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Shubhanshu Shukla Meets PM Modi, Gifts Indian Flag He Carried To International Space Station

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday met Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, the Indian Air Force test pilot and astronaut who recently returned from the Ax-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS). In a symbolic gesture, Shukla presented Modi with the Indian flag he had taken to space, marking India's growing stature in human spaceflight.

The Prime Minister described the moment as "deeply emotional," noting that the Tricolour's journey to space reflects the aspirations of a rising India. He praised Shukla for his courage and scientific contributions, calling him an

"inspiration for young Indians to dream big and reach for the stars."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, an

Shukla's experience to India's Gaganyaan program and lauded his contributions to India's space program.

During their conversa-



Indian Air Force test pilot who returned from the Ax-4 mission to the International Space Station, where Shukla presented Modi with the Indian flag. Modi highlighted the relevance of

tion, Modi lauded the experiments conducted on human physiology in micro-gravity and space agriculture technologies as being directly relevant to India's upcoming Gaganyaan pro-

gram. He underlined that Shukla's experience aboard the ISS strengthens India's readiness for its first human spaceflight mission.

"Each step in space brings India closer to new frontiers of science and innovation," Modi said, emphasising his government's commitment to advancing India's space programme in collaboration with international partners.

Recognition in Parliament

Earlier in the day, Parliament paid tribute to Shukla's achievements. Union Minister Jitendra Singh highlighted the astronaut's role in shaping India's space future, while Congress MP Shashi Tharoor posted on X:

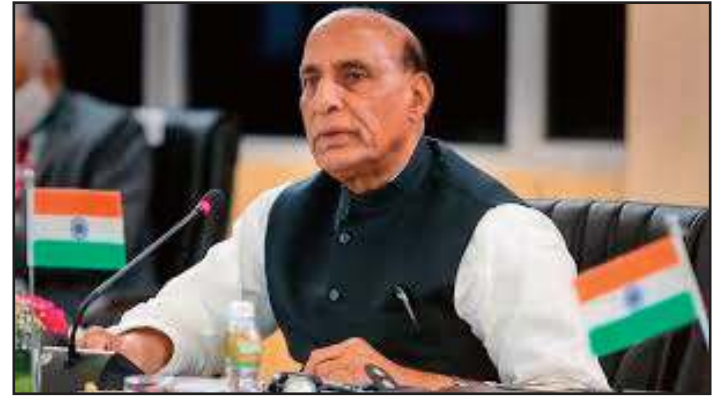
Rajnath Singh Dials Sonia Gandhi, MK Stalin, Naveen Patnaik To Build Consensus on Radhakrishnan's Name For V

(Gns). The Bharatiya Janata Party has turned to one of its most seasoned troubleshooters, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, to manage the delicate task of securing support for the NDA's Vice Presidential candidate, CP Radhakrishnan. Singh, known for his cross-party rapport, has been put in charge of outreach and consensus building, while Union Minister Kiren Rijju takes on the role of election agent.

The strategy is clear: avoid a contested election. Singh has already picked up the phone to call some of the Opposition's biggest names - from Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Sonia Gandhi, to

DMK's MK Stalin and BJD chief Naveen Patnaik.

election; the election is on September 9, and the nom-



More conversations are expected in the days ahead.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is leading the BJP's efforts to secure support for NDA's Vice Presidential candidate CP Radhakrishnan, with Kiren Rijju as the election agent, aiming for an uncontested

ination deadline is August 21.

The announcement of Radhakrishnan's candidature was made by BJP president JP Nadda after the party's parliamentary board meeting. Nadda underlined that the NDA wants to take everyone

along. "We will talk to the Opposition as well... our aim is an unopposed election," he said, signaling a softer, consensus-driven approach.

The message has resonated within the alliance. TDP's Chandrababu Naidu hailed Radhakrishnan as a "respected statesman" while LJP (Ramvilas) chief Chirag Paswan framed the nomination as proof of the NDA's commitment to social justice and inclusivity.

On the other side, the INDIA bloc is preparing its strategy. Leaders are expected to gather at Kharge's residence today to discuss whether to field a joint candidate or let the NDA's choice pass uncontested.

Opposition Slams CEC Gyanesh Kumar, Calls Him 'BJP Spokesperson' Over Voter List Row

(Gns). The Opposition INDIA bloc on Monday (August 18, 2025) launched a scathing attack on Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, accusing him of acting like a "BJP spokesperson" instead of addressing their concerns over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

At a joint press conference in Delhi, leaders from eight parties - including the Congress, TMC, SP, DMK and RJD - alleged that the CEC ignored their questions on voter list irregularities and instead used his press briefing on Sunday to target political parties.

On August 18, 2025, the

INDIA bloc accused Chief Election Commissioner

Election Commissioner's constitutional duty is to

reminded that his party had submitted affidavits highlighting the removal of 18,000 voters during the 2022 UP elections but "no action was ever taken."

TMC's Mahua Moitra went further, questioning the credibility of the existing electoral rolls.

"If the voter list on which the last general election was conducted is fraudulent, then this Lok Sabha should be dissolved, and past Election Commissioners should face prosecution," she said.

RJD's Manoj Jha and Shiv Sena (UBT)'s Arvind Sawant both described Gyanesh Kumar as "behaving like a BJP spokesperson."



political parties?" Gogoi asked.

He alleged that officials leading the EC were preventing any independent inquiry into irregularities.

SP's Ramgopal Yadav

of acting like a BJP spokesperson by ignoring concerns about the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, while Kumar defended the revision as a step to remove shortcomings.

Leaders from parties like Congress, TMC, SP, DMK, and RJD alleged voter list irregularities.

Opposition's Allegations Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi said the

Jaishankar to Wang Yi: India-China ties must be guided by 'three mutuals'

(Gns). External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Monday said that the basis for any positive momentum in India-China relations lies in the ability to jointly maintain peace and tranquility along the border. He emphasized that progress in the de-escalation process is equally essential.

In his opening remarks during a meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in New Delhi, Jaishankar said, "This occasion provides us an opportunity to review our bilateral ties. It is also an appropriate time to exchange views on the global situation and on

issues of mutual interest."

Acknowledging that the two countries have experienced a difficult phase, the Minister underlined the need to move forward constructively.

"Having gone through a difficult period in our relationship, our two nations must now seek to move ahead. This requires a candid and constructive approach from both sides. In that endeavour, we must be guided by the three mutuals—mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and

mutual interest. Differences must not turn into disputes, nor competition into conflict," Jaishankar said.



The talks, he added, would cover a wide range of issues including economic and trade relations, pilgrimages, people-to-people exchanges, river data sharing, border trade, con-

nectivity, and other bilateral matters. He noted that he would follow up on concerns he had raised during his visit to China in July.

Jaishankar also said that Wang Yi would discuss border issues with India's Special Representative, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, on Tuesday, marking the 24th round of Special Representative-level talks.

"This is very important, because the foundation of any positive momentum in our ties is the ability to jointly maintain peace and tranquility in the border areas. Moving the de-escalation process forward is essential," he stressed.

Odisha Special Court orders confiscation of convicted officer's illegally acquired properties

(Gns). The Special Vigilance Court in Bhubaneswar on Monday ordered the confiscation of disproportionate assets, including two multi-storied buildings, belonging to a convicted officer of the Social Forestry Department.

During the trial, Basanta Kumar Pradhan, former Deputy Director, Social Forestry, Bhubaneswar, was convicted by the Special Judge, Special Court, Bhubaneswar, on January 27, 2012, for possessing disproportionate assets.

Ashapura Mohapatra, Authorized Officer of the Special Court, ordered the confiscation of both movable and immovable prop-

erties of Swarnalata Pradhan, co-accused in the DA case and spouse of the late Basanta Kumar

acres at Athagarh, Cuttack, and bank and postal deposits.

According to a state-



Pradhan.

The confiscated assets include a multi-storied building at Tulasipur, Cuttack; a building at Laxmisagar, Bhubaneswar; a farmhouse spread over 5.02

ment issued by the Vigilance Directorate, Basanta Kumar Pradhan and his wife Swarnalata Pradhan were charge-sheeted by Odisha Vigilance under Sections 13 (2) read with 13 (1)(e)

of the PC Act, 1988, and Section 109 IPC, for possessing assets disproportionate to their known sources of income.

The Odisha Special Courts Act provides for the speedy trial of disproportionate assets (DA) cases against public servants holding high political or public office, as well as for the confiscation of ill-gotten assets.

In all such cases involving senior officials, trials are conducted in Special Vigilance Courts in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar. Simultaneously, Odisha Vigilance initiates confiscation proceedings in Special Courts established for this purpose, the statement added.

'Why Only Me?' Rahul Gandhi Slams Election Commission Over Affidavit Row

(Gns). Congress MP and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Sunday launched his Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar's Sasaram with sharp criticism of the Election Commission. He accused the poll body of bias, questioning why he alone was asked to provide an affidavit after raising allegations of "vote theft," while BJP leaders were not subjected to the same requirement.

"When I held a press conference on vote theft, the Election Commission asked me for an affidavit. But when BJP leaders held a press conference a few days ago, no affidavit was demanded from them. The Commission says, 'Submit an affidavit that your data is correct.' This data belongs to the Election Commission itself. Why am I being asked for an affidavit?" Gandhi asked.

Rahul Gandhi, the

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, initiated his Vote Adhikar Yatra in Bihar, accusing the Election Commission of manipulating voter rolls and engaging in vote theft through the

"Vidhan Sabha and Lok Sabha elections are being stolen across the country. Their latest conspiracy is the SIR in Bihar. We have come together to ensure this does not happen," he



Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, while the Election Commission of India refuted these claims, asserting its neutrality.

The Congress leader alleged that the BJP was attempting to manipulate elections across the country. He charged that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter lists in Bihar was part of a conspiracy to "steal" the upcoming polls.

said at the yatra's launch, which will cover 1,300 km across more than 20 districts in the state.

Gandhi also referred to the Maharashtra elections, alleging that nearly one crore voters had "appeared magically" in areas where the BJP went on to win. He added, "Wherever new voters arrived, BJP secured the votes. The Election Commission has not shown

the video evidence."

The Congress party has been protesting against the SIR exercise, claiming it could disenfranchise voters ahead of Bihar's assembly polls later this year. Gandhi pledged to monitor the process closely, declaring, "We will catch and expose any attempts by the EC and BJP to steal votes. The country's resources are being spent for the benefit of just six industrialists."

His comments came days after he cited 2024 Lok Sabha poll data, alleging that more than one lakh votes were stolen through five types of manipulation in the Mahadevapura Assembly segment of Bangalore Central. Following his remarks, the Election Commission asked Gandhi to submit a written declaration and provide evidence, cautioning him against creating a "false narrative" by repeatedly using the phrase "vote chori" (vote theft).



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Editorial

Stray Crisis

The stray dog debate has now reached a legal and moral crescendo. The Supreme Court's earlier directive to round up all strays in the Delhi-NCR within eight weeks and shift them permanently to shelters ignited a fierce backlash. On Thursday, a three-judge bench of the apex court reserved its order on petitions seeking a stay ~ a pause that underlines how complex, emotive, and politically charged this issue has become.

Public sentiment is sharply divided, with compassion for animals clashing against urgent calls to protect vulnerable children and elders from harm. On one side is the government, represented by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, framing the conflict as a clash between a “vocal minority” of animal lovers and a “sil ent, suffering majority” of citizens. His argument rests on public safety: dog attacks on children and the elderly, a high global share of rabies cases in India, and the failure of sterilisation alone to contain the problem. On the other side are rights advocates and NGOs, who insist that the existing Animal Birth Control (ABC) rules ~ already legislated by Parliament ~ should be enforced, not by-passed. The clash exposes a governance vacuum.

Advocate Kapil Sibal's charge that sterilisation funds are siphoned off, and that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has failed in its long-standing duties, points to systemic neglect. If the rules had been consistently applied, the city might have avoided both the uncontrolled canine population and the current public health panic. A humane solution cannot begin with a mass round-up. Advocates like Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Colin Gonsalves warn of the perils of overcrowded shelters ~ disease, aggression among dogs, and risks to humans. They also cite evidence that targeted vaccination and sterilisation work: Gurugram's stray population is reportedly down by 16 per cent, Nizamuddin East is seeing sharp reductions, and projections are that Delhi could be stray-free in a decade if rules were followed. Yet, the counterpoint is equally stark.

In neighbourhoods where attacks are rising, patience for a 10-year horizon is in short supply. The Solicitor General's invocation of human suffering cannot be dismissed, even if the claim of “zero rabies deaths” in parliamentary answers tempers the urgency. Dog bites may not kill, but they scar ~ physically and psychologically ~ and the poorest, those who walk or work on the streets, are often the least protected. What the court decides now will set more than just a precedent for Delhi. It will become a template for how India balances competing rights: human safety and animal welfare. A reserved order is not an evasion; it is a signal that the court recognises the stakes on both sides.

What is needed now is a balanced, enforceable plan ~ one that safeguards citizens in high-risk areas through targeted measures, while simultaneously expanding sterilisation, vaccination, and shelter capacity in line with humane standards. This is not about choosing between people and animals, but about compelling authorities to meet the obligations they have long neglected.

(Gns). When the Government of India recently banned 25 books for allegedly “glorifying terrorism” and “ inciting secessionism” in Jammu and Kashmir, reactions followed familiar script : charge of censorship, fears of silence and dissent, and concern about erasing uncomfortable histories. But beyond the slogans lies a deeper question— what role does literature play in a conflict where narratives themselves have long been a weapon? The roots of this contest stretch back to 1947.

Pakistan's official histories downplay the tribal invasion backed by Pakistani forces that preceded Jammu and Kashmir's accession to India. Since then , a stream of state -supported messaging — from Radio Pakistan's broadcasts in the 1990s lauding slain militants, to ISI – funds edsocial media campaigns in recent years — has sought to present Kashmir as an “unfinished” issue of Partition. Investigations by India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) have traced flows of Pakistani funding to separatist groups in Kashmir, used for protests, publications, and mobilisation

campaigns. Much of this material has been circulated in the guise of scholarship or cultural work, forming the backdrop against which the current book bans have been justified. Among the 25 works banned are titles by internationally recognised writers. Arundhati Roy's Azadi casts India's security presence in Kashmir as colonial but rarely addresses Pakistan's role in sustaining armed militancy. Hafsa Kanjwal's Colonizing Kashmir frames Kashmir within the “settler colonial” paradigm, drawing analogies with Israel and Palestine, while critics argue it overlooks the legal basis of accession in 1947 and the absence of mass state-sponsored settlement.

Christopher Snedden's Independent Kashmir explores secession as a political option, which Indian officials argue lends intellectual credibility to separatist rhetoric. These works, cited in academic and policy debates abroad, help reinforce a global narrative in which India is cast as aggressor, Pakistan as victim, and armed groups as freedom fighters. India is hardly alone in drawing boundaries around speech

when it comes to security. In the United Kingdom, the Terrorism Act 2006 makes it a crime to distribute or

Suraksha Sanhita 2023, operates within the same logic: words can radicalise, and when they do, states



even possess material deemed to glorify terrorism. Germany prohibits dissemination of Nazi ideology or Holocaust denial. France criminalises denial of genocide as a safeguard against historical falsification. Officials point out that India's decision, taken under Section 98 of the Bharatiya Nagarik

often intervene. The risks of unchallenged propaganda are not abstract. Kashmir has lost more than 40,000 lives since 1989, with militant recruitment frequently linked to ideological material. A stark example came in 2016. After Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani was killed, a booklet titled

Shaheed ka Safar (“A Martyr's Journey”) circulated in south Kashmir. It recast Wani as a folk hero, the intellectual ground. Scholars of counter-terrorism point to the post-9/11 experience, where Western states learned that dismantling extremist propaganda required not just law enforcement, but credible counter-narratives. For India, that could mean: Documenting the 1947 tribal invasion subsequent accession to India with academic rigour. Producing works that give voice to victims of militant violence across communities. Encouraging research collaborations that challenge selective or distorted portrayals of Kashmir.

The central dilemma remains: when does scholarship become propaganda? And who decides? While critics view the bans as an overreach, supporters see them as new guardrails in a decades-long information war waged over Kashmir. What is clear is that Kashmir's story has never been fought on battlefields alone. It has unfolded in textbooks, pamphlets, radio waves, and now in bookshelves and libraries. In such a landscape, India's latest move marks not an end to debate, but the continuation of a struggle where words themselves are seen as weapons.

Reform, resilience

legal and procedural bottlenecks that raise compliance costs and deter entrepreneurship, the government is signaling that growth will not be left to market forces alone ~ it will be actively enabled through a streamlined, citizen-friendly legal frame-



(Gns). India's economic journey is entering a decisive phase. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day announcements reveal a deliberate coupling of internal governance reforms with an urgent push for self-reliance in production. The underlying idea is clear: prepare the nation for the twin challenges of glob-

al uncertainty and the ambition of becoming a developed country by 2047. The creation of a dedicated task force to identify and recommend next-generation governance reforms is more than an administrative exercise. It reflects recognition that outdated, cumbersome regulations have long been a brake on innovation and enterprise. By targeting

Warnings Ignored

Twelve years ago, on 16 June 2013, a cloudburst caused devastating floods and landslides in Uttarakhand, resulting in the death of more than 6,000 people by government estimates, and up to 20,000 persons, by private estimates. Overflowing rivers destroyed most bridges and roads along the Char Dham Yatra Marg, leaving more than 3 lakh pilgrims stranded. The usual angels of mercy; the Army, Air Force and paramilitary forces, evacuated more than 110,000 people from the flood-ravaged area. In a small-scale replay of the 2013 tragedy, on 5 August 2025, a cloudburst caused the Kheer Ganga River to overflow, inundating Dharali village and surrounding areas.

Viral videos of the disaster, show men, houses, shops, and other structures being swept away in a raging torrent. With many still missing, the final toll is yet to be ascertained. Rescue efforts were gravely hampered by roads that had been washed away, or were blocked by boulders. Connectivity and electricity supply disappeared because mobile towers and electric poles had been washed away. The exact cause of the flood is still being assessed; geologists are divided on whether the flood was triggered by a cloudburst, heavy rains or a glacier lake overflow. Be that as it may, experts are almost unanimous that it was a tragedy waiting to happen.

Apparently, hotels, homes, and markets had been built in the floodplains, and historic channels of Kheer Ganga; construction in the old river bed had continued unabated, even after the 2013 floods reactivated the river's old course. Only an RCC wall was built

to confine Kheer Ganga's flow to its new course; debris and boulders accompanying flood waters demolished the RCC wall, and washed away all structures built on the river bed, in the process burying a half a kilometre-wide stretch of land under mounds of debris and sludge, up to fifty-feet high. In a quest for development, a sea-change has come over beautiful Uttarakhand. The unpolluted atmosphere and the gentle cool breezes are a thing of the past. Dust clouds from tunnelling work for the myriad railway tunnels and hydropower projects, and the ubiquitously dug-up roads for road-widening projects, assail one's senses. Scores of heavy trucks clog narrow hill roads, releasing toxic fumes in the clean mountain air. The quaintness of small hill towns of Uttarakhand is long gone; Dehradun, and Nainital resemble the more populated parts of Delhi, while other hill towns are not very different from their neighbours in Uttar Pradesh. Uttarakhand is no stranger to environmental degradation. In the latter half of the 19th century, indiscriminate logging provided wood for expansion of roads and railways to the Himalayan foothills. Alarmed by large-scale degradation of natural forests, the British prohibited cutting of trees in Uttarakhand's forests. After a visiting botanist apprised him of the plunder of rare species of flora from the Valley of Flowers, Lord Dalhousie issued the Indian Forest Charter 1855, reversing the earlier laissez-faire policy of forest exploitation. Independence saw a coterie of politicians and contractors embark on large-scale tree-felling in Uttarakhand that ceased

only after the Chipko environmental protection movement in the 1970s. Another blight, construction of hydropower projects in Uttarakhand, began in earnest after formulation of a national plan



on 24 May 2003 to generate more electricity from non-coal sources. The plan visualised 162 big hydroelectric power projects being built in Hima chal Pradesh and Uttarakhand by 2025. Tunnelling and blasting for 70 hydroelectric projects allotted to Uttarakhand, has fractured many aquifers and restricted river flows, upsetting the fragile ecological balance of the area, leading to the massive floods of 2013 and 2021. There would appear to be a close relation between land subsidence and tunnelling and boring activities, which drain underground water, creating a void below the earth's surface. Yet all official agencies have consistently denied any such cause-and-effect relationship; official reports in 1976, 2010, and August 2022 have put the blame elsewhere ~ with the 1976 MC Mishra Report stating that Joshimath was prone to land subsidence because it was “situated on weathered, landslide mass of big unsettled boulders in the loose matrix of fence micaceous sandy and clayey material.” No one has bothered to ask why civic bodies, or the Government, had permitted construction activities in Joshimath after publication of the MC

Mishra Report. Currently, the Railways are constructing the ambitious Char Dham Railway Project, a 125-km railway line between Rishikesh and Karanprayag, with 105 km of the rail line running through tunnels, including India's longest railway tunnel of 15.1 km. The large-scale road widening projects launched recently, new resorts and hotels built on and near riverbeds, have aggravated the environmental degradation. After subsidence was noticed in Joshimath in 2023, cracks and subsidence were reported in nearby places like Karnaprayag, Chamoli, Mussoorie and Tehri Garhwal, with maximum damage near tunnel areas of the Rishikesh-Karnaprayag Rail Line, tunnel areas of All-Weather Char Dham Road, and tunnel areas of hydroelectric projects. Public spirited citizens have moved numerous Public Interest Litigations (PILs) against the desecration of Himalayas, but with minimal results because of the persistent pro-development stance of the Government, and the Courts' tendency to accept Government submissions at face value. After each disaster, a ban is imposed on hydro-electric projects and other environment unfriendly activities, but once things return to normal, the ban is first partially, and then fully lifted. The following developments are indicative of the rot:

* After the 2013 floods, the SC barred new hydel projects in Uttarakhand and set up an Expert Body (EB) to evaluate the role of 24 hydropower projects in the floods.

* After consideration of the EB's report, and the Environment Ministry's affidavit the SC kept the 24 projects on hold but lifted the blanket ban on hydropower projects.

* Another committee was set up by SC to consider six of the 24 projects, which warned against allowing these projects.

* The Ministry of Environment and Forests formed another committee to consider these six projects, which cleared five of them.

* The MoEF filed an affidavit in 2016, that the Government would allow all projects that would discharge at least 1,000 cusecs of water into the Ganga or its tributaries.

* After the Silkiyara Tunnel collapse, in 2023, the PMO ordered a permanent ban on any new hydro-electric project on the Ganga or its tributaries in Uttarakhand.

* A year later, the Uttarakhand CM petitioned the SC to allow recommencement of stalled hydropower projects in Uttarakhand. Now, after the Dharali tragedy, the Uttarakhand Government has issued an order banning all construction activities in disaster-prone hill areas, along rivers and streams.

One only hopes that this ban would hold, and not go the way of its predecessors. However, this perception is not shared by public functionaries. After land subsidence in Joshimath in 2023, the Uttarakhand Chief Minister stated: “People sitting at different places in the country are talking

about Uttarakhand, which is not right because 65 to 70 per cent of the people living there are leading their lives normally... Char Dham Yatra will start in the next four months.” Similarly, after the horrendous floods of 2013, the then Uttarakhand Chief Minister categorically denied that human factors, like indiscriminate construction of hotels and houses over river beds were responsible for the tragedy.

The CM went on to say: “This is a very childish argument ~ that cloudbursts, earthquakes and tsunamis are caused by human factors. In the history of hundreds of years of Kedarnath, no such incident has taken place...My people are going to suffer because tourism is going to be affected. We have to put the infrastructure back on the rails.” Almost identical statements, a decade apart, by Chief Ministers of two different political parties, reveal the crux of the problem ~ a flawed development model, imagined and implemented for Uttarakhand.

Successive Governments have tried to stimulate economic activity through tourism and massive infrastructure projects. Such misplaced zeal for development has made the Government brush aside environmental concerns. Pliant environmental regulatory bodies have unquestioningly towed the Government line, readily granting clearance to environmentally dangerous projects. Probably, we need to discard the present model of development for Uttarakhand, and implement a model based on limited tourism, horticulture, traditional crafts, with knowledge industry hubs in Dehradun and Nainital.

work. Since 2014, over 40,000 compliances have been removed and more than 1,500 obsolete laws repealed. These may sound like technical house-keeping, but they represent a cultural shift: governance is being reframed as a service, not a hurdle. The simplification of tax laws, the replacement of outdated criminal provisions, and the shift to faceless assessments are all part of an emerging architecture where trust and transparency replace red tape and arbitrary discretion.

Yet this inward reform agenda is now being shaped by the harsher winds of international trade politics. The recent escalation of tariffs by the United States is a timely reminder that global markets can be both opportunity and vulnerability. In response, the call for self-reliance in critical sectors ~ from fertilisers to EV batteries, jet engines to defence systems ~ is not mere rhetoric. It is an insurance policy against supply chain shocks and a bid to strengthen India's strategic autonomy. Lowering GST rates from October is a complementary measure aimed at sustaining domestic consumption at a time when export-led growth faces headwinds. By reducing the tax burden on

goods and services, the government hopes to keep the economic engine running even as foreign demand becomes less predictable.

This is a moment to translate intent into irreversible change, ensuring reforms outlast political cycles and embed resilience into India's growth. The challenge will be execution. A task force can map the reforms needed, but implementation will require cooperation across ministries, states, and industry bodies. Self-reliance, too, is not achieved overnight ~ it demands coordinated investment in R&D, supply chains, skills, and infrastructure. India's economic strategy is thus evolving on two fronts: dismantling internal barriers to productivity, and building external resilience through diversified capabilities. If both fronts advance in tandem, the goal of a “Viksit Bharat” by 2047 will rest not on aspiration alone, but on a solid foundation of policy, preparedness, and public trust. The road ahead will be neither short nor simple, but the direction has been set ~ and it points firmly toward a more self-confident and self-sustaining India

En masse death of 73 buffaloes triggers panic in Odisha village



Bloated carcasses of as many as 73 buffaloes were found floating in the Brahmani river near Eakamania village under Aul block in Odisha's Kendrapara district even as scientists from the state-run Animal Diseases Research Institute (ADRI) have begun investigation into the mysterious death of these bovine animals.

The death of the buffaloes was reported on Sunday afternoon. So far, carcasses of 44 buffaloes have been retrieved. On being informed, a team of veterinary officials and scientists from ADRI),

Phulnakhara, Cuttack has reached the village to ascertain the exact cause of en masse death of buffaloes. Such en masse death of buffaloes was never reported in these parts of the State, said the Chief District Veterinary Officer (CDVO), Kendrapara, Manoj Kumar Patnaik.

The bovine deaths will adversely affect the economy of the riverside village as cattle farmers here used to supply milk yield to urban areas and had attained a degree of self-sufficiency, said local residents.

US Keeps An Eye On India-Pakistan Situation Every Single Day: Marco Rubio

(Gns). Marco Rubio, the US Secretary of State, stated on Sunday that the United States keeps an eye on India and Pakistan's situation on a daily basis. This follows Donald Trump's repeated assertions of mediating a ceasefire between the two countries. Rubio told NBC News, "One of the complications of ceasefires is maintaining them, which is very difficult. Every single day, we are keeping an eye on what is happening between Pakistan & India."

India has refuted any claims of external mediation in its truce with Pakistan. The two nations had engaged in military actions against each other following a terror attack in Pahalgam.

Despite Trump's assertions, India maintains that no third party has been involved in their peace efforts.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the United States closely monitors the dynamics between India and Pakistan daily, following Donald Trump's claims of mediating a ceasefire; India has refuted external mediation. Trump expressed optimism about a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy amid the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Trump's Bold Claims Donald Trump expressed optimism about an upcoming meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the White House. As Ukraine seeks a peace agreement with Russia, Trump posted confidently about progress, stating, "BIG PROGRESS ON RUSSIA. STAY TUNED!" He also claimed

The US administration's focus remains on ensuring stability between India and Pakistan. Rubio highlighted the challenges in sustaining ceasefires and emphasized America's commitment to monitoring developments in South Asia.

Zelenskyy's visit to Washington comes amid ongoing tensions with Russia. The Ukrainian leader hopes for support from the US in achieving a peaceful resolution to their conflict.

The situation between India and Pakistan continues to be delicate. Both nations have experienced heightened tensions following recent military engagements. The international community remains watchful as efforts for lasting peace continue.



to have prevented six wars. In another post, Trump remarked, "If I got Russia to give up Moscow as part of the Deal, the Fake News, and their PARTNER, the Radical Left Democrats, would say I made a terrible mistake and a very bad deal. That's why they are the FAKE NEWS! Also, they should talk about the 6 WARS, etc., I JUST STOPPED!!!"

US Monitoring Efforts

Congress, INDIA bloc out to spread chaos, anarchy: BJP

(Gns). The BJP on Monday criticised the Opposition saying the Congress and other parties of the INDIA bloc want to spread anarchy and chaos in India with an intent to turn the 'group of infiltrators' into their vote bank.

"The Congress and the other Opposition parties want to create a chaotic situation and pandemonium in the country similar to what happened in neighbouring countries, including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and others, and then make political dividends from it. But they forget that India is a highly enriched civilisation, where people understand the difference between anarchists and upright individuals," BJP leader Sambit Patra said while addressing a press conference at the party headquarters in the national capital.

Patra also slammed the Opposition political parties for refusing to buy the Election Commission's reasoning over the Bihar Special Intensive Revision (SIR) controversy, and said their main purpose is to protect, give shelter to the infiltrators and then develop them as their vote bank.

He, however, said the country's resources are for its citizens, and infiltrators would never be given voting rights.

He said that the Supreme Court has clearly stated that the EC, being a constitutional body, is entitled to make and purify voter rolls, and any objection to it is unacceptable and untenable.

Taunting the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar, led by Rahul Gandhi and Tejashwi Yadav, Patra said that they have already done 'jail yatra' and 'bail yatra', and this march is another attempt to befool the voters.

"Two families have themselves committed fraud, but look at their audacity, they are attacking constitutional bodies and accusing them of misdeeds," Patra said.

He also took strong exception to the Opposition's press conference where one of the leaders called for the dissolution of the Lok Sabha.

Calling out its duplicity, the BJP leader said that EC has repeatedly asked them to come forward and register their complaints with it, but they never put their grievances on record.

The EC, in a press conference, made a detailed presentation about the SIR, addressing all misgivings regarding technical issues, but those who don't want to understand will never agree to it, he said.



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Distraught families count the dead as hope fades for those missing after Kishtwar cloudburst

(Gns). With at least 88 people still trapped under the debris after the catastrophic cloudburst in Chisoti village of Kishtwar in Jammu and Kashmir recently, distressed families remain camped in the devastated village, holding on desperately to the faintest chance of a miracle.

The rescue teams of the Army, NDRF, CISF, SDRF and J&K Police are continuing their operations for the last five days as anxious relatives wait in the village for some good news about their loved ones.

Those killed in the cloudburst were mostly pilgrims to the Machail Mata shrine. They had come to pay obeisance from Jammu, Udhampur and Reasi districts. The annual Machail Mata yatra began on 25 July and will conclude on 5 September.

The rescue teams have so far found 62 bodies, while 88 more are untraceable. The loose mud and boulders that are spread completed, expediting relief and evacuation. Additional equipment is being moved relief and rescue measures and also render all possible assistance to the suffering people.

Karra urged the Centre to come forward to help and rehabilitate the affected population by announcing a special relief and rehabilitation package for the area. He said that, in view of the huge devastation and a lot of casualties, the Centre should come forward for special help.

Leader of opposition in the Assembly, Sunil Sharma, said that two bodies were recovered today. Families and friends have reported 88 people missing. The death count would further increase when more bodies are recovered, he said.

About a dozen JCB machines and other equipment has been deployed to remove the huge boulders and recover bodies of the missing people.

forward to strengthen operations and senior Army functionaries are on the ground to oversee relief and rescue.

The Army was maintaining close coordination with civil agencies to expedite relief efforts.

J&K UT's Congress chief Tariq Hameed Karra, who visited the devastated village yesterday, asked the party cadres to remain actively associated with the



across the village are making the rescue operations challenging. The White Knight Corps of the Indian Army said on Monday that five columns have been deployed for rescue and relief operations. Efforts have been further intensified with additional medical teams deployed.

Despite adverse terrain and weather, a bridge over Chisoti stream has been



four-day stay in the remote district, said an official of the state's health and family welfare department.

Panel of docs travel by air to take care of critically ailing people in Odisha's remote pockets

(Gns). A team of doctors from SCB Medical College and Hospital, the state's premier government-run health unit, on Monday flew to far-flung Malkangiri district on the southern-most tip of Odisha to provide critical healthcare facilities as part of the air health service under the Mukhyamantri Vayu Swasthya Seva scheme.

The panel of doctors who travelled by air from Bhubaneswar's Biju Patnaik International Airport to Malkangiri this morning began attending to the patients requiring laparoscopic surgery, besides nephrology and

The previous BJD government had launched Mukhyamantri Vayu Swasthya Seva in 2021 in state.

Shortage of an adequate number of doctors is a major area of concern in the state's tribal-dominated districts, such as the Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Nuapada, and Kalahandi districts. The doctors mostly shy away from serving in these remote locations, principally due to the abysmal lack of hospital infrastructure and diagnostic facilities.

The scheme, akin to an air ambulance service, envisages coming to the rescue of poor people in need of specialised treatment, which is conspicuous by its absence.

Airtel services down due to network outage; Vodafone-Idea, Jio also hit

(Gns). Services of telecom operator Airtel were down on Monday due to a network outage. The outage was also reported on Jio, and Vodafone-Idea.

According to Downdetector, an online real-time outage monitoring portal, more than 3,500 outages were reported around 4 pm on the Airtel network.

However, the scale of outages on Jio and Vi were comparatively low. Jio users reported around 200 outages at around 5 pm and Vi reporters around 50 outages.

Several users flooded social media platform X with complaints. Responding to one of the complaints, Airtel said, "We are currently experiencing a network outage. Our team is actively working to resolve the issue and restore services promptly. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience caused."

Meanwhile, frustrated users took to social media to share their complaints.

While some complained of being unable to make or receive calls, others pointed out issues with SMS services.

"@Airtel_Presence @airtelindia services are completely down. Unable to make or receive calls and even messages are not working. This is causing serious inconvenience. Please resolve the network outage immediately and confirm ETA for restoration," one user wrote on X.

"If you are an #Airtel user, and unable to make calls you're not alone. Seems like a widespread outage," said another.



CPM Kerala secy declines to comment on illegal money deals of party leaders

(Gns). CPI(M) Kerala secretary M V Govindan on Monday declined to comment on the allegations raised by Mahe native businessman Muhammad Sharshad regarding illegal financial deals of some party leaders, dismissing them as "nonsense".

Declining to respond to the media's questions related to the allegations, he said "Absurd questions do not merit answers."

Sharshad had accused Govindan's son Shyamjith of leaking his confidential letter to the CPI-M Polit Bureau. Responding to MV Govindan's remarks that the letter controversy is nonsense, Mohammad Sharshad said Govindan should ask his son about this.

"I have all the WhatsApp, email and text messages Muhammad Sharshad alleged that party state secretary MV Govindan's son, Shyamjith leaked a confidential complaint he sent to CPI-M Polit Bureau, disclosing illegal financial deals of some party leaders. The content in the complaint is that prominent CPI-M leaders in the state have illegal financial deals with London-based businessman Rajesh Krishna. In his complaint, Sharshad alleged that Rajesh Krishna had transferred unaccounted money to the bank accounts of some CPI-M leaders. The complaint contains serious allegations that Rajesh Krishna, in collaboration with foreign paper companies, embezzled money from government schemes, and transferred the money from abroad through a company registered in Chennai to the personal accounts of some CPI-M leaders.

Rajesh Krishna was the one who helped leaders including MV Govindan and P Sreeramakrishnan during their travels to London. Along with the complaint, Sharshad had attached supporting documents too.



exchanged with Govindan's son Shyamjith. How can it be nonsense? "Sharshad asked, and said that Govindan cannot say that there is no relationship between me and his son," Sharshad told Malayalam media.

Chennai-based, Mahe native businessman

Patanjali joins elite league with AEO tier-2 status in FMCG sector

(Gns). Patanjali Foods Limited has been awarded the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Tier-2 certificate by the World Customs Organization (WCO) and the Ministry of Finance – Indian Customs.

The certification, considered one of the most prestigious in global trade, recognizes the highest standards of honesty, transparency, quality, and supply chain security.

Only a select group of Indian companies hold this distinction, and in the FMCG sector, very few enjoy this status. With this recognition, Patanjali joins the league of India's leading corporates.

The AEO Tier-2 status Speaking on the development facilities.

our resolve to build the nation and take 'Make in India' to the global summit."

Acharya Balkrishna, Managing Director of Patanjali Foods, added, "This achievement reflects the collective efforts of our employees and consumers. It will strengthen India's exports, promote Ayurveda and indigenous products globally, and help establish Patanjali among the world's top FMCG brands."

Industry experts believe the recognition will not only enhance Patanjali's export competitiveness but also reinforce its role in promoting India's economic self-reliance and Swadeshi ethos on the global stage.



entitles the company to more than 28 international trade benefits, including duty deferred payment, bank guarantee waiver, direct port delivery (DPD), and 24x7 customs clearance.

ment Swami Ramdev, co-founder of Patanjali, said, "Today is a day of pride not only for the Patanjali family but for every Indian. This certificate further strengthens

Who Is C P Radhakrishnan? Profile And Net Worth Of India's NDA Vice Presidential Nominee

(Gns). The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has chosen Maharashtra Governor C. P. Radhakrishnan as their candidate for the Vice Presidential election. BJP national president JP Nadda confirmed this decision after a meeting of the party's Parliamentary Board in New Delhi. This announcement comes just before the nomination deadline, following Jagdeep Dhankhar's resignation due to health issues.

The BJP's 11-member Parliamentary Board, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved Radhakrishnan's candidacy. The decision will be shared with NDA allies like Nitish Kumar's JD(U) and N. Chandrababu Naidu's Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Nadda praised Radhakrishnan as "a statesman who commands respect in all sections of society in Tamil Nadu." He also expressed the alliance's desire for a unanimous election, stating, "We want the next Vice President to be elected unanimously, and we have reached out to opposition leaders," according to PTI.

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has nominated Maharashtra Governor C. P. Radhakrishnan as their candidate for the Vice Presidential election, which is scheduled for September 9. Radhakrishnan, a senior BJP leader and former Governor of Jharkhand, previously served as a Member of Parliament from Coimbatore in 1998 and 1999, and the BJP aims for a unanimous election with support from allies like JD(U) and TDP.

C P Radhakrishnan was born on May 4, 1957, in Tiruppur, Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu. He is a senior BJP leader and currently serves as the Governor of Maharashtra. Previously, he was the 10th Governor of Jharkhand from February 18, 2023. Radhakrishnan has been elected twice as a Member of Parliament from Coimbatore in 1998 and 1999.

Radhakrishnan holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) from VoC College under Madurai University, completed in 1978. His professional background includes

ued his work on various committees such as Commerce and MP Local Area Development Scheme. In 2000, he became part of the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Finance. However, in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections from Coimbatore, he lost to P. Nagarajan of AIADMK.

The Upcoming Election The Vice Presidential election is set for September 9 with nominations open from August 7 to August 21. MPs from both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha will vote for India's second-highest constitutional office bearer.

The BJP has arranged workshops for its MPs between September 6 and September 9 to ensure maximum participation and error-free voting through mock sessions. NDA MPs are expected to join similar activities highlighting their commitment to securing victory.

The Vice President holds significant constitutional responsibilities as they act as the de facto chairman of Rajya Sabha while serving as India's second-highest officeholder.



roles as an agriculturist, social worker, and industrialist. He is married to R. Sumathi and has two children. His net worth stands at ₹64.75 crore with assets worth ₹67.11 crore and liabilities amounting to ₹2.37 crore.

In 1998, Radhakrishnan was elected to the 12th Lok Sabha from Coimbatore by defeating Subbian K.R. of DMK with a margin of 1,50,000 votes. During this term, he served on several committees including Commerce and Textiles.

He secured re-election in 1999 to the 13th Lok Sabha by defeating R. Nallakannu of CPI by 50,000 votes and contin-

DM and SSP heard complaints on complete resolution day

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar, while jointly headed by the Complete Solution Day held in Manat Tehsil, directed the officials of the departments of Revenue, Police, Health, Village Development etc. for quality disposal within the stipulated time. All complaints received will ensure quality and timely disposal of time. Officers should go to the spot with the concerned employees and be sure to get the complainant's side disposed of. Listening to the problems of the complainants present in the entire resolution day, the District Magistrate said that quick disposal of complaints and satisfaction of the complainant is the main goal of the entire Samadhan Divas. In this, strict action will be taken against the responsible officer, taking any kind of negligence or taking serious cognizance by the concerned officer/employee.

During the entire Samadhan Divas, the District Magistrate gave strict instructions to all the departmental officers that the work should never be taken in the works, the name of the undisputed heritage, the copy, the name registered in the Khatauni, the admission dismissal and the corresponding case of the documents etc. No poor person should be deprived of any welfare schemes. A total of 47 applications related to various references were received in Mont Tehsil, out of which 05 applications were disposed of on the spot and while interfering the remaining applications to the concerned officers, the District Magistrate gave instructions to dispose within a week. He instructed the officials to mention the delay in disposal in cases pending for more than a week. Also, all cases should be disposed of within a week.

Cases related to the police were heard by Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar. He District Magistrate Mont Ritu Sirohi and Tehsildar Brajesh Kumar instructed that all the promises pending in their courts should be disposed of and the complaints of the general public should be settled in land related matters themselves, no complainant should be unnecessarily disturbed. The District Magistrate checked various tabs of the tehsil. He reviewed the cleaning arrangements in the tehsil premises. The District Magistrate observed the preserved maintenance of the records and gave necessary guidelines.

On the occasion of Sampoorna Samadhan Divas, 9 complaints were received in Tehsil Govardhan and 2 were disposed of on the spot. 26 complaints were received in Tehsil Umbrella. 27 complaints were received in Tehsil Mahavan and 6 were disposed of on the spot. 17 complaints were received in Sadar Tehsil and 2 were disposed of on the spot.

After the entire Samadhan Divas, District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar inspected the Tehsil campus. Deputy instructed all the police officers/police station heads that action should be taken on the spot in each case. It should be ensured that the victims get justice. Police officers should ensure that quick action should be taken as per rules in each case.



District Magistrate and Senior Superintendent of Police listening to complaints of complainants

Harshollas celebrated in Mathura Refinery 79th Independence Day

Mathura. Mathura Refinery started the program organized by Mukul Aggarwal, Executive Director and Refinery Head by Mathura Refinery with the 79th Independence Day Manayadya Stadium by Mukul Aggarwal, Executive Director and Refinery Head.

On this important occasion, senior officials of the refinery, office bearers of the Employees Union and Offers Essence, Commandant-CISF, village heads and councilors, principals of Kendriya Vidyalaya and Delhi Public School, Long-term Services Award winners, talent honors/community achievements, CISF and DGCongratulating the meeting of the best performance by the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya and DPS filled the atmosphere with nationalist enthusiasm. The reflex demo was also commendable by CISF. Pratibha Samman and collective available honor winners were appreciated for their efforts and employees who have completed 15 years long service with the corporation were also honored by the Executive Director and Refinery Head. Selected CISF jawans and DGR Guards were honored for their outstanding performance. MLA Baldev Puran Prakash was also present during the program. He saluted freedom fighters and security hair

of freedom. He said that it is a matter of pride for us that Indians are making



Refinery priority and tricolor hoisting the parade

District Magistrate and SSP inspected flood post

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Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar inspected the flood post set up at Dangauli, Gram Panchayat of Tehsil Mont. He observed the original-genuine facilities available in the flood post. He reviewed the campus. The District Magistrate inquired about the availability of various equipment of relief and rescue work. He instructed Deputy District Magistrate Mont Ritu Sirohi that the flood posts continued to inspect the posts. The officials of the district administration are regularly traveling and inspection related to floods.

The District Magistrate directed Deputy District



District Magistrate and SSP while inspecting

Say goodbye to monsoon acne with these Ayurvedic superfoods

Kanpur, 18 Aug 2025: Seasonal changes cause changes in humidity and temperature, which lead to skin problems like clogged pores, excess oil secretion and frequent breakouts. Despite the focus on skin care products, the effect of diet is often overlooked. According to Ayurveda, monsoons especially lead to an increase in Vata and Pitta doshas, which can lead to inflammation and skin diseases like acne and pimples. With the craving for hot drinks and fried items during this period, creating internal balance through proper diet is extremely important for skin health.

Leading Ayurveda expert Dr Madhumita Krishnan suggests including foods that are sweet and slightly oily in nature to balance the Vata and Pitta doshas during monsoons. This will cool the body and improve skin problems. She recommends five

Ayurveda superfoods, including almonds and ancing amla, which help reduce acne and keep the skin clear.

Almond Almonds are perfect for monsoon diet as they are predominantly sweet in taste. They help in balancing Vata and Pitta doshas. Being slightly oily, they are ideal for nourishing the skin from within. Thus, they are suitable for maintaining balance during the rainy season. According to published Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani texts, almonds are beneficial for skin health and can enhance skin glow. These are easy to digest if soaked overnight and consumed and provide deep nourishment to the skin.

Turmeric For generations, this golden spice has been renowned for its antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties. It helps maintain good digestion and balances the vata dosha, which has a positive effect on the skin. Including turmeric in your regular diet can reduce acne and other skin inflammations. It fights infections, purifies the blood and makes the skin healthy.

Gooseberry Amla, which balances all the three doshas (vata, pitta, kapha), strengthens the immune system and keeps the skin young, fresh and nourished. It reduces the chances of skin related problems during monsoon by flushing out impurities from the body.

Neem Neem has antibacterial, antifungal and blood purifying properties, making it a

trusted cure for pimples in Ayurveda. Drinking neem juice removes impurities from the blood, thereby reducing skin problems.

Garlic Garlic's vata balancing properties work internally despite its pungent taste, making it a popular superfood for those looking for natural and skin-clearing remedies. Health experts have been discussing the benefits of eating a raw garlic clove on an empty stomach, which has been going viral on social media recently.

The bottom line is that skin health isn't just on the outside — true beauty comes from within.

Ayurveda also says that with proper diet and nutrition, the skin improves on its own. If you include things like California almonds and turmeric in your diet, then the skin can remain healthy and glowing even in monsoon.



Students in sanskriti University gave beautiful forms to the craft of potters

Mathura. Several programs are being organized under every house tricolor campaign running at Sanskriti University. In this sequence, 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' program was organized. During the program, nursing school students decorated and displayed beautiful handicrafts made of clay. The crafts made by the purpose of honoring the art of India's potters were prominently placed in the exhibition.

The purpose of this event was to bring out the labor and their feelings of the potters who prepared beautiful crafts from the soil of our country. The exhibitions prepared by the potters were decorated by the students and gave them a beautiful form. The event also touched the feelings of the potters who kill the soil reflects the fragrance of soil and the art of potters. University CEO

we became a medium to honor the art of potters and connect the students with it. The program is conducted by Dr. D.S. It happened under the supervision of Tomar. The program was concluded courtesy of CEO Dr. Meenakshi Sharma. Mukul Pathak, a senior tutor and event coordinator of the School of Nursing, played the responsibility of monitoring and guidance of the students throughout the program, which the students presented their creativity well. Radio sanskriti 91.2 FM played an important role in the event, in which RJ Jai and RJ Rasik were present the whole time and recorded the activities of the program



In the 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' program organized at Sanskriti University, students presenting the items made of potters beautifully.

Bullets were fired in ground dispute, 8 arrested

Mathura. The Refinery Police has arrested 08 youths from both sides who firing and killing each other on the ground dispute in Meera Bihar Kalauni on Monday morning and sent them to jail. The police have recovered illegal Tamcha, rifle from their possession. Station head Ajay Verma said that on the information and deadly attack on each other on the other side over a land dispute in the empty plot in Meera Nagar Kalauni of the police station Refinery area,

son commander, Senapati son Vijay Singh resident party's Siddantha Sihan Miranagar Kalouni police



Eight people accused in police custody

SP Ambedkar Vahini will unite Dalits, backward classes and minorities by organizing PDA conference

Lucknow/SP Baba Saheb Ambedkar Vahini's National General Secretary Ram Babu Sudarshan told that Ambedkar Vahini is going to organize PDA conference under the leadership of SP Baba Saheb Ambedkar Vahini's National President Mithai Lal Bharti Ji! On 23 August 2025 in Moradabad, 24 August in Bijnor, 25 August in Chandausi-Sambhal!

Sudarshan said that RSS are trying to weaken and destroy Baba Saheb Ambedkar's constitution. Constitutional institutions are being weakened, the living example of this is the Election Commission. The government is attacking the reservation of Dalits and backward classes and is engaged in a "conspiracy" to exclude people of weaker sections from government jobs in the name of private and outsourcing in government institutions. Sudarshan said that today Dalits and weaker sections are facing the most atrocities and injustice. PDA leader Honorable Akhilesh Yadav is fighting for the rights of Dalits from the streets to the Parliament!



Dalmia Bharat Foundation Marks Independence Day with 19 New Micro Enterprises in Uttar Pradesh

Lucknow, August 18, 2025: In a continued effort to strengthen rural livelihoods, Dalmia Bharat Foundation (DBF), the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of Dalmia Bharat Ltd, inaugurated 19 new micro enterprises across Jawaharpur and Ramgarh, Uttar Pradesh as part of its Independence Day celebrations. The initiative aims at creating sustainable livelihood opportunities and supporting rural entrepreneurship.

At Ramgarh, the new ventures comprise five e-rickshaws for beneficiaries from Mahsui, Bargadiya, Bankarampur, Madhiya, and Saraiyan; a cosmetics shop on a cart in Narveerpur; a fast-food shop on a cart in Bartal; a cosmetics shop at Pahla Chauraha in Sarwa; an electric repair shop at Pahla Chauraha in Majlishpur; an automobile repairing shop in Trivedi Nagar; a barber shop in Mahuakol; and four kirana stores in Shankarpur, Saraiyan, Khyokar, and Bhattapurwa. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Aga Asif Beig, Plant Head; Mr. Uma Kant Pathak, Cane Head; Mr. Dinesh Yadav, HR Head; the DBF team; and other senior officers of Ramgarh Chini Mills.

At Jawaharpur, the new enterprises include three e-rickshaws for beneficiaries from Gazipur, Jawaharpur, and Jihuri villages, and a cycle repair shop in Fariha. The event was graced by Mr. Tej Narayan Singh, Plant Head Mr. Ashish Bansal, Cane Head Mr. Vivek Kumar, Deputy Manager, HR along with the DBF team and senior officers of Jawaharpur Chini Mills.

Each enterprise has been supported with financial assistance from DBF, along with beneficiary contribution and credit support through Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and banks. The ventures are expected to provide an annual income of ₹50,000-₹1,00,000 per beneficiary.

Speaking on the initiative, Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta, CEO, Dalmia Bharat Foundation said "At Dalmia Bharat Foundation, we believe that microenterprises are a powerful driver of economic growth and self-reliance in rural areas. By supporting these ventures with resources, skills, and access to finance, we are enabling individuals to create sustainable incomes uplift their families, and contribute meaningfully to the prosperity of their communities. This initiative is a step towards building resilient livelihoods and a stronger regional economy"

The initiative reflects Dalmia Bharat Foundation's sustained efforts towards driving inclusive development and improving the quality of life in its surrounding communities.



Himachal Assembly's monsoon session begins with obituary references

(Gns). The 12-day-long monsoon session of the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly commenced on Monday, beginning with obituary references.

Tributes were paid to former MLA Ganesh Dutt Bharwal, who passed away recently, as well as to those who lost their lives in the recent spell of heavy rains and natural calamities in the state. The House observed a two-minute silence in their memory.

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, while paying homage, said that Ganesh Dutt Bharwal passed away on July 20, 2025, at the age of 79.

He recalled that Bharwal entered politics in 1970 as an active member of the Youth Congress and later became a member of the District Congress Committee in 1981. In 1985, he was elected as MLA from the Chintpurni constituency. The Minister said that Bharwal had a deep interest in social service and dedicated his life to public welfare. He also expressed grief over the loss of lives in the recent monsoon disaster and prayed for the departed souls.

Leader of Opposition Jai



Ram Thakur also paid tribute, recalling Bharwal's contribution as a public representative.

He said Bharwal, a native of Amb in Una district, was born on February 6, 1946, and remained committed to the Congress party throughout his political journey. Jairam Thakur further added that Himachal has suffered heavy loss of lives during the ongoing monsoon, with over 200 deaths reported across the state, including the highest toll in the Seraj constituency. He expressed condolences to the bereaved families.