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Objectives Accomplished, No Pressure Behind Pause of Operation Sindoor: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

(Gns). Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday asserted in the Lok Sabha that Operation Sindoor was brought to a halt only after India had successfully met all its political and military goals. Dismissing any suggestions that the operation was ended due to external pressure, Singh termed such claims "baseless and wrong."

"We stopped the operation because our objectives were fulfilled. The claim that we were pressured into stopping it is completely unfounded," Singh said firmly during his address in Parliament.

"I will never speak any lies," he added.

Operation Sindoor Was Paused After Objectives Were Met Not Due To Pressure Rajnath Singh In Lok Sabha

Pakistan Admitted Defeat After IAF Strikes Providing details on the timeline of the operation, the Defence Minister revealed that on May 10, the Indian Air Force launched strikes on multiple airfields inside Pakistan,

prompting Islamabad to admit defeat and propose a cessation of hostilities.

"After the IAF struck hard on May 10, Pakistan admitted defeat and



offered to cease hostilities.

We agreed, but made it clear that the operation is only paused. If Pakistan attempts any misadventure in the future, Operation Sindoor will resume immediately," Singh said.

Air Defence Thwarted All Attacks

Singh also praised the preparedness and performance of India's defence systems during the operation. He stated that Pakistan's retaliatory attempts were completely

unsuccessful.

"Our Air Defence system, Counter-Drone units, and electronic warfare equipment completely foiled every attack from

was not the purpose of this operation. Our goal was to destroy the terror camps that Pakistan has nurtured for years," he explained.

Sharp Response to Opposition

Rajnath Singh also responded strongly to questions raised by opposition MPs, who inquired about Indian losses rather than enemy damage.

"If they want to ask something, they should ask: Did India destroy the terrorist bases? The answer is yes. Were any of our soldiers harmed? The answer is no. Not a single soldier was harmed in this operation."

The Defence Minister's remarks aimed to shut down speculation around the abrupt halt of Operation Sindoor and affirm that India acted decisively, on its own terms, and without suffering any damage or casualties.

Operation Not Aimed at Capturing Territory Clarifying India's military intent, Singh emphasized that Operation Sindoor was never aimed at territorial gains.

"Crossing into Pakistani territory or capturing land

India's Climate Preparedness Gets a Boost as Dr. Jitendra Singh Unveils Major Initiatives on Earth Sciences Ministry's Foundation Day

(Gns).

In a significant push toward building a climate-resilient and scientifically empowered India, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh today unveiled a set of new scientific tools and digital services developed by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), while calling for deeper public engagement and wider awareness of science-driven citizen services. Marking the 19th Foundation Day of the Ministry at an event held in the national capital, the Minister said the past decade had seen a remarkable turnaround in the

Ministry's visibility, outreach, and real-time impact on people's lives.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said that science and innovation were not just central to ecological sustainability but would also play a pivotal role in India's economic rise in the coming decades. "We are now at a stage where even a casual user can access live weather alerts, cyclone warnings, air quality updates, and ocean forecasts on their mobile

phones. This is the result of a Government that works in mission mode and a Ministry that has turned itself into a citizen-service institution," he said.

During the celebrations, the Minister formally launched 14 major products and initiatives developed by various institutes

under the MoES. These included rainfall monitoring and crop-weather calendars, advanced weather forecasting systems like the Bharat Forecast System - Extended Range Prediction (BharatFS-ERP), high-resolution rainfall datasets, updated wave atlases and seabed charts, air quality forecasting systems, marine biodiversity reports, and seismic microzonation studies of four Indian cities. A new documentary titled Life Saving Impact, produced by the India Meteorological Department, was also released.



Nitish Kumar to inaugurate new Buddhist landmark in Bihar on Tuesday

(Gns).

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will inaugurate the Buddha Samyak Darshan Museum-cum-Memorial Stupa in Vaishali on Tuesday. Buddhist monks and followers from 15 countries will witness this historic moment.

Spread over 72 acres, this monument made of pink stones is a sacred site for Lord Buddha's relic urn. With an environmentally sensitive design and filled with spiritual energy, this site will establish Vaishali

as a prominent place on the global Buddhist map.

In a message posted on the social media platform 'X' on Monday, Nitish Kumar said: "It is a matter of great pleasure to announce that the Buddha Samyak Darshan Museum-cum-Memorial Stupa, Vaishali, is set to be inaugurated on Tuesday. Buddhist follow-

ers and monks from around 15 countries worldwide are coming to Bihar for this

inauguration ceremony. This will be a moment of pride for all of us in Bihar."

The foundation stone of the stupa was laid by Nitish Kumar on 19 February 2019. He has taken a keen interest in the project and monitored its construction at every stage to ensure that the



Massive turnout for SAD rally in Mohali against Kejriwal's 'land grabbing scheme'

(Gns).

Thousands of farmers and landowners braved heavy downpours and traffic congestion on Monday to join the Shiromani Akali Dal's (SAD) protest rally in Mohali as part of the party's state-wide agitation against what it called AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal's "land grabbing scheme".

The dharna covered the SAS Nagar (Mohali), Ropar, and Fatehgarh Sahib districts in the state. The next rally is scheduled to be held in Bathinda on August 4.

The anti-land grab dharna, addressed by SAD President Sukhbir Singh Badal, drew endless

streams of aggrieved people who filled the entire



area in front of the GMADA headquarters. The overwhelming response to the SAD's call for protest brought normal life in the town to a standstill, with

local residents also joining in solidarity with farmers

and other alleged victims of the government's land acquisition drive. Addressing the gathering, Mr. Badal stated that the scale of land acquisition

by the Delhi-based AAP leadership in Punjab was unprecedented and lacked any development rationale.

He highlighted that 2,000 acres acquired earlier for the Aerotropolis project in Mohali remain unused, while the government is now pushing to acquire another 3,535 acres for its extension.

Reiterating the SAD's stance, Mr. Badal said, "We will not allow the government to grab even an inch of farmers' land. I am ready to make any sacrifice, but we will never permit the government to take land without the prior consent of the farmers."

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel e-launches the nomination process for the national logo competition

(Gns).

Gandhinagar, 28 July 2025: Gujarat will complete its glorious 75 years of formation in the year 2035. To celebrate this historic milestone, the Government of Gujarat has announced a national-level logo design competition through the MyGov India platform.

The competition invites creative and meaningful logo designs that capture Gujarat's inspiring 75-year journey; its economic leadership, technological advancement, cultural richness, and people-centric governance.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel e-launched the nomination process for this national

competition. Entries can be submitted between July 28

pants. With the theme



and August 14 at: <https://www.mygov.in/task/gujarat75-years-logo-competition>

The CM will present a cash prize of ₹3 lakh to the winner and award certificates to the top five partici-

'Gujarat@75: Vibrant Heritage, Visionary Future', the competition invites citizens to create a symbol that captures the state's dynamic progress and rich cultural legacy under the leadership of Prime

Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The initiative invites public participation in designing a logo that captures Gujarat's 75-year journey, reflecting its heritage and future vision. The winning design will represent a collective celebration of Gujarat@75.

At the e-launch, Chief Secretary Shri Pankaj Joshi, Principal Advisor to the Chief Minister Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Shri M.K. Das, Advisor Shri S.S. Rathore, Additional Principal Secretary Smt. Avantika Singh and Secretary Dr. Vikrant Pandey were present, along with other senior officials.

Jaishankar Clarifies No Trade Link Between US And India-Pakistan Ceasefire During Lok Sabha Debate

(Gns).

During a Lok Sabha debate, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar clarified that no discussions linked trade with the US to the India-Pakistan ceasefire. He stated there was no communication between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump from April 22 to June 17. This statement came amidst questions about Operation Sindoor and Trump's claims of intervening in the ceasefire.

Jaishankar emphasised, "I want to make two things very clear. One, at no stage in any conversation with the United States was there any linkage with trade and what was going on." He further added that there were no calls between Modi and Trump during this period, except for specific instances where Trump conveyed sympathy or explained his inability to meet.

India initiated military

strikes under Operation Sindoor on May 7, responding to the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, which resulted in

of facilitating the ceasefire through trade offers, India maintains that the cessation of hostilities on May 10 resulted from direct DGMO



26 civilian deaths. The operation led to a significant military conflict with Pakistan, which attempted drone and missile attacks on Indian territory. The conflict ceased after Pakistan's Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) contacted their Indian counterpart for a ceasefire.

communication. According to India, "This contact was initiated by the Pakistani side," indicating that Pakistan sought the ceasefire.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed Parliament regarding Operation Sindoor, stating that India's military strikes were completed within 22

minutes on May 7. He clarified that the operation is "paused" rather than concluded, as the armed forces achieved their politico-military objectives without external pressure.

Singh assured Parliament that if Pakistan engages in further aggression, operations will resume. He highlighted India's readiness to protect its borders and noted that nine terror sites were targeted effectively. Seven camps were completely destroyed, with evidence of damage within PoK and Pakistan presented to Parliament.

The conclusion of Operation Sindoor highlights India's strategic military response while maintaining diplomatic clarity regarding international involvement. The operation's success underscores India's commitment to national security and its ability to manage regional conflicts independently.

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Editorial

Demise of free content

For nearly three decades, the internet thrived on a simple economic bargain: users got free content, and publishers earned revenue through ads, subscriptions, or affiliate links. But that equilibrium is now collapsing. Artificial intelligence ~ ironically built on the bones of that same free content ~ is disrupting the very web it learned from. Chatbots powered by large language models are fast replacing the need to visit web sites altogether. Whether it's a travel itinerary, a product review, or a medical explanation, AI can now synthesise information instantly, often more fluently than the original source. The result is a sudden and severe drop in web traffic to traditional publishers, educational institutions, forums, and independent creators. And with that decline goes the core incentive to produce and maintain quality information on the open web.

Already, niche blogs, independent science sites, and community forums are disappearing ~ starved of visitors, stripped of purpose, and buried beneath AI-generated summaries that rarely link back. At the heart of this shift is the decoupling of information from its origin. While search engines at least directed users toward a source ~ offering visibility, branding, and monetisation ~ AI responses are often unattributed. In many cases, the model has been trained on scraped data without permission, leaving publishers uncompensated even as their intellectual labour becomes part of AI's output. This raises not only ethical and legal concerns but also structural ones: who will keep producing content when distribution and revenue are siphoned away?

The responses so far have been fragmented. Some content providers are attempting to wall off their data, implementing bot-blockers or demanding licensing fees. Others are litigating, betting on courts to enforce copyright norms in a context that the law was never designed for. Meanwhile, a few have chosen to strike deals with AI firms ~ trading exclusivity for survival. But all these are temporary measures, not long-term solutions. There is still time to rethink the architecture of the digital commons. One way forward is a licensing ecosystem where AI companies compensate content creators, perhaps using micropayments or shared-revenue models.

Another is embedding attribution within AI outputs, so users can choose to visit the original source. More radically, regulatory intervention might be required to compel transparency, enforce fair use boundaries, or even slow the extractive pace of AI development. Ultimately, this is not just about the web economy ~ it is about information integrity, public trust, and the sustainability of human knowledge systems. If AI becomes the primary interface for consuming information, then it must also become a stakeholder in preserving the conditions that make reliable information possible. The open web may not survive in its current form. But what replaces it must not be a black box. Without reinvention, we risk a future where the web is no longer a living network of ideas ~ but a fossil record mined by machines.

Craft and Credibility

When a Milan runway becomes the unlikely stage for Kolhapur's traditional leather sandals, it reveals more than just a fleeting fashion statement ~ it exposes the paradox at the heart of how India values its own craftsmanship. For generations, artisans in Kolhapur, many from Dalit communities, have quietly sustained an 800-year-old tradition of making Kolhapuri chappals ~ durable, beautifully braided, and completely handmade. These sandals were never meant for the catwalk. They were built for everyday life, molded by weather, faith, and the rhythm of small-town streets. But like many crafts rooted in caste-based labour, they suffered from indifference, if not outright neglect. Their makers remained invisible, and their work underpaid and underacknowledged.

Then came Prada's Spring/Summer 2026 collection, showcasing a sandal unmistakably similar to the Kolhapuri. The brand offered no initial credit. Yet



ironically, it was this act of cultural appropriation that reignited interest in the very craft it had borrowed from. Online outrage surged. Global attention followed. And suddenly, Kolhapuri chappals were no longer relics of rural India ~ they were aspirational, desirable, even elite. The controversy has done what years of policymaking could not ~ it's made young Indians pause and reconsider a craft once dismissed as outdated, caste-bound, and economically unviable. The real story here is not about Prada. It is about how centuries-old Indian craftsmanship still requires external validation before it is seen

(Gns).
Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls, initiated by the Election Commission of India in Bihar a month ago, concluded its first phase on Friday. The exercise has a country-wide range, but the election bound state is the start. Out of nearly 7.90 crore electors on the existing electoral roll, enumeration forms of 7.23 crore have been received; these names are likely to be included in the draft electoral roll, scheduled to be published on 1 August. This has been a gigantic task for field functionaries, especially for Booth Level Officers deployed across 77,895 polling booths.

They had statutory and administrative support from 243 Electoral Registration Officers, about 3,000 Assistant EROs and 38 District Election Officers, typically all the District Magistrates, besides one lakh volunteers. This machinery deserves applause, having delivered against a tight timeline that caused anxiety to many, and despite the noise and

(Gns).
As India marks 26 years of its triumph in the Kargil War, the time is ripe to look beyond the symbolism of the conflict and examine a disturbing strategic reality ~ Pakistan has systematically weaponised ceasefire agreements not to seek peace, but to perpetuate conflict. From the signing of the Karachi Agreement in 1949 to the most recent ceasefire violations after the Pahalgam terror attack and during Operation Sindoor, Pakistan has

protests around them. According to the EC, the process has identified 22 lakh dead electors, seven lakh cases of multiple registrations and 35 lakh permanently migrated or not traceable. The Commission takes satisfaction from the fact that 99.8 per cent of Bihar electors have been covered in the SIR outreach.

Enumeration forms of only about 1.2 lakh electors remain to be received. In a way, the discovery of over 60 lakh invisible voters provides the first justification for the SIR. This removal is also the main concern of those who challenge SIR, leading to the reaffirmation by the Commission that its constitutional and democratic duty is to prevent fake voting in the name of the dead, shifted, duplicated electors and foreigners. ECI has been simultaneously hammering on the point that Bihar SIR will make sure that no eligible voter is left out. What needs to be underlined is that the quantity of final deletion is yet to be arrived at. For the whole of August,

turned diplomatic instruments into warfighting tools. These actions are not random violations.

They form a consistent pattern of aggression, deeply rooted in Pakistan's statecraft, intended to keep India-Pakistan relations in a state of controlled volatility. This strategy serves Pakistan's internal political, ideological, and military compulsions, and the global community's silence has only emboldened its actions. In July 1949, following the first Indo-Pak

trends but in tradition, skill, and human labour passed down through generations. They want respect, not rescue. India must ask itself: why do we need Milan to notice Kolhapur before we do? Why are GI tags, heritage status, and centuries of craft not enough to spark national pride? If Kolhapuri sandals now attract young artisans because of a possible link to Prada, we should reflect on why that dignity wasn't already there.

The Kolhapuri chappal may soon straddle two worlds ~ local tradition and global fashion. But its soul lies in the narrow bylanes of Chappal Gali, where hands still tan leather with babool bark and braid straps with learned precision. For the revival to be real, India must value those hands ~ not just when the West applauds, but every day. Because when we look at our heritage through someone else's lens, we don't just risk losing it ~ we forget what made it ours to begin with.

Labour at work and the dynamics of change

stipulates explicitly the right to strike and over one hundred countries are parties to this treaty.

The issue of whether Convention Number 87 covers such right is now before the International Court of Justice for clarification. From a more political angle, nondemocracies are often less comfortable with political rights, such as freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, as compared with social rights, such as access to education. A comprehensive response advocates respect for the full range of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, requiring astute and principled diplomacy-cum-levers. The need to avoid a UN silo approach is also important. The UN Human Rights

Council has been constructive in recent years to underline that "labour rights are human rights".

For this reason, the fate of thousands of seafarers stuck on the high seas elsewhere due to the Covid pandemic has led to amendments of the ILO's Maritime Labour Convention, and social security is a key concern interrelated with the world of work. Another area where labour at work interfaces with the changing international context is in relation to wars or armed conflicts. Do labour standards apply in such volatile situations? Although difficult, some labour standards such as the treaty countering forced labour, ILO Convention Number 29, have been applied, for

any elector or political party can ask for inclusion of any left out but eligible elector.

Complaints on exclusion of anyone eligible or inclusion of anyone ineligible



will be examined in full public view. The final electoral roll, the foundation for assembly election in Bihar, will be published on 30 September, though the aggrieved can still appeal to district magistrates and the Chief Electoral Officer under Section 24 of the RP Act, 1950. Election savvy political parties, despite opposition to SIR by some of them, have found it useful to sufficiently increase the presence of their Booth Level Agents in their own interest. Number of such

Karachi to Kargil

war over Jammu & Kashmir, India and Pakistan signed the Karachi Agreement, which established a ceasefire line to halt hostilities. Supervised by the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan (UNCIP) and implemented by the United Nations Military Observer Group in



India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP), this agreement aimed to stabilise the region.

On paper, the Karachi Agreement looked like a diplomatic success. On the ground, however, Pakistan never truly honoured it. The first major violation came in 1965, through Operation Gibraltar ~ a covert operation where Pakistani soldiers disguised as locals infiltrated into Jammu and Kashmir to incite rebellion. The operation failed and led to the Second Indo-Pak War. Pakistan had exploited the Karachi ceasefire not to maintain peace, but to prepare for another offensive. After the 1971 war, which led to the creation of Bangladesh, the Shimla Agreement of 1972 superseded the Karachi pact and converted the ceasefire line into the Line of Control (LoC).

It emphasised bilateral resolution of disputes and aimed to limit international

agents has mounted to 1.6 lakh. Under existing laws, timing and manner of revision of electoral roll are the preserve of Election Commission, as the con-

duct of election is. The Supreme Court did not take any time to underline this fact in its last hearing. The apex court was concerned about the feasibility of implementation of SIR. The completion of the first phase may now engage its notice.

The Court had asked the ECI to also consider Aadhaar, ration card and electoral photo identity card as documents for validation of post 2003 entrants in the electoral roll. There has been debate on the feasi-

isation of the Kashmir issue. Yet Pakistan has regularly chosen to refer back to the Karachi Agreement ~ which is now legally redundant ~ whenever convenient, particularly in international forums. This selective adherence exposes its double standard diplomatic strategy: uphold agree-

ments that suit its interests while violating those that demand accountability. Even more telling was Pakistan's attempt to occupy the Siachen Glacier in the early 1980s, claiming that the ceasefire line ended without clarity in the glacier region.

In response, India launched Operation Megh doot to secure strategic heights. This intrusion violated both the Karachi and Shimla agreements, proving again that Pakistan sees formal arrangements merely as instruments to be twisted. In 1999, while diplomatic back channels were active and confidence-building measures were underway, Pakistan once again chose treachery. Soldiers from the Pakistani Army's Northern Light Infantry, alongside some terrorists, crossed the LoC and occupied strategic heights in the Dras-Kargil-Batalik sector. India responded with force in

bility, desirability or even legality of seeking documents from electors. By stating that the eleven documents prescribed by it are only indicative, and not exhaustive, EC has demonstrated flexibility on the contentious issue. It is to be seen if the Supreme Court nudges ECI further in this direction. More than anything, eligibility confirmation of electors including the aspect of citizenship will depend on honest transactions of field officials with citizens, with EC underwriting the integrity of the entire process.

The stated purpose of SIR is to make sure that 'all eligible citizens are included in the Electoral Roll' and 'no ineligible voter is included in the electoral rolls.' This intention is no different from that in any revision of roll any time, annually or just before the general elections. The difference is in degree of application; an ordinary analogy will be antibiotics for alleviation of sickness and surgery for rooting out the same. Whether the need is for antibiotics or surgery falls

what became the Kargil War, pushing back the intruders at great human and material cost.

Kargil was not just a military misadventure; it was a strategic betrayal of the Lahore Declaration and the Shimla Agreement. It demonstrated that even formal, bilateral pacts signed in good faith would be dishonoured if Pakistan believed tactical gains were within reach. Since then, Pakistan has continued to violate ceasefires frequently, often through its Special Services Group (SSG) or Border Action Teams (BAT). These teams have carried out brutal ambushes along the LoC, targeting Indian soldiers and mutilating their bodies ~ an affront to military ethics and international norms. Although the Indian Army has responded firmly to such forays by the Pakistani Army, such an attitude and approach will not be acceptable and the response in the next round will be massive and even more telling than Operation Sindoor.

In April 2024, the Pahalgam terror attack once again laid bare Pakistan's support for cross-border terrorism. What followed were multiple ceasefire violations, even after its own Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) appealed for calm during Operation Sindoor, which was India's response to increased terrorism in the Valley. This incident revealed a fundamental truth: Pakistan uses ceasefire pauses, not as platforms for peace. It manipulates these lulls to infiltrate

in the court of EC, and it has taken a call. SIR has raised eyebrows and seen court cases and protests. Besides logistic facilitation and citizen mobilization, ECI has the duty to answer questions from stakeholders, justified or not.

But all these together do not make a roll revision wrong. It looks like ECI has chosen to stay on its determined course with attention focused on Article 326 of the constitution that describes the eligibility criteria for a place in the electoral roll: citizenship of India, 18 years of age and ordinary residency in the constituency. Successful collection of enumeration forms from over seventy-two million electors and segregated identification of another 65 lakh in nonqualified category should give election managers the confidence to take the mission to its logical conclusion in Bihar. Comfort of citizens and of political parties in the ground process are part of the priority, which ECI and all stakeholders will certainly not ignore.

terrorists, stockpile arms near the LoC, and prepare for the next provocation. The cycle of talks, violations, and posturing continues unchecked ~ because Pakistan thrives on it. Why does Pakistan keep this conflict alive, even as its economy collapses and global sympathy dwindles?

The answer is existential. Kashmir is central to Pakistan's national identity and military doctrine. Its military elite use the Kashmir issue to justify oversized defence budgets, maintain political dominance, and unite an otherwise fragmented nation against a shared enemy ~ India. In this context, peace is not an objective for Pakistan; perpetual tension is. If the Kashmir dispute were to be resolved or fade into diplomatic irrelevance, Pakistan's military and political establishment would lose its raison d'être. This is why Pakistan continually seeks to internationalise the Kashmir issue, despite the Shimla Agreement's clear provision for bilateralism. In the aftermath of the Pahalgam attack, it partnered with China to block references to the Lashkar-e-Taiba-linked The Resistance Front (TRF) in a UNSC resolution condemning the attack.

It also succeeded in pushing a UNSC resolution titled 'Strenuous Mechanisms for Peaceful Settlement of Disputes', a not-so-subtle attempt to reinstate multilateralism into the Kashmir dialogue. Despite all this, the international community ~ especially the West ~ remains silent.

WR celebrates bandra station mahotsav with great fervour & enthusiasm

Mumbai. The Station Mahotsav celebrated the rich heritage and cultural identity of the magnificent Bandra station

Western Railway celebrated the "Bandra Station Mahotsav," a vibrant event, honouring Bandra station's rich heritage and cultural identity. The grand celebration event on 26th July, 2025, commenced with the unveiling of a Special Commemorative Cover by Shri Pradeep Kumar, Additional General Manager of Western Railway, Shri Pankaj Singh, Divisional Railway Manager of Mumbai Central Division (WR), Smt. Kaiya Arora, Director of Postal Services, Mumbai Region alongwith other dignitaries. The unveiling of the Special Cover was a poignant moment, a fitting tribute to the iconic station's historic legacy.

The Bandra Mahotsav also showcased cultural extravaganza, including Talent Shows with mesmerising dance performances and energetic karaoke acts, etc. which



(Top Row - 1st & 2nd Photos) Shri Pradeep Kumar, Additional General Manager of Western Railway, Shri Pankaj Singh, Divisional Railway Manager of Mumbai Central Division (WR), Smt. Kaiya Arora, Director of Postal Services, Mumbai Region unveiling the Special Commemorative Cover. (2nd Row) The dignitaries alongwith the winners of the "Art & Craft" and "Vlog Making" competitions.

added to the festive atmosphere. The highlight of the day was the eagerly awaited prize distribution ceremony for the "Art & Craft" and "Vlog Making" competitions. The dignitaries felicitated the talented participants for their artistic and innovative

skills as well as engaging storytelling expertise. These creative works beautifully captured the spirit of Bandra station and its vivid enthusiasm.

Bandra Station Mahotsav blended heritage celebration with community participation,

creating lasting memories of the occasion, filled with nostalgia, creativity and camaraderie. The Mahotsav which began in June 2025, concluded with a breathtaking finale as hundreds of helium balloons soared into the sky, perfectly capturing the joyous spirit of the celebration.

Bandra railway station is one of the finest suburban railway stations of Mumbai. Renowned for its distinctive architecture, it serves as a crucial transportation hub for lakhs of daily commuters. It has been notified as a Grade I heritage structure in the Government of Maharashtra's heritage regulations of 1995. More than a century old railway station, it is an excellent architectural blend of Victorian Gothic and the Vernacular style, which stands out as a prominent landmark on its site. Bandra Station was opened on 28th November, 1864. However, the magnificent heritage Bandra Station Building was built 24 years later in 1888.

Aamir Khan Hosts IPS Trainees At His Mumbai Residence, Clarifying Online Speculations

(Gns). A recent video showing a bus filled with IPS officers entering Aamir Khan's residence in Mumbai stirred up quite a buzz online. Speculations ranged from a high-security film project to issues with his luxury cars. However, the real reason was much simpler and more positive. The officers were visiting Aamir Khan at his home, putting an end to all the rumours.

A spokesperson for Aamir Khan clarified the sit-

uation, stating, "The IPS trainees of the current batch had requested a meeting with him, and Aamir Khan hosted them at his residence." This visit is not unusual for Khan, who has been an inspirational figure for civil service aspirants since his role as an IPS officer in



the 1999 film Sarfarosh. Aamir Khan's Cinematic Journey

Over the years, Aamir Khan has engaged with police trainees, sharing insights from his cinematic journey and discussing broader themes like patriotism and public service. His recent film, Sitaare Zameen Par, directed by RS Prasanna

and co-starring Genelia D'Souza, has been well-received. It earned ₹165 crore nett at the Indian box office in its first month.

The film has been praised for its sensitive portrayal of inclusivity and neurodivergence. Aamir expressed gratitude for the film's impact, saying it aimed to tell a story embracing inclusivity with sensitivity and heart. He is thrilled that it resonated with so many people.

Thailand and Cambodia Agree On Ceasefire After Deadly Border Clashes

(Gns). After days of deadly border clashes that have left 34 people dead and displaced over 168,000, there are new signs of hope emerging from Southeast Asia. Mediation efforts led by former U.S. President Donald Trump appear to have prompted Cambodia and Thailand to take initial steps toward peace, even as sporadic violence continues.

Trump took to his platform, Truth Social, on Saturday, sharing that he had "very good conversations" with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet and Thailand's Acting Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai. "Both want

an immediate ceasefire and PEACE," he emphasized, warning that continued conflict would put trade agreements at risk.

Following the talks, Cambodia announced its agreement to an "immediate and unconditional ceasefire." Hun Manet welcomed Thailand's apparent willingness to halt attacks, calling the development "positive news for the soldiers and people of both countries."

Despite encouraging diplomatic signals, Sunday saw continued skirmishes along contested border areas. The Thai military accused Cambodian forces

of shelling Surin province, while Phnom Penh alleged renewed Thai troop movement near the Preah Vihear



Temple region - a flashpoint in their long-standing territorial dispute.

The conflict initially flared on Thursday when a land mine explosion injured five Thai soldiers. Both sides swiftly blamed each other, escalating tensions that led to diplomatic with-

drawals and the closure of key border crossings.

Thailand's Foreign Ministry insisted that meaningful peace talks must be initiated by Cambodia, criticizing its neighbor's "lack of good faith" and alleged violations of humanitarian principles.

Human Toll Mounts While leaders exchange words and promises, the impact on civilians continues to deepen. More than 131,000 Thai residents and 37,000 Cambodians have been displaced from their homes, many fleeing with little more than the clothes on their backs. Villages near the conflict zone now lie eerily deserted - schools, markets,

Greetings to martyrs on Kargil Victory Day in sanskriti University

Mathura. The contribution of the Indian soldiers who were martyred in the war on Kargil Victory Day at the Seminar Hall of Sanskriti University were remembered and they were paid floral tributes. The keynote speaker of the program, DrRajneesh Tyagi Director Caps, sanskriti University said that on July 26, we are celebrating the 23rd anniversary of Kargil Vijay Day. This day is dedicated to the brave soldiers who put their lives in winning the 1999 Kargil war.

Dr. Rajneesh said that the Kargil war was fought on the Line of Control in Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir between May-July 1999. This war took place between India and Pakistan, in which India showed its valor and courage. The Government of India started the operation victory in this war, which was aimed at chasing Pakistani intruders

back. The Indian Army won the war by demonstrating its bravery and skills. Kargil

remember the valor and sacrifice of those martyrs who put their lives to pro-



Dr. Rajneesh Tyagi addressing fellow teachers and students in the auditorium of sanskriti University.

Victory Day is celebrated in memory of martyrs who put their lives to protect the country. This day gives us an opportunity to remember their valor and sacrifice.

Dr. Rajneesh said that the National War Memorial is dedicated to the soldiers who gave their lives while protecting the country. This monument reminds us of the martyrs who have given their lives for the country. Kargil Victory Day gives us an opportunity to

protect the country. Director of Culture Students Welfare Department, DrDharmendra Singh Tomar said that Pakistan started sending its soldiers and paramilitary forces beyond the Line of Control, he named this infiltration "Operation Badr". Its main objective was to break the link between Kashmir and Ladakh and remove the Indian Army from Siachen Glacier. Pakistan also

believes that any type of stress in this region will help in making the Kashmir issue an international issue. Initially it was accepted as an intrusion and claimed that they would be excluded in a few days but after the search in the Line of Control came to know about the planned strategy of these intruders, which made the Indian Army realize that the attack had been planned on a very large scale. After this, the Government of India sent 2,00,000 soldiers under the name Operation Vijay to Kargil area. The war officially ended on 26 July 1999. During this war, 527 soldiers sacrificed their lives and were injured around 1400. During the program, teachers, employees and students of sanskriti University appeared in large numbers and paid tribute to the Indian soldiers who received Veeragati with moist eyes

'Maunvrat': Shashi Tharoor Refuses To Respond To A Question On Op Sindoor

(Gns). Senior Congress leader and MP Shashi Tharoor chose not to answer media queries about Operation Sindoor on Monday. As he entered Parliament, he simply repeated the word "Maunvrat" twice, indicating his decision to remain silent on the matter.

The Lok Sabha is set for a 16-hour debate on Operation Sindoor, as announced by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju. Tharoor's silence is significant because he was chosen by the BJP-led Centre to represent India's stance on terrorism after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives.

Operation Sindoor and Its Impact

Operation Sindoor, initiated on May 7, involved India targeting key terror

camp in Pakistan. Tharoor led a diplomatic mission to the United States and other American countries to gath-

indirect criticisms, adding to the internal discord within the party.

Why He Is Not In The



er international backing. However, his support for the government's position caused tension within the Congress party.

Tharoor's public endorsement of Operation Sindoor led to criticism from Congress leaders. His enigmatic social media posts were perceived as

List Of Cong Speakers In Op Sindoor Discussion

Ahead of the Lok Sabha debate on Operation Sindoor, Congress sources told Deccan Herald that they had approached the Kerala MP to be a speaker. However, he declined this request.

Congress Lok Sabha

Deputy Leader Gaurav Gogoi reportedly contacted Tharoor following instructions from Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi. Despite this outreach, Tharoor expressed his inability to participate in the debate.

Key Figures in the Debate

The discussion on Operation Sindoor begins today after opposition parties demanded it. This follows Indian forces' strikes on terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir in response to the Pahalgam attack.

Rahul Gandhi, along with his deputy Gaurav Gogoi and MPs Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Deepender Hooda, Parineeti Shinde, Shafi Parambil, Manickam Tagore, and Raja Barad from Congress will engage in this extensive discussion.

Asaduddin Owaisi Raises Concerns Over Treatment Of Bengali-Speaking Muslims, Alleges Police Misconduct

(Gns). Asaduddin Owaisi, the leader of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), has raised serious concerns about the treatment of Bengali-speaking Muslims in India. He claims that these individuals are being unfairly detained and labelled as illegal immigrants. Owaisi argues that many of them are among the poorest citizens, working in low-income jobs like domestic work and rag-picking.

Owaisi has accused the police of targeting these communities because they

lack the means to resist what he describes as "police atrocities." According to a report by

Indian citizens were allegedly forced into Bangladesh at gunpoint. Owaisi's statements high-

Asaduddin Owaisi Allegations Against Police Actions

The AIMIM chief has criticised police actions across various regions in India, claiming they have been detaining Bengali-speaking Muslims without legal grounds. He emphasised that speaking a particular language should not be a reason for detention. Owaisi shared an image on his X account showing an order from the Gurugram District Magistrate's Office, which outlines a procedure for deporting Bangladeshi citizens and Rohingya.



ANI, there have been alarming instances where

light a troubling situation for these vulnerable groups.

Trump Calls Thailand-Cambodia Truce Easy, Takes Credit For India-Pakistan Ceasefire

(Gns). US President Donald Trump has once again taken credit for easing tensions between India and Pakistan. This time, he drew a parallel with the ongoing conflict between Thailand and Cambodia.

Trump claimed that he used trade pressure to de-escalate both situations, highlighting his role in brokering peace. While discussing Southeast Asia, he mentioned the strong trade relationships the United States maintains with Thailand and Cambodia. He stated that he personal-

ly called the prime ministers of both countries, warning them that no trade agreements would proceed unless they resolved their conflict.

Trump's Approach to Conflict Resolution Trump explained, "We do a lot of trade with Thailand and Cambodia. Yet I'm reading that they're killing each other." He added, "I say this should be an easy one for me because I settled India and Pakistan. I

called the Prime Ministers of each (Thailand and Cambodia) and I said,

"We're not going to make a trade deal unless you settle the war." By the time I got off the phone, I think they want to settle now."

He further referenced the India-Pakistan standoff by saying, "India and Pakistan were really getting ready to go at it. So getting those things settled—and if I can use trade to do that—then it's my honour." Trump's claims



How India Can Lead the Global Shift in API Self-Reliance Amid Tariff Pressures

In recent years, the global pharmaceutical landscape has witnessed growing momentum toward self-reliance in Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) manufacturing, particularly amid rising tariff pressures and disrupted global supply chains. India, with its robust pharma legacy, is well-positioned to lead this shift, but realising this potential requires a strategic and multi-pronged approach.

To begin with, strengthening local manufacturing is key. While India has already made significant strides in API production, scaling this further is essential to reduce dependence on imports. A strong and consistent manufacturing base will not only enhance supply chain resilience but also ensure long-term sustainability and cost efficiency.

The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme continues to play a pivotal role in strengthening India's position in API manufacturing. This phase represents a significant opportunity for companies to align with the government's

vision of self-reliance. Companies that have proactively embraced the scheme are now well-positioned to gain early-mover

advantage in this evolving ecosystem.

The government's role in this transformation is crucial. Initiatives such as the PLI scheme are commendable steps toward incentivising domestic API manufacturing. However, support must go beyond financial incentives.

Streamlining regulatory processes and ensuring faster approvals remain pressing needs. Regulatory delays can hinder production timelines and deter new entrants from the market. A simplified and responsive framework will give the industry the confidence and clarity it needs to grow.

Additionally, with the United States set to begin imposing tariffs on import medicines from August 2025, India has a golden

opportunity to step up and fill global supply gaps—especially for regulated markets.

Moreover, supportive policies that foster a conducive business environment can accelerate this journey. Whether it's easing compliance burdens, ensuring access to affordable utilities, or enabling ease of doing business, policy support must be holistic and consistent across the board.

Innovation and R&D are other powerful levers that can shift the equation in India's favour. Focused investments in research can reduce production costs, improve process efficiencies, and enable manufacturers to scale operations sustainably. When coupled with backwards integration, this can offer a significant competitive edge, ensuring cost advantages, stable raw material supply, and enhanced control over quality and timelines.

It's also important to recognise that API manufacturing is capital-intensive and infrastructure heavy. Setting up and running facilities requires considerable investment and high-grade infrastructure, including uninterrupted power and water supplies, efficient waste management systems, and transportation networks. Here too, the government must step in to build and upgrade pharma-friendly infrastructure that supports large-scale, compliant, and sustainable manufacturing.

With a focused approach that encompasses stronger local manufacturing, supportive government policies, streamlined regulations, innovation-driven R&D, and infrastructure development, India is well-positioned to lead the global shift toward API self-reliance. Embracing these measures will not only strengthen India's pharmaceutical ecosystem but also secure its position as a leading force in the global active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) market.



Ms. Shivani Wagh, Joint Managing Director, Supriya Lifescience Ltd.

“India demonstrated its military capability, national resolve, morality & political acumen”

(Gns).
“The objective of Operation Sindoor was not to cross the border or capture the territory, it was to eliminate terror nurseries which Pakistan had nurtured for years, and provide justice to the innocent families who lost their loved ones in cross-border attacks,” said Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh in the Lok Sabha on July 28, 2025. He termed Pakistan-sponsored terrorism as not “Random Madness”, but a “well-planned strategy” and a “fundamental rage”, emphasising that the overall politico-military objective of Operation Sindoor was to punish Pakistan for fighting a proxy war in the form of terrorism.

Raksha Mantri asserted that, during Operation Sindoor, India not only demonstrated its military

capability, but also its national resolve, morality and political acumen, stressing that New Delhi will give a decisive and



clear answer to any terrorist attack. “Those who provide shelter and support to terrorism will not be spared. India is not going to bow down to any kind of nuclear blackmailing or other pressures,” he said.

Shri Rajnath Singh described the Pahalgam terrorist attack on April 22, 2025, when 26 innocent people, including a Nepali

citizen, were killed on the basis of their religion, as the vilest example of inhumanity, which tested the limits of India's tolerance.

a military action, but an effective and decisive demonstration of the Government's responsibility towards India's sovereignty, its identity & the people of the country, as well as its policy against terrorism. Our military leadership not only showed its maturity but also demonstrated the strategic wisdom which is expected from a responsible power like India,” said Shri Rajnath Singh.

Raksha Mantri highlighted that the Armed Forces carried out Operation Sindoor after studying every aspect in depth. “There were a number of options on the table, but we chose the option in which the terrorists and their hideouts suffered maximum damage and the common citizens of Pakistan did not suffer any harm.

“On May 06 & 07, 2025, the Indian Armed Forces launched Operation Sindoor, which was not just

Narakas, Mathura's 59th six -western meeting concluded

Promote the use of official language Hindi in offices: Mukul Aggarwal

Mathura. At the Mathura Refinery, the 59th half-yearly meeting of Municipal Official Language Implementation Committee (Narakas), Mathura was held in the Employees Club in Mathura Refinery City under the chairmanship of Mukul Aggarwal, Chairman, Narakas Mathura and Executive Director and Refinery Head.

Dr. DrChhabil Kumar Meher, Deputy Director (Implementation), Official Language Department, Ministry of Home Affairs, Regional Implementation Office (North-2) Ghaziabad participated.

The meeting was inaugurated by the Rajbhasha songs and the high officials at the lamp. Mukul Aggarwal while addressing



Executive Director and Refinery Chief Mukul Aggarwal, Dr. Chhabil Kumar Meher,

the office heads and their representatives of the member offices present in the meeting said that the Department of Official Language has an important role in compliance with the official language policy and promoting the use of Hindi in government work. We all know well about the official

language policy of the Government of India, yet it is necessary to continuously review the status of the official language in the work of offices. He said that Narakas is a joint platform of all member offices located in Mathura district, which aims to promote the promotion of the state lan-

Commandant Nitin Kumar planting trees and CRPF 16 Battalion celebrated 87th Foundation Day with pomp

Mathura. The 87th Foundation Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the 16th Battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). The ceremony was held at the battalion headquarters in Ranchiibangar, which was led by Commandant Nitin Kumar.

The CRPF was established on 27 July 1939, which later converted into the Central Reserve Police Force under the Government of India in 1949. On this occasion, first paying tribute to the martyrs, silent parade and salute were given. Commandant Nitin Kumar,



while addressing the soldiers, highlighted the valor and history of the force and honored the personnel who did excellent work. Officers,

subordinate personnel and their families participated in the program. On this occasion, plantation campaign, cleanliness program and

yoga camp for family members were also organized in the force campus. Also, cleanliness and beautification of quarter guards was done. Prizes were also distributed to the winning teams in sports competitions organized on the occasion of Foundation Day and a cultural program and banquet was organized. Jai Prakash Singh (Second Command Officer), Rajveer Singh Yadav (Second Command Officer), Mrs. Vijaya Laxmi Chauhan (Chief Medical Officer), Rajoj Kumar Rai (Deputy Commandant) and other officers and jawans were present on the occasion.

SIR row: SC directs EC to include Aadhaar, voter IDs as valid documents

(Gns).
The Supreme Court on Monday told the Election Commission to adopt a voter verification approach based on “mass inclusion, not mass exclusion,” as it questioned the poll body's refusal to accept Aadhaar and voters IDs as valid proof of identity under the ongoing special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar.

A bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi did not accept the ECI's argument that Aadhaar and EPIC cards can be forged, pointing out that “10 out of 11 documents already accepted by the Commission can be equally faked.” The Court said forgery is always a possibility, but that cannot be a reason to discard widely held documents like Aadhaar or voter ID cards.

“Tomorrow, 10 out of 11 documents may be found to be fake. It has to be seen on a case-to-case basis,” Justice Kant observed.

The bench added, “For that matter, any document on Earth can be forged.” The oral observations



came during a hearing on a batch of petitions challenging the June 24 ECI order initiating SIR in Bihar ahead of the State Assembly elections due in October–November 2025.

Senior Advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan sought an interim stay on the August 1 publication of the draft rolls under the SIR, arguing that petitioners refrained from seeking interim relief earlier because they were assured a hearing before that date.

The matter has been posted for Tuesday, July 29, for setting a final hearing

schedule. Under the SIR guidelines, the ECI has mandated that voters not found on the

2003 rolls must provide proof of Indian citizenship. For those born after December 2004, documents of both parents are required, and where a parent is a foreign national, passport and visa records at the time of birth must be submitted.

This move has drawn sharp criticism from civil society, with petitioners—including Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), PUCL, TMC MP Mahua Moitra, RJD MP Manoj Jha, and activist Yogendra Yadav—arguing that the directive: Violates Articles

14, 19, 21, 325, and 326 of the Constitution; Contravenes the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and Rule 21A of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960; Shifts the burden of proof from the state to the citizen; Excludes widely held documents like Aadhaar and ration cards, disproportionately affecting poor and rural voters.

In its affidavit filed before the Supreme Court, the ECI has argued that the process is constitutionally backed by Article 324, which gives it plenary powers over electoral roll preparation.

The documents required under SIR mirror the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955—particularly Section 3 relating to birth-based citizenship. Citizens not submitting forms by July 25 can still file claims up to September 1 to be included in the final roll; Political parties have been provided lists of those whose forms are pending.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Chairs Valedictory Ceremony of Indian Mazdoor Sangh's 70 Glorious Years

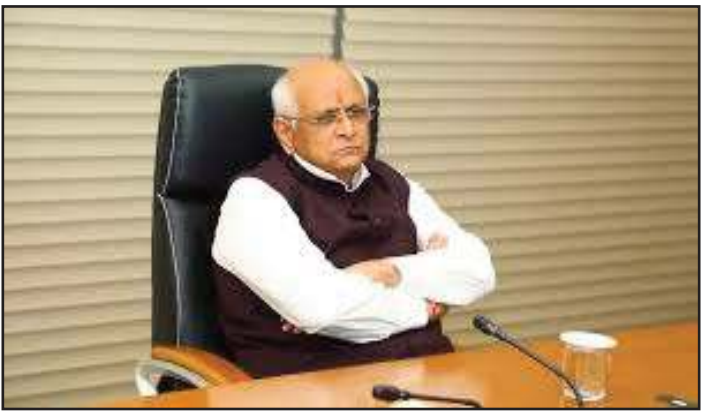
Presence of Labour & Employment Minister Shri Balvantsinh Rajput
A nation driven by sacrifice, dedication, and commitment is bound to progress. – Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel

Gandhinagar, 28 July 2025: At the valedictory function marking the 70-year golden jubilee celebrations of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel stated that a nation imbued with the spirit of sacrifice, penance, and dedication is destined to progress. He further noted that the Indian Mazdoor Sangh has consistently upheld and worked by this guiding principle.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel chaired the valedictory ceremony of the 70-year golden jubilee celebrations of the

Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, held in Gandhinagar, in the presence of Labour and Employment Minister Shri

mitment to labour welfare, noting that, inspired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, nutritious



Balvantsinh Rajput.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel stated that “Har haath ko kaam aur har kaam ka sammaan” reflects the importance of respecting every form of work and performing one's duty with dedication. He highlighted the state's com-

meals are provided to workers for just ₹5 through Annapurna centers.

The Chief Minister also emphasised that under PM Modi's leadership, citizens are receiving government services transparently at their doorstep, strengthening public trust in the gov-

ernment.
CM said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047 will be achieved through Viksit Gujarat. He called for united efforts under Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas and urged people to join the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign to boost green cover and fight global warming.

The event was attended by BMS National President Shri J.S. Pandya, Gujarat Prant Karyawah Shri Shailesh Patel, BMS Regional Organising Secretary Shri C.V. Rajesh, Gujarat State President Shri Jignesh Majmudar, General Secretary Shri Girish Patel, and a large gathering of BMS members.

Missing girl's body found in pit

Mathura. The body of a seven-year-old innocent, who was missing in the hut near the Hindu Inter College on Service Road on Nandgaon Road under Kosikalan police station area, was found in a pit filled with water near the Hindu Inter College at 9 am on Monday morning. People informed the police when the dead body came up on Monday morning. The police have sent the dead body and sent a morchary.

The nomadic community has built several huts on the empty space near the Hindu Inter College near the Hindu Inter College near the railway bridge

along the highway of Kosikalan police station area and the service road of Nandgaon Road. In these, he lives with the

district, lives with his wife and three children. Pawan applies iron strips and plastic toys etc. on the pavement. On Saturday night,



Seven year old innocent

family. In this hut, Pawan alias Pardesi, a resident of the eagle of police station Kaman in Rajasthan Deeg

all the family members were sleeping on the bed. The seven-year-old elder daughter Palak was also

Mandi businessman, troubled by the dirty water of the drain, sat on a road dharna, the mandi secretary explained

Anger exploded against mandi administration, traders have been struggling with waterlogging for a month

Mathura. Troubled by the dirty water of the highway drain in the Mandi complex, traders sat on a road dharna on Monday. During this, slogans were raised against the Mandi administration. Market secretary Renu Verma, who arrived at the information of the dharna of the traders in the scorching sun, also heard a lot of a lot by the traders. The traders woke up from the dharna site with a 24-hour ultimatum. The label of drains built in the mandi complex is lower than the highway drain. In such a situation, the dirty water enters the premises as soon as the highway sewer is overflowed. This problem becomes more rare in rainy season. For the past one month, the dirty water of the drain has been filled in the Mandi complex. If the merchant market secretary office

takes a complaint, then they are assured and shurled. The patience of

the mandi administration shouted slogans of Hi-Hi, there was a panic in the



Mandi secretary Renu Verma explaining to the traders who protes the road in the scorching sun.

the traders was replied on Monday. The traders sat down to sit on the main road of Mandi at twelve in the afternoon. In this dharna, not only traders, farmers who came to sell their crops in Mandi, and laborers who came in search of wages also joined. When

mandi office. Secretary Renu Verma reached the dharna site of the traders and assured to resolve the problem in 24 hours. During this time he also faced the sharp questions of the traders. Hundreds of farmers, including Dharm Aggarwal, Vinod Aggarwal,

Government steps to encourage better consumption of lpg by pmuy beneficiaries

(Gns).
Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched in May, 2016 with an objective to provide

deposit free LPG connection to adult women from poor households across the country. The target to release 8 crore connections under

PMUY was achieved in September 2019. To cover the remaining poor households, Ujjwala 2.0 was launched in August 2021

with a target to release 1 crore additional PMUY connections, which was achieved in January 2022. Subsequently, the Government decided to release 60 lakh more LPG connections under Ujjwala 2.0 and the target of 1.60 crore Ujjwala 2.0 connections was also achieved during December 2022. Further, Government approved release of additional 75 lakh connections under PMUY scheme which was also achieved by July 2024. As on 01.07.2025, there are 10.33 crore PMUY connections across the country.

LPG consumption of PMUY beneficiaries is monitored regularly through PPAC's Consumption reports, Common LPG Data Platform (CLDP) and meetings with OMCs. Consumption of domestic LPG by households depends on several factors like food habits, household size, cooking habits, tradition, flavor, taste, preferences.

Youth held for pro-Pak slogans, threat to CM Yogi on Facebook

(Gns).
A Muslim youth from Achhaniya village in Lakhimpur has been arrested for posting inflammatory content on Facebook, including slogans like “Pakistan Zindabad” and “Modi Murdabad”, along with a direct threat to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

The post that went viral on social media on Monday caused widespread outrage and panic.

The accused, identified as Tayyab Khan, reportedly wrote a threatening message on his Facebook account, stating, “CM Yogi, your days are numbered. We will blow you up with a bomb.”

The post included pro-



Pakistan and anti-India sentiments, sparking fury among BJP supporters and Hindu organizations across the region.

Tayyab Khan is said to be the nephew of a former village head of Achhaniya who is currently working as a bus conductor for a local Samajwadi Party (SP) leader.

As the Facebook post spread online rapidly, local police sprang into action. The Neemgaon Police registered an FIR in the case and arrested Tayyab Khan from his village. Station in-charge Alok Dhiman, confirming the arrest, stated that further investigation and questioning are underway.