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Phone: 90163 33307 (M) 93283 33307, 98253 33307 • Email: garvigujarat2007@gmail.com • Email: garvigujarat2007@yahoo.com • Website: www.garvigujarat.co.in Arvind Kejriwal Targets PM Modi Over 'Swadeshi'

Call, Questions Personal Commitment

(Gns). Former Delhi Chief renewed appeal for citizens to embrace swadeshi prod-

ucts. Kejriwal questioned the PM's own adherence to the principle, pointing to his use of foreign aircraft, services, and goods. "Why you start using swadeshi products yourself?" he asked.

The criticism followed Modi's national address, where he urged Indians to proudly declare "I buy swadeshi," as part of a broader push for economic self-reliance amid rising trade tensions with the US over tariffs and H-1B visa fees. Modi insisted the movement must go beyond rhetoric to everyday action.

Arvind Kejriwal, former Delhi Chief Minister, criti-

Narendra Modi's call for

Prime Minister argued that leadership by example is crucial. He also Minister Arvind Kejriwal on swadeshi products, ques- raised questions about the Sunday took aim at Prime tioning his personal use of government's stance on



while Modi simultaneously introduced GST 2.0 with adjusted tax slabs. Modi framed the push as a move towards self-reliance, but Kejriwal dismissed it, urging stronger action amid US pressure.

ating in India, saying the PM's words ring hollow if foreign dominance in key sectors goes unchallenged. GST 2.0 Unveiled

Alongside the swadeshi pitch, Modi rolled out GST 2.0, a major reform featurhowever, ing two main slabs-5% and

18%-with ultra-luxury and sin goods taxed at 40%. Describing it as a "GST saving festival," he said the new structure would ease consumer costs while boosting local production and consumption. Tying the move to Navratri celebrations, Modi framed it as a step towards a developed and self-reliant India.

Reacting on X, Kejriwal dismissed the PM's statements as "sermons" without substance, urging stronger action in the face of US pressure under President Trump. While supporters hailed

Modi's swadeshi push as a path to reduced foreign dependency., critics contend that without personal example and concrete policy shifts, the call risks being symbolic rather than transformative.

Jaishankar To Meet U.S. Secretary Rubio **Amid H-1B Fee, India-U.S. Tariff Tensions**

External Affairs Minister Jaishankar is scheduled to meet U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio in New York on Monday for highlevel bilateral discussions, coinciding with the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The meeting comes in the aftermath of President Donald Trump's recent decision to impose a \$100,000 fee on H-1B visas and a 25% tariff on Indian oil imports, bringing total U.S. levies on India to 50% under the Trump administration. According the U.S. State Department's schedule, Rubio and Jaishankar will

meet Monday morning in

New York City. Key Agenda for the Meeting

This will be the first face-to-face Rubio between

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will meet U.S. interaction Secretary of State Marco Rubio in New York on and



PM changed speech timing so that BJP

trade and visa measures. General Assembly's 80th The last meeting between session, the two diplomats took President Donald Trump's place in July in Washington, recent tariffs and visa fees.

Jaishankar since Trump's Monday during the UN following

Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

D.C., during the Quad The meeting aims to discuss a trade agreement and follows Jaishankar's initial bilateral meeting with Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs Theresa P. Lazaro. The bilateral discussion

coincides with broader India-U.S. engagements aimed at achieving an early conclusion of a trade agreement. A delegation led by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will also hold talks with U.S. officials on Monday in New York.

"The delegation plans to take forward the discussions with a view to achieving early conclusion of a mutually beneficial Trade Agreement."

Putin Calls on US to Respect New START as Nuclear Pact Nears 2026 Expiry

(Gns) President Russian Vladimir Putin on Monday vowed that Moscow will continue to honor nuclear arms limits for an additional year after the landmark New START treaty with the United States expires in February 2026. Addressing Russia's Security Council, Putin warned that abandoning the pact could destabilize global security

The Last Line of Nuclear Control

and called on Washington

to similarly respect the

treaty's restrictions.

Russian President Vladimir Putin stated enforced from 2011, stands deployed enforced from 2011, limits ballistic missiles, subma-

launchers.

signed

nuclear warheads and rine-launched missiles, and heavy bombers to 700, with The New START treaty, a combined ceiling of 800 in 2010 and on deployed and non-



Moscow will continue hon- as the final arms control oring nuclear arms limits for agreement binding the another year after the New world's two largest nuclear START treaty with the powers. It caps deployed United States expires in strategic nuclear warheads February 2026, which, at 1,550 and limits signed in 2010 and deployed intercontinental ty.

launchers. Verification measuresincluding inspections, data exchanges, and notifications-have ensured transparency and maintained decades of strategic stabili-

Despite these safe- nations.

guards, cracks have appeared. In February 2023, Russia suspended inspections and reporting, though it promised to abide by the numerical limits. from 8 pm to 5 pm to Analysts warn that if the enable BJP members to treaty lapses without a successor, the United States and Russia would face the first era in decades without binding constraints on their nuclear arsenals-a scenario fraught with risk, mistrust, and the specter of escalation.

the fate of the New START addressed the nation at 5 treaty has become a focal point of global attention. one, because his usual Putin's pledge underscores time to do it is 8 pm. That is the urgency for continued his standard time to misdialogue and the critical lead people. So, why 5 pm need to preserve the fragile this time? People are sayframework that has so far ing that there was an Indiaprevented a nuclear arms Pakistan cricket match vesrace between the world's terday (Sunday) and BJP two most powerful nuclear workers wanted to watch it

members could watch cricket: Sanjay Raut without any disturbance Raut said, "Sahibzada Ùddhav Thackeray-led from the prime minister's Farhan just proved on the address," he said.

Shiv Sena Rajya Sabha MP and chief party spokesperson Sanjay Raut said here on Monday that the time of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's national address, on Sunday, was advanced watch the India versus Pakistan cricket match on

Speaking to media persons in Mumbai, Sanjay Raut said PM Modi's "usual time" to address the nation is 8 pm. calling it his "standard time to mislead peo-As 2026 approaches, ple". "The prime minister pm, which surprised every-

bers requested the PM to schedule his address for 5 pm instead of the usual 8 pm. They wanted to watch the India-Pakistan cricket match and so the was

changed. What great patriots are these people who have made this arrangement! The prime minister talked about GST at 5 o'clock yesterday (Sunday) so that blind devotees and BJP members could watch the cricket match. What a display of patriotism," Sanjay Raut said.

showing Pakistani batsman Nobel prize for insulting Sahibzada Farhan making a gun firing gesture during a match with India which has sparked a controversy, he said sarcastically.

field how Pakistani terror-"Apparently BJP mem- ists slaughtered 26 inno-

cents Pahalgam by gunning them down like it was nothing. gripped his bat like an AK-47, boundfiring aries.' Raut targeted Union

Shah's son Jay Shah who is the chairperson of the International Cricket Council (ICC) by name. "We have not given Bharat Ratna. Jay Shah should be given Bharat Ratna for stopping the India-Pakistan United States war. President Donald Trump Citing a viral video should also be given the India's martyrs. All Bhakts

should strongly demand

Bharat Ratna for Jay Bhai,"

Minister Amit

Raut had claimed a few days ago that Jay Shah, heads International Cricket Council (ICC) had paid Rs 50,000 crore to Pakistan, while he announced a 'My Sindoor, My Country' campaign against the India-Pakistan cricket match played in Dubai.

Raut's statements came a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged citizens through an address on Sunday to take pride in purchasing and selling Swadeshi products, noting that India's prosperity depends on the strength of self-reliance.

During his address to the nation on the eve of the Navratri festival, PM Modi affirmed that achieving the goal of a developed India requires adopting selfreliance and promoting Made-in-India products. PM Modi also touched

upon the next-generation GST reforms,

Vice-President releases volumes of Prime Minister Modi's speeches titled Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas

Shri India, Radhakrishnan speeches of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, titled 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas' covering the fourth and fifth years of Prime Minister's second term.

Speaking at the event organized by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in New Delhi, the Vice-President extended warm greetings to citizens on the auspicious occasion of Navratri and noted that this was his first public function after assuming office.

The Vice-President said that the two volumes serve as keys to understanding the Prime Minister's contributions, vision, and dreams for the nation. He described Prime Minister Modi as "a living inspiration for millions across the country and abroad, who motivates people through his own conduct to give their very best, who has grown from being a representative of the common man to a true people's leader, whose made Asambhav ko Sambhav Karna."

tents of the books- which ing include 76 speeches and schemes reach the last

12 Mann Ki Baat addresses person in society. The Vice-President of for 2022-23 and 82 speechtaining the selected sections each- the Vice- Ek

He underlined the Prime CP es and 9 Mann Ki Baat Minister's role in reviving today addresses for 2023-24 India's cultural identity released two volumes con- compiled into 11 thematic through initiatives such as Bharat



President said they reflect the Prime Minister's clarity of thought, forward-looking vision, and commitment to inclusive governance. The Vice-President also congratulated the Publications Ministry Division, Information and Broadcasting for the careful selection and elegant pres-

entation of the speeches. Quoting Swami Vivekanandaawake, and stop not till the goal is reached"- the Vice-President observed that determination has shown every speech of the Prime us how the impossible can Minister carries the same possible, message of persistence, Namumkin ko Mumkin determination, and public welfare. He emphasized that the speeches reflect Highlighting the con- PM Modi's vision of ensurthat government

Kashi Tamil Bharat, Sangamam, Gaurav Diwas, and the renaming of Rajpath as Kartavya Path.

On youth empowerment, the Vice-President praised initiatives such as Startup India, Fit India, Khelo India, Skill India, and Rozgar Melas, describing them as foundational pillars for building a developed India "Arise, by 2047. He also highlighted the launch of Mera Yuva Bharat (My Bharat) as an initiative rooted in faith in the nation's youth.

Referring to India's G20 Presidency, the Vice-President lauded the historic inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member, underscoring PM Modi's vision of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam- the world is one family.

He further said that the speeches capture a "360degree engagement" of Prime Minister Modi, ranging from shaping global agendas to driving transformative local initiatives like Vocal for Atmanirbhar Bharat, and PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana. He noted how these programmes reflect Sustainable Development Goals and bring tangible change in

people's lives. The Vice-President also highlighted that through initiatives such as Jan Dhan Yojana, Aadhaar-Mobile Direct Benefit linkage, Transfer (DBT), PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Lakhpati Didi, PM-KISAN for farmers, Mudra Yojana, and PM SVANidhi, more than 25 crore people have come out of extreme

The Vice-President said that Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi draws upon Bharat's civilisational ethos-rooted in Dharma, Kartavya bodh and Seva bhav. He reminded us that a strong nation is not built on power alone but on character and unity.

poverty in the past decade.

Vice-President The noted that for the Prime Minister, no goal is ever too far or too difficult, as he constantly draws strength from the power of 1.40 billion Indians.



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Editorial

Hidden Menace

Kerala's encounter with a deadly brain infection highlights how climate, culture, and public health can sometimes collide in unexpected ways. A microscopic organism. Naegleria fowleri, thrives in warm, untreated freshwater and can invade the human brain through the nose What follows is a near-fatal condition called primary amoebic meningoencephalitis, which destroys brain tis-

Globally, only a few hundred cases have been documented over decades, but the mortality rate exceeds 90 per cent. In Kerala, this once-rare threat is now a seasonal danger. The southern state has detected dozens of cases in a single year ~ an extraordinary jump from the handful reported earlier. Yet amid the alarm lies a measure of hope: survival rates are improving. State laboratories, strengthened by years of investment in public health are rapidly testing suspected patients and enabling early

Aggressive drug regimens, though far from perfect are saving lives that would once have been lost. This demonstrates the critical role of surveillance and quick intervention when confronting pathogens that evolve faster than public awareness. Kerala's vulnerability stems from more than biology. Its landscape is dotted with more than five million wells and thousands of ponds. providing daily water to millions of households. These natural sources cannot be fully chlorinated without harming ecosystems or disrupting livelihoods. People bathe swim, and perform religious nasal rinses in these waters creating countless entry points for infection. Warning signboards and emergency chlorination drives help only

The most effective defence remains knowledge which would involve cleaning storage tanks, using nose plugs while swimming, and avoiding stagnant or polluted water Climate change deepens the challenge. Warmer air and water temperatures extend the amoeba's breeding season and nourish the bacteria it feeds on. Even a modest rise of one degree Celsius can dramatically increase risk Kerala's experience is, therefore, not a local anomaly but a preview of global trends. As temperatures climb organisms once confined to tropical ponds may emerge in temperate lakes, and diseases once considered medical curiosities may become public-health crises. Public communication must balance urgency with calm. Overreaction could paralyse daily life, while complacency would invite tragedy.

Kerala's health workers are attempting that delicate balance ~ educating citizens without inducing panic, urging precautions without demonising everyday water use Their success will depend on community participation as much as on medical breakthroughs. The lesson is clear. Investment in laboratory capacity, transparent reporting and community education can transform a near-certain killer into a manageable risk. But no state can tackle climate-driven diseases alone. Reducing greenhouse-gas emissions, strengthening sanitation, and expanding research into rapid treatments are all part of the same fight. Kerala's silent waters remind us that the boundaries between environment and health are dissolving, and that vigilance must flow as steadily as the water on which life depends.

AI, branding will need a human connection

As we approach the last phenomenon". quarter of 2025, there is a need felt to map some of the transformative touch points that have influenced the journey of change and transformation in the last three quarters. This year has not just been about the rapid rise of new technologies, but also about how these technologies are reshaping social, cultural, and economic ecosystems. The branding industry, in particular, stands at the crossroads of disruption and reinvention.

2025 has witnessed the impact of the "Disruptive Change" across Critical Institutions, Stakeholders, Policies, Processes and Outreach. In reality today, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become the "Cutting Edge for Transformation, Innovation, Creativity within the global, regional and national architecture". The impact of AI is deep and diverse. As a phenomenon it has impacted the concept of ideation, management and dissemination, created curiosity for investors and investment and has positioned data management, data analytics the algorithm syndrome and the accompanying blitzkrieg at the nerve center of policy and decision making.

Machine Learning has become the mantra and tool for success. Branding dynamics and experience have undergone 360° changes. A new language of interface, interaction and exchange has developed between personalized driven chat boxes and consumers. Immersive brand experience has become the new tool of the understanding, visualization, knowledge and perception framework. Al as a process and facilitator has created a niche for consumer understanding and preferences. The response is instant, proactive; we may call it the "Al induced instant noodle

Changing this requires

more than police action or

Al has enhanced the scope of decision-making tools by introducing diverse

language models. This has led strategists to debate as to whether a new form of "C onne ct and interconnect" is appearing in the ecosystem Campaigns, Creativity, Customers and

Audiences Segmentation. In 2025, conversational AI has revolutionized how brands communicate with their audiences. These aren't soulless, pre-programmed interactions; today's Al-powered conversational tools are nuanced and

context-aware. respond to emotional cues, adapting their tone and recommendations in real time.

This evolution has transformed what were once transactional interactions into rich, personalised dialogues. Voice Al takes this a step further, adding a sensory layer to brand interactions. Experts predict that Al-generated voices will soon be able to adjust dynamically, sounding more empathetic during stressful moments or more energizing during morning interactions. These advancements opportunities for brands to develop consistent yet adaptable voices, capable of fostering deeper emotional connections with consumers. While no one denies the push factor of Al within the branding arena, the question being raised is whether brand profile, management and imaging have become fragile and overdependent on tools?

Are AI chat bots spoiling human ingenuity, creativity and thinking? Will overfocused and tech driven branding lead to more revenues, advertising push and genuine thought driven creativity? The challenge in the days to come will be

It is easy to condemn rural

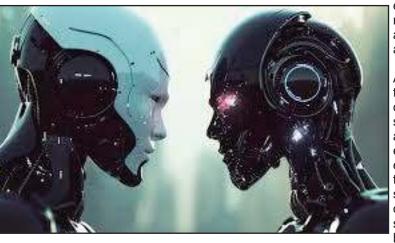
villagers while ignoring the

quiet discrimination in mid-

dle-class homes: the cele-

fine the contours wherein we see better AI and human insightful collaboration. Branding as a process still requires a "Sixth Sense"

whether we need to rede- subtleties of humour, nostalgia, or cultural symbolism. This is where human ingenuity will continue to shine. Brands that succeed in this era of Al-driven effi-



to feel and perceive, which no computational algorithm can replace. Despite Al's prowess in data processing, there are some things it simply cannot replicate. Emotional nuance and cultural intuition, hallmarks of great storytelling, remain deeply human qualities.

Branding thrives on narratives that resonate with audiences on a visceral level, and while Al can assist in generating content, it cannot fully grasp the cream, or balance both ele-

ciency will be those that foster symbiotic partnerships between machine intelligence and human creativity. Think of branding as a layered cake: Al may handle the foundational sponge, data, logistics, and personalization, but it's human creativity that adds the vibrant frosting and carefully places the cherry on top. The challenge will be in deciding whether to prioritise the cherry or the

harmoniously. According to the EY Reimagine and Reinvent Report, AI is driving significant transformation in industries like media and entertainment (M&E), reshaping content cre-

ation, distribution, and audience engagement.

Companies are using Al to forecast consumption trends, optimize production, and deliver personalized experiences across platforms, embedding branding into every step of the customer journey. The report stresses that while Al offers vast opportunities, success will depend on balancing innovation

ethical practices addressing data privacy, algorithmic bias, and transparency to maintain consumer trust. True leaders will strategically leverage AI to enhance their core values, ensuring branding remains both innovative and emotionally compelling. Ultimately, the future of branding isn't about dazzling consumers with flashy tech. It's about using technology to enhance what truly matters: human con-

nection. Al offers unparalleled opportunities for personalization and efficiency, but it's up to businesses to wield these tools with integrity and purpose.

Brands that rise to this challenge will be those that stay curious, creative, and, above all, authentic. In a world saturated with noise, the brands that stand out will be the ones telling stories worth remembering stories that reflect not only technological innovation but also the timeless art of human connection. And if the last year is any indicator, the strongest brands will not simply embrace Al as a tool, but use it as a bridge to amplify empathy, deepen trust, and bring humanity back into focus, even amidst rapid technological disruption. The lesson for leaders is clear: machines may set the rhythm, but it is human imagination that writes the melody. Only when the two perform in harmony will branding achieve its highest purpose, building communities, shaping cultures, and leaving behind stories that endure long after the algorithms change.

Suhrawardy and Partit

In the 1946 election, though the Hindu Mahasabha opposed Congress in 26 general seats, it polled only 2.73 per cent of the total Hindu vote and won only one seat, which was a special Reserved University seat from where Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee (1901-53) was elected unopposed. "It was not a support for secular nationalism" pointed out Joya Chatterji 'but rather against Hindu communalism".

The general understanding was that the Congress was in a much better position than the Hindu Mahasabha in protecting the interests of Bengali Hindus. The election brought the Muslim League back to power in Bengal under the Prime Minister-ship of Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy (1892-1963). The antifeeling Muslim was disappointment enhanced by his role dur- that Suhrawardy bore the Muslims who had several Hindus and Muslims begin ing the Bengal famine as it was believed that 4 million people perished because of his negligence and corruption. Suhrawardy did not believe in elite accommodation and did away with the principle of parity of Hindus and Muslims in ministry formation. Pakistan-isation of Bengal looked certain. The Bengali Hindus were terrified at the prospect of becoming second-class citizens as Muslims constituted 54 per cent of Bengal's population, similar to the Muslim feeling of being a permanent minority within the national movement with Hindus as

> A number of prominent Bengali intellectuals, Jadunath Sarkar, Ramesh Chandra Meghnad Saha, Sisir Kumar Mitra and Suniti Kumar Chatterji sent a

the permanent majority.

telegram on 7 May to the Secretary of State expressing lack of confidence in Suhrawardy's ministry and called for a separate Hindu Bengal. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, earlier a champion of unity of Bengal, now veered towards a separate entity for the Hindus. suspicion The enhanced when Suhrawardy declared that 16 August, the Direct Action Day, would be a public holiday. Much more significant was his threat of complete independence for

Bengal. His demand for an independent Bengal was because of his opposition to the Congress being the sole party at the Centre. the Muslim bypassing League's claims. The threat of Pakistan-izing Bengal got further entrenched and the savagery of the 16 August folresponsibility for this inhuman action and as Joya Chatterji pointed "Hindu leaders were also deeply implicated, a fact which is less well known. More Muslims than Hindus died in the fighting". But this is only the first phase of the development. By 10 May 1947, the fact that India would be partitioned was more or less accepted by both the Congress and the Muslim League.

During this crucial time, Suhrawardy sent an emissary, Maulavi Abul Hasan, communication leading to MLA and his close confidant, to meet Mahatma Gandhi at Sodhpur, near Calcutta where Gandhi was staying. Suhrawardy was getting alarmed at the terrible consequences awaiting Majumdar, the partition of Bengal as a consequence of the division of India between India and Pakistan. To avoid the

ill effects of Bengal's partition Suhrawardy proposed to Gandhi that instead of dividing India into two, it India, Pakistan and a United Bengal. Hasan met Gandhi to prepare the ground for a discussion with Suhrawardy. He told Gandhi that if

India was divided into two,

Pakistan also would have to be divided into two, West and East Pakistan. He stated that religion united the Bengali Muslims with those in West Pakistan but there were wide differences between the two groups in food habits, social interaction, culture, and language. There were no common points. Added to this, was a suspicion that West Pakistanis would dominate over East Pakistanis which was unacceptable to the Bengalis. As such, a united Bengal would be beneficial lowed. There is little doubt for both Hindus and common practices and Gandhi patiently heard Hasan and asked for a few clarifications.

> The next two days, 11 and 12 May, Suhrawardy met Gandhi and acquainted Gandhi with his proposal. Gandhi replied that such a proposal could not be imposed forcibly on any community and added significantly, that after the happenings in Noakhali, Calcutta and Bihar, there was a total breakdown in total distrust between the communities. Suhrawardy acknowledged this difficulty and added that when he proposed a united Bengal the Muslims were receptive but the Hindus rejected it outright though a few Hindu leaders heard him out.

Gandhi replied that he

would put in his efforts to convince the Hindus provided Suhrawardy could work out a non-violent should be divided into three, mechanism of keeping both the communities together and offered to be his secretary to help Suhrawardy considered it a strange proposal and requested Gandhi for some time to think about it. Gandhi in a letter to Suhrawardy which was delivered on the morning of 13 May 1947 stated "I recognise the seriousness of the position in Bengal in the matter of partition.

If you are absolutely sincere in your professions and would disabuse me of all the suspicion against you and you would always retain Bengal for the Bengalis - Hindus and Mussulmans, intact by nonviolent means, I am quite willing to act as your Honorary private secretary and live under your roof till to live as brothers that they interests other than religion. are". Nirmal Kumar Bose, a close associate of Gandhi, commented on this historic meeting after 18 years, much before 1971.

> The fears expressed by Suhrawardy and Hasan were proved right. There was a total domination of West Pakistan over East Pakistan in all important spheres like trade and employment. Bose praised the two Bengali Muslim leaders for clearly comprehending the ill effects of partition on Bengal and cautioned both the Muslims and the Hindus but unfortunately the leadership at the time did not accept the warning. Maulana Azad had predicted that no nation could sustain only on a single religious identity. Pakistan was dismembered into two in 1971.

Buried

The discovery of a new-lence against girls, one that born buried alive in Uttar transcends caste, religion, Pradesh is more than a and region. The economic shocking crime. It is a chill- rationale offered by many dice continues to poison Indian society. The image of a tiny hand protruding from the earth, of an infant gasping for air as mud fills her mouth and nose, is a metaphor for how we treat millions of girls ~ pushed to the margins, silenced, and left to fight for survival from the moment of birth. India's celebrated economic growth and urban modernity cannot mask the stub-

Despite decades of campaigns and legislation, female foeticide remains prenatal sex testing exist widespread, aided by illegal sex-determination clinics. Where abortion is not often override legal deteran option, infanticide or rence. When a community abandonment Each case may be present- al of a baby girl as unfortued as an isolated tragedy, nate but understandable, it

born reality that a daughter

is still often seen as a liabil-





parents, and carry on the family name ~ has become a deadly social script. Daughters are still linked to dowry costs and diminished status.

Laws against dowry and on paper, but enforcement is patchy, and social norms follows. silently accepts the disposbut together they form a signals that the real crime pattern of systemic vio- is to be born female. confront its own complicity.

risk. We all are aware that

post the Pahalgam blood-

shed in April 2025, India for-

mally suspended the Indus

Treaty,

Pakistan's alleged support

changes in ground realities

climate as a justification.

India invoked the principle

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offer financial incentives for raising daughters can help, but they are not enough. We need sustained education campaigns that challenge patriarchal traditions, stronger local surveillance of sex-determination practices, and swift prosecution of offenders. Equally important is the role of community leaders, teachers, and religious figures in shifting

This incident should also force urban India to

the moral compass.

itself. bration of a son's birth, the when a girl arrives, the differential investment in education and nutrition. Prejudice thrives not only where it is violent, but also where it is polite. Every rescued child is a fleeting miracle, but miracles cannot substitute for justice. Only sustained social reform can prevent the next newborn from becoming a victim of buried prejudice. A society that buries its daughters cannot claim progress. Rescuing one child from a shallow grave is heroic, but true victory will come only when no child needs to be rescued at all. Until every birth is welcomed, every life protected, and every girl given the same chance to flourish, the cries from beneath the soil will contin-

ue to haunt the conscience

of this nation.

Suspended treaty, rising waters

By its own actions, Pakistan was able to antici-Pakistan had forfeited the entitlement to receive hydrological data – such as vital flood forecasts and ing vulnerable communities river discharge volumes - along the Chenab, Ravi, that India had regularly and Sutlej to even greater shared in the past for early warning and water management. Through its persistent policy of fomenting instability in the neighbourhood via proxy wars and terrorism, Pakistan has lost access to timely alerts. The absence terrorism, and of such information, particularly during the recent surge such as demographics and of the Sutlej crossing 122,000 cusecs, would have greatly aggravated the devastation.

Due to sharing of advanced data by India, Vienna Convention to

defend its position of sus- its commitment to the full pension under a "fundapate or prepare for dangerous inflows, reducing evacmental change of circumuation lead time and exposstances".

Indian leaders, including External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, and the Ministry of External Affairs, have iterated that the Treaty remains in abeyance until Pakistan "credibly and irrevocably" stops crossborder terrorism claiming legal justification under changed circumstances. Officials argue the Treaty doesn't provide for suspension by one party alone. Pakistan has raised its concern towards any attempt to divert or block treaty-guaranteed waters. As of August 2025, Pakistan has iterated

implementation of the Treaty and urged India to restore its normal functioning. While we as Indians are very clear about our stance, at an international level, on 27 June 2025, the Court of Arbitration issued a "Supplemental Award on Competence," reaffirming that it still has jurisdiction over disputes under the Treaty – even though India has suspended it.

The Court also stated that the Treaty does not allow unilateral suspension or abeyance. We have categorically rejected the Court's authority, calling its formation and decisions illegal and void under the Treaty. On August 25, Pakistan" and lastly discon-Pakistan again requested for resumption, but the Treaty remains paused. Let us have a look at the practical impacts of "Held in Abeyance" under which several key functions under the Treaty have been suspended. These include "Discontinuation of formal meetings between Indus Waters Commissioners", "No Hydrological data to be shared with Pakistan such as flood forecasts, glacier data or even river discharge information", "Pakistani officials cannot visit J&K to monitor projects", "India's position to proceed with hydro projects without shar-

ing design details with

tinuation of publication of the Treaty's usual annual reports.

These disruptions have

a direct impact and serious risks, particularly for Pakistan's agriculture – more than 90 per cent of which relies on Indus basin water. On the other hand, recently, Pakistan's Punjab province, particularly the eastern region, has endured the worst flooding in four decades. Over one million people have been evacuated, with more than 1,400 villages inundated, and at least 12 deaths in one week alone. In southern Sindh, more than 100,000 people were evac-

uated as floodwaters moved downstream, threatening further catastrophic losses. Newer figures report that over 2,000 villages were submerged, displacing over two million people, with more than 760,000 people and 516,000 livestock evacuated. At least 33 lives have been lost so far.

East Punjab alone has seen nearly 250,000 people displaced, with 1.2 million affected and 1,400 villages hit. Mr Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson of MEA said, "We have timely shared high flood data and hydrological data through our High Commisionand through our diplomatic channels with

Waters Treaty held in abeyance. This has reduced dramatically the impact of this year's floods across Pakistan. Without warning or data, communities would have diminished lead time for evacuation and infrastructure defense elevating the scale of human, agricultural and economic devastation." If the recent floods underscore the compounded consequences of the Indus Waters Treaty's suspension, Pakistan must reflect on whether persisting with terrorism – at the cost of innocent civilian lives - serves any purpose.

Pakistan on humanitarian

grounds, despite the Indus

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Waste to art exhibition at western railway's mumbai central railway station showcases innovation in recycling

Turning Treasure Inspires Railway Passengers with Creative

Recycling In a significant step Chief Public Relations towards championing envi- Officer of Western Railway, rethink waste, recycle ronmental sustainability, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the Western Railway inaugurated a unique "Waste to Art" exhibition on 22nd September 2025 at Mumbai Central Railway Station. Held at the station's concourse hall as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 campaign, the exhibition reflects Western Hanger Brackets, Coiled Railway's strong commitment to waste reduction and the creative reuse of discarded materials. This ally destined for the junkinitiative serves as a powerful reminder that waste formed into striking works doesn't have to end up in a of art.

landfill, it can be trans-Trash into formed into something Western meaningful, inspiring, and beautiful.

According to a press release issued by the exhibition showcases an impressive collection of sculptures and artistic installations crafted entirely from scrap and discarded railway materials. Items such as MS Pipes, Anchor Link Control Arms, MS Angles, MS Sheets, Brake Springs, Alternator Tension Rod Springs, Washers and other metallic scraps, usuyard have been trans-

Western Railway's Mumbai Central Division, is not just about celebrating creativity but also about spreading awareness. Every installation carries a message: smartly, and imagine new possibilities. Thousands of commuters passing through Mumbai Central daily are pausing to admire the display, clicking photos,

'waste" really means. Shri Vineet Abhishek further added that through this exhibition, Western Railway aims to inspire passengers to see the hidden potential in what is usually discarded as waste. He emphasized that this initiative is a small but

and leaving with a fresh

perspective on what

This initiative, led by meaningful step that aligns with the Swachh Bharat Mission and reflects Western Railway's vision of creating a cleaner, healthier, and greener future.

With the Swachhata Hi

Seva 2025 campaign gathering momentum across the nation, this exhibition stands as a shining example of how public institutions can use creativity to drive environmental consciousness. Western Railway invites passengers to explore the exhibition, engage with its message, and take home the inspiration to contribute to a cleaner, greener tomorrow, because a better tomorrow begins with the choices we make today.

Banu Mushtaq Inaugurates Mysuru Dasara 2025, **Performs Puja at Chamundeshwari Temple**

Renowned author and Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtag inaugurated the Mysuru Dasara festival 2025 by offering flowers and prayers to Goddess Chamundeshwari at the hill temple. She was accompanied by Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and other dignitaries, and also participated in the Mahamangalarati before commencing the celebra-

Her participation in the puja, in line with Hindu traditions, was seen as a strong response to critics who had questioned her appointment as the inaugurator of the state's most iconic cultural festival.

Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq inaugurated the Mysuru Dasara festival

2025 by offering prayers to hope that Mysuru Dasara Chamundeshwari Temple, Goddess Chamundeshwari, would be recognised worldaccompanied by Chief wide as a festival of peace

that addressed criticism regarding her appointment and emphasized cultural harmony and inclusivi-

After inauguration, Banu Mushtaq described the invitation as a great honour,

recalling how a friend had tions and idol worship. The once spoken of taking her BJP even took the matter to to the temple. "Today, it was the government that Siddaramaiah-led governgave me this opportunity, ment's decision. and I am deeply grateful, she said.

She also expressed

Minister Siddaramaiah, in a and harmony, spreading

the fragrance of unity far beyond India's borders. Banu

Mushtaq's selection naugurator drew criticism from opposition leaders, especially BJP MP Pratap Simha,

who questioned

faith in

Sanatan tradicourt, challenging the

her

Unfazed, Mushtaq embraced tradition by performing rituals

making it clear that she respected the customs associated with the festival.

Thanking Siddaramaiah for his support, she said: "Culture is our root, and harmony is our strength. Neither the sky nor the earth discriminates

against anyone." Her message struck a chord with many, portraying Mysuru Dasara as a celebration of inclusivity, peace, and cultural pride.

The Mysuru Dasara festival has long been regarded as a grand showcase of Karnataka's traditions. With Banu Mushtag inaugurating the event this year, the celebration carries a strong message of unity across communities, reinforcing its reputation as the festival of

12 employees of western railway felicitated with General manager's safety award

August, 2025 and thereby alertness of the staff who body, dangling objects in Shri Vivek Kumar Gupta ensuring the safety of train were being awarded and wagons and Accident

General Manager of operations. Out of the 12 mentioned that they are Relief Train (ART), applica-



Shri Vivek Kumar Gupta - General Manager of Western Railway is seen along with Additional General Manager Principal Head of Departments and the recipients of GM's Safety Award.

Western Railway felicitated 12 employees at WR Headquarters, Mumbai for their outstanding work which resulted in safe train Bhavnagar Division. working. These employees alertness on duty and their valuable contributions in Western Railway, preventing untoward inci-

employees, 02 each are from Mumbai Central, Vadodara, Ratlam, Ahmedabad, Rajkot and

According to a press were awarded for their release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Vineet Abhishek. dents, during the month of Gupta appreciated the

exemplary role models for everyone to emulate. The employees' high level of commitment and dedication towards safe running of trains in various areas of safety such as detection of broken bolt, detection of smoke and spark underside of a coach/engine, track fracture, broken coupler

tion of emergency brakes before an open level cross gate to save untoward incidents, etc.

Western Railway commends all awardee employees for their quick thinking alertness, played a key role in preventing untoward events.

Consultancy A former employee of Tata Consultancy Services physical assault by the HR (TCS) has alleged that he was physically assaulted in Noida on September 19 by the Human Resources after inquiring about sever-

(HR) team after inquiring about severance pay. This claim, shared in a detailed Reddit post, has sparked widespread debate on workplace ethics. The post, titled "Got terminated by TCS, then assaulted by HR when I asked about severance - what should I do?" has gained significant attention on the subreddit 'r/IndianWorkplace'. The individual recount-

ed events from September 19 at TCS's Yamuna office in Noida. He stated that he was abruptly terminated and sought clarification on three points: the reasons for his termination, whether TCS would provide severance pay as announced in the media, and the separation process, including returning company property like a laptop.

former

Ex-TCS Employee Alleges Assault by HR Over Severance Query team at the Yamuna office ance pay, as detailed in a

(TCS) employee alleged Upon arrival, an HR representative allegedly told him: "We won't reply. You are terminated. Fight wherever you want."

Feeling unsafe, he Reddit post that has gained returned with his phone



attention 'r/IndianWorkplace,' which led to a police complaint and community reactions but no statement from TCS.

According to his account, emails and calls to HR went unanswered. "By 10:30 AM my access was blocked. So I went to the office in person around mentioned that police took legal action against TCS.

on camera recording. He claimed another HR member instructed colleagues to "snatch his phone". "They physically restrained me. My right hand was twisted, I was in pain, and honestly, I felt humiliated," he wrote.

Legal Steps Taken The employee further

Services 4:30 PM," he explained. him to Sector-168 police chowki where he filed a complaint and submitted video evidence. He noted that police requested HR's presence at the station but they refused to comply.

In his post, he expressed feeling trapped without severance or a formal response from TCS and asked for advice on escalating the issue through legal channels such as labour court or directly to court.

Community Reactions

The Reddit community reacted strongly to this incident. One user suggested involving a lawyer and possibly sharing the video on LinkedIn for wider exposure. Another user advised making the video public to highlight physical harassment issues.

Some users recommended seeking employment outside traditional corporate roles with companies like Swiggy or Zomato while pursuing



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Annamalai's meeting with Dhinakaran sparks speculation of AMMK's return to NDA

leader O Panneerselvam Dhinakaran in Chennai late

(OPS) have deserted the on Sunday night and lasted

Former BJP state president K Annamalai had an hour-long meeting with Amma Makkal Munntera Kazhagam (AMMK) genersecretary Dhinakaran, sparking speculation of the AMMK's

return to the NDA combine. Annamalai is the first BJP leader to walk the extra mile to meet the sulking Dhinakaran, who had left the NDA following his marginalisation after the reentry of the AIADMK under Edappadi K Palaniswamy after their long wait for the Ministerial candidate in the futile. 2026 assembly election.



(EPS) into the saffron com- BJP national leadership to bine in Tamil Nadu and his facilitate their re-induction projection as the Chief into the AIADMK turned

The meeting took place He and rebel AIADMK at the residence of

believed that Annamalai had strongly requested Dhinakaran to reconsider his decision to quit the NDA and return to the saffron fold.

Dhinakaran, while train-

ing his guns on BJP state president for the chaos in the NDA and accusing him of lacking the capability to carry along all constituents, has praised Annamalai's leadership besides crediting him with bringing the AMMK into the NDA for the 2024 Lok Sabha election. Despite walking out of the NDA, Dhinakaran displays a soft heart for the BJP national leadership, avoiding any criticism of the Union Government.

OPS Dhinakaran reportedly moving closer to actor Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), remains to be seen whether mission Annamalai

can succeed.

Kharge, Sonia, Rahul to attend historic **CWC** meeting in Patna on Wednesday

The Congress Working Committee's extended meeting will be held at Sadaqat Ashram, Patna, on Wednesday, which will be attended by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, former Congress president Sonia Gandhi, and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

Apart from top party leaders, all other CWC members and chief ministers of Congress-ruled states are also expected to attend the CWC meeting, which is being held in Patna for the first time since independence.

Announcing a press conference in Patna on Monday, Bihar Congress President Rajesh Ram said that Sadaqat Ashram, the

sciousness in Bihar, will its Constitution and the citi- said that the Sadaqat now become the driving zens of India from people



force for change across the nation.

He said that the decision to host the CWC meeting at the historical Sadaqat Ashram holds But we will protect it at all great significance in current circumstances. The current socio-political scenario in the state warrants special

with vested interests.

He said: "After independence, we received the Constitution, which is now under threat by the BJP. costs. We will not let the conspiracy of vote thieves succeed in Bihar."

Ashram was the centre of freedom struggle the against the British. It will now turn into the centre of the "second war of independence."

He said: "Discussions at this meeting will not be limited to Bihar but will encompass national issues of great importance. During the CWC meeting, resolutions on several key national issues will be passed. We are all committed to finding ways to provide relief to the people of Bihar.'

The Congress leader said that even after 11 years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has shown no interest in resolving major issues such as unemployment, inflation, rising crime, failed foreign Bihar Congress In- policy, and increasing

Azam Khan to walk free from Sitapur jail on Tuesday completed all legal procefirmed Khan's release, stat-

Senior Samajwadi Party morning at 7 am after spending nearly 23 months in judicial custody. Sources confirmed that the jail administration has received the official release order, and all necessary formalities have been completed.

anticipated Khan's release has created a stir in political circles across Uttar Pradesh. His supporters are preparing a grand welcome outside the jail, while political rivals are maintaining a cautious silence. Authorities have deployed tight security to ensure law and order during the highprofile event.

Superintendent Suresh Kumar Singh con-

ing, "We have received the (SP) leader Azam Khan is release order for Azam set to be released from Khan. The process for his

dures required for his release, with only final jail formalities pending. His Sitapur Jail on Tuesday release is currently under- return to public life is being viewed as a potential



Convicted in multiple cases, Azam Khan has now

game-changer in Uttar

Pradesh's political land-

Adding to the intrigue, speculation is rife about Khan's next political mov. Rumours suggest a possible departure from the SP, with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) emerging as a destination. potential Fueling these speculations, BSP's lone MLA and close confidant of party chief Mayawati, Uma Shankar Singh, publicly invited Khan to join the BSP, while clarifying that the final decision would rest with Mayawati.

Khan's return is expected to influence the state's political narrative significantly. Whether he stays loyal to the SP or charts a new course remains to be seen. All eyes are now on Tuesday morning, as the veteran leader prepares to walk out of jail.

centre of political con- efforts to save the country, Charge, Krishna Allavaru, atrocities against women. **Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi** begins four-day official visit to Sri Lanka

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi embarked on a four-day official visit to Sri Lanka. The visit will culminate on 25th September.

A statement from the spokesperson Naval informed that during the visit the CNS will call on the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, VAdm Kanchana Banagoda, and engage in bilateral discussions with the three Service Chiefs and other senior government officials on a broad spectrum of defence cooperation matters, with emphasis on maritime security, capability enhancement, training and identifying avenues to strengthen cooperation.

pating in the 12th edition of Galle Dialogue 2025 -

He will also be partici- Ocean under Changing Dynamics'.

The Indian Navy regu-

International Conference at Colombo on Lanka Navy through meditheme

Maritime larly interacts with the Sri 'Maritime um of Annual Defence Outlook of the Indian Dialogue, Staff Talks and

The app, available for

both iOS and Android plat-

tions which include Sri Lanka India Naval Exercise (SLINEX), Passage Exercises, Training and Hydrography exchanges. In addition, both Navies regularly participate in multilateral events such as Indian Ocean Naval Symposium, Galle Dialogue, MILAN, Goa Maritime Conclave/ Symposium, Colombo Security Conclave, the spokesperson stated.

other operational interac-

The CNS engagements in Sri Lanka are structured at deepening bonds of friendship, paving the way for enhanced understanding in key areas of shared strategic and maritime interests, in line with the vision of 'Mahasagar'.

Cross-border arms smuggling module busted in Punjab

In an intelligence-led operation amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a Amritsar Commissionerate Police has dismantled an organised arms and hawala network with the arrest of operatives three involved in cross-border illegal weapons supply and recovered 10 sophisticated weapons and Rs 2.5 lakh in hawala money from their possession.

Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav said on Monday that those arrested have been identified as Meo in Amritsar; Manbir Vaan Tara Singh in Tarn Taran; and Mohammad Tofiq Khan alias Babblu Nagar in Mumbai. The and harmony in the state. recovered weapons include three .30 bore PX5 pistols, ther investigation is under-

three 9MM Glocks, one way to establish forward 9MM Beretta, and three .30 bore pistols.

and backward linkages in this case to unearth the DGP Gaurav Yadav said entire network and identify safe and secure state, that preliminary investiga- cross-border linkages.



Amarjeet Singh, alias Bau tion has revealed that the (22), a resident of Majhi arrested accused were in contact with Pakistan-Singh (26), a resident of based handlers and were using social media to procure and further distribute illegal weapons with an (42), a resident of Gautam intention to disturb peace

The DGP said that fur-

Sharing operation details, Commissioner of Police (CP) Amritsar Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said that in an intelligenceled operation, Police teams had arrested Amarjeet alias Bau and recovered one Glock pistol from his possession.

Later, on disclosure of in Amritsar.

Amarjeet, Manbir was nominated and arrested along with nine pistols, he said, while adding that both Amarjeet and Manbir had a common Pakistan-based handler, who pushed weapon consignments into Indian territory using drones.

Pakistan by a Mumbaibased individual, Mohammad Tofig Khan, who was using rented premises in different cities of the Punjab for network operations. The latter was arrested along with Rs 2.5 lakh in hawala money, he added.

In this regard, an FIR dated 17 September 2025 has been registered under sections 25(6), 25(7), and 25(8) of the Arms Act at Police Station Gate Hakima

Chennai becomes first Indian city to launch integrated digital ticketing system for public transport Stalin posted on X.

(Gns).

In a major leap forward The CP said that further to enhance connectivity investigation has revealed and streamline urban that the money from this mobility, Chief Minister M.K. smuggling trade was rout- Stalin on Monday launched ed through hawala to the mobile application Chennai One, which provides an integrated QR code-based ticketing system for all modes of transport-buses, Metro Rail, suburban trains, and autos.

> Hailed as the first city in the country to achieve this milestone, Chennai now offers a seamless commuting experience through the app, which also doubles as a journey planner. The Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA), which developed the described the all-in-one digital platform as a "game

> > Samajwadi

President Akhilesh Yadav

Monday raised sharp ques-

tions about the BJP govern-

ment's plan for distributing

the profits earned from the

Goods and Services Tax

WhatsApp channel, Yadav

asked 10 pointed questions

regarding the fate of the

amount collected through

GST over the past eight

Key Questions Raised

the

years.

by Yadav:

In a post on his

ple modes of public transport under a single umbrel-

"This will make commut- forms, was launched fol-



SP Chief Akhilesh Yadav Questions

ing easier. Positive feedback has already been began in June. A key hurdle received from the public, that delayed the rollout was which will be taken into resolving the issue of plataccount to make Chennai form fees. It was settled shine as the best in the with the State government world in changer" that brings multi- #PublicTransportSystem," cent of the ticket fare

lowing successful trials that

agreeing to bear 1.39 per-

charged through the app. The government is expected to pay approximately ₹3 crore annually toward this.

Further, CUMTA officials confirmed that the State government has already deposited ₹30 lakh into the account of Southern Railways as rolling funds. Southern Railways can deduct ticket fares from this pool, which will be reimbursed from daily fare collections.

This landmark initiative, a digital gateway for urban commuting, is part of Chennai's 25-year comprehensive mobility plan. By eliminating the need for multiple ticketing systems, it offers a model that urban planners believe can be replicated in other cities across India.

used for making false prom-

BJP government "looted the

public for 10 years through

heavy taxes" and now,

when they are feeling

rejected by the masses, the

ruling party is now trying to

woo people with token sops.

entangled businesses and

traders in a flawed GST.

The government made

huge profits through high

GST and allowed profiteer-

While the government

ing," Yadav said.

"The BJP government

Yadav alleged that the

ises?

Permanent restoration of flood damages to start after centre approves package: J&K CM

Chief Minister Omar restoration Abdullah on Monday said Stressing the importance of human and heavy material of infrastructure and directed the Jal Shakti claimed 150 lives, left 178 restoration of livelihoods hit Department to during the recent incidents avoid tempoof cloudbursts and landslides across Jammu and Kashmir would be taken up only on permaon a war footing once a nent restoracomprehensive package is tion of water approved

Government of India. The Chief Minister chaired a high-level meet- reviewed the ing to take a comprehensive review of flood relief and restoration measures Jammu across and Kashmir.

He directed all departwithout delay. He enquired about the funds released during the floods and was informed that in several districts, these funds have Ramesh Kumar, presented

been utilized in temporary the situation in the Jammu the CM Relief Fund.

rary fixes and instead focus the supply schemes. He also

safety audit of schools undertaken after the floods, call-

ing for the certification process to be fast-tracked. The Chief Minister was ments to expedite their informed that the slow assessment so that projec- movement of traffic on the tions for relief and restora- Jammu-Srinagar highway tion could be submitted to has been on account of the Government of India poor road conditions on certain stretches and not deliberate.

Divisional Commissioner

and 33 missing, with Kishtwar recording the highest number of casualties. Housing were

with severe, than more 4,200 homes fully damaged and over 8,600

partially damaged, the worst-hit districts being Udhampur and Jammu. Livestock losses stood at 1,455, and crops over 1,300 hectares were damaged.

It was informed that financial assistance exceeding Rs 40 crore has been disbursed from the State Disaster Response Jammu, Fund, with an additional Rs 3.35 crore provided from

works. Division, reporting several Restoration work is underway across sectors, with that permanent restoration durable solutions, he losses. He said the floods over 2,700 km of roads and more than half of the dampeople injured, aged bridges already temporarily Permanent restoration of roads and bridges is estimated at nearly Rs 893 crore. The power sector was also badly affected, with over 49,000 distribution transformers hitalmost all of which have now been restored. More than 2,000 water supply works were damaged, with around 1,600 temporarily restored, requiring nearly Rs 195 crore for permanent restoration. The education sector

while 758 were declared

unsafe.

Will the total amount be distributed directly also bore the brunt of the like households floods, with more than "Mahakumbh model" imple-8,800 schools audited for mented by the UP BJP govsafety. Over 5,500 have ernment? been issued safety certifi-Will it be adjusted in the cates, of which around next insurance premium 5,200 were deemed safe, payments?

BJP's GST Profit Distribution Plan accounts through the Direct door channels Benefit Transfer scheme?

remaining Rs 15 lakh prom- next election?

Will the amount be dis-

Will the amount be tributed in cash by BJP adjusted against the leaders on the eve of the



ised by the BJP to its supporters?

Will it be provided in two installments along with the long-pending subsidy on gas cylinders?

Will the amount be paid Will the amount be using funds received from added to the BJP's returned directly to bank companies through back-

Will the amount be used to waive school fees for children?

Will the amount be used

to provide free medical care to the sick and elderly? Will the amount be

Jumlakosh, a fund allegedly

maintains that GST reforms

are intended to simplify the tax structure, reduce prices, and spur economic growth. However, the opposition parties, including the SP and Congress, have dismissed the government's move, calling it "inadequate" and nothing more than a "Band-Aid solution."