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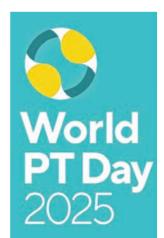


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TRAGIC | Workers collapsed while cleaning tank, officials suspect delayed alert

Gas leak kills three at Pithampur lube unit

FP News Service INDORE/MHOW

Three workers died after inhaling toxic gas during tank cleaning at Sagarshri Lubricants Pvt Ltd in Pithampur's Bagdun area on Sunday night. The victims Sunil (35), Deepak (30) and Jagdish were residents of Indorama, Pithampur.

The leak took place around 8:30 pm. One worker fainted first and two others collapsed while trying to help him. All three were found unconscious and rushed to a nearby hospital, then referred to MY Hospital in Indore, where doctors declared them dead on arrival.

Company manager Lokesh Gupta confirmed the sequence of events. However, reports suggest a delay in informing authorities, raising serious questions about response time.

Bagdun police station incharge Rajendra Soni reached

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Shigeru Ishiba an-

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the spot after being alerted. DIG Manoj Singh has ordered a detailed inquiry and formed a team to investigate the cause of the leak, the delay in reporting and potential safety lapses.

Bodies have been sent for postmortem. Families were informed on site.Officials say the probe will also focus on gaps in safety compliance and recommend measures to prevent such incidents. Compensation details for victims' families are awaited.

TI Rajendra Soni said that the company officials informed police very late after the occurrence of the incident. One of the deceased's wife informed that the factory remains close for five days in a week. At the time of incident the factory was closed and the workers were there to clean the lubricant tank and entered inside the tank. In this one of them got fainted after inhaling the fumes and later the two who went to rescue also got fainted and all of them were rushed to hospital from where they were referred to In-

dore's MY Hospital.

In US, India chalks

Political lobbyist Jason

ington with so many friends being in town, topped off of course by having the opportunity to stop in and see our President in-action! Keep up the great work, @POTUS @realDonaldTrump!," posted. Miller heads SHW Partners LLC that was hired by the Indian embassy in April reportedly for \$1.8 million for a year.



CRAP NOTE: Navarro hits out

Agencies

White House trade adviser Peter Navarro has once again criticised India for continuing to procure Russian oil. In the last few weeks, Navarro has made a series of attacks on New Delhi Navarro, in a post, accused India of "profiteering" from the Russian oil imports. However, this time, he got fact-checked by X, calling his

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Online Report

Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, Konstantin Mogilevsky has pushed for Hindi to be studied at university level in Russian Universities.

In an interview to news agency TASS, he explained that India is the world's most populous country today and more Indians are choosing to express themselves in

Hindi in their daily lives than English, "We want more of our students to study Hindi", he said.

Mogilevsky also said that young people who want to study Hindi have more opportunities now than before. He listed universities teaching Hindi in Moscow and said, "In Moscow alone, there is MGIMO, RSUH, the Institute of Asian and African Studies at Moscow State University, and the Moscow



State Linguistic University. The number of students enrolled in Hindi is increasing, and the number of groups is

Moreover, Hindi learning is not limited to Moscow but opportunities are also growing across Russia including at St. Petersburg State and Kazan Federal universities.

This comes in the backdrop of the Trump administration doubling India's tariffs to 50 per cent on August 27, to punish it for buying Russian oil and fuelling the Ukraine war. New Delhi, in 2022, had become a major

the start of the Russia-Ukraine war.

India is strengthening its ties with US adversaries such as China, Russia and North Korea. At a summit hosted by Chinese President Xi Jinping in Tianjin, Prime Minister Narendra Modi can be seen holding hands with Russian President Vladimir

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MP sends Rs 5 cr, trainload of relief to flood-hit Chh'garh

Our Staff Reporter

BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh government has extended a helping hand to flood-ravaged Chhattisgarh by providing financial assistance of Rs 5 crore and sending one train of relief material. Chief Minister Mohan

Yadav said, "It is our duty to help neighbouring Chhattisgarh. With this spirit, Rs 5 crore and one train of relief material is being sent. Along with Dantewada, many other regions of Chhattisgarh have suffered huge damage due to the flood."

He praised the efforts of Chhattisgarh government in handling the crisis, saying, "The promptness with which Chhattisgarh government is working to provide succour to

It is our duty to help neighbouring Chhattisgarh. With this spirit, Rs 5 crore and one train of relief material is

Mohan Yadav Chief Minister

being sent

affected people is commend-

Yadav also said the state is keeping a close watch on nearby areas, assuring Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai of continued support. "Madhya Pradesh government is with him. In future too, we will provide help and relief as per the need.

TI dead, two missing as police car falls into Kshipra

FP News Service

UJJAIN

A tragic accident rocked the police department late Saturday night TI Ashok when a car Sharma

carrying three personnel plunged into the swollen Kshipra River from the Bada Pull on Badnagar Road, Ujjain. Unhel Police Station In-Charge (TI) Ashok Sharma was found dead, while Sub-Inspector Madanlal Ninama and Woman Con-

covered. The mishap occurred around 8:45 pm. Detail Report on Pa6

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missing. The car, a white

Honda Amaze, is yet to be re-

busted in Mandla Balaghat police trace Naxal around 7,000 units of de-

Explosives godown

arms supply chain to hidden godown in abandoned area **Our Staff Reporter**

In a significant breakthrough in anti-Naxal operations, Balaghat police uncovered a massive cache of explosives in the left-wing extremism (LWE)-affected Bijadandi forest area of Mandla district, officials said on Sunday.

According to Special DG (Anti-Naxal) Pankaj Shrivastava, the operation followed leads tracing the supply chain of arms and ammunition used by Naxals. Acting on intelligence, police discovered

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natured gelatin and 3,070 kg of explosives stored inside a godown. The facility has since been sealed. Police have summoned

three persons - Harjinder Singh, Pramod Dahia, and Pradeep Jharia — for questioning. Authorities suspect this storehouse had been supplying explosives to LWE operatives operating in nearby jungle regions. Interestingly, the godown was located in an abandoned area with no CCTV surveillance or security guard, raising suspicions about its covert use. Police sources said the extremists had been sourcing explosives like gelatin from such storage points rather than looting them directly.

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out Mission Trump

WASHINGTON

Miller, whose lobbying firm was hired by India, met US President **Donald Trump** and a few officials of his administration, against the backdrop of tensions in ties between the two countries over Washington's policy on trade and tariffs. Miller did not mention the purpose of his meeting with Trump and other officials, but posted several photos including one with Trump on social

"Fantastic week in Wash-

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after X fact-check

claims "hypocritical".

US INDICATES

WASHINGTON

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We are in a race now between how Ukrainian military Russian economy

US Treasury Secretary

MORE TARIFFS OVER RUSSIAN OIL PURCHASE

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent signaled on Sunday that the US is open to partnering with European countries to impose more sanctions on countries that buy Russian oil in an attempt to "collapse" the Russian economy and brushed aside concerns that the US was entering a recession. "We are prepared to increase pressure on Russia, but we need our European partners to follow us," Bessent told NBC News' "Meet the Press."



long can the hold up, versus how long can the hold up?

Scott Bessent,

INDIA'S KING-SIZED COMEBACK

FOUR-EVER FIERCE | Clinical India crush Korea 4-1, lift Asia Cup crown



India's Dilpreet Singh (2) celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal during a men's Hockey Asia Cup 2025 final against Korea in Rajgir on Sunday PTI

RAJGIR Dilpreet Singh struck twice as

champions South Korea 4-1 to reclaim the Asia Cup hockey title after an eight-year wait and seal a direct berth for the 2026 FIH World Cup in Belgium & Netherlands. Continued on | P10

India roared past defending

Stat Attack

India's 4th Asia Cup

_title (2003, 2007, 2017, ■ 2025). Korea stuck at 5 titles, India now secondmost successful team.

Undersea cable cut in Red Sea disrupts internet

DUBAI

Undersea cable cuts in the Red Sea disrupted internet access in parts of Asia and the Middle East, experts said Sunday, though it wasn't immediately clear what caused the incident.

There has been concern about the cables being targeted in a Red Sea campaign by Yemen's Houthi rebels,

which the rebels describe as

an effort to pressure Israel to

end its war on Hamas in the

Gaza Strip. But the Houthis have denied attacking the lines in the past.

Undersea cables are one of the backbones of the internet, along with satellite connections and land-based cables. Typically, internet service providers have multiple access points and reroute traffic if one fails, though it can slow

down access for users. Microsoft announced via a status website that the Mideast "may experience increased latency due to undersea fibre cuts in the Red Sea." The Red-

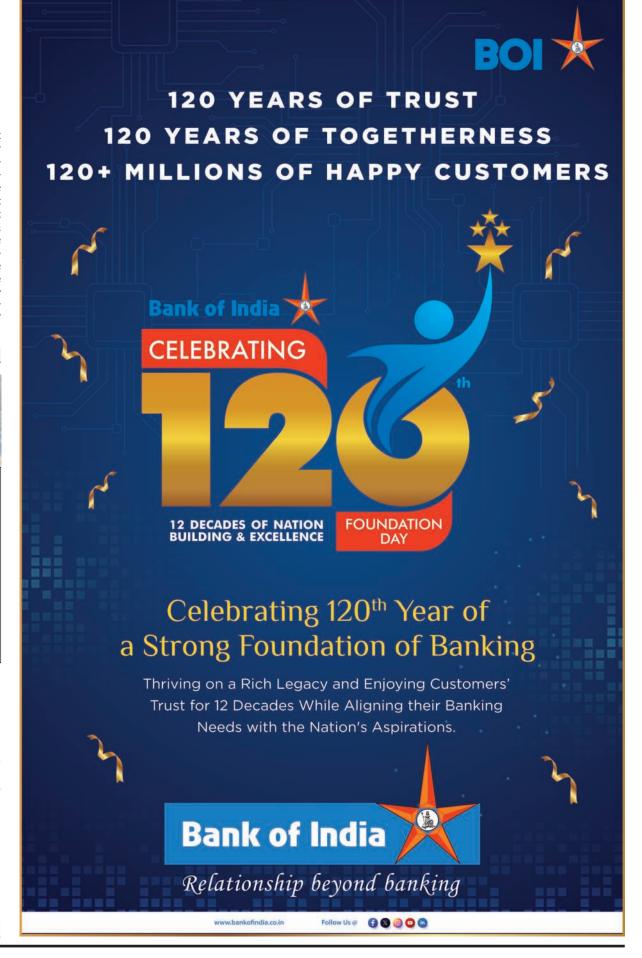


mond, Washington-based firm did not immediately elaborate, though it said that internet traffic not moving through the Middle East "is not impacted." NetBlocks, which monitors internet access, said "a series of subsea cable outages in the Red Sea has degraded internet con-

nectivity in multiple countries,"

which it said included India and Pakistan. It blamed "failures affecting the SMW4 and IMEWE cable systems near Jeddah, Saudi Arabia." The South East Asia-Middle East-Western Europe 4 cable is run by Tata Communications, part of the Indian conglomerate. The India-Middle East-Western Europe cable is run by another consortium overseen by Alcatel Submarine Networks. Neither firm responded to requests for comment.

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Woman among 3 held with liquor worth Rs 1.79L



Our Staff Reporter INDORE

The state Excise Department launched a crackdown to curb illegal liquor sale and supply during Anant Chaturdashi festival and arrested three people including a woman for carrying/selling liquor illegally in the city, an officer said on Sunday. On the instruction of Assistant

Commissioner Abhishek Tiwari, liquor worth Rs 1.79 and two two-wheelers were seized. In Balda Colony, a team led by

sub-inspector Meera Singh caught a man carrying a box of foreign liquor on a twowheeler near Regional Park. Accused Suraj Chauhan has been booked under relevant section of the Excise Act and the seized liquor and vehicle are valued at around Rs 89,320.

Similarly in Palasia area,

two separate actions were taken under the leadership of Inspector Priyanka Rani Chaurasia with guidance from Controller Devesh Chaturvedi and Deputy Controller Manoj Agrawal. 50 bottles of country liquor were recovered from a house from Vinoba Nagar. On Old Palasia Road, a twowheeler carrying a box containing country liquor was seized and accused Ravi Tinga was arrested. The officials said that the liquor and vehicle are worth about Rs. 90.600. The department said such actions show strict steps are being taken against illegal liquor trade in the city.

TRAGIC | The deceased was identified as Govind Pewal

Three months after dog bite, man dies of suspected rabies

A 45-year-old man died on Sunday morning while undergoing treatment at MY Hospital, three months after being bitten by a stray dog. Family members said his condition had been deteriorating steadily and he had developed a fear of water, a classic symptom of rabies. He was admitted on September 5 with symptoms of hydrophobia, aerophobia and abnormal behaviour. Preliminary investigation suggests the cause of death was rabies.

According to police, the deceased was identified as Govind Pewal, a resident of Harijan Colony, Juni Indore. He worked as a daily wage labourer and often lived in roadside shelters. Three months ago, while sleeping under a bridge, Govind was bitten on the face by a stray dog. Though locals shooed away the dog, the attack left marks on his lips. He initially received injections at a government hospital, but his condition worsened over time.

Family members said he

He was admitted to **MY Hospital with** symptoms of hydrophobia, aerophobia and abnormal behaviour

began behaving abnormally, often appearing frightened and reacting strangely to water and air. On September 5, he was admitted to MY Hospital, where doctors told the family his chances of survival were slim. He died around 6 am on Sunday. Govind is survived by his wife, a daughter and a son. Juni Indore police station in-charge Anil Gupta said, Govind was undergoing treatment for a dog bite. He

Doctors told he would not survive : family

Family members said Govind was initially treated and discharged, after which he continued working for about 15 days. As his condition worsened, he stopped working and was admitted again. Doctors then told the family he would not survive.

Bitten on the face, virus quickly reached the brain

Dr Ashutosh Sharma (HOD, Government Hukumchand Hospital) explained that the effect of antibodies begins only after three doses of anti-rabies injections. In Govind s case, the dog had attacked his lips and face, allowing the virus to spread rapidly and possibly reach vital organs, including the brain, leading to death. He added that when bites occur on lower limbs, the antibodies from injections generally help control the virus.

'Post-mortem should not be conducted on rabies patients'

Dr Bharat Vajpayee, Forensic Expert, said rabies, corona, tetanus and gangrene are extremely fatal diseases and are classified as biological hazards. If it is already known during treatment or examination that a person has rabies symptoms, post-mortem should not be conducted at all. as even those performing it may contract the disease. Only in rare, unavoidable cases should post-mortem be conducted and that only with full protective gear, he said.

was bitten while sleeping under a bridge. He died during treatment on Sunday and

Boys' Category

First: Kartik Rajput

Second: Aditya Yadav

(Guru Mohan Singh

Ùstad Vyayamshala)

Third: Divyansh Belia

Special: Vinay Bharti

Vyayamshala) and Hi-

tesh Solanki (Brijlal

(Mahabaleshwar

(Pramod Hardia

Vyayamshala)

(Lodhipanch

Vyayamshala)

the body was sent for postmortem to determine the exact cause of death.

Girls' Category

First: Paridhi Dhiman

(Dhanuk Samaj Brijlal

Guru Vyayamshala)

(Veer Balwant Guru

Akhara, Damru Ustad)

■ Third: Bhoomika Yadav

(Martand Rao Ustad

Special: Kanak Verma

shmi Vaidh (Chhotu

Guru Vyayamshala)

Vyayamshala) and Lak-

Vyayamshala)

(Das Hanuman

Second: Jiya Yadav



51 families offer nirvana laddoo together

On the auspicious occasion of Bhadrapad Shukla Chaudas, Shri Vasupujya Bhagwan's Moksha Kalyanak was celebrated with devotion at Chanda Prabhu Jinalaya, Malharganj. For the first time in Indore, 51 families collectively offered Nirvana Laddoo, marking an extraordinary act of faith. The atmosphere resonated with devotional chants as hundreds of devotees participated in this historic event. Distinguished members, including social worker Sardar Mal Jain, Amit Jain and Dr Prakash Jain, graced the occasion.



Narayan Seva camp brings hope, mobility

Narayan Seva Sansthan, concluded its Narayan Limb and Caliper Fitment Camp at Guru Amardas Banquet Hall, benefiting over 240 differently-abled individuals. Participants not only received artificial limbs but also celebrated by walking, running and playing games, regaining lost confidence. Chief guest Kailash Vijayvargiya praised their courage and assured government support. The camp, supported by a 40-member medical team, provided free meals and training, turning despair into smiles and restoring dignity to countless families.



MP women's festival returns after thirteen years

After 13 years, the grand MP Women's Festival and Diwali Haat Bazaar will be held on October 4-5 at Agarsen Bhavan, Snehnagar. Hosted by Agarwal Samaj Mahila Prakoshth, the festival will feature Mahalakshmi Aarti, traditional fashion show, live music and workshops. Actress Apara Mehta will be the chief guest, while 51 women's organisations will be honoured with Sugandha Shakti Awards for their outstanding contribution.



Brahmin Seva Sangh donates medicines at MYH

On Teachers' Day, Brahmin Seva Sangh provided free medicines worth Rs 75k to underprivileged patients at MY Hospital under its social project Niramay Seva Sanjeevan. Led by president Pt Satyendra Sharma and guided by patrons Pt Anupam Tiwari and Pt Rajendra Sharma, the initiative marked its 25th contribution. Senior citizen's group Sahayata received the medicines, continuing years of service for economically weaker patients.



Human rights council honours teachers

On the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the Indian Human Rights Council organised a Teachers' Day felicitation ceremony under the leadership of State President Salim Sheikh. Guided by principal Ramesh Sain of Sandipani Ahilyashram School, teachers and staff were honoured with shawls, coconuts and mementos. District education officer Dr Shanta Swami Bhargava and educationist Sanjeev Vaidya graced the occasion, highlighting the importance of teachers in shaping society



111 Agarwal students honoured with awards

On the 5149th birth anniversary of Maharaia Agrasen, Agrasen Social Group felicitated 111 meritorious students of the Agarwal community with the prestigious Shri Agrasen Award and silver medals. Supported by Goyal Paramarthik Trust, the event featured dignitaries including CGST Commissioner (Appeals) Dilip Goyal (IRS), Postmaster General Preeti Agarwal (IAS), Justice Satyendra Joshi and Central Committee President Premchand Goyal. Parents' eyes filled with pride as children received honours, while guests encouraged value-based learning, Al education and responsible digital usage

HUKUMCHAND MILL'S TABLEAU WINS FIRST PRIZE

Our Staff Reporter

The tableau of Hukumchand Mill depicting 'The Slaying of Narakasura', which was taken out during grand Anant Chaturdashi procession, a hallmark of the city's rich cultural heritage, won the first prize. The all-night celebration featured captivating tableaux and thrilling performances by akharas, leaving thousands of spectators mesmerised. The district administration announced awards for the best tableaux and akharas, following the recommendations of specially constituted juries.

Tableaux Awards

- First Prize: Hukumchand Mill for its depiction of 'The Slaying of Narakasura'
- Second Prize: Rajkumar Mill ('Lanka Dahan') and Malwa Mill ('Even God is Bound by Devotees')
- Third Prize: Kalyan Mill ('Valour of the Army')
- Special Prizes: Swadeshi Mill ('Shiv Worship on Mahashivratri') and Hope Textile Mill ('Descent of River Ganga on Earth')

Akhara Awards LATHI CATEGORY

- First: Chhogalal Ustad Vyayamshala
- Second: Mahavir Vyayamshala,
- Itwariya Bazaar Third: Ravidas Vyayamshala
- Special: Gaziguru Vyayamshala and Ahirwar Chaitanya Vyayamshala

Ustad Vyayamshala)

- **Two-Sword Category** First: Chandrapal Ustad Vyayamshala
- Second: Bindaguru Vyayamshala
- Third: Babu Singh Ustad Vyayamshala, Nadia Nagar
- Special: Devidin Guru Vyayamshala and Hiralal Ustad Vyayamshala **Women's Category**
- First: Shri Ramnath Guru Shastrakala Vyayamshala
- Second: Shri Panchmukhi Guru Akhara







eachers just don't teach children, they also prepare them for the road that lies ahead in life. Acknowledging their gift of knowledge to society, we take the privilege of honouring their efforts and devotion on

the occasion of Teacher's Day







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IMC performs eco-friendly immersion of thousands of Ganesh Idols



INDORE

The city witnessed an environmentally conscious conclusion to the Ganesh festival as thousands of Lord Ganesh idols were immersed with devotion and tradition, combined with modern techniques. Idols collected from 105 designated locations across the city through 190 vehicles were brought together for the

immersion ceremony. In keeping with environmental preservation, the idols were immersed at Jawahar Tekri, where rainwater had been collected. The process was conducted only after performing traditional prayers and rituals by Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargav and municipal commissioner Shivam Verma. For the immersion, Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) deployed modern crusher machines, conveyor belts, cranes and 10 hydraulic machines. Over 200 workers, workshop staff, zonal officers, engineers and field teams worked together to ensure the smooth execution of the operation. The arrangements were

designed not only to uphold re-

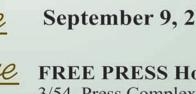
ligious traditions but also to

maintain ecological balance and

IMC staffers immerse idols of Lord Ganesha using cranes and hydraulic machines at Jawahar Tekri on Dhar Road on Sunday, Inset (Mayor and IMC commissioner perform rituals)

cleanliness. The ceremony was attended by members of the Ganesh Utsav Samiti, Mayor-in-Council member Nandkishore Pahadia, additional municipal commissioner Abhay Rajnagaonkar, Manoj Pathak, superintending engineer DR Lodhi, Workshop In-charge Manish Pandey, town planner Vivesh Jain along with several other officials and dignitaries.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhargav and Verma said: IMC always strives to ensure that religious festivals are celebrated in accordance with public sentiments, while also protecting the environment and maintaining cleanliness. The immersion arrangements this year represent a unique blend of tradition, faith and modern technology.



A.B. Road, Indore

ROOTS The b-schools research finds how resource redeployment and place identity shape each other in a small farm business

More than money, place identity shapes small farm business strategy: IIM-I study

Our Staff Reporter INDORE

A study by Indian Institute of Management Indore has found that small farm business decisions are not solely driven by financial gain but are profoundly influenced by an emotional and symbolic attachment to a specific place. The paper, 'Tied to the land: How resource redeployment and place identity shape each other in a small farm business,' co-authored by Prof Kajari Mukherjee of IIM Indore has published in Journal of Rural Studies. 'The finding provides a new framework for understanding the complex motivations of small business owners and offers critical insights for managers across various sectors,' Mukherjee said.

The study drew from a rare

60-year longitudinal case analysis of a family-owned Finnish farm, challenges the conventional view of resource management as a purely rational, economic exercise. Instead, it revealed a dynamic interplay between a business's assets and the owner's sense of place identity. Resource redeployment, which is the strategic shift of assets from one purpose to another, is shown to serve a dual func-

'It is used not only to respond to market pressures and secure profitability, but also to reaffirm and protect the business owner's identity, which is deeply rooted in the land and its history. This means that a manager might forgo a seemingly profitable opportunity if it threatens the core identity of their business



or their connection to the place,' Mukherjee said.

For managers, the research has significant implications for strategic planning, particularly in sectors where the business is inseparable from its physical location, such as family farms, local shops and boutique manufacturers. It suggests that leaders must move beyond a narrow focus on financial metrics and consider the non-economic, emotional drivers that shape

A strategy that fails to account for the owner's place identity may face strong resistance or lead to unintended consequences. Effective management, therefore, requires a holistic approach that balances economic viability with the preservation of symbolic

Furthermore, the study highlighted that place identity is not a static concept, but a fluid one that evolves over time through active decisions and changing contexts. This dynamic is powerfully illustrated by the farm's transition from traditional agriculture to a tourism-focused business.

This strategic shift not only addressed market needs but also redefined the meaning of the place itself, making it more accessible and meaningful to a wider audience. However, this transformation was not without its challenges, as initial resistance from local residents revealed the complexities of shifting identities. The community's eventual acceptance highlights the resilience required to navigate these changes. This dynamic process underscores a key finding: many family firms prioritise non-economic goals, a concept known as socio emotional wealth. This means decisions are often guided by deep emotional ties and a desire to preserve family legacy and continuity, rather than just profit. Ultimately, the farm's suc-

cess in balancing its tourism operations with a connection to its agricultural roots, for example, through niche organic cattle production, demonstrates how leaders can honour their heritage while strategically preparing for future growth.

The research offers a crucial reminder that for many small businesses, success is not just measured in financial gain, but in the enduring connection to a shared sense of place. Conducted by a collaborative team of researchers from IIM Indore, LUT University and ESADE Business School, this study forwards a deeper understanding of entrepreneurial strategy and management in small enterprises.

IIT-I secures 2nd rank among

all Indian institutes at ICPC

City Congress seeks enhanced security for MPCC chief Patwari



Our Staff Reporter

INDORE

City Congress demanded enhanced security for MPCC chief Jitu Patwari after an attempt of burglary at his residence in the city and attack on his vehicle during a gathering in Ratlam a few days ago. The Congress leaders gave a memorandum to a police officer at CP office on Sunday. City Congress Committee President Chintu Chouksey and District Congress Committee President Vipin Wankhede along with party supporters reached the office of Commissioner of Police Santosh Kumar Singh demanding enhanced security for Patwari.

The Congress leaders stated that they cited recent incidents, including an attack on Patwari's vehicle in Ratlam, an attempted robbery at his residence in Bijapur under Rajendra Nagar police station jurisdiction and other suspicious activities around his office and personal life, terming them as a 'serious threat' to his

They said that if adequate security is not provided and any untoward incident occurs with Patwari, the police

Police register case against unidentified accused

After the attempted burglary at Patwari's residence, the police had reached the spot for investigation on Saturday morning. Then, they were told not to register a case but in the night the police registered a case under the section of 'attempt to theft'. Rajendra Nagar police station in-charge Neeraj Birthare said that a team has been constituted and CCTVs of other places are also being examined to identify the accused. It is said that the accused had attempted to commit theft at other places in the area as well.

administration will be held responsible. They also cautioned that the party would be forced to launch a public agitation if necessary measures are not taken. The copy of the memorandum was also forwarded to the state's home minister, IG Indore Rural and district col-

JAYS warns of strong outrage after rats gnaw two newborn alive at MY Hospital

Our Staff Reporter

The Jai Adivasi Yuva Shakti (JAYS) organisation, led by its national president Advocate Lokesh Mujalda, has expressed strong outrage over the shocking death of a newborn tribal girl at MY Hospital, Indore, after her fingers were reportedly eaten by rats inside the hospital's nursery ICU. According to JAYS, the infant tragically died after four fingers of her right hand were gnawed off by rodents. The horrific images of the child circulated widely in the media, sparking nationwide anger and disbelief

JAYS alleged that the hospital administration attempted to declare the child's body 'unclaimed and cremate it secretly, but activists intervened and brought the parents in front of the hospital to expose the matter. A horrifying incident at Maharaja Yashwantrao (MY) Hospital has shaken Madhya Pradesh to its core after revelations that rats gnawed two newborn babies alive inside the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

On August 28, a baby girl from Dhar district was admitted to MY Hospital. Hours later, she was declared dead. Her body was handed over to her parents sealed inside a transparent plastic cover. Too devastated to look immediately, they opened the box at their native village before cremation only to find that four tiny fingers had been chewed off by rats. The child's mother fainted at the sight. Villagers joined the grieving family in outrage, describing the tragedy as inhuman and unforgivable. In another similar

Flight brings passengers to Indore, luggage left behind in Bengaluru

Our Staff Reporter

Air India once again left its passengers fuming after a major lapse in handling baggage. Flight number 2014, which arrived in Indore from Sunday, Bengaluru on brought passengers safely to the city but left behind most

of their luggage in Bengaluru. Around 30 passengers were affected by this mishandling. Upon reaching Indore and proceeding to collect their baggage, they were shocked to learn that their belongings had not been loaded onto the flight at all.

The negligence led to chaos and hours of distress for the stranded passengers, many of whom had essential items in their luggage. Air India officials later assured the agitated travellers that the left-behind baggage would be delivered to Indore by Monday, but passengers expressed anger over the repeated inconvenience caused by the airline.

'Web of Lies' Exposed

What followed has been described as a shocking attempt to downplay the catastrophe:

Parents abandoned the child: Authorities falsely claimed the parents had left the newborn without details, while referral papers clearly carried the family's full information.

'Only Minor Scratches': Officials insisted rats had caused superficial injuries and that the baby died of natural complications.

Collector Misled: Indore Collector was told rat bites had

no role in the death statements he repeated publicly. Commissioner given wrong briefing: Senior state offi-

Post-mortem manipulated: No immediate post-mortem was conducted. Later one was done without videography, raising suspicion of evidence tampering.

cials too were fed the same misleading narrative.

Compensation to Dhar family

The Red Cross Society announced Rs 5 lakh relief for the Dhar family, but the Dewas family received nothing. Meanwhile, hospital superintendent Dr Ashok Yadav faces possible suspension amid growing calls for accountability.

case from Dewas, a second infant also succumbed after rats attacked in the same hospital unit. The parents accused hospital staff of hiding their baby's death and sending them away

with false assurances. 'We were never told she had died. We only came to know when the body was handed over under public pressure,' the grieving family said.

Political firestorm & protests

The revelations triggered massive protests at MY Hospital, with Congress leaders and JAYS activists staging a six-hour demonstration. Slogans, confrontations and demands for justice echoed through the hospital campus. The opposition demanded strict punishment and Re 1 crore compensation

for the victims' families.

JAYS demands

Immediate suspension of the hospital dean and superintendent. Registration of an FIR against the dean, superintendent and other responsible officials. Financial assistance to the bereaved family by the district collector.

INDORE Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IIT Indore) students programming team, "404_solution_not_found", has delivered an outstanding performance at

the prestigious International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC)—widely regarded as the "Olympics of Programming". The team, comprising Pilla Venkata Sekhar, Naren Kumar Sai and Nishkarsh Luthra, achieved remarkable distinctions: 2nd rank among all Indian institutes, 3rd rank in the Asia-West region and 72nd

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rank globally. By solving six challenging problems, the IIT Indore team outperformed several renowned institutions, including IIT Kanpur (91st globally), IIT Delhi (97th), IIT Roorkee (98th), IIT Bombay (103rd), IIT Kharagpur (109th), and IIT BHU (117th). Only the Chennai Mathematical Institute (60th globally) fared better among Indian institutions. Cdr Sunil Kumar (Retd), PRO,

IIT Indore said "This remarkable achievement by our students showcases not only their talent and perseverance but also the supportive academic environment at IIT Indore that nurtures innovation, teamwork, and excellence. We are proud to see them excel on the global stage and bring laurels to the Institute and the nation.'

World Physiotherapy Day 23 Years of Healing Touch: Orange Physiocare by Dr Pinky Topiwala

from living fully, you I Ineed more than medicine - you need the right care, the right hands, and the right guidance. For over two decades, Dr. Pinky Topiwala has been helping people reclaim their strength, movement, and confidence through non-surgical physiotherapy. As the driving force behind Orange Physiocare, Indore's leading physiotherapy and spine centre, Dr. Topiwala has transformed the way people approach recovery. Her patient-first approach, backed by advanced global techniques, has made Orange Physiocare a trusted name for individuals across Madhya Pradesh and beyond.

Orange Physiocare -Where Recovery **Begins**

Founded in 2008, Orange Physiocare is not just a clinic - it's a hub of healing. With a team of over 50 experts and cutting-edge technology, the centre has become a go-to destination for those seeking longlasting solutions to pain, injuries, and post-surgical challenges.

Six Key Treatments at Orange

Physiocare

Non-surgical spine

treatment

Post-surgical

Sports injury

rehabilitation

management

Pain relief for

Ergonomic &

That Inspire

senior citizens

Laser & electro-

therapy techniques

lifestyle coaching

Stories of Recovery

What sets **Orange Physiocare** apart?

 Non-surgical focus: Prioritising recovery without unnecessary operations. World-class equipment: From Class-IV

laser therapy to advanced spinal decompression.

pain holds you back

 Personalised care: Every treatment plan is tailored to individual needs.

 Education & prevention: Patients are guided on posture, ergonomics, and homebased exercises for sustained results.

Freedom from back pain - A 55-year-old teacher. who was once advised surgery, now walks painfree after a dedicated 12-week programme.

Athlete's comeback - A promising badminton player returned to tournament form within months of recovering from a cervical disc injury.

Graceful ageing - Senior citizens suffering from arthritis and spondylosis have regained mobility and independence through customised physio-

Why Patients Trust **Orange Physiocare**

Comprehensive solutions under one roof - From chronic pain to sports injuries

Blend of modern technology and personal

Focus on long-term wellness, not just temporary relief

Over two decades of expertise, thousands of lives transformed

Recognition **Future Vision**

Dr. Topiwala's journey has earned her recognition in India and abroad for introducing innovative physiotherapy techniques and building awareness around non-surgical spine care. She continues to inspire through her workshops, patient education drives, and leadership at Orange Physiocare.

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6.39 pm

MOURNING | Shock waves in police force after river tragedy

TI DEAD, 2 MISSING AS POLICE CAR FALLS INTO SWOLLEN KSHIPRA

- Vehicle yet to be found
- Officers were returning to Unhel after investigating an abduction case

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A tragic accident rocked the police department late Saturday night when a car carrying three personnel plunged into the swollen Kshipra River from the Bada Pull on Badnagar Road, Ujjain. Unhel Police Station In-Charge (TI) Ashok Sharma was found dead, while Sub-Inspector Madanlal Ninama and Woman Constable Arti Pal remain missing. The car, a white Honda

Amaze, is yet to be recovered. The mishap occurred around 8:45 pm as the officers were returning to Unhel after investigating an abduction case involving a 14-year-old girl. Constable Pal, 41, was driving her personal vehicle, with SI Ninama seated beside



her and TI Sharma in the rear. As the car crossed the bridge, it reportedly lost control and plunged into the river near Sunhari Ghat, swollen from continuous rain. Police deployed on the bridge for flood monitoring alerted control immediately. SP Pradeep Sharma, who was at Dewasgate overseeing Anant Chaturdashi arrangements.

City **Digest**

Dhakad Mahasabha Yuva

Sangh nat'l exe meet held

At Dhakad Dharamshala, the Dhakad Maha-

ceremony. The keynote speakers provided in-

strengthening themselves through participa-

tion in organic farming and entrepreneurial

ventures. The programme commenced with

traits of Lord Balaram and Bharat Mata. The

event was graced by national president Nar-

Pilgrims leave for Rameshwaram

A special train departed from Ujjain railway

station carrying pilgrims to Rameshwaram

under the Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yo-

jana on Sunday. A total of 179 devotees from

Ujjain district embarked on the sacred journey.

Prior to departure, a felicitation ceremony was

held on the platform. Ujjain Municipal Corpor-

pilgrims with floral garlands and extended her

best wishes for a blessed journey. The train is

'Record caste correctly during census'

With the nationwide caste census set to com-

mence shortly, the Bhartiya Sen Samaj has ap-

census by specifically entering "Sen Samaj" in

Bhartiya Sen Samaj, Manohar Parmar, stated that despite their considerable numbers, the

community has little political representation,

He emphasised that accurate population fig-

ures would enable the community to rightfully demand greater political representation and

Ahead of the "Voter Rights Yatra" scheduled for

president Mahesh Patel has been appointed as the in-charge of Tarana Block under Tarana Assembly

September 12, former District Kisan Congress

Meritorious students honoured

Forum, the valedictory function of the 22nd

ous students securing more than 80% were

felicitated, along with senior citizens of the community. Noted social worker Lokesh Ad-

vani was the chief guest. Special guests included Akash Jain, manager of DCB Bank; Nirmala Parmar, ward corporator; and KC

Sharma, retired judge. The programme was presided over by retired IPS officer Raman

Litterateur Rajendra Vyas feted

a felicitation ceremony to honour its senior

The Audichya Brahmin community organised

members. On this occasion, litterateur Rajen-

dra Vyas, was felicitated. The 90-year-old lit-

terateur was honoured with a shawl, coconut,

memento and a citation as a mark of deep re-

graced by the presence of Jitendra Singh Pan-

dya, MLA from Badnagar, Vibhash Upadhyay,

former vice-chairman of the MP Jan Abhiyan

Parishad, and Satyanarayan Trivedi. The pro-

gramme was presided over by Mahesh Gyani.

spect and admiration. The ceremony was

Ganesh Utsav 2025 was held with a prize dis-

tribution ceremony. On this occasion, meritori-

Under the aegis of Basant Bihar Cultural

higher posts in the future.

. Singh Sikarwar.

Patel made block in-charge

with no MLA, MP or members in high positions.

pealed to all community members to ensure

that they record their caste correctly in the

the caste column. Acting president of the

scheduled to return on September 12.

ation Speaker, Kalavati Yadav, honoured the

wing of the Dhakad Mahasabha.

floral tributes offered by the guests to the por-

endra Nagar as the chief guest, along with Raj-

shri Dhakad, national president of the women's

sabha Yuva Sangh organised its national executive meeting along with the oath-taking

sights to the youth of the community on

rushed to the spot with administrative teams.

SDRF teams launched rescue efforts overnight using boats, but swift currents hampered progress. By morning, NDRF personnel from Bhopal ioined the search. Around Bhairavgarh Bridge, searchers recovered a body in uniform, later identified as TI Ashok Sharma. The news sent

shockwaves through the police force. ADGP Umesh Joga reached the site, and Sharma s son reportedly collapsed on seeing the body.

At 11:30 am, another body was pulled out near Suliakhedi, initially thought to be SI Ninama, but later identified as another person. As of report filing, the search for Ninama and Constable Pal continues



using boats and drones. SP Sharma said the cause of the accident whether a mechanical failure or human error would only be known after the vehicle is found.

Constable Pal, unmarried and recently commended for her policing work, had lost her brother just six months ago. TI Sharma, a 1988 batch constable from Rasidpur, Bulandshahr (UP), was known for his investigative skill and had joined Unhel in June 2024. His brother, SI Dinesh Sharma,

is posted in Vijayganj Mandi under Dewas. SI Ninama, posted at Unhel since August 2023, hailed from Sailana tehsil, Ratlam.

TI Sharma s funeral took place at Chakratirth Ghat on Sunday evening, attended by hundreds, including ADGP Joga, SP Sharma and MLA Anil Jain Kaluheda, who helped shoulder the mortal remains. A guard of honour was given at the crematorium. Sharma s elder son Darsh performed the last

Four of a family

hits e-rickshaw

Five people were injured after

a loading auto collided with

an e-rickshaw outside Gov-

ernment Charak Hospital on

Saturday afternoon. The in-

jured include a couple, their

two children, and the rick-

shaw driver. Kundan Malviya,

iniured as

loading auto

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UJJAIN

Mahant, temple admin clash over darshan row

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A heated dispute erupted at Shri Mangalnath Temple on Saturday afternoon between temple administrator KK Pathak and Mahant Rajendra Bharti, a former MLA, along with his son Akshay Bharti, amid Anant Chaturdashi rush.

According to Pathak's written complaint to Chimangani Mandi police, heavy footfall had prompted the administration to introduce a Rs 100 special darshan ticket to manage crowds and boost temple revenue. He alleged that the Mahant and his son bypassed the system by forcing general devotees through the barricaded quick-darshan route, leading to unrest among paying devotees.

When Pathak intervened, he claimed Mahant and his son abused, manhandled and **Altercation at** Mangalnath temple reaches police station, FIR sought

scuffled with him, causing disruption on temple premises. He alleged that the incident tarnished the temple's image and resulted in financial loss.

The administrator has also approached the SDM, requesting an FIR and security for himself and his family.

In response, Mahant Raiendra Bharti denied the charges, calling them "completely false and baseless." He said, "If the administrator believes something is wrong, let him take action. Such officers are disturbing the temple's system. Our family has served here for generations. The accusations are 100 per cent un-

Varghoda procession taken out; Paryushan Parva of Digambar Jain Samaj concludes



Sandeep Patangya for his spiritual discipline and devotion in Ujjain on Sunday FP Photo

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The city witnessed a remarkable sight as a grand Varghoda was taken out to mark the completion of Tapasvi Sandeep Patangva's ten-day 'nirjala tapasya' on Sunday morning. The procession, accompanied by traditional music, drums and cymbals, saw the enthusiastic participation of hundreds of community members, including women and vouth. Along the route, devotees showered flowers and honoured the ascetic with deep reverence and pride.

The procession commenced from Tower Chowk and concluded at the Lakshmi Nagar temple premises, where rituals and auspicious chants were performed before the ascetic broke his fast (parna). Several social and religious organisations of the city felicitated Sandeep Patangva for his spiritual discipline and devotion. Senior members of the

community remarked that his devotion would serve as a source of inspiration for the younger generation. Likewise, the premises of Shri

Mahavir Tapobhumi witnessed the conclusion of the Paryushan Parv. Despite inclement weather. devotees participated with great enthusiasm in the collective worship and the annual Shanti Dhara Abhishek. In her discourse, Prabha Didi emphasised the spiritual significance of the festival. The celebrations began with a majestic procession: Lord Mahavir was seated on a silver chariot and taken from the Tapobhumi campus to the Tapobhumi Tirahe and back to the festival pandal. The procession was marked by devotional songs, band music and traditional drums. Men, dressed uniformly in white, and women, clad in saffron sarees, participated with fervour. Leading the procession were community members carrying 108 sacred flags.

Teachers of diverse fields feted for their contributions

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The Rotary Club of Ujjain organised a teacher felicitation programme on Sunday at Shantam, Hamare Hanuman Ashram to honour educators for their contribution to society.

On this occasion, six teachers were honoured with shawls, coconuts, certificates of appreciation, and mementoes. Those honoured included Dr Ashish Pathak, professor, RD Gardi College, Dr Apratul Chandra Shukla, professor, Government Engineering College, Dr Narendra Sharma, principal, Navsamvat Law College, Jyoti Tiwari, senior secondary teacher, Government Mahalakshmibai Girls HSS, Sarafa, Dr Abhishek Singh Tomar, principal, Shipra Fine Arts College and Rachna Dubey, secondary teacher, Kalidas Montessori Secondary School.

The guests of honour and former vice-chancellors Dr Nageshwar Rao and Dr Bal-



Six teachers felicitated during a programme organised by the Rotary Club in Ujjain on Sunday FP Photo

akrishna Sharma, along with senior advocate Virendra Sharma were felicitated with shawls, coconuts, and mementoes by Club president Ishwarchand Dubey, secretary, and organiser Dr Vimal Garg.

All dignitaries praised the contribution of teachers and lauded the Rotary Club for this initiative. Former District Governor Ravi Prakash Langer spoke on the importance of literacy. Ajay Bhargava read the four-way test, and sergeant-at-arms Prahlad Verma announced the commencement of the meeting. The vote of thanks was delivered by Club secretary Urusa Hashmi.

Similarly, the Lions Club

Ujjain Friends organised a teacher felicitation ceremony, recognising the contribution of educators in shaping society. On this occasion, PDG Ajay Gupta, region chairperson Pradeep Yadav, zone chairperson Sanjay Shah, Rajesh Bagrola, Rajkumar Kevalramani, Hemant Arora, Usha Gupta, Poonam Lulla, Club president Vinod Lulla, secretary Rajkumar Soni, and treasurer Praveen Kasbe honoured teachers at St Marv's Convent School, Ujjain.

section, along with other

a resident of Nagda, along with his wife Rekha and two sons, Shivansh (5) and Navreet (2), was returning from Charak Hospital when the accident occurred. Navreet had been admitted for treatment and was discharged on Saturday. The family hired an erickshaw to return home, but just outside the hospital, their rickshaw was struck forcefully by a loading auto. The impact left all five occupants Among those felicitated were injured, including the driver, Sister Saritha, principal of St Kasam, son of Rahmat Baig, a resident of Agar Naka. All Mary's Convent School, Sister Ignis, principal of the primary were immediately admitted

Mayor reviews water supply arrangements of Ratnasagar pond, Sahibkhedi

mhow

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Mayor Mukesh Tatwal, accompanied by water works committee in-charge Prakash Sharma, inspected the Ratnasagar pond at Undasa and the Sahebkhedi water treatment plant on Sunday. The Mayor directed plant officials to ensure that drinking water supply in the concerned areas is maintained at full capacity, stressing that, as both reser-

voirs currently hold adequate

water, daily supply must remain uninterrupted.

to Charak Hospital for treat-

During the inspection, Sharma informed the Mayor that the Ratnasagar pond at Undasa has a capacity of 186 Mc Ft, from which tanks at Shankarpur, Dugdha Sangh, Pawasa and the Police Training Centre, among other areas, are filled for water supply. He further highlighted the need for additional 30 HP pumps to be kept in reserve to ensure continuous supply without disruption.

Eight-day Sanjha Lokotsav opens with traditional fervour

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The eight-day Akhil Bharatiya Sanja Lokotsav commenced here on Sunday with the objective of preserving and promoting the vanishing folk arts and traditions of Malwa. Teh event is being organised under the joint aegis of Pratikalpa Cultural Organisation, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture (New Delhi), Directorate of Culture

(Madhya Pradesh), ICCR (New Delhi), North Central Cultural Centre Zone (Prayagraj), Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple Management Committee and Vikram University. The festival was inaugurated by MLA Anil Jain Kaluheda, Shripad Joshi of Sanskar Bharati, DEO Anand Sharma, senior folk artist Krishna Verma and Maya Badheka, president,

Sanskar Bharati.

Habitual offender stabs businessman to death UJJAIN: A 48-year-old business-

man, who ran a pickle and papad agency, was stabbed to death on Saturday night in the Kharkuaan police station area. Investigating officer SI Livan Kujur stated that the victim, Sunil Malviya, son of Bherulal and a resident of Avantipura, ran his business from Geeta Colony. Earlier in the day, Malviya's son Jayesh was approached by Siddharth Sisodia (25) and a neighbour, who demanded money to buy alcohol. When Jayesh re-

Siddharth allegedly abused and assaulted him. Jayesh later informed his father, who advised him to lodge a police complaint. Siddharth reportedly learnt about this and later followed Sunil as he passed near Khajurwali Masjid. Between Gonda Chowki and Budhwariya, Siddharth attacked Sunil with a knife before fleeing. Sunil sustained deep injuries and was rushed to the hospital, where doctors declared him dead due to excessive blood loss.

Procession taken out

on Kalash Chaturdashi **FP News Service**

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A procession was taken out on the occasion of Kalash Chaturdashi here, marking the celebration of the Paryushan Mahaparv festival by the Digambar Jain community. The procession started from Jain Gali and passed through various streets, ending at the starting point. The Narendra Kumar Babulal Jain family got the privilege of bidding for the Kalash in Bade Mandir.

The ceremonial bathing of the idol with water from sacred vessels took place in temples in Jain Gali, Ajmeri temple in Sanghi Street, Terapanthi temple and Chetanalaya temple. The community will celebrate Kshamavani Parv on Monday. On this day, Jain followers seek forgiveness from each other for their mistakes and forgive others.

This festival is celebrated at



the conclusion of the Paryushan festival and aims to remove bitterness from the strengthening the bonds between community members.

On this day, a procession will be taken out in the afternoon and ceremonial bathing of the idols will take place in temples. A gathering will be held at the Jain Dharamshala where community members will seek forgiveness from each other in the evening.

Farmers oppose Greenfield road project, demand use of existing routes

Nearly 200 farmers from 14 villages gathered at the SDM office here to protest against the Indore-Ujjain Greenfield 4-lane project, which requires acquisition of their farmland. SDM Jagdish Dhangar conducted a hearing during which farmers along with their lawyers submitted objections and raised slogans.

The farmers argued that

several existing routes already connected Indore to Ujjain, including the Sanwer-Ujjain six-lane road and other highways under expansion by NHAI. They

said widening and improving these roads would save both land and crores of public money. There were also allegations that some land mafia and leaders had bought land at low rates and were now pushing the project to inflate prices.

The farmers claimed that no Gram Sabha meetings

were held before land acquisition notices were issued. They plan to meet the collector and former CM Digvijaya Singh to press their case. Meanwhile, political leaders of both BJP and Congress remained absent from the protest drawing sharp criticism from the

Teacher couple honoured with Teachers' Award

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Teacher couple Dr Rajesh Patidar and Dr Hemlata Patidar was awarded Dr Sarve-Radhakrishnan Teachers' Award 2025 in Hyderabad. They were recognized for their outstanding contributions to education, including exceptional board



exam results, national achievof new technology in education and holistic development of students. Dr Rajesh Patidar is director of Shri Academy and Dr Hemlata Patidar is principal. Many social and educational institutions in the city congratulated the couple on their achievement.

National Lok Adalat on Sept 13 The Legal Services Authority will organise

a National Lok Adalat on September 13 from 11 am to 5 pm on district court premises. The Adalat, based on the slogan "No one wins, no one loses", will focus on amicable settlement of disputed cases. The parties will have the opportunity to resolve both pending cases suitable for compromise and pre-litigation matters. Additionally, individuals who have loans from banks or financial institutions, or dues payable to civic bodies, electricity companies, BSNL and other agencies, can benefit from concessions in penalties as per rules.

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social media influencers,

schools, private academies,

All India Radio and local

drives. Nukkad nataks, reels

and videos are being con-

sidered to amplify the mess-

age. Recently, a Tehsildar was

caught on camera giving alms

outside the Collectorate,

highlighting that not only

beggars but those offering

alms may also face legal ac-

tion. FIRs have been filed ear-

under

directives.

for awareness

Collector's

channels

ESSENTIAL | Changing tactics of beggars create problems to trace them

Indore admin to monitor child labour and beggary

Special surveillance was planned during Ganesh festival processions to curb child exploitation, migrant beggars and organised rackets

Our Staff Reporter INDORE

With the onset of the festive season, migrant beggars and child labourers have once again made Indore their shelter. To prevent exploitation, the district administration deployed special teams during the traditional Anant Chaturdashi processions. Officials particularly monitored child labour in band groups, lighting work and pushcarts, as several complaints were re-

Beggars have been gathering at major intersections and temples, often travelling from rural areas to the city by auto. Their changing tactics have made it difficult for authorities to trace them. To counter this, the administration has reassigned new officers and mod-

anti-beggary strategy. Volunteers accompanied every procession to spread awareness among citizens and keep vigil on beggars. Awareness

banners and posters were also displayed across the route.

Over the last two years, the Indore Beggary Eradication Campaign has rescued thousands of beggars, sending many home and rehabilitating more than 1k with livelihood options.

Women and Child Development Officer Rajneesh Sinha confirmed that continuous rescue operations are being carried out to curb child beggary. The administration also plans to involve

BRTS railing removal proposal reaches MiC Indore: The long-debated

issue of removing the BRTS railings on AB Road has gained momentum, with the proposal scheduled for discussion in the MiC meeting next week. Once approved, the Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) will issue the work order and initiate dismantling. Nearly six-and-ahalf months ago, the High Court directed the removal of the BRTS corridor, citing growing inconvenience. However, the IMC struggled to finalise an implementing agency, leading to prolonged delays. Now, with an agency appointed, officials confirm the project is set to move forward. Daily traffic congestion on AB Road has further intensified the urgency, with citizens pressing for swift action.

Tractor mows down woman, her granddaughter



Our Staff Reporter

A 55-year-old woman and her 10-year-old daughter were killed and the woman's son was injured after a speeding tractor hit their two-wheeler from behind in Depalpur police station area on Saturday evening.

They were rushed to hospital where two of them succumbed to their injuries. According to the police, the deceased were identified as Sahira Bai and Vedika Solanki, residents of Akasoda. Their

trial may come

The Raja Raghuvanshi

murder case is currently

pending and its trial may be

taken up before the Sessions

Court in Shillong, Meghalaya,

on Monday. Assistant Public

Prosecutor Tushar Chanda

said that five accused, includ-

ing Sonam Raghuvanshi are

presently lodged in Shillong

District Jail. The duration of

the trial remains uncertain, as

it depends on the availability

of witnesses and evidence.

Speaking to the media,

Chanda said, 'The case is cur-

rently pending before the

Sessions Court. After filing of

charge sheet, the trial may be

put up on Monday. The dur-

ation of the trial is uncertain

and depends on the availabil-

ity of witnesses and evidence.'

Estimates

Committee

meeting today

The meeting of the Estimates

Committee of Madhya Pradesh

Legislative Assembly will be

held at 10 am at Residency

Kothi in the city on Monday.

Members of the committee are

expected to deliberate on vari-

PANCHANG 8.9.2025

(DAKSHINAYAN)

Ashwin Krishna 1 Monday 9.12 P.M.

Balay 10.28 A.M. then Taitil

: Kumbha 2.29 P.M. then Min

: Pu-Bhadrapad 8.03 P.M. then Utt-Bhadrap

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ous issues during the session.

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Raja case

up today

Our Staff Reporter

Girl going for immersion injured in road accident

Our Staff Reporter

An 18-year-old girl sustained severe injuries when she fell from the pick-up vehicle in which she was sitting and another vehicle coming from behind hit her. The incident occurred on Kalariva Road when she was going for Ganesh idol immersion

members, the injured Anjali, daughter of Kailash, was going to immerse Ganesh idol in the pick-up vehicle. The driver of the vehicle suddenly braked, causing her to lose balance and she fell on the road. Meanwhile, another vehicle came from behind and hit Anjali, causing severe injuries.

According to the family

family members said that Sahira, her son Jeevan and granddaughter Vedika had gone to Indore from their village to attend a family function organised by her daughter on Anant Chaturdashi. When

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A 26-year-old youth drowned

in the Gambhir river while

taking a selfie on Sunday

morning. The incident oc-

curred near Kalariya village

under Chandan Nagar police

station limits. The body was

later recovered about 2-3 km

away near Dharnawad village

under Gandhi Nagar police

According to police, the de-

ceased was identified as

station limits.

they were returning home, a speeding tractor hit their bike near Agra village, resulting in injuries to them.

The police began a probe to gather information about the

errant driver.

Company supervisor booked for man's death Indore: The supervisor of a company was booked in con-

nection with the death of a person after falling in the duct of the lift in Lasudia area, police said on Sunday. According to the police, one Rajesh died after falling in the duct of the lift of a marriage garden on Bypass Road on July 5. The police investigated the case and found that the accident had occurred due to the negligence by a company's supervisor. Police have booked the supervisor named Khummaram Jat. He is the supervisor of Hariom Interior Private Limited. The police are taking further action against the accused.

Youth drowns in river

Gopal, son of Kashiram Adi-

vashi, a native of Ashok Nagar

district and a resident of Kala-

riya village. He worked in a

pipe factory located in Dhar-

nawad. Additional DCP (Zone-

1) Alok Kumar Sharma said

that preliminary investigation

suggested Gopal may have lost

his balance while taking a

selfie on his mobile phone and

while taking selfie

200 senior citizens depart to Rameshwaram



Our Staff Reporter

INDORE

Teerth Darshan Yatra Scheme. a group of 200 senior citizens departed from Indore for the sacred city of Rameshwaram on Sunday.

The pilgrims were seen off by water resources minister Tulsiram Silawat, who ex-Speaking on the occasion, Silaelders on pilgrimage is the greatest virtuous act. The state areas get the opportunity to

citizens above 60 years of age,

pilgrims to travel to revered places such as Varanasi, Rameshwaram, Mathura, Vrindavan, Amritsar and Vaishno Devi. with the entire cost borne by the state govern-The scheme's primary aim

is to provide senior citizens

the chance to visit at least one pilgrimage site during their lifetime, benefiting particularly those from humble back-Highlighting today's event,

the minister mentioned that among the 200 pilgrims, 27 were from Sanwer, along with others representing all nine assembly constituencies of Indore district.

The group was ceremoniously seen off at Indore Railway Station with garlands, chants of 'Jai Jai Shri Ram' and blessings for a safe and fulfilling journey.



Cabinet minister Tulsi Silawat sees off the pilgrims at Indore railway station on Sunday

As part of the Chief Minister's

tended a warm welcome to them before the journey. wat said, 'Taking parents and government is committed to ensuring that elderly citizens from both urban and rural visit holv sites free-of-cost.'

Launched to support the Chief Minister's Teerth Darshan Yatra Scheme enables

fell into the river, which led to

Family members said that

Gopal had gone out for a walk

and attempted to cross the cul-

vert where water from the

river was overflowing. The

slippery surface caused him to

lose his footing and fall into

Police have launched a

probe to ascertain the exact

circumstances of the incident

and got the post-mortem

examination of the deceased

his drowning.

the water.

conducted.

Indore docs treat 4.233 patients in mega health camp in Tanda

Indore: A total of 4,233 patients received treatment in a single day in one of the largest health camps in the region on Sunday. The fifth mega health camp of the year was successfully organized at the community health centre, Tanda (Dhar district) under the initiative of Indore divisional commissioner Deepak Singh, As many as 536 patients underwent sonography, 265 got eye check-ups done and 12 cancer patients received specialized consultations.

Date: 03.09.2025 Name of Work: Improvement in Brake

Our Staff Reporter

INDORE

Following the devastating floods in Punjab, the Sikh community of the city has stepped forward with vital relief support. Heavy rainfall has left several villages waterlogged, causing mosquito breeding and raising fears of disease outbreaks. To address this, members of the community, led by Biba social group, collected and dispatched relief material to flood-hit districts. The aid package includes 3,500 mosquito nets, 6k mosquito repellent creams, 4,500 coils and tarpaulins for over 750 households. The relief consignment reached Punjab on Sunday, where Indore volunteers along with Hemkunt Foundation members distributed it directly in affected areas. Organisers confirmed this is the first batch, with more supplies to follow depending on the need.

Western Railway - Dahod Tender Notice No. M247_MECH_TENDER_25-26_4R

van (imported chairs, paneling, solar lighting system, improved door locking and other amenities) at Rolling Stock Workshop, Dahod, Western Railway. Qty.: (a) Provision of adjustable guard chairs and other essential amenities in brake van during POH - 60 Nos. (b) Upgradation of Brake vans during periodic overhauling in workshop - 150 Nos. Completion Period of Work: 24 Months, Approximate Cost of work: ₹ 7.12.54.597.50/-. Earnest Money ₹ 5,06,300.00/-, Date & Time for submission of tender & Opening of tender: To be submitted on 24/09/2025 before 15:00 hrs and opened on same date at 15:30 hrs. Website particulars and location: Website: www.ireps.gov.in. Office of the Chief Workshop Manager Rolling Stock Workshop, Western Railway Parel, Freelandguni, Dahod - 389160 Mandatory and Relevant Documents The tenderer has shall to submit mandatory documents like Annexure-V(A) (if applicable) and documents related to the Authority to submit bid and requisite applicable documents as specified in Para 14 (with i to vi), Para 15 & Para 18 of PART-I of GCC & the tender document. Non submission of copy of mandatory and relevant documents by the bidder shall result in summarily rejection of his/their bid.

For Chief Workshop Manager ADM/17/1/227 Western Railway, Dahod

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Registered Address: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400013.

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NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002) E-Auction Notice of 15 days for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below mentioned Borrower and/ Co- Borrower, or their legal heirs/representatives (Borrowers) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd. (TCHFL), the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of TCHFL, will be sold on 25-09-2025 on "As is where is" & "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" and without any recourse basis" for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrower and Co-Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any postponement/ discontinuance of the sale, the said secured asset / property shall be sold by E- Auction at 2.00 P.M. on the said 25-09-2025. The sealed envelope containing Demand Draft of EMD for participating in E- Auction shall be submitted to the Authorised Officer of the TCHFL on or before 24-09-2025 till 5.00 PM at Branch address TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED, 9/1/1, Suraj Bhawan, 2nd Floor, Above Yes Bank, M.G. Road, Indore 452001

The sale of the Secured Asset/ Immovable Property will be on "as is where condition is" as per brief particulars described hereir

Sr. No.	Loan A/c. No	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative/ Guarantor(s)	Amount as per Demand Notice	Reserve Price	Outstanding as on
1	TCHHF028 400010006 8767 & 9897170 & TCHHF028 400010008 4488 & TCHHF028 400010008 5653 & TCHHL028 400010008 4902	MR PREM RATAN BOTHRA MRS PRITI BOTHRA	Rs. 1792542 /- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty Two Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement No. TCHHF0284000100068767 and an amount of Rs. 6029841 /- (Rupees Sixty Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty One Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement No. 9897170 and an amount of Rs. 5004290 /- (Rupees Fifty Lakh Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement No. TCHHF0284000100084488 and an amount of Rs. 4569589 /- (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Nine Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement No. TCHHF0284000100085653 and an amount of Rs. 4675193 /- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Seventy Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Three Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement No. TCHHL0284000100085653 and an amount of Rs. 4675193 /- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Seventy Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Three Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement No. TCHHL0284000100084902 and totaling to Rs. 22071455 /- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Lakh Seventy One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Five Only)	Rs. 1,85,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Five Lakh Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 18,50,000 /- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) Type of possession:- Physical	Rs. 2428895/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement no. TCHHF0284000100068767 and an amount of Rs. 8263027/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Twenty Seven Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement no. 9897170 and an amount of Rs. 6932207/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred Seven Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement no. TCHHF0284000100084488 and an amount of Rs. 6161922/- (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Sixty One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Two Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement no. TCHHF0284000100085653 and an amount of Rs. 6392189/- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakh Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement no. TCHHL028400100084902 totalling to Rs. 30178240/- (Rupees Three Crore One Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty Only)
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Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No. 101, First Floor of N.R.K. VILLAS at Municipal House No. 22, (Eastern Part) Block No. 13-B Manoramaganj, Street No. 2, Indore Super Built up area 2570 Sq.Ft Bounded: - East: - Open Space of Building & Lobby, West: - Open Space of Building, North: - Open Space of Building, South:

Note ; - SA Filed by the Borrower against TCHFL (SA/1138/2023) is pending before DRT, Jabalpur, No stay order is passed against TCHFL in the said case

The bidders are advised to conduct due diligence before submitting the bid. The auction shall be subject to the outcome of the litigation

		15-05-2024		02-09-2025
2 10179825 & TCHIN028 40001002 55572	MR KRISHNARAO DESHMUKH MRS SAYABAI NAMDEV DESHMUKH	Rs. 6,31,718/- (Rupees Six Lakh Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighteen Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement no. 10179825 and an amount of Rs. 4,67,099/- (Rupees Four Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand and Ninety Nine Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement no. TCHIN0284000100255572. and Totalling to Rs. 10,98,817 /- (Rupees Ten Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen Only)	Rs. 10,90,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Ninety Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 1,09,000 /- (Rs. One Lakh Nine Thousand Only) Type of possession:- Physical	Rs. 818976/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Six Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement no. 10179825 and an amount of Rs. 578372/- (Rs. Five Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Two Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement no. TCHIN0284000100255572 totalling to Rs. 1397348/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Forty Eight Only)

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	TCHHL02 84000100 305203 & TCHIN028 40001003 06332	MR ANKIT JAT MR RAHUL JAT	Rs. 17,19,072/- (Rs. Seventeen Lakh Nineteen Thousand and Seventy Two Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement no. TCHHL0284000100305203 and an amount of Rs. 53,819/- (Rupees Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement no. TCHIN0284000100306332 and	Rs. 25,85,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): - Rs. 2,58,500 /- (Rupees Two Lakh	Rs. 1862920/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement no. TCHHL0284000100305203 and an amount of Rs. 61089/- (Rupees Sixty One Thousand Eighty Nine Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement

20-12-2024

Totalling to Rs. 17,72,891/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety One Only)

Fifty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Only) Type of Physical

no. TCHHL0284000100305203 (Rupees Sixty One Thousand Eighty Nine Only) is due and ayable by you under Agreeme no. TCHIN0284000100306332 totalling to Rs. 1924009/-Rupees Nineteen Lakh Twent Four Thousand Nine Only)

02-09-2025

Description of the Immovable Property: All The peace and parcel of the Immovable property of Plot No. 28, Simrol TownShip Tahsil Mhow Dist. Indore (MP) Admeasuring Area 1100 Sq.ft. i.e. (102.23 Sq. Mtr.), Bounded :- East :- Road, West :- Plot No. 11, North :- Plot No. 27, South : - Plot No. 29.

At the Auction, the public generally is invited to submit their bid(s) personally. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the Immovable Property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following

further conditions:

NOTE: The E-auction of the properties will take place through portal https://auctionbazaar.com on 25-09-2025 between 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM with limited extension of 5 minutes each

Terms and Condition: 1. The particulars specified in the Schedule herein below have been stated to the best of the

information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the Immovable Property shall at once again be put up to auction subject to the discretion of the Authorised Officer. 2. The Immovable Property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price. 3. Bid Increment Amount will be: Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only). 4. All the Bids submitted for the purchase of the property shall be accompanied by Earnest Money as mentioned above by way of a Demand Draft favoring the "TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD." Payable at Branch address. The Demand Drafts will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders after auction. For payment of EMD through NEFT/RTGS/IMPS, kindly contact Authorised Officer. 5. The highest bidder shall be declared as successful bidder provided always that he/she is legally qualified to bid and provided further that the bid amount is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the Authorisec Officer to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so. 6. For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the Authorised Officer to adjourn/discontinue the sale. 7. Inspection of the Immovable Property can be done on 15-09-2025 between 11 AM to 5.00 PM. with prior appointment 8. The person declared as a successful bidder shall, immediately after such declaration, deposit twenty-five per cent of the amount of purchase money/bid which would include EMD amount to the Authorised Officer within 24Hrs and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. 9. In case the initial deposit is made as above, the balance amount of the purchase money payable shall be paid by the purchaser to the Authorised Officer on or before the 15th day from the date of confirmation of the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day. 10. In the event of default of any payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. The deposit including EMD shall stand forfeited by TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD and the defaulting purchaser shall lose all claims to the property 11. Details of any encumbrances, known to the TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD, to which the property is liable: as per table above. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities arears of property tax, electricity etc. 12. For any other details or for procedure online training on e-auction the prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider, ARCA EMART PRIVATE LIMITED. 6-3-1090/1/1, II Floor, Part B, Uma Hyderabad House, Rajbhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad 500082 Email Id : contact@auctionbazaar.com/ support@auctionbazaar.com or Manish Bansal, Email id Manish.Bansal@tatacapital.com Authorised Officer Mobile No 8588983696. Please send your query on WhatsApp Number 9999078669. 13. TDS of 1% will be applicable and payable by the highest bidder over the highest declared bid amount. The payment needs to be deposited by highest bidder in the PAN of the owner/borrower(s) and the copy of the challan shall be submitted to our company, 14. Please refer to the below link provided in secured creditor's website https://surl.li/divyzb for the above details. 15. Kindly also visit the link: https://www.tatacapital.com/property-disposal.html Please Note - TCHFL has not engaged any broker/agent apart from the mentioned auctioning partner for sale/auction of this

property. Interested parties should only contact the undersigned or the Authorised officer for all queries and enquiry in this

Place: Indore (Authorised Officer) Date: 08-09-2025 Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd.

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Our Staff Reporter

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Interest always, not friendship

n politics, as in international relations, there are no permanent friends—only permanent interests. US President Donald Trump, however, seems to operate on the principle of "use-and-throw-away" friends, forgetting that statecraft is not a game of musical chairs. Nations forge relationships not on the whims of individual leaders but on shared interests, long-term goals, and global responsibilities. India and the United States have a great deal in common: vibrant democracies, a free press, a large population, and unmatched pools of scientists and technologists. These complementarities should have been the solid bedrock of bilateral ties. Instead, the relationship is often hijacked by transactional rhetoric, such as Trump's claim that he and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will "always be friends." Friendship may smoothen atmospherics, but history shows that it has little to do with the durability of ties. Nehru and Kennedy got along famously, yet Nixon and Indira Gandhi's frosty equation did not derail relations in any fundamental way.

Today, India is no longer the food-aid-dependent country of the PL-480 days. With the world's largest population and a rapidly expanding economy, India has the potential to emerge as the largest economy in a few

decades—provided its advantages are not squandered. This confidence explains why the Indian political spectrum, not just Modi or his party, remains firm in facing Trump's punitive tariffs. The 50 per cent

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punitive tariff on Indian exports was both provocative and protectionist. Yet India has held its ground, knowing that in the long run such tariffs will hurt the US economy as much as, if not more than, India's. Against this backdrop, the exchange of pleasantries—Trump calling Modi a "great friend" and Modi "deeply reciprocating" sentiments-rings hollow. Only a day earlier, Trump lamented India's Russian oil purchases and accused Washington of having "lost India to China" before hastily walking back the remark. Such contradictions underline why "friendship politics" is a poor substitute for consistent, interest-based diplomacy.

Modi's bonhomie with Chinese president Xi Jinping and Russian president Vladimir Putin at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit—marked by handshakes, hugs, and smiles—was not lost on global observers. It was a reminder that India, while deeply invested in its partnership with Washington, will not be bullied into compromising its strategic autonomy. Ultimately, India-US ties are too important to be dictated by personal rapport or transient irritants. Trade frictions, tariffs, and disagreements over oil imports will come and go. What will endure is the recognition that the two countries, with their shared democratic values and converging strategic interests, stand to gain far more from cooperation than confrontation. That is the real foundation of this "very special relationship"—not sentimental proclamations of eternal friendship.

Bald hills bode ill for states

n an encouraging move, the Supreme Court has taken cognisance of shocking levels of deforestation in the Himalayan states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, besides Jammu, Kashmir and Punjab, and called for action by the states and Union govts. A bench led by Chief Justice Gavai echoed the concern of the entire country at the sight of a staggering number of logs floating down swollen rivers like the Ravi and issued notices to the National Highways Authority of India and others. It is no secret that furious road construction and dam building in montane states has rendered them greatly vulnerable to disaster, their losses aggravated by frequent extreme weather events. In fact, the petitioner before the court brought up the situation in 14 road tunnels between Chandigarh and Manali, which pose a threat to travellers whenever sudden, heavy rain occurs. Catastrophic annual events in coastal states like Maharashtra. Karnataka and Kerala have shown what unpredictable and extreme rainfall linked to climate change can do. What makes millions more vulnerable to deadly mudslides and floods is illegal logging. It is encouraging that Solicitor General Tushar Mehta will be taking up this crisis with the respective states, but an effective outcome would depend on the court continuing to review the action taken. This would be consistent with its reasoning in the landmark Godavarman Thirumulpad case, where it treated a letter from a citizen in the Nilgiris as a petition and issued farreaching ban orders on deforestation. The deadly consequences for entire communities due

to illegal and commercial-scale logging became all too evident in 1970, when floods in denuded hill landscapes in present-day Uttarakhand caused the death of scores of people. Chipko, a Gandhian movement that hugged trees and prevented logging in response, captured the imagination of the whole world. It would evidently be difficult to replicate Chipko's success today, but judicial intervention can still save the remaining forests. This holds true also for the tens of thousands of old-growth trees in a 160 sq km area that face the axe for the Great Nicobar Project, involving a port and airport on a pristine island that is home only to tribal people. Sustainability principles call for strict restrictions on commercial activities in ecologically fragile areas, and scientific forecasts for the Himalayan states underscore this frequently. Govts have been unsuccessfully trying to introduce travel permits for hill stations in several states, since easier mobility, an explosion of personal vehicles, expanded road building, informal bed and breakfast arrangements and social media-inspired travel have all ratcheted up the pressure. Mehta's description of floods as 'nature's payback' is accurate, but then, it is not a new problem. The remedies, unfortunately, have few champions in government. It would take an activist court to change that.



PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

oday, September 8, is a very special day for all those who are passionate about Indian culture and music. It is particularly special for my sisters and brothers of Assam. After all, it is the birth anniversary of Dr Bhupen Hazarika, one of the most extraordinary voices India has ever known. As you are all aware, this year marks the beginning of his birth centenary celebrations. It is an occasion to revisit his monumental contributions to Indian artistic expression and public consciousness.

What Bhupen Da gave us extends far beyond music. His works embodied emotions that transcended melody. More than just a voice, he was the heartbeat of the people. Generations have grown up listening to his songs, each word resonating with themes of kindness, social justice, unity and deep-rooted belonging.

From Assam emerged a voice that flowed like a timeless river, crossing borders and cultures, carrying with it the spirit of humanity. Bhupen Da travelled the globe, rubbed shoulders with the who's who across all spectrums of society, but he remained deeply connected to his roots in Assam. The rich oral traditions, folk melodies and community storytelling practices of Assam deeply shaped

Tribute to Bhupen Da, a voice connecting people even today

It is only fitting that one of India's most significant infrastructure projects, the bridge connecting Dhola and Sadiya, bears his name

his early childhood. These experiences formed the bedrock of his artistic vocabulary. He always carried the spirit of Assam's indigenous identity and the ethos of its people. Brilliance came to Bhupen Da at

a very young age. At the age of just five, he sang at a public event and quickly caught the attention of none other than Lakshminath Bezbaruah, the pioneering figure of Assamese literature. By the time he was a teenager, he had recorded his first song. But music was only one part of his personality. Bhupen Da was as much an intellectual at heart... curious, articulate and driven by an insatiable desire to understand the world. Cultural legends like Jyoti Prasad Agarwala and Bishnu Prasad Rabha left a deep impression on his mind and deepened his spirit of enquiry. It was also this desire to learn that made him excel at Cotton College, Banaras Hindu University, and took him to the United States, where he interacted with leading academicians, thinkers, and musicians of those times. He met Paul Robeson, a legendary artist and civil rights leader. Robeson's song "Ol' Man River" became the inspiration for Bhupen Da's iconic composition 'Bistirno Parore.' The much-admired former American First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, awarded him a Gold Medal for his performances of Indian folk music.

Bhupen Da had the option of remaining in the US, but he returned to India and immersed himself in music. From radio to theatre, and films to educational documentaries. he was well-versed in each of these media. Wherever he went, he emphasised supporting young talent. His works combined lyrical flair and gave social messages, touching upon justice for the poor, rural development, and strength of common citizens, to name a few. Through his music, he gave voice to the aspirations of boatmen, tea-estate workers, women, farmers, etc. In addition to being nostalgic, Bhupen Da's works also became a powerful lens to view modernity. A lot of people, especially from the socially backward classes like him, derived strength and hope from his

The spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' found powerful expression in Bhupen Hazarika's life journey. His works transcended linguistic and regional boundaries to unite people across the country. He composed for films in Assamese, Bengali, and Hindi. He made Assam visible and audible to the rest of India. It is no exaggeration to say that he helped shape the cultural identity of modern Assam, both for those within the state and for the Assamese diaspora across the

Bhupen Da, although not really a political person, did remain connected to the world of public service as well. In 1967, he was elected as an independent MLA from Nauboicha constituency in Assam, demonstrating how deeply his public persona was rooted in the people's trust. Though he never became a career politician, his passion for serving others was highly impactful.

The people and Government of India have recognised his enormous contributions over the years. He was conferred with several awards, including the Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, Dadasaheb Phalke Award, and more. In 2019, it was an honour for me personally and for the NDA government that the Bharat Ratna was conferred upon him during our tenure. This honour celebrated the principles that Bhupen Da held dear to his heart—that music, when grounded in truth, can transcend all barriers; that a song can carry the weight of a people's dreams and move hearts across the world.

I remember the time Bhupen Da passed away in 2011. I had seen on television how lakhs of people attended his funeral. Every eye was moist that time. Even in death, like in his illustrious life, he brought people together. It was thus fitting that he was cremated at the Jalukbari hillock overlooking the

Peace isn't absence of violence,

Peace is not utopian, and though we all crave it, it must be vibrant and

vivacious. We don't want eerie, icy and dead peace of the graveyard

it is presence of alternatives

Brahmaputra, the very river that had been the lifeline of his music, metaphors and memories. It is gladdening that the Assam government has supported the work of the Bhupen Hazarika Cultural Trust, which is working to popularise his life journey among youngsters. Bhupen Hazarika's life teaches us the power of empathy, of listening to people, and of staying rooted. His songs continue to be sung by young and old alike.

His music teaches us to be compassionate and courageous. It asks us to remember our rivers, our labourers, our tea workers, our Nari Shakti and our Yuva Shakti. It encourages us to believe in unity in diversity.

Bharat is blessed to have Bhupen Hazarika. As we celebrate the beginning of his centenary year, let us reiterate our commitment to spreading his message far and wide. May it also inspire us to keep working to support music, art, and culture, to encourage young talent and make India a nurturing ground for creativity and artistic excellence.

It is only fitting that one of India's most significant infrastructure projects, the bridge connecting Dhola and Sadiya, bears the name of Bhupen Hazarika. Just as his songs connected hearts across regions, this bridge connects lands and



SUMIT PAUL

all it a coincidence or something uncanny, but both 9/11 and the International Day of Peace fall in September. The International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year on September 21. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. Nine-eleven needs no introduction. It's etched in our collective consciousness as one of the most violent incidents in the annals of human civilisation. Some violent episodes in history become metaphors, like 'Pearl Harbour' and '9/11'.

During World War II, the huge destruction of Pearl Harbour by the Japanese Air Force prompted the US to obliterate Hiroshima and Nagasaki using atom bombs, and in 2001, the famous twin towers of New York were completely demolished on September 11. Both the epochal happenings changed the course of history and humanity. They also jolted the conscience of mankind and got all of us thinking. The question is: Can violence and retaliatory violence ever be the answer to any issue? Today, we're standing at the crossroads of human civilisation, tormented by ceaseless acts of violence, bloodshed and destruction of precious lives. Wars are being waged in many parts of the world. Violence has become a way of life. It's not the sanctity of human life and existence that appeals to all of us anymore. It's the brutality and savagery of human nature that has become our universal fate.

An act of violence begets counter-violence, and it goes on. Violence is a natural outcome of vengeance. Human beings will have to get rid of vengeance and vengeful behaviour to keep violence at bay. Agreed, revenge is an obvious reaction. But how long can we all afford to carry rancour and revenge in our hearts and minds? Somewhere in mes journey, we need to drop all ill feelings for a better tomorrow. We all must believe in man's inherent goodness and also believe that nothing bitter can survive forever. We all eventually recoil from violence and hatred. Didn't the gory sight of the battle of Kalinga transform bloodthirsty King Ashok and turn him into Ashoka the Great? We all have inherent and intrinsic goodness to become non-violent.

So it's time; we felt that mindless bloodshed and proclivity to avenge will lead us nowhere. When Gandhiji was assassinated on January 30, 1948, his son Devdas, the managing editor of The Hindustan Times, requested the government of India to pardon Nathuram Godse and Narayan Apte because his father never believed in retaliatory action in his entire life. That the government politely declined his petition is inconsequential. The same happened when Mrs Coretta Scott King, the widow of the slain US human rights activist Dr Martin Luther King Jr, who was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968, requested the US senate and the jury to pardon James Earl Ray, who was finally awarded 99 years of imprisonment sans parole. We all must emulate these greats to make this world a place for all to live in a peaceful coexistence. Remember, peace demands the nost neroic labour and the most difficult sacrifice. It demands greater heroism than war. It demands greater fidelity to the truth and a much more perfect purity of

conscience. Peace is not only better than war but also infinitely more arduous. We want peace because if we're at war with others, we cannot be at peace with ourselves. We all must be optimistic that love and peace will eventually vanguish war, hatred and all sorts of differences.

The pursuit of peace and progress cannot end in a few years in either victory or defeat. The pursuit of peace and progress, with its trials and its errors, its successes and its setbacks, can never be relaxed and never be abandoned. Peace is an ever-ongoing process. It's not an absence of war, it's a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, and justice. Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict alternatives to passive or aggressive responses; alternatives to violence. The real and lasting victories are those of peace and not of war. It's not enough to say we must not wage war. It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it. But peace must never be a weasel word. When you're proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart. Buddha aptly said, "Better than a thousand hollow words is one word that brings peace." One does not need buildings, money, power, or status to practise the Art of Peace. Heaven is right where you are standing, and that is the place to train. Every goal, every action, every thought, and every feeling one experiences, whether it be consciously or unconsciously known, is an attempt to increase one's level of peace of mind. Peace travels from being individual to being universal.

So, it's naive to pray for world peace if you're not going to change the form in which you live (and also think). For, behind all imperialism is ultimately the imperialistic individual, just as behind all peace is ultimately the peaceful individual. Remember, each one of us has the power to change the world. Just start thinking of peace, and the message will spread quicker than vou think. The universe helps spread the fragrance of peace in all directions because peace subsumes and suffuses the Kainaat (Universe). We are one people; we are only family. And when we finally accept these truths, then we will be able to fulfil a visionary's dream to build a beloved community, a nation, and a world at peace with itself.

Peace is not utopian. Rather, it's the most sapient solution for the survival of sapiens. It demands the united efforts of us all because peace is inviolable. Lastly, though we all crave peace, it must also be vibrant and vivacious. We don't want the eerie, icy and dead peace of the graveyard. Rather, it should be serene, salubrious and snug so that all of humanity can bask in its warmth.

Sumit Paul is a regular contributor to the world's premier publications and portals in several languages.

Deforestation Fuels Flooding

The severe floods sweeping through states like

Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand,

and Assam underline the hidden costs of deforest-

ation in India. They are a wake-up call about how

destroyed, and thousands displaced not only be-

stripped away the very ecosystems that kept them

in check. The hill states of Himachal and Uttarak-

human-induced ecological damage magnifies natural disasters. Villages get submerged, crops

cause rivers overflow, but because we have

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Reliance Al Launch

Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries launched Reliance Intelligence, an Al subsidiary providing scalable, affordable Al tools nationwide. Gigawatt-scale clean energy data centers in Jamnagar and partnerships with Google and Meta support SMBs in telecom, retail, healthcare, and agriculture. Challenges include digital literacy, connectivity, and fragmented data. Success could transform India's Al landscape, empower small businesses, and strengthen the economy.

> Amarjeet Kumar, Hazaribagh

Shanghai **Brings Luck**

Shanghai and other Chinese cities have proved lucky for India in sports. From the 2007 Special Olympics to the 2024 Archery World Cup and Asian Games in Hangzhou, India has seen major medal wins. Such shared victories should inspire peace and trade. Border monitoring via

drones/satellites, not human patrols, along with regular peace talks on disputed sites, can secure long-term cooperation between the two nations.

- Sreelekha PS, Secunderabad

Unsafe Smart Cities

NARI 2025 reveals that Indian cities are unsafe for women. Despite smart slogans, 65% safety isn't good enough. Instead of flyovers, cities need lit footpaths, trust-building authorities, and better planning. Women still fear walking alone at night. Real safety goes beyond post-crime outrage. Until planners prioritize everyday safety, urban areas will remain dangerous for half the population.

- K. Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru

Trump Tariff Setback

A federal appeals court has ruled Trump's trade tariffs illegal, challenging a core pillar of his economic pol-

icies. The case is expected to go to the US Supreme Court. It raises critical questions about the limits of presidential power in trade policy. The ruling may change how future administrations approach tariffs and reshape the global economic framework moving for-

ward. - Ranganathan Sivakumar,

75 Years Strong On the 75th anniversary of China-India diplomatic ties,

look. Multilateralism, a tutional democracy are shared goals. PM Modi's ing the BRICS summit marks progress after 2020 tensions. Strengthened

future relations

New Trade

The rise of JIRC—Japan, India, Russia, China—signals a reshaped global trade bloc, largely due to US tariff hikes. If the EU joins, it could become a powerful fivemember alliance. Such cooperation may ease Russia-EU tensions and foster peace. A future where Russia joins the EU could benefit all parties through shared prosperity and stability

- PVP Madhu Nivriti, Sec-

Modi At Seventy-Five

Gregory Fernandes, Mumbai

Debate over PM Modi's agebased retirement is misplaced. Like sports veterans who played past 40, a capable leader should continue while fit and performing. Modi's 12-year tenure has elevated India's global image. The opposition, despite having older leaders, targets him unfairly. They should introspect before demanding retirement

based on age alone. - N. Mahadevan, Chennai



meeting with Xi Jinping dur-

trade ties and peaceful dialogue are vital. Accountability and peaceful engagement should define

- Dimple Wadhawan,

Quadrilateral

underabad



Dalit girl raped, FIR registered



A 13-year-old Dalit girl was allegedly raped by a man, who also filmed the act, in a village here, police said on Sunday. The accused. who is also from the girl's village, has been detained and is being questioned, they said

LATEHAR

Man dies in lightning strike

Police had to coax and persuade relatives of a 45year-old cattle breeder, who had died of lightning strike, to hand over the body for post-mortem examination, which was kept in the mound of cow dung out of superstition, hoping that he would come alive in Jharkhand's Latehar district, an officer said on Sunday

Malayalam filmmaker detained

Malayalam filmmaker Sanal Kumar Sasidharan was detained at Mumbai airport on Sunday as there was a lookout notice issued by the Kerala police in a case related to a harassment complaint given by an actress, officials said.

MEDININAGAR (J'KHAND)

Month-old baby sold by parents. rescued

A month-old baby boy was allegedly sold by his parents for Rs 50,000 due to poverty, but was rescued on Sunday by Jharkhand. The action came after Chief Minister Hemant Soren directed the police to take immediate steps to rescue the boy.

been completed on September 06, 2025.

Instructions for Remote E-voting and E-voting during AGM:

of 3rd AGM will be transacted through voting by electronic means only.

Dheeraj Kumar

Independent MP Rajesh Ranjan aka Pappu Yadav, known for his political clout in the Seemanchal-Kosi region of north Bihar, is a great admirer of Congress leader, his ideology and his 'fight' for protecting people's rights.

In the last Lok Sabha election, Pappu won from Purnea as an Independent candidate. His victory assumes special significance as he not only defeated the incumbent JD (U) MP Santosh Kushwaha but also relegated the RJD nominee Bima Bharti to the third position. He had joined Congress before the 2024 LS polls by announcing the merger of his outfit, Jan Adhikar Party.

He has his influence in about 15 assembly seats including Supaul, Madhepura, Saharsa, Araria and Purnia in the Kosi-Seemanchal region.

In a frank and candid interview with the Free Press Journal, he touched upon various issues ranging from the present day politics, Rahul's Yatra to Congress's prospects in the upcoming assembly election.

Q What is your take on the chief ministerial candidate of INDIA bloc in the election?

In my view, we should push back on the issue of CM face of the opposition bloc, and instead all allies of the alliance should work in tandem as their focus should be on ousting the NDA from power in the state.



BJP also does not declare its CM candidate before elec-

Q How Rahul's Voter Adhikar Yatra is going to impact Bihar election?

People's confidence in Rahul has improved a lot not only in Bihar but also across the

country as they are now acknowledging the truth of the matter he raised during the Yatra. The perception about him as a serious and an authentic leader has traversed through the length and breadth of Bihar. Respect to-

wards Congress workers has

Rahul will be INDIA bloc's face in Bihar polls: Pappu Yadav

improved and people's attachment towards the party has also increased. BJP is increasing the issue of infiltration into Muslim-dominated Seemanchal region of the state but it will fail to make any major im-

Q What are challenges before Congress in Bihar polls? Grand Alliance emerged victorious in Magadh region in the last assembly election as LJP leader Chirag Paswan backed by BJP harmed winning prospects of the JD (U) significantly, but Chirag could not do it Seemanchal-Mithilanchal region and so our performance in that region was comparatively poor. A party or alliance forms a government in Bihar that wins Kosi-Mithilan-

Oppn MPs to

chal-Seemanchal region. With the backing of only Muslims and Yadavs, how can the INDIA bloc hope to form a government? We have to take confidence of Kamath, EBCs, upper and other castes. We have to focus on an estimated 1.5 lakh non-Yadav and non-Muslim voters residing in each assembly constituency of the region. 'Congress gene' still exists in Brahmins and Bhumihars and we can win back their

support by giving them tickets. **Q** Whether INDIA bloc in Bihar is working as a cohesive unit"

Under the leadership of Rahul Ji, all constituents of the alliance are collectively fighting against NDA in a very effective manner. People of the country have now realised that not only the constitution but their all rights are protected under Rahul's leadership.

Q How much are you about the assembly election results?

An atmosphere has been created in favour of the grand alliance but the moot question what the Election Commission will do with the deleted voters. Rahul Ji has made people alert about the voter theft.

Congress should give more tickets to SCs. STs. EBCs and also to members of the upper castes. Congress should not be allotted those seats which are traditionally of BJP or those dominated by upper castes. Congress should get 'quality seats' where the victory chances of the party are more.

VOTE VIBE | RLJP, JMM likely to join INDIA bloc amid seat-sharing challenges

Seat sharing gets tougher for Bihar's grand alliance

Dheeraj Kumar

PATNA

The INDIA bloc, which has become more optimistic about putting up an impressive show in coming Bihar assembly elections following Congress leader Rahul Gandhi`s Voter Adhikar Yatra, may face a challenge in finalising the seat sharing deal for the polls as two more allies join the alliance.

Former minister Pashupati Kumar Paras`s Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP) and Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren's Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) are two new entrants to the INDIA bloc in Bihar when the state assembly polls are round the corner. RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav said that Paras had expressed his willingness to join the opposition alliance on the issues of secularism and socialism. He said that he had put forth Paras's proposal before all allies as a decision on it would be taken soon. He said that a decision on JMM's joining the INDIA bloc would also be taken soon.

A meeting of the INDIA bloc's allies was held at the official residence of Teiashwsi Yadav on Saturdav

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NOTICE OF 3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, REMOTE

E-VOTING AND BOOK CLOSURE INFORMATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the 3rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held on Monday, September 29, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at Hotel Samta Sagar Palace, Mhow Rd,

In accordance with General Circular No. 14/2020 dated 8th April, 2020 and subsequent

circulars issued in this regard, the latest being Circular No. 09/2024 dated 19th Septemb

2024 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-2/P/CIR/2024/133 3rd October, 2024 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of

India (SEBI), the Notice of 3rd AGM and Annual Report including the Audited Financial

Statements for the financial year 2024 - 2025 have been sent in electronic mode to Members whose e-mail IDs are registered with the Company, Registrar & Share Transfer Agent (RTA) or

the Depository Participants) (DP). The electronic dispatch of Annual Report to Members has

Additionally, in accordance with Regulation 36(1)(b) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and

Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (Listing Regulations), the Company is also

sending a letter to shareholders, whose e-mail IDs are not registered with Company / RTA / DP

providing the weblink of Company's website from where the Annual Report for FY 2024 - 2025 can be accessed. The copy of the Notice of 3rd AGM and Annual Report is also available on the

Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 44 of Listing

Regulations, the Company is pleased to provide the facility to Members to exercise their right to

vote by electronic means on resolutions proposed to be passed at AGM. Members holding

shares either in physical form or dematerialised form, as on Monday, September 22, 2025

(cut-off date), shall cast their vote electronically through electronic voting system (remote e

voting) of BIGSHARE at https://ivote.bigshareonline.com. Only those Members whose names

are recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by

the Depositories as on the cut-off date shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting. All

the Members are hereby informed that the Ordinary and Special Business, as set out in Notice

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the

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The INDIA bloc comprises

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RJD, Congress, CPI (ML), Mukesh Sahani`s Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP), CPI and CPI (ML). RJD was part of INDIA bloc in Jharkhand when the assembly election was held in neighbouring state last year. RJD was given six seats in the seat sharing deal as Lalu Prasad's party emerged victorious on four seats. There is also a minister from RJD quota in Jharkhand, and in such a situation, there is all possibility of JMM's induction in INDIA bloc in Bihar too before the polls. The JMM can be given seats in areas of Banka, Munger and Bhagalpur, which are adjacent to Jharkhand.

With the induction of RSLP and JMM into the INDIA bloc

vided among the 8 parties. Although union minister and LJP (RV) chief Chirag Paswan holds support of a majority of Paswan votes (Paswans constitute 5.311 percent population of the state), INDIA bloc will try to make inroads into the Paswan votes through Paras.

in Bihar, the state's 243 assem-

bly seats will have to be di-

Paras has been an MLA from Alauli assembly in Khagaria district for a long time before he was elected to Lok Sabha from Hajipur in 2019. Sources claimed that Paras's RLSP would not get less than two to three seats, as he and his son could also contest polls. The opposition alliance

could also field Paras from Hajipur with an objective to divide Paswan votes.

Possible roadblocks

This time Mukesh Sahni's (Vikashsheel Insaan Party) is also in the Mahagathbandhan. Saini has asked for 50 seats and the post of Deputy Chief Minister if the alliance wins.

Mukesh Sahni also wants that along with declaring Tejashwi as the Chief Ministerial face, Mahagathbandhan also declare him as the Deputy Chief Minister face. It will be a tough task for RJD's Tejashwi Yadav or the Congress to accommodate Mukesh Sahni. sources said. Chances are the party can get 20 to 25 seats.

participate in mock poll

NEW DELHI

Opposition MPs would be briefed on Monday on the procedure to vote in the September 9 vice presidential polls, and will be hosted for dinner by Congress Mallikarjun president Kharge the same evening, sources in the INDIA bloc

VP POLL

said on Sunday.

They said a 'mock poll' would be conducted in the Central Hall of the Samvidhan Sadan at around 2:30 PM on Monday after the briefing on the procedure to vote in the vice presidential

At around 7:30 PM, Congress president Kharge will host a dinner for the opposition MPs at the Parliament

Appointments of 403 X-ray technicians under lens

Biswajeet Banerjee

LUCKNOW

A major revelation has come to light in the 2016 X-ray technician recruitment scam in Uttar Pradesh. Investigations have uncovered that in several cases, more than one person secured appointments on the same post using identical names and details. In some instances, as many as six individuals drew salaries under one name for nearly nine years.

The recruitment was conducted in 2016 for 403 X-ray technician posts in the health department. Officials found that six people were employed under the name Arpit and were continuously drawing salaries.

Fresh scrutiny has now revealed that two individuals were appointed under the name Ankur, while six were appointed under the name Ankit, all using slightly altered personal details.

According to documents shared by the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission with the Directorate of Health. one Ankur Mishra, born on December 5, 1994, was appointed in Mainpuri in June 2016 and is now posted at the District Tuberculosis Office in Mainpuri. Another Ankur Mishra, with a birth date of November 15, 1994, was also appointed the same year and is currently posted at a community health center in Muzaffarpur. Both have their permanent address listed as Mainpuri. The case of Ankit Singh is

even more serious. Records show six different individuals were appointed under this name. One was posted in Hardoi, another in Lakhimpur, one in Gonda, and others in Azamgarh, Lalitpur, and Badaun. Two of them have gone missing from their postings, while one was dismissed from service.

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OTICE OF THE 15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND E-VOTING INFORMATION NOTICE is hereby given that the 15" Annual General Meeting (AGM') of the Members of Lucent Industries Limited ('the Company') will be held on Monday, September 29 2025 at 3:00 P.M. (IST) through Video Conferencing (VC')/Other Audio Visual Mean

'OAVM'), to transact the business set out in the Notice convening the AGM.

compliance with the applicable circulars issued by the MCA and SEBI (collectivel ferred to as the 'relevant Circulars'), the Company has sent the notice convening the 15th AGM on Sunday, September 07, 2025 along with the Annual Report 2024-25, to embers whose email address is registered with the Company /Depositories as or riday, September 05, 2025. Further, in accordance with Regulation 36(1)(b) of SEB isting Regulations, a letter providing the web-link, including the exact path for accessing he Annual Report including AGM Notice is being sent to those members who have no registered their e-mail IDs. The Notice of 15th AGM and the Annual Report for FY 2024-25 an be accessed from the Company's website at www.lucentindustries.in, the website of he Stock Exchange i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and website of National Depository Services (India) Limited ('NDSL') (agency appointed for providing the remote Voting facility) i.e. evoting@nsdl.com.

nstruction for remote e-voting before the AGM:

n compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') read with Rule 20 of ne Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to me, the Secretarial Standard on General Meetings ('SS-2') issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and ure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('Listing Regulations'), the Company is leased to provide its members the facility to exercise their right to vote at the 15th AGM y electronic means. For this purpose, the Company has entered into an agreement with DSL to facilitate voting through electronic means, as the authorized agency. The facility of casting votes by a member using remote e-Voting system prior to the AGM will be rovided by NDSL

If the members are hereby informed that: -The voting period begins on Friday, September 26, 2025 (9:00 A.M. IST) and ends on Sunday, September 28, 2025 (5:00 P.M. IST). During this period, member whose names appear in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owner maintained by the depositories, as on the cut-off date i.e. Monday, September 22 2025 shall only be entitled to avail the remote e-voting facility or vote at the AGM, as the case may be. The e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafte and voting shall not be allowed beyond said time.

The members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the meeting car attend the meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again and members attending the meeting who have not cast their vote through remote e-voting shall be able to vote during the meeting.

Members who are holding shares in physical form or who have not registered their email address with the Company/ Depository or any person who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after the Notice has been sen electronically by the Company, and holds shares as of the cut-off date, i.e. Monday September 22, 2025, such Member may obtain the User ID and password by sending a request at https://www.evoting.nsdl.com. or cs@lucentindustries.in. However, if a Member is already registered with NSDL for e-voting then existing User ID and password can be used for casting vote.

For technical assistance regarding VC/OAVM participation in AGM or in case of an queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call at 022-48867000 and 022-24997000 or send a reques to Ms. Pallavi Mhatre at evoting@nsdl.co.in.

he Board of Directors has appointed CS Sandhya Malhotra partner at M/s. Manish Shia & Associates, Company Secretaries (Membership No. FCS 6715), Mumbai a he Scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.

The results of the e-voting shall be declared within two working days of the conclusion of AGM. The results declared, along with the Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the rebsite of the Company at www.lucentindustries.in and on the website of NSDL at ww.evoting.nsdl.com immediately after their declaration and the same shall simultaneousl e communicated to BSE Limited where the shares of the Company are listed.

lotice & Annual Report 2024-25 are also available on the Company's website a www.lucentindustries.in, websites of stock exchange at www.bseindia.com and or ebsite of NSDL at www.evoting.nsdl.com.

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6) and 9 (1)]

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security (Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) and9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public n general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Capri Global Capital Limited Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on dates below mentioned, for recovery of amount mentioned pelow due to the Capri Global Capital Limited Secured Creditor from Borrower mentioned below. The reserve price, EMD amount and property details mentioned below.

NO.			2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION	2. EMD OF THE PROPERT
1.	1. M/s Maa Narmada Dudh Dairy	All that Piece and Parcel of property being	OF EMD	3. INCREMENTAL VALUE
	(Through its Proprietor) (Borrower)	All that Piece and Parcel of property being land and building, Residential property situated on the western side of Jawahar	PROPERTY INSPECTION	RESERVE PRICE:
	2 Mr. Jadhan Glash Carman	Marg, in Pandit Colony, Municipal House	1. E-AUCTION DATE:	Rs. 15,30,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lacs Thirty
	4. Mrs. Saroj Savner(Co-borrower)	No. 546 (New No. 132), area admeasuring	27.09.2025 (Between 3:00 P.M.	Thousand Only).
	LOAN ACCOUNT No.	450 Sq. Ft., Ward No. 16, Swami	2 LAST DATE OF SUPPLYSSION	EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT:

LNCGCINDTL0000006501(Old) /80300005439180(New) Rupees 24,78,293/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lacs Seventy Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Three Only) as on 28.07.2025 along with applicable future interest.

Vivekanand Ward, Village Sanawad, Tehsil 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION
Barwah, Dist, Khargone, Madhya Pradesh- OF EMD WITH KYC: 26.09.2025 Rs. 1,53,000/- (Rupees 451111. Bounded As: East By: Plot of Mr. 3. DATE OF INSPECTION: Khatri, West By: Road, North By: House of 25.09.2025 Mangilalji Vyas, South By: Plot of Shri.

bidders through Demand Draft/NEFT/RTGS in favor of "Capri Global Capital Limited" on or before 26-September-2025.

DESCRIPTION OF THE 1. DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 1. RESERVE PRICE

One Lacs Fifty Three Thousand Only) **INCREMENTAL VALUE: Rs.** 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only).

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Capri Global Capital Limited Secured Creditor's website i.e. www. Capriglobal.in/auction/ TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE:-

. The Property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities . Particulars of the property / assts (viz. extent & measurements specified in the E-Auction Sale Notice has been stated to the best of information of the Secured Creditor and

Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission. Actual extant & dimensions may differ. 3. E-Auction Sale Notice issued by the Secured Creditor is an invitation to the general public to submit their bids and the same does not constitute and will not be deemed to institute any commitment or nay representation on the part of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the Secured Creditor and to conduct own independent enquiries /due diligence about the title & present condition of the property / assets and claims / dues affecting the property before

4. Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net Or Auction Tiger Mobile APP provided by the servic provider M/S eProcurement Technologies Limited, Ahmedabad who shall arrange & coordinate the entire process of auction through the e-auction platform. 5. The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Secured Creditor /servic

ovider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash own, power failure etc. 3. For details, help, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider M/S E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. Auction Tiger hmedabad (Contact no. 079-61200531/576/596/559/598/587/594/.), Mr. Ramprasad Sharma Mob. 800-002-3297/ 79-6120 0559. Email:

7. For participating in the e-auction sale the intending bidders should register their name at https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net well in advance and shall get the user id and assword. Intending bidders are advised to change only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provide For participating in e-auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% OF RESERVE PRICE (as mentioned above) shall be payable by inte

9. The intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid Form (format available on https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net) along with the Demand Draft remittance towar EMD in a sealed cover addressed to the Authorized Officer, Capri Global Capital Limited Regional Office Unit No. 101-103, First Floor, Plot No. 103/4, Krishna Tower Scheme No. 140, Above ICICI Bank, Pipliyane Square Indore, Madhya Pradesh latest by 03:00 PM on 26-September-2025. The sealed cover should be super scribed with "Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale- - in the Loan Account No. ____ (as mentioned above) for property of "Borrower Name."

10. After expiry of the last date of submission of bids with EMD, Authorised Officer shall examine the bids received by him and confirm the details of the qualified bidders (who have quoted their bids over and above the reserve price and paid the specified EMD with the Secured Creditor) to the service provider M/S eProcurement Technologies Limited o enable them to allow only those bidders to participate in the online inter-se bidding /auction proceedings at the date and time mentioned in E-Auction Sale Notice.

11. Inter-se bidding among the qualified bidders shall start from the highest bid quoted by the qualified bidders. During the process of inter-se bidding, there will be unlimited extension of "10" minutes each, i.e. the end time of e-auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension. 12. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user id given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him alone.

13. Immediately upon closure of E-Auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him BY E-Mail both to the Authorised Officer, Capri Global Capital Limited, Regional Office Unit No. 101-103, First Floor, Plot No. 103/4, Krishna Tower, Scheme No. 140, Above ICICI Bank, Pipliyane Square Indore, Madhya Pradesh and the Service Provider for getting declared as successful bidder in the E-Auction Sale proceedings.

14. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the same day of the sale, being knocked down in his favour and balance 75% of bid amouni within 15 days from the date of sale by DD/Pay order/NEFT/RTGS/Chq favouring Capri Global Capital Limited. 15. In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amour

already paid (including EMD) will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale. 16. At the request of the successful bidder, the Authorised Officer in his absolute discretion may grant further time in writing, for depositing the balance of the bid amount. 17. The Successful Bidder shall pay 1% of Sale price towards TDS (out of Sale proceeds) and submit TDS certificate to the Authorised officer and the deposit the entire amount of sale price (after deduction of 1% towards TDS), adjusting the EMD within 15 working days of the acceptance of the offer by the authorized officer, or within such other

18. Municipal / Panchayat Taxes, Electricity dues (if any) and any other authorities dues (if any) has to be paid by the successful bidder before issuance of the sale certificate Bids shall be made taking into consideration of all the statutory dues pertaining to the property.

19. Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful bidder only upon deposit of entire purchase price / bid amount and furnishing the

ecessary proof in respect of payment of all taxes / charges.

20. Applicable legal charges for conveyance, stamp duty, registration charges and other incidental charges shall be borne by the auction purchaser.

21. The Authorized officer may postpone / cancel the E-Auction Sale proceedings without assigning any reason whatsoever. In case the E-Auction Sale scheduled is ostponed to a later date before 15 days from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the service provider.

 The decision of the Authorised Officer is final, binding and unquestionable. 23. All bidders who submitted the bids, shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale and be bound by them.

24. The movable articles lying in the property is not part of this sale

27. This publication is also 15 (Fifteen) days notice to the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 8(6) and 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, about holding of auction sale on the above mentioned date / place.

Special Instructions / Caution: Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Capri Global Capital Limited nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements / alternatives such as back-up power supply

Place: KHARGONE (Madhya Pradesh) Date: 08-Sept-2025 Sd/- (Authorised Officer) Capri Global Capital Ltd.

The remote e-voting period will commence at 9:00 A.M. (IST) on Thursday. September 25. 2025 and will end at 05:00 P.M. (IST) on Sunday, September 28, 2025. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled for voting at 05:00 P.M. (IST) on Sunday, September 28, 2025. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the member cannot modify it

- Members, who have acquired shares after sending the Annual Report through electronic means and before the cut-off date, may obtain the USER ID and Password by sending a request at ivote@bigshareonline.com. However, if a Member is already registered for remote e-voting, then the Member may use their existing USER ID and Password, and cast Members attending the AGM who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting shall be eligible to cast their vote during the AGM. Members who have voted through remote e
- The procedure for e-voting is available in the Notice of the 3rd AGM as well as in the email sent to the Members along with the Notice of 3rd AGM and Annual Report. In case of any queries / grievances, you may refer to the 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQs) for Members and e-voting user manual' for Members available in the downloads section of the e-voting website of Bigshare https://ivote.bigshareonline.com or mail us at ivote@bigshareonline.com or call us at: 022-62638338;

voting shall be eligible to attend the AGM, however, they shall not be eligible to vote at the

- The Notice of AGM is available on the Company's website www.ommpl.com and on the website of Stock Exchange i.e. National Stock Exchange of India Limited at The Register of Members and Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from Monday, September 22, 2025 to Monday, September 29, 2025 (both days inclusive).
- The Company has appointed M/s. Heena Gulrajani & Associates, Company Secretaries (Membership No.: 68255), to act as the Scrutinizer, to scrutinise the entire e-voting process
- in a fair and transparent manner By Order of the Board of Directors

September 07th, 2025

For OWAIS METAL AND MINERAL PROCESSING LIMITED Saiyyed Owais Ali

Date: 7th September, 2025

Company Secretary & Compliance Office

extended time as deemed fit by the Authorised Officer, falling which the earnest deposit will be forfeited.

25. Borrower has filed one Securitization Application before DRT-Jabalpur vide SA No. 1058/2024. 26. For further details and queries, contact Authorised Officer, Capri Global Capital Limited: Mr. Sandeep Dixit Mo. No. 8989694769.

and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

From front page

Russian min pushes for...

In August, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had termed ties with Russia as "steadiest" among relationships built in the world after the Second World War. He said, "We believe that relations between India and Russia have been among the steadiest of the major relationships in the world after the Second World War."

Russian President Vladimir Putin will also make an official visit to India in December as confirmed by the Kremlin.

Explosives godown...

In 2011, Naxals had looted ammunition-laden trucks in the Lagar area near Pachama Dadar range. Since then, officials say, their tactics have evolved, now "arranging" materials through theft or illegal purchase from open markets.

This operation comes amid a nationwide crackdown on Maoism, driven by a directive from Union Home Minister Amit Shah to eliminate the threat by March 31, 2026. The Madhya Pradesh government, officials said, is pursuing this goal with serious intent.

In US, India chalks out...

The development comes amid confusing signals from Trump on US-India relations. A day after the US president claimed that the US seems to have "lost" India to "deepest, darkest China", he clarified, saying he "does not believe

In signs of efforts to check the downturn, Trump described India-US relationship as "special" and that he will always be "friends" with PM Narendra Modi.

"I will always be friends with Modi, he is a great prime minister, he's great. I'll always be friends but I just don't like what he's doing at this particular moment," Trump said at a news conference. "But India and the US have a special relationship. There is nothing to worry about," he said.

Modi also reciprocated Trump's feelings. "Deeply appreciate and fully reciprocate President Trump's sentiments and positive assessment of our ties," Modi said.

Crap note: **Navarro hits...**

"FACTS: India highest tariffs costs US jobs. India buys Russian oil purely to profit/Revenues feed Russia war machine. Ukrainians/ Russians die. U.S. taxpayers shell out more. India can't handle truth/spins," Navarro wrote. The X's fact-checking note, however, corrected him. saying India's Russian oil purchases are for "energy security" and they "do not violate sanctions". "While India has

some tariffs, the US has a trade surplus with it in services. The US also continues to import certain commodities from Russia, which is hypocritical," it said.

Another note added: "Navarro's claims are hypocritical. India's legal, sovereign purchases of Russian oil for energy security do not violate international law." X also mentioned that while the US is pressuring India over its oil trade, they themselves are continuing to import billions in Russian goods, like uranium, and "exposing a clear double standard".

US indicates more...

"We are in a race now between how long can the Ukrainian military hold up, versus how long can the Russian economy hold up?" Bessent added. "And if the US and the (European Union) can come in, do more sanctions, secondary tariffs on the countries that buy Russian oil, the Russian economy will be in total collapse, and that will bring (Russian) President (Vladimir) Putin to the table.

Last month, the Trump administration imposed 50% tariffs on India, some of the highest tariffs the US has imposed on any foreign nation, citing the country's continued purchases of Russian oil amid the war in Ukraine. Bessent's comments come iust hours after Russia launched its largest air attack of the war overnight, killing at least four people and setting fire to a government building in Kyiv.

INDIA'S KING-SIZED...

From the very first minute, India's high-press and Harmanpreet-led orchestration had the packed Rajgir stadium on its feet. Relentless attacking moves, rock-solid defence and a roaring home crowd proved too much for the Koreans, who barely threatened until the closing

For India, Dilpreet Singh -Brace hero (28', 45'), Sukhjeet Singh – Fastest opener (1') and Amit Rohidas - PC thunderbolt (50'), while Korea's only strike – Dain Son (51').

Undersea cable cut in...

Pakistan Telecommunications Co Ltd. a telecommunication giant in that country, noted, in a statement on Saturday, that the cuts had taken place. Saudi Arabia did not acknowledge the disruption and authorities there did not respond to a request for comment. In the United Arab Emirates, home to Dubai and Abu Dhabi, internet users on the country's state-owned Du and Etisalat networks complained of slower internet speeds. The government did not acknowledge the disruption. Subsea cables can be cut by anchors dropped from ships, but can also be targeted in attacks. It can take weeks for repairs to be made as a ship and crew must locate themselves over the

They are doing this now when polls are close: Khaege on GST reforms

damaged cable.

KALABURAGI (KARNATAKA)

Congress National President, Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday alleged US President Donald Trump's "pressure is mount-

ing" and the Union Government made the Goods and Service Tax reforms when the elections are close.

He also criticised Prime Min-Narendra ister Modi following the US tariffs imposed by the Trump administration on the Indian ex-

"... They are doing this now when the elections are close, and Trump's pressure is

mounting. These people kept

saying that China was not

allowed to infiltrate into the

country, and now PM Modi himself went and met them... If we are supporting them, that doesn't mean they can make arbitrary decisions... We have been practising a nonaligned policy since the time

> of Jawaharlal Nehru. However, when PM Modi came to power, he made statements like 'Trump is my friend.' Then Trump made statements that ruined the environment in the country and

the world. They are not executing our foreign policy properly...

On Wednesday, the 56th GST council meeting decided to rationalise GST rates to two slabs of 5 per cent and 18 per cent by merging the 12 per cent and 28 per cent rates.

MONSOON HAVOC| Yamuna, Ganga and other rivers flowing above danger mark, disrupting life across districts

UP REELS UNDER FLOOD FURY

Biswajeet Banerjee LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh is reeling under the impact of swollen rivers as the Ganga, Yamuna and other rivers have breached danger levels, flooding vast areas and throwing normal life out of gear. From Aligarh, Bareilly, Hathras and Mathura to Shahjahanpur, Lakhimpur Kheri, Prayagraj and Varanasi, floodwaters have entered habitations, forcing thousands to take shelter in relief camps. The administration is carrying out rescue operations and shifting people to safer loca-

tions. In Shahjahanpur, floodwaters disrupted traffic on the busy Delhi-Lucknow highway. Nearly two feet of water flowed for about 1.5 km under the Bareilly Morh overbridge up to Mauzampur village. By evening, the current intensified, bringing two-wheelers, autos and tempos to a halt. Commuters were forced to wade through water on foot. Additional District Magistrate (Finance and Revenue) Ar-

Flash floods ravage paddy, apple crops in south Kashmir

Srinagar: Flash floods in Kashmir have destroyed standing paddy -- mainly rice and apple -- spread over thousands of acres in four southern districts of the valley, leaving farmers staring at cumulative losses running into hundreds of crores. As the Jhelum swelled due to incessant rains and cloudbursts, overflowing waters washed away rice fields in several areas of Ananthag and Pulwama districts.

Punjab schools, colleges to reopen from Monday

Chandigarh: All schools, colleges and universities in Punjab will reopen for students from September 8, Education Minister Harjot Bains said on Sunday, days after educational institutions across the state were closed due to floods. If any school or college is affected by floods, the decision on its closure will be taken by the respective deputy commissioner, the minister said.

vind Kumar said PAC flood units have been deployed to monitor the situation. Finance Minister Suresh Khanna also inspected the area and directed officials to provide all possible assistance.

In Lakhimpur Kheri, tragedy struck when a boat carrying 20 villagers capsized in the Sharda river near Nauwabpur ghat on Saturday morning. While most passengers were rescued, Kailash (40) and his daughter Seema (15) went missing. NDRF teams launched a search operation but were unable to locate them till late evening. The family and fellow villagers had set out to collect flood relief material from across the river. The search operation will continue on Sunday.

Prayagraj and Varanasi are bracing for fresh threats as water levels of the Ganga and Yamuna crossed 82 metres

PM to visit flood-hit Punjab on Tuesday, to conduct aerial survey of flood-hit areas

Rajesh Moudgil CHANDIGARH

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Punjab on September 9 and will take the stock of flood-hit areas of the state, state BJP chief Sunil Jhakar said on Sunday. Sharing this information, Jakhar said in his post on X: "PM Shri Narendra Modi is deeply concerned about the flood situation in Punjab and is closely moni-

toring it. He is visiting Pun-

jab on September 9 to personally assess the local conditions and understand the ground realities to provide maximum assistance to the people of Puniab". "Earlier, Union Agricul-

ture Minister Shri Shivraj Chauhan was sent to evaluate the situation. Two central government teams, which visited to assess the damage caused by the floods in Punjab, are set to submit their reports to the central government after their tour. The Government of India stands firmly with the people of Punjab", he added. Meanwhile, according to information, the PM will come to Punjab on Tuesday from Kangra, which too was among several areas of the hilly state ravaged by the torrential rains and floods in the recent few days. Modi will conduct an aerial survey of the flood-affect areas and land in Pathankot where he is likely to hold a meeting with the state government officials.

and may rise to 84 metres in the coming days, officials warned. In Prayagraj, floodwaters are inching closer to residential areas, threatening to inundate large parts of the city again. In Varanasi, the Ganga rose for the third time this season due to flooding in the Yamuna, submerging the water police outpost at Dashashwamedh ghat and flooding the Assi ghat stage of the

"Subah-e-Banaras"

rikrama route is waterlogged up to Dai Kos, causing severe inconvenience to pilgrims and residents alike. Several roads leading to Barahghat, Kalisah Marg, Jugalghat, Shringarvat and Chirghat have been submerged.

gramme. The Panchkosi Pa-

Mathura and Vrindavan are among the worst-hit. Rising Yamuna waters inundated colonies like Laxminagar's Tiwari Puram and several adjoining villages, with seven to eight feet of water flooding homes in Isapur and Hansganj. District Magistrate Chandraprakash Singh and SSP Shlok Kumar had to use tractors to access submerged areas. Many families remain trapped, refusing to leave their homes for fear of theft and loss of their belongings. Shortage of drinking water and prolonged power cuts have added to their miseries.

Ahead of V-P poll, BJP holds key meeting with PM in attendance

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday attended a two-day BJP MPs workshop held at the GMC Balayogi Auditorium in the Parliament complex here on Sunday, reports IANS.

Taking it to X, PM Modi said: "Attended the 'Sansad Karyashala' in Delhi. MP colleagues from all over India and other senior leaders exchanged valuable perspectives on diverse issues."

"In our party, platforms like 'Sansad Karyashala' are important because they are great forums to learn from each other and deliberate on how we can serve people even better," he added.

It is pertinent to note here that the BJP has organised the two-day workshop for MPs, ahead of the September 9 Vice-presidential elections.

According to sources, the workshop included the mock poll to train MPs on the votecasting process.

The BJP-led NDA has intensified its preparations and is leaving no stone unturned for the Vice Presidential election and this two day workshop is likely to feature a presentation which would apprise the MPs, both from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha regarding the poll

This time, the V-P election is seen as a 'South vs South' battle, with NDA nominee C.P. Radhakrishnan from Tamil Nadu (who has an old association with RSS) and opposition candidate B. Sudarshan Reddy from Telangana

(former SC judge). The Vice President is elected by an electoral college consisting of members from both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

Farmers to be allowed to mine, sell sand from their flood-hit fields

Rajesh Moudgil

CHANDIGARH

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab has decided to soon announce a policy allowing farmers to mine and sell the sand deposited in their fields by the recent floods.

Briefing newspersons in this regard, Punjab affairs incharge Manish Sisodia said on Sunday that the AAP government would be announcing a policy in this regard in the next two or three days.

The development comes ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's September 9 visit to Puniab to assess flood damage and announce relief for the flood-affected people.

Sisodia said that the government has consistently been working on the ground since the flood situation arose.

The farmers are worried not just the crops which have already been damaged but also about the next kharif season as the sand which has come with flood waters have accumulated in their fields. In numerous areas, sand layers are over two feet high, he said. Since the government policies do not allow mining without permission Mann government is likely to announce the policy allowing farmers to extract and sell the sand to remove it from their fields, he added

While Sisodia was informed about this concern by farmers during his visits to flood-hit areas in Gurdaspur and Tarn Taran, chief minister Mann, who is currently running fever and is in hospital, had also been given a similar

Before the seat sharing deal reaching final stage, union minister Chirag Paswan's LJP (RV) on Sunday reminded the alliance's two

LJP (RV) gives veiled

threat of contesting polls

major allies- BJP and JD (U) of how it contested elections on its own in the last state polls when it was not given number of seats that could satisfy aspirations of the party workers.

Dheeraj Kumar

While explaining why his party fought on all seats in the last state polls, Bharti said that only his party could dare to contest elections on its own without entering into any alliance.

LJP (RV) MP commented on 'X', "The workers are the true backbone of our party. It is the natural expectation of the workers who toil tirelessly for the party that one day they too will get the opportunity to serve the people as

representatives of the party. In 2020, when we could not fulfill this sentiment and expectation of our workers due to coalition obligations, we took the bold decision to contest the elections alone. This was not merely electoral politics, but a matter of respecting the sentiments of our workers. Even though we won only one seat in that election, the truth is that by contesting 137 seats, we secured 6 percent of the votes. If we had contested all 243 seats, our vote share would have been more than 10 percent."

"This was a living testament to the strength of our workers and the trust of the people. In reality, this has been a part of our strategic move and political character. The year 2020 made it clear that if any party in Bihar's politics had the courage to contest elections alone, it was only the Lok Janshakti Party,'

RSS concerned over religious conversion and infiltration from Bangladesh **Manish Godha** among youth in Punjab, and inbut through legal and mutual dialogue, Ambekar. Regarding

The representatives of various RSS-associated organizations have expressed concern over increasing religious conversion and drug addiction among youth in Punjab and infiltration from Bangladesh in West Ben-

The three-day Akhil Bharativa Samanvay Baithak of 32 RSS-associated organizations held in Jodhpur concluded with detailed discussions on various aspects of the new National Education Policy, issues of religious conversion and other social threats in different parts of the country, and plans for the centenary year of the Sangh with increased participation of women in the activities of RSS and its allied

organizations. Sharing the details of the meeting, the Akhil Bhartiya Prachar Pramukh Sunil Ambekar said that concern was expressed over the increasing religious conversions and the spread of drug addiction

formation was shared about the awareness and de-addiction campaigns run by Seva Bharati and Vidyarthi Parishad.

Serious concern was expressed over the infiltration from Bangladesh, especially after the change of power there and the way it is posing a challenge to the Hindu community in West Bengal.

"Religious conversion done by force, greed, or by misleading is always improper. And from this perspective, the Hindu community, sages, saints, and aware people are there to expose it," said Ambe-

He said that programs are being organized on a large scale by Vishwa Hindu Parishad and other organizations. Special emphasis is being laid on reaching every section of society. Besides this, legal actions are being taken.

"Issues like religious conversion, infiltration, and Kashi-Mathura will not be sought through conflict or agitation

NAME CHANGE Sumit Resident of - H.N.

out by the government.

the issues related to the North-

east, the RSS appreciated the

signs of declining violence and

development projects carried

157,Ahilya Nagar , Post-Army Headquarters Tehsil & District- Indore, (MP) Pin 452006, That I want to change my Dependent daughter's name from Miss-Savani Shrivastav to Miss Savni Shrivastav vide MF Govt Affidavit No - 31900/25 Dt. 04/09/25. before District Court Indore (MP) Pin-

नाम परिवर्तन सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि पूर्व में मेरों नाम अखिलेश कुमार श्रीवास्तव पिता स्व. श्री गिरीश चन्द्र श्रीवास्तव था । जो कि परिवर्तित कर अखिलेश श्रीवास्तव कर दिया गया है अतः अब भविष्य में मुझे अखिलेश श्रीवास्तव के नाम से जाना एवं पहचान जावे।

अखिलेश श्रीवास्तव पता --- मकान नंबर 461 सेक्टर एस. सिलिकॉन सिटी राऊ, जिला इंदौर–452012

Change in Name

he added.

This is to inform you that Earlia my name was MUKESH KUMAR CHOUDHARY. Now I changed my name to MUKESH CHOUDHARY. From now and in future i will be known by my new name MUKESH CHOUDHARY S/O AMBARAM CHOUDHARY ADD: 189, WARD NO-8, CHOUDHARY MOHALLA, PATADI, DIST -DEWAS(M.P.)

NAME CHANGE

No-14924833-P, Ex-Hav Bharat Singh, Resident of VPO-Padaliya, Tehsil- Tonk Khurd , District- Dewas (MP) Pin 455116, That I want to change my dependent daughter's name from Miss-Priyakshi to Miss- Priyakshi Mandloi vide MP Govt Affidavit No 31903/25 Dt. 04/09/25. before District Court Indore (MP) Pin-452001

नाम परिवर्तन सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेरे पासपोर्ट में मेरा नाम देवप्रकाश रामचन्द्र शम Devprakash Ramchandra Sharma भंकित है। मेरा सही नाम देवप्रकाश शर्मा पित तमचन्द्र शर्मा है (Devprakash Sharm S/O Ramchandra Sharma) है जो कि बाकि सभी अभिलेखों एवं दस्तावेजो में दर्ज है। अतः अब से एवं भविष्य में मुझे देवप्रका

शर्मा पिता रामचन्द्र शर्मा (Devprakash harma S/O Ramchandra Sharma) इस् ाम से जाना एवं पहचाना जावें। vprakash Sharma S/O Ramchandra Sharm Address- 295 AG , Scheme No. 74C, Indore PO, Vijay Nagar , Indore, (M.P.)

NAME CHANGE JC 245322W, Ex-

Subedar Dinesh, Resident of - H.N. 1061/A-2, Scheme No.136, (IDA) Post -Vijay Nagar, District Indore, (MP) Pin 452010, That I want to change my self name from Dinesh to Dinesh Parihar vide MP Govt Affidavit No 31906/25 Dt. 04/09/25. before District Court Indore (MP) Pin-452001

NAME CHANGE

, No-14924833-P, Ex-Hav

Bharat Singh, Resident of VPO-Padaliya, Tehsil- Tonk Khurd , District- Dewas (MP) Pin 455116, That want to change my dependent daughter's name from Roshni to Roshni Mandloi vide MP Govt Affidavit No - 31901/25 Dt. 04/09/25. before District Court Indore (MP) Pin-

NAME CHANGE

JC 245322W, Ex Subedar Dinesh, Resident of - H.N. 1061/A-2, Scheme No. 136, (IDA), Post - Vijay Nagar, District Indore, (MP) Pin 452010, That I want to change my Spouse name from Smt. Kavita to Smt. Kavita Parihar vide MP Govt Affidavit No - 31905/25 Dt. 04/09/25. before District Court Indore (MP) Pin-452001

NAME CHANGE

No-6947969A, Ex-Sep Sumit Resident of - H.N. 157, Ahilya Nagar , Post-Army Headquarters Tehsil & District- Indore, (MP) Pin 452006, That I want to change my self name from Sumit to Sumit Shrivastav due to addition of a surname in my name vide MP Govt Affidavit No - 31902/25 Dt. 04/09/25. before District Court Indore (MP) Pin-452001

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (IIFL HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and Branch Office at:- 102 / 103, Darshan Mall, 15/2 Race Course Road, Indore- 452001, Madhya Pradesh under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter 'Act'). Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AC") of IIFL-IHFL had taken the possession of the following ropertyrises pursuant to the notice issued Uts 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS' for realization of IIFL-IHFL's dues, The Sale will be deep but the undersigned through a custom and form provided at the underline. ale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.iiflonehome.com

Borrower(s) /		Description of the Immovable	Date of Physical	Reserve Price	
Co-Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s),		All that part and parcel of the property bear	Possession - 13/03/2025	Rs.1584000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.158400/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Only)	
Mr. Megh Singh Mrs. Ramdulari Bai	(Rupees Six Lakh Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Seven Only)	ing: House No. 270, with land area admea suring 450 sq. ft., South Shanti Naga Colony, Mhow Gow, The Mho, Indore	Date 29/08/2025 Rs. 558805/- (Rupees Five		
(Prospect No- 933181)	Bid Increase Amount Rs.25000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	1452001, Madhya Pradesh, India (Are- admeasuring 900 Sq Ft.)	Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Five Only)		
	08/10/2024	All that part and parcel of the property		Rs.822000/- (Rupees	
Mr. Mukesh	Rs.644250/-	bearing: Plot no 128/2 (Part of 128) GLOBAL PARK, at Village Bagoda Tehsi		Eight Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.82200./- (Rupees Eighty Two Thousand Two Hundred Only)	
Mrs. Bhavana Mukesh Sabji Bhandar	(Rupees Six Lakh Forty Four Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Only)	Depalpur(New Tehsil Rau) , Indore 453332 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.)	Total Outstanding as On Date 29/08/2025 Rs. 683413/-		
(Prospect No. IL10514137)	Bid Increase Amount Rs.20000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)	Property Type: Land_Area, Saleable _Area, Super_Built_Up _Ar ea Property Area: 393.00,393.00, 300.00	(Rupees Six Lakh Eighty Three		
	Important Information: This auction is published basis possession vide Sec 13 (4) of SARFAESI Act. Physical possession will be offered post receiving of Section -14 order as per process laid down under SARFAESI Act and as and when physical possession will be taken. Bidder shall do necessary due-diligence in respect of documents and legality before participating in auction proceedings				
	nte of Inspection of property Oct-2025 1100 hrs -1400 hrs			e of E-Auction 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.	

Mode of Payment: - EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have to visit https://www.iiflonehome.com and pay througi link available for the property/ Secured Asset only Note: Payment link for each property/ Secured Asset is different. Ensure you are using link of the property Secured Asset you intend to buy vide public auction. For Balance Payment - Login https://www.iiflonehome.com >My Bid >Pay Balance Amount

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary exper Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost

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KATHMANDU

Nepal-China joint military drill begins



The fifth edition of Sagarmatha Friendship, a joint military exercise between Nepal Army and the Peoples Liberation Army of China kicked off in Kathmandu on Sunday. There will be knowledge exchanged between the two armies during the 10day long joint military exercise on matters related to disaster management, United Nations Peace Mission and counter-terrorism among others, a press release by Nepal Army said. The joint military exercise is being organised in Nepal and China on rotation basis since 2017.

LAHORE Five killed as

flood rescue boat capsizes

Five people were killed when a rescue boat carrying flood victims capsized in the Punjab province of Pakistan, an official said on Sunday. The incident took place on Saturday evening in Jalalpur Pirwala in the Multan district, which is around 350 km from Lahore. Punjab's **Provincial Disaster** Management Authority (PDMA) Director General Irfan Ali Kathia told a press conference here that around 30 flood victims were on board when the rescue boat overturned due to strong water currents. Five people – a woman and four children – drowned as they were without life jackets, while the others

BEIJING

Typhoon triggers warning

were rescued.

As Typhoon Tapah, the 16th typhoon of the year, has formed, China's island province of Hainan issued a Level IV typhoon warning at 8 a.m. on Sunday. At 7 am on Sunday, the centre of Typhoon Tapah was located over the South China Sea. approximately 445 kilometres southeast of Dianbai District in Maoming City, south China's Guangdong Province, packing maximum winds of 23 meters per second near its centre, the Hainan provincial meteorological observatory said. Typhoon Tapah is forecast to move northwestward at a speed of 10 to 15 kilometres per hour while gradually intensifying, reports Xinhua news agency.

WAR ZONE | Smoke seen rising from roof of a key government building in Kyiv as Moscow strikes with over 800 drones, decoys

2 die in Russia's largest aerial attack on Ukraine

Russia hit Ukraine's capital with drone and missiles on Sunday in the largest aerial attack on the country since the war began, killing at least two people and leaving smoke rising from the roof of a key government build-

Russia attacked Ukraine with 805 drones and decoys, officials

Yuriy Ihnat, a spokesperson for Ukraine's Air Force, confirmed to The Associated Press that Sunday's attack was the largest Russian drone strike since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine began. Russia also launched 13 missiles of various

Ukraine shot down and neutralized 747 drones and 4 missiles, according to a statement from the Air Force.

There were nine missile hits and 56 drone strikes in 37 locations across Ukraine. Debris from shot-down drones and missiles fell on 8 locations.

Associated Press reporters saw a plume of smoke rising



Smoke rises from a building of Ukrainian government headquarters, after Russian drone and missile strikes, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kyiv, on Sunday

people were killed and 15 in-

ernment building was damaged

by an enemy attack, including

the roof and upper floors," said

Ukraine's Prime Minister Yulia

Svyrydenko. "We will restore

the buildings, but lost lives can-

"The world must respond to

this destruction not only with

words, but with actions. There is

a need to strengthen sanctions

pressure - primarily against

Russian oil and gas," she said.

"For the first time, the gov-

jured in the attack.

not be returned."

from the roof of Kyiv's cabinet of ministers building, but it was not immediately clear if the smoke was the result of a direct hit or debris, which would mark an escalation in Russia's air campaign. Russia has so far avoided targeting government buildings in the city centre.

The building is the home of Ukraine's Cabinet, housing the offices of its ministers. Police blocked access to the building as fire trucks and ambulances arrived.

Ukrainian officials said two

Zelenskyy says no to Putin's proposal for Moscow meet

Kyiv: Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has reiected his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin's suggestion to meet in Moscow, calling the choice of such an unrealistic meeting place a sign that Russia is not genuinely interested in negotiations.

in an interview with US media, "I can't go to the capital of this terrorist" because Ukraine is "under missile attacks, under fire every day".

The Ukrainian leader said

"(Putin) can come to Kyiv," Zelenskyy said in response, as quoted by EuroNews.

President Donald Trump has been pushing for face-to-face talks between the two presidents. A bilateral or trilateral meet was one of the main goals of Trump's summit with Putin in Alaska.

Over 890 held at London's Palestine Action rally

PTI LONDON

The Metropolitan Police on Sunday condemned the "intolerable" abuse suffered by officers who were "kicked and spat on" as they made over 890 arrests at a protest here against the banning of Palestine Action as a terror

Hundreds gathered at Parliament Square over the course of the weekend to oppose the group's proscription by the UK government, holding placards such as "I oppose genocide, I support Palestine Action" in protest over the Israel-Hamas con-

Police had, in August, arrested a large number of people during a similar protest defying the ban on the same organisation.

A total of 857 individuals were arrested in Parliament Square in London under the UK Terrorism Act 2000 over alleged offences, the Met Police said. Other arrests were made for other offences, including on suspicion of assaulting officers. "In carrying out their duties, our officers have been punched, kicked, spat on and had objects thrown at them," said Met Police Deputy Assistant Commissioner Claire Smart, who led the operation.



Police officers remove an agitator from the protest site during a stir to support Palestine Action in London

Israeli media begins reporting on Palestinian hardships

TEL AVIV

The war in the Gaza Strip is starting to look different these days on the Israeli news. For most of the past two years, television stations in Israel have paid little attention to suffering in Gaza, giving viewers a steady stream of stories about Israeli heroism, the agony of hostages' families and the deaths of soldiers in combat.

But that is changing. In recent months, some Israeli stations have begun to share graphic images of malnourished children and a few deeply reported stories about the difficulties of daily life for Palestinians.

This subtle shift comes as Israel faces unprecedented global outrage over the war, and reflects deep divisions over whether the military offensive should be halted, though the growing protests and media coverage have had little effect on Israel's policies.

Starmer has 'legal duty to stop genocide:' Greta

Keir Starmer must obey his "legal duty to act to prevent a genocide", Greta Thunberg has told the Guardian while travelling onboard an aid flotilla heading for Gaza. The Swedish activist said there was a "huge absence of those whose legal responsibility it is to step up" under international law, and called out the UK prime minister before a potential meeting this week with Israel's president, Isaac Herzog.

"It's not just truly caring about the situation in Gaza, but also from an Israeli perspective, are we acting correctly in a way that serves the aims of this war?" said Eran Amsalem, a communications professor at Israel's Hebrew

S Korea to bring home 300 workers detained in Georgia

More than 300 South Korean workers detained following a massive immigration raid at a Hyundai plant in Georgia will be released and brought home, the South Korean government announced on Sunday.

Presidential chief of staff Kang Hoon-sik said that South Korea and the US had finalised negotiations on the workers' release. He said South Korea plans to send a chartered plane to bring the workers home as soon as remaining administrative steps are completed. US immigration authorities said on Fri-



day they detained 475 people, most of them South Korean nationals, when hundreds of federal agents raided Hyundai's sprawling manufacturing site in Georgia where the Korean

automaker Hyundai makes electric vehicles. South Korea's Foreign Minister Cho Hyun later said that more than 300 South Koreans were among the detained.

Boko Haram militants kill 60 in attack in Nigeria's northeast



MAIDUGURI (NIGERIA)

Boko Haram militants killed dozens of people in a nighttime assault on a village in northeastern Nigeria that is home to residents who had recently returned from a camp for internally displaced persons, authorities said.

The attack on Darul Jamal in the Bama local government area took place late Friday and killed at least 60 people, a resident of the village, Mohammed Babagana, told The Associated Press.

Borno state Gov Babagana Zulum, who visited the attacked community late Saturday evening, confirmed to reporters that over 60 died in the attack.

"We sympathize with the people and have pleaded with them not to abandon their homes as we have made arrangements to improve the security and provide food and other lifesaving items that they have lost," Zulum said.

The chairman of Bama's local government, Modu Gujja, said over a dozen houses were burnt and more than 100 people were forced to

Taiwo Adebayo, a researcher specialising in Boko Haram at the Institute for Security Studies, spoke to residents of Darual Jamal and said the killings on Friday night were carried out by a faction of Boko Haram known as Jama'atu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'awati wal-Jihad.

Trump confirms his top picks to replace Fed Chair Powell

US President Donald Trump has confirmed his leading choices to replace the current US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, naming three of his close aides as top picks for the position, The Hill reported.

According to The Hill, Trump on Friday (local time) has confirmed the names of Kevin Hassett, Kevin Warsh, and Christopher Waller as his leading choices to replace Jerome Powell, whose term is set to end in May 2026.

When Trump was asked if Hassett, who leads the White House National Economic Council; Warsh, a former Fed governor; and Waller, an economist and current Fed board member, are his top choices for the role, he replied, "Yeah, I would say you could say those are the top three. Good job," as quoted by The Hill. Trump has signalled for months that he plans to replace Powell, whose term as the chair of the US Federal Reserve ends next May; however, his term as part of the Federal Board will end in January 2028.

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6) and 9 (1)]

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 ((6) and 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Capri Global Housing Finance Limited Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on dates below mentioned, and property details mentioned below

1.BORROWER(S) NAME 2. OUTSTANDING AMOUNT

1. 1.Late Mr. Dheeraj Singh(Through his Legal Heirs) ("Borrower") 2. Mrs. Santosh Wo Dheeraj 3.Mr. Mahesh Tomar (Co-borrower) LOAN ACCOUNT No. LNHLAGA000081847(Old)

/50300000619223(New) Rupees 5,99,731/- (Rupees Five Lacs Ninety Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty One Only) as on 23.07.2025 along with applicable future interest.

 1. Mr. Rakesh Parmar ("Borrower")
 2. Mrs.Dala Bai (Co-borrower) LOAN ACCOUNT No. LNHLALT000067333(Old) /50300000605133(New) Rupees 6,28,240/- (Rupees Six Lacs Twenty Eight Thousand Two

Hundred and Fourty Only) as on

future interest.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land and building, the property being House No. 01, Ward No. 10, PH No. 37, Total Area admeasuring 242.56 Sq. Mts., Village Parago Parago 1. E-AUCTION DATE: 27.09.2025 (Retween 1. Village Bansya, Post Piliyaset, Tehsil Nalkheda, District Agar Malwa, Madhya Pradesh - 465445. Bounded SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH As: East By - House of Mr. Mangilal West By - Common Road

KYC: 26.09.2025 North By - Common Road South By - House of Mr. Gokul Single

Rasta, South By - Open space

All that piece and parcel of Property 1. E-AUCTION DATE: being land and building being Plot 27.09.2025 (Between 3:00 /House No. 44, adm. Area 1944 Sq. P.M. to 4:00 P.M.) Ft., i.e., 180.66 Sq. Mts., P.H. No. 08, Gram Arwas, Tehsil Taal, District SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh - 457114
Bounded As: East By – Gali, West By –

KYC: 26.09.2025
3. DATE OF INSPECTION: House of Munnalal, North By - Aam 25.09.2025

1. DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 1. RESERVE PRICE 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION 2. EMD OF THE PROPERTY 3. INCREMENTAL VALUE RESERVE PRICE:

Rs. 11,70,000/-(Rupees **Eleven Lacs Seventy** Thousand Only). EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT: Rs. 1,17,000/- (Rupees One Lac Seventee Thousand Only) 3. DATE OF INSPECTION:

INCREMENTAL VALUE: Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) RESERVE PRICE:

Rs. 11,25,000/-(Rupees **Eleven Lacs Twenty Five** Thousand Only). **EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT:** Rs. 1,12,500/- (Rupees One Lacs Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Only) INCREMENTAL VAL 10,000/- (Rupees Ten

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Capri Global Housing Finance Limited Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.caprihomeloans.com/auction TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE:-1. The Property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities.

2. Particulars of the property / assts (viz. extent & measurements specified in the E-Auction Sale Notice has been stated to the best of information of the Secured Creditor and

Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission. Actual extant & dimensions may differ. 3. E-Auction Sale Notice issued by the Secured Creditor is an invitation to the general public to submit their bids and the same does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or nay representation on the part of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the Secured Creditor and to conduct own independent enquiries /due diligence about the title & present condition of the property / assets and claims / dues affecting the property before

4. Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net Or Auction Tiger Mobile APP provided by the service provider M/S eProcurement Technologies Limited, Ahmedabad who shall arrange & coordinate the entire process of auction through the e-auction platform

5. The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Secured Creditor /service provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash own, power failure etc. 6. For details, help, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider M/S E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. Auction Tiger. Ahmedabad (Contact no. 079-68136880/68136837), Mr. Ramprasad Sharma Mob. 800-002-3297/79-6120 0559. Email: ramprasad@auctiontiger.net,.

7. For participating in the e-auction sale the intending bidders should register their name at https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net well in advance and shall get the user id and assword. Intending bidders are advised to change only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provider. 8. For participating in e-auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% OF RESERVE PRICE (as mentioned above) shall be payable by interested

hidders through Demand Draft/NEFT/RTGS in favor of "Capri Global Housing Finance Limited" on or before 26-September-2025. 9. The intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid Form (format available on https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net) along with the Demand Draft remittance towards EMD in a sealed cover addressed to the Authorized Officer, Capri Global Housing Finance Limited Regional Office Unit No. 101-103, First Floor, Plot No. 103/4, Krishna

Tower, Scheme No. 140, Above ICICI Bank, Pipliyane Square Indore, Madhya Pradesh latest by 03:00 PM on 26-September-2025. The sealed cover should be super scribed with "Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale-- in the Loan Account No. ____ (as mentioned above) for property of "Borrower Name." 10. After expiry of the last date of submission of bids with EMD. Authorised Officer shall examine the bids received by him and confirm the details of the qualified bidders (who have quoted their bids over and above the reserve price and paid the specified EMD with the Secured Creditor) to the service provider M/S eProcurement Technologies Limited to enable them to allow only those bidders to participate in the online inter-se bidding /auction proceedings at the date and time mentioned in E-Auction Sale Notice.

11. Inter-se bidding among the gualified bidders shall start from the highest bid quoted by the gualified bidders. During the process of inter-se bidding, there will be unlimited. extension of "10" minutes each, i.e. the end time of e-auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension. 12. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user id given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him alone. 13. Immediately upon closure of E-Auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him BY E-Mail both to the Authorised Officer, Capri

Global Housing Finance Limited, Regional Office Unit No. 101-103, First Floor, Plot No. 103/4, Krishna Tower, Scheme No. 140, Above ICICI Bank, Pipliyane Square Indore, Madhya Pradesh and the Service Provider for getting declared as successful bidder in the E-Auction Sale proceedings. 14. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) within 24 hour of the sale, being knocked down in his favour and balance 75% of bid amount

vithin 15 days from the date of sale by DD/Pay order/NEFT/RTGS/Chq favouring Capri Global Housing Finance Limited. 15. In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount

already paid (including EMD) will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale 16. At the request of the successful bidder, the Authorised Officer in his absolute discretion may grant further time in writing, for depositing the balance of the bid amount. 17. The Successful Bidder shall pay 1% of Sale price towards TDS (out of Sale proceeds) (if applicable) and submit TDS certificate to the Authorised officer and the deposit the

entire amount of sale price (after deduction of 1% towards TDS), adjusting the EMD within 15 working days of the acceptance of the offer by the authorized officer, or within such other extended time as deemed fit by the Authorised Officer, falling which the earnest deposit will be forfeited. 18. Municipal / Panchayat Taxes, Electricity dues (if any) and any other authorities dues (if any) has to be paid by the successful bidder before issuance of the sale certificate

Bids shall be made taking into consideration of all the statutory dues pertaining to the property.

19. Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful bidder only upon deposit of entire purchase price / bid amount and furnishing the

necessary proof in respect of payment of all taxes / charges.

20. Applicable legal charges for conveyance, stamp duty, registration charges and other incidental charges shall be borne by the auction purchaser 21. The Authorized officer may postpone / cancel the E-Auction Sale proceedings without assigning any reason whatsoever. In case the E-Auction Sale scheduled is

stponed to a later date before 15 days from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the service provider 22. The decision of the Authorised Officer is final, binding and unquestionable 23. All bidders who submitted the bids, shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale and be bound by them

24. Movable item (if any) lying in the property is not offer with sale. 25. For further details and queries, contact Authorised Officer, Capri Global Housing Finance Limited: Mr. Sandeep Dixit Mo. No. 8989694769

(Enforcement) Rules 2002, about holding of auction sale on the above mentioned date / place Special Instructions / Caution: Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Capri Global Housing Finance Limited nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder in such

26. This publication is also 15 (Fifteen) days notice to the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 8(6) and 9 (1) of Security Interes

pply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully. Place: AGAR, RATLAM (Madhya Pradesh) Date: 08-Sept-2025 Sd/- (Authorised Officer) Capri Global Housing Finance Limited

TEL AVIV

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said it struck a highrise building, which they claimed was being used by Hamas in the area of Gaza

The IDF further said that it took appropriate steps to mitigate the killing of civil-

ians in the strike. In a post on X, the IDF said, "STRUCK: A high-rise

building that was being used by the Hamas terrorist organisation in the area of Gaza City

Hamas terrorists installed intelligence-gathering equipment and positioned observation posts in the building in order to monitor the location of IDF troops in the area. Hamas terrorists also

planted numerous explosive

devices near the building.

Prior to the strike, steps

Government Media Office rejected the

gate harm to civilians."

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were taken in order to miti-

claims and called them "part of a systematic policy of deception used by the occupation to justify the targeting of civilians and infrastructure" and forcibly displace Palestinians from their homes. It said that Israel has destroyed 90% of Gaza's infrastructure, as per Al Ja-

Israel's southern airport A drone launched from

group has hit Israel's southern airport, closing the airspace and halting flights, the Israeli military said on Sunday. Israel said the Houthis launched multiple drones, some of which were intercepted. At least one hit near the Ramon International Airport near the southern Israeli city of Eilat.

Highrise used for terrorist activities in Gaza hit: Israel Houthi drone strikes near

Yemen by the Houthi militant

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India, Israel likely to sign BIT next wk

India and Israel are likely to sign a bilateral investment treaty (BIT) during the upcoming visit of Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich this week, while laying the groundwork for a free trade agreement (FTA) to boost trade between the two countries, according to sources. Smotrich will be on a three-day visit to India next week between September 8 and 10, during which he will meet Indian FM Nirmala Sitharaman, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal

Mcap of 7 of 10 most-valued firms up ₹1L cr

The combined market valuation of seven of the top-10 most valued firms jumped Rs 1,06,250.95 crore last week, with Bajaj Finance and Reliance Industries emerging as the biggest gainers, in line with an optimistic trend in equities. From the top-10 pack, Reliance Industries. HDFC Bank, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India, Bajaj Finance and LIC were the winners.

VW: Looking at India as potential mkt for small e-cars

Volkswagen is looking at India as a potential market for its affordable small electric cars and is working with partners on how to best introduce them in the market, its CEO Oliver Blume said on Sunday. The group feels that the reduction of GST on automobiles in India makes the Indian automotive market, already the third largest, more attractive, Blume told PTI.

LNJ GreenPET, Sumitomo Corp sign pact

LNJ GreenPET on Sunday said it has inked an initial pact with Japan-based Sumitomo Corporation to establish a strategic collaboration in the recycled polyethylene terephthalate (r-PET) sector in India. The agreement outlines a multi-pronged framework for cooperation, encompassing commercial development, raw material procurement, marketing, and potential investment opportunities for the company's upcoming r-PET project in India, a company state-

Hyundai to cut prices by up to ₹2.4 lakh

ment said.

Hyundai Motor India on Sunday said it has reduced prices of its entire model range by up to Rs 2.4 lakh to pass on the GST rate cut benefit to customers. The company said the price cut ranging between Rs 60,640 on Verna to Rs 2.4 lakh on premium SUV Tucson will be applicable from September 22.

Nilachal Carbo Metalicks' IPO opens today

Nilachal Carbo Metalicks Limited, engaged in the manufacturing of Low Ash Metallurgical (LAM) Coke for the ferro-alloy, foundry and steel industries, proposes to launch its Initial Public Offering on September 8, 2025, to raise Rs 56.10 crore, with its shares to be listed on the BSE SME platform. The issue size is 66,00,000 equity shares with a face value of Rs 10 each with a fixed price of Rs 85 per share.



Spurt in consumption to drive revenue buoyancy: FM

NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has expressed confidence that revenue buoyancy driven by spurt in consumption will take care of the estimated GST shortfall of Rs 48,000 crore following reduction in tax rates on a host of items, and hence there will be no impact on public finances but definitely bolster GDP growth.

She also emphasised that consumption boost to be provided by landmark GST reform and better-thanexpected first quarter GDP growth number may help in exceeding the projected pace of 6.3-6.8 per cent for FY26.

Asked about impact of GST rate cuts on fiscal deficit, Sitharaman said, Rs 48,000 crore financial implication is a static number based on a base year, but when it gets implemented. base situation changes.

"So, I think the consumption spurt from September 22 will increase income buoyancy. To a large extent, this Rs 48,000 crore amount we will be able to make it up this year itself. So I don't see an impact on my fiscal deficit or my fiscal management. I will stick to my



numbers (of 4.4 per cent of GDP)". Sitharaman told PTI in an interview.

The Centre estimates the fiscal deficit during 2025-26 at 4.4 per cent of the GDP, or Rs 15.69 lakh crore.

Govt keeping 'good watch' on rupee: Sitharaman

Sitharaman has said that the government is keeping a 'good watch' on exchange rates, stressing that besides rupee several other currencies have depreciated against the US dollar.

"The rupee slide is largely against the dollar, not against any other currencies. That's also because of the way glothe bally, dollar strengthened," she said when asked if the slide of rupee against greenback is a con-

"This is not the case only

with rupee versus dollar, it's the case with many other currencies versus the dollar. So we are keeping a good watch on this," she told PTI in an inter-

The rupee plummeted to a

record low and closed at 88.27 against dollar after touching an intra-day low of 88.38 on Friday. The fall came amid concerns over US tariffs, while intervention by the Reserve Bank of India through staterun banks helped limit further losses. The steep tariff of 50 per cent imposed by the US on Indian goods took effect on August 27. The tariffs - among the highest in the world include a 25 per cent penalty for buying crude oil from

'Ek baar aap GST dekh lo' 'Ek baar aap GST dekh lo!' -Prime Minister Narendra Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in December last year sparked the beginning of a mammoth exercise to overhaul the tangled goods and services tax regime. And the final outcome is a significantly simplified system with lower tax rates and easier compliance for businesses.

Sitharaman, who, along with her team, began work to identify anomalies in the present four-tier structure and compliance issues faced by businesses, was once again reminded by the Prime Minister when she was preparing the Budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year. 'Aap GST ke upar kar rahi ho na kaam?' Modi had inquired.

Her discussion with the Minister Sitharaman to begin work on reviewing everything in GST not just rates and tax slabs but how to make the regime more friendly for businesses, particularly small and medium businesses.

In an interview with PTI, Sitharaman recalled the parallel works that happened - from overhauling the indirect tax regime to ensuring the backend software is ready to implement the massive change in the offing.

India cautions against misuse of export measures at **SCO** meet

India has cautioned against weaponising export-related measures or misusing them to create artificial scarcity, distort markets, or disrupt supply chains at an SCO meeting, an official statement said on Sunday.

(Shanghai Cooperation Trade Organisation) Ministers' Meeting in Vladivostok on September 6, India said that calibrated and transparent use of these steps is essential to maintain trust in international commerce.

India has also called for addressing persistent trade deficits by ensuring greater market access and simplifying processes for trade facilitation.

These remarks are important as India's auto and electronics sector faced issues due to export restrictions on rare earth magnets and fertiliser by China.

China is a member of the organisation.

India also warned that trade-linked measures should not arbitrary result in or unjustified discrimina-

Adani Group looks to invest \$60 bn in power and RE sectors till FY32

NEW DELHI

Industrialist Gautam Adani-led Adani Group is looking to invest around USD 60 billion up to FY32 in power sector, especially in renewables, generation and transmission/distribution.

In an investor presentation, Adani Power said the group plans USD 21 billion investment by FY30 to scale up renewable energy capacity to 50 GW from 14.2 GW as of FY25. Part of the Adani Group,

Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) develops, builds, owns, operates and maintains utilityscale grid-connected solar and wind farm projects. The group would invest USD

17 billion in build transmission and distribution capabilities through Adani Energy Solutions Ltd (AESL).

AESL is a multidimensional organisation with presence in various facets of the energy domain, namely power transmission, distribution, smart metering, and cooling solutions.

The company looks to set up 30,000 km of transmission lines to support India's growing energy needs by FY30, from 19,200 km as of March 31, 2025.

The group looks to invest USD 22 billion through Adani Power by FY32 to have a 41.9



GW capacity from 17.6 GW in

Adani Power is the largest private thermal power producer in India with capacities Gujarat, spread over Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh. Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Tamil Nadu, and a 40 MW solar power project in Gujarat.

Adani Group said India is one of the fastest growing electricity market in the world, where overall installed capacity is expected to grow at a CAGR of 11 per cent to reach 1,000 GW by FY32 from 475 GW in FY25. The sector provides investment opportunities worth over USD 500 billion.

While in renewables, India ranks 4th globally with in total renewable energy installed capacity of 172 GW. The segment provides over USD 300 billion worth of investment opportunities by FY32 and reach to the level of 571 GW.

The thermal capacity is expected to reach 309 GW by FY32 from 247 GW in FY25. while 80 GW of additional coal capacity is required by FY32.

JAL bid: Vedanta offers upfront payment of ₹4K cr, rest over 5-6 yrs

NEW DELHI

Vedanta Ltd in its winning bid

for debt-laden Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAIL) has offered Rs 4,000 crore payment post approval by NCLT and the balance amount over the next 5-6 years, sources said.

Vedanta beat Adani Group with a bid whose net present value comes to Rs 12.505 crore in an auction carried out by lenders to find suitors for JAL. JAL is undergoing CIRP

under the IBC process and the Resolution Professional invited Resolution Plans on June 24. As a part of the same process, a challenge process was conducted among the five bidders wherein vedanta emerged as the H1 bidder at the NPV value of Rs 12,505 crore.



Sources said Vedanta was identified as the H1 bidder for Jaiprakash Associates Limited (JAL) by the NARCIL-led Committee of Creditors (CoC).

"The entire pay-out is expected to be made in a staggered manner, wherein the first part of the payment is expected to be around Rs 4,000 crore, which will be post NCLT approval. This could easily take anywhere around a vear, and the timeframe for the remaining payment would be approximately 5-6 years, said a person familiar with the

India Inc revenue to grow 7% this fiscal on GST restructuring

India Inc revenue will likely grow 6-7 per cent this fiscal because of the reduction in the goods and services tax (GST) rates, as per Crisil Intelligence's latest report.

However, the anti-profiteering rule in the GST system may prevent companies from seeing a major increase in profit margins, the report added.

The rating agency stated that the reductions in the Goods and Services (GST) will have a positive impact on consumption, which accounts for 15 per cent of the revenue of corporates. The firm added that the timing of the cuts is appropriate, as they occur during ongoing global uncertainty and align with India's festive and wedding season, when spending typically

Global trends, FIIs trading activity, inflation to drive mkts this week PTI

NEW DELHI

Sentiment in the stock market this week will be guided by global trends, trading activity of foreign investors and inflation data, according to analysts.

Markets ended last week on a firm note, with the benchmarks surging more than one per cent, supported by strong domestic macroeconomic data and policy reforms, an expert said. "This week will be dataheavy both domestically and globally. On the domestic front, inflation (September 12) will be closely tracked. "Globally, key US data releases, including consumer inflation, jobless claims, and consumer sentiment, will be critical in shaping Fed policy expectations and influencing Additionally, updates on the India-US trade

deal could provide further sup-



port to market sentiment," Ajit Religare Broking Ltd, said. Last week, the BSE bench-

week on a cautiously optimistic note. Investors may particularly focus on consumptiondriven and capital expenditure-linked Nonetheless, continued caution is warranted amid evolving Fed guidance and the stillsensitive international trade

SVP, Research,

mark jumped 901.11 points and the Nifty climbed 314.15 points. "Looking ahead, Indian equities are likely to enter the

outlook." Pravesh Gour, Senior

Technical Analyst at Swastika

Movement of crude oil prices and the rupee-dollar trend would also dictate market trends during the week.

"This week is set to be cru-

Investmart Ltd, said.

cial for Indian markets, with the recent GST rate cut announcement acting as a potential stimulus that could lift sentiment and trigger sectoral rallies, countering the negative sentiment of tariffs in the near term," Puneet Singhania, Director at Master

Trust Group, said.

The next major event for the markets is the upcoming US Federal Reserve policy meeting on September 16-17. "Key macro data this week includes Indian and US inflation, ECB (European Central Bank) interest rate decision and Japan's Q2 GDP," Siddhartha Khemka -Head Of Research. Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said.

FPIs withdraw ₹12,257 crore in 1st week of Sep on strong dollar

Foreign investors pulled out Rs 12,257 crore (USD 1.4 billion) from Indian equities in the first week of September, weighed down by a stronger dollar, US tariff concerns, and persistent geopolitical tensions.

This came following a net outflow of Rs 34,990 crore in August and Rs 17,700 crore in

With this, the total outflow by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in equities reached Rs 1.43 lakh crore so far in 2025. data with the depositories showed.

In the coming week, FPI flows are expected to be driven by US Fed commentary, US labour market data, RBI rate cut expectations and its stance on rupee stability, vaqarjaved Khan, Fundamental Analyst, Angel

One, said. "While near-term volatility may persist, India's structural growth story, policy reforms, such as GST rationalisation. and expectations of an earnings revival could bring FPIs back once global uncertainties ease," Himanshu Srivastava, Associate Director - Manager

Morningstar

Market experts believe that a combination of global and domestic factors triggered the latest withdrawals.

"Multiple factors contributed to this risk-off sentiment -- a stronger dollar. renewed US tariff threats, and continuing geopolitical tensions added to global uncer-

GST cuts elude detergents and cosmetics; analysts and FMCG players say it's surprising

NEW DELHI

metics under 18 per cent tax rate with zero savings on these daily-use items for households under the government's sweeping GST restructuring move is surprising, say industry players and analysts.

Keeping detergents and cos-

The GST Council last week decided to reduce taxes on most of the common-use ment's measure to boost consumer spending.

The new structure of GST, which comes into effect on September 22, will have two slabs of 5% and 18% instead of the current four slabs of 5, 12, 18

Fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) products such as hair oil, soap, face powders, shampoos, toothbrushes, and toothpaste have come under



from 18 per cent.

However along with detergents and cosmetics, duty on several items such as hair dye and household insecticides has not been reduced.

are ready to pass on the benefits of the duty cuts to consumers, even though they will have to face challenges on the existing stock at retail stores.

Industry players as well as experts have also expressed concern over the GST Council's decision not to reduce the duty on essential items such as detergents, which are available in bar, powder and liquid

Coal import declines in Jul India's coal import dropped

16.4 per cent to 21.08 million tonnes (MT) in July due to sluggish demand during monsoon and availability of high stock.

The country's coal import was 25.23 million tonnes (MT) in the year-ago period.

India's import during the April-July period of the current fiscal year also declined to 97.49 million tonnes over 100.48 million tonnes in the year-ago period, according to mjunction services, a B2B ecommerce platform and a joint venture between Tata Steel

and SAIL. "There was a decline in volumes due to sluggish demand during monsoon and the high stock available in the system. We expect to see an uptick in demand before the festive season starting end-September," mjunction MD & CEO Vinaya Varma said.

Of the total imports in July. non-coking coal import stood at 11.54 MT, against 16.52 MT imported in July last financial year. Coking coal import was at 5.85 MT, against 4.81 MT recorded during July last fiscal

tainty," Srivastava said.

Research.

Investment, said.

13TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD AT VIT CHENNAI

ne 13th annual convocation of VIT Chennai was held on September 6, 2025. Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services, Tamil Nadu, participated in the convocation ceremony as the chief guest and presented medals and degree certificates to rank holders and PhD scholars. Shelley Salehin, Deputy High

Commissioner of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Deputy High Commission, Chennai, was the guest of honour. Dr. G. Viswanathan. Founder and Chancellor. Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), presided over the convocation ceremony. VIT Vice-Presidents Sankar Viswanathan and Dr. G.V. Selvam took part in the convocation

ceremony.

BPCL's ₹1L cr refinery complex project get EAC nod to prepare ToR PTI

HYDERABAD

A committee under the Ministry of Environment and Forest and Climate Change has accorded permission to BPCL to prepare terms of reference (ToR) for its proposed 9 MMTPA Greenfield Refinery and Petrochemical Complex in Andhra Pradesh. According to the minutes of the meeting of Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) under the ministry held on August 29, the project cost would be Rs 1.03 lakh crore with a completion

schedule of 42 months. Total

Employment generated will be

3,400 for the Construction

Phase (out of which 400 per-

manent and 3,000 temporary) and 3,750 Operational Phase (out of which 1250 permanent & 2500 temporary), it said. BPCL is proposing to set up

the plant at Chevuru Village, Gudlur Mandal, Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore District in AP. "EAC found the compliance status and justification satisfactory. After deliberations, the Committee recommended the project proposal for prescribing the following specific ToRs for along with public hearing in Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore District, for undertaking a detailed EIA and EMP study in addition to the standard ToR applicable for the project," the committee

Food delivery may get costlier on platform fee hike, GST levy The hike in platform fees by

Zomato, Swiggy and magicpin ahead of the festive season is set to make ordering food costlier for millions of users across the country, which is likely to rise further due to the 18 per cent GST levv on delivery charges from September 22.

Swiggy has hiked its platform fee to Rs 15, inclusive of GST, in select markets. Rival Zomato has raised its

platform fee to Rs 12.50 (excluding GST), whereas the third-largest food delivery player, magicpin, has also revised its platform fee to Rs 10 per order, in line with broader industry trends, making it expensive for food delivery consumers.

Japan's Mitsui to operate ONGC's ethane carriers

Equity structure is under discussion

NEW DELHI

Japanese shipping firm Mitsui O.S.K. Lines will operate two very large ethane carriers for and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) to import petrochemical feedstock for a subsidiary of the state-owned company, sources said. ONGC has entered into a

partnership to build, own and operate two very large ethane carriers (VLECs). The two firms are currently discussing equity structure of

the joint venture, two sources

with direct knowledge of the

matter said. Mitsui is likely to own majority stake in the ships that would be built in Korean shipyards, they said adding the exact equity structure would depend on ONGC's appetite.

The specialised ships, with an estimated cost of USD 370 million for the pair, are intended to secure the petrochemical feedstock for ONGC Petro Additions Ltd's (OPaL) Dahej facility, with ethane imports beginning around mid-2028. Sources said it would take about two-andhalf-years to build the VLECs.

rently own and operate four liquefied natural gas (LNG) ships for Petronet LNG Ltd, India's biggest LNG importer, and six ethane carriers for Reliance Industries Ltd.

Mitsui and its partners cur-

INDIA'S PACE TRIO EYE HISTORY IN UAE

MILESTONE MANIA IN THE DESERT | Arshdeep on cusp of 100, Bumrah & Hardik chasing twin landmarks

NEW DELHI/DUBAI

shdeep Singh

are on the verge

As India gears up for the Asia Cup 2025 in the UAE (Sept 9–28), three of its biggest match-winners — Jasprit Bumrah, Hardik Pandya, and Ar-

Returns India's pace talisman Jasprit Bumrah is just 11 scalps away from the elite 100 T20I wickets club. In 70 T20Is,

wickets at 17.74, with a stunning economy of 6.27 – the best among Indian bowlers with 50+ wickets.

lifting the T20 World Cup 2024 trophy as Player of the Tournament, Bumrah's return is a massive boost for India's title hopes.

Hardik - Double Barrel Chase

> stones: Needs 188 runs to reach 2,000 T20I runs. Needs 6 wickets to complete 100 T20I scalps. Currently, in 114 T20Is, he has 1,812 runs (SR

Arshdeep – First Indian in 100 Club?

Left-arm seamer Arshdeep Singh is just one wicket away from becoming the first Indian to 100 T20I wickets, and the 25th overall in the world. In 63 T20Is, he has 99 wickets at 18.30, economy 8.29, with best of 4/9. Since the T20 World Cup 2024, he has taken 20 wickets in 11

matches at 15.15 average. The 26-year-old is now just a ball away from cricketing history.

With Arshdeep ready for instant history, Bumrah

set for a grand return, and Hardik chasing a rare double, India's Asia Cup campaign is as much about records as it is about redemption.

INDIA'S T201 MILESTONE CHASERS

NEEDS FOR LANDMARK Arshdeep Singh 63 1 wicket → First Indian to 100 T20I wickets 89

11 wickets → Join 100-wicket club 188 runs \rightarrow 2.000 runs: 6 wickets \rightarrow 100 wickets



Cash reward for Team India

Hockey India announced a cash prize of Rs 3 lakh for each player. The support staff members of the Indian men's team will also receive Rs 1.5 lakh each.

LIVERPOOL

Lakshya advances

Indian boxer Lakshya Chahar dominated Hussein lashaish of Jordan with a 5-0 win to reach the prequarterfinals of the World Boxing Championships. Meanwhile, Pawan Bartwal's campaign ended with a 0-5 loss to Mirazizbek Mirzakhalolov.

SAMARKAND

Vaishali in joint lead

Grandmaster R Vaishali is in a joint lead at the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss after drawing with Germany's Dinara Wagner. She is tied with Russia's Kateryna Lagno. In the open section, Indian GMs Praggnanandhaa, Gukesh. and Erigaisi drew their games.

MONZA

Verstappen wins

stappen won the Italian Grand Prix, leading a McLaren double-podium with Lando Norris second and Oscar Piastri third. The victory is Verstappen's third of the season.

CHANDIGARH

Bhajji aids Punjab

Harbhajan Singh is providing relief to flood-affected areas in Punjab. He has sanctioned 11 steamer boats and three ambulances and has also collected about Rs 50 lakh from his personal network to help affected families.

Pakistan will host its firstever T20I tri-series in November, featuring Sri Lanka and Afghanistan. The tournament, held in Rawalpindi and Lahore, will serve as preparation for the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

NEW DELHI

Subrayen's action cleared

South African spinner Prenelan Subrayen has been cleared by the ICC after his bowling action was deemed legal. An independent assessment found his elbow extension was within the 15-degree

Pranavi makes cut

Indian golfer Pranavi Urs made a solid secondround comeback at the Aramco Houston Championship, shooting a 3under 69 to finish tied for 26th. She was the only Indian to make the cut.

of rewriting T20I history.

Bumrah - The Yorker King

Bumrah has 89

RAJGIR

opening quarter, before Dilp-

reet Singh struck twice (Q3 &

Q4) to shatter Korea's resis-

tance. Amit Rohidas ham-

mered the finisher from a

penalty corner in the final

quarter. Korea managed only

a late consolation through

The packed Rajgir stands

to classic form; Jamie Smith

(62 off 48) — aggressive at the

top and Jos Buttler (62* off

32) — captain's blitz to close

took off. Jofra Archer was un-

playable, ripping through the

top order with pace and

bounce. His 4/18 in nine

overs, including 4 wickets for

just 5 runs in his first five

overs, reduced the Proteas to

rubble. They folded for 72 in

India's record of a 317-run

night, proving that self-

South Africa's reply never

RECORD-BREAKING RAMPAGE

FOUR-TEENS & FIREPOWER | England crush South Africa by

SABALENKA'S STEELY REVENGE

CONTROL | Mind over Meltdown as Aryna defends US Open crown

Dain Son.

world-record 342 runs in Southampton

BLUE BRIGADE UNSTOPPABLE | India dethrone South

Korea, lift Asia Cup after 8 years, book WC berth

Last seen in blue

All-round dynamo Hardik Pandya is chasing two historic mile-

141.67) and 94 wickets.

Crown of Rajgir

India's captain Harmanpreet Singh proudly lifts the glittering trophy as jubilant teammates celebrate their triumph

Cup.'

over Korea in the men's Hockey Asia Cup 2025 final at Rajgir on Sunday PTI

erupted as India became the

second-most successful team

in Asia Cup history (4 titles),

India's triumph in Rajgir

was more than a title win - it

was a statement of intent, a

reminder that the Men in Blue

are back at the top of Asian

BRIEF SCORES

five wickets in 50 overs

(Bethell 110, Root 100,

72 all out in 20.5 overs

(Archer 4/18, Atkinson

2/15) by 342 runs

ENGLAND - 414 for loss of

Buttler 62*, Smith 62) de-

win (vs Sri Lanka, 2023) was

blown away, as England

etched their name into ODI

From being bowled out for

just behind Korea's 5.

Jasprit Bumrah 70 Hardik Pandva 114 1,812

This title means a lot to us. We promised

to bring the Asia Cup back home — and

we did it. Now the focus is on the World

MISHARA

MAGIC IN

HARARE

A dazzling unbeaten 73 off 43

balls by Kamil Mishara

powered Sri Lanka to a com-

manding eight-wicket win over

Zimbabwe in the series decider

at Harare Sports Club, giving

the visitors a 2-1 T20I series

triumph on Sunday. Chasing

192, openers Pathum Nissanka

(33) and Kusal Mendis (30) set a

brisk 50-run stand. But after

both fell in quick succession, it

was Mishara's show all the way.

With six boundaries and two

towering sixes, he took the

game away from Zimbabwe.

IANS

HARARE

Skipper Harmanpreet Singh

BIGGEST ODI

WINS BY RUNS

England - 342 vs South

India - 317 vs Sri Lanka,

2023 (Thiruvananthapu-

Ireland, 2008 (Aberdeen)

131 in the first ODI to smash-

ing 414 and winning by 342

runs, England's turnaround

was nothing short of historic

New Zealand - 290 vs

ram)

Africa, 2025 (Southampton)

PLAYER

INDIA 4 (Sukhjeet 1', Dilpreet 28', 45', Amit Rohidas 50') KOREA 1 (Dain Son 51')

Asia Cup 2025 Final

India scripts history with first-ever Compound Men's Team gold

ARROWSTORM | Golden arrows fly high at World Archery C'ships

GWANGJU

India's compound men's team of Aman Saini, Rishabh Yadav, and Prathamesh Bhalchandra Fuge etched their names in history, clinching India's maiden Compound Men's Team Gold at the World Archery Championships 2025. The Indian trio displayed icecold nerves under fire, defeating France's Nicolas Girard, Jean Philippe Boulch, and François Dubois, who were appearing in their first Worlds final since Jakarta 1995.

In their golden run, India

Beat Australia in a shootoff (232-232; SO 30-28) Pipped USA 234-233 in the quarterfinals Edged Turkiye 234-232 in the semis

Overpowered France in the summit clash

Meanwhile, Rishabh Yadav struck another medal, pairing with Jyothi Surekha Vennam to claim silver in the Compound Mixed Team Final. The duo fell to Dutch stars Mike Schloesser and Sanne de Laat, but not before producing brilliance — including a perfect 160 (7 Xs) against Germany in

the pre-quarters. **RESULT**

Men's Compound Team: India beat France (Final) for gold Compound Mixed Team:

India lost to Netherlands for silver Earlier rounds: India beat

Germany (160-0), Chinese Taipei (157-155)



This gold medal is not just ours, it belongs to every Indian who believed in compound archery.

Rishabh Yadav

Central, South **Zone seal final** showdown

DULEEP DRAMA | First-innings firepower takes Patidar's men and Jagadeesan's brigade to summit clash

IANS

BENGALURU

The 2025/26 Duleep Trophy is set for a blockbuster finale as Central Zone and South Zone stormed into the summit clash, both riding on commanding first-innings leads in their respective semi-finals at the BCCI CoE grounds here on Sunday

At Ground 2, skipper Rajat Patidar's Central Zone flexed batting depth with half-centuries from Shubham Sharma (96), Upendra Yadav (87), Harsh Dubey, Saransh Jain, and Patidar himself, piling up 600 runs to outclass West Zone's 438. With a 162-run cushion, Central tightened their grip as Saransh Jain's 5/84 and Dubey's 3/96 dented West Zone's second-innings fightback despite Yashasvi Jaiswal's 64 and Tanush Kotian's unbeaten 60.

Meanwhile, at Ground 1, South Zone marched on the shoulders of vice-captain N Jagadeesan, who struck a majestic 197 followed by an unbeaten 52 not out, coupled with pacer Gurjapneet Singh's 4/96 and Nidheesh MD's 3/82 that bundled out North Zone for 361 in reply to South's towering 536. With a 175-run lead, Jagadeesan returned to hammer a fluent half-century, sealing South's passage in style.

The stage is now set for a Central vs South Zone final from Sept 11, promising fireworks between Patidar's balance and Jagadeesan's red-hot

BRIEF SCORES

Central Zone vs West Zone – Draw

West Zone - 438 & 216/8 (Jaiswal 64, Kotian 60*; Saransh Jain 5/84, Dubey 3/96) Vs Central Zone -600 (Shubham 96, Upendra 87; Jadeja 4/130, Nagwaswalla 3/57) Central enter final by 162-run first-innings lead.

South Zone vs North Zone – Draw

South Zone - 536 & 95/1 (Jagadeesan 197 & 52*) Vs North Zone - 361 (Khajuria 128, Sindhu 82; Gurjapneet 4/96, Nidheesh 3/82) South enter final by 175run first-innings lead.

STAT ATTACK

Jagadeesan's 197 is the highest score of this season's Duleep so far. Central Zone's 600 is their third 600+ total in Duleep history.

Saransh Jain's match figures of 8/180 highlight his all-round impact.

Both semis ended in draws, underscoring the dominance of first-innings leads in red-ball zonal

Shreyas turns snub into strength, eyes future comeback

ANI NEW DELHI

Stylish Indian batter

mastery can be the ultimate Result

just 20.5 overs.

US Open Women's Singles Final 2025

Aryna Sabalenka (BLR) beat Amanda Anisimova (USA) - 6-3, 7-6 (3)

WHAT SHE SAID

"Going into this final, I decided I'm going to control my emotions. Doesn't matter what happens, I stay calm."

"I knew the hard work we put in... I deserved a Slam this season.'

"To bring the fight and handle my emotions the way I did means a lot. I'm super proud of myself."

NEXT STOP?

The Australian Open 2026, where Sabalenka eyes redemption after heartbreak earlier this year.

KEY STATS 4th Grand Slam Title for

Sabalenka

1st woman since Serena to defend US Open crown 56 match wins in 2025 (WTA Tour leader) No 1 rank maintained throughout the year

Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus holds up the championship trophy

Integrity

Asia Cup 2025 Snapshot

vs UAE - Sept 10, Dubai vs Pak - Sept 14, Dubai vs Oman - Sept 19, Abu Dhabi

INDIA SQUAD (SELECTED): Surva (C), Gill (VC), Abhishek, Tilak, Hardik, Dube,

must work ethically, even

when no one is watching."

Axar, Jitesh (wk), Bumrah, Arshdeep, Kuldeep, Varun C, Samson (wk), Rinku, Har-

What **Shreyas** IPL 2025: 604 runs | 17 innings | Avg: 50.33 | SR: Said 175.07 | 6 fifties | HS: 97*

when you know that you deserve to be in the

is performing consistently, you support them. The goal

is for the team to win."

Shreyas Iyer by the Numbers

49.94 | SR: 179.73 | 1 century, 7 fifties | HS: 130*

SINCE T20 WC 2024: 26 matches | 949 runs | Avg:

India's campaign

Super 4: Sept 20-26

Final: Sept 28, Dubai

India's last World Cup win: 1975 Biggest win in Super 4s: India 7-0 vs China

RAJGIR

The wait is over! India

stormed to their 4th Asia Cup

crown with a commanding 4-

1 win over defending cham-

pions Korea at the Rajgir

Hockey Stadium, ending an 8-

year drought and sealing di-

rect qualification for the 2026

FIH Hockey World Cup in

Belgium and the Netherlands.

TOURNAMENT

India's Asia Cup titles:

cessful)

SOUTHAMPTON

series sweep.

AP

NEW YORK

Open title.

2003, 2007, 2017, 2025 (4)

Korea: 5 titles (most suc-

India started with fire as

Sukhjeet Singh netted in the

England turned humiliation

into history as they ham-

mered South Africa by 342

runs — the largest victory

margin in ODI cricket history

— at the Rose Bowl on Sun-

day, denying the Proteas a

Put in to bat, England un-

leashed a run-storm: Jacob

Bethell (110 off 95) — maiden

international ton at just 21;

Joe Root (100 off 92) — back

Aryna Sabalenka roared

back into Flushing Meadows

history with nerves of steel

and strokes of fire, becom-

ing the first woman since

Serena Williams (2012–14) to

successfully defend her US

1 tamed American Amanda

Anisimova 6-3, 7-6 (3) in a

gripping final on Saturday

The Belarusian world No

STATISTICS

Italian GP Red Bull driver Max Ver-

Former cricketer and MP

NEW DELHI

Pak to host tri-series

tolerance limit. HOUSTON

Shrevas Iver has broken his silence after being left out of India's Asia Cup 2025 squad, admitting that the omission was "frustrating" but

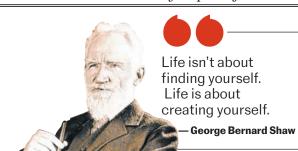
stressing on integrity, hard work, and supporting teammates who deliver for the side. Speaking on a podcast

with IQOO India, Iyer said selection setbacks sting, but the team's success always comes

"It is only

frustrating XI. But when someone else

"Integrity matters - you



When It Comes Naturally

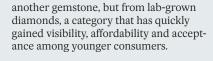
We want our food, our clothes, and our skincare to be natural. **Toranj Mehta** of De Beers says diamonds should be no different.

Tsunami Costabir

Rew companies have shaped culture the way De Beers has. With a long, layered history stretching across more than a century, De Beers has fundamentally shaped the way the world perceives diamonds. From the legendary Diamonds Are Forever' campaign — arguably one of the most successful advertising slogans of all time — to popularising the concept of solitaire engagement rings, De Beers has left an indelible mark on consumer culture.

At its peak, the brand did more than just market jewellery; it transformed diamonds from a luxury once reserved for royalty and the aristocracy into symbols of aspiration and love for the middle class — all by making diamonds more accessible. But times change. And as Toranj Mehta, Vice President of Marketing at De Beers, admits, the company today is engaged in a "fight for relevance"

The diamond industry faces new challenges — not from



A Question Of Value

Lab-grown diamonds are chemically identical to natural ones, but Mehta is quick to point out that the two cannot truly be compared. "Yes, lab-grown diamonds are amazing in their own right, but they have a large application in industrial uses — from aerospace to electronics," she explains. "They're simply not the heirlooms that natural diamonds are."

The distinction, for De Beers, is not just about science but about symbolism. Natural diamonds are billions of years old, formed deep within the Earth's mantle and brought to the surface through rare volcanic eruptions. Of all the rough diamonds mined globally, only about 20–30% are of gem quality, fit to be cut and set into jewellery. Additionally, each natural diamond is unique, shaped by the random interactions of carbon with other elements during its growth. This gives them distinct patterns,

colours, and internal "fingerprints." In contrast, lab-grown diamonds tend to have uniform structures, lacking the

quirks and individuality born of nature.

Diamonds As Heirlooms

Mehta draws a sharp comparison: "Imagine you're buying a bag. Would you rather buy a Gucci, or a Gucci first-copy?" The implication is clear. To De Beers, a lab-grown diamond may serve as fashion jewellery,

but when it comes to
marking life's most significant moments —
love, commitment,
family — people
still gravitate toward the natural
and original.

nd original.
This sense of permanence is what allows diamonds to transcend mere ornamentation.
They become

heirlooms, treasures passed down through generations, carrying not just financial value but also emotional resonance. A diamond ring from a father to his daughter, or from a woman to her closest friend, embodies more than beauty; it embodies a story.

The Fight For Relevance

Yet, for a brand like De Beers, being relevant today means more than telling stories of love and luxury. It also means addressing questions of ethics, sustainability, and social responsibility — issues at the forefront for modern consumers.

In regions where De Beers operates, such as Botswana, Namibia, and South Africa, diamond mining contributes significantly to national GDP and community development. The company works with local governments to invest in infrastructure, education, and women's empowerment. "Communities that work in and around the mines benefit directly from our presence," says Mehta.

One of De Beers' most remarkable initiatives is 'Moving Giants', a conservation project that started with the creation of a nature reserve for elephants in South Africa. As the elephant population flourished, the area began facing challenges of overpopulation and deforestation.

To restore ecological balance, De Beers began relocating entire herds — carefully preserving family structures — from one region to another. Now in its seventh year, the project has become a model for wildlife conservation and reflects the company's commitment to protecting the environments in which it operates.

The India Story

India has always held a deep relationship with jewellery — particularly diamonds. Jewellery here is not merely decorative; it is a storehouse of both emotional and financial value. It plays a role in rituals, traditions, and personal milestones, often carrying forward stories across generations

"India is a country where jewellery is as much about meaning as it is about beauty," says Mehta. Increasingly, diamonds are being gifted in new contexts — women giving them to their best friends as symbols of enduring bonds, fathers presenting them to daughters to express love, or even women buying diamonds for





themselves as declarations of independence and achievement.

Diamonds In Reflection

While De Beers is often credited with inventing the idea of the diamond engagement ring, Mehta reminds us that the tradition predates modern advertising. Royals like King Edward VII gifted diamond rings to their consorts, embedding the practice in cultural history long before De Beers amplified it. Today, the brand's campaigns, such as 'Best Friend Bands' or 'Love from Dad', do not seek to invent traditions but to reflect what people already practice — gifting diamonds as an expression of love, care, and permanence.

As De Beers navigates this era of change, its challenge is twofold: to protect the value and heritage of natural diamonds, while also aligning with the expectations of a younger, more conscious consumer. While the "fight for relevance" may be ongoing, Mehta is confident that the authenticity, rarity, and symbolism of natural diamonds will continue to shine through.

Heritage Meets Hustle

What legacy and new-age Indian brands must learn from each other.

🕇 n India, brands mean a lot. For decades, they've woven Lthemselves into the cultural fabric of everyday life. Legacy names like Amul, Bajaj, Parle, Godrej and Tata have occupied this space with quiet consistency. They built trust over generations, speaking to Indian consumers in a language of stability, reliability and reassurance. From being mere commodities to becoming rituals of daily life. The biscuit that accompanied chai, the disinfectant that signaled safety, the ghee that stood for purity, the steel almirah that stood for security and reliabil-

But culture itself has changed rhythm. The consumer of today scrolls, swipes, toggles, and tries on identities at a speed unimaginable even a decade ago. Into this world has arrived a new wave of brands: BoAt, Swiggy, Mamaearth, The Whole Truth, Wellbeing Nutrition. These brands are fluent in OPINION the grammar of immediacy. They thrive Rutu Modyon agility, design-Kamdar forward storytelling,

and the ability to collapse aspiration into a shareable reel. Their edge lies in relevance, in making a product feel like it belongs to the now.

Yet, both sides have their blind spots. Legacy brands, for all their authority, often struggle with lightness. They can appear too grave, too rooted in the past, hesitant to embrace the playfulness and transparency demanded in the digital age. Meanwhile, the new-age insurgents, for all their speed and wit, risk building on fragile foundations. They win followers, but can they win loyalty? They generate noise, but can they sustain meaning?

The truth is that the Indian consumer lives in both worlds at once. She draws comfort from the familiar yet yearns for the thrill of the novel. She buys Tata Salt because it feels like the right patriotic thing to do, but she experiments with fortified salts and seasonings from Urban Platter because they feel like the future. The same household fridge often holds both the legacy of Amul butter and the reinvention of Epigamia yogurt.

This is why the richest learning lies not in separating the past from the present, but in adapting and evolving with time. Legacy brands must learn to lighten their voice, to shed the weight of authority without losing credibility. They must show up in memes, reels and pop-culture conversations without appearing like tourists. Amul's topical billboards remain a masterclass in this balance. Heritage wrapped in humour.

Equally, new-age brands must learn the discipline of depth. They need to move beyond campaign bursts and influencer-led chatter to create enduring associations, cultural rit-

intergenerational trust. Paper Boat offers a lesson here: a relatively young brand that tapped into nostalgia with the seriousness of a heritage player, crafting products and stories that feel timeless, not fleeting.

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At stake here is cultural relevance. In a country where consumers inhabit multiple eras simultaneously, tradition and modernity, ritual and experimentation, thrift and indulgence, brands that can straddle both weight and wit will endure. The rest risk being remembered only as passing fads or fading giants. Because in India, brands become part of the cultural memory. And memory, unlike a reel, is built to last.

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IN BRIEF

Ad Legend Diwan Arun Nanda Passes On



Diwan Arun Nanda, the legendary Co-Founder of Rediffusion passed away on the 6th of September 2025.
Nanda, along with his Co-Founders Ajit Balakrishnan and Mohammed Khan, established Rediffusion in 1973. What began as a young

agency quickly grew into a powerhouse, building some of the country's most memorable campaigns and enduring brand identities such as Airtel, Colgate, Eveready, Maruti Suzuki and more.

WPP announces new global leadership



series of strategic global leadership appointments across its network. Devika Bulchandani, Global CEO of Ogilvy, has been appointed Chief Operating Officer of WPP. Laurent Ezekiel will take charge as

WPP has announced a

Global CEO of Ogilvy Group. And Floriane Tripolino has been appointed CEO of WPP Open X, WPP's bespoke agency team dedicated to The Coca-Cola Company.

Tesla reports underwhelming India debut



Tesla's India debut has been underwhelming, with the company reportedly receiving orders for 600 electric cars since it opened sales in the country on July 15. This number reportedly is much lower than Tesla's expectativeries, Tesla is mulling

Automotive giant

tion. Ahead of the start of its EV deliveries, Tesla is mulling strengthening its EV charging infrastructure in the country by setting up supercharging stations across key regions.

Team BrandSutra

he Indian smartphone market is a battlefield where global giants dominate with deep pockets, constant innovation and aggressive marketing. In such a high-pressure arena, survival requires more than just good products — it demands cultural insight.

Amidst this intensity, Lava has carved out its space as a rare homegrown player that not only designs and manufactures phones in India, but also champions the aspirations of Bharat. In a conversation with BrandSutra, Puravansh Maitreya, Head of Marketing at Lava International Limited, shares how the brand goes toe-to-toe with global heavyweights while staying rooted with trust and accessibility.

Edited excerpts...

Q. Tell us about Lava's core positioning in the smartphone market and the audience it aims to reach out to.

A. As one of the very few companies that design and manufacture phones entirely in India, Lava stands as a symbol of self-reliance, innovation and national pride. Whether it's offering smartphones that support regional languages, upholding high standards of safety, or creating a customer support model that reaches even the remotest locations, like Kargil, where our team once travelled 200 km through snow to repair a phone, our focus is always on putting the user first.

Q. What shifts have you observed in consumer preferences for smartphones in India?

A. There's a clear shift toward smartphones that offer a balanced proposition: style, performance and smart features that add real value. High-refresh-rate displays, enhanced camera capabilities, and

Wired For Bharat As 5G penetrates Tier-3 and

beyond, a content creation surge is reshaping Bharat's smartphone needs; where high storage, in-built ring lights, and macro cameras are priorities, says

Puravansh Maitreya of Lava.



fast charging are increasingly seen as essentials, even in the mid-range segment.

Another important trend we have observed is the growing aspir-

ation among young users to see their smartphones as an extension of their identity. This means a stronger focus on design aesthetics, display quality and content creation tools like macro cameras, AI editing features, and even ring lights.

Q. Could you share some insights into your current marketing mix — which platforms and strategies are delivering the strongest ROI?

A. Digital has become a central pillar of our marketing efforts, especially as younger consumers spend more time online. Urban audiences are generally more exposed to a variety of choices and are influenced by online reviews. However, our core strength lies in our understanding of Bharat, where Tier 3 and Tier 4 markets continue to drive significant volumes. Rural markets are driven by a need for holistic value, product reliability, easy access to service

and a sense of reassurance from the brand. Here, our strong retail network and below-the-line activations play a crucial role.

Currently, our marketing investments are distributed across digital and influencer-driven campaigns which account for nearly 50% to 60% of the mix. Around 25% to 30% goes into retail-focused activities including point of sale visibility, local outreach, and trade engagement. The remaining 10% to 20% is reserved for traditional media such as radio and print, which remain relevant in specific pockets.

Q. What trends do you see shaping the Indian smartphone industry over the next five years?

A. With an influx of global brands and the steady rise of Indian players, the market is rapidly evolving to serve a broader and more demanding consumer base. While the premium segment continues to see innovation, the real momentum is in the sub-₹10,000 smartphones, where a large base of nearly two hundred million feature phone users is making the shift to smartphones.

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5G is no longer a premium feature but it is fast becoming the new standard, reshaping consumer expectations across the board. This shift is being accompanied by a surge in content creation and consumption, driving demand for advanced cameras, larger storage, immersive displays, and faster processors, even in mid-range devices.

Artificial Intelligence is also starting to play a central role in shaping user experience. From smarter cameras to battery optimisation and voice assistance, AI is becoming integral to how consumers interact with their devices.

On the manufacturing front, initiatives like the Production Linked Incentive scheme are already driving capacity expansion and greater self-reliance. Indian brands are not just strengthening their domestic footprint, they are preparing to take the leap into global markets.

Q. Finally, what's the biggest lesson you've learnt from marketing in the tech space?

A. One of the biggest lessons I have learned is that relevance always wins over reach. Especially in a market as diverse and layered as India, visibility alone is not enough. Campaigns like #MyBharatWith-Lava or Free Demo@Home worked because they spoke to real needs and real emotions. They were not just stories we told. They were experiences we created.

Tech marketing has shown me that empathy is just as important as engineering. When brands put the user at the center of our thinking, and when creativity matches the pace of innovation, we create lasting impact.