



Modi, Macron exchange views on efforts for peaceful resolution of conflicts in Ukraine, West Asia

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday held a telephonic conversation with French President Emmanuel Macron on Thursday during which both the leaders exchanged views on efforts for peaceful resolution of conflicts in Ukraine and in West Asia.

During the course of conversation, the French president shared assessment of the recent meetings held between the leaders of Europe, US, and Ukraine in Washington.

Macron also shared his perspectives on the situation in Gaza.

In a post on X after the telephonic conversation, Modi said, "Had a very good conversation with my

friend President Macron. Exchanged views on efforts for peaceful resolution of conflicts in Ukraine and in West Asia. Reaffirmed our commitment to further strengthen the India-France strategic partnership."

An official statement here said, "Today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a phone call from the President of the French Republic Emmanuel Macron."

PM Modi reiterated India's consistent support to peaceful resolution of the conflicts and early restoration of peace and stability.

"The leaders also reviewed progress in the bilateral cooperation agenda, including in the areas of trade, defence, civil nuclear

cooperation, technology and energy. They reaffirmed joint commitment to strengthen India-France



Strategic Partnership and mark 2026 as 'Year of Innovation' in a befitting manner," the statement said.

Macron also conveyed support for early conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between India and the EU.

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versation, the French President also shared a post on X.

"I have just spoken with Prime Minister @NarendraModi. We coordinated our positions on the war in Ukraine in order to move towards a just and lasting peace, with strong guarantees for Ukraine and Europe's security," he said.

"On trade issues, we agreed to strengthen our economic exchanges and our strategic partnership in all areas — this is the key to our sovereignty and independence. Following up on the AI Action Summit held in Paris last February, we are working towards the success of the AI Impact Summit to be held in New Delhi in 2026," the French President said.

China biggest purchaser of Russian oil: Jaishankar's sharp response to US tariff hike

(Gns). In a sharp response to the United States' decision to impose 25 per cent additional tariffs on Indian goods for purchase of Russian oil, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday asserted that China and the European Union were the biggest purchasers of Russian oil and LNG than India.

In a joint press interaction with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in Moscow following their talks, Jaishankar stressed that India is not the biggest purchaser of Russian oil.

He further said India also buys oil from the US, and that amount has increased.

"We are not the biggest purchasers of Russian oil, that is China. We are not the biggest purchasers of LNG, that is the European Union. We are not the country which has the biggest trade surge with Russia after 2022; I think there are some countries to the South. We are a country where the Americans have said for the last few years that we should do everything to stabilise the world energy market, including buying oil from Russia. Incidentally, we also buy oil from the US, and that amount has increased. So

honestly, we are very perplexed at the logic of the argument that you (the media) had referred to,"



Jaishankar said.

US President Donald Trump announced 25 per cent tariffs on Indian goods in July, even as there were hopes of an interim India-US trade deal that would have otherwise helped

avoid elevated tariffs. A few days later, he imposed another 25 per cent tariff, taking the total to 50 per cent, citing India's continued imports of Russian oil.

During the press interaction, the External Affairs Minister said his meeting with the Russian Foreign Minister allowed a comprehensive review of the entire gamut of India-Russia bilateral relations.

"We believe that relations between India and Russia have been among the steadiest of the major relationships in the world after the Second World War. Geo-political convergence, leadership contacts and popular sentiment remain its key drivers," he said.

Natural for Oppn with full of criminals to question law: Dharmendra Pradhan

(Gns). Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan came down heavily on the Opposition parties for opposing the legislation to bar criminals from holding high ministerial posts.

Speaking on the death anniversary of former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Kalyan Singh and the third Hindu Gaurav Day, Pradhan said it's natural for parties like the Congress, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), and their allies full of criminals to question the law. Once the legislation is enacted, they will find themselves in the dock.

Citing the example of Kalyan Singh not signing

the order to shoot at Ram bhakts during the Ram Mandir movement and

morality of the Congress and the other Opposition parties.



resigning from power and that of Kejriwal not leaving power even after going to jail on corruption charges, Pradhan questioned the

He said Kalyan Singh was not just a person or a leader but an idea and a ritual.

On the occasion, senior

BJP leaders, Uma Bharti, Kalraj Mishra, Deputy Chief Ministers of UP Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, BJP state president Bhupendra Chaudhary, and Rajveer Singh remembered Kalyan Singh, calling him the inspiration of nationalism and good governance.

Dharmendra Pradhan said that a law was placed before the Joint Parliamentary Committee in the Parliament yesterday. "According to the law, if the prime minister of the country, chief minister of any state, and minister go to jail, they will have to leave the throne within 30 days," he said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh meets India's first ISS astronaut, Gp Capt Shubhanshu Shukla

(Gns). Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, the first Indian astronaut onboard the International Space Station (ISS), here today. Congratulating Shukla on his achievement, the defence minister called it as a major milestone in India's journey towards human spaceflight.

In a post on X, Singh wrote that he discussed with Gp Capt Shukla the inspiring space journey, the vital experiments he undertook in orbit, advances in science and technology, and the road ahead with India's pioneering Gaganyaan mission.

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Singh acknowledged the astronaut's contribution through the vital scientific experiment conducted in orbit and appreciated his

role in advancing India's space research and exploration capabilities. He expressed confidence that his inspiring journey will motivate young minds to pursue careers in science, technology, and space exploration.

The defence minister Rajnath Singh underlined the pivotal role of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in India's space programme, including astronaut selection,

training, and mission support in collaboration with ISRO. He emphasised that the professionalism and expertise of IAF personnel are vital enablers of the country's progress towards manned space missions.

With globally recognised achievements in lunar and Mars exploration, India is now moving towards the manned space missions and furthering it into the establishment of its own space station. The successful journey of Gp Capt Shukla aboard the ISS is a significant step in that direction, demonstrating the synergy between ISRO, IAF and other national stakeholders in advancing the nation's stature as a spacefaring nation.

Jaishankar encourages Russian companies to engage "more intensively" with India amid tariff tensions with US

(Gns). Noting that India-Russia partnership is simultaneously experiencing consolidation as well as exploring new domains and opportunities, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has encouraged Russian companies to engage "more intensively" with their Indian counterparts.

The External Affairs Minister's comments came amid escalating trade tensions between India and the United States over India's oil purchases from Russia. US President Donald Trump recently increased tariffs imposed on Indian goods to 50 per cent, in what is seen as a sign of his frustration over failing to stop the Russia-Ukraine war.

In his remarks at India-Russia Business Forum in Moscow, Jaishankar said, "An India with a GDP of USD 4 trillion plus growing at 7 per cent for the foreseeable future has an obvious need for large resources from dependable sources. In some cases, it could be assured supplies of essential products, fertiliser, chemicals, and machinery, being good examples. Its rapidly growing infrastructure offers business openings to enterprises with an established track record in their own country."

"The 'Make in India' and other such initiatives have opened up new windows

for foreign businesses. The modernisation and the urbanisation of India generate their own demands,

one of the steadiest relationships between major nations, Jaishankar pushed for more "strenuous efforts" to diversify and balance trade between both nations.

"India and Russia have nurtured one of the steadiest relationships between major nations in current times is now widely recognised. However, that did not automatically translate into significant economic cooperation. Our trade basket remains limited and till recently, so did our trade volume. It may have grown in recent years, but then, so too has the trade deficit. Both the diversification and balancing of trade now urgently mandate more strenuous efforts on our part.



flowing from shifts in consumption and lifestyle. Each of these dimensions represent an invitation for Russian companies to engage more intensively with their Indian counterparts. Our endeavour is to encourage them to rise to that challenge," he added.

Mentioning that India and Russia have nurtured

Confident 2024 LS polls were manipulated, won't let BJP, ECI steal a single vote: Rahul in Bihar's Munger

(Gns). Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi on Thursday reiterated his "vote chori" allegations, saying he was confident that results of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections were manipulated.

Addressing a gathering during the INDIA bloc's 'Vote Adhikar Yatra' in poll-bound Bihar's Munger, Rahul said, "For the past few years, elections have been taking place where the public mood and the election results are completely different. Everyone has been assuming that something is wrong with the elections."

The Congress leader continued, "In Maharashtra, for the first time, it was proven that the EC and BJP have been stealing elections. Our alliance won in the Lok Sabha elections, and four months later, the BJP won. The only difference was that nearly one

crore new people cast their votes... and all these votes went to the BJP alliance. BJP won in all those places where these new voters cast their votes."

Rahul accused the

Commission to steal even a single vote in Bihar.

"PM Modi, BJP and the Election Commission are stealing votes in every state. This time, we have the proof and we will not

launched a direct attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the NDA-led government in Bihar over the law and order situation in the state.

"Crime, murders, corruption in Bihar on the rise.... PM Modi must tell what he has done in the last 11 years," Tejashwi remarked.

Yadav said that the Bihar government has no vision of roadmap for the state's development.

"Whatever Tejashwi Yadav says, this government does. We talked about increasing pensions, and the (state) government quietly increased pensions. We promised to create 5 lakh jobs, and they claim to offer additional employment opportunities. We said we would make electricity free, and this government says they will also make electricity free... We discussed forming a Youth Commission, and the government also mentioned a Youth Commission.



Election Commission of India of colluding with the BJP to steal votes, calling "vote chori" an attack on the Constitution of India.

The Congress MP further vowed the Opposition will no longer allow the BJP and the Election

allow them to steal even a single vote in Bihar and that's why we are carrying out this yatra...." Rahul added.

Meanwhile, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, who accompanied Rahul Gandhi during the yatra,



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Editorial

Watershed moment

Bolivia's presidential election has set the stage for a political transformation, unprecedented in nearly two decades. The preliminary results, which place Senator Rodrigo Paz Pereira in the lead and former president Jorge Quiroga in second position, mark a decisive moment in the country's democratic journey. A run-off in October will determine the winner, but the real story is already clear: Bolivia's long-standing experiment with leftist dominance may have run its course. For almost twenty years, the Movimiento al Socialismo (MAS) defined the country's political landscape.

From Evo Morales's sweeping rise in 2006 to Luis Arce's tenure in more recent years, the left's grip seemed unshakable. Mr Morales, with his deep grass-roots base, positioned himself as the voice of indigenous identity and economic nationalism. Yet over time, the economic dividends of that model withered. Inflation, food and fuel shortages, declining reserves, and mounting debt eroded public patience. What was once seen as empowerment became associated with stagnation and mismanagement.

The election's outcome reflects both fatigue and anger. The humiliation faced by MAS candidates at polling stations ~ being booed, jeered, or even attacked ~ symbolises the scale of disillusionment. This is not merely a rejection at the ballot box but a broader collapse of credibility for a movement that once claimed to embody Bolivia's future. Mr Morales's continuing shadow only deepens the divisions. Barred from running, facing legal troubles, yet unwilling to retreat, he has become a destabilising factor even for those within his former ranks. By contrast, Mr Paz Pereira's appeal lies not in lofty ideology but in pragmatic promises: decentralising funds, widening access to credit, encouraging formal business, and reducing barriers to trade.

His slogan of "capitalism for all" encapsulates the yearning of many Bolivians for opportunity beyond the state-centric approach that has dominated their economy. Mr Quiroga, though more rooted in the country's political past, represents a similar tilt toward markets and foreign engagement. The implications go far beyond domestic politics. Bolivia holds some of the world's richest lithium reserves, an increasingly strategic resource in the global shift toward renewable energy. For years, resource nationalism limited foreign investment in this sector. A government more open to partnerships could attract the kind of capital and technology needed to transform Bolivia into a central player in the energy transition.

At the same time, a pivot away from reliance on China, Russia, and Iran and toward a rapprochement with the United States could reshape Bolivia's foreign relations after decades of tension. What the election shows most vividly is that Bolivians are ready to gamble on change. The socialist era promised dignity and delivered some gains, but its end is now written in the anger on the streets and the ballots cast at the polls. Whoever wins the run-off will inherit a crisis, but also an unmistakable mandate: to break with the past and deliver a different future

Khalai Makhlooq

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In the see-saw equation of changing fortunes between civilian politicians and military Generals in Pakistan, selective amnesia is common. In 2018, PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif had rightly accused Pakistani Generals of facilitating the "selection" (as opposed to "election") of Imran Khan by bumping-off the PML-N dispensation.

Nawaz had cuttingly coined the term "Khalai Makhlooq" (extraterrestrial beings or aliens) for the dour Generals to allude to the invisible but sure hand of the cantonment. It is another matter that the vainglorious Imran Khan misread his "selection" by the Generals to imply their deference, only to be boot-ed out ingloriously and to be incredulously followed by a government led by the same PML-N, helmed by Nawaz's brother, Shehbaz Sharif.

But wiser with times and experience, the "establishment" (read Pakistani military) has solidified its stranglehold with the self-anointment of Field Marshalship onto its chief, Asim Munir, should Shehbaz or anyone else in the unnatural alliance government dare think of crossing the line with the Generals again. Not done with grand posturing, Munir further awarded himself the Hilal-i-Jurat (Pakistan's second highest gallantry award ~ equivalent to India's Maha Vir Chakra) to further embellish the over-decorated uniform of an Army that has never won a war, ever!

While the larger-than-life symbolism of a ramrod posture or blunt (albeit, apolitical) language is naturally given to those in "uniform" across the globe, in Pakistan, it is additionally embellished with political theatrics and extra constitutional verbiage. Because these Generals want to

usurp power, they make sure that they speak the populist language of unhinged and uncouth politicians to suggest their own nationalist "muscularity". The tradition started early with the first native Pakistani Chief (later self-

appointed Field Marshal and President) Ayub Khan, who infamously said about the Indian Soldier before the 1965 Indo-Pak war, "The Hindu has no stomach for a fight and can be silenced with a few blows".

Ayub could be (dis)credited for setting the template of a politicised Pakistani General who would combine blustering charisma, intemperate language, and domineering actions, to ensure that the Pakistani military remains the singular power, either formally, or informally (like now).

Ayub's successor, the debauch General (and President) Yahya Khan, carried on the unprofessional rhetoric of the "historic superiority of the Moslem fighters" and added cavalierly just before the 1971 Indo-Pak War, "I'll be damned if I'll see Pakistan divided". Yahya's chosen General to handle his Eastern theatre was one who preferred the moniker "Tiger" to be embedded in his name to project bravado and valour i.e., Lt Gen AK "Tiger" Niazi, also known as the "Butcher of Bangladesh" (a dishonour shared with yet another

Expanding the education eco-system

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The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has introduced a transformative approach to India's higher education system with the aim to achieve the three primacies of access, quality and future readiness. It emphasizes setting up more Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in underserved areas to 'ensure full access, equity, and inclusion while recommending at least one large multidisciplinary HEI in or near every district.It has proposed a 50 per cent Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education by 2035, which would nearly double the student population from 4 . 3 3 crore (2021-22) in a decade.

This would make India the world's largest higher education system. To accommodate this massive growth, India will need to nearly double its current number of universities. An analysis of the current geographical distribution of universities in India reveals that over the last seven decades, their locations have been primarily determined by supply ~ side considerations srath erthan demand-driven factors. As a result, universities are concentrated in and around urban centres, rather than being spread across districts. For a more balanced distribution over the next

A recent Working Paper by NITI Aayog on 'Establishing New Universities in India' used in-depth spatial and statistical analysis to provide insights at three levels. District-level: There are 81 districts with 50 or more colleges, but no universities. Given their large population base and demand for higher education, these districts may consider establishment of new cluster universities.UP accounts for 32 of these districts, followed by Maharashtra with 13 districts.In UP, 32 State Public

decade, evidence-based spatial analyses can help provide insights for the strategic location of new universities across India.

The Ministry of Education publishes the All-India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), an annual report that offers comprehensive insights into the state of higher education across the country. When combined with available demographic data, this information holds significant potential for analysing the geographical distribution and concentration of colleges and universities. It also provides policymakers with valuable evidence to recommend optimal locations for establishing new universities. The key highlights are published alongside

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allies remain engaged. Yet, the symbolism should not mask the persistent gaps in substance. Mr Zelenskyy's visit was less about breakthroughs and more about damage control. After Alaska produced no ceasefire and allowed Mr Putin to project confidence, the

gathering of Western leaders alongside Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who had already met President Trump in the Oval Office prior to this.

The choreography was deliberate: to assure Kyiv that, despite the lack of progress with Moscow, its

many in the Pakistani narrative still have a very different view from reality about the results of 1965, 1971, Kargil, to now, even Operation Sindoor.

Today, "Field Marshal" Asim Munir's nuclear sabre-rattling is from the age-old playbook of Pakistani Generals and their penchant for thundering statements, however reckless and unbecoming of professional soldiers. Munir's language reflects the sensibilities of fringe cadres when he supposedly claimed, "we are a nuclear nation, if we think we are going down, we'll take half the world down with us" or adding to the debate on Indus waters by insisting, "We will wait for India to build a dam, and when it does so, we will destroy it with 10 missiles....The Indus river is not the Indians' family property.

We have no shortage of missiles, Praise be to God". While it would have gladdened the cockles of the hyper-nationalist diaspora in the US and the cadres back home, the inherited (and shared values across the Line-of-Control) of British traditions like "Officer Like Qualities" or OLG, were given a clear miss. The first "Hafiz" (knows the Holy Quran by rote) as the Head of the Pakistani 'establishment' is now attempting a counter-intuitive and unnatural ingratiation with the United States of America, as it battles religious extremism and terrorism created in its own nursery. Therefore it will be critical and imperative for "Field Marshal" Asim Munir to continuously flex the medallions on his chest, keep making controversial and provocative statements, as also keep the civilian politicians in check, to continue ruling the roost.

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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

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er demand: GER in the state, and ratio of universities and colleges per lakh population. States with higher composite scores in the index indicate a requirement for more universities to meet existing demand.

The analysis indicates thatUP, India's most populous state, has the greatest need for new universities. Other large states with significant populations such as Maharashtra, West Bengal, Bihar, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh, also emerge as high-priority areas.This is despite significant growth in number of universities in these states between 2012 and 2022—Maharashtra increased from 45 to 74, West Bengal from 26 to 58, Bihar from 20 to 37, Rajasthan from 47 to 90, and Madhya Pradesh from 36 to 77.

While planning for creation and/or expansion of universities, greenfield and brownfield, it is essential to account for multiple factors in addition to spatial and statistical analysis and conduct detailed micro-scale studies. These would involve careful evaluation of regional demand,socio-economic characteristics, accessibility, proximity to existing universities, and opportunities for collaboration with academic institutions, research organisations, and industries. In

addition to expansion, clear prioritisation in four areas is crucial for success of new universities.

Firstly, developing specialized curricula that enhances skilling and employability in emerging fields.Secondly, designing courses that ensure quality education, nurture human values, promote sociocultural identities, and strengthen teacher training. Thirdly, transforming universities into multidisciplinary hubs equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure including smart classrooms, digital libraries, cutting-edge research centres, incubation hubs, and robust sports and wellness facilities. Lastly, fostering gender-inclusive campuses with hostels and barrier-free access for Divyangjan.

These would ensure holistic and comprehensive higher education for all. To achievethe vision of Viksit Bharat@2047, a strategic shift in approach for creation of new universities is needed. This involves moving away from traditional supply-based resource planning to demand-driven, proactive planning. Incorporating evidence-based statistical analyses alongside spatial evaluations can ensure an effective, efficient, inclusive, and sustainable expansion of higher education infrastructure.

appearance of leadership, and Europe signals unity while harbouring private doubts about endurance. NATO's presence at the table was crucial, yet even the alliance's words carried more symbolism than substance.

Still, these meetings were not meaningless. For Kyiv, the absence of pressure to concede was itself a victory. For Washington, the optics of a crowded White House lent weight to claims of coordination. And for Europe, the chance to publicly shape the agenda was valuable in itself. But none of this alters the fundamental stalemate: Russia remains entrenched, the West is cautious, and Ukraine continues to fight for survival with promises rather than guarantees. The Alaska summit may have been theatre, but the Washington meetings show that the play is still running ~ without a clear script for the final act.

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 s e v e 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.

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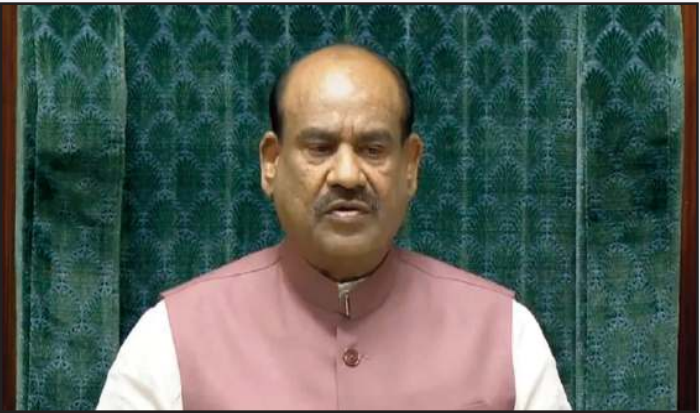
on 23rd August, 2025. The train will arrive Amalner station at 14:45 hrs and depart at 14:47 hrs. Similarly, Train No. 22664 Jodhpur – Tambaram Superfast Express has been provided with additional halt at Amalner station w.e.f jour-

ney commencing from Jodhpur on 26th August, 2025. The train will arrive Amalner station at 16:16 hrs and depart at 16:18 hrs. For detailed information, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indian-rail.gov.in.

INDIA bloc boycotts tea party hosted by Lok Sabha Speaker following monsoon session

(Gns). As per the parliamentary tradition, after each session, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha organises a tea party for all members of parliament and ministers on the same day. But on Thursday evening, not a single member of the Opposition alliance turned up at the tea party hosted by Om Birla.

During the tea party, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the session productive as several significant Bills were passed.



He praised the government, stating that the passage of the online games Bill will have a long-term impact, particularly on the

public. Those are the topics that warrant further discussion.

Speaker of the Lok Sabha Om Birla referred to

the Opposition's actions as a 'diminution of the dignity of the Parliament' and reiterated his call for cooperation from all parties.

Political circles suggest that the Opposition boycott of the tea party reflects the increasing pressure within Parliament and the deepening disagreements between the government and the opposition. This action of the opposition challenges the tradition of cooperation in Parliament and may escalate political tensions in the future.

Uttarakhand BJP leader held for suicide by 32-year-old man

(Gns). The Uttarakhand Police on Thursday arrested a BJP leader in connection with the suicide of a 32-year-old man who shot himself dead on Thursday morning.

The deceased, Jitendra Singh, held the arrested BJP leader Himanshu Chamoli responsible for his death in a video recorded by him before committing suicide. The Pauri Police arrested the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) state secretary after the video made by the deceased went viral.

Jitendra Singh Negi, a resident of Kothari Mohalla in Doiwala, 25 kilometers away from Dehradun, accused Chamoli of defrauding him of more

than Rs 50 lakh on the pretext of opening a media office but failed to return the amount. He charged him with forcing him to commit suicide.

"It's a fraud of nearly 57 lakh I paid to him in the name of opening a media office. I was asked to pay the salaries of the employees but he did not return the money when I asked for it.

Now, I am forced to the edge. Chamoli's actions has driven me to the point that I have to die by suicide. Responsibility for my suicide will lie only on Himanshu Chamoli," said Jitendra Singh Negi in the over three-minute video.

In his accusations, the

deceased further stated that the BJP leader also took money from him in the name of the chief minister's OSD (Officer on Special Duty).

Speaking on the incident, Lokesh Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Pauri, confirmed that Himanshu Chamoli was arrested and a case was being registered against him.

"Based on the video that went viral on social media the accused was arrested and is being interrogated. Additionally, the inquest proceedings have begun. The police were informed of the incident around 9 am following which a team of

regular and revenue police was sent to the spot at the suicide place. The exact time of death and other circumstances will be known only after the post-mortem report is received. Reasons for the suicide are not clear from the initial investigation," he said.

Singh said the police was investigating why the deceased took this step and what circumstances were responsible for his action.

According to the police, Negi died by suicide at his ancestral home in Talsari village of district Pauri. Apart from regular police and revenue department teams investigating the matter, forensic experts have also begun the probe.

Vijay reiterates DMK, BJP as political and ideological enemies, TVK not to ally with fascist forces

(Gns). Launching a blistering attack on the ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu and 'fascist' BJP at the Centre, the nascent actor-politician and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) Vijay today asserted and reiterated his declaration that both the DMK and BJP are his party's political and ideological enemies.

Beginning his nearly 40 minutes address at his party's State conference at Parapathi in Madurai district on the Madurai-Thoothukudi National Highway by comparing Jungle King Lion to his cadres, he addressed them as "lion cubs"

"A lion knows how to stand alone and how to lead a pride. There are many jackals and other animals in the forests, but there is only one lion", he said, adding, the lion would come out only for hunting its prey that would be bigger and powerful than it.

"Even if it is hungry, it will not eat.... If such a lion touches anything, it will not leave", he said. "Lion is always a Lion...it will not lose its identity...It can stay alone and also in groups", he declared.

Reiterating his assertion made at the TVK's first state-level conference in Villuppuram district in October last year, Vijay, in a fiery speech, said, "Our only political enemy is always the DMK, our ideological enemy is always the BJP (which he termed as fascist)".

Announcing that TVK will never ally with the fascist BJP backed by the RSS by surrendering its self-respect, Vijay declared that the main and straight fight in the 2026 Assembly

polls, due in eight months, will only be between the TVK and the DMK. "This is a voice that no one can

will contest in all 234 seats. "In each and every constituency, it is your own people from your homes

or to conspiracy against the minorities in the country.

Pointing out that the Centre was trying to hide the Keezhadi archaeological excavation findings and trying to destroy the Tamil pride, Vijay said the centre's ploy will not bear fruit in this secular land.

"Whatever you do, the BJP will not win. Water will not stick on Lotus leaves", he said in a symbolic statement.

"BJP cannot win in TN with any alliance", he said, while slamming the main Opposition AIADMK—which had revived its ties with the saffron party for the 2026 polls—accusing it of deviating from the ideals of party founder MGR.

Launched a broadside on Chief Minister and DMK President M.K. Stalin, alleging that the DMK government had misled women, government staff, and various sections with unfulfilled elections, he exhorted his party cadres to ensure the DMK's defeat in the 2026 polls and said TVK was an unstoppable voice and an unstoppable force.

Launching a direct attack on him, Vijay said, "Stalin uncle, what uncle, it's very wrong, uncle...answer us Stalin uncle".

Recalling his emotional bond with leaders like MGR and Vijayakanth, he said the people

of Madurai are deeply emotional. "In both cinema and politics, our favourite leader has been MGR. I never had the opportunity to spend time with him, but I had plenty of opportunities to be with my brother Vijayakanth, who shared the same qualities. He too belonged to this very soil of Madurai."

who will be the candidates. People should vote as though I myself was contesting...I am the symbol of the party".

Outlining his party's priorities while taking potshots at the DMK and the BJP, Vijay said safety of women, girls children and the elderly would be his party's foremost priority and said in 2026 we will send home the DMK government packing.

Taking a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the fishermen issue and the frequent and unabated arrests of TN fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy, Vijay accused Mr Modi and the VJP-led government at the Centre of showing no concern for fishermen and urged him to take steps to retrieve Katchatheevu, an islet ceded to Sri Lanka through an agreement in 1974, to protect the fishermen and ensure their safety.

Urging Mr Modi to provide exemption to Tamil Nadu from NEET, Vijay said "I ask you as a representative of the people, Did you come to power for the third time to work for the people



silence. This crowd is not just for votes; it will turn into a hunt for power send the hunters packing home in 2026...Shall we show that we can capture power", he said.

I am going to make a 'surprise announcement. I am going to announce the list of TVK candidates for the elections", he said.

Vijay first declared that he will be the candidate for the Madurai East Assembly seat in 2026, and named Vijay as candidates for more Assembly constituencies in and around Madurai, that included Madurai, South, Madurai North, Madurai Central, Madurai West, Tiruparankundram, Sholavandan, Melur, and others.

Stating that his message was symbolic, emphasising that wherever TVK candidages contest across the state, it should be as as if he himself was contesting and that every vote cast for the TVK would be a voted for him.

Asserting that he would never forge any director of backdoor alliance with the 'fascist' BJP, he said TVK

Shubhanshu hopes Indian astronaut will soon travel to space on indigenous capsule, rocket from Indian soil

(Gns). Photo: ANI

Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, who returned from the International Space Station (ISS) last month aboard SpaceX's Crew Dragon, hoped India would soon send astronauts to space "from our own capsule, from our rocket, from our soil."

Addressing a press conference in New Delhi on Thursday, Shukla said his "intangible experiences" over the past year would benefit future Indian space missions, including the Gaganyaan human spaceflight programme and the Bhartiya Antariksh Station (BAS).

He recalled the rigorous training he and back-up astronaut Prashant B Nair underwent for the Axiom-4 mission, travelling extensively to the National

Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the European Space Agency (ESA), Russia, and Japan,

sion goes beyond the formal training," Shukla said, adding, "The supplementary knowledge you gain



as well as learning from experts at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). The two also trained with SpaceX on the Crew Dragon vehicle, the craft that carried Shukla into space.

"The benefit of executing a human spaceflight mis-

from conversations, the experience of being there, and interactions with people who have a history of human spaceflight — it is invaluable."

Sharing insights about his space travel, he said despite all the training, he was caught off guard. "No

matter how much training you have done, even after that, when you sit in the rocket and the engines ignite, when they catch fire, I think it is a very different feeling; it took me time to catch up," he said as he recounted the moments after the lift off.

Dumbstruck by the whole experience, he added, "From that moment until the time we splashed down, the experience was unbelievable. It was so exciting and so amazing that I have really been struggling to find words to convey it to you, so that you can live that experience through my words."

He added that, even today, India looks "saare jahaan se achcha (better than the entire world)," echoing the words of astronaut Rakesh Sharma after his 1984 space mission.

Raj CM Sharma calls on Speaker Devnani ahead of assembly session

(Gns).

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma has called on Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani here on Thursday. He drove to the Speaker's official residence at the Civil Lines here to a warm welcome from the latter. The two leaders exchanged greetings and bouquets with each other.

The CMO as well as the Assembly Secretariat have described the visit as a courtesy call ahead of the monsoon session of the assembly beginning from

September 1.

The legislative business

related issues figured in the discussion that lasted for



being planned for the consideration of the House, the development projects of the state government and

one hour and 10 minutes. The Speaker presented Sharma a book — "Bharat Ke Chakraborty Samrat"

and also shared with him his experiences in his recent visit to Ayodhya.

The assembly session that is scheduled to be convened on September 1 is likely to last for more than 10 sittings.

Earlier this year, the budget session of the assembly was held between January 31 and March 24. 12 Bills were introduced or passed during the session that lasted for 24 sittings. 3 bills were referred to the select committee.

Center releases data on infiltrations from Bangladesh, gold and Yava Tab recovery

(Gns).

The Central government has long been blaming West Bengal for the infiltration from across the Bangladesh border. According to sources, this issue has been discussed numerous times in the parliamentary standing committee. Not only infiltration but also various criminal activities, including cattle and drug smuggling, are prevalent along this border. Complaints continue to pour in, necessitating vigilance from the administration.

Now, just before Modi's visit to Kolkata, the Ministry of Home Affairs has released data on the situation at the border over the past few years, including the areas where fencing cannot be erected, the number of infiltrations occurring between 2023 and 2025, and the methods of smuggling. It is important to note that the responsibility for the India-Bangladesh border lies with the Central government.

According to the



Ministry of Home Affairs, the number of infiltrators apprehended was 1,547 in 2023, 1,694 in 2024, and 723 in 2025. A total of 4,988 kg of drugs was seized in 2023, 3,145 kg in

2024, and 5,729 kg from January to July 2025. Many livestock were rescued before being trafficked. In 2023, the number was 8,614; in 2024, it was 8,648; and in the first seven months of 2025, the number was 2,886. According to the ministry's data, much livestock was rescued before being trafficked. In 2023, the number was 8,614; in 2024, it was 8,648; and in the first seven months of 2025, the number was 2,886. Yava tablets have also been seized.

Maoists kill tribal youth in Chhattisgarh for hoisting tricolour on Independence Day

(Gns).

A 24-year-old tribal youth, Manesh Nureti, was brutally killed by Maoists in Kanker district of Chhattisgarh after he dared to hoist the national flag on Independence Day at a site regarded by the insurgents as their "martyrs' memorial."

According to police sources, Manesh, a resident of Binagunda village under Chhotebethiya police station limits, was abducted late Monday night by armed cadres of the CPI (Maoist) Partappur Area Committee. He was taken

before a jan adalat (kangaroo court) and accused of being a police informer. Following this, Manesh was executed in front of terrified locals. His body was later recovered by the relatives, with Maoist posters and banners left nearby in which the rebels openly claimed responsibility.

Local journalists suggest Manesh had been at

the forefront of Independence Day celebrations in his village. On August 15, he hoisted the Tricolour at the Maoist memorial, an act that defied long-standing insurgent restrictions. The move, which was photographed and circulated in local media, angered the rebels and is believed to have directly led to his killing.



Local journalists noted, "Manesh disappeared soon after the photographs of the flag hoisting went viral. His death is a chilling message from Maoists to other villagers not to resist their influence."

Confirming the incident, Kanker Superintendent of Police Indira Kalyan Elesela said, "He wanted his community to progress and reject violence. For decades, Naxals prevented villagers from hoisting the Tricolour at such villages. His courage to defy them cost him his life."

‘Now, public hearings in every assembly constituency’: CM Gupta a day after attack

(Gns).

A day after the attack on her, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta asserted that every moment of her life and every bit of her is dedicated to the national capital.

Taking to social media platform X on Thursday evening, she said from now on, the 'Jan Sunwai' will be held not only at her residence, but in every assembly constituency of the city. Whatever happened on Wednesday was like a test

for her. She will keep fighting for the interests of the people of the city against all the odds.

Sharing an instance from her past, she mentioned that back in the time during her days in college, her father had given her a car to drive, and an accident had taken place, after which she was scared. However, recalling her father's teaching, she

mentioned that he said accidents happen in life, and one must not stop out of fear.

The CM shared that what happened on Wednesday reminded of what her father had said, and asserted that such unexpected attacks will never deter her from serving the public and upholding their interests. She also said that



women have double the strength to fight troubles, and they have to go through countless tests to prove themselves.

She also shared a couplet in Hindi on her social media handle through which she expressed that obstacles may keep coming, or there may be embers beneath the feet, let flames rain down on heads, but whatever be the difficulty, will have to walk putting the steps together.

Snubbed by BRS, Kavitha alleges conspiracy

(Gns). Dissident BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has alleged a conspiracy against her within the party after former minister Koppula Eshwar replaced her as the honorary president of the workers' union affiliated to the BRS at Singareni Collieries.

Kavitha is currently in the US on a personal visit. Yesterday, Koppula Eshwar was elected as the honorary president of the Telangana Boggu Gani Karmika Sangham, a move that could not have been done without the blessings of the party's working president, KT Rama Rao and BRS supremo K Chandrasekhar Rao. It is indicative of the further widening rift between the Kalvakuntla family and the BRS.

Meanwhile, Kavitha wrote an open letter, after her removal as the presi-

dent of the workers' union, a post she had held for ten long years. She alleged that she was being harassed. "These conspirators are harassing me in



various ways. During my trip to America, the TBGKS Central Committee held a meeting violating labour laws and announced a new honorary president had been elected," Kavitha alleged in her letter.

The BRS MLC congratulated the new president

but also accused the conspirators of trying to damage the unity of workers. "After the Congress came to power in Telangana, while I was fighting for the welfare

of Singareni workers, some people are conspiring against me. Although there is no personal loss to me from such conspiracies, the goal of some seems to be to remove me, who is working for the welfare of the workers and to damage their unity," she said in her

Ex-MP Col Sona Ram passes away

(Gns). Prominent Jat leader and a multi-term ex Lok Sabha Member Col Sona Ram Chaudhary passed away at a hospital in New Delhi following a massive cardiac attack late Wednesday night.

Col Chaudhary (84) was attending a meeting in New Delhi last evening when he had biting chest pain, he himself drove his car to reach the Apollo Hospital where doctors performed an emergency surgery.

After the surgery the 4-timer ex-MP had himself written a post on his X page to inform his followers about his health and stated that he was okay after the successful surgery.

However, suddenly he succumbed around 11:30 PM Wednesday night.

Sitting Lok Sabha MP from Barmer-Jaisalmer constituency Ummeda Ram(Congress) rushed to

the hospital to see him. Col Chaudhary quit the Army in 1994 to enter the politics, and during his political career he remained in the Congress as well as the BJP.

Beginning his career with Congress he was elected to the lower house of Parliament thrice in a row in 1996, 1998 and 1999 on the grand old party's ticket. However, in 2004 he was defeated by BJP candidate Manvendra Singh, who is son of former Union Minister late Jaswant Singh.

In 2008 he contested and won on Baytoo assembly seat in Barmer district on a Congress ticket.

Ahead of the 2014 general elections he joined the BJP at the behest of the

then Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje and had contested the Barmer – Jaisalmer Lok Sabha seat on BJP ticket. He had won his fourth term defeating former Union

Minister Jaswant Singh who then had contested as a rebel Independent.

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, former CMs Ashok Gehlot and Vasundhara Raje and many dignitaries have

condoled the Colonel's demise.

In his Condolence message Sharma said " Col Chaudhary's demise has saddened me, my thoughts are with the bereaved family. I pray for eternal peace to the departed soul and strength to the kins to bear



25 thousand prize injured in Gautaskar encounter

Mathura. Jant police and surveillance team arrested Gautaskar Yunus, a prize of 25 thousand rupees after the encounter. The accused has been injured due to police bullet, who has been admitted to the hospital for treatment. A motorcycle, a pistol, two khoks and two live cartridges have been recovered from the accused.

IPS CO City Ashana Chaudhary said that Jant police station and surveillance team had received

information that on May 26, 2025, a truck full of cow dynasty escaped and escaped 25 thousand prize from Gautaskar Yunus Mathura. He hails from Utwar village in Palwal district of Haryana. On the basis of information, the police raided near Prakash Dhaba on the highway. Seeing the police, the accused tried to escape



and fired on the police. In retaliation, the police shot in the leg of the accused, causing him to get injured.

Esha Suryawanshi on her debut: "The love for Aarohi in Manpasand Ki Shaadi is surreal — I'm glad viewers are loving the character"

When reel and real collide, the magic only deepens and that's exactly what's happening with COLORS' latest offering, 'Manpasand Ki Shaadi'. The show, which launched with great fanfare, is already gripping audiences with its whirlwind storyline, and at the heart of it all stands the radiant Esha Suryawanshi, essaying the role of Aarohi. A true-blue Marathi mulgi in real life, Esha now finds herself slipping seamlessly into a role that mirrors her identity. In the marital drama, she gets to embrace her cultural roots on screen, adding an authenticity and flair that only someone who has lived that life can bring. With its powerful narrative of love, family clashes, and the age-old tug-of-war between tradition and choice, the drama has quickly hooked audiences across the country with Esha drawing viewers into her emotional journey as an actor and character.



heart, and to play one in my debut, Manpasand Ki Shaadi feels like art imitating life in the most beautiful way. There's a sense of pride in bringing my roots, my language, my culture,

and my upbringing onto national television. The show launched with so much fanfare, and to see audiences now connect so deeply with the story and with my character makes

letter. Kavitha also listed out various welfare activities taken up by her for the coal miners when BRS was in power. She also referred to the leaked letter she had written to her father, providing feedback on the situation on the ground, pointing out that the conspirators were still active.

After her letter was leaked and the feud came to the forefront, Kavitha had limited herself to the activities of Telangana Jagruthi, a cultural organisation founded by her. This was the first punitive action taken by the party against her as she criticised other senior leaders and her brother KT Rama Rao, who is the party's working president. Although her father had not chastised her in public so far, her removal from the post of president of the trade union was a snub for her dissidence.

the loss".

Sharma's predecessor Gehlot said "Sad to hear of demise of Col Sona Ram Chaudhary. His services to the Army and in the politics would be always remembered. Me myself and Col Chaudhary worked together as MP and also as MLA for long".

Former CM Raje said " Four timer ex Barmer MP Col Sona Ram Chaudhary's demise is a irreparable loss, he was a humane and fair hearted political figure and proactive people's representative.

LoP Rajasthan Tika Ram Jolly, AICC General Secretary and former Rajasthan Deputy CM Sachin Pilot, Congress state president Govind Singh Dotasra and several dignitaries have also remembered Col Sona Ram's services to the nation.

The police immediately arrested him and admitted him to a hundred Shayya Hospital.

According to the case lodged by cow protector Govind Singh, on the night of 26 May, the cow smuggler was filling the cow dynasty in a 12-Tira truck and taking him to Mewat. When the cow guards tried to stop the truck, the accused left the truck and fled. The police is now taking further action in this matter.

Rangoli competition held at sanskriti University

Girls and students performing a Rangoli during the Rangoli competition held in the premises of Sanskriti University. Together, CEO of University, Dr. Mrs. Meenakshi Sharma, Dr. Ekta Kapoor, Dr. DS Tomar Mathura. Rangoli competition was organized under Sanskriti University 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. Students of Sanskriti University decorated the entire campus by making several rangolis filled with patriotism in various premises of the university. Many students participated in this program and demonstrated their talent.

Watch 'Manpasand Ki Shaadi' every Monday to Friday at 10 PM, only on COLORS.

DM distributed flood relief material in flood-prone areas

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh inspected the village Akos under Tehsil Mahavan area in view of the rising water level of Yamuna ji. Village Akos has disconnected from the major contact routes and Yamuna has cut the road, in view of which food, drink, food etc. have been facilitated for the villagers. MLA Baldev Puran Prakash, MP Representative Janardan Sharma, District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh, Additional District Magistrate Finance and Revenue Pankaj Kumar Verma, Deputy District Magistrate Mahavan Kanchan Gupta etc. visited the village. He reviewed the

Punjab Vigilance Bureau arrests ASI for accepting ₹1.55 lakh bribe

(Gns). The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), as part of its ongoing drive against corruption in the state, has arrested Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Om Prakash, posted at Sohana Police Station, district Mohali, for demanding and accepting a bribe of ₹1.55 lakh.

Disclosing this, an official spokesperson of the VB said the accused police official was arrested following

an investigation into an online complaint lodged by the complainant on the Chief Minister's Anti-Corruption Action Line.

As per the complaint, a case had been registered against Gurjit Singh and his wife at Sohana Police Station. ASI Om Prakash, who was handling the case, demanded a bribe of ₹2.50

lakh for cancelling the FIR. He subsequently accepted ₹1.55 lakh from the complainant for this purpose.

The spokesperson added that after thorough verification, the allegations were found to be true. Accordingly, the VB has registered a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act



AIIMS Bhubaneswar signs MoU to boost healthcare Innovation in Odisha

(Gns). In a step towards advancing healthcare innovation and promoting clinical entrepreneurship, AIIMS- Bhubaneswar signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Thursday with KIIT-Technology Business Incubator (KIIT-TBI) and Bhubaneswar City Knowledge Innovation Cluster (BCKIC) Foundation.

The collaboration aims to create a robust platform for developing, validating, and deploying healthcare technologies, accelerate healthcare innovation growth, and attract healthcare startups to Odisha. It'll also help to establish joint Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in healthcare, diagnostics, and digital health.

The MoU signing ceremony was held at AIIMS Bhubaneswar in the presence of Ashutosh Biswas, Executive Director, AIIMS



Bhubaneswar, and Mrutyunjay Suar, CEO, KIIT-TBI & Chairman, BCKIC.

"This partnership will position AIIMS Bhubaneswar as a national translational innovation hub, fostering medical product development, technology advancement, effective IP management, and boosting clinical entrepreneurship,"

AIIMS-Bhubaneswar executive director Biswas said on the occasion.

Through this MoU, AIIMS Bhubaneswar, KIIT-TBI, and BCKIC will jointly work towards innovation & Startup Programmes, boot-camps, regulatory workshops, and startup-investor roundtables. Also, Healthcare Technology Validation like real-world testing of tele-health platforms, AI-based diagnostic tools, and remote monitoring devices, will be there.

Similarly, skill development & entrepreneurship, clinical innovation, technology transfer, and incubation of healthcare startups will be promoted. A CoE will be established with high-

at VB Police Station, SAS Nagar (Mohali), against ASI Om Prakash.

Reiterating the Punjab government's zero-tolerance policy towards corruption, the spokesperson emphasized that this arrest reflects the Bureau's firm resolve to take strict action against any public servant found involved in corrupt practices, regardless of their rank or position.

end diagnostic tools, clinical validation pathways, and advanced research facilities.

The ceremony was also graced by Dr Namrata Misra, CEO, BCKIC & Advisor, KIIT-TBI; Dr Satyajeet Misra, Dean (Research), AIIMS Bhubaneswar; Dr Rituparna Maiti, Secretary, MoU Committee, AIIMS Bhubaneswar; Dr Jayalaxmi Dash, Manager (Tech-Innovation), KIIT-TBI; and Mr Arpan Ghosh, Manager, BCKIC.

This strategic partnership is expected to transform Odisha into a hub of healthcare innovation and entrepreneurship, contributing significantly to India's journey of digital health and medical technology advancement.

Queenified INC is thrilled to announce that our Miss Universe Uttar Pradesh 202



Queenified INC is thrilled to announce that our Miss Universe Uttar Pradesh 2025 titleholders, Tanya Sharma (Winner) and Mehak Dhingra (1st Runner-up), have achieved remarkable success at the Miss Universe India 2025 finale held on August 18th. They secured the positions of 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up, respectively, at the national competition.*

We're proud to share that Tanya Sharma will represent India at the presti-

gious Miss Global 2025 pageant, while Mehak Dhingra will lead the nation at the international platform of Miss Charm 2025. Both queens have brought immense pride to our state with their hard work and dedication.

Queenified INC congratulates Tanya Sharma and Mehak Dhingra their outstanding achievement and applauds their commitment to excellence. We're delighted that our candidates have made it to the

top three and will now represent our country on the international stage. This accomplishment is not just a testament to Queenified INC's efforts but also a source of pride for our entire state.

We're committed to nurturing talented young women and empowering them to reach their full potential on the international stage. Thank you for your continued support.



District Magistrate and MLA distributing packets of flood relief material

with the villagers and boosted their morale. He appealed to everyone to stay away from Yamuna ji. Do not go around. He said that the administration is

compensated. The District Magistrate held talks with the common people, inquired about the problems and gave instructions to the officers for prompt disposal.

District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh informed the villagers that a proposal for overbridge has been sent to the government, work will be started after the water level of Yamuna ji and approval from the government, which will be able to construct a paved road and the problems of traffic are arising out of the problem arisingWill get

deriveThe District Magistrate visited the surrounding area through boating and tractor. He instructed the officials to provide all possible help to the villagers. He said that currently 200 packets of flood relief material are being distributed in the village, the remaining which will remain will also be made available the next day. 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. He distributed flood relief materials. In flood relief material, 10 kg flour, 10 kg of rice, 2 kg of dal, 2 kg gram, 2 kg roasted gram, 1 kg refined, 1 kg mustard oil, 10 biscuits packets, 1 mug, 1 tarpaulin, 1 bag, 200 grams turmeric, 100 grams of turmeric, 100 grams of chilli, 200 grams of vegetable masala, 1 packet moom, 1 packet, 1 packets, 1 packets, 1 packets, 1 packets, bathing2 soaps, sanitary 20 pads, disposable bags 20, 100 grams detol, 1 piece cotton cloth, 1 towel, etc. are included, which is a family meal for about 14 days. The District Magistrate directed the officials that continuously announced in villages around the water. The District Magistrate directed to set up a warning board of warning in regular distances. He said that flood affected areas are being inspected by the district officials continuously. The District Magistrate reviewed the areas of waterlogging. During the inspection, the District Magistrate instructed the Deputy District Magistrate Mahavan to complete the survey of damaged houses and waterlogged fields. Negligence in survey works will not be tolerated. All should be compensated as per rules.