/2023, the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the Recovery Officer, DRT-I on or before 15 th day from the date of sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15 th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15 th day alongwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs. 1,000 and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-I Delhi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer (s) above.)	
22. In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after deducting the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.	

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Lot No.	Description of the property to be sold with the names of the co-owners where the property belongs to the defaulter and any other person as co-owners.	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any encumbrance to which property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property, and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value.
1.	PROPERTY BEARING FLAT NO. 306, THIRD FLOOR, BLOCK NO. 23, PALM APARTMENT, COSMOS GREEN, BHIWADI, RAJASTHAN - 3301019		No Information received	

Given under my hand and seal on 03.06.2025.

NIRANJAN SHARMA
Recovery Officer-I
Debts Recovery Tribunal - 1, Delhi.

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For the convenience of passengers, Railways have decided to run Additional Summer Special Trains between Haridwar-Delhi Jn.-Haridwar and Haridwar-Lucknow-Haridwar as per schedule given below:-

04328/04327 Haridwar-Delhi Jn.-Haridwar Summer Reserved Special Exp. Train (Daily)						06 Trips
Train No. 04328	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	Train No. 04327	ARR.	DEP.
---	15:45		Haridwar	04:50	----	
16:25	16:27		Roorkee	03:35	03:37	
17:13	17:15		Tapri Jn.	02:50	02:52	
17:55	17:57		Muzaffarnagar	02:00	02:02	
18:35	18:37		Meerut City Jn.	01:15	01:17	
18:52	18:54		Modinagar	00:30	00:32	
19:50	19:52		Ghaziabad	00:02	00:04	
20:14	20:16		Delhi Shahdara	23:15	23:17	
20:45	---		Delhi Jn.	---	23:00	

Days of Run : 04328 Ex. Haridwar and 04327 Ex. Delhi Jn. from 18.06.2025 to 20.06.2025 (Daily)

Accommodation : 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General

04330/04329 Haridwar-Lucknow-Haridwar Summer Reserved Special Express Train						04 Trips
Train No. 04330	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	Train No. 04329	ARR.	DEP.
---	22:45		Haridwar	20:20	---	
23:18	23:20		Laksar Jn.	19:18	19:20	
00:05	00:07		Najibabad Jn.	18:30	18:32	
00:35	00:37		Nagina	18:05	18:07	
01:05	01:07		Dhampur	17:43	17:45	
01:28	01:30		Seohara	17:26	17:28	
02:30	02:32		Kanth	17:10	17:12	
03:32	03:40		Moradabad	16:30	16:40	
04:06	04:08		Rampur	15:00	15:02	
05:03	05:05		Bareilly	14:00	14:02	
06:14	06:16		Shahjehanpur	13:00	13:02	
07:14	07:16		Hardoi	12:55	12:57	
07:46	07:48		Balamau Jn.	12:25	12:27	
08:08	08:10		Sandila	12:00	12:02	
09:25	---		Lucknow	---	11:30	

Days of Run : 04330 Ex. Haridwar on 18.06.2025 & 20.06.2025 and 04329 Ex. Lucknow on 19.06.2025 & 21.06.2025

Accommodation : Sleeper & General

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India’s largest Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal inaugurated in Gurugram

PARVESH SHARMA ■ Gurugram

Haryana has achieved a historic milestone in the field of logistics and industrial infrastructure. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, along with Union Minister for Railways, Information and Broadcasting, and Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw, inaugurated the country’s largest automobile Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal at Maruti Suzuki India Limited, Manesar, Gurugram, on Tuesday.

During the event, the Union Minister and Chief Minister, Saini, flagged off the first cargo train from the new Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal. Located at the IMT Manesar-based Maruti Suzuki plant, this terminal has been developed under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Gati Shakti National Master Plan, a visionary initiative aimed at creating a world-class logistics network across India.

The total cost of this project is ₹1 lakh 17 thousand 91 million. Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited has a 55.4 percent share, HSIIDC has a 19 percent share, and Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has a 5 percent share in the project. While



welcoming the Union Minister at the inauguration of Haryana’s first and India’s second Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal, CM Saini said that the launch of India’s largest such terminal marks the beginning of a golden chapter in Haryana’s growth story.

He emphasized that this is not merely a steel structure but a milestone in realizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of ‘Viksit Bharat’. “The terminal will not only transport vehicles manufactured at the Manesar and Gurugram plants to 17 hubs and 380 cities across

India but also export vehicles to ports such as Pipavav and Mundra—thereby directly integrating Haryana into the global supply chain,” said the Chief Minister.

He expressed pride that the Haryana Government is a key partner in bringing this historic project to life. During the event, the Chief Minister also highlighted that today Haryana has become one of India’s leading automobile manufacturing hubs, producing nearly 50 percent of all cars made in the country.

“The development of an

internal railway yard by the Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation at Maruti underscores the state’s commitment to ‘Ease of Doing Business’ and infrastructure development,” he said.

Reaffirming its vision to emerge as a logistics hub, the state has also partnered with various industry bodies and educational institutions to enhance workforce skills across Haryana, he said. Saini said that this project is an outstanding example of PM Modi’s visionary Gati Shakti initiative—more than a scheme, it repre-

sents a revolution and a commitment to transform India’s approach to infrastructure development.

He further shared that the PM Gati Shakti platform brings together key sectors such as railways, roads, ports, airports, waterways, and logistics under one integrated vision. The railway siding at Maruti Suzuki is a living example of this, allowing cars manufactured at the plant to be directly loaded onto cargo trains and shipped to destinations across India, he added.

Addressing the gathering, Union Minister Ashwini

Vaishnaw highlighted the significant transformation Indian Railways has undergone over the past decade under the leadership of the prime minister.

He said that before 2014, the Railways’ annual budget hovered around ₹24,000-25,000 crore. Now, it has been increased to ₹2.5 lakh crore. Basic passenger amenities like toilets were absent in many stations and coaches. In the last two and a half years, a focused campaign has been launched to increase the number of general coaches. More than 1,200 general coaches were added in just the past year, he said. The minister added that a major decision was taken recently to upgrade passenger train services. 100 new Mainline EMU (MEMU) trains will soon be introduced.

“These new MEMU trains, designed for short-distance travel, will feature 16 to 20 coaches (compared to the older 8-12 coach trains). Additionally, 50 new Namo Bharat passenger trains will also be added to the rail network,” he said.

The Railway Minister also shared plans to modernize the rail factory in Sonapat, with work to begin soon. Highlighting growth in the past 11 years, Vaishnaw said that before 2014, Haryana received a railway budget allocation of ₹315 crore.

SEBI board to meet to discuss regulatory reforms

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

Markets watchdog SEBI’s board is likely to discuss a series of regulatory reforms during its upcoming meeting on Wednesday.

Several of these proposals have already been floated for public consultation, indicating a broader push towards refining the regulatory landscape.

This would mark the second board meeting under the chairmanship of Tuhi Kanta Pandey, who assumed office on March 1.

One of the key agenda items is the simplification of rules and regulatory compliance for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) investing exclusively in Indian Government Bonds (IGBs) through the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR) and the Fully Accessible Route (FAR). This move is aimed at attracting more long-term bond investors to the Indian market, people aware of the development said.

Currently, foreign investors can invest in Indian debt through three routes—General, VRR, and FAR. The VRR and FAR routes are comparatively liberal, as they allow investments without many of the restrictions, such as security-wise or concentration limits that apply under the General route.

To further streamline this, SEBI proposed creating a new FPI category, IGB-FPIs, focused solely on Government bond investments, according to the consultation paper issued last month.

Under this, the regulator recommended easing registration and other compliance requirements for these entities.

Notably, SEBI suggested that IGB-FPIs should be

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exempt from disclosing investor group details, since bond investments under VRR and FAR are not subject to such caps.

Typically, FPIs are required to disclose their group structures for monitoring investment limits, but this requirement may no longer apply to IGB-focused investors.

In addition, the board may discuss a proposal to rationalise the content of the placement document of Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP) by prescribing only the relevant information regarding the issue, people aware of the development said.

India oil demand to grow by one million barrels per day by 2030: IEA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

India, the world’s third-largest oil-consuming and importing nation, will lead global oil demand growth by a large margin, adding a steep 1 million barrels per day by 2030 on the back of stellar economic expansion, IEA said on Tuesday.

The global oil demand is expected to grow by 2.5 million barrels a day by the end of the decade, reaching a plateau near 105.5 million barrels per day (bpd) by 2030, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said in its latest report released Tuesday.

Barring any major disruption to the oil market, the world is expected to remain well supplied through the end of the decade, the global energy watchdog said, though rising geopolitical risks in the Middle East and unresolved trade tensions could cast a shadow over the outlook.

IEA forecast India’s demand for crude oil, which is converted into fuels like petrol and diesel in refineries, to rise from 5.64 million bpd in 2024 to 6.66 million bpd by 2030.

The country meets over 95 per cent of its oil needs through imports as domestic production is declining.

“India’s oil demand will increase by a steep 1 million bpd over the forecast period—more than any other country—in the wake of stellar GDP expansion, at an average annual



rate of 2.8 per cent,” it said.

The United States, the world’s top oil consumer, may see demand peaking at 20.47 million bpd in 2025 (20.42 million bpd) to lead global oil demand growth, add 1 mn bpd by 2030: IEA. Demand for industrial-linked products will only marginally lag the growth rate for retail-oriented transport fuels, with annual increases in gasoline, naphtha and LPG/ethane of 3.3 per cent, 2.0 per cent and 2.5 per cent, respectively.

For gasoil (diesel), making up around one-third of India’s total oil use, this amounts to an aggregate gain of 3,80,000 bpd

over the forecast period, buoyed by secular trends such as urbanisation, industrialisation and the building out of the country’s infrastructure.

Expansion in the petrochemical feedstocks tracks the launch of new projects coming on stream with the widespread adoption of clean cooking acting as an additional boost to LPG demand.

Government subsidy programmes have been instrumental in this respect, in particular, the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana scheme launched in 2016 that aims to provide LPG connections across the country, replacing

traditional cooking methods, IEA added.

The report, Oil 2025, stated that while global demand growth continues, structural changes in supply and consumption patterns are expected to reshape the oil market over the coming years.

While production capacity is forecast to rise by more than 5 million bpd to 114.7 million bpd by 2030, electric vehicles are projected to displace 5.4 million bpd of oil demand globally by 2030.

Electric car sales reached a record 17 million in 2024 and are expected to surpass 20 million in 2025, the report said.

Welfare schemes benefitted over 50 lakh informal workers: Ministry

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

The labour welfare schemes have benefitted more than 50 lakh unorganised workers across the country, particularly those engaged in beedi, cinema and mining sectors, the Ministry of Labour and Employment said on Tuesday.

These workers do not have access to social security schemes run by other bodies like Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), which is under the administrative control of the labour ministry.

The Ministry of Labour and Employment, through the Directorate General of Labour Welfare (DGLW), is implementing a range of welfare schemes dedicated to improving the lives of unorganised workers in India, particularly in the beedi, cine, and mining sectors, said a labour ministry statement issued on completion of 11 years of the Modi Government.

With a direct impact on over 50 lakh workers and their families, these schemes form a cornerstone of the Government’s inclusive and compassionate labour welfare strategy, it added.

The Labour Welfare Organisation (LWO), functioning under DGLW, administers these schemes through a network of 18 Welfare Commissioners, who oversee their implementation at the regional levels.

The overarching goal of these welfare schemes is to provide social protection, health services, financial assistance for education, and housing support to workers often located in remote and underserved regions.

One of the key components of the welfare framework is the Education Assistance Scheme, which provides annual scholarships ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹25,000 for the wards of beedi, cine, and non-coal mine workers.

The scheme, implemented via the National Scholarship Portal (NSP), receives over 1 lakh applications every year, with direct benefit transfer (DBT) ensuring transparent and timely disbursement.

Healthcare support under the Health Scheme includes outpatient services through a national network of dispensaries, as well as reimbursement for specialised treatments for critical illnesses such as heart disease, kidney transplantation, cancer, tuberculosis, and minor surgeries.

The financial assistance ranges from Rs 30,000 for minor surgeries to Rs 7.5 lakh for cancer treatment, ensuring access to life-saving healthcare for low-income workers.

Although the Revised Integrated Housing Scheme (RIHS), introduced in 2016, has now been sunset and merged with Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), the ministry disbursed pending installments to eligible beneficiaries until March 31, 2024.

Mahindra to acquire stake in Isuzu

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Tuesday cleared Mahindra & Mahindra’s proposed acquisition of a nearly 59 per cent stake in commercial vehicle maker SML Isuzu for ₹555 crore. Mahindra & Mahindra in April announced

the acquisition of a 58.96 per cent stake in SML Isuzu for ₹555 crore. “The proposed combination relates to acquisition of SML Isuzu Ltd (Target) by Mahindra and Mahindra Limited (acquirer),” CCI said in a release. Mahindra & Mahindra is the flagship company of the Mahindra group. It is engaged in the automotive, farm equipment, agricultural products and

services sector, etc.

“CCI approves the proposed combination involving acquisition of SML Isuzu Ltd by Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd,” the regulator said in a post on X.

In April, the Mumbai-based automaker Mahindra & Mahindra said it would acquire the entire stake of 43.96 per cent held by Sumitomo Corporation, promoter of SML.

Plans afoot to repeal explosives act to bring new law

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

The Government has proposed to repeal the 141-year-old Explosives Act of 1884 and introduce a new law stating that the existing legislation is based on the old British pattern and is not adequately meeting the country’s growing requirements.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has sought comments and suggestions from the general public, industry associations and other entities concerned on the proposal before July 17 this year.

It said the Explosives Act, 1884 is a pre-constitutional act and it was comprehensively modified in 1978.

Many large and small companies began to manufacture high explosives after independence.

“It is observed that the Explosives Act, 1884, which is based on the old British pattern and is not adequately meeting the country’s growing requirements and development in the explosive sector thereby resulted in difficulties for the industry,” the DPIIT’s note for public and stakeholder consultations said.

Dedicate zones for startups in industrial corridors: Goyal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has directed officials to earmark dedicated zones for MSMEs and startups within the industrial corridors under development in Andhra Pradesh, an official statement said on Tuesday.

The minister suggested this during a review meeting on June 15 to assess the progress of NICDC-led industrial nodes.

The National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) is the nodal body for these corridors.

The commerce and industry ministry said the review focused on the development of three major nodes in the State—Krishnapatnam Industrial Area under the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC), Orvakal Industrial Area under the Hyderabad-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (HBIC), and Kopparthi

Industrial Area under the Visakhapatnam—Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC).

Goyal also directed officials to focus on attracting anchor investors and startups by building innovation-friendly ecosystems within each industrial

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“The minister also instructed officials to earmark zones within each node for MSMEs and startups, offering subsidised rates and equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure and technological support,” it added.

Indian standards on toys better than global standards, helping local units in exports: BIS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

Indian quality standards on toys are better than global benchmark, helping domestic manufacturers in exporting their products in overseas markets, according to a senior BIS official.

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has developed and published Indian standards for toys that encompass physical, chemical, and electrical safety requirements.

These standards are aligned with international benchmarks set by ISO and IEC, ensuring global harmonisation in toy safety practices.

To enforce compliance, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) issued the Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2020, which came into effect on January 1, 2021.

This order mandates that all toys sold in India, whether manufactured domestically or



imported, must conform to seven specific Indian standards and bear the ISI mark under a valid BIS licence.

It is prohibited to manufacture, import, store, distribute, sell, or even exhibit for sale any toy that does not comply with these standards.

“Indian standards on toys are better than global stan-

dards,” said Adbhut Singh, Scientist E/Director, Western Regional Office Laboratory (WROL), BIS, Mumbai.

Singh said the BIS standards have helped in increasing sales of Indian toys in both domestic and global markets.

“Indian standards have been made as per our weather conditions and other domestic

requirements,” he said in an interaction with media here.

According to GTRI report, India’s toy exports declined marginally to \$152.34 million in 2023-24 from \$153.89 million in the year before.

As per the latest figures, there are 1,640 BIS-certified toy industries in India, of which 1,165 licences are for non-electronic toys and 475 for electric toys.

Moiz Gabajiwala, CEO of Zephyr Toymakers Pvt Ltd—which has a manufacturing plant in Bhiwandi near Mumbai—said the BIS standards has fostered innovation and created a “level playing field”, enabling them to compete more effectively with established players.

“Our turnover has increased substantially after the BIS standards came into effect. The company clocked a revenue of ₹25 crore last fiscal year and is aiming for 20 per cent growth in 2025-26,” he said.

INBRIEF

HINDUSTAN ZINC APPROVES ₹12,000 CRORE INVESTMENT TO EXPAND CAPACITY

Hindustan Zinc Limited has approved a ₹12,000 crore investment to expand its metal production capacity by 250 KTPA, including a new smelter in Rajasthan. The move aligns with rising zinc demand and infrastructure growth.



FACULTY INDUCTION PROGRAMME CONCLUDED AT GNDU

The Faculty Induction Programme at UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Guru Nanak Dev University, concluded on June 17, 2025, with a valedictory session. Led by Prof. (Dr.) Karamjeet Singh, the programme equipped new faculty with pedagogical and policy insights, reaffirming the university’s commitment to academic excellence and faculty development.



BEL OFFERED JOBS TO 8 GNDU STUDENTS AT ₹13 LAKH PER ANNUM

Under Vice Chancellor Dr. Karamjeet Singh’s leadership, GNDU hosted a successful campus placement drive by Bharat Electronics Ltd, offering 713 LPA packages to eight BTech (ECE) students. The recruitment included tests and interviews. University officials praised the achievement, highlighting GNDU’s strong industry ties and commitment to professional excellence.



Boca Juniors, Benfica draw 2-2 in Club World Cup

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Miami Gardens (US)

Benfica overcame a two-goal deficit, getting Ángel Di María's penalty kick in first-half stoppage time and Nicolás Otamendi's 84th-minute goal for a 2-2 draw against Boca Juniors in a heated Club World Cup match that included three red cards, four yellows and 22 fouls. Boca Juniors played in a home-like environment with the Argentine club's supporters making up most of the 55,574 crowd at Hard Rock Stadium against one of Portugal's premier teams. Both teams finished a man down and one Boca player was sent off after he was substituted from the match due to injury on Monday night.

Heavily armed police were present at checkpoints to ensure order for a Boca supporters' group that is extremely fierce and passionate.

But, most of the rough action was on the field, not in the stands, as the game included red cards for Boca's Ander Herrera in the 44th, Benfica's Andrea Belotti in the 72nd and Boca's Nicolás Fígal in the 88th. Boca built its lead on goals by Miguel Merentiel in the 21st minute and Rodrigo Battaglia in the 27th.

Referee César Ramos awarded the penalty after a video review for Carlos Palacios'



kneeing Otamendi. Herrera, who was taken out after 20 minutes, got a red card for protesting the decision. Belotti was sent off for a foul when a high kick caught Ayrton Costa on the back of the head and Fígal for knocking over Florentino.

Key moment
Otamendi's front post header helped Benfica salvage a point. Boca Juniors, after underperforming last season in the Argentina first division and disappointing in the Copa Libertadores, used the support of their fans to fuel them and earn a point in group play. Their second match, against

Bayern Munich in Miami on Friday night, will prove to be a more challenging game.

Benfica, which was imprecise in its play and gave the ball away many times unprompted, will play Friday as well and take on the only semi-professional team in the Club World Cup, Auckland City, which was badly beaten by Bayern.

What they said
"This was a game where there's two really big teams and they're gonna leave it all out there on every ball," — Alan Velasco, Boca Juniors midfielder.
"It will be a new experi-

ence (playing against Auckland City FC), of course we saw the result against Bayern and we will have to do the same.

THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VISHNU PRASAD S/O BHERULAL R/o 242/1, Abolaseri Mohana, Moman, Badodiya, Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh-465226, have changed my name to VISHNU JAMLIYA. PD(2276)A

Chelsea 2-0 win over Los Angeles FC in Club World Cup

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Atlanta (US)

Pedro Neto scored in the first half and Enzo Fernández in the 79th minute to give Chelsea a 2-0 win over Los Angeles FC in Group D's Club World Cup opener.

Chelsea put pressure on LAFC goalkeeper Hugo Lloris early in the match. Neto scored in the 34th minute, picking up a pass from Nicolas Jackson and cutting onto his left foot for a near-post finish on Monday. There were 22,137 fans in attendance at the 71,000-capacity Mercedes-Benz Stadium, many of them backing LAFC. The Black and Gold had positive sparks of energy and possession throughout the first half, but struggled to find any real opportunities in front of goal. LAFC almost got one back just before the 60-minute mark, but Chelsea goalkeeper Robert Sánchez came up with a save to keep Denis Bouanga off the scoresheet. The Black

and Gold aimed to get some more experience onto the pitch at the half, bringing on former Chelsea man Olivier Giroud. Giroud made a stir as he subbed on when he had to wait on the sidelines for a match-day shirt with his name and number. The mixup led to a delay in the start of the second half. Coming in off the bench, Fernández made no mistake finishing Liam Delap's cross, adding an insurance goal for The Blues. Chelsea's day was made even more positive by the debut of Delap, a promising 22-year-old English striker signed from Ipswich Town. While Chelsea is the favorite to top Group D, LAFC's next two matches become essential to moving on to the knock-out rounds. LAFC vs Flamengo will prove to be an entertaining game, with the two sides most likely battling it out for the group's second spot. "It's a high level against a quality team. If you give them a moment, they'll punish you. They had two chances, and they punished us." — Marky Delgado, LAFC midfielder.

Flamengo 2-0 beats Esperance de Tunis

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Philadelphia (US)

Luiz Araujo and Giorgian La goal and Flamengo beat Esperance Sportive de Tunis 2-0 in the Club World Cup.

After dominating possession for 17 minutes, de Arrascaeta opened the scoring after finishing off a cross from Araujo on Monday night.

Araujo capped an amazing performance in the 70th minute by scoring Flamengo's second goal. This came from an assist by Jorginho, Flamengo's new signing and former Club World Cup Champion.

Change of Name

Myself Shiv Kumar I am presently known as Shiv Kumar, having been ordained as a monk through Shri Anand pur Trust at the premises of Shri Anandpur Trust Ashok Nagar, I hereby solemnly declare to abandon the use of my former name so hereafter request all persons in general, relatives and friends in particular, at all times hereafter to designate and address me as may be called, known and distinguished not by my former name Shiv Kumar but by the assigned name ANMOL ROSHAN ANAND

Old Name: Shiv Kumar
New Name: ANMOL ROSHAN ANAND
Address C/O: Ramesh Chandra Sarswat, Shri Anand pur Trust, E/154 Arera Colony, Huzur, P.O: R.S.Nagar, DIST: Bhopal, M. P.-462016

नाम परिवर्तन

मैं प्रिया सांबारे (Priya Sambare) सर्वसाधारण को सूचित करती हूँ कि मेरे कुछ दस्तावेजों में मेरा नाम प्रिया सांबारे आत्मज्ञ भीमराव सांबारे अंकित है एवं कुछ दस्तावेजों में मेरा नाम प्रियंका सांबारे आत्मज्ञ भीमराव सांबारे अंकित है तथा विवाह उपरंत मुझे प्रिया आतिश होले (प्रियंका (Priyanka), प्रिया (Priya) एवं प्रियंका आतिश होले (Priya Alish Hole) ये तीनों नाम एक ही व्यक्ति के हैं यानि कि मेरे। इस प्रकाशन के उपरान्त मेरे समस्त शासकीय /अर्ध-शासकीय प्रपत्रों एवं अन्य सभी दस्तावेजों में प्रियंका आतिश होले के नाम से जाना पहचाना लिखा पढ़ा एवं पुकारा जाए।

प्राप्ति
प्रियंका आतिश होले

पता:- C/O भीमराव सांबारे, अंबाछा रोड, तिलक वाडी, पौडुर्ना, छिंदवाड़ा, मध्य प्रदेश, 480334

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051
Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059
Branch Office: 1st Floor, Ekta Tower, Above ICICI Bank, Rewa Road, Satna-485001

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.
The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Kashi Prasad (Borrower), Usha Gupta (Co-Borrower), Ajay Gupta (Co-Borrower), LHSAT00001480318.	Khasra No. 2619/1/2/1, PH. No. 14, Ward No. 12, Mouza Kotar, Tehsil Kotar, District Satna, Madhya Pradesh 485115. Bounded By- North: Road, South: Property of Deena Nath, East: House of Mr. Bhaiyalal, West: House of Mr. Bhaiyalal/ Date of Possession- 13-Jun-25	12-03-2025 Rs. 10,26,783.82/-	Satna
2.	Kashi Prasad (Borrower), Usha Gupta (Co-borrower), Ajay Gupta (Co-Borrower), LHSAT00001480538.	Khasra No. 2619/1/2/1, PH. No. 14, Ward No. 12, Mouza Kotar, Tehsil Kotar, District Satna, Madhya Pradesh 485115. Bounded By- North: Road, South: Property of Deena Nath, East: House of Mr. Bhaiyalal, West: House of Mr. Bhaiyalal/ Date of Possession- 13-Jun-25	12-03-2025 Rs. 54,240/-	Satna

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: June 18, 2025, Place: Satna
Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051
Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059
Branch Office: Shimraya Square, 2nd Floor, 62, Ksapanak Marg, Freetagari, Opp. Madhav Nagar Hospital, Ujjain- 456010

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.
The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Rakesh Parmar (Borrower), Savita Parmar (Co-Borrower), LHUIJN00001541635.	Plot No 336, Vinayak Green Colony, Part Of Survey No 2416/1, Kasba Barnagar, Ward No 07, Ph No. 85, Tehsil Barnagar, District Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh- 456771. Bounded By- North: Plot No. 335, South: Plot No. 337, East: Road, West: Plot No. 279/ Date of Possession- 13-Jun-25	12-03-2025 Rs. 8,19,001/-	Ujjain
2.	Rakesh Parmar (Borrower), Savita Parmar (Co-Borrower), LHUIJN00001541636.	Plot No 336, Vinayak Green Colony, Part Of Survey No 2416/1, Kasba Barnagar, Ward No 07, Ph No. 85, Tehsil Barnagar, District Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh- 456771. Bounded By- North: Plot No. 335, South: Plot No. 337, East: Road, West: Plot No. 279/ Date of Possession- 13-Jun-25	12-03-2025 Rs. 8,20,470/-	Ujjain
3.	Rakesh Parmar (Borrower), Savita Parmar (Co-Borrower), LHUIJN00001541637.	Plot No 336, Vinayak Green Colony, Part Of Survey No 2416/1, Kasba Barnagar, Ward No 07, Ph No. 85, Tehsil Barnagar, District Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh- 456771. Bounded By- North: Plot No. 335, South: Plot No. 337, East: Road, West: Plot No. 279/ Date of Possession- 13-Jun-25	12-03-2025 Rs. 47,505.95/-	Ujjain

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: June 18, 2025, Place: Ujjain
Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation]
33(2)(b) By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.
**OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR**
3rd Floor, Sanchar Vikas Bhawan (BSNL Building), Residency Road, Near Head Post Office South Civil Lines, Jabalpur- 482001
**DEMAND NOTICE
CUM
NOTICE FOR DECLARATION OF ASSETS ON AFFIDAVIT**
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
OAE/56/2023 25.03.2025

INDIAN BANK (ALLAHABAD BANK)
VERSUS
TATPAR OFFSET PRINTERS

To
1. Tatpar Offset Printers, a Proprietary Firm, Through its Prop. Shri Deepak Rajput, R/o. Plot No.23, M.P. Nagar Zone-1, Bhopal (M.P.)
2. Shri Deepak Rajput S/o Shri R.S. Rajput, R/o. B-12, Siddarth Homes, C-Sector, Kolar Road, Bhopal (M.P.)-462023
Whereas you the Certificate Debtor has failed to pay the sum of Rs. **15,83,155.00/-** alongwith pendente lite and future interest @ **13.25%** p.a. sample from the date of filing of the Original Application and cost till the date of realization in full from in respect of Recovery Certificate drawnup by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur.
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **14-11-2025 at 10:30 a.m.** for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **25-03-2025**
Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR

कार्यालय प्राचार्य, शासकीय गीताजलि कन्या स्नातकोत्तर (स्वशासी) महाविद्यालय, भोपाल
Website:- www.mp.gov.in/highereducation/ggcbl
Ph. No. 0755-2733166, 2733166, 2733266 Fax- 735266 E-mail heggggpgcbl@mp.gov.in

पत्र क्रमांक-700/शासकीयगभो/लेखा./2025 भोपाल, दिनांक 14.06.2025

विज्ञापन

जनभागीदारी समिति द्वारा संचालित विषय पाठ्यक्रम हेतु (सत्र 2025-26 के लिये) अतिथि विद्वानों को आमंत्रित करने के लिये सभी दस्तावेजों की स्वयंप्रति छाया प्रतियों के साथ सादे कागज पर आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाने हैं।

स. विषय/पाठ्यक्रम का नाम अतिथि विद्वानों की न्यूनतम शैक्षणिक योग्यता

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1	वी.एस.सी. कृषि 02

1. सभी आवेदन प्राचार्य एवं सचिव जनभागीदारी समिति शासकीय गीताजलि कन्या स्नातकोत्तर (स्वशासी) महाविद्यालय, भोपाल के नाम से संवेधित किया जाये।
2. आवेदन पत्र डाक अथवा व्यक्तिगत रूप से कार्यालय में जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि (विज्ञापन प्रकाशन से 21 दिवस तक) सांघ 5 बजे तक है।
3. आवेदन जमा करते समय आवेदन की पवती प्राप्त करना संबंधित का उत्तरदायित्व होगा।
4. आवेदन पत्र अपूर्ण होने या उम्रके साथ आवश्यक दस्तावेजों की छायाप्रति संलग्न न होने की स्थिति में आवेदन पत्र स्वतः ही निरस्त माना जावेगा, जिसकी कोई सूचना पृथक से अभ्यर्थी को नहीं दी जावेगी।
5. अतिथि विद्वान किसी भी हिसय से महाविद्यालय स्थापना के अंतर्गत नहीं माने जावेंगे और लोक सेवक की विधि विहित परिभाषा के अंतर्गत नहीं माने जावेंगे।
6. अतिथि विद्वानों की पदों की संख्या एवं मानदेय में परिवर्तन का अधिकार महाविद्यालय की प्राचार्य एवं पदेन सचिव जनभागीदारी समिति का होगा।

G-14469/25 प्राचार्य

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (BUILDING)
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NIRMAN BHAWAN, Plot No. 27-28, Arera Hills, BHOPAL
PHONE No. 0755-2559571 E-mail:- apdpiubhopal@gmail.com
NIT No. 16/2025/Tender/GICE(B)/ BHOPAL DATE 10/06/2025
Online bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling registration criteria:

S. No.	Tender Plot No.	Name of work	District	Probable Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)	Period of completion (in months i/c Rainy Season)
1	2025_PWPIU_424141_2	REGARDING PROVIDING AIR-CONDITIONED VEHICLE ON RENT AT MONTHLY RATE FOR THE OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (BUILDING) PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BHOPAL, CHIEF ENGINEER (BUILDING) AND CHIEF ARCHITECT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BHOPAL (SECOND CALL)	BHOPAL	125.00	375000	12500	12 month i/c Rainy season
2	2025_PWPIU_430221_1	ZONAL TENDER FOR SMALL CONSTRUCTION WORK, BALANCE WORK AND P.G. REPAIRING WORK UNDER DISTRICT SHAJAPUR	SHAJAPUR	50.00	50000	10000	12 month i/c Rainy season
3	2025_PWPIU_430857_1	CONSTRUCTION OF BALANCE WORK OF 30 SEATED WOMEN'S HOSTEL BUILDING AT B.K.S.N. DEGREE COLLEGE SHAJAPUR	SHAJAPUR	57.59	57590	10000	06 month i/c Rainy season
4	2025_PWPIU_430657_1	CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL ROOM IN J.N.S. COLLEGE AT SHUJALPUR DISTT SHAJAPUR	SHAJAPUR	287.00	287000	15000	12 month i/c Rainy season
5	2025_PWPIU_430608_1	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL AT GOVT. LAW COLLEGE NARMADAPURAM.	NARMADAPURAM	89.41	89410	10000	06 month i/c Rainy season

1. All details relating to the Bid Document (s) can be viewed and downloaded free of cost from the website. <http://mptenders.gov.in>

2. Bid Document (s) can be purchased after making online payment of portal fees through Credit/Debit/Cash Card/Internet Banking.

3. The Bid Document (s) can be purchased only online from 10:30 (time) 10.06.2025 (date) to 17.30 (time) 25.06.2025 (date). Other key dates may be seen in Bid Data Sheet.

4. Amendment (s) to NIT, if any, shall be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

CHIEF ENGINEER (BUILDING)
PWD BHOPAL M.P.

G-14457/25

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank

ALLAHABAD

INDIAN BANK
Gautam Nagar Branch, Bhopal

APPENDIX – IV (Rule-8(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice to the below mentioned Borrowers, Guarantors & Owner of property calling upon the borrowers and also the owner of the property /Surety to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Mortgagors/ Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the date mentioned against the borrowers.
The borrowers, guarantors & mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Bank Gautam Nagar Branch Bhopal** for the amount mentioned against the borrowers and Interest thereon, costs etc. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Sec 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor	Description of Movable / Immovable Property	Demand Notice Date Possession Notice Dt Amount Outstanding
Borrower : 1. M/s Avnish Gupta, 2. Pragya Gupta	All that part and parcel of the residential house property built on Plot No. 355, Sector-9B, Saket Nagar, Ward No. 57, within the Registration sub-district Bhopal and District Bhopal -462022 admeasuring total of 223,090 Sq Mt in the name of Mr. Avnish Gupta S/o Mr. Chandra Shekhar Gupta Bhandars: East- H No. 366/9B, West- Colony Road, North- H No. 356/9B, South- H No. 354/9B	08.04.2025 13.06.2025 ₹ 1,52,73,254/- +interest & other charges

Place: Bhopal, Date : 13/06/2025
Authorised Officer, (Indian Bank)

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE

Corporate Office: 167-169, 2nd floor, Near Little Mount Metro Station, Sajjal, Chennai - 600015
Regional Office - 101-B, 1st Floor, NRK Business Park, Vijaynagar, Indora(MP) - 452010 Email - auction@hindujahousingfinance.com

Appendix IV : Possession NOTICE (for Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice (s) issued by Authorized Officer of the Company to the Borrower(S) / Guarantor(S) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice here by given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Name of Borrower/ Guarantor / Co-Borrower	1. Demand Notice issued Date 2. Amount Due as on Notice Date	Description of Secured asset (Immovable Property)	Date & Type of Possession
MP/IDR/RTLM/A000001045 Mrs. JITENDRALAL JI Mrs. POOJA BAI	08-03-2025 & Rs. 583695/- (Rupees) Five Lakh and Eighty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Five Only)	Property Is Situated House No 35, survey no. 247 Patwari Halka No 19, Gram Serankhedi, teh. Mahidpur Dist. Ujjain, Gram Serankhedi, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456440, Total Area 845 Sq.ft., Boundaries Of Property :- East - Road, West - House Of Saijan Singh, North - House Of Bhagwan Singh, South - House Of Balu Ji	12/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000178 MR. BABU LAL Mrs. SIMA BAI	28-02-2025 & Rs. 5,85,891/- (Rupees) Five Lakh and Eighty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety One Only)	A Residential House Bhavan Panji No. 138-1/2, Ward No. 01, Situated At Sarangpur Tehsil Sarangpur, Dist. Raigarh, Madhya Pradesh, India - 465697 (Measuring - 594.5 Sq.Ft.) Total Area - 594.5 Sq.Ft. Boundaries Of Property :- East - House Of Badrilal, West - Colony Road, North - House Of Mangilal Ji, South - Colony Road	12/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000065 MR. PRAKASH CHANDRA FULERIYA Mrs. REKHA BAI	28-02-2025 & Rs. 5,56,451/- (Rupees) Five Lakh and Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty One Only)	A House No. 203/1, Situated at Village Kanardi, PH.No. 24, Tehsil Tarana, Distt. Ujjain, MP - 456770 Total Area - 64.322 Sq.Mtr. Boundaries Of Property :- East - 456006, Total Area 1400 Sq.ft. Boundaries Of Property :- East - House Of Mr. Jeevan S/o Ram Singh, West - House Of Mrs. Radha Bai W/o Ratan Singh, North - Common Road, South - Agriculture Land Of Mr. Kushal	12/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/MAN/MASR/A000000120 MR. CHARAN SINGH Y MR. YOGENDRA SINGH Y MR. MAMATA KUNWAR M	05-03-2025 & Rs. 583762 /- (Rupees) Five Lakh and Eighty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two Only)	Property Is Situated At Survey No. 480/1/1/1/1 (Old Survey No. 480/1/1) Rakba 0.010 Hecto, Village Sunthod, Patwar Halka No. 17.Ra. Ni. Vart 01, Tehsil Mahargarh, Distt. Mandausar- Total Area 0.010 Hecto Boundaries Of Property :- East - Rest Part Of Said Survey No., West - Land Of Vikram Singh S/o Ram Singh Ji Rajput, North - Kachha Rasta, South - Land Of Rameshwar S/o Dhura Ji Padidar	12/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/IDR/UJJIN/A000000988 Mr. Shivanrayan Bherulal Mrs. Krishna Bai	05-03-2025 & Rs. 610092 /- (Rupees) Six Lakh and Ten Thousand and Ninety Two Only)	Property is Situated At Bazar, B38, Barkhedi Bazar, PH.No. 120 Barkhedi Bazar Ujjain, Gram BarkhediBazar, Tehsil Mahidpur, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456006, Total Area 1400 sq.ft. Boundaries Of Property :- East - House Of Mr. Jeevan S/o Ram Singh, North - House Of Mrs. Radha Bai W/o Ratan Singh, North - Common Road, South - Agriculture Land Of Mr. Kushal	12/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/IDR/UJJIN/A000000856 MR. MEHARBAN SINGH MR. MANOHAR SINGH Mrs. PREM BAI	28-02-2025 & Rs. 5,91,235/- (Rupees) Five Lakh and Ninety One Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Five Only)	A House No. 81 Situated at Village Pihirhal, Gram Panchayat Pihirhal, PH.No. 105, Tehsil Badnagar, Distt. Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456771 Total Area - 68.8412 Sq.Mtr. Boundaries Of Property :- East - Road, West - House Of Datt Singh And Manohar Singh, North - House Of Hate Singh, South - House Of Karan Singh	12/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/IDR/UJJIN/A000000861 MR. Lokendra Das Mrs. KRISHNA BAI	16-03-2025 & Rs. 605084/- (Rupees) Six Lakh and Five Thousand and Eighty Four Only)	Property is Situated At, Gram Panchayat H.No.13 Situated At Village Kumardi Ph.no.59 Tehsil Ghatiga Di Dist. Ujjain, Gram Kumardi, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456665 Total Area 2700 Sq.ft., Boundaries Of Property :- East - Bada Of Diwan Singh S/o Karan Singh, West - House Of Dulichandra S/o Ramaj, North - Common Road, South - Bada Of Diwan Singh S/o Karan Singh	12/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/IDR/RTLM/A000000746 MR. Dinu Pratap Singh Mrs. TINA KUNWAR	07-03-2025 & Rs. 624442/- (Rupees) Six Lakh and Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Two Only)	Property is Situated At H.No. 55, Ph.No. 37, Gram Gaundiwadi, Khasrod Kalam, Rural, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456313, Total Area 720 sq.ft. Boundaries Of Property :- East - Self Mud House Then House Of Govind Singh, West - Self Mud House Then House Of Govind Singh, North - Road, South - House Of Arjun Singh	13/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/MAN/MASR/A000000498 Mr. Kushal Singh Mrs. MANITA kushal Singh Mrs. Vinlam BAI	04-03-2025 & Rs. 615906/- (Rupees) Six Lakh and Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Six Only)	238 House Panji No 37, Ward No. 13, PHNo 27, Gram Saliya, Gram Panchayat Borkhedi Jagir, Near by Mandir, Rural, Mandasaur, Madhya Pradesh, India - 458002 Total Area 1200 sq.Ft. Boundaries Of Property :- East - Agriculture Land Of Madan Singh Ji, West - House Of Vinod Singh Ji, North - Open Land, South - Common Road	13/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/UJJJ/AGAR/A000001523 MR. PAWAN KUMAR KADRA Mrs. ANOKHI BAI KADRA	08-03-2025 & Rs. 604750/- (Rupees) Six Lakh and Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Only)	Property is Situated at House No. 24/2, PH.No.55, Gram Thadoda, Gram Panchayat Thadoda, Tehsil Dist District Agar - Malwa MP Total Area - 576 Sq Ft. Or 53.53 Sq.Mtr. Boundaries Of Property :- East - House Of Ishwar Singh, West - Road, North - House Of Shankar Singh, South - Plot Of Jivan Singh	13/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/UJJJ/BDGR/A000000144 Mr. Sumar S/O Jagdish Ms. Kalai Bai	08-03-2025 & Rs. 593241/- (Rupees) Five Lakh and Ninety Three Thousand Two Hundred and Forty One Only)	Property is Situated At House No. 36 Village Lasudya Chuvad tehsil Nagda dist Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456222, Total Area 209.10 Sq.mtr. Boundaries Of Property :- East - Land Of Mr. Ramesh, West - Main Road, North - House Of Mr. Lakhani, South - House Of Mr. Rajesh	13/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/IDR/UJJIN/A000000835 MR. RAJESH RANE SINGH Mrs. MAYA BAI	08-03-2025 & Rs. 644716/- (Rupees) Six Lakh and Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixteen Only)	Property is Situated At, Gram Panchayat House No. 196, Situated At Village Badodiya Khan, PH.No. 08, Tehsil Sanwer, District Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India - 453551 Total Area - 66.91 Sq. Mr. Boundaries Of Property :- East - House Of Manohar Singh, West - Common Road, North - Plot Of Kamal Singh, South - House Of Lal Bhai Pita Kam	14/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000001523 MR. NETTU MOHANLAL Mrs. REENA BAI	08-03-2025 & Rs. 616832/- (Rupees) Six Lakh and Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Thy Two Only)	Property is Situated At, House No. 82, Gram Sikandrkheda, Panchayat Rupadkeda, Tehsil Badnagar, Nearty Tehsil Mahari (Mandir, M.P. 456337 Total Area - 650 Sq.Ft. Boundaries Of Property :- East - House Of Dharmesh, West - Temple, North - Common Road, South - House Of Jeevan	14/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/IDR/UJJIN/A0000001754 Ms. SOHAN BAI Mrs. KAILASH LAL VERMA	08-03-2025 & Rs. 623911/- (Rupees) Six Lakh and Twenty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven Only)	Property is Situated At Land Survey No. 618 Area 0.10 Hqs., Situated at Gram Naggaurdia Patwari Halka No. 58, Tehsil Jharsa Dist. Ujjain, JHARDA Land Survey No. 618 Area 0.10 Hqs., Situated at Gram Naggaurdia ,Plot Total Area 0.03 Hecto Boundaries Of Property :- East - Land Survey No. 617, West - Government Kacha Road, North - Land Survey No. 607, South - Donate The Land Of Dasthath	14/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000075 MR. GAJRA SINGH Mrs. Hema Kunwar	07-03-2025 & Rs. 692208 (Rupees) Six Lakh and Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Eight Only)	Property Bearing at House No. 270 Situated At Village Donta, Jagir Ph. No. 02 Tehsil Tonk Khurd Dist. Dewas, Gram Donta Jagir, Govt. School, Urban Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456770 Total Area - 990 Sq.Ft. Boundaries Of Property :- East - Land Of Kamal Singh, West - Common Road, North - House Of Dilip Singh, South - House Of Kamal Singh	14/06/2025 Symbolic
MP/UJJ/BDGR/A000000053 MR. DARPAN SINGH MR. BHARAT KUNWAR	28-02-2025 & Rs. 6,71,722/- (Rupees) Six Lakh and Seventy One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Two Only)	House No.116, Village Lasudya Chuvad, PH.No.62, Tehsil Nagda Dist- Ujjain M.P.) Total Area - 1050 Sq	

Shubman Gill is mix of both Rohit and Kohli as captain: Jos Buttler

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
Mumbai

India's new Test captain Shubman Gill is a mix of his predecessors Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli but he will be "very much his own man" in the middle when he leads the national side in the eagerly-awaited five-Test series against England starting on Friday, feels Jos Buttler.

Buttler, the former England limited-overs captain who played under Gill in this year's IPL, said the 25-year-old will need to find a balance between his captaincy role and his own batting.

"He is a really impressive player and an impressive young man," Buttler said on his podcast 'For The Love of Cricket' alongside former England pacer Stuart Broad.

"He's pretty calm and measured when he speaks, but (it's) interesting, I feel like on the field he's got a bit of fight about him, a bit of intensity, quite passionate. I think he will be a mix of Kohli and Rohit.

"Kohli (was) that sort of real



aggressive (character), really transformed the Indian team, in your face, up for the contest. Rohit was a bit on the other side, a bit more laid back, very cool, calm, collected customer, but with that sort of fight," he added. Buttler expects Gill to "be a bit in the middle".

"He is obviously learned from those two guys, but he'll

be very much his own man." Buttler said the job of captaining India in Test cricket is like being a "third or fourth-most influential people" in the country

"He talked about compartmentalising batting and captaining; so when he's batting he just wants to be a batter and then he will try and work on

his captaincy and try and separate the two roles," he said.

"I don't think we can quite understand the level of interest and the stardom that these guys have. You see it around the IPL, you're aware of it, but actually living that yourself, I think they say the Indian Test captain is like the third or fourth-most influential person

in India, behind the Prime Minister, so you really are put up on that pedestal.

"(There are a) one-and-half billion people, all cricket-mad, so it's going to be a huge job for him. Kohli is the king, Shubman is the prince; that's the narrative that they spin out there, and I feel that he's the coming man... Stepping into that No. 4, it's big shoes, isn't it?" "IPL teams as good as international teams"

Buttler said the level of competitiveness in IPL, given its unique window, makes some of the teams in the competition as good as international teams. "I would say some teams would compete well, they are just as good as international teams. I think (a) Mumbai Indians XI had nine or 10 players who had played international cricket and they are just not any odd internationals either.

"Obviously, the window the IPL has, there is no competition from international cricket, it has got its own designated window. All the best players in the world are available,

all the local Indian talent where the depth is just growing and growing and growing," he said.

"Suryavanshi's ton was inspiring and deflating"

Buttler said 14-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi's 38-ball 101 for Rajasthan Royals against Gujarat Titans, which was the second-fastest IPL ton and fastest for any Indian in T20 cricket, was both "inspiring and deflating".

"This guy is (about) 20 years younger than me, and he is just smashing us all around the park. Absolutely (sent) shockwaves throughout the cricket world," he said.

"...The first ball, he gave himself a bit of room and smacked it over wide long on for a six... that fearlessness. I love these guys out there; there are so many brilliant players. They almost want to make a statement as in 'look at me'."

Buttler also recalled Suryavanshi's knock of 57 against Chennai Super Kings and said, "I'm like 'this guy is the best player I have ever seen,'" he said.

ICC ready for 4-day Tests in 27-29 WTC cycle: Report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
London

The International Cricket Council (ICC) is ready to sanction four-day Tests for smaller nations in the 2027-29 World Test Championship cycle but India, Australia and England can still play the traditional five-day matches, according a report.

The move to reduce matches by one day would be a significant change and can help smaller nations to play more Tests and longer series.

"During discussions last week at the WTC final at Lord's, the ICC chair, Jay Shah, is understood to have expressed his support for four-day Tests, with a view to sanctioning them in time for the 2027-29 WTC cycle," *The Guardian* reported.

"England, Australia and India would still be permitted to schedule five-Test series of five-day matches for the Ashes, the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and the newly named Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, the first iteration of which begins with the first Test between England and India at Headingley on Friday."

The ICC first sanctioned four-day Tests for bilateral contests in 2017.

England played Zimbabwe over four days at Trent Bridge last month after four-day Tests against Ireland in 2019 and 2023.

According to the report, "many smaller nations are reluctant to host Tests due to the time they take out of the schedule and the cost, but a move to four-day cricket would enable an entire three-Test series to be played in less than three weeks."

"In four-day Tests the playing hours are extended to mandate a minimum of 98 overs per day rather than 90 overs to mitigate the time lost," it said.

"South Africa's threadbare itinerary despite being crowned world champions in the thrilling final against Australia at Lord's last week has further highlighted the issue, and focused minds on the need for change," it added.

The 2025-27 World Test Championship will, however, will continue under the existing format of five-day matches. It begins with Sri Lanka hosting Bangladesh in a two-Test series on Tuesday.

Sophie Devine to retire from ODIs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
Auckland

New Zealand women's team captain and prolific all-rounder Sophie Devine will retire from the ODIs after the World Cup in India and Sri Lanka later this year.

The 35-year-old is widely regarded as one of the most prolific all-rounders in women's cricket, having amassed 3990 runs from 152 ODIs at an average of 31.66 with the help of eight centuries. She has also scored 3431 runs from 146 T20Is with one century. She has also taken 107 and 119 wickets in the ODIs and T20Is respectively. She, however, has not played in any Test. "It feels like the right time for me to start stepping away. I feel very fortunate to have NZC's support in finding a solution that means I can still give to the WHITE FERNS," said Devine in a statement issued by New Zealand Cricket on Tuesday.

Devine's statement came ahead of the announcement of the 17 centrally contracted players by New Zealand Cricket (NZC) on Wednesday. She will remain available for T20I cricket on a "casual playing arrangement" but will not be centrally contracted.

"It's important that everyone knows I'm focused and dedi-

cated to giving this group everything I can before I step away. I'm really excited by where this young group's going and I'm looking forward to playing my part in the next six to nine months."

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Her decision to retire after the ODI World Cup in India and Sri Lanka from September 30 to November 2 came after Devine took a break from cricket to prioritise her mental health in January. She will lead the team in the ODI World Cup in September.

Devine was permanent captain of the White Ferns in 2020, and has since led the team to new heights, including a bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games in 2022 and a maiden ICC Women's T20 World Cup victory last year.

NZC's head of women's high performance Liz Green said Devine had the organisation's full support.

Tharindu Ratnayake takes two wickets on debut for Sri Lanka

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
Galle (Sri Lanka)

Offspinner Tharindu Ratnayake took two wickets in his test debut for Sri Lanka on Tuesday as Bangladesh struggled to 90 for three in the first session of the series.

Bangladesh won the toss and elected to bat in the first match of the new World Test Championship cycle but the morning session belonged to 29-year-old Ratnayake, who got his test cap after churning out wickets in the domestic circuit.

It was right-arm seamer Asitha Fernando who set the tone early. Still riding the bounce from a productive county stint with Glamorgan, he had Anamul Haque caught behind for a duck.

Then came Ratnayake, the ambidextrous bowler who can turn the ball both ways, and he made his mark in just his fourth over. Shadman Islam, with rigid feet and hands hard, poked at a delivery that spun away and only succeeded in feathering it to Dhananjaya de Silva at slip.

Ratnayake wasn't done yet. Mominul Haque, who had



been settling in nicely, edged a ball that bounced a shade more than expected. De Silva flew to his left and took a brilliant catch.

Just when Bangladesh appeared to be teetering, captain Najmul Hossain Shanto and the experienced Mushfiquur Rahim dug in. Their 45-run fourth-wicket stand helped steady the innings somewhat, but their work is far from done.

Mushfiquur, unbeaten on 20 at the lunch interval, has gone 13 innings without passing 50, a lean patch by his standards. Shanto looked

composed at the other end, stroking three boundaries and a six in his 25.

Sri Lanka also handed a first test cap to Lahiru Udara, the seasoned runscorer from the domestic arena, in what will be Angelo Mathews' 119th and last test match for his country.

The match at Galle is the first in the 2025-2027 cycle of the World Test Championship, starting just days after South Africa won the title for the first time with a victory over defending champion Australia at Lord's on the weekend.

Bumrah has excellent balance in delivery, says Stuart Broad

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
Mumbai

Star India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah's ability to deceive batters and his excellent balance in delivery stride makes him the player to watch out for in the upcoming marquee Test series against England, feels fast bowling great Stuart Broad.

Broad compared Bumrah with the legendary Australia fast bowler Glenn McGrath in having the "most balanced delivery stride" in world cricket. "He (Bumrah) jogs in, you will be thinking 'this will be 70 miles an hour' and it hits you at 90 and you don't get a real flow. When I faced Shoaib Akhtar, he sprint in at a hundred miles an hour and delivered at a hundred miles an hour," Broad said in the pod-

cast 'For the Love of Cricket' which also featured England batter Jos Buttler.

"You were ready, but Bumrah is so balanced, in his run-up, it's a short-stride pattern, so he never gets over stride and of balance. I look at Glenn McGrath (who) had the most balanced delivery stride that I watched and Bumrah is the same."

Bumrah is not expected to play all the five-Tests of the series which has been confirmed by chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar and head coach Gautam Gambhir as a part of workload management.

Broad, who took 604 wickets from 167 Tests before retiring in 2023, said Bumrah will take a "shedload of wickets" if he plays in all the five matches of the series starting in



Leeds on Friday.

"He is going to be certainly one to watch and certainly someone that England won't want to play five Tests, because if he does, he's going to pick

up a shedload of wickets, isn't he?" "There was that great bit of play in Australia wherein he got in a scrap in the last over with (Sam) Konstas and (Usman) Khawaja was on strike. He nicked Khawaja off, got him out. He was screaming and roaring.

"He has definitely got that; every fast bowler has to have that emotion in him, but there is a real sharpness to his competitive spirit (and) that he has grown up in that (Virat) Kohli (captaincy) era."

Buttler said there isn't a bigger superstar in the touring Indian side than Bumrah. "I don't think there's a bigger star in that touring squad than Jasprit Bumrah," he said.

"But facing him, he creates awkward angles, the run-up is unique, the action is unique. I think it have seen

the side-ons (bowlers) but he delivers the ball from about a foot or even a bit more closer to the batsman than the average bowler so the ball feels quicker even than the pace he is actually bowling at."

Buttler said Bumrah's action could make one feel like a sitting target.

"For me as a right-hander, it always felt like it was coming in, but he could beat me on the outside, and you sort of find yourself in a horrible position, squared up and a bit of a sitting target," said the former England white-ball captain.

"He is a superstar bowler, and that's what you expect in international cricket, you are going to come up against great players and certainly someone England will need to play well to have good success," he said.

Hosting 2036 Olympics will be win-win for India in every aspect: MoS sports

RESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
New Delhi

India's bid to host the 2036 Olympics is not merely an attempt to make a statement internationally but also a well thought out plan to create world-class infrastructure, bolster the economy and tackle pressing social issues affecting the country's youth, says Minister of State for Sports Raksha Khadse.

In an exclusive interview, the 38-year-old three-time Lok Sabha MP from Maharashtra's Raver constituency, dismissed criticism from some quarters that the country needs to focus more on becoming a sporting powerhouse before aiming for something as expensive as hosting the Olympics.

"Preparing to host events like the 2036 Olympics or the 2030 Commonwealth Games is about creating world-class infrastructure, economic investment and legacy systems that directly benefit athlete development," she asserted in the interaction at her office here.

"Sports is also a way to deal with so many issues such as depression and even drug addiction. And keeping all this in mind, when you bring an event like the Olympics to the country, it becomes a galvanising force even socially. It creates a fitness movement of its own and enhances the output of a nation. It's a win-win



Minister of State for Sports Raksha Khadse

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for all," explained the deputy to union minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

India's bid to host the Games will pick up pace next month when a delegation comprising officials from the sports ministry, and the Indian Olympic Association heads to Lausanne for discussions with the International Olympic Committee after submitting its letter of intent last year.

"There is no denying that by

hosting an Olympics, we will make a statement. It's a sign that you are a developed country. But at the same time, it also gives the youth an opportunity to take the lead as nation-builders."

To drive home the point that hosting the Games and developing Indian sports need not be seen in isolation, she cited the World Para-Athletics Championships in Delhi later this year because of which

the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium is being renovated with a MondoTrack, the most advanced surface for track events currently in use globally.

"We are ensuring that every rupee spent has a long-term multiplier impact," Khadse, only the second woman and the youngest to be assigned the sports ministry, assured.

The 2024 Paris Olympics cost over \$9 billion while the

upcoming 2028 Games in Los Angeles are estimated to require a spending of more than \$7 billion. More often than not, the projected cost exceeds the final expenses by a significant margin.

The 2016 Rio Summer Games have been the most expensive so far, costing \$23.6 billion. NSF's aligning with Ministry's vision

The ambitious Olympics bid would also require a cohesive

administrative system to work seamlessly, but India's National Sports Federations (NSFs) have often been mired in turf wars and one-upmanship, leading to court cases that end up hurting the prospects of athletes.

Khadse said the ministry is focussing on accountability without compromising on autonomy of the administrators to ensure better coordination. "There should not be politics and athletes should be the focus, their growth should be priority.

The federations should have their autonomy but there should also be greater harmony between NSF's and the ministry," she said. "It is very important to achieve this given that we are aiming to host the 2036 Olympics. It would require a cohesive approach. The ministry, NSF's and the IOA cannot pull in different directions, their goal has to align," she added.

The ministry and the IOA have differed on the subject of autonomy.

IOA President PT Usha has stated that plans to have a regulatory body to oversee NSF functioning, as proposed by the draft sports bill, would undermine the IOA and be construed as government interference by the IOC.

"Mansukh bhai has spoken to all NSF's, and tried to understand their difficulties and issues. We are also working towards reducing litigation so

that administration does not suffer. Our aim is to ensure that athletes get the best. The ministry is guiding the NSF's on this goal and they are responding positively to it."

Another thorny issue for Indian sports is the menace of doping. The country continues to rank high in the global list of dope offenders and has struggled to tackle the problem despite increased awareness.

Khadse said while she supports penal action against those who encourage doping among minors, it is not prudent to criminalise it.

"Agreed that those doing it at the elite level are probably aware of the various aspects of doping but those who are at a much junior level or have not reached the elite level are not as aware. They buy things without realising the consequences or on the advice of coaches," she pointed out.

"The recently amended National Anti-Doping Act, 2022 already empowers the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) with legal authority and investigative powers similar to law enforcement bodies.

"We want to start Compulsory Anti-Doping Education for athletes, coaches, and parents as well as randomised testing at State and Junior Levels. Those who facilitate drugs or doping to minors should be penalised under a strict law," she said.

Pataudi Medal for India-England series' winning captain

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
New Delhi

The Pataudi name will remain a part of the India-England cricket rivalry with the winning captain of the upcoming five-Test series set to be presented with a medal named after the royal family that has a rich connect with the game in both countries.

The decision to rename the Pataudi Trophy to Tendulkar-Anderson Trophy was taken by the England and Wales Cricket Board. A formal announcement was due on the sidelines of the WTC final at Lord's last week but it was put off in light of the horrific Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad.

Renaming the trophy drew criticism from the likes of former India captain Sunil Gavaskar.

However, it has been learned that Tendulkar himself reached out to the ECB and expressed that the Pataudi name should remain a part of India-England cricket. ICC chairman Jay Shah also had a role to play.

"When this happened Sachin reached out to ECB and conveyed that Pataudi name should remain a part of the India-England rivalry. Mr Jay Shah was involved in the discussions."