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Prime Minister Modi Hosts Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi To Strengthen India-China Relations

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently hosted Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi at his New Delhi residence, 7 Lok Kalyan Marg. The meeting aimed to ease India-China tensions and advance military and diplomatic discussions following the 2020 border standoff in eastern Ladakh. Mr Wang Yi delivered an invitation from Chinese President Xi Jinping for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Tianjin.

During their conversation, Prime Minister Modi stressed the importance of maintaining peace along the border. He reiterated India's commitment to a fair and mutually acceptable resolution of boundary

issues. "Glad to meet Foreign Minister Wang Yi. Since my meeting with

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi at



President Xi in Kazan last year, India-China relations have made steady progress guided by respect for each other's interests and sensitivities. I look forward to our next meeting in Tianjin on the sidelines of the SCO," he tweeted.

his New Delhi residence to discuss easing tensions and advancing diplomatic relations after the 2020 border standoff; Wang Yi delivered an invitation for the SCO Summit in Tianjin and both sides emphasized the importance of border stabil-

ity and tackling terrorism.

The meeting coincided with hefty tariffs imposed by Trump on India for purchasing Russian oil. Mr Wang Yi's visit is part of a three-day trip leading up to the SCO Summit. Earlier, he met National Security Advisor Ajit Doval during the 24th round of Special Representatives' discussions on boundary issues.

Ajit Doval highlighted positive developments, stating, "There has been an upward trend. Borders have been quiet. There has been peace and tranquillity. Our bilateral engagements have been more substantial." He credited leaders' efforts in Kazan last October for setting a new trend that has benefited both nations.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel to Chair Cooperative Leaders' Workshop in Gandhinagar for International Cooperative Year-2025 Celebrations

Legislative Assembly Speaker to Grace Workshop as Guest of Honour

Innovative Seminar Organised to Realize Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Mantra of "Sahkar Se Samridhhi"

Gandhinagar, 19 August 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel will preside over a cooperative leaders' workshop in Gandhinagar on Wednesday, 20th August, marking the International Cooperative Year-2025, celebrated with the theme "Cooperatives Build the Better World" to promote inclusive, sustainable, and resilient organisations in the sector.

Under the leadership of

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the guidance of the country's first Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, the International Cooperative Year is being celebrated across the nation with the mantra of "Sahkar Se Samridhhi" (Prosperity through Cooperation). In this context, the state government's Department of Cooperation, Animal Husbandry, Cow Breeding, and Fisheries has organised this workshop.

The workshop, to be

held at Gujarat National Law University at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 20th August under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, will have Gujarat Legislative Assembly Speaker Shri Shankar Chaudhary as the chief guest.



Minister Shri Mulubhai Bera, Minister of State for Cooperation Shri Jagdish Vishwakarma, and Minister of State for Forest and Environment Shri Mukesh Patel will also remain pres-

ent on this occasion.

In addition, Chairman of Gujarat State Cooperative Bank Shri Ajay Patel, Chairman of IFFCO Shri Dilip Sanghani, and Chairman of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Shri Ashok Chaudhary will also participate in the workshop.

This one-day workshop will also be joined by directors of District Central Cooperative Banks across the state, directors of District Milk Producers' Cooperative Unions, directors of GUJCOMASOL and Agricultural Bank, as well as leading cooperative representatives of the state.

Maharashtra CM Fadnavis, Deputy CM Shinde React To Mumbai Monorail With 400 Passengers Breakdown

(Gns). A major breakdown on Mumbai's Monorail line left nearly 200 passengers stranded for over three hours near Mysore Colony station on Tuesday evening. The incident, caused by a power supply failure amid heavy rains, prompted swift intervention from Maharashtra's top leadership.

On Tuesday evening, a power supply failure stranded nearly 200 passengers on Mumbai's Monorail line for over three hours near Mysore Colony station, prompting Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to order an inquiry and Deputy CM Eknath Shinde to interact with the passengers.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis immediately issued directions to rescue agencies after learning of the monorail's failure. In a statement, he emphasized that passenger safety was the government's "highest priority" and assured that a full-fledged inquiry would be conducted.

"I am in constant contact with the MMRDA Commissioner, the Municipal Commissioner, and the police. All agencies are working together to ensure the safe evacuation of passengers. Nobody should panic," Fadnavis said.

He also ordered the Mumbai Metropolitan

Region Development Authority (MMRDA) to submit a detailed report on the causes of the malfunction.

Deputy CM Eknath Shinde went a step further by virtually interacting with passengers after their



evacuation, reassuring them of the government's commitment to their safety. His message was aimed at calming nerves and restoring public confidence in the city's transport systems.

"I personally spoke to

passengers who went through this ordeal. The government will not tolerate negligence, and strict action will be taken once the inquiry report is received," Shinde said.

The incident The monorail, carrying almost double its designed load capacity of 109 metric tonnes, stalled on a sharp curve when an emergency brake system activated. Attempts to tow the train with another rake failed, leaving it suspended several feet above ground.

Rescue teams had to break windows and use cranes, ladders, and scissor lifts to safely bring passengers down by 9:15 pm. Buses were then arranged to take them home.

Sarma Warns Against 'External Interference' in Assam's Citizenship Matters, Cites Past NRC Experience

(Gns). Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma issued a strong caution to individuals and groups from outside the state, warning them against intervening in Assam's sensitive issues, such as the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and eviction drives.

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday, Sarma alleged that certain activists and professionals from other states have been visiting Assam with what he termed as "an agenda to protect foreign infiltrators."

He said the government is closely monitoring their activities and assured strict action if anyone crosses legal or political boundaries. "Some personalities from outside Assam have come with an agenda to protect

foreign infiltrators. Even during the NRC exercise, these people disrupted the process. This time, the toolkit of activists like Harsh Mander will not

Kerala. The Chief Minister's remarks revive memories of the controversial NRC exercise in Assam, conducted under the supervi-



work," Sarma declared.

He specifically referred to the recent visits of Irfan Ali, an engineer; Neha Darban, an advocate at the Mumbai High Court; and several individuals from

sion of the Supreme Court between 2013 and 2019.

The process is aimed at identifying Indian citizens in the state and weeding out illegal immigrants, largely perceived to be from

Bangladesh.

However, it left nearly 19 lakh people excluded from the final list, sparking widespread criticism from rights groups who flagged errors, wrongful exclusions, and allegations of bias.

Activists like Harsh Mander, who sought legal recourse for excluded individuals, were accused by the state government of obstructing the process.

Sarma alleged that deliberate manipulation of records took place during the NRC update.

"False entries were made by exploiting identical names and including ineligible persons. Over the past five years, the government has collected evidence of such anomalies, which we plan to present before the Supreme Court," he said.

MP-MLA court in Varanasi to hear Rahul Gandhi's case on August 25

(Gns). The special MP-MLA court in Varanasi on Tuesday heard the case in a matter related to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's alleged provocative remarks made against the Sikh community during his visit to the United States in September 2024. The court has fixed August 25 as the next date of hearing.

Advocate Vivek Shankar Tiwari said that advocate Anuj Yadav submitted an adjournment application on behalf of Rahul Gandhi. Opposing this, the plaintiff argued that



there is no justification to hear the opponent under section 173 (4). On this, the court said that the issue will

be debated again on the next date, August 25.

During his US visit in September last year,

Gandhi had made a statement regarding the religious freedom of the Sikh community in India. Nageshwar Mishra, a resident of Tilmapur, Varanasi, had filed a petition against this statement.

Tiwari said that Nageshwar Mishra had filed a case in the court of Judicial Magistrate (II), which was rejected by the court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (MP/MLA) after the hearing. Following this, Nageshwar Mishra filed a monitoring petition in the Sessions Court, which was accepted by the court on 21 July.

UP sets example in construction of PM housing, ahead of national average

(Gns). The vision of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and his fast-paced working style have taken the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin to record achievements in Uttar Pradesh.

While it takes an average of 299 days to construct a house at the national level, Uttar Pradesh has set an example by constructing a house in just 195 days. Uttar Pradesh has so far completed the construction of 36.34 lakh houses against the target of 36.57 lakh houses between 2016-17 and 2024-25. The construction work of the remaining houses is also in progress, officials here claimed on Tuesday.

Along with this, there has been significant progress in the Chief Minister Housing Scheme-Rural run by the state government. 3.51 lakh houses

have been completed against the target of 3.73 lakh, while work is going on rapidly on 22,000 houses.

Under the scheme, UP is at the second position at

ies, and housing completion.

Officials said the constructed houses have been saturated with 99.39 per cent toilets, 93.31 per cent



the national level with 99.37 per cent achievement. Sikkim is at the first position with 99.57 percent, although its target was only 1,399 houses. At the same time, Uttar Pradesh is number one in the Government of India's Performance Index, mason training, social audit, inspection on Area Officer App, land lease to eligible beneficiar-

electricity connections, 94.42 percent LPG connections and 80.02 percent drinking water connections through convergence. With this, Pradhan Mantri Awas is now not just a roof, but is becoming a complete house equipped with facilities.

Recently, in a review meeting chaired by Chief Secretary S P Goyal,

instructions were given that the construction of the remaining houses should be completed soon with standards and quality. Along with this, the beneficiaries should also be linked to schemes like Divyangjan Pension, Widow Pension, Old Age Pension, Motorized Tricycle, so that their overall development is ensured.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Janman Yojana, out of 145 houses approved for the Boksa tribe of Bijnor district, 123 have been completed. At the same time, 587 model houses have been built under the Pradhan Mantri Model Housing (Rural), 190 are under construction. The work of verification of Awas Plus Survey-2024 is also going on at a fast pace. Apart from this, 25,000 women masons have been trained through RSETI in 2025-26.



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Editorial

Critical Moment

When China abruptly tightened exports of rare-earth elements earlier this year, the reverberations were immediate. Automakers announced curtailed production, electronics manufacturers scrambled for supplies, and policymakers denounced what they saw as coercive economic tactics. With more than 90 per cent of the world's rare-earth refining capacity located in China, the initial panic was understandable.

Rare earths are embedded in almost every facet of modern technology ~ from the high-powered magnets in electric vehicles and wind turbines to the sophisticated systems inside missiles and fighter jets. Yet what looks like overwhelming leverage at first glance is also a trap. Every time Beijing brandishes its grip on rare earths, it sends shock waves that accelerate efforts to diversify supply chains. The last time China restricted shipments in 2010, Japan and several other countries poured resources into alternative mining, recycling, and substitution technologies.

That moment planted the seeds of today's diversification drive. The current squeeze is likely to push the world even further down that path. India, in particular, has a rare chance to step forward. With large monazite reserves along its eastern coast and a state-owned firm already engaged in extraction, the country has the geological base to matter. What it has lacked is downstream muscle. That is now changing: New Delhi is courting Japanese and South Korean partners for advanced processing and exploring policy incentives for magnet manufacturing. For India's own defence sector, which needs reliable supplies for missiles, radar and electronic warfare systems, reduced reliance on Chinese goods is a strategic imperative. If these moves align, India could emerge not only as a supplier for global markets but also as a more self-reliant security power. The short-term costs of this transition will be real. Rare-earth separation facilities are complex, capital-intensive, and environmentally fraught.

Heavy elements such as dysprosium and terbium remain difficult to source outside China, and prices are likely to remain volatile for some time. For defence contractors and electric vehicle manufacturers, the adjustment will mean higher costs and supply jitters in the next two to three years. But the long-term trajectory is clear: China's dominance is strongest when the rest of the world remains complacent. By weaponising its advantage, it forces others to invest, innovate, and collaborate. What was once taken for granted is now a strategic priority from Washington to Brussels to New Delhi. Recycling initiatives are scaling up, stockpiling strategies are being refined, and substitution research is accelerating.

China may still enjoy an edge in geology, infrastructure, and industrial know-how. But its own actions risk eroding that edge. Instead of binding the world to its supply chains, Beijing has given competitors a compelling reason to decouple. As new projects come online and technological dependence diminishes, the grip of coercion will inevitably weaken. The lesson is as old as geopolitics: a weapon that is brandished too often eventually loses its power. By turning rare earths into a tool of economic pressure, China may be hastening the day when they cease to be a tool at all.

Mandal Bechraji SIR Accelerates Infra Projects Ahead of Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference

North Gujarat's Growth Hub: MBSIRDA Boosts Industrial Infrastructure as VGRC Nears

North Gujarat Strengthens Industrial Backbone with Major Works at Mandal Bechraji SIR, to Spotlight at Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference

Gandhinagar, 19 August: The Mandal Bechraji Special Investment Regional Development Authority (MBSIRDA), an organisation for development of Mandal Bechraji Special Investment Region is driving transformative infrastructure projects. These projects will further strengthen the industrial ecosystem of North Gujarat. These developments come at a crucial juncture as the region gears up for the upcoming Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (VGRC) for North Gujarat, scheduled on October 9–10, 2025 at Mehsana.

Under its ongoing development initiatives, MBSIRDA has undertaken large-scale infrastructure works, including:

- Construction of 33 km of development plan roads at an investment of about ₹190 crore already completed.
- Construction of 66 km of Town Planning roads with integrated facilities such as water supply, sewage, and industrial effluent pipelines at a cost of about ₹500 crore is under development.

To strengthen the industrial support infrastructure worth Rs 70 crores, MBSIRDA is also planning:

- An additional water treatment plant with a capacity of 20 million litres per day
- Three sewage treatment plants with capacity ranging 4 to 15 million litres per day
- A Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) for industries with a capacity of 19 million litres per day

These forward-looking projects underline Gujarat's commitment to creating world-class industrial hubs while maintaining sustainability and environmental safeguards.

The upcoming VGRC for the North Gujarat region at Mehsana—an extension of the globally renowned Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGS) model—will showcase North Gujarat's economic strengths across agriculture, dairy, food processing, and automobile industries. The progress at MBSIR highlights the region's readiness to attract investments and promote inclusive industrial growth, making it a centerpiece of discussions at the conference. The VGRC aims to encourage wider public participation and foster collaborative growth, reflecting Gujarat's vision of inclusive industrial development.

Mountains in Peril

(Gns).

The tragedy in Kishtwar last week is a grim reminder that the Himalayan landscape, for all its beauty, is an increasingly fragile theatre for human life. In a matter of minutes, what began as an ordinary day on a sacred pilgrimage route to the Machail Mata shrine turned into an unrelenting wave of water, mud, and debris that tore through lives and livelihoods. At least 60 people are gone, many more remain missing, and countless families are left with the unbearable weight of not knowing.

Cloudbursts are not new to the region, but their frequency and destructiveness are intensifying. What sets this disaster apart is its setting ~ along a congested pilgrim route where thousands pass each season, many stopping at Chositi before making the steep climb to the shrine. Here, geography conspires with faith: narrow valleys, fragile slopes, and rudimentary infrastructure stand alongside large gatherings of people whose focus is spiritual, not situational awareness. When the sudden fury came, there was neither time nor space to escape.

Survivor accounts capture the shock: a loud blast-like sound, a surge of sludge in the drains, and the sickening realisation that the ground itself was turning lethal. Some were rescued by security personnel posted for the shrine, others by sheer luck. But for too many, there was simply no path out. The official rescue effort, brave as it is, has been hampered by a lack of resources. Reports from the site speak of a single earth mover working through the debris while the clock ticks on survivors' chances. This is not a reflection of the courage of the responders ~ it is a reflection of systemic under-preparedness for disasters in our mountainous districts. We have known for years that cloudbursts and flash floods will become more frequent as climate patterns shift and the monsoon grows more erratic. Yet, preparedness remains piecemeal. Remote areas often lack basic early-warning systems, resilient shelters, and rapid deployment equipment. Pilgrimage routes, in particular, are rarely designed with disaster mitigation in mind, though they attract large, temporary populations in some of the most hazard-prone terrain in the country. There is an urgent need to rethink how we plan for such events. Early-warning infrastructure should be standard along all high-density Himalayan routes. Local communities must be trained in rapid evacuation and first response, for they are the true first responders when disaster strikes. Rescue teams should be pre-positioned with adequate equipment during peak pilgrimage or tourist seasons.

The human loss in Kishtwar is devastating, but its lesson should not be lost in mourning alone. We cannot control when and where the next cloudburst will strike, but we can control how prepared we are when it does. If the mountains are to remain places of faith and livelihood, they must also become places of safety. Anything less will be a betrayal of those who call them home, and those who journey there seeking something higher.

Punjab National Bank Becomes First Public Sector Bank to Migrate its Corporate Website to Secure '.bank.in' Domain

Customers can now access PNB's corporate website at <https://pnb.bank.in> ~ 19 August 2025: Punjab National Bank (PNB), India's leading public sector bank, has successfully migrated its corporate website to '.bank.in' domain (<https://pnb.bank.in>) in line with RBI circular on "Migration to '.bank.in' Domain" dated 22.04.2025 and under the guidance of Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), which sector's digital transformation.



serves as the exclusive registrar for this domain. This marks a significant milestone in the Indian banking

With this move, PNB has become the first Public Sector Bank in India to migrate its corporate website to the secure '.bank.in'

When words can become weapons

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 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 Suraksha Sanhita 2023, operates within the same logic: words can radicalise, and when they do, states 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, sparking months of unrest that left more than 90 dead and thousands injured.

The lesson, officials argue, is clear: narratives matter as much as weapons. Experts warn, however, that ban salone may not suffice . Suppressing one set of books without offering alternatives risks ceding 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 trib-

Trump vs BRICS

(Gns).

US President Donald Trump's mercurial behaviour reminds one of a boy named Calvin in a classic comic strip, Calvin and Hobbes, by Bill Watterson. When Calvin looks at a tiger called Hobbes, the boy sees a real tiger while everyone else sees Hobbes as a toy. Calvin forms a club called 'Get Rid of Slimy Girls', and his main purpose is to exclude his neighbour Susie Derkins from the treehouse.

Trump too keeps shifting the goal-post when it comes to using tariffs as his trump card. BRICS is a special target for the whimsical president. Two BRICS members, Brazil and India, have been targeted with 50 per cent tariff. The Trump administration has now threatened to impose additional tariffs on India if the Trump-Putin peace talks fail. Former US National security adviser John Bolton has described Trump's tariffs against India as "unforced error." While India's response is sober and somewhat restrained, Brazilian president Lula has described unreasonable tariffs as "unacceptable blackmail." He has called upon India, China and other BRICS members to unite against Trump's tariffs.

The unreasonable tariffs are another form of sanctions. Trump is not known for doing his homework before opening his mouth. He wrongly claimed the US faces 30 per cent tariffs. Trump has cut off aid to this country accusing the government of discriminating against its white minority without any proof. He has already announced that he will not attend the Johannesburg Summit of G20 in November this year. China and Russia are targets of a different kind.

Even before assuming the presidency, Trump had said that BRICS countries trying to create a new currency to replace the US dollar "will face 100 per cent tariffs and should expect to say goodbye to selling into the wonderful US economy." In his attempt to isolate China, Trump has ended up isolating and antagonising India, supposedly Washington's strategic ally in countering China, Brazil and South Africa. Now that Putin has refused to play ball on Ukraine,



runs a trade deficit with Brazil. The fact is that Washington has a \$7.4 billion trade surplus with Brazil. Another BRICS member, South Africa,

Intensive Cleanliness Drive (Phase-II) being carried out in Bhavnagar Railway Division

Under the “Swachhta Abhiyan – 2025 (Phase-II),” an intensive cleanliness drive is being undertaken across the Western Railway’s Bhavnagar Division. This campaign, which commenced on 16th August, 2025, is being implemented throughout the division. Special cleanliness drives were conducted at Veraval, Dhola, Jamjodhpur, Bhanvad, Bhavnagar Terminus and other railway stations, covering station premises, colonies, tracks, etc. where railway staff and cleaning personnel jointly carried out extensive cleaning activities to promote the importance of cleanliness, making the “Swachhta Abhiyan 2025” a success.

According to Shri Atul Kumar Tripathi, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager of Bhavnagar Division, the objective of this campaign is to further improve cleanliness levels



in railway premises, platforms, trains, and offices, and to create greater awareness among passengers about maintaining hygiene. The Bhavnagar Division Cultural Association is also spreading the message of cleanliness through street plays at various stations for passen-

gers and railway employees. As part of the campaign- Intensive cleaning of station premises, passenger waiting halls, toilets, platforms, and tracks is



being carried out. Passengers are being encouraged to avoid the use of polythene and to dispose of waste only in designated bins. Identification and disposal of unnecessary scrap and waste materials is being undertaken. Motivational talks

are being held to spread awareness about cleanliness among employees and their families. Information is being shared regarding waste segregation and disposal of wet/dry waste. Divisional Railway Manager Shri Dinesh Verma, delivering a message of cleanliness, said: “Cleanliness is not just a one-day programme; it is our responsibility, and it should become our habit. Passengers and employees together must keep the Railways clean and beautiful.” He appealed to passengers to contribute towards keeping trains and station premises clean and to make this campaign continuously successful

Tamil Nadu MP Sasikanth Senthil Is 'Mastermind' Behind The Plot To Malign Dharmasthala: Ex-BJP Minister

(Gns). Former minister Janardhana Reddy has levelled explosive allegations, claiming that Tamil Nadu Congress MP and former IAS officer Sasikanth Senthil is the "mastermind" behind what he calls a conspiracy against the Dharmasthala temple. Speaking to reporters, Reddy on Tuesday alleged that Senthil, along with two individuals from Dakshina Kannada, had "prepared an agenda with the intention of bringing a bad name to Dharmasthala." He further claimed that although both the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister were reluctant to pursue the case, an SIT was constituted "under pressure from the high command." Tamil Nadu MP Sasikanth Senthil Behind Plot to Malign Dharmasthala Reddy has demanded a

thorough inquiry into Senthil, who he described as having "leftist views." He urged the central government to order either a judicial probe by a sitting High



Court or Supreme Court judge, or a CBI investigation into the matter. Adding weight to the demand, BJP state president B Y Vijayendra also said that a full-fledged investigation should be conducted to expose the conspiracy. Government, Opposition at Crossroads The matter echoed in the Karnataka Assembly as

well. The Home Minister pointed out that the government had acted swiftly- "within 3-4 hours"-during recent incidents in Mandya and Tumkur involving social media posts. However, critics have questioned the state's hesitation in acting against those allegedly targeting a major Hindu religious centre like Dharmasthala. This has fuelled suspicion that the government may be attempting to shield the conspirators. Meanwhile, Dharmadhikari Veerendra Heggade of the Dharmasthala Manjunatha Swamy Temple has strongly refuted the allegations, particularly those linking the temple to the 2012 Soujanya case, according

to a report in PTI. Soujanya, a 17-year-old PUC student of SDM College, was allegedly raped and murdered on October 9, 2012. Fresh protests have erupted recently, reviving demands for justice and linking the temple to the crime. Heggade dismissed the claims of multiple murders, rapes, and secret burials in Dharmasthala as "baseless and false." In an exclusive interview with PTI, he said: "These issues are baseless and false, and I was really hurt by these accusations. The way things are projected in social media is morally wrong." Welcoming the SIT probe, he added: "We welcomed the SIT the same day. It's good that the state has formed it and once and for all the truth should come out. It's not good that allegations are made and they remain that way."

Rajinikanth-Kamal Haasan To Reunite After Decades? Coolie Creator Plans To Bring 2 Legends In A Film

(Gns). Lokesh Kanagaraj, a renowned filmmaker, is reportedly planning a new project that could bring together two legendary actors, Kamal Haasan and Rajinikanth. This potential collaboration has stirred excitement among fans and industry insiders. Although an official announcement is yet to be made, the buzz around this film is growing rapidly. Before the release of Lokesh's recent film Coolie, he had discussions with both Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan about a possible storyline. Reports suggest that production houses RKFI and Sun Pictures are in talks to back this ambitious project. However, these remain unconfirmed speculations circulating on social media.

Filmmaker Lokesh Kanagaraj is reportedly planning a film that could



bring together actors Kamal Haasan and Rajinikanth, potentially backed by RKFI and Sun Pictures, marking their first screen collaboration in 46 years after their last joint appearance in the 1979 film 'Alavuddinum Athbutha Vilakkum'. Karthi might

delay his involvement in Kaithi 2 if this project materialises, while both Kamal Haasan and Rajinikanth have current movie commitments. Karthi, who was set to work on Kaithi 2 after Coolie, has reportedly agreed to postpone his involvement if the new project materialises. The actor's willingness to delay

his commitments adds fuel to the rumours surrounding Lokesh's next directorial venture. In an interview before the release of Coolie, Lokesh revealed that there was an earlier plan for Rajinikanth to star in a film produced by Kamal Haasan. Unfortunately, the pandemic disrupted those plans. Reflecting on this, Lokesh expressed his reluctance to push for it again unless both actors decide independently. Long-Awaited Reunion If this collaboration happens, it will mark the first time in 46 years that Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan share the screen. Their last joint appearance was in IV Sasi's 1979 film "Alavuddinum Athbutha Vilakkum."

Patanjali Honoured with AEO Tier-2 Certificate from World Customs Organization and Indian Customs

(Gns). Coinciding the 78th anniversary of the country's independence, Patanjali Foods Limited, which has become a symbol of trust in every household of India, has added another golden chapter to the history of Swadeshi. The World Customs Organization (WCO) and the Ministry of Finance of the Government of India - Indian Customs have awarded Patanjali the AEO (Authorized Economic Operator) Tier-2 certificate. Patanjali Foods Limited received the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Tier-2 certificate from the World Customs Organization and the Indian Ministry of Finance, recognizing its high standards in global trade, which

will provide over 28 international trade benefits including Duty Deferred Payment and Direct Port Delivery. This certificate symbol-



izes the highest standards of honesty, transparency and supply chain security in global trade. Only a handful of companies among the top companies of India have this status, and in the FMCG sector, only a few companies have received this

prestigious certificate. Now Patanjali's name has been added to this list in golden letters. It is worth mentioning that with this AEO Tier-2 certificate, Patanjali Foods will get more than 28 types of international trade benefits along with Duty Deferred Payment, Bank Guarantee Waiver, Direct Port Delivery (DPD), 24x7 Clearance facility etc. Why is this certificate

special? It is a proof of the quality, integrity, transparent working system and contribution to the national interest of any company. Patanjali has achieved this special standard on the basis of its quality authenticity, Karma yoga, dedication and Swadeshi spirit. This is not just a certificate, but an honour that further strengthens India's economic independence. Swami Ramdev's message: "Today is a day of pride not only for the Patanjali family but for every Indian. Patanjali is moving ahead at a new pace every day in the field of reliability, authenticity, competition and quality and is setting new benchmarks of entrepreneurship in the business sector,

The Chilling Shadow of Blue Drum: Woman Kills Husband In Rajasthan; She And Lover Arrested

(Gns). The blue plastic drum, once an ordinary household object, is fast becoming a symbol of dread. On Sunday, police in Rajasthan's Khairthal-Tijara district pulled out the body of Hansram, a brick kiln worker, from one such drum-reviving memories of the gruesome Meerut case, where a former merchant navy officer was killed and hidden in a cement-filled barrel. A Pattern of Horror In Rajasthan's Khairthal-Tijara district, police found brick kiln worker Hansram's body in a blue plastic drum, leading to the arrest of his wife Sunita and her alleged lover Jitendra. The crime mirrors a recent Meerut case where Sahil Shukla was murdered and hidden

in a similar drum, causing fear and associating the object with hidden violence. Switch To Shorts In Khairthal-Tijara, Hansram's wife Sunita and her alleged lover Jitendra were arrested after neighbours reported a foul stench from their rented rooftop room. Inside, police discovered Hansram's body stuffed in the blue drum, his throat slit and salt smeared over the corpse to speed up decomposition. Woman Kills Husband In Rajasthan Puts Dead Body In Blue Drum Woman Kills Husband In Rajasthan, Puts Dead Body In Blue Drum The method was chillingly familiar. Just weeks earlier in Meerut, Sahil Shukla was murdered by his wife and her lover, who

dismembered him and concealed his remains in a blue drum filled with cement. The repeated use of the same object-common, cheap, and easily available-has left residents shaken, turning the blue drum into an emblem of hidden violence. Ordinary Object, Sinister Symbol What was once seen as a storage tool for water or grains is now being whispered about as a "death drum." Locals say they now view abandoned barrels with suspicion, fearing what might be concealed within.

Victim and Accused Hansram, originally from Shahjahanpur, UP, reportedly struggled with alcoholism and often drank with Jitendra. Police suspect this uneasy relationship spiraled into betrayal and murder. Sunita and Jitendra, who attempted to flee with her three children, were arrested a day after the body was found. Police are investigating the exact motive, but the recurrence of such crimes has left a lasting psychological mark. As one local put it: "Whenever we see a blue drum now, we don't think of water or storage-we think of death."

What was once mundane has now turned into a chilling reminder of how brutality hides in plain sight.



INDIA Bloc Names Sudarshan Reddy As Vice Presidential Candidate

(Gns). Former Supreme Court judge B Sudershan Reddy is named INDIA alliance candidate for the Vice President post. Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge made the announcement on Tuesday. He said, "B. Sudershan Reddy is one of India's most distinguished and progressive jurists. He has had a long and eminent legal career, including as judge of the Andhra Pradesh High Court, Chief Justice of Guwahati High Court and Judge of the Supreme Court. The INDIA alliance has nominated former Supreme Court judge B. Sudershan Reddy as their candidate for the Vice President position, as stated by Congress

national president Mallikarjun Kharge, highlighting Reddy's distinguished legal career and advocacy for social justice. He has been a consistent and courageous champion of social, economic and political justice. He is a poor man and many judgments if you read, will know that how he favored the poor people and also protected the Constitution and fundamental rights." Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge con-

firmed that the Aam Aadmi Party also supports Reddy's nomination. He is scheduled to file his nomination on Thursday, August 21. Reddy, born on July 8, 1946, has a distinguished legal career, having served as a Supreme Court judge from 2007 to 2011 and as the chief justice of the Gauhati High Court. He enrolled as an advocate in 1971. On INDIA alliance VP nominee former Supreme Court Judge B. Sudershan Reddy, RSP MP N.K. Premachandran says, "The strong message we would like to deliver to the public

at large is that the entire Opposition is united. Immediately after the announcement of this candidature, YSR Congress and AAP have extended their support to this candidate. It is a political and ideological contest between the NDA and the INDIA alliance." On the other hand, the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has C. Radhakrishnan, the current Governor of Maharashtra and a veteran BJP leader, as their candidate. Radhakrishnan, who has a long career in public service, is expected to file his nomination on the evening of August 19. His nomination is viewed as a strategic move to strengthen the BJP's presence in South India.



MEA Denies Fake Donation Drive in Nimisha Priya Death Row Case

(Gns). The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has clarified that there is no government-run donation campaign for Nimisha Priya, the Indian nurse from Kerala who has been on death row in Yemen since 2020. Priya faces charges of murdering her Yemeni business partner, Talal Abdo Mahdi, in July 2017. Her execution, initially scheduled for July 16, was delayed following interventions by Indian authorities. The MEA's fact-check unit dismissed claims circulating on social media that donations were being collected in a Government of

India bank account to save Priya. "We have seen claims being made on social media seeking monetary contributions into a Gol-designated bank account in the Nimisha Priya case. This is a fake claim," the ministry said. The clarification came after evangelist KA Paul posted on X (formerly Twitter), asking for ₹8.3 crore in contributions to a supposed official account. In July, Paul had also

released a video appeal from Sana'a featuring Priya's husband Thomas and daughter Mishel, urging the Houthi administration to show mercy. Priya's Situation in Yemen Nimisha Priya is currently lodged in a prison in Sana'a, Yemen's capital, which is under the control of Iran-backed Houthi rebels. The Indian government has been actively engaged in her case, extending legal

and diplomatic support where possible. MEA on Diplomatic Efforts During a weekly briefing, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said: "We continue to closely follow the matter and render all possible assistance. We are also in touch with some friendly governments on the issue." The Indian government has reiterated its commitment to pursuing all diplomatic channels to secure relief for Priya, while urging the public not to fall for misinformation or fake donation campaigns.



Don't Take Harsh Action Against Stray Dogs: Delhi CM Orders Officials

(Gns). The Delhi government has instructed all departments to halt any harsh measures against stray dogs, The Indian Express reported citing sources. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta issued the directive after the Supreme Court reserved its order on pleas regarding the issue last week. "A meeting was held recently, and the Chief Minister has strictly issued directions to all officers concerned to not take any kind of harsh action that may hurt the sentiments of dog lovers or harm the dogs. Until the Supreme Court delivers a final decision, the government will stay on 'watch and ward' mode," the English publication quoted a senior official as saying. The Delhi government, under Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's directive, has

instructed all departments to cease harsh actions against stray dogs, following the Supreme Court's order reservation on related pleas and a prior directive to remove strays. government aims to formulate a policy addressing the public concern, until the Supreme Court delivers its final decision. Earlier, a two-judge bench had ordered the removal of all stray dogs from Delhi-NCR streets.



However, a three-judge bench later reserved its decision amid public backlash against the directive. Background on the Court's Directive On August 11, the Supreme Court, while hearing a case on stray dog bites and rabies, ordered authorities to remove all strays from Delhi-NCR and place them in shelters.

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| 3 | BCT/25-26/186 dt.14/08/2025 | Bandra Terminus:- Provision of Pathways & Lights for STR Maintenance of Trains (Composite Tender) | 9,28,19,858.15 | 6,14,100 |
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TVK Vijay Declares Madurai Conference On August 21 As Defining Moment for Party

(Gns). The Tamilaga Vetti Kazhagam (TVK) is gearing up for a significant event in Madurai. Vijay, the party President, has announced that their second conference will be pivotal moment in Tamil's political landscape. Scheduled for August 21 at Parapatti, this gathering is to be one the largest political events recent years.

a message to supporters, Vijay expressed that this conference would be a historic milestone for TVK. He emphasized the party's readiness to play a crucial role in the 2026 Assembly elections. "The people's deep love and support for TVK will soon be reflected in the political arena. Our dream will be realised, our goal achieved, and a revolution that will overturn the existing order will take shape in the coming months," he stated.

Tamilaga Vetti Kazhagam (TVK) President Vijay announced the party's second conference, a pivotal event in Madurai on August 21 at Parapatti, aiming to play a crucial role in the 2026 Assembly elections and potentially reshape Tamil Nadu's political landscape.

Vijay drew parallels between past electoral victories and TVK's future prospects. He recalled the transformative elections of 1967 and 1977, which reshaped Tamil Nadu politics. He confidently predicted similar outcomes for 2026, stating that "the great electoral history of this land will be repeated, and the people's power will once again define the course of the state."

The upcoming conference is not just about numbers but also about unity and shared vision. Vijay extended an invitation to his supporters with warmth and enthusiasm. "I will be waiting with open arms and an open heart in the land of Madurai, where your emotions are rooted. Let us unite in Parapatti and march together towards victory in the political battlefield," he said.

Historical Context

The significance of this event lies not only in its scale but also in its potential impact on Tamil Nadu's political dynamics. TVK aims to channel public support into tangible political influence by rallying its base and showcasing its strength at this conference.

This gathering is seen as a stepping stone towards achieving TVK's long-term goals. It reflects their ambition to become a decisive force in shaping Tamil Nadu's future political landscape by capitalizing on historical successes.



NLC Bharat Facilitates Largest-Ever Legislative Delegation to US for Global Learning at NCSL 2025 Summit in Boston

19 August 2025: In a momentous stride toward global democratic engagement, 130 Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) and Legislative Councils (MLCs) from 24 Indian states and 21 political parties participated in the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Summit 2025 in Boston, USA. The summit, which took place from August 4 to 6, was Bharat's largest ever state legislative delegation attending the globally respected co-learning platform. This year's NCSL was attended by legislators from 102 countries, making it one of the most diverse gatherings in the summit's history.

Delegates participated in high-impact sessions on global themes including healthcare systems, artificial intelligence in governance, climate change, economic development, women's empowerment, and transportation policy.

They also joined over 100 parallel sessions featuring eminent speakers and legislator-led case studies, fostering cross-border exchanges of policy ideas and legislative strategies.

One of the highlights of the conference was a tour of the historic Massachusetts State House, which gave Indian state lawmakers insight into the Massachusetts state legislative processes. The delegation also visited Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where they interacted with leading scholars and institutional leaders, exploring how academic research can support evidence-based policymaking. The team also met Mr. Wayne Harper, outgoing President of NCSL and congratulated newly elected president Marcus C. Evans Jr.

Speaking on the significance of the summit, Dr. Rahul V. Karad, Founder, NLC Bharat, said, "This historic conference marks a turning point in the journey of Indian state legislators toward global engagement. Through NLC Bharat, we are building a non-partisan, future-facing platform that prepares our lawmakers to lead with knowledge, humility, and global awareness."

The Indian delegation also participated in the 50th anniversary celebrations of the NCSL, where they interacted with senior NCSL leadership and Indian-origin academic and policy experts based in the U.S. These exchanges opened up valuable conversations on the evolving role of legislators in shaping responsive, people-centric governance in the 21st century.

In 2024, NLC Bharat achieved a historic milestone by, for the first time, bringing together 50 state legislators from across India to take part in the NCSL held in Louisville, Kentucky, USA. This groundbreaking initiative set the stage for strengthening democratic capacity through bipartisan learning and global benchmarking. The initiative underscores NLC Bharat's commitment to strengthening democratic capacity. With its emphasis on bipartisan learning and global benchmarking, the program aims to promote legislative excellence, drive policy innovation, and nurture an inclusive democratic ethos among India's elected representatives.



SSP changes the work area of seven inspectors

Mathura. SSP Shlok Kumar has issued an order to seven inspectors by issuing an order. In this, Vrindavan police station in -charge Prashant Kapil has been shifted to the line. Police in -charge Prashant Kapil has been spotted on Janmashtami for chaos in the Sribankebihari temple. Apart from this, Jamunapar police station in -charge Ajay Kishore has been given the responsibility of police station Magorra, police line abroad, in -

charge of Jamunapar police station, Magorra



Senior superintendent of superintendent

Managing Breadth Over Promotion: Cultivating Engineer Curiosity in Hyper-Growth Teams

(Gns). In high-growth engineering organizations, promotions are often what people look for. But for Aishwarya Babu, an engineering leader with experience at Amazon and Compass, it's the less visible practice of cultivating breadth and curiosity that truly drives sustained growth.

Her track record spans some of the most complex and widely used products in tech, widely used subscription-based services and internal systems that power millions of user interactions. Over the years, she's progressed from Software Engineer to Engineering Manager, all while mentoring engineers toward growth paths that don't rely solely on promotions or title changes.

Aishwarya Babu, an engineering leader with experience at Amazon and Compass, emphasizes cultivating breadth and curiosity to drive sustainable growth, guiding engineers through various initiatives and roles, and advocating for adaptability and psychological safety in high-growth environments, as reflected in her leadership practices and published essays. Her approach has resulted in improved customer engagement, optimized backend architecture, and faster iteration cycles.

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China Removes Export Restrictions On Fertilizers And Rare Earths For India

(Gns). China has reportedly removed export restrictions on fertilizers, rare earth magnets/minerals, and tunnel boring machines for India. This decision addresses three significant concerns raised by New Delhi during a meeting between External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi, on Monday.

The announcement comes just before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to China. China has lifted export restrictions on fertilizers, rare earth magnets and minerals, and tunnel boring machines, addressing India's concerns raised during a meeting between External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Wang Yi, with shipments already commencing before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit.

Wang Yi, who is currently visiting India for two days, assured Jaishankar that Beijing had already started implementing these changes. Shipments of the three critical items have commenced. These developments follow India's earlier concerns about sudden Chinese restrictions affecting various sectors, according to a report in the Economic Times.

Impact on Indian Industries

The fertilizer restrictions had previously impacted the supply of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) during the Rabi season. Additionally, delays in shipping tunnel boring machines affected key infrastructure projects, as the reason for imposing these restrictions. However, both countries have been working towards easing tensions following troop disengagement along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Confidence-building measures and trade normalization were part of their discussions last month.

Global Trade Dynamics

This development occurs as the United States adopts a tougher stance on India. Washington has criticized New Delhi's ties with Russia and imposed an additional 25% national security tariff, raising the total levy to 50%. In contrast, the US has shown leniency towards Beijing by extending a trade truce and delaying new tariffs by 90 days while easing export curbs on high-end chips to China.



DM visited water affected areas, consoled people

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh inspected the village Babugarh in view of the rising water level of Yamuna ji. The District Magistrate visited the water level of Yamuna ji. During the Kesighat inspection, he held talks with the sailors and devotees present. He appealed to everyone not to go near Yamuna ji. He instructed the officials to continuously announce around the ghats that Yamuna ji should not be prevented. He gave instructions to do barrier and barricading and instructed to set up a warning board in regular distances. The District Magistrate said that the operation of boats is completely closed. He said that flood affected areas are being inspected by the district officials continuously.

After the inspection of

Vrindavan Keshi Ghat, District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh inspected the village Chhinparai Bangar under the Naujheel area of

District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh inspecting and talking to people

Tehsil Mont. He reviewed the areas of waterlogging. During the inspection, the District Magistrate instructed the concerned Deputy District Magistrates to complete the survey of dam-



ARTO campaigns, six vehicles including two school vehicles closed, invoiced on 17

Mathura. Senior Assistant Divisional Transport Officer Rajesh Kumar has informed that a joint checking campaign was carried out with Assistant Regional Manager at Govardhan intersection against unauthorized vehicles in the district, in which a total of 06 vehicles were closed (including 02 Kanha Makhan Makhan Public School buses, 02 Private Buses and 02 eco are included) and a total of 17 vehicles were chaled. ARTO Rajesh Rajput has instructed all the vehicle owners (bus/truck/taxi/tempo)/school manager/principals of the district not to operate in any case without tax, without fitness, permit vehicles. On finding the vehicle operating without the above forms, legal action will be taken by suspension / canceling registration, whose responsibility will be of the vehicle owner. Passenger / Malkar Officer Ms. Pooja Singh organized a road safety seminar with drivers,



ARTO team acting on Kanha Makhan Public School buses

Can courts rewrite the Constitution? AG questions SC ruling on Governor's powers in Presidential Reference hearing

(Gns). Attorney General for India R Venkataramani on Tuesday questioned the Supreme Court's April 8, 2025 judgment that prescribed timelines for Governors to assent to Bills passed by State legislatures, asking whether the Court could effectively "rewrite" the Constitution by judicial intervention.

Opening the arguments before a five-judge Constitution Bench comprising Chief Justice BR Gavai, and Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, Pamidighantam Sri Narasimha and Atul S Chandurkar, the Attorney General said: "Can the Court go to the extent of taking pen and paper and rewriting the Constitution?"

He contended that in the Tamil Nadu Governor's case, the Court had entered the legislative domain, effectively rewriting Articles 200 and 201 by reading into them interpretations never envisaged by the framers. He maintained that the April 8 judgment should have been referred to a larger Bench, but his to... It was to remedy that situation that the Court

The Bench clarified that it was exercising its advisory jurisdiction under Article 143 and not sitting in appeal over the April 8 ruling. Addressing the maintainability issue, the Attorney General insisted that the hearing could not be thwarted, and it was for the Court to decide whether to answer the Reference after full arguments. His position was supported by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and senior advocates Harish Salve and Neeraj Kishan Kaul.

The Constitution Bench is examining whether the judiciary can prescribe timelines for the President and Governors in granting or withholding assent to Bills. Tamil Nadu and Kerala argued that the Reference is barred, since constitutional questions on Articles 200 and 201 have already been settled in prior rulings—including the April 8, 2025 judgment authored by Justice Pardiwala.

Citing precedents like the 1993 Cauvery Water



request for such reference had not been considered.

The Bench, however, noted that the division bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan had intervened because Bills passed by the Tamil Nadu Assembly were pending with the Governor for an unusually long time without any action. Justice Narasimha observed: "See the egregious situation it had come stepped in. The Bills were pending for so long."

In the morning session, senior advocates KK Venugopal, Abhishek Manu Singhvi, and P Wilson challenged the maintainability of the Presidential Reference, arguing that it was in effect a disguised appeal against the Tamil Nadu Governor judgment. Both Kerala and Tamil Nadu governments also opposed the Reference.