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PM Modi Inaugurates BSNL's 'Swadeshi' 4G Network From Odisha

(Gns). In a major boost to telecommunication infrastructure, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated BSNL's 'Swadeshi' 4G stack, marking India's entry into a coveted league of nations that manufacture telecom equipment.

On the occasion of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited's silver jubilee, the PM also commissioned more than 97,500 mobile 4G towers, including 92,600 4G technology sites of the telecom service provider. These towers have been built at a cost of around Rs 37,000 crore with 'swadeshi' (indige-

nous) technology.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated BSNL's 'Swadeshi' 4G stack, launching over 97,500 mobile 4G towers across India, including 2,472 villages in Odisha, built with indigenous technology at a cost of around Rs 37,000 crore, and marking India's entry into a league of nations manufacturing telecom equipment.

The launch of the 'Swadeshi' 4G stack marked India's entry into a league of nations such as

Denmark, Sweden, South Korea, and China, which manufacture homegrown telecom equipment. The India-made network is cloud-based, future-ready and can upgrade seamlessly to 5G, an official said.

The rollout of the 'swadeshi' 4G network is a transformative step in line with the Prime Minister's vision of a Digital India, bridging the digital divide and empowering rural communities, while paving the way for BSNL's 5G upgrade and integration, an official



statement said. Over 26,700 unconnected villages, including 2,472 of Odisha, in remote, border and left-wing extremism-affected areas will receive connection with this launch. This will serve over 20 lakh new subscribers, the statement said.

These towers are solar-powered, making them India's largest cluster of green telecom sites and a step forward in sustainable infrastructure. This apart, the Prime Minister also unveiled India's 100 per cent 4G saturation network through digital Bharat Nidhi, where 29,000 to 30,000 villages are connected in a mission-mode project.

MEA Confirms Talks With US On H-1B Visa Rule Changes Impacting Indian Professionals

(Gns). India is in active discussions with the United States and relevant stakeholders regarding the Trump administration's proposal to impose a \$100,000 fee on H-1B visas. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) emphasized on Friday that the mobility of skilled Indian professionals has long contributed to innovation, economic growth, and competitiveness in both nations.

The new fee, announced last week by US President Donald Trump, is part of measures aimed at curbing alleged misuse of the H-1B programme, which Washington has termed a

"national security threat." The move, expected to significantly affect Indian professionals who make up nearly 75% of H-1B visa recipients over the past decade, seeks to restrict the entry of non-immigrant workers.

India is in discussions with the United States and stakeholders regarding the proposed \$100,000 fee on H-1B visas, announced by Donald Trump, which seeks to restrict non-immigrant

workers, particularly impacting Indian professionals who comprise nearly 75% of H-1B recipients.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal confirmed that the US has repatriated 2,417 Indian nationals between January 20 and September 25 this year.

Switch To Shorts MEA Confirms Talks With US On H-1B Visa Rule Changes Impacting Indian Professionals MEA spokesperson



Randhir Jaiswal cited a notification from the US Department of Homeland Security regarding proposed rule changes. He noted that industry and other stakeholders have been given one month to provide comments. He also highlighted that clarifications issued by the US confirmed the \$100,000 fee will apply only once for fresh H-1B applications.

"As to how this will ultimately evolve, it remains an ongoing process. We are engaged at multiple levels, including through the Indian embassy in Washington and directly with US authorities," Jaiswal said at a weekly briefing.

MiG Is a Testimony of India-Russia Ties: Rajnath Singh At Its Farewell Event

(Gns). Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday recalled the role played by MiG-21 during the Indian wars and said that it was like a family member.

While bidding farewell to the Russian-origin fighter jet, Singh hailed its contributions as he said that MiG-21 was a symbol of the strong relationship between India and Russia.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh bid farewell to the MiG-21 fighter jet at the Chandigarh Air Force Station, which was officially decommissioned by the Indian Air Force after 63 years of service, highlighting its contributions in numerous conflicts includ-

ing the 1971 war and Kargil conflict.

India's legendary combat jet, the MiG-21, was officially decommissioned by the Indian Air Force (IAF) on Friday at a grand ceremony at the Chandigarh Air Force Station, concluding its remarkable 63 years of service that began with its induction in 1963.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh led the tributes, recalling the jet's crucial contributions to numerous conflicts and hailing it as a "tremendous strength" for India's armed

forces throughout its history.

"Its contribution has not been limited to a single event or a single war. From the war of 1971 to the Kargil conflict, or from the Balakot airstrike to Operation Sindoor, there has not been a moment when the MiG-21 has not provided tremendous strength to our armed forces," Singh stated.

He specifically remembered the MiG-21's important role during the 1971 war, citing its decisive attack on the Governor's House in Dhaka, which he said outlined the



result of the war on that very day.

Calling its retirement a farewell to a symbol of courage, sacrifice, and national pride, the Minister said, "This farewell is also of our collective memories, of our national pride, and of that journey in which the story of courage, sacrifice, and excellence has been written."

More Than a Jet, a Family Member

The Defence Minister expressed a deep emotional attachment to the aircraft, saying the MiG-21 is more than just a fighter jet for India; it is like a family member deeply embedded in the nation's memories.

BJP hits out at Himachal Congress, hails Modi for economic reforms and growth

(Gns). BJP state president Dr. Rajeev Bindal said that while Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government at the Centre has been working to provide relief to the people, the Congress government in Himachal, led by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, has spent the last three years burdening the public.

Bindal, addressing a press conference in Shimla, alleged that the Congress government has imposed as many as 10 different types of cesses, leading to a 40 percent hike in electricity bills.

He pointed out that the state government

increased VAT on diesel by Rs 7.50, placing an additional burden of Rs 10,000 crore on the people.

The additional goods tax on cement was raised from Rs 7.50 to Rs 16 per bag, water charges were sharply increased, with rural households forced to pay Rs 100 per month, stamp duty was raised, and hospitals were directed to charge Rs 10 for outpatient slips.

In contrast, he said, the Modi government implemented major reforms in GST that brought relief worth Rs 2 lakh crore to the public.

Praising Prime Minister Modi, Bindal said that "self-reliant India" and "swadeshi" are at the core of his vision.

Drawing a comparison, he noted that in 2014 India



had only 1,000 startups, whereas today the number has crossed 1.6 lakh. While 98 percent of mobile phones were earlier imported, now 98 percent are manufactured in India, including the iPhone.

In the defence sector, Bindal highlighted that India's exports have jumped from Rs 686 crore to Rs 23,622 crore. Under Modi's leadership, India has become a \$7.3 trillion economy, emerging as the fourth largest in the world.

He added that the country has made remarkable progress in areas such as destination weddings, tourism, cultural heritage, yoga, and space sciences.

"This has been possible only because Prime Minister Modi does what he says, and knows how to translate his vision into reality," Bindal said, asserting that the "Modi magic" continues to resonate across India and abroad.

Comprehensive reform of Security Council is in best interest of all: G4

(Gns).

The Foreign Ministers of G4 countries (India, Brazil, Germany and Japan) have emphasised that, amid increasing instability in the international order, it is crucial to reform the Security Council at the earliest.

External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar and his counterparts from the G4 countries, Mauro Vieira of Brazil, Johann Wadephul of Germany, and Iwaya Takeshi of Japan, held discussions to review the progress and discuss prospects for reform of the UN Security Council.

The Foreign Ministers of G4 countries met on the sidelines of the United

Nations General Assembly in New York on Thursday to discuss the prospects for reforms of the UN Security

Brazil; Johann Wadephul, Federal Foreign Minister of Germany; S Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs

assess the state of play and discuss prospects for reform of the UN Security Council," G4 Ministerial Joint Statement said.

"A comprehensive reform of the Security Council is in the best interest of all. The G4 Ministers reaffirmed the willingness and capability of the G4 countries, as democracies sharing common political values including respect for the rule of law, full adherence to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and commitment to multilateralism, to shoulder the Security Council's primary responsibility of maintaining international peace and security.



Council, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Saturday.

"The Foreign Ministers of the G4 countries- Mauro Vieira, Foreign Minister of

of India and Iwaya Takeshi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, met on the margins of the 80th Session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly to

For BJP, Bihar polls a campaign to expel infiltrators: Amit Shah

(Gns).

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday described the upcoming Bihar Assembly election as a campaign for the BJP to drive out infiltrators.

He promised that if party workers ensured a two-thirds majority for the NDA, the government would identify and expel infiltrators one by one.

Addressing around 5,000 BJP workers gathered from nine districts at Forbesganj in Araria district, Shah linked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' to the issue of infiltration. He claimed that Rahul Gandhi remembered to undertake the Yatra only after the Election Commission began tightening its oversight.

"Rahul Gandhi wants infiltrators to have voting rights. He launched a Yatra to protect them. But for the

BJP, this election is about removing infiltrators from Bihar and the rest of the country. We will identify

items.

"The fourth Diwali would be celebrated when the NDA wins more than 160 seats and forms the next government in Bihar," he added.

The Union Minister was on a two-day visit to Bihar to sharpen the BJP's election strategy. During the trip, he held a series of meetings with party leaders and addressed divisional-level worker conferences in Samastipur, Araria, and Bettiah.

Energising the party cadre, Shah said the real strength of the BJP lies in its workers. "With their dedication and effort, the BJP will come to power in Bihar by winning more than 160 seats," he said.

He also gave party

workers a special 50-day task to spread awareness about BJP's policies and government schemes. He asked them to visit temples and honour priests, interact with Jeevika Didis (women involved in Bihar's Jeevika mission), and communicate directly with beneficiaries of government schemes during Diwali.

Earlier, Shah chaired a strategy meeting at the BJP state office in Patna, focusing on organisational strengthening, candidate selection, and overall election preparedness. The meeting was attended by BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) B.L. Santosh, Bihar Assembly Election In-Charge and Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Bihar In-Charge Vinod Tawde, State BJP President Dilip Jaiswal, along with several ministers, MPs, MLAs.



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Editorial

Mixed Blessing

The worldwide economic uncertainty ~ caused by Donald Trump's shenanigans ~ has made Western countries focus on their declining populations, which has seriously eroded their manufacturing and consumer bases. On the other hand, many Emerging Market Economies (EMEs), and poorer countries, face a severe resource crunch brought about by their increasing populations. Thus, successful population management has different connotations for people on different sides of the rich-poor divide. It would be interesting to go back to 72,000 BC, when the Toba super-volcano erupted in Sumatra (Indonesia). The volcano spewed out 9.5 trillion tons of ash, which billowed up in dark clouds, going up to 47 kms into the atmosphere, covering most of Asia in thick dust. The decades' long volcanic winter that followed, reduced human population to around 10,000 people ~ bringing mankind to the verge of extinction. Cut to 15 November 2022, when the earth's population touched eight billion, that is 800,000 times of its population in 72,000 BC. Since human population has never been uniformly distributed ~ humans love to live in large communities ~ ancient thinkers could foresee the harmful effects of unbridled population growth. Clay tablets dating back to 1700 BC, discovered in Iraq, talk about the adverse consequences of overpopulation. The Greek philosopher, Plato, observing the growing population of Athens, concluded that the ideal city should have no more than 5,040 citizens ~ the size of a large condominium in Mumbai. Not surprisingly, Plato believed in strict population control, and also in moderating consumption ~ both pressing concerns even in the twenty-first century. The question Plato raised is the essence of the population debate of today: Is the human population the issue, or is it the resources it consumes? Many thinkers ~ ancient and medieval ~ raised similar concerns, but it fell on Thomas Malthus, an 18th century English clergyman, to mathematically explain the relation between population and resources. Malthus wrote: "Population, when unchecked, increases in a geometrical ratio. Subsistence increases only in an arithmetical ratio. A slight acquaintance with numbers will show the immensity of the first power in comparison of the second" (An Essay on the Principle of Population, 1798). Pessimistic Malthusian predictions have not come true so far, because continuous technological progress has made sufficient resources available for our ever-growing population. Horrified after passing through a Delhi slum, a Stanford University professor, Paul Ehrlich, and his wife, Anne Ehrlich, co-authored 'The Population Bomb' (1968), which shocked the Western world, and led to the emergence of concerns about global overpopulation. Still, many people hold different views; according to Elon Musk, the world's richest man: "Low birth rates will end civilisation," which could well be true about developed countries. According to the World Population Prospects 2024, published by the Population Division of UN, fertility in all European countries is now below the level required for full replacement of the population (around 2.1 children per woman), and in most European countries, fertility has been below the replacement level for several decades.

China, the country with the world's second-largest population, will experience the largest absolute population loss between 2024 and 2054 (204 million), followed by Japan (21 million) and the Russian Federation (10 million). Due to sustained low level of fertility by the year 2100, Chinese population will decline by 786 million people i.e., by more than a half of its current population. Consequently, in 2100, China will have a population size comparable to what it had in the late 1950s. However, despite a low population, Western consumerism fuelled by technological progress has led to a plunder of the planet's natural resources, a degraded environment, high GHG emissions, and massive pollution.

Moreover, unequal distribution of resources ensures that even today, millions in the Horn of Africa are starving and many in Asia and Africa live in want, while people in Europe and US live lives of extravagance. In fact, Western interest in curtailing population growth in less developed countries has racist undertones, what with Europe and North America being more densely populated than many poor countries whose population they seek to limit. No wonder, to escape the charge of bias, world bodies decry the use of family planning as a tool for population control.

Rather, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development expressly acknowledges that sexual and reproductive health and gender equality are essential for unlocking a more prosperous and sustainable future. The population problem for India is far more complex; unbridled population growth has resulted in hugely overpopulated, dirty cities, falling agricultural land holdings, poverty, un employment, and rising crime. In April 2023, India's population surpassed that of China, making India the most populous nation on earth.

India is projected to have one hundred crore people in the working age group (15 ~ 64) by 2030, but with an employment rate (percentage of persons employed in working age population) of less than 37 per cent, the number of unemployed will only increase in coming years. The comparison with China, which has 90 crore skilled workers, is inescapable; while China has put its population to work, our population hangs like an albatross around our neck.

Because of demographic momentum, despite our fertility rate falling below the replacement rate of 2.1, our population is projected to grow till 2066, peaking at approximately 170 crores. (Demographic momentum: The population of country, with a current fertility rate below replacement level but where fertility rates were previously high, and which has a young population, will continue to grow, because of the presence of a large number of women of childbearing age.) PM Modi, in his Independence Day 2019 speech, called the population explosion a challenge for the nation and exhorted the Centre and States to devise schemes to control population.

The population issue lay dormant till 2024, when the Finance Minister, in her Interim Budget Speech, announced formation of a high-powered committee to study "fast population growth and demographic changes." No such committee was formed, suggesting that the FM's rhetoric was aimed at the upcoming General Elections. Again, on 15 August 2025, the Prime Minister announced formation of a High-Power Demography Mission, but lack of any follow-up action suggests that the announcement was for a political purpose.

For decades, the Korean peninsula has been trapped in a cycle of lofty promises and bitter stalemates. Demands for North Korea to surrender its nuclear arsenal have consistently met with defiance, while each new round of sanctions or military drills has only hardened Pyongyang's resolve. In this context, a proposal to accept a verifiable freeze on nuclear production ~ rather than immediate disarmament ~ represents a rare flash of realism in an otherwise stagnant debate. The logic is disarmingly simple.

North Korea continues to expand its stockpile, reportedly adding dozens of warheads each year. Pretending that this trajec-

tory can be reversed through the same old ultimatums is wishful thinking. Halting the manufacture of new weapons, even temporarily, would at least cap the growth of a threat that now endangers not only Seoul and Tokyo but the wider international order. A freeze is not a solution, but it is a start ~ a breathing space in which diplomacy can regroup. Even a limited halt in weapons production would send a vital signal that dialogue can still shape events, countering the dangerous perception that nuclear escalation is the only inevitable path. This approach also reflects a sober reading of the region's shifting power dynamics. China, Russia, and North Korea are draw-

ing closer together, their leaders recently showcasing military camaraderie.

For South Korea, whose prosperity depends on Chinese markets even as



its security relies on American military power, this evolving triangle is perilous. Strengthening ties with the United States and Japan remains essential,

but outright confrontation with Beijing or Moscow would be reckless. A carefully calibrated policy ~ fortifying alliances while leaving channels open to



adversaries ~ offers the best chance of avoiding a new Cold War in Northeast Asia. A freeze deal would almost certainly require American involvement, and

here the unpredictable figure of President Donald Trump looms large. His previous encounters with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, though inconclusive, established a personal rapport that could be revived.

A second attempt at negotiation, shorn of unrealistic expectations of immediate denuclearisation, might yield the kind of limited but meaningful agreement that has so far eluded more conventional diplomacy. At home, South Korea's leadership is trying to cool the political fever that has followed years of domestic turmoil and military brinkmanship. Steps such as halting inflammatory broadcasts into the North are designed to rebuild

trust, even if critics dismiss them as naïve concessions. Yet these gestures are not about appeasement; they are about creating an environment where talks, however modest, are again possible. Realism is not weakness.

Accepting a freeze is not abandoning the goal of denuclearisation, but recognising that progress must be incremental. By prioritising achievable measures over grandiose but empty objectives, South Korea signals that security can be strengthened one cautious step at a time. In a region where miscalculation can be fatal, this pragmatic pause may be the only path to lasting peace.

“Har kahani aisi jismein ek movie ban sake” - Naina More launches Her Debut Book - Tea Cups and Turning Points published by Rupa Publications

Kanpur, 27 September 2025 – Renowned TEDx Speaker, Celebrity motivational Speaker ;mental wellness advocate and philanthropist Naina More has added another milestone to her inspiring journey with the launch of her debut book Tea Cups and Turning Points, published by Rupa Publications, one of India's leading publishing houses.

Carrying a powerful hook – “Har kahani aisi jismein ek movie ban sake. Bahut time baad aisi koi book release hui hai” – the book is already making waves for its cinematic quality of storytelling and refreshing take on everyday human journeys.

A collection of 17 short stories, Tea Cups and Turning Points captures ordinary people caught at extraordinary crossroads—stories of resilience, courage, love, joy and rediscovery. At the centre of each tale is a humble cup of tea—symbolizing comfort, pause, and life's many turning points.

Speaking about her debut, Naina More said:

“This book is my little contribution to spread positivity and self-acceptance. Every story reflects life's struggles and triumphs in a way that people can see themselves in it. These are stories that could easily play out on the big screen—because they are real, raw, and deeply human.” Now is the time I want to gift people a book that makes them put their

phones aside.

About the Book

With its simple yet powerful narratives, Tea Cups and Turning Points



explores:

Women and Men at the Edge of Change: Lives poised on the cusp of decisions that will alter everything.

The Loudness of Silence: Families bound together—and sometimes undone—by what remains unsaid.

Resilience in the Smallest Acts: Everyday courage, from walking away to daring to stay.

The stories are intimate yet universal, steeped in emotions that echo long after the last page is turned.

About the Author

Naina More is a three-time TEDx Speaker, Celebrity Motivational Speaker, Chartered Accountant, certified psychological counsellor, poet, columnist, and social activist. Featured in

Femina's “Most Powerful Women 2020” and recipient of the Femina Women Achiever Award, she has inspired thousands through



her motivational sessions, mental wellness initiatives, and celebrity talk shows. Her TV program Zindagi Aapki Hai on Taaza TV and her live interviews with over 100 renowned personalities including Smriti Irani, Farah Khan, and Jaya Kishori have established her as a trusted voice on empowerment and resilience.

Her foray into writing with Tea Cups and Turning Points extends her mission of spreading hope and positivity—this time through stories that resonate deeply with readers.

Availability

Tea Cups and Turning Points is now available nationwide in leading bookstores and online portals. One can order on Amazon and other online sites.

Devo's new premium outlet in the city of Nawabs offers a blend of tradition and modernity

Devo – a Siyarams initiative – strengthens its presence in Lucknow with the launch of a new store at Phoenix Palassio.

Lucknow, September 27, 2025: Devo – a Siyarams initiative, the premium men's occasion wear brand, has launched its new store at Phoenix Palassio in Lucknow.

Building on Siyarams' legacy of nearly five decades, yet creating its own distinct modern identity, Devo is winning the hearts of Indian men seeking a modern touch to traditional attire.

This expansion follows the huge success of Devo's signature store in Hazratganj, which was inaugurated earlier this year. Located in the heart of the city, the Hazratganj store has quickly become a style landmark for fashion-conscious men in Lucknow. Its elegant décor, personal styling, and premium collections have garnered tremendous appreciation from the city's residents. Its resounding success cemented Devo's presence in Lucknow and paved the way for the Phoenix Palassio store.

The opening of the Devo store at Phoenix Palassio was made even



more grand with the presence of Bollywood star Arjun Kapoor. Actor Arjun Kapoor, along with Mr. Gaurav Poddar, Executive Director, Siyarams, inaugurated the store with a traditional ribbon-cutting and lamp-lighting ceremony. Mr. Vikas Malhotra, Vice President, Siyarams, and Mr. Gyan Prakash Srivastava, Brand Head, Devo, were also present. The event was attended by Lucknow's prominent figures, influential figures, local leaders, media representatives, and patrons who have supported Devo in its growing journey.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Gaurav Poddar said, "Hazratganj gave us our first home in Lucknow, and we received an overwhelming response. Phoenix Palassio reflects our vision—it welcomes customers in a beautiful environment and is a place

where they can shop for traditional and stylish clothing."

Mr. Vikas Malhotra, Vice President, Siyarams, said, "Hazratganj holds a special place in our journey. This gives us confidence that Devo is connecting well with Lucknow consumers. The city is known for its heritage and elegance, and that is Devo's hallmark—modernity in tradition. With Phoenix Palassio, we are bringing this premium experience to even more people."

Devo's Brand Head, Mr. Gyan Prakash Srivastava, emphasized, "Our Hazratganj store is Devo's signature store and has been a tremendous success. It has shown us that Lucknowites deeply connect with our philosophy of blending tradition and modernity. The launch of Phoenix Palassio is a natural continuation of the suc-

cess of Hazratganj, making Devo's premium occasion wear accessible to even more people."

The Phoenix Palassio store will offer customers personal styling and a selection of Devo's signature apparel collection—including embroidered sherwanis, Indo-Western outfits, Jodhpuris, kurta-pyjamas, and accessories. The Hazratganj store and Phoenix Palassio store together have made Devo the preferred destination for premium occasion wear for men in Lucknow.

The launch event was a grand affair, featuring live music, scrumptious food, and a celebration of Lucknow's cultural richness. With this new store, Devo is not only expanding its footprint but also reinforcing its promise to offer a fusion of Indian heritage and the choices of today's modern man.

Kajal Aggarwal inaugurates Hair Masters' new luxury salon, strengthening the brand's presence in Ashiana

Lucknow, September 27, 2025: Lucknow's world of luxury and glamour opened a new chapter today when renowned Indian actress Kajal Aggarwal inaugurated the Hair Masters luxury salon in the city's Ashiana area. This event marks the brand's deepening presence in Lucknow and further strengthens its commitment to the city. Starting its journey from a small basement in Delhi in 2014, Hair Masters has now become a ₹150-crore brand. With this new salon in Lucknow, the brand aims to further elevate the standards of beauty and grooming, making luxury services more accessible to city dwellers.

Speaking at the inauguration, Kajal Aggarwal expressed her joy, saying: "I am extremely happy to have the opportunity to inaugurate one of India's finest salons. I have always loved Lucknow – every time I visit, I feel like I belong here. The beauty, culture, food, and warmth of this city are unmatched. Beauty needs care, and Hair Masters Salon is the place to provide that care." The salon's co-owners, Mrs. Mrigana S. Goyal and Mrs. Devyani Yadav, shared their excitement about this new chapter in Hair Masters' Lucknow journey. Mrs. Mrigana S. Goyal said: "Lucknow is a stylish and sophisticated city, where the demand for luxury experiences is constantly growing. We recognized the need for a true luxury grooming destination at Ashiana and were inspired



are extremely excited to bring the Hair Masters experience to the Ashiana community. We are committed to creating a place where people not only look beautiful but also feel valued. This place offers not only beauty services but also premium products, trained staff, and a relaxing atmosphere. We are also committed to providing more employment opportunities locally." Present at the event were the national

(Co-Founder, Hair Masters India) Mr. Ananddeep Singh (Director, Hair Masters India) Mr. Vinay Yadav (Director, Hair Masters Lucknow) Mr. Utkarsh Goyal (Director, Hair Masters Lucknow) This new launch of Hair Masters in Ashiana will offer a unique experience, combining the brand's high-end luxury grooming standards with the Nawabi warmth of Lucknow.

MP Hema Malini's five -day tour program in Mathura

Mathura. MP Hema Malini is visiting a five -day Mathura from 27

Bhagat Singh Park at 1 pm, she will visit Nandan Marriage Home at Narhali



September. She will reach Mathura late on Saturday, September 27. On Sunday, September 28, at 11 am, she will participate in the Mann Ki Baat program of Prime Minister Modi near the Jai Gurudev Hospital Park on Ward No. 37 Maholi Road at 11:30 pm from Bajrang Dharma Kante on Maholi Road, being sanctioned by Uttar Pradesh Brij Tirtha Vikas Parishad for Rs 4 crore 63 lakhAfter the foundation stone of the road up to Shanti Nagar, Kishori will also inaugurate the newly constructed chemistry laboratory at Raman Inter College and address it there. After observing the developed India exhibition held at

Chauraha as the chief guest at the Dandiya program organized by the Children's Welfare Society at 5:30 pm. On Tuesday 30 September, Rukmani Vihar will participate in the Dignity for Windows program organized by Lumba Foundation and CII Foundation at Krishna Heritage in Vrindavan from 12 noon to 2 pm. On October 1, on Wednesday, at 11 am, the India Standard Bureau will participate in the program organized at Krishna Heritage, Rukmani Vihar in Vrindavan. Apart from this, she will solve public problems at her residence in her Omax City every day.

Hon'ble Prime Minister flags off Amrit Bharat Express between Brahmapur (Odisha) and Udhna (Gujarat)

Union Minister Sh. Ashwini Vaishnaw reviews the work of bullet train station at Surat

Surat, known as the diamond and textile hub of India, is witnessing rapid growth in passenger and freight movement. To meet the future demands of Gujarat, Indian Railways is undertaking comprehensive measures. These include the redevelopment of Railway Stations in Surat & Udhna and introduction of new passenger and freight trains.

Today, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi flagged off the Amrit Bharat Express between Brahmapur (Odisha) and Udhna (Gujarat). It is a new generation train designed for affordable, safe, and long-distance travel.

Features of Amrit Bharat Express:

- Modern ergonomic seating with improved design
- Fully connected coaches for seamless movement
- Twin-engine configuration ensuring higher safety and reliability

Just as Vande Bharat has redefined travel for the middle class, Amrit Bharat Express will provide similar facilities at an affordable fare. The rail service flagged off today will be

available at fare of Rs 495 (General class) and Rs 795

Surat, Bilimora, Sachin etc. The Union Minister took



(Non-AC sleeper class) per journey.

The train will cover a distance of over 1700 km spread over 22 districts of 5 states (Gujarat, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha).

Through this new connectivity, entrepreneurs and businesspeople including the youth will be able to find more avenues in textile, diamonds, and related sectors. This train will also benefit pilgrims going to Maa Tara Tarini Shaktipeeth.

Station redevelopment work in Gujarat

The stations of Gujarat are being developed as part of the Master Development plan, keeping the next 50 years in sight. Indian Railways is undertaking comprehensive redevelopment of Railway Stations such as Udhna,

stock of redevelopment work of Udhna Station today. He mentioned that the station is being designed on modern lines. Special emphasis is laid on expanding the capacity of platforms and pit lines.

Earlier in the day, the Union Minister also visited the Surat High Speed Rail Station to review the construction work. Work between Surat-Bilimora is progressing rapidly. The civil work of the station is completed with the finishing and utility work currently underway.

During today's inspection, the minister informed us that modern and innovative technology is being used in this project.

The work on tracks has been progressing at remarkable speed. He mentioned that the first turnout has been successfully installed at Surat station. A turnout is the critical

junction of railway tracks. This feature will enable flexibility and smooth operation of high-speed trains.

The tracks also features roller bearings, allowing their smoother and safer movement while the bullet train runs on it at high speed. Additionally, sleepers on the track are made using composite material instead of concrete. This will ensure higher durability, reduced maintenance, and better performance at high speeds.

To further improve passenger comfort and reduce the noise in the environment, a vibration absorption mechanism in the form of dampers has been introduced. These will absorb the noise and shock.

The Union Minister mentioned that with this project we will be able to reach Mumbai from Surat in one hour.

The station redevelopment and track laying is progressing at a steady pace. The High-Speed Rail project will eventually transform connectivity and boost economic activity. The entire stretch of Ahmedabad and Mumbai will become one economic corridor.

The project will also set new benchmarks in railway technology and passenger experience.

someone's life. To fulfill the resolution on the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on the occasion of blood donation in Sanskriti University, there was a support of Medical Officer Dr. Pradeep Parashar, Director Sanjeev Saraswat, Mohit Saraswat, Tarun, Sushil Rahul, Saurabh, Nitin, Dharmendra Neeraj etc. On behalf of Culture University, CEO Dr. Meenakshi Sharma, Vice Chancellor Prof. MB Chetty launched the event. Administrative officers Vivek Srivastava, Dilip Singh, Rahul and cadets of NSS wing were also present on the occasion

In Sanskriti University, by donating blood, he resolved on the birthday of Prime Minister, completed 147 units

Mathura. A blood donation camp was set up at Sanskriti University in collaboration with Sanskriti School of Nursing and goodwill Charitable Blood Bank. In the blood donation camp, the cadets of the university's NSS wing, the university teachers donated 147 units of blood.

On this occasion, KK Parashar, Principal of Sanskriti School Nursing, said that blood donation is done when a healthy person voluntarily gives his blood and is used for blood-order (transfusion) or a drug is made through a process called frankashation. Dr. Rajneesh Tyagi said that



Dr. Mrs. Meenakshi Sharma, CEO of the university inaugurating the lace of blood donation program at Sanskriti University. The Vice Chancellor of the University is Prof. MB Chetty and Dr. Rajneesh Tyagi.

there is a need to offer and operation etc. and on blood to save life. Excessive bleeding can occur during accident, bleeding, delivery

Ramlila officials inspected Dussehra fair with Assistant Municipal Commissioner

Mathura. Regarding the Dussehra fair, the municipal officials and the officials of the assembly inspected the Ramlila Maidan and ensured arrangements. Under the aegis of Shri Ramlila Sabha, in the context of preparations for Dussehra fair and Ravana slaughter, Assistant Municipal Commissioner Rakesh Tyagi and other municipal officials and officials of the meeting inspected Ramlila Maidan and ensured arrangements. General Minister Moolchand Garg said that this time the Dussehra fair will be very attractive. In the Ramlila Maidan, 12 feet high, 80 feet long and 120 feet wide platform has been prepared for staging the

Ram-Ravana war in the Ramlila Maidan. Dussehra

Bharatpur and Delhi. Also, the performance of elec-



Inspection of Ramlila Maidan by Assistant Municipal Commissioner Rakesh Tyagi and other municipal officials and officials of the meeting

Fair Minister Ajay Kant Garg said that attractive fire will be performed by the fireworks of Shivakashi,

tronic digital fireworks will be the center of special attraction. A grand decoration around Ramlila Maidan

and adequate arrangements are being made for the audience to sit. All arrangements of the ground are being made at Ramlila Maidan under the supervision of office minister Sanjay electricity, Anoop tent. During the inspection system, Treasurer Shailesh Aggarwal Saraf, Bada Minister Gaurav Aggarwal Tent, Pandit Amit Bhardwaj, Mridul Mittal, Vikas Aggarwal, Deepak Aggarwal, Dheeraj Goyal, Ashok Aggarwal, Atul Bansal, Monu Mukut Wale, Narendra Mukut Wale, Dinesh Goyal, Nitin Aggarwal Saraf, Rajesh Vrindavan, VinodAggarwal, Ram Gopal Sharma were prominent.

Calcutta High Court Orders Return of Six Deported Individuals to Bengal

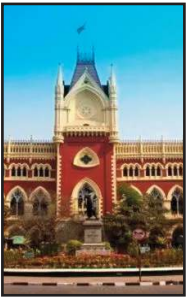
(Gns). The Calcutta High Court recently ordered the return of six individuals, including a pregnant woman, who were deported to Bangladesh earlier this year. The court deemed the deportation "illegal" and instructed the Union Home Ministry to facilitate their return to West Bengal within four weeks. This decision has sparked significant political reactions in Bengal.

Congress leaders Abhishek Banerjee and Shashi Panja have accused the BJP of targeting Bengalis following the verdict. Banerjee expressed his views on X, stating that the court's decision exposes a systematic campaign against Bengalis.

The Calcutta High Court ordered the return of six individuals, including a pregnant woman, deported to Bangladesh after deeming

their deportation illegal and instructing the Union Home Ministry to facilitate their return to West Bengal within four weeks; the Centre plans to challenge this ruling in the Supreme Court, with Trinamool Congress leaders criticising the BJP's actions.

Switch To Shorts High Court's Decision on Deportation A Division Bench comprising Justice Tapabrata Chakraborty and Justice



Reetobroto Kumar Mitra rejected the Centre's plea to delay the order. The Supreme Court had previously directed the High Court to prioritise hearing Sunali Khatun's case, who is among those deported.

The six individuals, from two families in Birbhum district, were arrested by Delhi Police in Rohini on June 26. They were later deported by the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) due to suspicions of lacking valid documents and speaking Bengali.

Who Is Petal Gahlot? The Diplomat Who Set The Record Straight On India-Pak Conflict At UN

(Gns). When Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif addressed the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) with claims glorifying terrorism, India's Petal Gahlot did not hold back. As First Secretary in India's Permanent Mission to the UN, Gahlot exercised India's right of reply on Friday, delivering a sharp rebuttal that caught global attention.

"Mr. President, this assembly witnessed absurd theatrics from the Prime Minister of Pakistan, who once again glorified terrorism central to their foreign policy," Gahlot said. She further noted that no theatrics or lies could mask the truth.

In response to Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's UNGA address,

India's First Secretary Petal Gahlot delivered a sharp rebuttal, highlighting India's perspective on terrorism

Sharif's narrative of the conflict, calling it bizarre, and clarified India's position: "Till 9th May, Pakistan



and its military actions, including strikes on terrorist bases during Operation Sindoor.

Gahlot specifically highlighted the Indian Army's strikes on terrorist bases in Bahawalpur and Muridke during Operation Sindoor, pointing out that senior Pakistani officials had paid tribute to those terrorists killed. She questioned

was threatening more attacks on India. On 10th May, the military itself pleaded for a cessation of hostilities."

A Closer Look at Petal Gahlot

Petal Gahlot joined India's Permanent Mission to the UN as First Secretary in July 2023, but her diplomatic journey spans years of service. She previously worked as Under Secretary at the Ministry of External Affairs, heading the European West Division from 2020 to 2023. During that time, she also served

in Indian missions in Paris and San Francisco, gaining valuable international exposure.

Outside the diplomatic sphere, Gahlot is a talented musician. She regularly shares videos of herself playing the guitar, with renditions of "Bella Ciao" and "Lost On You" by LP gaining traction on social media platforms.

Academically, she has a bachelor's in arts in political science, sociology, and French literature from St. Xavier's College, Mumbai. She then pursued an MA in political science and government at Lady Shri Ram College for Women, Delhi University, followed by a master's in language interpretation and translation from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.

Why Sonam Wangchuk Was Arrested: Ladakh Admin Cites Provocative Speeches, Public Disorder

(Gns). Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk was detained in Ladakh on Friday and is currently lodged in Jodhpur Central Jail. His detention followed violent protests on September 24 demanding Ladakh's inclusion under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, which left four people dead in the region.

Wangchuk has been a long-standing advocate for Ladakh's statehood and for granting the Union Territory Sixth Schedule recognition to safeguard tribal rights. He was actively involved in the ongoing agitation and was scheduled to deliver a speech at 2:30 pm on Friday, but authorities detained him beforehand.

Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk was detained in Ladakh on Friday and is currently in Jodhpur Central Jail after violent protests on September 24 that resulted in four deaths; the Ladakh administration cited actions prejudicial to regional security and disturbing public order as rea-

sons for his detention under the National Security Act.

The Ladakh administration outlined that Wangchuk's actions were considered "prejudicial" to regional security and "detrimental" to maintaining peace and public order.

"It is important to restore normalcy in the peace-loving Leh Town of Ladakh. To ensure this, it is also necessary to prevent Shri Sonam Wangchuk from further acting in a manner prejudicial to maintenance of public order," the administration stated.

Officials also noted that Wangchuk had been on a hunger strike for several days, which they claimed was driven by an "ulterior motive." The government reportedly offered to engage in dialogue, but

Wangchuk continued his strike.

References to Nepal Agitations and Arab Spring

The administration additionally cited Wangchuk's provocative speeches and videos, claiming they contributed to unrest in Leh on September 24, when protests turned violent.

"His series of provocative speeches, references to Nepal agitations, Arab Spring, and misleading videos resulted in the violent protests of September 24 in Leh, where institutions, buildings, and vehicles were burnt down. Police personnel were also attacked, leading to the unfortunate deaths of four individuals," the release stated.

Based on these factors and specific intelligence inputs, authorities said Wangchuk was detained



Food department raided various places, filled 29 samples

Mathura. As soon as the festive season begins, the Food Safety and Drug Administration Department of Mathura has woke up from Kumbhakarni in a traditional way. In view of Navratri and Dussehra festival, a special campaign has been launched by the Food Sachal Dal. Samples of 29 foods from different places have been stored for analysis.

The food department team has seven of kuttu flour from the markets, one of peanuts, three of rock salt, four of native ghee, one of refined soybean oil, two of paya, two of saman rice, one of waterfall, one of waterfall, two of sago, two of pots, one of dal, one of cow's milk, one of cow's milk, one of honey, one of

honey One,A sample of Kuttu's Migi is taken.In this way, 29 samples have been

taken. Bharat Singh Mohar Singh Kushwaha Arun Kumar Dalveer Singh Ram



Dhirendra Pratap Singh, Assistant Commissioner of Food Safety and Drug Administration, Sampling from the shop, Reena Sharma

collected and sent to the state food laboratory for investigation. After receiving the investigation report, advance legal action will be

Naresh Dharmendra Singh Jitendra Singh and Reena Sharma were included in the mobile party. Special campaign for effective pre-

Four smugglers arrested with 171 liters of illegal English liquor

Mathura. The Farah police arrested four inter-state liquor smugglers on the highway 200 meters before Mahuan toll during checking. 171 liters of Royal Stag English liquor of Haryana Marka has been recovered from his possession. Police have also seized a Mahindra jeep being used in smuggling.

The police were informed about the smugglers from the informer. Based on this information, the local police started checking vehicles on Mahuan toll. A white colored Mahindra car appeared during checking. When the police tried to stop him, the driver



Accused smuggler in the arrest of Farah police

increased the speed of the car. The police chased and stopped the car by going some further. On searching,

a large stock of alcohol was found inside the car. Police arrested Pappu Kumar, Prince Kumar, Vikas Raj

and Deep Narayan Mahato, residents of Sitamarhi and other districts of Bihar in this case. 40 full bottles of Royal Stag brand, 284 half bottles and 196 quarter bottles were recovered from them. During interrogation, the accused said that they were smuggling liquor. The team that arrested liquor smugglers included Inspector Triloki Singh, Inspector Yashpal Singh, Toll Outpost In -charge Anirudh Singh, Sub -Inspector Anand Sharma, Vineet Nehra, Head Constable Vinod Kumar, Rajkumar, Pankaj Kumar and Constable Dharendra Kumar

AYURFARM 2025 Certificate Course on Medicinal Herb Cultivation Concludes at AIIA, New Delhi

(Gns). The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Ayush, concluded its five-day certificate course, "AYURFARM 2025: Cultivation & Propagation of Ayurveda Herbs," today. Organized by the Department of Dravyaguna from September 22 to 26, 2025, the program was part of the Ayurveda Day 2025 celebrations.

The Inaugural Session was graced by Dr. Sameer Sinha, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Uttarakhand, who emphasized the need for conservation of forest resources and sustainable use of medicinal plants. The Guest of Honour, Dr. Chandra Shekhar Sanwal, IFS, Former Deputy CEO,

National Medicinal Plant Board, Ministry of Ayush, stressed the importance of integrating classical



highlighted the importance of policy frameworks and cultivation strategies to strengthen the supply chain of quality medicinal plants.

The Valedictory Session was addressed by Dr. Mayaram Uniyal, senior Ayurvedic scholar, who

stressed the importance of integrating classical

Ayurvedic wisdom with modern agronomical practices.

A total of 27 participants from across India attended the course, which was conducted by six experts in their respective fields. Dr. Janhavi Mishra Rawat,

Professor, Graphic Era University, Dehradun, trained participants in plant tissue culture, while Dr. K. Hima Bindhu, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru, explained hydroponics and soilless cultivation. Dr. D. Kalaivanan, Senior Scientist, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru, demonstrated cocoponics and good cultivation practices, and Dr. Kunal A. Kale, Assistant Professor, Bajaj College of Science, Wardha, shared propagation and conservation techniques. Dr. Saroj Kumar V., Assistant Professor, Kerala Agricultural University, Kollam, highlighted Vrikshayurveda and propagation methods, and Smt. S. Premalata, Agricultural Expert, trained participants on organic farming.

For BJP, Bihar polls a campaign to expel infiltrators: Amit Shah

(Gns). Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday described the upcoming Bihar Assembly election as a campaign for the BJP to drive out infiltrators.

He promised that if party workers ensured a two-thirds majority for the NDA, the government would identify and expel infiltrators one by one.

Addressing around 5,000 BJP workers gathered from nine districts at Forbesganj in Araria district, Shah linked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' to the issue of infiltration. He claimed that Rahul Gandhi remembered to undertake the Yatra only after the Election Commission began tightening its over-

sight. "Rahul Gandhi wants infiltrators to have voting



rights. He launched a Yatra to protect them. But for the BJP, this election is about removing infiltrators from Bihar and the rest of the country. We will identify and expel them, one by one," Shah said.

Shah said people in Bihar would celebrate four Diwalis. Apart from the tra-

ditional Diwali, the state had reason to celebrate when Prime Minister

Narendra Modi transferred Rs10,000 each into the accounts of Jeevika Didis and when the GST Council reduced prices on 350 items.

"The fourth Diwali would be celebrated when the NDA wins more than 160 seats and forms the next government in Bihar," he

added.

The Union Minister was on a two-day visit to Bihar to sharpen the BJP's election strategy. During the trip, he held a series of meetings with party leaders and addressed divisional-level worker conferences in Samastipur, Araria, and Bettiah.

Energising the party cadre, Shah said the real strength of the BJP lies in its workers. "With their dedication and effort, the BJP will come to power in Bihar by winning more than 160 seats," he said.

He also gave party workers a special 50-day task to spread awareness about BJP's policies and government schemes. He asked them to visit temples and honour priests.

Union Minister Puri announces natural gas presence in Andaman, says 'discovery to boost India's energy security'

(Gns). Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Saturday announced "an ocean of energy opportunities" in the Andaman Sea, while sharing information on the discovery of natural gas in the Sri Vijayapuram-2 well.

He shared on a social media post that natural gas has been discovered in the Sri Vijayapuram-2 well, located 9.20 nautical miles (17 km) off the east coast of the Andaman Islands, at a water depth of 295 meters and a target depth of 2,650 meters.

"Very happy to report the occurrence of natural gas in Sri Vijayapuram-2 well," the minister posted on social media platform X.

He added that initial production testing between 2,212 and 2,250 meters

has established the presence of natural gas with intermittent flaring. The gas samples, brought to Kakinada by ship, were



tested and found to contain 87 percent methane.

"The size of the gas pool and its commercial viability of the discovery will be verified in the coming months but establishing the presence of hydrocarbons in the Andaman basin is a major step in confirming our long held belief that Andaman basin is rich in

natural gas, in line with discoveries in the entire area from Myanmar in North to Indonesia in the south in this belt."

The Minister emphasized that this milestone strengthens India's energy security and exploration ambitions under the Deepwater Exploration Mission as announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his Independence Day address. "Under the deepwater mission announced by Hon'ble

PM Narendra Modi Ji on Independence Day, a large number of deepwater exploration wells are planned in our offshore basins in order to find new discoveries and fully exploit our hydrocarbon reserves".

"This find will boost our exploration ambitions in collaboration with global deepwater experts like Petrobras, ExxonMobil, and Shell, and marks a significant step in our journey through Amrit Kaal," he said.

As transition is underway in India for embracing clean energy, Minister Puri declared on a social media post, "India's Hydrogen Era has begun — and industry experts agree."

Speaking at the World Hydrogen India Summit, he highlighted how Bharat is poised to power the global hydrogen transition.

Uddhav Thackeray Tells Fadnavis To Waive Off Farmers' Loans And Make Them Debt Free

(Gns). Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray who is back in Mumbai after touring flood-hit farming villages demanded on Saturday that the Fadnavis government must waive off loans of all farmers in Maharashtra, make them debt-free and also announce assistance of Rs 50,000 per hectare of crop lost to floods.

"We must have seen that after the Chief Minister went there (Ujani village in Latur district's Ausa taluka on Wednesday, September 24), the farmer who asked him when and how much help he would give, Fadnavis said — come on, don't do politics — and the police went after him. What kind of democracy is this? What kind of government is

this? Why are you ruling?" Uddhav Thackeray told media persons here on Saturday, highlighting the incident.

Uddhav Thackeray said that the amount announced as relief to farmers has not yet reached farmers. "Therefore, our demand is that the farmers should be completely debt-free.

Today, I request the Chief Minister with folded hands on behalf of farmers that you should waive off the loans of farmers, immediately announce Rs 50,000 per hectare to the farmers as assistance and distribute it in a time-bound manner. Stop all loan debt collection notices being

sent to the farmers by banks," Uddhav Thackeray demanded.

Significantly, waiving off of farmers' loans was a part

of the BJP's 2024 assembly election manifesto and Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis had referred to it after he met PM Modi in Delhi on Friday, requesting financial assistance from the centre to cope with rains and floods in Maharashtra.

"The prime minister has asked the state government to send a proposal in this regard which will be considered constructively," Fadnavis told media persons in Delhi, adding that the BJP manifesto men-

tioned a loan waiver to Maharashtra's farmers and the aim of his government is to make it more effective.

The issue shot into the limelight after a few farmers requested Fadnavis to waive off farmers' loans when he was in the midst of surveying crop damage due to floods in a village in Maharashtra a couple of days ago.

During his visit to Ujani village in Latur's Ausa taluka, Fadnavis had inspected the flood damage and interacted with affected farmers on Wednesday (September 24), when some farmers demanded a loan waiver as well as declaration of a "wet drought". When some other farmers shouted slogans, Fadnavis told them, "Come on, don't do politics here."

If destroyed runways and burnt-out hangers look like victory, Pak welcome to enjoy it: India

(Gns).

Hours after Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's address at the 80th United Nations General Assembly, India in its stern reply has accused the Pakistan Prime Minister of "absurd theatrics" and glorifying terrorism.

Exercising India's right of reply at the general assembly, Petal Gahlot, First Secretary at India's Permanent Mission to the UN, said, "The Prime Minister of Pakistan also advanced a bizarre account of the recent conflict with India. The record on this matter is clear. Till 9 May, Pakistan was threatening more attacks on India. But on 10 May, its military pleaded with us directly for a cessation to the fighting.

"The intervening event was the destruction caused

to multiple Pakistani airbases by Indian forces. The pictures of that damage are, of course, publicly accessible. If destroyed runways and burnt-out hangers look like victory, as the Prime Minister claimed, Pakistan is welcome to enjoy it."

Gahlot pointed to Pakistan's April 25, 2025, actions at the UN Security Council, where it protected 'The Resistance Front', a Pakistan-sponsored terror outfit responsible for the massacre of tourists in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that claimed 26 people on April 22.

"This Assembly witnessed absurd theatrics in the morning from the Prime

Minister of Pakistan, who once again glorified terrorism that is so central to their foreign policy. However, no degree of drama and no level of lies can conceal the facts.

"This is the very same Pakistan which, at the UN Security Council on 25 April 2025, shielded 'The Resistance Front', a Pakistani-sponsored terror outfit, from the responsibility of carrying out the barbaric massacre of tourists in the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," she said.

Highlighting Pakistan's history of duplicity, Gahlot recalled its decade-long sheltering of Osama bin Laden while posing as a

partner in the global war on terror, adding that Pakistani ministers had acknowledged operating terrorist camps for decades.

She also accused senior Pakistani military and civilian officials of publicly glorifying terrorists and paying homage to "notorious terrorists" who were slain during India's strikes on Bahawalpur and Muridke during Operation Sindoor.

"A country long steeped in the tradition of deploying and exporting terrorism has no shame in advancing the most ludicrous narratives to that end. Let us recall that it sheltered Osama bin Laden for a decade, even while pretending to partner in the war against terrorism. Its Ministers have just recently acknowledged that they have been operating terrorist camps for decades.



Northern Army Commander, Ladakh LG discuss situation after clashes in Leh

(Gns).

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C) of the Northern Command, Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, on Saturday called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta.

They discussed the prevailing situation in Leh where four civilians were killed in police firing and 90 injured during clashes on 24 September when angry mobs mainly consisting of youth indulged in arson and stone pelting.

The BJP office was set ablaze by the mobs who went violent after the condition of two hunger-strikers turned serious. Led by climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, the hunger-

strikers were demanding statehood for Ladakh and its inclusion in the Sixth



Schedule of the Constitution.

The meeting between the Northern Army Commander and LG Ladakh has come a day after the arrest of Wangchuk under the

National Security Act (NSA). The meeting between the LG and top military

brass focused on the overall security scenario, emerging challenges in the region, and the need for enhanced coordination between civil administration and the armed forces to maintain peace and sta-

bility, emphasising the importance of preparedness and synergy in addressing any contingency.

The Lt Governor appreciated the Army's role in safeguarding the borders and ensuring the safety of the people, while the GOC-in-C reaffirmed the Army's commitment to the security and integrity of the Union Territory.

Lt. General Hitesh Bhalla, GOC Fire & Fury Corps, Major General Dalbir Singh (MGGS Northern Command) and Colonel Vikas Vasisht (Deputy Military Advisor to Northern Army Commander) were among those who attended the meeting.

Veteran BJP leader and 7-time MLA Nand Lal Meena passes away at 79

(Gns).

A mass-based leader in the tribal-dominated Mewar region, Meena was a seven-time MLA and a long-serving minister in previous BJP governments. He served as a minister three times in the cabinets of Bhairon Singh Shekhawat and Vasundhara Raje.

He also represented the Salumber (ST) parliamen-

tary constituency once in the Lok Sabha on a BJP ticket.

His son, Hemant Meena, is currently a member of the Bhajan Lal Sharma cabinet in Rajasthan.

Several dignitaries, including Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Bagade, Sikkim



Governor Om Mathur, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, and senior Congress leader and former Lok Sabha MP Raghuveer Meena, condoled his demise.

Governor Bagade expressed deep grief over the passing of the former minister and

prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul.

Sikkim Governor Om Mathur described Meena's demise as the loss of a "personal friend."

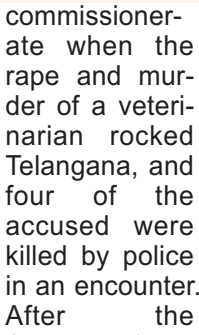
Chief Minister Sharma said, "The news of the former minister's death has deeply saddened me. I pray for eternal peace for the departed leader and strength for the bereaved family to bear this loss."

Hyderabad gets 'encounter cop' as new Commissioner of Police

(Gns).

In a major reshuffle in Telangana Police, encounter specialist and IPS VC Sajjanar has been appointed as the new Commissioner of Police for Hyderabad, replacing incumbent CV Anand, who was elevated to Special Chief Secretary (Home).

Sajjanar was the commissioner of the Cyberabad



commissionerate when the rape and murder of a veterinarian rocked Telangana, and four of the accused were killed by police in an encounter. After the Supreme Court initiated a judicial inquiry

into the case, the BRS government under K Chandrasekhar Rao had transferred Sajjanar to the post of managing director of

Telangana Regional Transport Corporation.

He was the superintendent of Warangal in 2008 when a similar encounter had resulted in the killing of three young men, accused in an acid attack case on two girls. After these incidents, Sajjanar had earned the sobriquet of 'encounter cop' in the state.

After taking over as the Chief Minister, A Revanth Reddy had appointed K Srinivas Reddy as the new CP of Hyderabad, only to reinstate CV Anand last year before Ganesh utsav. Anand had been the Hyderabad CP but was replaced by Sandeep Shandilya following orders from the Election Commission before the Assembly elections, 2023. B. Shivadhar Reddy, a 1994 batch officer, was recently appointed as DGP, prompting the change as CV Anand belongs to the 1991 batch.

Other transfers included Shikha Goel, director of the state cyber security bureau, who was posted as director general, vigilance and enforcement. She will retain the post of director of the state cyber security bureau as an additional charge.

Akhilesh Yadav slams BJP over rising Man-Animal conflict in UP

(Gns).

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav Saturday criticized the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh over the increasing incidents of wild animal attacks across the state.

Yadav said in a post on his WhatsApp channel, questioning the government's response to the issue.

Yadav's remarks come after several incidents of wild animal attacks were reported in districts like Bahraich, Sitapur, and Pilibhit, leav-

ing people injured and killed.

The SP chief ques-

by claiming lack of evidence, he asked.

Akhilesh Yadav also slammed the government's recent GST reforms, calling them a "gimmick" that won't reduce the price burden on the poor. "BJP leaders raised slogans and gave speeches claiming that reduced GST will lead to 50% price cut. Now, people are going to the market and when they don't find the 50% cut in prices, they argue with shopkeepers," he said.

