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Modi To Attend SCO Summit In China: Focus On Security And Trade

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to travel to China for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Tianjin from August 31 to September 1. This marks his first visit to China since the Galwan incident in 2020. His previous visit was in 2019. The summit will focus on regional security, terrorism, and trade discussions among SCO member nations.

During the summit, there might be informal meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping. These interactions could pave the way for further dialogue between

India and China. The aim is to restore stability in their bilateral relations. Efforts have been ongoing to address border tensions between the two countries.



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marking his first visit since 2020, where discussions will focus on regional security, terrorism, and trade, potentially including informal meetings with Vladimir

regional security. Terrorism remains a significant concern for member countries, and collaborative efforts are essential to tackle this issue effectively. Trade relations will also be a key topic of discussion, as nations seek to strengthen economic ties within the region.

In October 2024, PM Modi and President Xi Jinping met during the BRICS summit held in Kazan. This meeting was crucial in accelerating efforts to ease border tensions between India and China. Both leaders recognised the importance of maintaining peace and stability along their shared borders.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Chairs 6th Governing Body Meeting of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Rashtriya Ekta Trust in Gandhinagar

Extensive Discussion Held on Plans to Boost SOU Tourism with Trekking Trails, Walkways, Hospitality District, and Sardar Sarovar Dam Replica Near Entrance (Gns).

Gandhinagar, 06 August 2025: The ongoing development of adequate accommodation facilities for domestic and international tourists visiting the world's tallest statue, the Statue of Unity (SOU) of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at Ekta Nagar, will be accelerated and made more systematic.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel chaired a holistic discussion during the 6th Governing Body meeting of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Rashtriya Ekta Trust in Gandhinagar.

The Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Rashtriya Ekta Trust is an autonomous organization established by the Government of Gujarat

under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, and the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950. The primary objective of this Trust is to develop a national memorial in memory of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and to

Development Department, Forest and Environment Department, Roads and Buildings Department, and the Managing Director of the Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam. A detailed discussion



undertake various public welfare activities in his honor.

To achieve this goal, a 10-member Governing Body has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister. This body includes the Chief Secretary, Chairman of the Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam, and senior secretaries from the Finance Department, Urban

was also held on plans to make the SOU campus a greater tourist attraction. These plans included a trekking trail on the hills near the Statue of Unity, a walkway, a hospitality district, and a replica of the Sardar Sarovar Dam near the entrance

Chief Executive Officer of the Statue of Unity Area Development and Tourism Authority, Shri

Amit Arora, presented the agenda items for the Governing Body meeting and provided a detailed overview of the various tourism development projects underway at SOU. The meeting also deliberated on establishing an internal capacity development system for the future operation and maintenance of the Statue of Unity.

The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Shri Pankaj Joshi, Chairman of the Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Shri Mukesh Puri, Principal Secretary of the Finance Department Shri T. Nataraj, Principal Secretary of Urban Development Shri M. Thennarasana, and Additional Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Smt. Avantika Singh, and Secretary of Roads and Buildings Shri Prabhat Pateliya.

Himachal govt revises employment policy to widen support for bereaved families

(Gns). To provide timely relief to families of deceased government employees, the Himachal Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, has approved key amendments to the Compassionate Employment Policy.

The revised policy adopts a more humanitarian and inclusive approach, aimed at addressing long-standing demands and improving support for dependents of deceased government servants.

A government spokesperson said on Wednesday that under the new policy, the annual income eligibility criterion

per family has been raised from Rs 2.50 lakh to Rs 3 lakh.

This increase is expected to widen the policy's coverage and benefit a larger number of families facing financial distress after the death of a government employee, he maintained.

In a move to prioritise the most vulnerable, the government has decided to give preference in appointments to widows and parentless applicants below 45 years of age, as well as

dependents of employees who died while performing official duties, he added.

The state Cabinet has also approved a one-time relaxation in the five percent ceiling on compassionate appointments to ensure that eligible candidates are not denied due to the quota restriction.

The spokesperson stated that widows, especially those under 45, often shoulder the entire burden of managing the household after the loss of their

spouse. In such distressing situations, immediate financial and emotional support becomes critical to ensure the welfare of children and elderly family members. The policy changes aim to provide these families with much-needed stability and assistance, he added.

The Compassionate Employment Policy was initially introduced on 18 January 1990 with the objective of providing government jobs to one dependent of an employee who dies in service, including in cases of suicide, leaving the family in financial hardship. Under the policy, appointments are extended to the widow, son, or unmarried daughter of



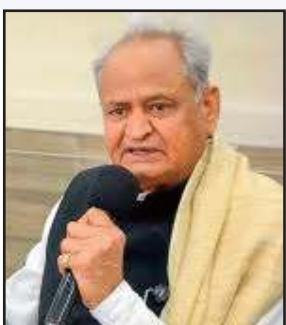
Gehlot, ex-royals take exception to depiction of Jaisalmer in NCERT book

(Gns). Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has disapproved what he called an erroneous depiction of Jaisalmer as part of the erstwhile Maratha empire in the recently brought out NCERT Class VIII history book.

In brief chat with the media here on Wednesday evening, Gehlot said historic facts and descriptions about our glorious past should never be distorted as this can lead to serious

repercussions. "Such potential errors can mislead our entire younger generation about the history and the legacy", the ex-CM added.

Scions of royal families of the erstwhile princely state of Jaisalmer, Maharawal Chaitanya Raj Singh Bhati, and Bundi Brigadier (Retired) Bhupesh Singh Hada, have



also raised serious objection over the mistake.

Besides other errors, page 71 (unit-3) of Class 8 book depicts (in the map) Jaisalmer as part of the erstwhile Maratha empire.

The royals have asserted that this is not about carrying a mere correction what erroneously depicted

in the book is utterly misleading and objectionable.

This tarnishes the glory and reputation of sovereignty, bravery and sacrifices of our ancestors. The fact is that Marathas never had a role, say or interference - intervention in the erstwhile Jaisalmer (princely) state.

The royals sought immediate intervention of Union HRD Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in carrying due correction.

India, Philippines to boost bilateral trade and investments

(Gns). India and the Philippines on Wednesday discussed promoting bilateral trade, boosting investments, and enhancing the ease of doing business.

The discussions took place at the India-Philippines

Roundtable in the national capital, where leading business representatives from both sides participated.

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita also participated in the roundtable.

Philippines President Ferdinand R. Marcos, who is on a five-day state visit to India, was also present at the meeting.

"Participated in the India-Philippines CEO Roundtable along with Philippine President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

@bongbongmarcos, and leading business representatives from both sides," Goyal posted on X after the roundtable.

"Discussions focused on promoting bilateral trade, boosting investments, and enhancing the ease of doing business. We also emphasised key sectors of collaboration, including health, pharma, IT, science & innovation, education, and agriculture," the Commerce Minister further said in the post.

India and the Philippines on Tuesday decided to elevate their ties to a Strategic Partnership, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr agreeing to expedite the conclusion of negotiations on the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) to further promote mutual trade. The two countries agreed to enhance defence cooperation, with President Marcos thanking PM Modi for India's support in the defence industry.



tion 11 in accordance with the UGC Rules, 2018 and recent court orders. The

Wednesday decided to forward the draft to the Governor for promulgation.

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Editorial

Sovereignty Above All

The reaffirmation by Hamas that it will not disarm until a fully sovereign Palestinian state is established is not simply a rejection of Israeli demands ~ it is a signal that the conflict's end remains hostage to incompatible political visions. For Israel, disarming Hamas is a prerequisite for any meaningful ceasefire. For Hamas, its arms are the last remaining guarantor of resistance, leverage, and identity.

Between these irreconcilable positions lies a war that refuses to end, and a humanitarian crisis deepening by the day. Recent overtures from Western nations to recognise a Palestinian state ~ France, Canada, and potentially the UK ~ appear to be driven more by mounting international outrage than by a coherent peace strategy. These recognitions, while symbolically important, do not address the operational impasse on the ground. Arab states have followed suit, pressuring Hamas to relinquish control of Gaza. Yet to Hamas, surrendering weapons without statehood is tantamount to political suicide. At the heart of this conflict is a basic disagreement about sequencing. Israel wants security before sovereignty; Hamas demands sovereignty before security guarantees.

The impasse isn't just political, it's philosophical. Each side sees its position as existential. Hamas' commitment to "resistance" may sound ideological, but it is also strategic. With no trust in negotiations and no control over borders, airspace, or access to international institutions, Hamas views its weapons as a form of insurance. The call to disarm, in its eyes, is a call to dissolve. The battlefield logic has infected diplomacy. Every concession is framed as a loss, every pause in fighting as weakness. This zero-sum mind-set leaves little room for the mutual compromises that peace demands. Meanwhile, civilians are paying the cost of this deadlock. The staggering death toll in Gaza, the emergence of famine-like conditions, and images of emaciated hostages used for propaganda have all underscored the brutal human toll. Israel's insistence that it does not block humanitarian aid rings hollow in light of UN reports and the mounting death toll from malnutrition and violence near aid sites.

Hamas, for its part, has not hesitated to exploit suffering to gain sympathy, while also drawing accusations of using civilians as shields. US envoy Steve Witkoff's push for a full peace deal rather than a partial or staggered one is idealistic, but perhaps detached from the urgent realities on the ground. Incremental agreements ~ like temporary ceasefires or limited prisoner exchanges ~ may be the only feasible path in the short term, even if unsatisfying to both sides. Ultimately, without a shared vision for what comes after the guns fall silent, ceasefires will remain tactical pauses rather than steps toward peace. Disarmament, statehood, and security cannot be achieved in isolation. The tragedy lies in the fact that each is held hostage by the other. Until that logic is broken, stalemate will persist ~ not by accident, but by design.

Jannat Zubair, Inaamulhaq, Riva Arora Launched Zeveda Organics skincare products

mumbai ,Organics skin-care product was launched in the presence of many celebrities at a grand ceremony in Mumbai. On this occasion, many celebrities including Jannat Zubair, actor Inamulhaq, Riva Arora, singer Altamash Faridi, Shadab Faridi, Dilip Sen, director Abhishek Dudhaiya, musician Rashid Khan, model Smrita Gondkar, actor influencer Bharat Madan, Heera Mandi writer Moin Beg, actress Bhumika Kalita, influencer Razi Sheikh were present. The guest of honor was Hazrat Sufi Chand Mian Saheb from Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. The MD of Zeveda is Umar Khan while the directors of the company are Gaurav

Kheterpal, Ajay Kumar Gandhi. Padma Shri Ustad Gulfam Ahmed sahab per-



formed live here. All the guests were welcomed and honoured. Mahmood Ali, founder of Dawn Cinema hosted the event. Zeveda

As the sun rises on August 9, a gentle golden hue will paint the skies of India, evoking a warmth that reaches deep into homes and hearts alike. Children wake up with excitement brimming in their eyes, sisters adorn delicate rakhis with tender love, and brothers prepare themselves – some shy, others confident – for the annual ritual that reaffirms a bond older than memory. Raksha Bandhan, the festival of sacred protection and affection, is not just a date on the calendar; it is a profound celebration of human connection, a reaffirmation of love and duty, and a reminder of the ties that hold us together in an increasingly fragmented world. The roots of Raksha Bandhan stretch deep into Indian mythology and history.

Ancient tales of Draupadi tearing her sari to bind Krishna's bleeding finger and, in turn, receiving his divine protection in her darkest hour are more than stories – they are spiritual metaphors for selfless love and mutual support. Another poignant episode from history recounts how Rani Karnavati of Mewar sent a rakhi to the Mughal Emperor Humayun, seeking his protection against

invaders. Responding to this call of honour, Humayun set aside his military campaign and rushed to her aid. Such legends are not merely romantic echoes of the past – they continue to lend spiritual depth to a festival that elevates the idea of duty and emotional commitment above mere ritual. In today's India, where life races ahead in crowded cities and bustling digital networks, Raksha Bandhan has not lost its essence – it has only grown more meaningful.

As families are separated by geography and the demands of modern life, this festival serves as a gentle reminder of our emotional roots. Even when siblings are continents apart, a couriered rakhi, a heartfelt video call, or a fondly remembered childhood story becomes a bridge over the ocean of distance. In these moments, we rediscover the eternal value of familial love, the kind that asks for no reason and no reward. The meaning of protection, once a role traditionally assigned to brothers, has evolved. In the India of today, where women soar in every field – from science to sports, from leadership to entrepreneurship – the rakhi no

longer flows in just one direction.

Sisters too promise to protect and support, not out of obligation, but from a place of inner strength and

safety and welfare of society.

In this gesture, Raksha Bandhan blossoms into a symbol of gratitude, unity, and national integration. It



shared respect. Raksha Bandhan has become a festival of mutual care, where brothers and sisters stand by each other not because of duty alone, but because of deep friendship and trust. This evolution of the festival also reflects in the broader social fabric. Rakhi is no longer confined to biological siblings. It is tied by friends, cousins, neighbours, students, and even to those we may not know personally but whose roles in our lives we deeply value. Across the country, rakhis are tied to soldiers guarding the borders, to doctors and nurses in hospitals, to police officers, and to countless others who silently work for the

whispers the timeless message that beyond all divisions – of religion, caste, gender, or status – lies the universal human bond of love and mutual care. At a more practical level, Raksha Bandhan is also a celebration of Indian creativity and economic vibrancy. The humble rakhi, once made of simple thread, now comes in thousands of forms – handcrafted by village artisans, designed by women's self-help groups, made from eco-friendly materials, or even embedded with seeds that can grow into plants. The festival supports countless livelihoods and small businesses, spreading joy not only in hearts

Tips to sail through rainy days : Shahnaz Husain

Are you one of those who enjoy the rain?

Monsoon is here with the soothing sounds of rain-drops, the refreshing scent of wet earth and a cool, calming breeze that rejuvenates the soul.

After the dreaded season of sunburn and tan, the rainy season brings a refreshing change in the weather, but it also poses challenges for maintaining a

flawless makeup look. Change of season affects your skin and hair more than you think.

As the weather changes, a drastic increase in humidity can pose significant challenges for your skin and hair.

Our skin and hair can suffer damage from humidity, moisture, and repeated exposure to rainwater, which can cause several issues, including breakouts,

blackheads, whiteheads, and excessive oiliness.

However, with a few essential tips and tricks, you can master the art of creating a flawless rainy-season makeup look.

Always remember, the basic rule is to cleanse, tone, and moisturise your skin during the monsoon season.

1--Smell good---

To maintain a pleasant scent during the monsoon season, opt for fresh, clean, and invigorating fragrances like citrus or aquatic notes, and layer them with light musks or delicate florals.

Use & carry a deodorant or a body mist/ spray and try keeping your items & yourself as dry as possible. If you are looking for a perfume that stays through the day.

Embrace lighter scents that won't get weighed down by the damp air.

I will recommend notes like citrus, green tea, aquatic accords or even light floral.

These lighter options can evoke a sense of airiness and last longer in hot weather.

Morning fragrances like

Eucalyptus or Tulsi are particularly effective. Just what you need to set the tone for the day, they are sharp, light, and energising.

2---- Use anti-frizz hair products

Many professionals around the world swear by anti-frizz shampoos and conditioners to get the ultimate smooth results. To keep your hair strands smooth and deal with frizzy hair in monsoon, Hair care products specially formulated for frizzy hair allow the nourishing ingredients to penetrate the hair cuticle better for deep hydration.

Using a hair serum can be a great option to protect your tresses from humidity.

Apply a lightweight anti-frizz serum or spray that forms a protective layer over your strands. Go for serums enriched with argan oil or keratin to smooth hair without weighing it down.

Besides this, a leave-in conditioner can also go a long way in locking in the moisture and making your hair soft.

Use a leave-in conditioner after every wash. Ingredients like aloe vera, shea butter, or coconut milk help lock in moisture and

make your hair manageable.

Make sure to also avoid very harsh shampoos, especially ones containing alcohol.

3-- Cleansing: ----- Increased humidity causes an increase in sebum secretion, which attracts dust and pollution particles that cause clogged pores and breakouts. To prevent clogged pores and breakouts, opt for a gentle cleanser that removes dirt, pollutants, and excess oil without stripping away your skin's natural moisture. cleanse your face at least twice a day using a mild, chemical-free cleanser which will help remove excess oil, dirt, and impurities from your skin. Natural ingredients like seaweed extracts in your face wash help maintain the skin's PH balance and ensure it stays nourished despite the changing weather.

4--Choose lightweight and waterproof products:

The skin may feel sticky during the monsoon season due to high humidity. Heavy makeup can clog pores and lead to breakouts. Opt for oil-free formulas for foundation, concealer, and powder.

Look for waterproof makeup products that will

the shared journey of life.

As India marches forward – technologically advanced, globally connected, and economically ambitious – festivals like Raksha Bandhan ensure that our cultural soul remains illuminated. They provide moments of reflection amidst the rush, moments of togetherness amidst isolation, and moments of gratitude amidst expectation. They remind us that in the end, it is not success, speed, or achievement that gives life its sweetness, but the presence of someone who ties a thread on your wrist and says, "I'm here for you. Always."

Thus, as rakhis are tied and gifts exchanged this August 9, let us look beyond the outer festivity and into the deeper meaning. Let Raksha Bandhan be a time not just to celebrate siblinghood, but to revive the spirit of human connection in all its forms. Let it renew our commitment to each other – not only in families, but in communities and the nation at large. For in that simple, silken thread lies the promise of a better world – one stitched together by love, understanding, and the unwavering strength of relationships that endure.

last throughout the rainy and humid days. You can use a waterproof setting spray instead of powder to set the makeup. Choose lightweight formulas like tinted moisturisers or BB creams. Finding the right moisturizer for the monsoon is essential, especially for acne-prone skin. A lightweight, waterproof or oil-free moisturizer can keep your skin oil and grease-free that can prevent acne and keep the skin hydrated.

5---Include Vitamin C in the Diet

Vitamin C is an antioxidant that keeps the skin healthy during the monsoon season.

Citrus fruits like lemons, oranges, and grapefruits are excellent sources of vitamin C. Kiwis, bell peppers, and broccoli are also rich in this essential nutrient. Vitamin C helps in the production of white blood cells, which are crucial for fighting off infections and boosting your body's defenses

Vitamin C serum can maintain the skin's glow. It eliminates microorganisms, prevents the onset of age-related changes, and lessens scars and blemishes to give you clear, flawless skin

“Vakya Pratiyogita”: Inter-College Speech Competition organized at Indraprastha College for Women to commemorate August Kranti Diwas

New Delhi, August 6, 2025 —

To commemorate August Kranti Diwas, the day of the beginning of the Quit India Movement in 1942, Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Smriti Samiti and All India Institute of Education (AISE) in collaboration with Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi organized a thought-provoking inter-college speech competition called “Vakya Pratiyogita” on August 6, 2025. The event was sponsored by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

The theme of the competition, “Role of Youth in Quit India Movement of 1942” encouraged students to reflect deeply on the important role played by young freedom fighters in India's freedom struggle.

The inaugural session on the first day of the event was graced by Smt. D. Purandeswari, Hon'ble Lok Sabha MP and Chairperson of the

Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Committee. Prof. Rita Bahuguna Joshi, former Minister, Government of Uttar Pradesh and former Member of Parliament was the Guest of Honour. Prof.

screened during the event.

Other dignitaries present at the event included Shri Rajesh Mehta, Former Chairman, Governing Body, Motilal Nehru Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi and Shri Rajesh Goyal, President, All India

sided the values of independence and self-reliance that still resonate among the youth of India.

The Guest of Honour, Prof. Rita Bahuguna Joshi, delivered a powerful speech on the role of women and youth in the freedom struggle. Recalling the visionary leadership of her father, Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna, she spoke about the transformative nature of revolution and the quest for Purna Swaraj.

A total of 35 participants from over 17 colleges of Delhi University participated in the competition. The student speakers delivered clear and moving speeches that reflected historical insight, contemporary relevance and excellence of eloquence.

The event concluded with patriotic fervour, youthful determination and a living memory of India's long and unending democratic journey.



Poonam Kumria, Principal, Indraprastha Mahila Mahavidyalaya presided over the function. Dev Verma, Secretary, Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Smriti Samiti, Uttar Pradesh was also present at the event.

The event commenced with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony. A short documentary on the life and social contributions of revered freedom fighter and politician Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna was

Supreme Court Seeks Election Commission's Response On 65 Lakh Voter Deletion in Bihar

(Gns). The Supreme Court on Tuesday issued a notice to the Election Commission of India (ECI) seeking a response to allegations that it failed to disclose the names of over 65 lakh voters removed from Bihar's electoral rolls during a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process. The plea was filed by the NGO Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), which raised concerns over transparency and procedural violations in the revision process.

The three-judge bench comprising Justices Surya Kant, Ujjal Bhuyan, and N K Singh took note of the allegations and directed the ECI to clarify whether the deleted voters' list was shared with political party representatives and if prop-

er procedures were followed.

The Supreme Court of India has issued a notice to the Election Commission of



India (ECI) regarding the alleged non-disclosure of over 65 lakh deleted voters' names from Bihar's electoral rolls during a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process, following a plea by the NGO Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR). Appearing on behalf of

ADR, Advocate Prashant Bhushan told the court that while the ECI's draft roll mentions that 65 lakh names were omitted, no

He further claimed that several names were removed without proper recommendations from Booth Level Officers (BLOs). "BLOs, when forwarding the forms, sometimes even mentioned that the person is not recommended for deletion," Bhushan said, questioning the reliability and legality of the revision process.

Court Probes BLO Process and Political Party Communication

Justice Surya Kant referred to the ECI's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), which requires that lists of deletions be made available to political party representatives at the block level. However, Bhushan countered this, stating, "They have not conveyed anything.

SC Allows Use of MK Stalin's Name in Tamil Nadu Govt Schemes, Sets Aside Madras HC Ban

(Gns). The Supreme Court has overturned a Madras High Court decision that prohibited using Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin's name in state welfare schemes. The court criticised AIADMK MP C Ve Shanmugam for targeting the Tamil Nadu government and its leader, while similar practices exist in other states.

The Supreme Court overturned the Madras High Court's decision that prohibited the use of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin's name in state welfare schemes, criticising AIADMK MP C Ve Shanmugam and imposing a ₹10 lakh penalty, while also highlighting similar practices in other states.

Criticism

The Supreme Court expressed disapproval of the petitioner's focus on one political party and leader. "When such schemes are floated in the name of all leaders of political parties, we do not appreciate the anxiety of the petitioner to choose only one political party and one political leader," stated the court, as reported by LiveLaw.

The Madras High Court had issued its order on July 31. It banned using names of former chief ministers or living politicians in government schemes. This included prohibiting "the name of any living personality, photographs of former chief

ministers or ideological leaders," and "party symbols, emblems, or flags of political parties," including those of the ruling DMK.



High Court's Initial Ruling

The initial ruling was delivered by a bench comprising Chief Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava and Justice Sunder Mohan. They deemed it impermissible to use a living politician's name in government scheme titles. Additionally, they found using any ruling

party's insignia or emblem to be against directives from both the Supreme Court and the Election Commission of India.

In response to this, the Supreme Court imposed a ₹10 lakh penalty on MP Shanmugam. This amount is to be deposited with the state and used for underprivileged schemes. The court emphasised that legal systems should remain uninvolved in political disputes.

Political Context

The Supreme Court highlighted that Shanmugam approached the High Court just three days after filing an application with the Election Commission. They described this action as an "abuse of the process of law."

Mahua Moitra, Pinaki Misra Reception Photos: Sonia Gandhi To Supriya Sule, Know Who All Attended Wedding Party

(Gns). Political camaraderie was on full display Tuesday evening as leaders from across the spectrum gathered in the capital to celebrate the wedding reception of Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra and former Biju Janata Dal MP Pinaki Misra. The elegant affair took place at Hotel Lalit, following the couple's intimate wedding in Germany on May 30.

Draped in a regal red saree with intricate gold embroidery, Ms Moitra made a striking appearance beside Mr Misra, who wore a traditional white kurta embellished with red embroidery. The couple warmly greeted guests and posed for photographs that quickly circulated on social media.

Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra and former

Biju Janata Dal MP Pinaki Misra's wedding reception, following their May 30 wedding in Germany, was held at Hotel Lalit in the capital,

Misra Reception Photos Mahua Moitra, Pinaki Misra Reception Photos A Political Gathering Beyond Party Lines



attended by prominent political figures including Sonia Gandhi, Akhilesh Yadav, Revanth Reddy, and Bhagwant Mann. The event saw congratulatory messages from various MPs and functioned as a reunion for many 17th Lok Sabha members.

Switch To Shorts Mahua Moitra Pinaki

The evening brought together some of the country's most recognisable political faces. Congress leader Sonia Gandhi was seen dining alongside Rajya Sabha MP Ranjeet Ranjan. Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, and Punjab Chief

Minister Bhagwant Mann were also among the attendees.

Samajwadi Party MP Virendra Singh shared his wishes on X, writing, "Attended the reception of TMC MP Mahua Moitra ji and former MP Pinaki Misra ji at Hotel Lalit. I wish them a happy married life."

Congratulatory Messages Pour In Trinamool Congress MP Sagarika Ghose tweeted, "Wishing beautiful bride @MahuaMoitra and Pinaki Misra every happiness at their lovely reception this evening. Big congratulations."

Nationalist Congress Party MP Supriya Sule wrote, "Congratulations, Mahua (@MahuaMoitra) and Pinaki! Wishing you a beautiful journey ahead filled with joy and happiness!"

Asim Munir, You're A Pawn In Game Of Thrones: Imran Khan's Supporter In Washington

(Gns). Pakistan Army Chief Asim Munir has come under attack from the supporters of jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan in Washington, DC, in the US.

The sympathisers of Khan had gathered outside the Pakistan Embassy, demanding the release of their leader, Imran Khan and urging the Army to stay out of politics, ANI reported.

Supporters of former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan protested in Washington, DC, and cities like Lahore and Karachi, demanding his release and criticizing Army Chief Asim Munir, while Khan remains jailed since August 5, 2023, facing multiple charges.

Switch To Shorts Protests Across

Pakistan

In Pakistan, PTI supporters also took to the streets as part of a broader movement calling for Khan's release.

Demonstrations were held in cities like Lahore and Karachi. Police detained several party members during these protests, which marked the official start of the campaign.

Asim Munir You re A Pawn In Game Of Thrones Imran Khan's Supporter In Washington

Faraz Ali Khan, a PTI supporter at the Washington protest, criticised the military's role in politics. He questioned Army Chief Asim Munir's

long-term plans and highlighted the ongoing political instability.

"...What do the intellec-



tuals of the military think? Do they think they can stay operational in this way? Someday it has to end, then where will Asim Munir go? I would like to ask him where he will go after 10, 15, or 20 years. They are just starting a war with everyone...There is just one problem: our

(Pakistan's) military is constantly interfering in the political affairs...This military is the problem. I have come to understand that things will not work out in this way. Keep waging wars. But Asim Munir has to understand that the political process will continue. You are just a pawn in the game of many thrones. You will have to leave sooner or later..." the news agency quoted him as saying.

Imran Khan's Legal Challenges

Imran Khan has been jailed since August 5, 2023, due to charges related to state gifts. He is serving a sentence at Adiala Jail for a £190 million corruption case and faces other pending trials. These include charges from the May 9 riots.

Cameras Smashed, Stones Hurled: YouTubers Assaulted In Dharmasthala

(Gns). A video circulating on Instagram has sparked widespread attention, allegedly showing a group of people in Dharmasthala confronting YouTubers covering the ongoing mass burial investigation. In the viral video, a group - referred to by some online users as the 'D Gang' - is seen confronting individuals who alleged they had disrespected the Dharmasthala temple.

According to reports, the victims of the confrontation include Ajay Anchan, Abhishek, Vijay, and one more person whose identity is yet to be confirmed.

In Dharmasthala, a group of auto drivers known as the 'D Gang' allegedly attacked reporters and YouTubers

covering the mass burial case, raising concerns

said several members of the 'D Gang' confronted



about press freedom. The incident occurred while journalists filmed near an investigation site, with the 'D Gang' demanding they stop recording, and police hadn't taken action despite complaints.

The attack occurred while Youtubers were filming near one of the investigation sites. Eyewitnesses

Youtubers and pelted stones at them. The attackers not only assaulted the YouTubers but also completely damaged their camera.

Who Are the 'D Gang'? According to reports, the 'D Gang' refers to a group of auto-rickshaw drivers in Dharmasthala who have the letter 'D'

painted on their vehicles. Initially meant to represent the Dharmasthala community, the label has now become controversial amid growing scrutiny of their actions.

In another viral video circulating online, some auto drivers can be seen saying, "Yes, we are the 'D Gang'," and claiming they wear the tag with pride. Speaking to a local channel one of them said, "We are here to protect our people. We act as private security."

After the assault, the injured YouTubers were taken to a private hospital in Ujire for treatment. As the situation grew tense, a crowd began to gather at the scene, prompting police to carry out a mild lathi charge to disperse them.

Massive Blast at Mohali Oxygen Plant Kills 2, Several Injured

(Gns).

A tragic incident occurred at an oxygen cylinder plant in Mohali, Punjab, resulting in two fatalities and three serious injuries. The explosion happened on Wednesday morning at a factory in Phase 9 of the industrial area. Local authorities quickly responded to the scene to manage the situation and initiate rescue operations.

Senior officials, including the sub-divisional magistrate, promptly arrived at the site to evaluate the circumstances and coordinate emergency efforts. The injured individuals were transported to Mohali's Civil Hospital for medical care. Their conditions are critical, and they are under close observation by medical staff.

An oxygen cylinder plant in Phase 9 of Mohali, Punjab, experienced an

unknown as investigations continue. Authorities are working diligently to uncov-



explosion on Wednesday morning, leading to two fatalities and three serious injuries; local authorities and senior officials responded promptly, and investigations are underway to determine the cause.

The cause of this devastating explosion remains

er what led to this unfortunate event. The incident has sent shockwaves through the community, highlighting safety concerns within industrial areas.

Local police and civil administration are actively involved in probing the mat-

ter further. They aim to determine any lapses or negligence that might have contributed to this disaster. Ensuring such incidents do not recur is a priority for officials.

Community Impact The explosion has deeply affected residents and workers in the vicinity. Many are concerned about safety protocols and preventive measures in place at local factories. This incident underscores the importance of stringent safety regulations in industrial zones.

Efforts are being made to support those impacted by this tragedy. Community leaders and local organisations are coming together to offer assistance and comfort to affected families during this difficult time.

Mark Zuckerberg's \$1.5 Billion Offer Rejected by Mira Murati's AI Cofounder

(Gns).

In Silicon Valley, there's a popular adage: never bet against Mark Zuckerberg. The Meta CEO is known for his relentless ambition and a track record of usually getting what he wants. But in a rare twist, Zuckerberg has faced an unexpected roadblock - and he's reportedly not pleased.

According to a report by The Wall Street Journal, Zuckerberg recently approached Mira Murati, the former CTO of OpenAI, with an offer to acquire her AI startup, Thinking Machines Lab, for \$1 billion. Murati, however, turned him down. In response, Zuckerberg initiated what's being described as a "full-scale raid" to recruit her top talent instead.

Mark Zuckerberg of Meta reportedly attempted

to acquire Mira Murati's AI startup, Thinking Machines Lab, but was declined; subsequently, Meta initiated a recruitment campaign, offering \$1.5 billion to Andrew Tulloch, who also declined, though Matt Deitke accepted a \$250 million package after Zuckerberg's personal intervention, and Andy Stone of Meta denied the \$1.5 billion figure.

One of the prime targets was Andrew Tulloch, a renowned machine learning expert and cofounder of Thinking Machines. Meta reportedly extended a staggering \$1.5 billion offer to Tulloch over a six-year period. Despite the extraordinary package, Tulloch declined the offer.

Tulloch, who previously worked at Meta from 2012 to 2023, is well known for

his contributions to machine learning infrastructure and for co-developing PyTorch, a major AI research tool. After a brief stint at OpenAI, where he worked on GPT-4's pre-training and reasoning models, he partnered with Murati in early 2025 to launch Thinking Machines Lab.

The WSJ reports that Meta's recruitment efforts didn't stop at Tulloch. The company reportedly attempted to poach more than a dozen engineers from the startup and has been on a larger industry-wide hiring spree as part of Zuckerberg's ambitions to build a "Superintelligence" AI dream team. This campaign includes direct outreach by Zuckerberg himself and generous offers with massive compensation.

Meta has also been

actively targeting talent from OpenAI, Anthropic (founded by Dario Amodei), and other top-tier AI ventures. According to the report, more than 100 OpenAI employees have been contacted, and at least 10 have joined Meta.

Despite Tulloch's refusal, others have accepted. One notable example is 24-year-old Matt Deitke, who initially turned down Meta's \$125 million offer. Zuckerberg later met him in person and doubled the package to \$250 million, including \$100 million guaranteed in the first year. This persistence convinced Deitke to come aboard.

Tulloch's decision to stay could be influenced by his potential equity in Thinking Machines Lab, now valued at over \$30 billion.

Parliament question: planetarium or space science centre in bihar

(Gns).

As of now, there are no such proposals to establish modern Planetarium/Space Science Centre in Bihar.

However, Department will act positively and support such initiatives for establishment of modern planetarium in Bihar if such proposals will be received from concerned stakeholder(s).

Recently, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has launched several educational outreach programs across various states, including Bihar, to inspire and train students in space science and technology&

promote science and space education in Bihar state. Notable initiatives include

curiosity about space science through its innovative "Space on Wheels" out-



YUVIKA, Space Tutors & Space on Wheels bus. ISRO has been inspiring young minds and fostering

reach program. This mobile exhibition initiative brings the wonders of space exploration directly to stu-

dents and communities across India, making science accessible even in remote areas. Recent events in states like Telangana, Jharkhand and Bihar have showcased ISRO's commitment to engaging the public with interactive displays and educational content.

Recently, in Jharkhand and Bihar, the Space on Wheels program reached an impressive 30,000 individuals, covering villages, towns, and educational institutions in 20 different locations, ensuring that the excitement of space exploration transcends geographical barriers.

Modernization of police forces under smart policing initiative

(Gns). "Police" is a State subject as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India and the efforts of the States/Union Territories (UTs) to equip and modernize their police forces are being assisted under the scheme of "Assistance to States & UTs for Modernization of Police (ASUMP)" under the Umbrella scheme of Modernization of Police Forces (MPF). The objective of the scheme is to equip the State/UT police forces adequately through development of relevant infrastructure. The focus of the scheme is to strengthen police infrastructure at cutting edge level by equipping with latest technology, weaponry, communication equipment etc. along with construction of police infrastructure such as police stations.

In order to facilitate police in States/ UTs with a common platform for filing reports, collecting and sharing information on crimes and criminals at national level, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has implemented Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) under which 17,712 police stations across the country have been covered. A total of 35.24 Cr. crime/criminal records available at national level.

To meet the emerging challenges and to deliver effective and timely responses, the police in India have adopted the concept of SMART Policing. It compasses the entire range of policing activities e.g cybercrime prevention, drug de-addiction, capacity building with latest equipment, countermeasures against left wing extremist and protection of vulnerable sections of society.

Each year, State/UT Governments are to formulate the Action Plans as per their requirements and strategic priorities including equipment/infrastructure requirement for SMART policing. These Action Plans are considered by the High-Powered Committee (HPC) in the Ministry. Subsequently, funds are released to the States/UTs in accordance with the release guidelines issued by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance from time to time.

This was stated by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs Shri Nityanand Rai in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha.



The District Magistrate inspected the Naujheel area for the possibility of rising water level in Yamuna

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh inspected the Naujheel area of Tehsil Mont. The District Magistrate reviewed the waterlogging of villages like Ferozepur, Chhinparai Bangar etc. of Naujheel area. The District Magistrate informed that the water level of Yamunaji is now slowly decreasing. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh instructed Deputy District Magistrate Mont Ritu Sirohi that compensation proceedings should be ensured by surveying the houses and fields of all the people affected by all waterlogging. In the said work, the village head, secretary, accountant, Kanungo and agriculture employees should be surveyed and conducted survey. He gave strict instructions that negligence in survey works will not be tolerated. If any kind of complaints are received in the said work of the survey,



Instructions and inspection to the District Magistrate Subordinates

Municipal Commissioner inspected the preparations for Janmashtami

Mathura. The Municipal Corporation has gathered rapidly in the preparations for special arrangements in Shri Krishna Janmashtami festival metropolis. Municipal Commissioner Jag Pravesh Nagar is inspecting wards and major routes regularly to maintain all major arrangements including cleanliness, drainage, patchwork, cleaning lighting of drains, beautification. Ward number 28 (Aurangabad II) was inspected by Municipal Commissioner Jag Pravesh on Wednesday. During the inspection, cleaning, patchwork and attendance register were observed in the ward. He gave instructions for immediate tamilization and repair if the pit was found in the road at the Gokul Barrage turn. 4 out of the ward, 4 employees were found absent and 1 employees were found absent for three months continuously. Instructions were given to deduct salary on absent employees and remove 01 absent employees from service. After this, the Municipal Commissioner reached ward number 32 (Ranchi Bangar) where he



Municipal Commissioner Jag admission inspection during inspection

Amrit sealing on illegal building, why strict on paper and silence on ground?

Proposal for sealing at Mehndi Ghat passed, but no action- Is the game of dealing going on?
(Gns). Lucknow. A strange drama is going on in the administrative corridors of the city these days, which is being staged at Bandha Road, Mehndi Ghat. Here, the proposal to seal a multi-storey illegal building has been passed by the canonical court of Lucknow Development Authority, but even after weeks have passed, not even a brick has been moved on it. This situation is not only a slap on the functioning of LDA, but also makes it clear that a game of dealing is being played behind 'sealing'.

What an irony that the officials who have an entire army of bulldozers ready to demolish small illegal constructions, their hands are trembling in front of this influential builder. Is this only administrative incompetence, or something else? The way action is being continuously postponed clearly indicates that strictness is being pretended on paper, while compromises and bargaining are going on behind the scenes.

She is seeing how on one hand, citing rules, the houses of the poor are being demolished, and on the other hand, illegal buildings of influential people are being given 'full protection'. This is not just an incident, but a black spot on the intentions of the administration. Until this building is sealed, the allegation will become even stronger that in Lucknow, it is not the law that rules, but money and power.

Great officers of Zone-7 unaware of even the Chief Minister's order, Salute to the zonal officer Ravi Nandan Singh, assistant engineer Anup and junior engineer Vivek Kumar Patel engaged in development. Even the orders of the Chief Minister die before reaching their phones. The state of their honesty is such that they are afraid to pick up the phone, lest the truth comes out. They remain missing in the office as if they are 'Rahu and Ketu'. What to say about illegal construction, they have become 'Vastu experts' who can make even illegal things legal. The patronage of the Sahib is like an icing on the cake, which has made these development officers so strong that they can even challenge the government.

Illegal constructions are being made legal under the guise of compounding on the orders of the Vice President, Big questions have been raised on the compounding process going on to regularize illegal constructions. According to sources, the Vice President has instructed the officers to compound these constructions, but it is alleged that this process is being misused to give legality to illegal constructions on a large scale. Meanwhile, another hot discussion is going on in the development authority that the government has abolished all the rules, so now any construction can be done. From the words of the offi-



SECI conducts first-ever auction for procurement of Green Ammonia under National Green Hydrogen Mission

India Achieves Green Ammonia Price Breakthrough: Rs. 55.75/kg in SECI's First Auction vs Rs.100.28/kg in 2024
(Gns). In a landmark development under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, the first-ever auction conducted by SECI for the procurement of Green Ammonia under the SIGHT Scheme (Mode-2A) has achieved a record low price discovery of ₹55.75/kg.

This pioneering auction covers the supply of 75,000 metric tonnes per annum of Green Ammonia to Paradeep Phosphates Limited, Odisha. It is the first in a planned series of 13 auctions over the coming month, under a tender aggregating a cumulative procurement capacity of 7.24 lakh MT/year.

The discovered price translates to approximately USD 641/MT, a substantial drop from the previously discovered price of ₹100.28/kg (USD 1,153/MT) in the H2Global auction in 2024. With Grey Ammonia prices reaching USD 515/MT (as of March 2025), this 10-year fixed-price bid provides strong economic rationale for off-takers to initiate their clean energy transition journey.

SECI, acting as the intermediary procurer, has successfully anchored the



price bid provides strong economic rationale for off-takers to initiate their clean energy transition journey.

DM reviewed every house tricolor campaign 2025 with subordinates

Mathura. Under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh, a review meeting was held with district officials regarding every house tricolor campaign 2025. The District Magistrate directed to celebrate the National Festival 'Independence Day' with great enthusiasm. He said that all offices were decorated with tricolor lights. All Deputy District Magistrates, Block Development Officer, Block Education Officer, District Level Officer etc. should decorate their offices. He instructed the city magistrate and Nazir to decorate the Collectorate premises with tricolor lights.

In the meeting, District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh instructed Additional Municipal Commissioner Anil Kumar to organize a large bike rally. He said that all major intersections, streets, ruins should be decorated and the entry points of the district should be decorated. He said that selfie points should be made at major places. Wall painting should be done in areas like Municipal Corporation, Municipality, Nagar Panchayat etc. He said that instructions were given to make the said



District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh giving instructions to subordinates

Union Bank of India Organizes Financial Inclusion Saturation and Awareness camp at Amehra Adipur Grampanchayat, Meerut District

Meerut ,August 6, 2025: A nationwide campaign has been launched by Department of Financial Services for the saturation of Financial Inclusion (FI) Schemes at the Gram Panchayat (GP) and Urban Local Body (ULB) for three months from 01st July 2025 to 30th September 2025. Opening of bank accounts for unbanked adults under PMJDY; increasing enrolments under PMJJBY, PMSBY, APY; Awareness sessions on digital fraud prevention, among others key goals of the campaign.

Union Bank of India organized a Financial Inclusion Saturation Camp at Amehra Adipur Grampanchayat, Meerut District in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The event was inaugurated by Shri S Ramasubramanian, Executive Director of the Bank in the presence of Ms. Archana Shukla, Zonal Head, Zonal Office, Meerut. Large number of customers participated in the drive.



CPI stages protest in Chhattisgarh over attacks on minorities, seeks justice for Kerala nuns and tribal girls

(Gns). The Communist Party of India (CPI) organised a day-long protest in Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh on Wednesday, demanding immediate legal action against the alleged right-wing elements involved in the intimidation and harassment of two Kerala-based nuns and three young tribal women from Chhattisgarh.

The protest began at Bakharpura Market in Narayanpur, where newly elected CPI state secretary Comrade K Saji and Narayanpur district secretary Phool Singh Kachlam culminated in a march to the Narayanpur Collectorate, where CPI submitted a memorandum seeking FIRs against the perpetrators and protection for the victims.

"We categorically demand justice for Sister Preeti, Sister Vandana, and the three girls who were harassed under false pretenses of religious conversion," said Kachlam. "They belong to marginalised communities and deserve dignity, not suspicion. Threats against us will not deter our struggle for constitutional rights and social justice."

The CPI has pledged full legal and social support to the young women, asserting that progressive

