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PM to visit his LS constituency on August 2 to launch multiple projects

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit his Lok Sabha constituency of Varanasi on 2 August to lay the foundation stone and inaugurate multiple development projects worth around Rs 2200 crores. He will also address the gathering on the occasion.

The projects cater to multiple sectors, including infrastructure, education, healthcare, tourism, urban development, and cultural heritage aim at achieving holistic urban transformation, cultural rejuvenation, improved connectivity, and enhanced quality of life in Varanasi.

In line with his commitment to improve road connectivity

in Varanasi, the PM will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of several key infrastructure projects. He will inaugurate the

Hardattpur, to ease congestion on the Mohan Sarai-Adalpur Road. He will lay the foundation stone for comprehensive road widening

among others and Railway Overbridges at Level Crossing 22C and Khalispur Yard.

Strengthening the power infrastructure in the region, he will lay the foundation stone of various works under the Smart Distribution Project and the undergrounding of electrical infrastructure worth over Rs 880 crores.

In a major boost to tourism, the PM will inaugurate the redevelopment of eight riverfront Kucha Ghats, development works at Kalika Dham, beautification of the pond and ghat at Rangildas Kutiya, Shivpur, and the restoration and water purification of Durgakund.



widening and strengthening of the Varanasi-Bhadohi road and Chhitauni-Shool Tankeshwar road, and the Railway Overbridge at

ing and strengthening across multiple rural and urban corridors, including Dalmandi, Lahartara-Kotwa, Gangapur, Babatpur,

Shri Amit Shah expresses gratitude to PM Modi on the grant assistance of ₹2000 crore to NCDC for the next four years by the Cabinet

(Gns). Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah today expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for grant assistance of ₹2000 crore by the Cabinet to the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for the next four years.

In his posts on X platform, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah said that "In line with PM Modi ji's mantra of 'Sahkar se Samridhi', National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is playing an important role in strengthening the rural economy. Today, the Union Cabinet

has approved grant assistance of ₹ 2000 crore to NCDC at the rate of ₹ 500 crore per year for the next four years. This will help cooperatives in starting

which will benefit crores of members associated with cooperatives, women will become self-reliant and youth will get employment opportunities. On behalf of

express my heartfelt gratitude to Modi Ji for this welfare decision."

In another post, Shri Amit Shah said that the welfare of farmers has been the top priority of the Modi government and in another important decision in this direction, the Union Cabinet has approved a total expenditure of ₹6,520 crores for the 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana', which also includes an additional amount of ₹1,920 crores. Under this scheme, 50 multi-product food irradiation units and 100 food testing laboratories will be set up, which will promote food preservation, improve food safety and quality and farmers will get better prices for their produce.



new projects, expanding the cooperative sector plants and giving loans, across the country, I

EVMs tamper-proof, verification of machines used in Maha assembly confirms

(Gns). The Election Commission of India (ECI) Thursday said it has successfully completed the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) Checking and Verification (C&V) exercise for the 2024 Maharashtra Legislative Assembly elections.

This exercise, it said, was conducted based on applications received from 10 candidates across 10 Assembly constituencies.

The verification process confirmed that the EVMs are tamper-proof, with all machines passing diagnos-



tic tests and no mismatch found in the count of VVPAT slips.

The tests, it said, were conducted on 48 Ballot Units, 31 Control Units, and 31 VVPATs in the presence of losing candidates and their representatives.

Mock polls were conducted on some machines, and the results from the Control Unit were verified with the VVPAT slip count, showing no discrepancies.

Diagnostic tests were conducted on specific EVMs to verify the burnt

memory/microcontroller, and all machines passed the tests.

The verification process was carried out by authorized engineers from the manufacturer (ECIL), ensuring the integrity of the process.

The Supreme Court had directed the ECI to allow verification of EVM and VVPAT burnt memories for candidates who finish second or third in an election. This move aims to enhance transparency and build trust in the electoral process.

President urges community-oriented healthcare at AIIMS Deoghar

(Gns). The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, addressed the first convocation of AIIMS Deoghar, calling for a stronger focus on community-oriented healthcare, inclusive medical practice, and institutional responsibility in public health delivery. She reflected on the institute's journey and its role in advancing tribal and rural health systems.

The convocation took place in Deoghar, Jharkhand, during the month of Shravan. Recalling her presence at the foundation stone-laying ceremony in 2018 as the then Governor of Jharkhand, Murmu described the transition from foundation to convocation as a milestone for both the institution and the

state. While acknowledging AIIMS Deoghar's role in providing tertiary healthcare, the President urged it

inclusivity at both institutional and individual levels. Addressing the graduating class, the President noted that an education



to engage more deeply with primary care, which she described as the foundation of universal health coverage. She emphasised the need for doctors and students to visit urban and rural health centres to strengthen local health infrastructure and promote

from AIIMS signifies competence, but stressed that along with medical skill, effective communication and empathy were equally essential. "Doctors should be clinical in diagnosis and treatment, but not in behaviour," she remarked, underlining the importance of

compassionate counsel.

Highlighting the government's efforts to reduce the financial burden of healthcare on citizens, she pointed out that institutions like AIIMS Deoghar must play a proactive role—both collectively and individually. She called on the institute's stakeholders to map Sustainable Development Goals related to health and assess India and Jharkhand's progress toward them.

Murmu noted that AIIMS Deoghar was set up to reduce inequality in medical services by offering specialised care at affordable costs. She urged the institute to not only deliver advanced care but also to contribute meaningfully to the broader healthcare framework.

INDIA bloc backs Mamata Banerjee's call for protest against Election Commission over SIR

(Gns). The INDIA bloc has endorsed West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's call to stage a massive protest outside the Election Commission of India's office in New Delhi if legitimate voters are excluded during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state.

Addressing party workers in Kolkata on July 21, Banerjee warned that the Trinamul Congress would demonstrate in front of the EC office if the poll panel tampers with the voter list.

At a meeting of the INDIA bloc partners on Thursday morning, Trinamul Congress leader in the Rajya Sabha, Derek

O'Brien, conveyed Mamata Banerjee's decision that opposition parties would demonstrate outside the Election Commission of India's office and stage a sit-in protest.

The opposition also raised strong objections to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. They continue to stage daily protests in Parliament, raising slogans against SIR. The Trinamul

Congress has joined these demonstrations alongside Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and Priyanka

Gandhi Vadra.

As usual, the INDIA bloc's parliamentary leaders met on Thursday morning in the office of the



Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Congress MP Mallikarjun Kharge. During the meeting,

Trinamul Congress leader Derek O'Brien presented Mamata Banerjee's proposal in the presence of Rahul Gandhi. The proposal—to stage a protest in front of the Election Commission of India's office—was accepted by all INDIA bloc partners. It was decided that MPs from the alliance would participate in the demonstration. Derek O'Brien indicated that the 'gherao' could take place next Wednesday or Thursday.

Notably, on Wednesday, while speaking from the Parliament premises, Trinamul Congress MP and party's 'second-in-command' Abhishek Banerjee remarked, "SIR stands for Silent Invisible Rigging."

Himachal Cabinet clears lotteries, OBC quota in ULB polls & rent relief for rain-hit families

(Gns). The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to launch state lotteries to generate additional resources. The decision was approved during a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Thursday.

The Cabinet cleared the introduction of OBC reservation in the upcoming Urban Local Bodies (ULB) elections. To facilitate this, it also cleared the formation of a Backward Classes Commission, which will compile accurate population data before finalising the reservation roster.

The Cabinet recommended convening the Monsoon Session of the Vidhan Sabha from August 18 to September 2, 2025. It also approved a one-time relaxation of two years in the upper age limit for candidates appearing in the TGT and JBT recruitment examinations to be conducted by the Himachal Pradesh Rajya Chayan Aayog.

In a welfare initiative, one seat per course will be

three Research Officer posts in the Integrated Tribal Development Project offices at Bharmour, Pangi, and Spiti.



reserved for orphans in all government, government-aided, and private technical institutions, including ITIs, polytechnics, engineering, and pharmacy colleges. To strengthen health services in remote and tribal areas, 290 additional ASHA workers will be engaged.

The Cabinet approved the filling of five Law Officer (English) posts and two Law Officer (Hindi) posts in the Secretariat, along with

The Cabinet granted ex post facto approval for rent support to families affected by torrential rains and currently residing in relief camps. Families will receive Rs 5,000 per month in rural areas and Rs 10,000 per month in urban areas for up to six months via Direct Benefit Transfer. To check illegal activities, the Cabinet approved the deployment of two Home Guards at

each distillery, bottling, and brewery plant, along with a State Taxes and Excise Officer under a mandatory rotation system. It also cleared the auction of 10 minor mineral quarries in Kangra and the re-auction of 11 in Bilaspur, which are expected to generate Rs 18.82 crore and create employment opportunities while curbing illegal mining.

A Tourism Investment Promotion Council headed by the Chief Minister will be set up to fast-track projects of over Rs 50 crore within 30 days. The Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) will issue the HIM BUS CARD to streamline free or concessional travel facilities.

The Cabinet decided to launch Phase-II of the Himachal Pradesh Sadbhawana Legacy Cases Resolution Scheme, 2025, from September 1 for three months to resolve nearly 30,000 pending cases.

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy dedicates Life-Saving Advanced Ambulance to CHC Bokajan virtually

(Agency). Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy today virtually dedicated a Life-Saving Advanced Ambulance to the Community Health Centre (CHC) at Bokajan, Assam.

The ambulance, donated under a CSR initiative by Richardson & Cruddas Ltd. in coordination with CCI Bokajan, is expected to significantly strengthen emergency medical services in Bokajan and adjoining areas, enabling critical patients to be transported to advanced hospitals in Diphu, Jorhat, and Dimapur.

Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Union Minister highlighted how the Hon'ble PM's visionary initiative since January 2015, ensuring that a Union Minister visits the Northeast every 15 days has transformed the region's development landscape. "This reflects our government's strong commitment to fast-paced development, connectivity and prosperity for the wonderful people of the Northeast, who truly deserve the best," Shri Kumaraswamy said.

Shri Kumaraswamy also reviewed operations and progress at the CCI Bokajan Cement Plant, a unit of Cement Corporation of India (CCI) under the Ministry of Heavy Industries. Commissioned in 1976, the plant has an annual capacity of 1.98 lakh metric tonnes and produces 43-grade Ordinary

Portland Cement (OPC) and Portland Pozzolana Cement (PPC). After facing losses for several years, the Bokajan unit has returned to profitability in the last three years.

"Thanks to the indomitable spirit of the people of the Northeast, Bokajan has seen a remarkable turnaround. With expansion plans under active consideration, we aim to increase employment fivefold and further strengthen industrial activity in Assam," the Minister stated. Currently, CCI Bokajan provides employment to approximately 450 direct employees and 1,000 indirect workers.

Focus on sustainability and industrial growth

During his previous visit to CCI Bokajan on September 21, Shri Kumaraswamy inaugurated the Commissioning of a Hot

Air Duct to Raw Mills Project and laid the foundation stone of a 1 MW Solar Power Project. The Hot Air

available resources of the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) to set up new industries. Community-first healthcare efforts

The Life-Saving Advanced Ambulance, formally requested by local MLA and Deputy Speaker of the Assam Legislative Assembly Dr. Numal Momin, will fill a critical gap in emergency medical services in Bokajan. The CHC currently faces limitations in handling serious and emergency cases. Patients can now be safely transferred to tertiary care hospitals in nearby towns, ensuring timely treatment and saving lives.

"The ambulance will benefit not only the people of Bokajan but also nearby areas like Chandrapur, Sukhanjan, Sarihanjan, Dillai, Hidpi, Madhopur and Khatkhati," Shri Kumaraswamy said. He thanked Shri Tuliram Ronghang, Chief Executive Member of KAAC, Dr. Momin.



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Editorial

Deprived of Hope

The most haunting image of war is often not its violence but its silence ~ the silence of a child's hollow eyes, a mother's outstretched hand, or a truck loaded with food that never arrives. Gaza, today, is not just a war zone. It is the stage of a humanitarian collapse where the denial of suffering is as deafening as the suffering itself. US President Donald Trump's remark that children in Gaza are experiencing "real starvation stuff" pierced through months of evasive political language. While his words are rarely known for nuance, they have a rawness that resonates.

In this case, that rawness acts as a mirror reflecting the uncomfortable truth: people are starving, visibly and undeniably. And this truth is no longer confined to the domain of UN reports or human rights bulletins ~ it is visible in grainy footage, in empty bowls, in looted food trucks. What makes this more disturbing is the attempt to sanitise the crisis through rhetoric. The Israeli government's categorical denial of starvation in Gaza, and its accusation that such claims are "boldfaced lies," suggest a deliberate effort to shape global perception while humanitarian agencies beg for uninterrupted access. When aid trucks are looted not by militants but by ordinary civilians ~ desperate, emaciated, and starving ~ it ceases to be a question of logistics or insurgency.

It becomes a moral emergency. Israel's argument that it is enabling aid, and that any shortage is due to Hamas's interference, reflects a common tactic in modern conflict: shifting the blame to the other side while controlling the gates. Even if one assumes bad faith on the part of Hamas, it does not absolve the occupying power from its duty to prevent collective punishment. Starvation is not just a side effect of war; it becomes a weapon when access to food is manipulated, obstructed, or slowed down. UN officials, faced with impossible constraints, have admitted they cannot deliver at the required scale. Their trucks, laden with flour, have been waylaid by desperate hands before they reach distribution centres. Their drivers face real threats.

Their access is choked by bureaucracy and bullets. These are not isolated lapses ~ they are symptoms of a system where hunger has been allowed to fester while the world opts for semantics. Pauses in military action are not solutions. They are breathing spaces that often fail to resuscitate. What Gaza needs is not a pause, but a plan ~ a sustained, verifiable mechanism for aid delivery protected from both military and political sabotage. And more than that, it needs an honest reckoning from all parties involved. You can dispute statistics. You can debate policies. But you cannot look into the sunken eyes of a starving child and call it a lie. Gaza is starving. And the world is running out of excuses.

promoting India's own knowledge systems

(Gns).

In keeping with its policy of promoting India's own knowledge systems, the Government of India has of late proposed integrating MBBS, the standard degree for physicians trained in modern medicine and surgery, with BAMS (Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery) which is rooted in ancient Indian medical traditions. Although the idea is offered as a push towards 'holistic' medicine, anxieties prevail in many quarters regarding the implementation of such a scheme.

Many in the academic fraternity as well as common people feel that ayurveda, the ancient medical tradition of India, cannot match the allopathic branch of modern medicine and surgery, with respect to technological progress, advanced research and complexities of modern ailments. But why do modern physicians have reservations about ayurveda? According to some scholars, this branch of ancient medical science has not undergone timely revisions and what is taught at ayurvedic colleges is an incongruous mix of truths and untruths. Moreover, the discipline has remained intellectually stagnant because of a continued reliance on outdated texts and traditional beliefs. It is indeed a sad decline for a branch of knowledge that was part of the great glory of ancient India.

The 3000-5000-year-old traditional system of healthcare of the Indian sub-continent is truly India's precious yet neglected treasure box. Dating back to the Vedic period, this ancient medical science is widely accepted as a holistic system with a philosophy that gives importance to the physical, mental, spiritual, social and environmental factors related to health and medicine. It accepts the panchabhuta-based (the five basic elements Prithvi, Jala, Agni, Vayu and Akasa that is, earth, water, fire,

(Gns).

Photo:SNS

With the recently signed Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between India and the United Kingdom, India has for the first time signed up to a detailed chapter on trade and gender equality, besides a clear assertion in the preamble to "increasing women's access to and ability to fully benefit from the opportunities created by this Agreement." And gender experts are cheering. Prior to this, only the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in 2022 had a mention in the chapter on micro, small and medium-sized enterprises about strengthening bilateral collaboration on activities to promote SMEs owned by women and youth, as well as startups; promote partnerships among these SMEs and

(Gns).

The sudden ceasefire between Thailand and Cambodia is a welcome relief ~ but it is, at best, a temporary pause in a volatile, deeply rooted border conflict. With over 30 lives lost and nearly 275,000 civilians displaced in under a week, the scale and intensity of the fighting underscored how quickly a dormant territorial grievance can spiral into open war.

What began as localised military skirmishes quickly escalated into full-fledged hostilities, involving artillery barrages, drone over-flights and

Gender-responsiveness gets a boost in India-UK FTA

their participation in international trade, and exchange of information on entrepreneurship education and awareness programmes for youth and women to promote the entrepreneurial environment.

India has been an active supporter of gender equality at the international level ~ it ratified the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1979; it is a signatory to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted in 1995 in support of women's empowerment; and is also strongly committed to the achievement of Goal 5 of the UN's 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) that aims to achieve gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls.

Further, India supports

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the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (2015) which recognises the importance of international trade as an

Fragile peace

between deterrence and aggression. For civilians on both sides of the border, particularly those old enough to remember the Cambodian Civil War, the trauma has been all too familiar. The ceasefire, hastily brokered with the help of a neighbouring mediator and spurred on by economic pressure from a global superpower, exposes the uncomfortable truth that peace was not born of

Border Threats

(Gns).

On July 25, the Defence Research and Development Organisation successfully conducted flight trials of the UAV-Lau ~ nched Precision Guided Missile (ULPGM)-V3 at the National Open Area Range (NOAR) in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, in a congratulatory post on X, stated, "Indian industry is now ready to absorb and produce critical defence technologies." On the other hand, there are concerning reports that state and non-state actors from our neighbourhood are using drones to smuggle drugs and weapons into India. The surge in cross-border drone activity along the Punjab border highlights a growing threat of narco-terrorism, posing serious risks to national security and public safety. Just as the machine gun changed the face of warfare in the early 20th century, drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) represent one more tragic turning point ~ this time demanding urgent international action in the form of a comprehensive UN treaty.

If Alexander the Great had drones, he could have aimed his charge precisely at the enemy's weak point, seeing it clearly from above instead of taking a risk. Then he might have lost the very claims to heroism that made him great. Centuries later, drones ~ initially used for intelligence gathering in the 1990s ~ played a decisive role in the 2020 Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict, tipping the war in favour of the latter. The ongoing Ukraine-Russia war has taken this to a new level. A recent report on "Operation Spiderweb" reveals how Ukraine's military has

Buenos Aires in December 2017. The Buenos Aires declaration is currently supported by 127 WTO members and observers. India has also opted to stay out of the Informal Working Group on Trade and Gender (IWG) established at the WTO in 2020 with the objective to advance gender-responsive trade policies and increase women's participation in global trade in keeping with its general resistance to plurilateral deals within the WTO.

The IWG currently has 130 members and five observers. On the other hand, globally, the idea that international trade can play an important role in women's economic empowerment and advancing gender equality has guided the marked increase in the number of trade agreements incorporating gender-related provisions in the last ten

Many evacuees ~ especially the elderly ~ describe this as the worst violence they've seen since the last major conflict decades ago. Yet the circumstances surrounding the ceasefire raise serious concerns about its durability. The Thai government, until recently dismissive of outside mediation, only relented under international pressure. Cambodia, militarily outgunned, had been pushing for a ceasefire since the beginning of the hostilities. These asymmetries in political and military posture have not disappeared with a handshake and a photo opportunity. For peace to hold, more than demilitarisation is required.

Trust between the two

Border Threats

retaliation. Secondly, the ambiguity surrounding drone attacks poses a significant risk of miscalculation and unintended escalation. Unlike traditional military engagements, drone strikes can be shrouded in secrecy, making attribution challenging. In volatile con-

olution decided to convene open informal consultations in 2025 to consider the UN Secretary-General's report on LAWS, following a meeting of the Group of Governmental Experts. These consultations are to be open to all Member States, observer States, international and regional organizations, the Red Cross, and civil society ~ including the scientific community and industry.

The Secretary-General, António Guterres, has called for a legally binding instrument by 2026, one that prohibits LAWS without human control and regulates others. The report expressed serious concern that LAWS, by lowering the threshold for the use of force, could increase the frequency and intensity of conflicts, precipitate humanitarian crises, and even lead to an arms race ~ as the risk of military casualties for the user state is reduced. The Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) remains a key forum, but some States argue it is slow, proposing the General Assembly as a more inclusive and responsive platform.

As systems become less expensive to develop, concerns about their proliferation among both state and non-state actors (e.g., terrorists) are increasing. Virtual Planet Africa emphasizes the need for safeguards to prevent such proliferation. 'Stop Killer Robots' ~ a coalition of approximately 270 civil society organizations ~ emphasizes urgency, citing the risks of automated killing and digital dehumanization. 'The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom' warns that LAWS could also enable gender-based violence.

O Panneerselvam's Faction Breaks Away from NDA, Slams Centre Over Education Fund Row

(Gns).
Former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister O Panneerselvam (OPS) has officially withdrawn his faction - the AIADMK Cadres Rights Retrieval Committee - from the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA). The announcement came on Thursday, just hours after OPS was seen meeting Chief Minister MK Stalin during a morning walk in Chennai.

Alliance Break Confirmed

AI-generated summary, reviewed by editors

O Panneerselvam (OPS) withdrew his faction, the AIADMK Cadres Rights Retrieval Committee, from the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) on Thursday, after criticizing the central government for withholding education funds for Tamil Nadu, and plans to launch a statewide campaign ahead of the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections.

Assembly elections. "We are ending our alliance with the NDA. As of now, there is no partnership with any political party. Future alliances will be decided depending on circumstances," Ramachandran said, adding that the reasons behind the exit are already well understood and do not require elaboration.

The move deepens the long-standing rift between OPS and Edappadi K Palaniswami (EPS), who currently leads the AIADMK.

Speculations on New Political Alignments

Although no new alliance has been officially announced, political circles are abuzz with speculation that OPS may align with actor Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK). OPS, however, has not confirmed or denied this possibility.

Stays Silent on Stalin Encounter

OPS refused to comment on his early morning meeting with Chief Minister Stalin at the Theosophical Society in Chennai. When asked by reporters, he simply said, "I usually go for morning walks there. The Chief Minister also came, and we met. That's all."

Maybe, Pakistan Will Sell Oil To India Someday: Trump After Striking Deal With Islamabad

(Gns).
US President Donald Trump on Thursday announced a massive oil deal with Pakistan. This comes shortly after imposing a 25% tariff on Indian imports, citing trade imbalances and India's Russian oil purchases.

In a statement on his social media platform Truth, Trump stated that Islamabad might sell oil to New Delhi someday.

Trade Discussions and Tariff Adjustments

In the Truth Social post, Trump said, "We have just concluded a Deal with the Country of Pakistan, whereby Pakistan and the United States will work together on developing their massive Oil Reserves. We are in the process of choosing the Oil Company that will lead this Partnership. Who knows, maybe they'll be selling Oil to India some day!" Trump stated.

He also mentioned ongoing talks with various global leaders about trade deals. He highlighted that many countries are eager to please the US.

"We are very busy in the White House today working on Trade Deals," he stated. Trump also noted an upcoming meeting with South Korea's trade delegation regarding their current 25% tariff.

The US is actively negotiating tariff reductions with several nations. Trump emphasized that these efforts aim to significantly lower the US trade deficit.

"Likewise, other Countries are making offers for a Tariff reduction," he added. A comprehensive report will be released later.

Focus on Agriculture and Market Access

Agriculture and dairy sectors remain contentious between India and the US. The US seeks more access for its agricultural products like apples and tree nuts in India to address trade imbalances.

Richard Rossow from Washington's Center for Strategic and International Studies noted India's need to protect its agriculture sector for economic reasons.

India, in exchange for any concessions, wants preferential access for its labor-intensive exports. These include textiles, garments, gems, jewelry, leather goods, and specific agricultural items such as shrimp and bananas. Such access is vital for job creation in India.

The new tariffs on Indian imports will take effect from August 1. Trump's decision stems from concerns over Washington's trade deficit with New Delhi and India's purchase of Russian oil.

Kadambur Raju Says His Remarks 'Exist From NDA A Historical Blunder' Twisted

(Gns).
AIADMK former state Minister Kadambur Raju on Thursday claimed his comments on the AIADMK party's exit from the NDA in 1999 were twisted out of context and that he had never described it as a "historical blunder."

Earlier this week, while speaking at a joint meeting of the AIADMK and BJP workers in the district, Raju had said the AIADMK under J Jayalalithaa decided to withdraw support to the Vaipayee government for some reason and "this historical blunder" later led to the DMK to support the BJP and share power in the union government which lasted for 14 years.

AI-generated summary, reviewed by editors

The O Panneerselvam-led AIADMK Cadres Rights Retrieval Committee, led by advisor Panruti S Ramachandran, withdrew from the BJP-led NDA coalition, with Panneerselvam planning a state tour and future alliance decisions based on political circumstances.

"The BJP had empowered the DMK. But the latter has no respect for it," he had said. His remarks, however, drew spontaneous criticism from former Chief Minister O Panneerselvam who lashed out at Raju, saying it was his comments that were a historical blunder.

"Amma's (as Jayalalithaa is addressed) move led to the AIADMK coming to power in the state in 2001 and in winning 37 out of 40 MP seats in 2014 Lok Sabha elections," Panneerselvam said in a statement here on Thursday. "In fact, her (Jayalalithaa's) decision to withdraw support to the BJP was a historical revolution," Panneerselvam added.

After his comments went viral, Raju clarified on July 30 that his speech was twisted out of context by vested interests. "I had never used the term historical blunder. I had meant that AIADMK withdrawing support to the BJP coalition resulted in the DMK aligning with the BJP," the Kovilpatti legislator claimed while speaking to reporters. He was only speaking about the narrative that AIADMK's alliance with the BJP was bad whereas it was good when the DMK aligned with it, he added.

India Achieves Milestone With Successful Launch Of Nisar Satellite In Collaboration With NASA

(Gns).
Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched the NISAR satellite, a collaborative effort with NASA, from Sriharikota's Satish Dhawan Space Centre. The NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) was carried into space by the GSLV-F16 rocket at 5:40 pm. This mission marks a significant milestone in earth observation technology.

Union Minister of Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh, praised India's role in this collaboration with NASA. "Through this biggest collaboration with NASA-an agency established long before its Indian counterpart-we are contributing as equal partners in the game-changing experiments," he stated. Singh highlighted that this achievement follows closely after the Axiom-4 mission.

AI-generated summary, reviewed by editors

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and NASA collaborated to launch the NISAR satellite from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, using the GSLV-F16 rocket, and it is designed to scan the Earth every 12 days with L-band and S-band radar systems, providing valuable data for climate dynamics and various sectors.

The NISAR satellite, weighing 2,392 kg, took nearly ten years and over USD 1.5 billion to develop. It is designed to scan the entire planet every 12 days using two radar frequencies-L-band and S-band. These systems will monitor both large-scale and minute changes on Earth's surface, enhancing our understanding of climate dynamics.

The L-band radar, developed by NASA, can detect subtle land shifts and penetrate dense vegetation. Meanwhile, ISRO's S-band radar captures broader surface features and can see through cloud cover. This dual-radar system will provide high-resolution images under all weather conditions, day or night.

Applications Across Various Sectors

NISAR's data will be invaluable for sectors like aviation, shipping, and agriculture by offering navigation data even in challenging conditions such as fog or dense clouds. The satellite's ability to penetrate ice layers will also benefit research in regions like Antarctica.

NASA has indicated that NISAR will offer crucial insights into changes in ice sheets, glaciers, and sea ice. It will also enhance scientific understanding of how deforestation, permafrost loss, and fires impact the carbon cycle. This data will be accessible through ISRO's website as an open-access resource.

Cabinet approves total outlay of Rs.6520 crore including additional outlay of Rs.1920 crore for ongoing Central Sector Scheme "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana" (PMKSY) during 15th Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26)

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The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today has approved a total outlay of Rs.6520 crore including additional outlay of Rs.1920 crore for ongoing Central Sector Scheme "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana" (PMKSY) during 15th Finance Commission Cycle (FCC) (2021-22 to 2025-26).

Approval includes (i) Rs.1000 crore to support setting up of 50 Multi Product Food Irradiation Units under the component scheme-Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (ICCVAI) and 100 Food Testing Labs (FTLs) with NABL accreditation under the component scheme - Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure (FSQAI) of PMKSY during the 15th FCC. Both ICCVAI and FSQAI

received against the EOI would be approved after proper scrutiny as per eligibility criteria as per the extant scheme guidelines.

The implementation of the proposed 50 multi-product food irradiation units is expected to create total preservation capacity ranging from 20 to 30 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) per annum, based on the type of food products irradiated under these units. The setting up of the proposed 100 NABL-accredited food testing laboratories under private sector will lead to the development of advanced infrastructure for testing food samples, thereby ensuring compliance with food safety standards and supply of safe foods.



DPIIT signs MoU with HDFC Capital Advisors Limited to boost innovation in affordable housing and PropTech sectors

(Gns).
The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with HDFC Capital Advisors Limited to foster innovation and support startups in the affordable housing and PropTech sectors. This strategic collaboration reinforces DPIIT's commitment to building an inclusive, innovation-driven startup ecosystem aligned with the goals of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat@2047.

A key element of the partnership is the H@ART Programme (HDFC Affordable Real Estate and Technology Programme), an initiative launched by HDFC Capital to enhance efficiency and reduce costs across the residential real estate development cycle. The programme aims to and investors. Joint Secretary, DPIIT,

CEO, HDFC Capital Advisors Limited, Vipul Roongta stated, "The Indian startup ecosystem has shown remarkable progress, and HDFC Capital is eager to play a pivotal role in accelerating innovation in affordable housing and PropTech, contributing to the nation's development goals."

The MoU was formally signed by Director, DPIIT, Mohammad Isharar Ali and Managing Director and CEO, HDFC Capital Advisors Limited, Vipul Roongta, in the presence of senior officials from both organisations.

This partnership marks another milestone in DPIIT's ongoing efforts to catalyze public-private collaboration for a resilient, self-sustaining, and forward-looking innovation ecosystem.



Initiatives taken for the development of North Eastern Region

(Gns).
The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRT&H), which is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways, has constructed 16,207 Km of National Highways in the NER. As on 01.04.2025, 12 railway projects (08 New Line and 04 Doubling) of total length of 777 Km costing Rs. 69,342 crore falling partly/fully in NER have been sanctioned by the Ministry of Railways, out of which, 278 km has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs. 41,676 crore has been incurred up to March 2025. Under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, 17,637 road works of 89,436 Km and 2398 bridges have been sanctioned in NER, out of which, 16,469 road works of 80,933 Km and 2108 bridges have been completed. For providing high bandwidth capacity internet/broadband connectivity and mobile services to remote and rural villages in the NER, a number of steps and projects have been taken up with funding from the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN). 6355 Gram Panchayats have been made service ready under the BharatNet project in NER. Additionally, 3297 mobile towers have been commissioned in NER under various government funded mobile projects. The Ministry of Civil Aviation had launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme.



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Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh to Chair Regional Review Meeting on Fisheries Development on 2nd August 2025 in Kolkata

(Gns). The Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (MoFAH&D), will hold a Regional Review Meeting for the states of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh in Kolkata, West Bengal on 2nd August 2025. The review will focus on the implementation of key schemes of the fisheries sector including the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF), and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY). The meeting will be held under the chairmanship of Union Minister, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (MoFAH&D). Shri George Kurian, Minister of State, MoFAH&D and Ministry of Minority Affairs will also grace the occasion. Chief Secretaries and senior officials from the participating states, along with representatives from the Department of Fisheries, State Fisheries Departments, and ICAR Institutes, will also be present on this occasion. Briefings on the progress made, key



will help carve a future roadmap to enhance productivity, strengthen value chains, and promote inclusive and sustainable development in line with the objectives of the schemes of the fisheries sector. The event will be conducted in hybrid mode and will serve as a vital platform for addressing region-specific challenges, promoting modern, eco-friendly approaches tailored to fisheries ecosystems, and enhancing livelihood opportunities, productivity, and long-term economic development in the fisheries sector. The Government of India has set in motion a

series of transformative initiatives aimed at fostering the comprehensive development of the fisheries and aquaculture sector within the country. Over the years, there has been a significant upswing in central government investments dedicated to this sector. From the initiation of this endeavour in 2015, the cumulative investments, totalling Rs 38,572 Cr, have been approved across various schemes. Notable allocations of Rs. 2740 Cr infusion into Blue Revolution Scheme, Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF), Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for the eastern states of Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal have been made. Inland fisheries and aquaculture have emerged as key contributors, accounting for over 75% of the total

fisheries production in the country. These 4 eastern states contribute a total of 45.27 lakh tonnes to India's overall fish production, with West Bengal being the leading contributor in the region. Technology has been a game-changer in driving the Blue Revolution in India, transforming aquaculture through the adoption of modern systems like RAS, Biofloc, and raceways. With an investment of ₹232 crore under PMMSY for these four states, these innovations are enhancing resource efficiency, boosting productivity, and paving the way for sustainable growth. The Government is actively focusing on the creation of digital identities for fisheries stakeholders, with over 24 lakh individuals from the 4 eastern states already registered on the National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP).

Two -day sanskriti mega job fair from today

Mathura. The much awaited mega job fair by the University of sanskriti will begin today. This job fair is going to start from 9 am on August 1 and 2 at the Incubation Center located in the main campus of Sanskriti University. According to the information given by the university administration, all preparations have been completed according to the expectations of the candidates and companies. According to the information given by the Placement Cell of sanskriti University, the students are

constantly registering to participate in the job fair. So far, hundreds of students have registered themselves and this work is still going on. Let us tell you that the culture is giving a big opportunity to employment to the youth who have been deprived of jobs across the country by the university. In this job fair, about 100 national and international companies are coming to provide jobs to more than two thousand students. Sanskriti University has invited the passout students of all the universities and colleges

across the country who have been deprived of getting jobs so far under the spirit of a holistic and all welfare. Local officials of the Department of Industries have also shown interest in taking advantage of the opportunity. The important thing is that the students of the sanskriti of culture are managing this mega job. All coming companies are in direct contact with the students and are making arrangements according to their needs. Job Fair in Jainpect, RK Group, JBM Group, Tech Mahindra,

Goldie Masala, Just Dial, Dainik Jagran, Haldiram, Lencart, Kagnif AI, Job Campus, Dixon, Flipkart, Milkomore, JTEKT, Coca-Cola, Rais Pack, Swigy, Yoko Tiykit, Milko, Milko, Job, Job, Job, Flipkart, barrier etc. are. According to the latest information, availability of more than two thousand jobs has been revealed in various fields. This can be even more. Job Fair is also coming to Jab Fair, Jockey for FM Radio, Animation, Agro Industries, Fashion Industry Companies

Husband shot in wife due to householder, shot herself, wife injured

Mathura. Police station Surir's Tantigaon on Thursday afternoon, after a mutual dispute of husband and wife, was seriously injured by the husband who came in a tussle. After the wife went to the hospital, the husband also shot her temple. The injured were taken to the hospital for treatment. Where doctors declared him dead. Police officials reached the spot on the information of the incident. According to the information received, 50 -year-old Saudan Singh son Asaram, a resident of Tanti village under police



Husband in death and wife princess in injured state station Surir, was being heard in the house with his wife 48 -year-old princess about something. The controversy increased so much that Saudan Singh, who came in anger, shot his wife in a stomach. As soon as he heard the sound of firing, his son sitting at the shop

outside the house came inside the weather, he saw his mother splashing and after seeing the weapon in his father's hand, he knew that his mother had been shot. The princess was taken to the hospital for treatment. Earlier, the police reached Tanti village and arrested the husband who shot her husband. CO Mont Gunjan Singh and police station in-charge Abhay Kumar Sharma, who arrived at the information of the bullet case, sent the injured husband Saudan Singh to the district hospital where the doctors declared him dead. At the same time, the police has sent the dead body of the deceased for post-mortem. At the same time, the situation of the woman injured by bullet remains worrying. Today, there was a lot of discussion about the firing in the village throughout the day.

Action will be taken on Anirudhacharya, havan is necessary for wisdom purification: Babita Chauhan

Women advocates gave memorandum to the President of Women's Commission, demand for action Mathura. The Chairman of the State Women's Commission today said on the comment of the narrator Anirudhacharya about women, that it seems to have a havan yagna to purify his intellect. From the fame received at a young age, they have forgotten what they should say. Babita Singh Chauhan, President of the State Women's Commission, reached the guest house of Public Works today. Where women advocates expressed resentment over the statement of the narrator given on the age of women about marriage. Taking cognizance of the

complaint, the President of the Commission said that no one has the right to speak such abusive words.



His statement is unfortunate. When the narrator tells the story sitting on the Vyaspeeth, there are a large number of women

who listen to them. Such statements about them are not right. They are sharing knowledge to others. They should become knowledgeable. The abusive language is not used by the first time by Anirudhacharya. They should understand the

importance of Vyaspeeth in Sanatan religions. The things called from Vyaspeeth are considered to be true. Dharmakhas are performed to keep the organizing scars alive. He also commented on the statement of Sant Premanand, saying that it is unfortunate if Mulla Maulvi saint he has been abusive towards women. Such things are not right in the country where women are considered to be revered. Earlier, women advocates said that they had complained about this to SSP Mathura in the past, but no action was taken from their level. The President of the Women's Commission assured the advocates of action.

Chitrakoot to be a hub of faith, safety, self-reliance: CM Yogi

(Gns). Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has highlighted the Chitrakoot region's rich cultural and spiritual heritage during his visit to Rajapur in Chitrakoot on the occasion of the 528th birth anniversary of Goswami Tulsidas. He affirmed that Chitrakoot is poised to emerge as a land of faith, security, and self-reliance. As part of his visit, the chief minister offered prayers at Tulsi Janmkuir and had a darshan of the handwritten manuscript of the Shri Ramcharitmanas preserved at the Manas Mandir. He also attended the

Tulsi Sahitya Sammelan held at Tulsi Resort, where he met with revered spiritual leaders Sant Murari Chitrakoot, emphasizing that the region is destined to become a land of faith, security, and self-reliance.

Later, at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Ganiwan, CM Yogi unveiled a grand statue of Goswami Tulsidas and promoted environmental awareness by planting Harishankari saplings. He also explored exhibitions set up by the Agriculture Department and interacted warmly with children at the Parmanand Ashram Paddhati Vidyalaya, distributing chocolates and posing for photographs. Addressing a public gathering, the chief minister reminded people that Lord Shri Ram spent over eleven years in Chitrakoot. He noted that this sacred land has been the karmabhoomi of revered figures such as Goswami Tulsidas, Maharishi Valmiki, and Nanaji Deshmukh. He further extended the government's initiatives.

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Piyush Goyal Addresses Lok Sabha On Impact Of US Tariffs On India's Trade Relations

(Gns). Union Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal assured that the central government will safeguard India's national interests. This statement came after US President Donald Trump declared a 25% tariff on India, citing New Delhi's purchase of Russian oil and weapons. Goyal emphasized that the government is evaluating the impact of these tariffs. In the Lok Sabha, Goyal highlighted ongoing discussions between India and the US for a "balanced and mutually beneficial" Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA). Initiated in March, both nations aim to finalize the first phase by October or November this year. The talks are crucial given the recent tariff announcement. AI-generated summary, reviewed by editors Union Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal stated that the Indian

government is assessing the impact of a 25% tariff imposed by the US on India, effective August 1, due to

announced a 25% tariff on India starting August 1. He made this declaration on 'Truth Social', pointing out



India's trade deficit. Goyal also mentioned ongoing talks with the US for a Bilateral Trade Agreement, initiated in March, aiming for the first phase to conclude by October or November. Switch To Shorts US Tariff Announcement On Wednesday, Trump

the significant trade deficit with India. Despite calling India a "friend", he criticized its ties with Moscow and its decision to buy Russian oil during the Ukraine conflict. India stands as the largest purchaser of Russian oil after China. Trump's tariff decision

comes amid ongoing trade negotiations with India. He remarked that India imposes some of the highest tariffs globally, which remains a concern for the US. Details of Tariff Implementation

Goyal detailed that on April 2, 2025, an executive order was issued by Trump regarding reciprocal tariffs. A baseline duty of 10% was effective from April 5, 2025. With this baseline, a total tariff of 26% was set for India. Initially scheduled for April 9, 2025, this additional country-specific tariff was extended until August 1, 2025.

Trump expressed his views outside the White House on Wednesday. "India was one of the highest tariff nations globally," he stated. He mentioned tariffs reaching up to 175%, comparing them to Canada's high tariffs but emphasizing India's position as one of the top.

Amazon launches third-generation Echo Show 5 smart display with Alexa in India

Lucknow, 31 July 2025: Amazon has launched the third-generation Echo Show 5 smart display with Alexa in India. It features a new design including a compact 5.5" smart display and a built-in camera that allows for easy home monitoring and smart home controls with Alexa. With double the bass and clearer vocals compared to its previous generation, this is the best-sounding Echo Show 5. Combining functionality with entertainment, it helps customers manage their compatible smart home appliances, including security cameras and video doorbells, glance at to-do lists and calendars, and play music hands-free—all with the power of Alexa. The all-new Echo Show 5 (3rd Gen) is now available in Charcoal and Cloud Blue colours at a discounted price of INR 10,999. Customers can get it on Amazon.in, Flipkart, and select offline stores of Reliance Digital and Croma. "We're excited to launch

the new Echo Show 5 that's been designed to make everyday moments more helpful with Alexa. With this smart display, we're creating meaningful possibilities for our customers—from checking in on their home remotely using the built-in camera, and managing their smart home, to accessing visual content like recipes and calendars, and enjoying hands-free music with simple voice commands. It reflects our commitment to offering smart experiences that fit seamlessly into our customers' daily lives. We look forward to Echo Show 5 becoming a smart companion for households across India," said Dilip R.S., Director and Country Manager, Amazon Devices India. See and do more with Echo Show 5's smart display Echo Show 5 (3rd Gen)



features a new and compact design with a 5.5" display. The device's build now features rounded edges, and its display includes an infinity cover glass. Its improved user interface provides a comfortable viewing experience even at night. The display helps customers quickly glance at weather updates, manage smart home controls from the screen, or watch compatible security camera video feeds. Echo Show 5 (3rd Gen)'s smart display, combined with its improved sound, makes it an ideal entertainment hub for the bedroom, living room, or study. Customers can unwind with their favourite movies and TV shows from Amazon Prime Video (subscription fees may apply), follow along to workout videos or watch music videos using the browser. Check in on your home

and loved ones. With the built-in camera on Echo Show 5 (3rd Gen) customers can monitor their homes when they're away using the 'Drop In' feature. They can pair compatible security cameras and video doorbells with their device to view video feeds on the screen. The camera also enables video calls with friends and family who have Echo devices with screens, or the Alexa app. Customers can send messages or connect to other Echo devices within the home for quick announcements—ideal for larger households with multiple Echo devices. Enjoy the best sound of any Echo Show 5 Echo Show 5 (3rd Gen)'s upgraded speaker system delivers the best sound of any Echo Show 5. Its 1.7" rear-facing speaker provides double the bass and clearer vocals compared to the previous generation, making listening to music, podcasts, and audiobooks more enjoyable. With Alexa's help, customers can just use their voice to request for a song, artist, or genre through Amazon Music, Apple Music, Spotify or JioSaavn, or jump right into their audiobook from Audible (separate subscription fees may apply). With multi-room music, customers can fill their home with music using other Echo devices in different rooms by creating custom groups (for example, "upstairs"). Make everyday tasks smart and simple Echo Show 5 (3rd Gen) comes with hands-free voice controls via Alexa, allowing customers to stay on top of their tasks as they hustle through daily chores. They can ask Alexa to show the calendar.

Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBULD)

(Gns). National Youth Festival (NYF)-2025 had been restructured and called Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBULD). VBULD-2025 was an effort to broaden the NYF platform and engage with youth more intensively. It was an effort to align with the Prime Minister's Independence Day vision of engaging 1 lakh youth in public affairs, providing them with a national platform to create a meaningful sphere of national development and leadership for a developed India. In the dialogue, youth were encouraged to express about various

aspects of Viksit Bharat. The dialogue encouraged them to dream big and work towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. The VBULD-2025 emerged as a landmark event, fostering the next generation of leaders, innovators and thinkers who will drive India's growth. The presentations emerging out of the dialogue were made before Hon'ble Prime Minister. The Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2025 was held during 10th to 12th January, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. A total of around 2500 youth from diverse background

through a merit-based, multi-stage process, representing India's most vibrant demographic of youth aged 15-29 from Viksit Bharat Track and Traditional Track (Group folk Dance, Group folk Song, Painting, Declamation, Story Writing, Poetry and Science Exhibition), young innovators, volunteers, etc. became part of VBULD 2025. The event brought together youth from all States and UTs. Additionally, over 6 Crore youth and others witnessed the event through various social media platforms.