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## India-Russia Oil Trade: Moscow Offers 5% Discount As Trump Imposes Tariffs

(Gns). Russia has announced that it will continue supplying crude oil to India at a 5% discount despite growing pressure from the United States and newly imposed tariffs. The announcement comes after White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt confirmed on Tuesday that President Donald Trump had introduced tariffs on Indian goods in an effort to deter Moscow from pursuing the Ukraine conflict.

Deputy Trade Representative of Russia to India, Evgeniy Griva, said that Indian refiners will receive around a 5% discount on Russian crude purchases, subject to

negotiations. "Despite the political situation, India will continue importing approximately the same level of oil. Discounts are generally a commercial matter, but



usually around 5%, fluctuating slightly," Griva stated.

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at around a 5% discount, according to Deputy Trade Representative Evgeniy Griva, despite U.S. pressure and tariffs imposed on Indian goods due to the

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## No Change In India's Position On Taiwan: New Delhi Rebuts China's Jaishankar Claim

(Gns). India has refuted a claim made by Beijing that New Delhi had reaffirmed Taiwan as a part of China, News18 reported.

The assertion originated from an official Chinese readout following a meeting between India's External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar, and his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi.

India refuted China's claim that New Delhi reaffirmed Taiwan as part of China, clarifying its unchanged stance on maintaining economic, technological, and cultural ties with Taipei; this follows discussions between foreign ministers and pre-

cedes Prime Minister Modi's visit to China.

In response to the Chinese statement, which caused geopolitical specu-

and nuanced position on Taiwan. New Delhi emphasized that, like many other nations, it will continue to foster its robust economic,



lation, India's Ministry of External Affairs clarified that there has been "no change" in its long-standing

technological, and cultural relationship with Taipei.

"There is no change in our position on Taiwan. We

stressed that like the rest of the world, India has a relationship with Taiwan that focuses on economic, technology and cultural ties. We intend to continue it," Business Standard quoted official government sources as saying.

Sources had told News18 that during the meeting, when Wang Yi cautioned India against engaging with Taiwan, Jaishankar reportedly countered by pointing out that China itself actively engages with Taiwan in the same sectors. His retort, "So how is that possible?," underscored India's intention to maintain its independent foreign policy regarding Taipei.

## Amit Shah Tables Contentious Bill To Remove Prime Minister And Chief Ministers Over Criminal Cases

(Gns). Union Home Minister Amit Shah has proposed a contentious law in the Lok Sabha. This legislation allows for the removal of the Prime Minister and Chief Ministers if they are imprisoned for 30 days, even without a conviction. The Opposition has strongly opposed this Constitution amendment Bill, labelling it as "draconian" and accusing the ruling BJP of attempting to turn the nation into a "police state".

Senior Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra expressed her disapproval, stating, "I see it as a completely draconian thing as it goes against everything. To say it as an anti-corruption measure is just to pull a veil

across the eyes of the people." She further criticised the bill's potential misuse, suggesting that any Chief Minister

could be arrested for 30 days without conviction, leading to their removal from office.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah proposed a bill in Lok Sabha that allows removal of the Prime Minister and Chief Ministers if imprisoned for 30 days without conviction, sparking strong opposition from the Congress, AIMIM, and Trinamool Congress, who view it as draconian, with

BJP MP Manan Kumar Mishra defending the bill.

Opposition Voices Concerns Over New Law

Hyderabad MP and AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi voiced his concerns about the bill's implications. He remarked that the BJP government aims to transform India into a "police state". Owaisi questioned who would have the authority to arrest the Prime Minister under such a law. He emphasised that power is not eternal and pledged to oppose these bills.

Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee also criticised the govern-

ment's intentions. He accused them of being focused solely on accumulating power, wealth, and control without accountability. Banerjee condemned what he described as an authoritarian approach and opposed the introduction of this constitutional amendment bill.

BJP Defends Controversial Legislation

Among those supporting the Bill is BJP MP Manan Kumar Mishra. He accused the Opposition of trying to divert public attention from important issues. Mishra argued that preventing individuals who have been jailed for over 30 days from holding ministerial positions is crucial work.



## MEA Rejects Bangladesh Claim Of Awami League Offices In India

(Gns). The Indian government on Wednesday dismissed accusations by Bangladesh's caretaker administration that the banned Awami League had set up offices in India, stressing that New Delhi was unaware of any anti-Bangladesh activity on its soil.

The charge came from the interim government in Dhaka, headed by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, at a time when relations between the two countries are already under strain. Bangladesh's foreign ministry alleged that offices of the Awami League, the party of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, had been established in

New Delhi and Kolkata, a development it warned could damage "good-neighbourly relations" built on mutual trust and respect.

India refuted Bangladesh's claim that the Awami League, led by former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina (in self-exile in New Delhi since August 2024), had established offices in India, while also expressing unawareness of any anti-Bangladesh activity on its soil; this follows growing tensions since the Yunus-led interim government assumed office.

The statement also

claimed that several senior Awami League leaders facing criminal charges in Bangladesh were currently in India. It said that some of them had even planned a "public outreach" at the Press Club of India in New Delhi on July 21. Such political activity, the ministry argued, was an "affront against the people and State of Bangladesh" and could impact bilateral efforts to strengthen ties.

Responding to the allegations, external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India "is not aware of any anti-

Bangladesh activities by purported members of the Awami League in India or of any action that is contrary to Indian law". He added that India does not permit "political activities against other countries to be carried out from Indian soil". Describing Dhaka's accusations as "misplaced", Jaiswal reiterated India's position that free, fair and inclusive elections should be held in Bangladesh at the earliest to reflect the will of its people.

The matter adds to growing tensions since the Yunus-led interim government assumed office last year. India has repeatedly criticized Dhaka's handling of attacks on Hindus and other minorities.



## Kerala CM slams Bill to remove CM/PM; says ploy to hunt down non-BJP govts

(Gns). Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Wednesday came out against the controversial bills that propose laws to remove the Prime Minister, Chief Ministers and Ministers in states and Union Territories, if they are arrested for over 30 days on charges that carry jail sentence of at least five years, saying that those (the bills) are a ploy by the Sangh Parivar to hunt down non-BJP governments.

Chief Minister Vijayan, in a statement here on Wednesday said the Constitutional Amendment

Bills introduced in the Lok Sabha can only be seen as part of the political decision of the Central government to hunt down state governments. He said this is the continuation of the politics of vendetta and hunting using central investigative agencies.

He said there is already a move to destabilize state governments by using central agencies as a weapon. As part of this, Chief Ministers and Ministers who hold constitutional positions in the

country were kept in jail for a long time. But the frustration that they did not resign



was behind the hasty introduction of the Constitutional Amendment bills, CM Vijayan said.

He said the BJP is trying to implement a new experiment of neo-fascist politics

of imprisoning in false cases and disqualifying them for it. The new move is a continuation of the efforts to take away the constitutional rights of the states and to establish that the governors have veto power over the legislature, Pinarayi Vijayan said.

Stating that there is a need to come out united against the present Constitutional Amendments, he urged all democratic forces in the country to raise strong protests against the "Sangh Parivar's anti-democratic move targeting political opponents".

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Editorial

Taxes on trade

The abrupt cancellation of US trade negotiators' planned visit to New Delhi from 25 to 29 August, just days before punitive tariffs were to take effect, marks a pivotal moment in US-India relations. Hopes for a breakthrough or even a temporary respite vanished overnight. What should alarm us most isn't the tariff hike to 50 per cent ~ though that is severe ~ but the clear signal that economic coercion is being wielded as diplomacy.

India finds itself in the crosshairs over its continued purchase of discounted Russian oil, an understandable pragmatic choice. Our energy needs and access to affordable fuel ~ a matter of national interest ~ should not be overshadowed by geopolitical posturing. Western economies, including the US and EU, continue their own imports from Russia, yet India is singled out. This isn't just inequitable ~ it's perilously hypocritical. The US's stubborn insistence that India open its farm and dairy sectors and abandon energy partnerships is revealing: it demands compromise, but delivers little in return. It is a negotiation tilted in favour of one side, undermining the notion of a truly bilaterally beneficial agreement.

The cancellation of the sixth round of talks underscores that the US isn't merely frustrated by lagging progress ~ it is weaponising patience. But let's reflect on India's broader strategy. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day speech, reiterating self-reliance in manufacturing and a protective stance for farmers, was timely. If external forces aim to impose their will through tariffs, India's answer lies in economic resilience ~ diversifying markets, adding value internally, and doubling down on "Make in India."

Even before this crisis, analysts warned that up to 87 per cent of India's exports to the US could be impacted by reciprocal tariffs; with the escalation to 50 per cent, the stakes are existential for key sectors like textiles, gems, pharmaceuticals, and leather. The tariff escalation is also a wake-up call for India's exporters. Too often, dependence on a single dominant market leaves businesses vulnerable to sudden shifts in policy abroad. This is the moment to accelerate outreach to Africa, Southeast Asia, and Latin America ~ regions where India's products are competitive and political frictions less likely to intrude on commerce. There's also a strategic dimension. A breakdown in trust with India weakens the larger geopolitical architecture of the Indo-Pacific, including the Quad.

Nuanced diplomacy thrives on flexibility, not ultimatums. India remains committed to its global partnerships ~ but on terms that respect sovereign interest and economic logic. In solidarity with global opinion ~ from economists calling the US move "self-destructive" to commentators noting the deepening rift between the two nations ~ India must proceed carefully but firmly. The turn of events is not a setback, it is a crucible. It tests India's capacity to stand tall amid multinational pressure, to modernise strategically, and to uphold our values of autonomy, fairness, and resilience. Let the world know: India does not yield under coercion but will always engage on its own terms.

## Geopolitical Awakening

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From New Delhi to Washington, a friendship that once looked like a strategy is turning into a stress test. President Trump has hit India with new tariffs ~ 25 per cent already in effect, and another 25 per cent on the way unless India stops buying Russian oil. If both tiers stand, that's 50 per cent at the U.S. border. There are three simple questions with complicated answers: How big is U.S.-India trade? Why do these tariffs matter?

And who gets hurt first ~ India, the United States, or the broader Indo-Pacific strategy? Washington isn't just arguing about trade balances anymore; it's linking tariffs to geopolitical alignment, in this case, India's energy ties with Russia. New Delhi, for its part, says energy decisions are about price and security, not politics. Right now, Russia supplies 35 per cent of India's crude, roughly 1.75 million barrels a day in the first half of this year.

That's not a dial you casually turn. The trade with the US is big. In 2024, total U.S.-India trade in goods and services was about \$212.3 billion. Goods alone were \$128.9 billion, with \$87.3 billion of U.S. imports from India and \$41.6 billion of U.S. exports to India. The U.S. also traded \$83.4 billion in services with India. That's a deep, two-way relationship, not a one-off fling. And it's diverse. On the goods side, think pharma, apparel and textiles, gems and jewelry, machinery, electronics. On the services side, it's software, IT, business process operations, research, and consulting. The upshot: a 50 per cent tariff, if fully applied and sustained, isn't a tweak ~ it's a pressure washer aimed at a wide

swath of the relationship. Let's go sector by sector. What gets hit first?

Consumer goods and retail: Apparel, footwear, housewares, jewellery ~ anything price-sensitive at big-box retailers ~ takes an immediate hit. Importers either eat the margin or pass costs to shoppers. Jewellers and diamond-cutting supply chains, especially those tied to Surat, were already racing shipments to beat the effective date. Expect some front-loading and then a trough. Industry reports show a pre-deadline export surge to the U.S. jewellery market. Let's look at pharmaceuticals and generics. Tariffs target goods, not services, so pills and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) crossing the border face the tax.

That matters because Indian companies supply a very large share of U.S. generic prescriptions ~ roughly in the 40-50 per cent range, depending on the measure and year. If prices rise or shipments wobble, downstream effects hit insurers, hospitals, and patients. Even small per-pill increases scale up in Medicaid, Medicare, and private pharmacies. Electronics and components are no less important. Indian-made components and assembled gear ~ still a smaller slice than China or Vietnam ~ would see orders paused, rerouted, or renegotiated. Some buyers would pivot to Southeast Asia; others would simply delay.

U.S. exports to India are crucial. India is a growth market for aircraft parts, energy equipment, agri

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In the political chronicles of Uttar Pradesh, few moments will resonate with as much symbolism and substance as the recent 24-hour marathon session of the Legislative Assembly. For the first time in the state's history, elected representatives debated overnight, not on partisan lines but on a shared vision: Viksit Uttar Pradesh by 2047.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath didn't merely table a vision document; he put forth a social contract backed by data, direction, and determination. His message was clear: this was not about politics, this was about purpose. From the prestigious role of Mahantor Chief Priest of Gorakhnath Math, Yogi Adityanath has emerged over the last eight years as a CEO-style administrator, armed with data, economic targets, and the ability to execute. This shift isn't cosmetic; it represents the transformation of UP itself. Yogi's address to the Vidhan Sabha was laced not just with vision but implementation, not just outlays but outcomes aimed at securing real Samajik Nyay, Sushasan and Sewa. Uttar Pradesh has made significant strides in poverty reduction, contributing to India's decade-long effort that lifted 171 million people out of extreme poverty (2011-2023).

The state's poverty rate has dropped, with rural extreme poverty falling from 18.4 per cent to 2.8 per cent and urban poverty from 10.7 to 1.1 per cent by 2022-23. The multidimensional poverty index (MPI) declined from 53.8 per cent (2005-06) to 15.5 per cent (2022-23). Initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Awas

Yojana, delivering over 56.80 lakh permanent homes since 2017 and 235 crore man-days of employment under MGNREGA have empowered marginalized communities. Over 10 million rural families have been integrated into self-help groups for livelihood support, and schemes like Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana and Ujjwala Yojana have provided financial aid and free LPG connections, narrowing the rural-urban poverty gap.

Health outcomes in Uttar Pradesh have improved significantly since 2017. Infant mortality rate dropped dramatically while life expectancy at birth has risen. During the Covid-19 pandemic, UP led India in vaccinations and upgraded healthcare infrastructure with new hospitals and oxygen plants. The state's focus on public health, reflected in a 6 per cent budget allocation for health in 2025-26, has enhanced access to healthcare services. Uttar Pradesh today is India's top producer of wheat, second-largest producer of rice, and a leader in sugarcane, mango and vegetable production.

Since 2017, the state has implemented transformative initiatives like the UP PRAGATI Accelerator, launched in 2022, which supports one million small-holder farmers through AI-driven precision agriculture tools like AI4Sugar and AI4Rice. These tools, integrating satellite imagery and weather forecasts, have helped 290,000 farmers adopt precision irrigation, saving 18-35 per cent

water while boosting yields. Direct-seeded rice (DSR) adoption has surged 400 per cent from 2023 to 2024, covering 80,000 hectares and benefiting 200,000 farmers. Farmer welfare has been prioritized through Rs 36,000 crore in loan waivers and direct benefit transfers under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, supporting over 2 crore farmers.

Electricity supply to farmers has improved from 6-8 hours (2012-2017) to over 22 hours with an 88 per cent subsidy, and 46 lakh farmers have benefited from 2.22 crore metric tonnes of crops purchased at MSP (2017-2025), compared to 94.4 lakh metric tonnes for 1.66 lakh farmers under the previous regime. From severe operational expressways and five more under construction to ten more in the pipeline, UP is building India's largest expressway network spanning over 3,200 km. Under Yogi's leadership, capital expenditure has more than doubled from Rs 69,789 crore in 2017 to Rs 1,47,719 crore budgeted for 2025. Uttar Pradesh has witnessed a remarkable transformation in its aviation infrastructure since 2017, aligning with its eco-

nomie and tourism ambitions. The state's airport network has expanded significantly. Key developments include the operationalization of new airports in Ayodhya, Kushinagar and the near-completion of the Jewar International Airport, poised to be India's largest and a major cargo and logistics hub for northern India. Kanpur and Prayagraj airports have seen modernized civil terminals, with Kanpur's inauguration in 2023 marking a 150 per cent growth in UP's aviation sector since 2017. Upcoming airports and heliports further enhance connectivity, boosting tourism, trade and economic growth in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

The GSDP growth rate tells its own story ~ from 5.5 per cent in 2017 to 8.9 per cent today. In fact, UP today boasts the second-largest state economy in India, contributing 9.2 per cent to national GDP. No transformation is possible without public safety. UP, once labelled as India's 'badlands', has undergone a law ~ and ~ order revolution.

According to N C R B data, incidents of dacoity have dropped by 77 per cent, murder by 20 per cent, and rape by 30 per cent between 2016 and 2023.

The crime rate per lakh population has declined from 165.8 in 2016 to 103.6 in 2023.

Conviction rates in heinous crimes have reached 76 per cent, one of the highest among major states.

Over 68,000 criminals have been arrested under the Gangster Act, and assets worth over Rs 2,500 crore have been seized from mafia elements. So effective has been the government's "zero-tolerance towards criminals" policy that even opposition voices have acknowledged it. During the 24-hour Assembly session, SP MLA Pooja Pal (subsequently sacked by Akhilesh Yadav) openly commended the law-and-order performance, a rare moment of bipartisan recognition in a state known for bitter political rivalries. Over the past seven years, UP has consistently broken records in terms of investment proposals and project implementation.

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civilizational values have been promoted with dignity and scale, turning heritage into a source of soft power and tourism-led growth. The Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, completed under CM Yogi's watch, has already placed the city on the global religious tourism map. Over 2 crore tourists visited Ayodhya in just the first few months after the temple's consecration. Varanasi's transformation under the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor and Mahakumbh has been nothing short of breathtaking. Yogi's vision isn't rooted just in tradition ~ it is tech-forward and future-proof.

With ISRO, UP will soon launch its own satellite to support disaster management, agriculture, and weather tracking.

The state is investing in AI parks, quantum computing clusters, blockchain pilot projects, and drone innovation hubs in collaboration with IIT-Kanpur and other tech partners.

Over 2.3 lakh youth have been trained in future-skills through the CM Abhyudaya Yojana and Skill India Mission.

Plans are in place for Renewable Energy Parks in Bundelkhand and Purvanchal, targeting 22 GW of clean energy by 2030. India's 2047 goal to become a developed country cannot be achieved without UP achieving its own transformation. With a population of 25 crore, UP isn't just India's largest state; it's a test case for India's development model. The \$1 trillion economy target is not just about scale,



farmers. Farmer welfare has been prioritized through Rs 36,000 crore in loan waivers and direct benefit transfers under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, supporting over 2 crore farmers.

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decades and are far more reliable and deeper than Indo-US ties, which vacillate between close and distant. To continue displaying its displeasure, Washington has begun cozying up to Pakistan. It hopes that this would compel India to bend and re-seek favour. However, this is another gamble which failed. To display its intent to distance itself from the US and deny Trump the opportunity of continuing his claim of stopping operation Sindoor, India must not conduct the QUAD summit this year, nor should PM Modi visit Washington as part of his itinerary if he addresses the UN General Assembly next month.

India, while backing calls for dialogue and peace in the Russo-Ukraine conflict, refused to become involved in Washington's attempts to pressurize Russia. India only termed the sanctions as 'unjust.' PM Modi avoided calling Trump or rushing to the US while publicly refuting Trump's claim of having brokered the ceasefire. Neither did India send any delegation to Washington. On the contrary, timed with the US imposing additional tariffs, PM Modi and Putin had a tele-conversation. The MEA statement mentioned that the conversation dwelt on peaceful resolution of the conflict, progress in bilateral ties and 'further deepening the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership' between the two nations.

A further firm message from India flowed from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day. PM Modi, without mentioning the US and tariffs said, "We should not waste our energy trying to shorten someone else's line. We must extend our own line with full energy. The world will respect our strength." Defying American demands on opening the agricultural and dairy sector, he added, "I am standing like a wall for our farmers."

### Washington sees threat in India's strategic autonomy

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The US has suddenly woken up to the fact that India is unwilling to bend and grovel before it as most other nations. The Americans also believe that India's growing power will ultimately be a threat and the way India tilts in its alliances can alter global power balances. Hence, they have begun taking steps to keep India under check by controlling its rise. This approach is the opposite of earlier US governments which let India maintain its strategic autonomy while ensuring it remains an ally, which was far more logical.

For buying Russian oil. And I could see, if things don't go well (in Trump-Putin talks), then sanctions or secondary tariffs could go up." He was hoping India would exert pressure on Russia. On the contrary, there was no response from India. New Delhi was willing to stand its ground. To increase pressure, Bessent directed European nations to follow suit. He

mentioned imposition of additional tariffs on India, "We need some coordination here.

If we want to have a unified front, which will give President Trump maximum leverage, then I think our European counterparts need to do their part (impose sanctions on India)." There was no response from Europe. The reality is that India is a major supplier of refined fuel to Europe, stoppage of which would impact their economy. At the same time, Trump and his allies claim that fear of additional tariffs is pushing India to reduce oil imports from Russia. Trump stated in a Fox News Radio show that additional tariffs "essentially took them out of buying oil from Russia." The truth is that there is no change in Indian companies' procuring Russian oil. The chairman of IOC mentioned, "We have not received any instruction or indication (from the government).

We are continuing with our crude procurement strategy based on economics. It was and continues to be a commercial exercise." There is also a belief within the US, including Trump, that Putin agreed to the meeting in Alaska based on additional tariffs imposed on India. This is Trump's figment of imagination. Indo-Russia ties go back



inputs, and services. If New Delhi retaliates ~ formally or informally ~ U.S. exporters could feel it in many significant ways. So, what can New Delhi actually do? Politically, backing down on Russian oil is hard. India's case is that it's buying discounted barrels to keep domestic inflation manageable ~ and that

because they must. American consumers meet geopolitics at the checkout aisle.

The first visible effects would show up in specialty foods, apparel, jewellery ~ categories where Indian origin is prominent, and substitutions aren't perfect. But the stealth effect is in healthcare: Indian generics and some APIs are embedded in U.S. treatment pathways. A uniform 50 per cent border tax on those goods would raise payer costs or pressure margins for pharmacy benefit managers and hospitals. In an open economy, that's not invisible. Tariffs don't hit services, but sentiment does. If this becomes a broader political fight ~ visas, data rules, approvals ~ U.S. tech firms with Indian engineering hubs and Indian IT majors serving U.S. clients would start scenario-planning around people flows and cloud/data compliance.



Russian crude isn't under the same direct embargo the U.S. placed on Iran or Venezuela. Technically true; politically combustible. Meanwhile, India can try to re-optimize refinery accounts ~ adding Gulf, U.S., or Brazilian grades ~ but swapping 1.75 million barrels per day overnight is not only a refinery-engineering challenge but also poses contractual conundrums. On trade, India has levers ~ tariff tweaks, regulatory speed-ups for non-U.S. partners, or inducements for EU and Gulf markets. But the U.S. isn't just any partner; it is India's largest. A prolonged tariff wall risks eroding India's "China-plus-one" manufacturing pitch to multinationals. In short term, expect exporters ~ textiles, gems, leather, light manufacturing ~ to suffer pain. In the medium term, the pharma and electronics lobby would look for concessions or exclusions. If none are forthcoming, companies would accelerate supply-chain diversification away from the U.S. ~ not because they want to, but

There's a deeper question. Are we watching a strategic partnership reduced to transactional leverage? That's the risk. For two decades, Washington and New Delhi invested in a story: the world's oldest and the world's largest democracies balancing China together. Trade disputes came and went; the security logic endured. Now, the message is, in plain Trump English: change your Russia policy or pay at the border. India hears that as a conditional partnership ~ and starts shopping for non-U.S. options on energy, defense, and tech. According to The Washington Post, this is already straining the relationship. And China watches all of this with interest.

If U.S.-India trust frays, Beijing benefits, strategically and commercially. The Quad becomes wobblier. Joint tech standards drift. Supply-chain "friend-shoring" loses a key friend. What off-ramps exist? What would a de-escalation look like? Three possibilities: Time-bound waivers or exclusions: Washington could carve out critical medicines or selected industrial inputs to limit domestic pain while preserving leverage. The August 6 order allows modifications by the President; the structure leaves room to adjust scope and timing. Instead of a blanket "stop buying Russian oil," the US and India could agree to caps or a glide-path ~ say, a staged reduction with verifiable reporting. India diversifies barrels; the U.S. phases down the extra 25 per cent. There's a possibility of a package deal.

A mini-trade understanding ~ limited agriculture for the U.S.; tariff relief and energy flexibility for India. Quietly engineered, publicly framed as mutual security alignment. Geopolitics is not simple. But the costs of no off-ramp ~ to U.S. patients and consumers, to Indian exporters and refiners, and to the Indo-Pacific's balance ~ get bigger the longer this continues. Allies don't have to agree on everything. But they do have to agree on what matters most. For New Delhi and Washington, that used to be an open-and-shut case: the long game in the Indo-Pacific. Today, the short game is winning. The tariff clock is ticking, and both capitals are calculating, dollars and barrels. This isn't just a trade story. It's a test of whether two noisy democracies can keep a strategic promise when the price of oil ~ and the price of politics ~ goes up.



# WESTERN RAILWAY TO RUN TWO MORE PAIRS OF GANPATI SPECIAL TRAINS

Mumbai, — For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season of Ganpati, Western Railway will run 2 more pairs of Ganpati Special Trains on Special fare between Udhna - Ratnagiri and Vishvamitri - Ratnagiri stations.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details of these trains are as under:

1. Train No. 09022/09021 Udhna – Ratnagiri Weekly Special [ 6 Trips]

Train No. 09022 Udhna – Ratnagiri Special will depart from Udhna every Thursday at 10:00 hrs and will reach Ratnagiri at 20:00 hrs, the same day. Similarly, Train No. 09021 Ratnagiri – Udhna Special will depart from Ratnagiri every Thursday at 21:00 hrs and will arrive Udhna at 10:20 hrs, the next day. The above pair of train will run from 21st August to 04th September, 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Valsad, Vapi, Dahanu Road, Palghar, Vasai Road, Bhiwandi Road, Panvel, Pen, Roha, Mangaon, Veer, Khed, Chiplun and Sangameshwar Road stations in both directions. This train comprises of

Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

2. Train No. 09120/09119 Vishvamitri – Ratnagiri Weekly Special [ 6 Trips]

Train No. 09120 Vishvamitri – Ratnagiri Special will depart from Vishvamitri every Monday at 08:00 hrs and will reach Ratnagiri at 20.00 hrs, the same day. Similarly, Train No. 09119 Ratnagiri – Vishvamitri Special will depart from Ratnagiri every Monday at 21:00 hrs and will arrive Vishvamitri at 11:45 hrs, the next day. The above pair of train will run from 25th August & 08th September, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Bharuch, Surat, Valsad, Vapi, Dahanu Road, Palghar, Vasai Road, Bhiwandi Road, Panvel, Pen, Roha, Mangaon, Veer, Khed, Chiplun and Sangameshwar Road stations in both directions. This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

The booking for Train Nos. 09022 & 09120 is open at all PRS counters & on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit [www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in).

# Madhya Pradesh Student Allegedly Sets Teacher On Fire Over Personal Grudge And Complaint

(Gns). An unsettling incident in Madhya Pradesh has shocked the community. An 18-year-old student, Suryansh Kochar, allegedly set a 26-year-old guest teacher on fire due to a personal grudge linked to a complaint she had made against him. The event occurred at the teacher's home in Narsinghpur district.

The attack happened around 3:30 PM when Suryansh arrived at the teacher's residence with a petrol-filled bottle. Without any warning, he poured the liquid on her and ignited it before fleeing. The victim suffered burns covering 10-15 percent of her body and was quickly taken to the district hospital for treatment.

In Narsinghpur, Madhya Pradesh, 18-year-old Suryansh Kochar allegedly set a 26-year-old guest teacher on fire due to a personal grudge, following a complaint she made against him, resulting in her hospitalization for 10-15% burns. The incident, linked to Suryansh's one-sided affection and an Independence Day comment, led to his arrest by Kotwali police under IPC sections, including 124A.

Background of the Incident

The victim and Suryansh had known each other for over two years. Police revealed that Suryansh harboured a one-sided affection towards her. He had been expelled from Excellence School, where she taught, and was attending another school at the time of the attack.

Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDOP) Manoj Gupta explained that the teacher's complaint about an inappropriate comment made by Suryansh during Independence Day celebrations might have provoked his violent response. "This is a case of one-sided affection and personal vendetta," Gupta stated.

Legal Actions Taken

The police registered a case under Section 124A along with other relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Further actions will be determined after obtaining a complete statement from the victim. Despite the severity of her injuries, doctors have confirmed they are not life-threatening.

Suryansh was apprehended swiftly by Kotwali police from village Kalyanpur under Dongargaon police station area within hours of committing the crime. He is currently in custody as authorities conduct a thorough investigation into this disturbing event.



# Congress Divided: Priyanka Gandhi Opposes ‘PM, CMs Removal Bill,’ Tharoor Says Its Common Sense

(Gns). Shashi Tharoor, already under scrutiny within the Congress for remarks praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, once again distanced himself from the party line on Wednesday. This time, his differing view was on the controversial bill proposing the removal of senior government figures, including the Prime Minister and Chief Ministers, if they face prolonged jail terms.

The Constitution (One Hundred and Thirtieth Amendment) Bill, 2025, to be introduced in Parliament by Home Minister Amit Shah, seeks to mandate that any minister - including the Prime Minister - arrested and imprisoned for more than 30 consecutive days must step down on the 31st day or be dismissed from office.

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has diverged from the party line regarding the Constitution (One Hundred and Thirtieth Amendment) Bill, 2025, proposed by Home Minister Amit Shah, which mandates the removal of ministers, including the Prime Minister, if imprisoned for over 30 days; Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has criticized the bill as anti-constitutional.

Tharoor's position comes just days after he appeared to criticise the Congress for skipping a special discussion in Parliament on Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla. His ties with the party have been uncertain since 2021, when he joined the 'G-23' group of dissenters questioning the Gandhis' leadership.

In recent months, tensions have escalated after his positive remarks about Prime Minister Modi, particularly following his selection to brief partner nations on Pahalgam and Operation Sindoor. The Congress has privately conveyed its discomfort, while speculation about Tharoor's political future has intensified.

Amid rumors of a possible switch to the BJP, Tharoor has firmly denied any such move, insisting that his comments about Modi's "dynamism" were not signs of crossing over. "It is not a sign of my leaping to join the Prime Minister's party... as some people have been implying," he clarified.

Tharoor suggested sending the bill to a parliamentary committee.

The opposition has sharply criticised the proposal, with Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra branding it "draconian." She argued, "Tomorrow, you can file any case against a chief minister, have him or her arrested for 30 days without conviction... and that person ceases to be chief minister? It is absolutely anti-constitutional."

Mr. Tharoor, however, offered a contrasting opinion. "If you are in jail for 30 days then can you continue as a minister? This is common sense. I don't see anything wrong in this. But if there is anything else behind it, then I will have to read it first," he told NDTV. He also said sending the bill to a select or joint parliamentary committee for review would be a "good thing," since detailed discussions within committees are beneficial for the country.

The bill is expected to be referred to a select committee when Parliament resumes, after being adjourned earlier today amid protests by the opposition.



# Abbas Ansari, Son of Mukhtar Ansari, Gets Relief From Allahabad HC, Assembly Membership Restored

(Gns). In a dramatic turn of events, former Mau Sadar MLA Abbas Ansari, son of jailed gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari, has received a lifeline from the Allahabad High Court.

The court on Tuesday set aside his two-year jail sentence, which had been awarded by the MP/MLA Special Court in Mau, thereby revoking his disqualification from the MLA post. The initial sentence was related to inflammatory speeches during the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections.

On May 31, 2025, the Uttar Pradesh Assembly MP/MLA Court in Mau convicted Abbas in a case linked to inflammatory speeches during the 2022 elections. He was sentenced to two years in prison and fined Rs 3,000.

Following the conviction, his MLA post was automatically terminated on June 1, 2025, under the provisions of the Representation of the People Act.

When the District Judge of Mau rejected his appeal on July 5, Abbas approached the Allahabad High Court. After detailed hearings, the High Court had reserved its judgment on July 30 before delivering the verdict today.



# "We Are All Bisexual": Swara Bhasker Says She Has Crush On Dimple Yadav

(Gns). Bollywood actor Swara Bhasker, known for her candid opinions, recently stirred discussions with her views on sexuality. In an interview, she suggested that everyone is inherently bisexual, while also mentioning her crush on Samajwadi Party MP Dimple Yadav; she also addressed online trolls and shared about her identity crisis after becoming a mother.

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She expressed her disapproval by highlighting the ignorance of using such terms, pointing out that "Chhapri" is a casteist slang. Swara further emphasised that there is nothing wrong with being a street vendor from any region, calling out the classist mindset behind such remarks.

Personal Life and Challenges

The actor's personal life has also been under scrutiny. Swara welcomed her daughter Raabiya in 2023 with Fahad Ahmad. She recently opened up about facing an identity crisis after becoming a mother, sharing how this new phase has impacted her sense of self.

In addition to these personal revelations, Swara humorously noted that her outspoken nature might have affected her husband's political career in Maharashtra and possibly Uttar Pradesh as well. Her comments on sexual orientation have added to this speculation.



# 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 Gold-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.

# Case Filed Against Psephologist Sanjay Kumar Over Wrong Voter Data In Maharashtra

(Gns). A case has been filed against psephologist Sanjay Kumar by the district electoral officer (DEO) of Nashik, Maharashtra, for allegedly circulating incorrect voter data regarding the Devlali assembly segment in the 2024 Lok Sabha and state elections.

In a post on X, the DEO urged citizens to verify election-related information only through the official Election Commission of India (ECI) website. The specific charges against Kumar have not yet been disclosed.

Nashik's DEO filed a case against psephologist Sanjay Kumar for circulating incorrect voter data about the Devlali segment in the 2024 Lok Sabha and state elections; Kumar, a CSDS professor, had apologized for his earlier post due to a data misread but sparked a political row, with the BJP accusing him of misrepresenting figures to support the Congress, while the Congress denied these allegations and stated they used official EC data.

Kumar, a professor at Delhi's Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), had issued an apology on Tuesday for an earlier post on Maharashtra elections that inaccurately claimed a significant decline in voter turnout in two assembly seats when compared to the Lok Sabha polls. He explained that the mistake arose from his data team misreading a row, stressing that the error was unintentional.

"The tweet has since been deleted. I had no intention of spreading misinformation," Kumar clarified. A senior researcher at CSDS, Kumar is known for his long-standing work in election analysis.

His apology, however, sparked a political row. BJP IT cell chief Amit Malviya accused him of deliberately misrepresenting the figures to support the Congress, terming it an example of "confirmation bias." Other BJP leaders echoed the charge, alleging that the Congress had used Kumar's data to level accusations of electoral fraud against both the BJP and the Election Commission.

The Congress has denied these allegations, insisting that Rahul Gandhi's recent criticism of the BJP and the EC was based on official data released by the poll panel itself, not on Kumar's figures.



# India successfully test-fires advanced version of Agni-5 ballistic missile

(Gns). India successfully test-fired its Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile 'Agni-5'. In a move that is being seen as a major boost to the defence sector of the country, the test was conducted from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur in Odisha, on Wednesday.

In a statement issued here today, the Ministry of Defence stated that the launch validated all operational and technical parameters. "It was carried out under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command," the statement read. The inaugural test of the Agni-5 missile took place on April 19, 2012.

This is the most sophisticated missile in the Agni series, a group of surface-to-surface ballistic missiles that serve as a key component of India's land-based nuclear defence strategy.

The missile recently test-fired is an advanced version of the Agni-5, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), earlier reports had indicated plans to enhance the missile's range to approximately 7,500 kilometers.

India's Agni missile arsenal now includes Agni-1 with a range of 700 kilometers, Agni-2 capable of reaching 2,000 kilometers, and Agni-3 and Agni-4, which have ranges between 2,500 kilometers and over 3,500 kilometers.



# Bangladesh court imposes travel ban on Sheikh Hasina's former military secretary

(Gns). A court in Dhaka on Tuesday announced a travel ban on Bangladesh's former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's former military secretary Major General (Retd.) Salahuddin Miaji and three of his family members over corruption allegations.

Three of Miaji's family members who have been placed under travel ban include his wife Nazma Begum and daughters Samiha Sabnam and Raisa Sabnam, Bangladesh's leading newspaper Daily Star reported. Judge Zakir Hossain Galib of Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court announced the decision after ACC Deputy Director Rezaul Karim, who is leading the inquiry team, presented an application in this regard.

In the application, the ACC official claimed that Miaji, who is also a former lawmaker from Jhenaidah-3 constituency, received a huge amount of money through illegal means and corruption. He was involved in grabbing land through abuse of power at Chanchra union of Jashore. Furthermore, he developed a park on 400 bigha of land at Chanchra union.

The ACC official stated that a credible source informed him that Miaji and his family members were trying to flee the nation. In case they escaped from the nation, the inquiry into the allegations brought against them will get hindered. The ACC in its application stated that an order is needed to stop them from running away from the nation,

## WESTERN RAILWAY POWER SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT

Sr.DEE/P/BCT invites Tender Notice No: EL-81-921-WA-36 Dated 18.08.2025 Work and location: Mumbai Division - Improvement to reliability of power supply arrangement by replacement of LT panels. Approx. cost of work: ₹4,60,40,722/- EMD: ₹3,80,200/- Date & Time of submission: till 09.09.2025, 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of opening: On 09.09.2025 at 15.30 hrs. For further details please visit our website [www.treps.gov.in](http://www.treps.gov.in). 0512 Like us on: [facebook.com/WesternRly](https://www.facebook.com/WesternRly)



# The District Magistrate inspected the MLA with the rising water level

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh inspected the village base Ferozpur Bangar under the Naujheel area of Tehsil Mont in view of the rising water level of Yamuna ji. The District Magistrate took information about the problems from the villagers and assured that the district administration is standing with you and you will not be allowed to have any kind of problem. All facilities will be provided. MLA Manat Rajesh Chaudhary also held talks with the villagers and announced two roads connecting the village on their request and said that the

roads will be constructed soon. He instructed the officials that they continued to announce in the villages around the water.

The District Magistrate gave instructions to do barrier and barricading and instructed to set up a war board of warning in regular distances. He said that flood affected areas are being inspected by the district officials continuously. The District Magistrate held talks with the common people, inquired about the

problems and gave instructions to the officers for prompt disposal. The District Magistrate



District Magistrate CP Singh inspecting with Mont MLA Rajesh Chaudhary

reviewed the areas of waterlogging. During the inspection, the District Magistrate directed Deputy

District Magistrate Mont Ritu Sirohi to complete the survey of damaged houses and waterlogging fields. Negligence in survey works will not be tolerated. All should be compensated as per rules. No one should be released. The District Magistrate directed that all the affected families should shift to safe places. 24 hours duty should be imposed in all relief camps. Deputy District Magistrate Mont Ritu Sirohi, Tehsildar Brajesh Kumar, Naib Tehsildar Rakesh Kumar and village head, secretary, accountant etc. were present in the inspection

# Mathura: Fierce fire in chemical tanker, two firefighters scorched

Mathura. There was chaos on the Jaipur-Bareilly highway at 4:30 am on Wednesday, when a tanker filled with chemical coming from Raya suddenly overturned near village Manoharpur. As soon as the tanker was overturned, the fire erupted and on seeing it, high flames started rising. As the news of the accident spread, panic spread in the surrounding area and a huge crowd gathered on the spot. After receiving the information, five vehicles of the fire department and the teams of the refinery reached the spot. The fire was so huge that a tank of the tanker exploded with a loud explosion. Meanwhile, FSO Kishan Singh and Fireman Shakira, who were engaged in an attempt to extinguish the fire, were scorched. Both were immediately rushed to the hospital. Fire officials said that there were a total of four

tanks in the tanker, one of which had burst. It took



Fierce fire in chemical tanker

time to overcome the fire due to the chemical in the tanker.

FSO (Fire Station Second Officer) of Mont Fire Station, Kishan Singh said- fire was reported in the tanker at 4 am. Arrived on the spot with the team. Trying to extinguish the fire, when the chemical fell on me and the fireman fell on Shakir. We both got scorched. We extinguished the fire after 4 hours of hard work. The team of Mont, Bhuteshwar and

Refinery continued to control the fire. 5 vehicles of the fire

department hit the pressure of water continuously on the fire, then the fire was extinguished. Mahavan police station in-charge Yogesh

Yadav said- After the fire, the driver ran away from the tanker and ran away. The paddy of the tanker Sambhal came out of the bio organic plant at 6 pm on Tuesday evening. Mathura was going to the refinery. Kishan Singh said- The biggest problem was in controlling fire. There was a risk in going to the tanker, as the remaining 3 tanks were in danger of bursting. Still we were busy extinguishing the fire with the team. Two fire-

fighters were scorched. Both have been admitted to the Golden Jubilee Hospital for treatment. The technical team has been called on the spot. The chemical sample was sent to the refinery lab. Which can show which chemical is. Police said- On information from the tanker number, it was found that the owner had sold. But the one who bought the tanker had not yet got his name. People living in the surrounding area said- We were sleeping in our house. Suddenly the sound of the blast was heard, it seemed as if there was a bomb blast. When he came out, the strong flames were seen rising. All the people of the village were scared. When he went there, the tanker was overturned. Flames were coming out. Smoke was being raised in the sky. Our crop was also burnt.

# Mathura: Five smugglers arrested while smuggling illegal liquor, six lakh liquor seized

Mathura. Police Station Shergarh police have arrested five accused in the case of illegal liquor smuggling. The police raided the information of the informer near Dharamshala in Tularam on Umbrella Road. A truck and a Mahindra TUV-500 car were seized from the spot. Police recovered 150 cases of Haryana Marka English liquor and 26 sacks Shriram Poly Vinyl Chloride Chemical from the possession of the

accused. The price of Quarter and 7 Petty All

seized liquor is about 6 lakh rupees. The arrested accused include Abid (45), Aslam (28), Sajid (25), Yasir (27) and Shahzan (30). All are residents of Nuh Mewat district of Haryana. The recovered liquor includes 40 boxes of bottles, 63 boxes of Royal Challenge Quarter, 40 Pett Royal Stag



Accused smuggler in police custody with alcohol

Season Quarters. Preliminary investigation has revealed that the accused were planning to bring liquor from Haryana to the district. According to SP Rural Suresh Chandra Rawat, a case has been filed against all the accused under Section 60 (1)/63/72 of the Excise Act and sent them to jail. The police is now investigating other smugglers and networks associated with this gang.

# Yamuna water level rises, power supply interrupted in many places

Vrindavan. The water level of Yamuna is steadily increasing. Due to which flood water has entered many colony, so the power supply of these areas has been stopped. His supply has been completely discontinued due to the rise in the water level of two transformers Yamuna river of 250 KVA of Bhakti Vihar Colony under the region of the Crazy Baba Bijli Ghar. The 100 KVA transformer before Bhakti Vihar Colony has also been completely

closed due to submergence. At the same time, due to about 50 percent of the LT line of 2 pieces installed for Shri G Vatika Colony, the line has been separated from the line by opening the section. Along with this, about 40 percent of the 400 KVA transformer Kalindi Vihar is submerged and the submerged area has been completely shut down from the current line. The transformer supply has been completely discontinued due to the LT

line of the 100 kVA transformer installed on the



View of flood water enters Yamuna coastal illegal colony

Gau Ghat being submerged. Due to the increase in the water level of Yamunaji, the power supply of about 500 consumers is interrupted in

view of security, which will be smooth only when the water level of Yamuna decreases. In such a situation, advisory has been issued by the administration and public representatives that with the rise in the water level of the Yamuna river, the power panels and tubewells along the Yamuna can be closed at any time due to the arrival of water. Therefore, ensure storage of water and fill the tanks

# Union Bank of India Bags 16th NCPEDP - Mphasis Universal Design Awards 2025 for Inclusive Innovation in Digital Accessibility

August 20, 2025: Union Bank of India bags the 16th NCPEDP - Mphasis Universal Design Awards 2025 under the Role Model Companies and Organizations category in recognition of its groundbreaking work in advancing digital accessibility through its Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) App, Accessible Digital Library for Employees with Disabilities, Corporate Website meeting WCAG global accessibility

standard and its overarching accessibility initiative, Union Access.

The award was given by Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Hon'ble Secretary, Dept. of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Govt. of India. It was received by Shri Sanjay Narayan, Chief General

Manager & Zonal Head, Delhi & Shri Jithender Maniram, General Manager, Dept. of



Union Bank of India team receiving award

Ceremony held at New Delhi. This prestigious award celebrates individuals and organizations that have made exceptional contribu-

tions to creating universally designed, inclusive environments for people with disabilities.

Union Bank of India is committed to accessible innovations and inclusive design practices that empower all users. This award asserts Union Bank of India's long-term vision of building more inclusive banking and reaffirms its leadership in Universal Design and accessible banking innovations.

# Police and Expressway Authority meeting to stop road accidents

36 people died in 7 months

Mathura. Additional Superintendent of Police Rural and Additional Superintendent of Police Traffic and Express-Way Authority held a joint seminar at the administrative office at Mont Toll Plaza to prevent road accidents on Yamuna Expressway. In the discussion at the seminar, it was found that till July this year, a total of 36 persons died in the road accident while a total of 46 persons died on the expressway in road acci-

dents in the last year. Noida has the highest number of road accidents between 93 to 95 km and 121-125 km between 93 to 95 km and 107 to 110 kilometers, due to which the public has been due to the public to break the expressway railing and make unauthorized routes, for which it was decided that it was decided that on those routes it was decided that strong iron railings on those paths



Additional Superintendent of Police Rural and Additional Superintendent of Police Traffic and Express-Way Authority while meeting

were decidedWill be installed.The signs of speed limit which have

become old will be replaced by new reflective signals.50 p road accidents have been caused by car collision in heavy vehicles operating by car, for which it was ensured that signs of driving of vehicles would be installed and all toll plazas will have a rumor driving announcement. The coverage of CCTV camera in 84 km of Mathura area of Expressway will be taken by the Authority to increase from the current 14 locations to 34 locations, so that the entire expressway can be covered

# COLORS' 'Pati Patni Aur Panga' turns reality around with patis bearing labour pain & a special AI wedding

This week, COLORS' 'Pati Patni Aur Panga – Jodiyon Ka Reality Check' serves a steaming plate of dinnertainment that promises to leave viewers stuffed with laughter, shock, and emotion.

Host Sonali Bendre sets the tone with a challenge that instantly tilts the power dynamic: for one day, the patis call the shots, and the wives must do exactly as they say. Cheers erupt, grins widen, and no one seizes the moment more gleefully than Gurmeet Choudhary, who finally gets to live out a long-held (and somewhat sinister) fantasy-snipping wife Debinna's nails. The audience chuckles, but Debinna's horror is palpa-

ble. Those nails, painstakingly grown over two years, meet the clippers in a moment every woman will cringe at.

But if the men thought they'd have it easy, they're in for the shock of their lives. In a twist worthy of poetic justice, the patis are strapped with artificial baby bumps and plunged into a "pregnancy simulation." Suddenly, everyday tasks such as lifting, bending, walking become awkward. The laughter from the wives is infectious, but the true test lies ahead, enduring simulated labour pains

through a device wired to the bump.

And just when you think the episode has peaked, it



delivers its most heart-warming moment. Sudesh and Mamta, married for 40 years, confess they have no video of their wedding. The show steps in with a jaw-dropping gift, using cutting-edge AI to recreate their shaadi in stunning

detail. The set erupts in cheers as their youthful AI avatars of Sudesh and Mamta exchange garlands and take the seven pheras. But when the nostalgia fades and the final scores are tallied, whose grit, wit, and stamina will reign supreme in this epic battle?

Nivea Body Milk Presents Pati Patni Aur Panga... Jodiyon Ka Reality Check. Co-powered by

Sugar Free Green, Rajdhani Besan, Cadbury Dairy Milk, Pour Home Air Fresheners and Envy Perfumes. Special Partner Vikram Tea, Colgate and Catch Masale, airing every Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 PM, only on COLORS.

# Century-Old Islamic Masterpiece "Uleema e Haal" Revived in Landmark Lucknow Ceremony

LUCKNOW – In a significant contribution to Islamic scholarship, the All India Muslim Intellectual Society (AIMIS) today launched the revised edition of "Uleema e Haal (1858-1912)" at Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama. This seminal biographical work, originally authored by 19th-century scholar Hazrat Maulana Mohammad Idrees Nagrami (RA), resurrects the legacies of 423 pioneering Islamic scholars. Mostly those whose significant contributions had faded from modern discourse.

First published in 1897 (1315 Hijri), this authoritative edition transforms archival texts into an accessible academic resource.

The project's significance is deeply rooted in history. The original work was commissioned at the request of the visionary Hazrat Maulana Shah Syed Mohammad Ali Mungeri (Kanpuri) RA, founder of Nadwatul Ulama, who recognized the need to preserve these valuable historical accounts and to preserve this critical intellectual heritage.

Notably, Hazrat Maulana Mohammad Idrees Nagrami (RA) maintained a remarkably inclusive approach in this work, consciously acknowledging

Maulana Allama Shibli Nomani (RA), Hazrat Maulana Altaf Hussain Haali among many others.

This was now meticulously edited by Dr. Ammar

was presided over by Hazrat Maulana Syed Bilal Abdul Hai Hasani Nadwi, Rector of Nadwatul Ulama, who praised the work as "an indispensable bridge between eras."

The event was attended by eminent Islamic scholars and uleema's including Maulana Umair Siddiq Nadwi (Darul Musanifeen, Azamgarh) and senior scholars from Nadwatul Ulama Like Maulana Khalid Ghazipuri, Maulana Mufti Niyaz Ahmad, Maulana Ateeq Bastawi, Maulana Zaki Noor Azeem, Maulana Dr Idris Nadwi, Maulana Ammar Hasni and many others.

As the inaugural volume in AIMIS's groundbreaking series dedicated to preserving India's Islamic scholarly heritage, this release marks a pivotal step in rekindling the intellectual and spiritual brilliance that has guided centuries of scholarship.

The book is now available at the Majlis e Tehqeeq wa Nashriyat (Research & Publications Department), Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama, Lucknow.



# Supriya Lifescience Ltd. Reports Rs 145.07 Cr Revenue and 35.6% EBITDA Margin in Q1 FY26

20 August 2025: The unaudited financial statements for the Q1FY26 results have been released by Supriya Lifescience Ltd., a cGMP-compliant business with a strong track record in API manufacturing and a focus on products from a variety of therapeutic segments, including anti-histamine, anti-allergic, vitamin, anaesthetic, and anti-asthmatic. The company has spread its business in more than 86 countries across the globe.

Key Highlights for Q1 FY26:

In Q1 FY26, Supriya Lifescience Ltd. witnessed a 9.7% year-over-year decline in Revenue to Rs 145.07 crore compared to Rs 160.63 crore in Q1 FY25.

EBITDA for Q1 FY26



stood at Rs. 51.70 crore, with an EBITDA margin of 35.6%, as against Rs 62.54 crore in Q1 FY25 with a margin of 38.9%.

The Profit After Tax (PAT) for Q1 FY26 was Rs 34.79 crore, compared to Rs 44.64 crore in Q1 FY25.

The PAT Margin stood at 24.0% in Q1 FY26 versus 27.8% in Q1 FY25.

Anaesthetic segment led the revenue in Q1, contributing 53% to the revenue vs 45% in Q1 FY25.

European markets now contribute 41% of our business revenue in Q1 FY26,

up from 34% in Q1 FY25.

Capacity Utilisation has recovered from 70% in FY25 to 76% in FY26. In order to support the future growth of various business segments, the company has acquired three separate land parcels near different plants.

Mr. Satish Wagh, Chairman and Managing Director, Supriya Lifescience Ltd, commenting on the results, said, "Our Q1 results reflect a temporary impact from the delay in the production facility campaign due to

essential repair and maintenance at our Lote facility. These upgrades were critical to improving the efficiency of our older blocks and enabling full utilisation of Module E for upcoming product launches. Despite the revenue dip, EBITDA margins remained strong at 36%, backed by improved backwards integration and increased contribution from regulated markets. With the Ambarnath site progressing towards commercial production in Q4, a strong pipeline of 3-4 product launches in FY26, and healthy demand across key therapeutic areas, we expect the second half to recover the delays from H1. We remain on track to deliver ~20% growth and reach Rs 1,000 crore revenue by FY27."