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"India and Brazil have agreed to strengthen their economic ties and boost bilateral trade."

(Gns).

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has announced plans to establish a "strategic alliance" with India, aimed at strengthening political, economic, and technological ties between the two nations. The announcement follows Vice President Geraldo Alckmin's recent visit to India, which highlighted the complementary nature of bilateral trade and India's large and growing market.

In a video message shared on X on Saturday (local time), Lula underscored the significance of reinforcing relations with New Delhi. "The visit of Vice President Geraldo Alckmin to India, in preparation for my trip early next year, is very important because India has an exceptional market. We can have a fantastic alliance with India-political, space, entrepreneurial, and

economic," he said. He added, "Indians like Brazil, and Brazilians like Indians. Therefore, we will create a

strategic alliance with India and develop both Brazilian and Indian economies."

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva announced a strategic alliance with India to



strengthen political, economic, and technological ties; the plan follows Vice President Geraldo

Alckmin's visit and aims to boost bilateral trade, including a goal of USD 20 billion in five years.

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Brazilian President Lula Announces Strategic Alliance With India To Boost Economies

Lula's remarks came a day after Alckmin's visit, which aimed to deepen bilateral cooperation and pave the way for Lula's upcoming state visit to India next year. The visit also continued the implementation of the roadmap set during the Modi-Lula summit in July.

Highlighting business opportunities, Lula noted that Alckmin returned with "a lot of updates" and "good news."

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel Conveys Diwali and New Year Greetings

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel:-

May Vikram Samvat 2082 bring growth and prosperity to all

Let us pledge to spread the message of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" to every home through the mantra of "Har Ghar Swadeshi, Ghar Ghar Swadeshi" and "Vocal for Local."

On the auspicious occasion of Diwali, the Prime Minister gave a double bonus of happiness through the "Next Gen GST Reforms."

Gandhinagar, 20 October 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel extended Diwali and Vikram Samvat 2082 New Year greetings to the people of Gujarat and Gujarati families across the globe. He conveyed his warm wishes to everyone for the New Vikram Samvat year, hoping it ushers in renewed

enthusiasm, happiness, and prosperity for all.

Extending greetings for Diwali and the New Year, the Chief Minister stated that Diwali's lights represent the journey from darkness to light. Inspired by this message, Gujarat continues to advance steadily on the path of development with the positive vision of "Sauno Saath, Sauno Vikas".

CM urged citizens to pledge this festive season to support local traders, artisans, and entrepreneurs, and to spread the message of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" to every household through the spirit of "Har Ghar Swadeshi, Ghar Ghar Swadeshi" and "Vocal for Local."

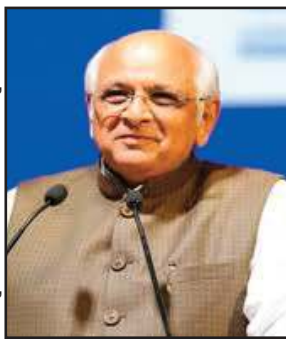
He added that, on the occasion of Diwali, the Prime Minister has gifted people a double bonus of happiness through the "Next Gen GST Reforms," making business operations simpler, accelerating development, and propelling Gujarat toward new peaks of prosperity.

In his message, CM highlighted that, to realize Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a Viksit Bharat@2047 and in alignment with the Viksit Gujarat@2047 vision, the state has defined its comprehensive development goals through the "Agenda for 2035."

In this New Vikram Samvat year, CM was hopeful that all Gujaratis would commit to fulfilling the Prime Minister's vision of a Viksit Bharat by advancing towards Viksit Gujarat.

Gujarat has distinguished itself as a key growth engine for India. The upcoming Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad in 2030 represent another proud milestone. On the occasion of the festival of lights, the Chief Minister was hopeful that the state's culture and development would continue to inspire the entire nation.

CM, with a strong commitment to advancing the state's holistic development at a rapid pace, also conveyed his warm wishes in his Diwali message for everyone's progress and journey to become even more dynamic in the New Vikram Samvat year.



Diwali 2025: PM Modi And President Murmu Wish Nation Harmony, Happiness, And Prosperity

(Gns).

On Monday, Diwali 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Droupadi Murmu extended their greetings to the nation, expressing hopes that the festival of lights would bring positivity, harmony, and happiness to everyone.

Prime Minister Modi took to X (formerly Twitter) to greet citizens, saying, "Greetings on the occasion of Diwali. May this festival of lights illuminate our lives with harmony, happiness and prosperity. May the spirit of positivity prevail all around us."

On Diwali 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Droupadi Murmu extended Diwali

greetings to the nation, wishing for positivity and happiness, while other leaders like Amit Shah and Yogi Adityanath also

tunity to help the underprivileged and bring joy to their lives. She urged everyone to celebrate Diwali safely, responsibly, and in an envi-



shared their festive wishes.

President Droupadi Murmu also shared her Diwali greetings, highlighting the festival as an oppor-

ty to help the underprivileged and bring joy to their lives. She urged everyone to celebrate Diwali safely, responsibly, and in an envi-

and enthusiasm. The festival symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil. Celebrated across the country with immense fervour, the auspicious occasion of Diwali gives the message of mutual affection and brotherhood. On this day, devotees worship Goddess Lakshmi, the deity of wealth and prosperity."

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also greeted the nation, praying to Lord Ram for the prosperity of everyone. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar tweeted, "Wishing everyone a very happy and joyful Diwali."

Power Bank Catches Fire On Delhi-Dimapur IndiGo Flight, All Passengers Safe

(Gns).

A power bank caught fire on board an IndiGo flight bound for Dimapur while taxiing at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport on Sunday, PTL reported, citing sources. Fortunately, all passengers on the flight were safe.

The cabin crew quickly extinguished the fire, preventing any injuries. An IndiGo spokesperson confirmed that flight 6E 2107, operating from Delhi to Dimapur, Nagaland, returned to the bay due to a minor fire caused by a passenger's personal electronic device. "The crew managed the situation promptly and efficiently, following Standard Operating

Procedures. The incident was controlled within seconds," the airline said.

On Sunday, a power bank ignited on an IndiGo



flight 6E 2107 from Delhi to Dimapur at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, but the cabin crew extinguished the fire, ensuring

all passengers were safe. The aircraft was cleared for operations after necessary checks and the incident was reported to authorities.

The spokesperson added that authorities were immediately informed as per protocol. "There are no injuries reported. All passengers and crew onboard are safe. After necessary checks, the aircraft has been cleared for operations," they said.

According to flight tracking website Flightradar24.com, the flight departed from Delhi at 14:33 hours and landed in Dimapur at 16:45 hours. The flight was originally scheduled to depart from Delhi at 12:25 hours.

This is not the first such incident this week. Earlier, a lithium battery stored in the overhead compartment of an Air China flight caught fire while operating from Hangzhou to Seoul, and a video of the incident circulated widely on social media.

Puttur Stampede-Like Situation: 11 Injured at Event Attended By Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah

(Gns).

Over 11 people fell ill in a stampede-like situation at the "Ashoka Janaman - 2025" Diwali event in Puttur, Dakshina Kannada

on Monday, which was attended by Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. The incident occurred during the 13th edition of the Janaman event, organised by Puttur MLA Ashok Rai and his Rai Estate and Charitable Trust, was held at the Puttur Taluk sports ground and saw attendance far exceeding the venue's capacity.

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah was present at a program organized by Puttur MLA Ashok Rai's Rai Estate and Charitable Trust in Puttur, Dakshina

Kannada district, where over 11 people fell ill due to overcrowding and oxygen shortage during the Diwali celebrations.



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attendees, far exceeding the safe limit. The overcrowding led to breathing difficulties, dizziness, and several people, including

women and children, falling sick. Many were affected due to a lack of drinking water. The injured were immediately taken to Puttur

Taluk Government Hospital by ambulance.

Some attendees reportedly fainted due to hunger and heat, as the incident occurred past lunchtime. Authorities noted that the police department had issued prior warnings about potential overcrowding, but the necessary precautions were not in place, leading to the chaotic situation.

The people admitted to Puttur Taluk Government Hospital include Yogita (20), Sabha Madavu (20), Amina Patrakodi (56), Netravati Irde (37), Lilavati Kadaba (50), Vasanti Balnad (53), Kusuma (62), Ratnavati Perigeri (67), Afila Patrakodi (20), Snehaprabha (41), and Jasila (30).

Canada Deportations Surge: Indians Top The List For Forced Removals

(Gns).

The number of Indian nationals being forcibly removed from Canada is on track to reach a record high, surpassing last year's figures and continuing a steady increase since 2019.

According to the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA), as of July 28, 2025, a total of 1,891 Indians had been removed from the country. This marks a sharp rise from 625 removals in 2019, less than a third of the 2024 total. Last year, 1,997 Indians were deported, placing India second after Mexico, where 3,683 citizens were removed. Colombians ranked third, with 981 forced removals.

As of July 28, 2025,

1,891 Indian nationals were removed from Canada, a number that is on track to exceed last year's total of



1,997 and surpasses the 625 removals in 2019, according to the Canadian Border Services Agency. Prime Minister Mark Carney stated that the government is focusing on deporting foreign criminals, with reforms to the immigration system underway,

while Indians also represent the largest group among asylum seekers.

Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney addressed the surge during an event in Toronto, affirming that his government is prioritizing the deportation of foreign criminals. "We plan to make the process faster, with better resources and improved tracking," he said, adding that these measures are part of broader reforms to Canada's immigration system.

The spike in removals

has coincided with rising anti-immigration sentiment in Canada. On October 10, Peel Regional Police (PRP) announced their collaboration with the Peel Crown Attorney's Office and the CBSA to determine whether removal of accused foreign nationals may be pursued as part of judicial proceedings. This statement followed the arrest of eight men: Sumanpreet Singh, Gurdeep Chattha, Jashandeep Jattana, Harman Singh, Jasanpreet Singh, Manroop Singh, Rajbir Singh, and Upinderjit Singh-linked to the alleged theft of 450 pieces of mail valued at over CA\$400,000. The group faces a combined total of 344 charges.



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Editorial

Weakening Support

Democracy rests on four essential pillars ~ the executive, the legislature, the judiciary, and the media. While the first three are required to operate within structured constitutional frameworks, the fourth pillar is expected to function independently, as the voice of the people and the conscience of the nation. Its role is not merely to inform, but to question, analyze, and hold power accountable.

Yet today, we must ask: has the media remained true to this noble responsibility, or has it gradually shifted from amplifying public concerns to echoing the interests of influence and profit? In the age of digital connectivity, media has evolved from newspapers and radio to television and social platforms. This transformation has empowered millions ~ especially the youth and semi-literate masses ~ with instant access to information. Mobile phones have become the new window to the world, even in remote corners of India.

However, this reach comes with responsibility. Visual media, especially television and social platforms, possess unmatched power to shape perceptions. Their repetitive rhetoric and emotionally charged visuals often influence public opinion more than facts. In contrast, print media ~ though more restrained and analytical ~ reaches a limited, educated audience capable of forming independent judgments. It is important to acknowledge that print media operates under constraints: limited reach, economic pressures, and a shrinking space for dissent. Yet it continues to serve as a vital platform for thoughtful discourse. The real concern lies in the disproportionate influence of electronic media, which often prioritizes sensation over substance.

Television debates, once meant to foster dialogue, have become theatrical performances. Party spokespersons and celebrity panelists dominate screens, while grassroots voices and independent experts are sidelined. Rational discourse is replaced by aggressive rhetoric, leaving citizens with fragmented perspectives. The coverage of sensitive operations, such as the much-hyped "Operation Sindoor," often veers into the realm of oration and unverified claims, ultimately eroding credibility. The absence of fact-based, sober analysis in such moments is not just a lapse ~ it is also against national interest.

Even print journalism, once revered for its investigative depth, faces increasing pressure to conform. Editorial spaces shrink, dissenting voices fade, and content often aligns with corporate or governmental interests. The vigorous follow-up that once defined journalism is now a rarity. A disturbing trend in contemporary media is the absence of serious, constructive debate on issues that truly matter. Consider the crumbling infrastructure ~ collapsing bridges, potholed roads, and civic neglect that rarely receive sustained coverage or accountability.

Public health crises such as hazardous adulteration in food and medicines, unaffordable healthcare, and sanitation issues remain underreported. The lack of a unified, skill-oriented education policy has led to a generation of "unemployable" angry and frustrated youth ~ yet this crisis finds little space in prime-time discussions. Over four lakh undertrials languish in jails without trial ~ an alarming human rights issue that barely surfaces in mainstream media.

82-Year-Old Woman Conquers India's Highest Bungee Jump in Rishikesh: A Viral Sensation

(Gns). An 82-year-old woman has become an internet sensation after she successfully completed India's highest bungee jump in Shivpuri, Rishikesh. Her daring feat, filled with enthusiasm and courage, has inspired countless viewers across social media platforms.

An 82-year-old woman gained internet fame after completing India's highest bungee jump in Shivpuri, Rishikesh, with the video posted on October 19, 2025, receiving over 20 lakh views and inspiring many viewers across social media.

A Daring Leap of Faith The video, originally posted by Instagram page @globesomeindia, features the elderly woman dancing joyfully and preparing for the jump with infectious excitement. The caption read, "82 Years Old Bungee Jumping. India's Highest Bungee Jumping, Shivpuri, Rishikesh."

View this post on Instagram

A post shared by Bungee Jumping & Adventure in Rishikesh (@globesomeindia)

With remarkable confidence and a smile on her face, she takes the plunge from the platform, a moment that left both across social media, amassing over 20 lakh

Soon after the video went viral, users flooded the comments section with heartfelt messages. Many praised her for proving that "age is just a number" and lauded her unstoppable spirit. One user wrote, "Even though she didn't bother to look at the camera, she was in her own world, enjoying that is what we should look for."

Others expressed how her boldness and energy served as an inspiration for people of all generations. Several comments highlighted how rare it is to see someone embrace such an extreme adventure at her age with such confidence and joy.

Breaking Age Stereotypes with Every Jump The 82-year-old woman's fearless act has become a powerful reminder that courage knows no age limits. Her leap from India's tallest bungee platform not only captivated hearts online but also challenged stereotypes surrounding aging and physical limitations.

Her story continues to inspire many to live life with enthusiasm, regardless of age, proving once again that the thrill of adventure truly belongs to the young at heart.



onlookers and online viewers in awe. The video, shared on October 19, 2025, quickly spread views and sparking a wave of admiration and praise. Internet Showers Love and Admiration

China Faces 155% Tariffs if ‘Fair Trade’ Terms Not Met, Says Trump

(Gns). US President Donald Trump has issued a warning to China regarding trade tariffs. He stated that if a fair agreement isn't reached with President Xi Jinping, the US will impose a 155% tariff on Chinese goods. This announcement was made during a meeting at the White House with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Trump highlighted that China is currently paying significant tariffs, amounting to 55%, and this could increase unless an agreement is reached by November 1st. He expressed optimism about negotiating a fair trade deal with China, suggesting that it would be an exciting development for all involved.

Former US President Donald Trump warned China that the US could impose a 155% tariff on Chinese goods if a fair trade agreement isn't reached with President Xi Jinping by November 1st.

This announcement followed reports of plans to apply a 100% tariff in addition to the existing 55% tariffs on goods from Beijing. Switch To Shorts Trade Relations and Tariff Increases

Previously, Trump had announced plans to implement a 100% tariff on Chinese goods, alongside new export controls on critical software by November 1st. This would add to the existing 55% tariffs on goods exported from Beijing to Washington. Trump emphasized the substantial revenue generated from these tariffs and indicated willingness to negotiate reductions if China reciprocates.

The US President also mentioned that during his first term, China paid considerable amounts in tariffs. He acknowledged that while they might find it challenging to continue at such levels, he is open to reducing them if China offers concessions in return.

Upcoming Talks and Diplomatic Engagements In related developments, US Treasury Secretary



Scott Bessent announced upcoming talks between the US and China in Malaysia later this week. These discussions come after reports of Trump's initial plan to cancel his first face-to-face meeting with President Xi since returning to office.

Trump's comments reflect his administration's stance on ensuring balanced trade relations. He reiterated that the era of one-sided trade benefits is

Delhi-NCR Breathes Toxic Air on Diwali: GRAP Stage II Measures Take Effect Amid 'Very Poor' Pollution

(Gns). As Delhi ushered in Diwali, the festival's brightness was dimmed by thick layers of smog. On Monday morning, the Air Quality Index (AQI) at India Gate reached 347, as per data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

The spike came just hours after the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) enforced Stage II of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) across Delhi-NCR on Sunday to address the rapid deterioration in air quality.

AQI Levels Continue to Rise Across Delhi-NCR

At 8:00 am on Monday, Anand Vihar reported an AQI of 411, Punjabi Bagh stood at 383, Bawana at 368, and Siri Fort at 362. JLN Stadium recorded 355, Alipur 319, while Ayanagar and North Campus both showed readings of 305. Even the IGI Airport, usually cleaner due to its open surroundings, registered 297, just below the "very poor" category.

These alarming figures followed a steep rise in pollution levels over the weekend. On Sunday, Delhi's average AQI reached 296 by 4:00 pm and climbed to 302 by 7:00 pm. Out of 38 monitoring stations across the city, 12 reported "very poor" air quality. Anand Vihar recorded 430, while Wazirpur (364), Vivek Vihar

Leads to Additional Restrictions

The CAQM's GRAP Sub-Committee called an urgent meeting to evaluate inputs from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the Indian

projects, ensuring mechanical road sweeping, and intensifying pollution checks on vehicles. Authorities also urged citizens to minimize outdoor exposure and avoid fire-cracker use.

What Is GRAP and Why It's Implemented

Delhi's pollution problem is an annual crisis that worsens with the onset of winter. The drop in temperatures and wind speed traps pollutants from multiple sources, including vehicles, construction activities, industrial emissions, and stubble burning in neighbouring states. This mix of emissions leads to the dense smog that regularly blankets Delhi-NCR.

To counter this, authorities introduced the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), a structured emergency mechanism that activates when pollution levels breach certain thresholds. Each stage corresponds to a specific AQI range, triggering targeted actions designed to prevent further deterioration and safeguard public health from long-term exposure to toxic air.



Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM). Anticipating a further rise in emissions due to Diwali celebrations, the committee unanimously decided to impose extra restrictions to curb the worsening air quality.

Officials stressed that the measures under Stage II would remain in force until a consistent improvement is observed. These include controlling dust emissions, banning construction activities on public

Watch: Diwali Celebrations Light Up Singapore, Streets Dazzle with Festive Decorations

(Gns). As India celebrates Diwali with grandeur and light, the festival's spirit has spread far beyond its borders. A viral Instagram video captures the dazzling Diwali celebrations in Singapore's Little India, where streets come alive with colours, music, and cultural warmth.

An Instagram video by Travel360 Explore captures the Diwali celebrations in Singapore's Little India, showcasing vibrant streets filled with decorations, festive items, and people, highlighting the festival's global spread and cultural significance.

The video, shared by the Instagram account Travel360 Explore, shows

cases the lively streets of Little India bustling with people shopping for festive essentials. Stalls brim with decorative lamps, colourful diyas, sweets, and ornaments, creating a joyful and energetic atmosphere.

The caption of the post perfectly describes the scene: "It's Deepavali and you're in Little India, Singapore. The streets are glowing, the air smells of jasmine and ladoos, and everyone's dressed in their festive best! Deepavali here isn't just a festival... it's an experience!"

View this post on Instagram


A post shared by Travel360 Explore | UGC

Creator Based in sg | Tips & Tricks (@travel360.explore)

A text overlay on the video adds, "POV: It's Deepavali and you're in Little India, Singapore."

Social Media Celebrates the Vibrant Spirit

The clip has drawn wide



Charcoal Masks: Understanding Their Benefits for Indian Skin Care

(Gns). Charcoal masks have gained popularity in skincare routines, especially for Indian skin. These masks promise to cleanse and detoxify the skin. They are known for their ability to remove impurities and excess oil. But what is the truth about charcoal masks? Are they beneficial for Indian skin? Let's explore the facts.

Charcoal masks are skincare products that contain activated charcoal. This ingredient is known for its ability to absorb toxins and impurities. When applied to the skin, it helps to draw out dirt and oil from the pores. This makes the skin feel cleaner and fresher.

Charcoal masks, containing activated charcoal,

are popular in skincare, especially for Indian skin, as they help remove impurities and excess oil, potentially reducing blackheads and improving complexion, although side effects like dryness are possible.

Benefits of Charcoal Masks for Indian Skin

Indian skin often deals with issues like excess oil and pollution. Charcoal masks can help by removing dirt and oil from the skin's surface. They can also help reduce blackheads and improve the overall appearance of the skin. Regular use can lead to a clearer complexion.


How to Use Charcoal Masks

Using a charcoal mask

is simple. First, cleanse your face with a gentle cleanser. Then, apply an even layer of the mask on your face, avoiding the eyes and mouth. Leave it on for about 10-15 minutes until it dries. Rinse off with warm water and pat your face dry.

Potential Side Effects

While charcoal masks are generally safe, they may cause dryness or irritation in some people. It's important to do a patch test before using a new product. If you have sensitive skin,



use the mask less frequently to avoid any adverse effects.

Choosing the Right Charcoal Mask

When selecting a charcoal mask, look for products that suit your skin type. Some masks contain additional ingredients like clay or essential oils that can benefit specific skin concerns. Always read the label and choose a product that matches your needs.

Charcoal masks can be a valuable addition to skincare routines for Indian skin. They help in removing impurities and controlling oil. However, it's important to choose the right product and use it correctly to avoid any side effects. With proper use, charcoal masks can enhance your skincare routine.

Did Mitchell Starc Bowl 176.5 kmph in India Vs Australia 1st ODI?

(Gns). In a gripping start to the first ODI in Perth, Mitchell Starc delivered remarkable spell against India. Australian pacer-led the Indian top with his over spell, figures of 51-201. This helped Australia gain an advantage over Shubman Gill's team.

Starc's delivery to Rohit Sharma, clocked at 176.5 kmph, became a viral sensation. Although it was likely a speed gun error, it sparked widespread online discussion. Despite this anomaly, Starc consistently bowled around 140 kmph, with one legitimate delivery reaching 145 kmph.

Mitchell Starc's impressive bowling helped Australia gain an advantage in the first ODI in Perth, delivering a strong spell against India with figures of 51-201, while his delivery to Rohit Sharma sparked

Rohit struggled to score quickly, which visibly frustrated him. Starc's pressure paid off when Josh Hazlewood dismissed Kohli attempted to push at a ball angling across him and ended up being caught by Cooper Connolly at point.

India's Struggles Continue

India faced further setbacks when captain Shubman Gill nicked a delivery down the leg side back to the keeper in the ninth over. By the end of the powerplay, India had managed only 27 runs for the loss of three wickets, marking their joint-worst performance since 2023 in ODIs.

The early dismissals put India under immense pressure as they tried to recover from their poor start. Australia's bowlers exploited the conditions effectively, leaving India's batters struggling to find their rhythm.



online discussion due to a possible speed gun error.

Starc's Impact on Indian Batters

The Australian bowler troubled Rohit Sharma with his precise lengths and bounce from the Perth pitch.

Rohit for just 8 runs in the fourth over.

After Rohit's dismissal, Australia maintained their momentum. Starc capitalised on this by dismissing Virat Kohli for an 8-ball duck in the seventh over.

Central Railway Announces 1,702 Special Trains for Diwali and Chhath Puja 2025: Full Details Here

(Gns). Central Railway has announced plans to operate 1,702 special trains during the Diwali and Chhath Puja festivals to help passengers reach their destinations and celebrate with their families. Speaking to ANI on Saturday, Central Railway's Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) Swapnil Nila said, "The Central Railway is preparing for the upcoming Chhath and Diwali festivals by operating 1,702 special trains to help passengers travel to their destinations to celebrate with their families. These trains will depart from stations such as Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, Pune, Kolhapur, and Nagpur. Over 800 of these trains will serve routes to Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, and the northeastern states. Trains will also connect various other parts of the country." Central Railway will operate 1,702 special trains from stations including Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, and Pune during Diwali and Chhath Puja to assist passengers, with over 800 trains serving Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, and the northeastern states, plus extra ticket counters and holding areas are provided while the the Indian Railways will take action against social media handles spreading misleading videos related to railway operations. Earlier on Saturday, the Nila further added that extra ticket counters have been set up at major stations for the convenience of passengers. "To ensure passenger comfort and safety, holding areas with a capacity of over 3,000 passengers each have been established at key stations, equipped with amenities such as food, water, toilets, and fans. Mobile UTS services are available for ticket booking, and additional ticket counters have been opened to reduce waiting times," he said. Earlier on Saturday, the Indian Railways announced that it will take strict action against social media handles spreading misleading videos related to railway operations. The Railways stated that certain social media users have been circulating old or misleading videos during the festive season, causing confusion among passengers. According to the railway administration, more than 20 such social media handles have been identified, and the process of filing FIRs has already begun. A 24x7 social media monitoring mechanism has been established to keep a close watch on such activities. The Indian Railways has urged all social media users to refrain from sharing unverified videos or content related to railway operations. Passengers have been advised to rely only on official notifications and verified handles of the Ministry of Railways-@RailMinIndia on X, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube for authentic updates.



Bengaluru Diwali 2025: Video Captures Stunning Fireworks Amid City's Calm Streets

(Gns). Bengaluru is glowing with festive splendour as the city gears up for Diwali 2025, and a breathtaking aerial video of fireworks has captured the festive buzz online. Bengaluru celebrated Diwali 2025 with fireworks as captured in an aerial video by Srihari Karanth and shared on X; however, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) restricted cracker bursting to specific hours on October 21 and 22. Traffic congestion decreased significantly due to residents traveling out of the city, causing faster commutes, though some worry about potential economic impacts. Bengaluru-based content creator and drone pilot Srihari Karanth shared cinematic aerial light trails captured in just an hour. He posted on X: "An hour of Deepavali lights over Bengaluru, painted into a minute! Shot between 7 and 8 PM today." #LightPainting #Fireworks The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has enforced festive restrictions, allowing the bursting of crackers only between 8 PM and 10 PM on October 21 and 22. However, rain in some parts of Karnataka may affect celebrations. Meanwhile, with thousands of residents traveling out of the city for the festival, Bengaluru has seen an unprecedented drop in traffic congestion. Once infamous for long gridlocks on key routes, the city now experiences unusually calm streets. A commuter noted: "Umm, half of Bangalore is empty, which means I can reach Indiranagar in 15 mins, MG Road in 20 mins, and the airport in an hour. But what am I doing instead? Going to my client's office for a meeting." This temporary calm has offered faster commutes and a rare glimpse of Bengaluru without its usual traffic chaos. While some enjoy the quieter streets, others have raised concerns about potential economic impacts on shops, malls, and state GST collections during the festival period.



Ola Employee Death: Who Is K Aravind and Why FIR Filed Against Ola Electric Founder Bhavish Aggarwal?

(Gns). In a tragic development, K Aravind, a Homologation Engineer at Ola Electric Mobility, committed suicide on September 28 at his Chikkalasandra apartment. He was rushed to Maharaja Agrasen Hospital, but doctors could not save him. A 28-page handwritten note found in his room alleged mental harassment, workplace pressure, and withholding of salary by his superiors, including Bhavish Aggarwal, founder of Ola Electric, and Subrat Kumar Das, Head of Homologation Engineering. Ola Employee Death FIR Against Ola Electric Founder Bhavish Aggarwal Officials Challenged in High Court K Aravind, a Homologation Engineer at Ola Electric Mobility, died by suicide on September 28, with a note alleging mental harassment and withheld salary, leading to an FIR the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, naming Bhavish Aggarwal and other senior officials. Suspicious Financial Transactions Two days after Aravind's death, ₹17.46 lakh was transferred to his bank account via NEFT. His family raised concerns over the transaction, alleging vague explanations from company representatives. Following the allegations, Bengaluru Police registered an FIR on October 6 at Subramanyapura police station under Sections 108 (abetment of suicide) and 3(5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, naming Bhavish Aggarwal and other senior officials. Suspicious Financial Transactions Two days after Aravind's death, ₹17.46 lakh was transferred to his bank account via NEFT. His family raised concerns over the transaction, alleging vague explanations from company representatives.



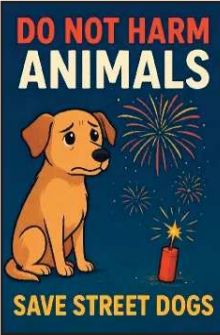
Investigation Launched Following Death of BNSF Railway Conductor Struck by Train in Montana

(Gns). A rail conductor tragically lost their life after being struck by a train in Montana on Sunday, according to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The conductor was employed by BNSF Railway, which operates one of the largest freight networks in the United States. The incident took place around 9:40 am in Columbus, a small town located 64 kilometres southwest of Billings. Investigation into BNSF Railway Conductors Death Representative image Authorities are investigating the death of a BNSF Railway conductor who was struck by a moving train in Columbus, Montana. The National Transportation Safety Board is involved in the inquiry. Emergency response teams were uncertain about the exact circumstances leading to the accident. Nick Jacobs, assistant chief of Columbus Fire Rescue, mentioned that the individual was caught between two trains. One train was stationary on one track while another was moving on a different track. "And the moving one struck him somehow," Jacobs explained. Investigation and Safety Concerns The NTSB and Federal Railroad Administration officials were present at the scene to investigate the incident further. A spokesperson for BNSF Railway directed all inquiries to the NTSB for more information. The identity of the deceased has not yet been disclosed to the public. Last year, a report by the Federal Railroad Administration highlighted that BNSF Railway was making efforts to enhance safety consistently. However, it noted that this message did not always reach front-line workers. Many employees felt uncomfortable reporting safety issues due to fear of disciplinary action. Background and Context The report was part of a broader initiative to review major railroads and address safety concerns following a Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, in 2023. This effort aimed to ensure better communication and safety practices across railway operations. BNSF Railway's commitment to safety improvements is evident, but challenges remain in ensuring that all employees feel secure in voicing their concerns without repercussions. The ongoing investigation will likely shed more light on this tragic event and contribute to future safety measures.



Happy Diwali 2025: Celebrate Diwali Safely, Don't Harm Street Animals

(Gns). As Diwali approaches, authorities and animal welfare groups are urging citizens to celebrate responsibly and be mindful of the city's street animals. In past years, there have been numerous reports of pets and stray dogs getting injured by fireworks. Some dogs have suffered burns, while others have been severely frightened by loud crackers, causing accidents on busy roads. Animal rights organizations warn that while fireworks bring joy to humans, the same noise can be terrifying for animals. Street dogs, in particular, are vulnerable as they have nowhere to hide from the sudden bursts of sound and light. "We have documented several cases where dogs have been hurt by crackers or have run into traffic in panic," said Ramesh Kumar, a local animal welfare activist. "It's heartbreaking, and completely preventable." Ahead of Diwali, authorities and animal welfare groups are asking citizens to celebrate responsibly by being mindful of street animals, as fireworks can cause injuries or panic, leading to accidents; guidelines include burning crackers in open areas and avoiding loud ones. Authorities are calling on citizens to follow safety guidelines: Burn crackers in open areas, away from streets and residential spaces where animals roam. Avoid loud, high-intensity fireworks that can cause extreme fear. Keep pets and street animals in mind, ensuring they are in safe spaces during celebrations. Clean up debris promptly to prevent accidental ingestion or injuries. "Diwali is a festival of lights, not of harm," emphasized Dr. Anita Sharma, a veterinarian who works with stray animal rescue groups. "We can all celebrate joyfully while ensuring our furry friends stay safe." Residents are being reminded that small acts of care-like choosing quieter fireworks or avoiding crowded streets-can prevent accidents and injuries to animals. Authorities hope that with increased awareness, this Diwali can be joyful for everyone, including the city's four-legged companions.



Turkish Cypriots Elect Tufan Erhurman, Renewing Hopes for Cyprus Peace Talks

(Gns). red source on Google Turkish Cypriots have elected Tufan Erhurman as their new leader, raising hopes for renewed peace talks to resolve Cyprus's long-standing ethnic division. Erhurman, who supports a two-zone federation with Greek Cypriots, won decisively with 62.76% of the vote, surpassing incumbent Ersin Tatar's 35.81%, according to unofficial results from BRT TV. Voter turnout was nearly 65% of the 218,000 registered voters. New Leader Elected in Turkish Cyprus Representative image Tufan Erhurman has been elected as the new leader of Turkish Cypriots, promising to revive peace talks with Greek Cypriots and address the long-standing ethnic division in Cyprus. His victory marks a shift from the previous administration's stance. Switch To Shorts At a victory rally, Erhurman declared the election a win for all Turkish Cypriots, regardless of political affiliation. He emphasised that any progress in Cyprus peace efforts would involve consultation with Turkey, as has been customary. Turkish Cypriots have moved away from Tatar's vision of a two-state solution for Cyprus, which pushed them further into international isolation. Nikos Christodoulides, the Greek Cypriot president, expressed eagerness to meet Erhurman soon and southern coast to benefit Egypt and Europe. It might also resolve Turkish objections to an electricity cable project linking Greece and Cyprus, with potential extension to Israel's power grid. Security Concerns and Political Dynamics Erhurman has dismissed claims that he would seek to abolish Turkey's military intervention rights under any peace deal. Greek Cypriots view these rights as a security threat. The 2017 talks faltered due to Turkey's insistence on retaining intervention rights and troops on the island indefinitely. While Turkish Cypriots see Turkey's military presence as essential for their protection, Greek Cypriots perceive it as Ankara's means of controlling the island. Erhurman insists on political equality for Turkish Cypriots, though interpretations differ between communities. Greek Cypriots argue that minority veto powers over federal decisions are unfair. The new leader asserts that Turkish Cypriots should not suffer if talks fail again, suggesting direct international engagement with the north through air connectivity and trade if negotiations collapse. Greek Cypriots argue this condition could discourage efforts for a fair agreement.



Despite the positive election outcome for UN-backed peace efforts, significant obstacles remain. Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan reiterated his support for a two-state solution during a recent General Assembly address. Erdogan congratulated Erhurman and affirmed Turkey's commitment to defending Turkish Cypriots' sovereign rights and interests. Erhurman has criticised Tatar's reluctance to engage in formal peace talks during his five-year tenure, viewing it as a costly delay that distanced Turkish Cypriots from the European Union and reiterated his willingness to resume peace discussions. Historical Context and Current Stakes Cyprus has been divided since 1974 when Turkey invaded following a coup by Greek junta-backed supporters seeking union with Greece. Only Turkey recognises the 1983 Turkish Cypriot declaration of independence and maintains over 35,000 troops in the north. Cyprus joined the EU in 2004, but only the Greek Cypriot south benefits fully from membership. A peace agreement could unlock significant opportunities, such as exploiting natural gas deposits off Cyprus's Kalyan-Taloja Metro Line 12 is setting a new benchmark for rapid metro development in India. Within just a year of its Bhoomi Pujan, several pillars are already complete with caps, and work at the depot site is also in full swing. This simultaneous progress on both line and depot construction is unusual for the city. The project aims to connect Kalyan to Taloja through a 22.17 km elevated corridor, linking Line 5 with Navi Mumbai Metro's Line 1. The Government of Maharashtra, through the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), is spearheading this ambitious venture with an investment exceeding ₹8,400 crore. French consultancy firm Systra is providing consultancy services, while Gawar Construction handles the civil work. Officials have noted that the project's pace is "unprecedented" for Mumbai's metro network, which typically faces delays due to land acquisition and other challenges. Mumbai's Metro Line 12, connecting Kalyan to Taloja via a 22.17 km elevated corridor, is being developed by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) with an investment exceeding ₹8,400 crore; Gawar Construction manages the civil work, and Systra provides consultancy services. Switch To Shorts Enhanced Connectivity and Efficiency Once completed, Metro Line 12 will significantly improve connectivity between Kalyan, Dombivli, and Taloja. This will alleviate traffic congestion and offer faster, cleaner public transport options for thousands of daily commuters. The project represents a hopeful glimpse into how future infrastructure developments might unfold across Mumbai. The simultaneous advancement of both mainline and depot work highlights improved coordination and efficiency in the project's execution. This progress offers a promising outlook for Mumbaikars who have long awaited metro expansion into distant suburbs. The swift development of Line 12 stands out as a positive example of how infrastructure projects can be executed efficiently in Mumbai. It provides a model for future projects aiming to enhance urban mobility in rapidly growing area



Kalyan-Taloja Metro Line 12: Fastest Metro Project In India Reaches Completion

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“Modi Not Going To Do The Russian Oil Thing”: Trump Repeats Disputed Claim Despite India’s Denial

(Gns). U.S. President Donald Trump continues to reiterate his claim that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured him India would stop purchasing Russian oil, even though New Delhi has officially denied the statement and no evidence exists of such a conversation.

Trump first made the remark on October 15, 2025, during a media interaction at the White House, where he stated that Modi had "assured me today that India will not be buying oil from Russia," describing it as a "big step" toward reducing Moscow's energy revenues amid the ongoing Ukraine conflict. Since then, Trump has repeated the claim at least three times, asserting that "Modi's not going to do the Russian oil thing," portraying it as part of his broader effort to pressure countries engaged in trade with Russia.

Former U.S. President Donald Trump has repeatedly claimed that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured him India would stop purchasing Russian oil, a claim India's Ministry of External Affairs has denied, stating no such conversation occurred. India continues to import Russian crude oil, around 1.9 million barrels per day since 2022, and Trump has increased tariffs on Indian exports.

India's Response and Clarification Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has categorically rejected Trump's comments. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal confirmed that there was no record of any such exchange between Modi and Trump on the dates mentioned. Jaiswal reiterated that India's energy policy remains guided by the principles of ensuring affordable prices and secure supplies through diversified sourcing. He added that India continues to buy Russian crude based on prevailing market dynamics.

The Broader Context Since 2022, India has emerged as one of the largest importers of discounted Russian crude, purchasing around 1.9 million barrels per day - approximately one-third of its total crude oil demand. Analysts note that India is unlikely to abruptly stop these imports, as doing so could disrupt domestic fuel stability and strain its supply chain.

Meanwhile, Trump has recently increased tariffs on several Indian exports by up to 50%, including a 25% penalty linked to India's trade in Russian oil. The move is seen as part of his strategy to exert both economic and diplomatic pressure on New Delhi.

The White House has yet to provide any substantiation for Trump's version of events, while Indian officials have dismissed his repeated assertions as "baseless and politically driven."



Asrani: The Comedian Who Shaped Generations: From Johnny Lever to Javed Jaffrey

(Gns). When the curtains fall on a legend, what remains is not just their body of work, but the echo of their influence. Veteran actor Govardhan Asrani, who passed away at 84, was not just a comic genius - he was a school in himself. For over five decades, Asrani's nuanced humour, expressive acting, and effortless timing became the blueprint for every comic actor who followed. From Johnny Lever to Javed Jaffrey, from Rajpal Yadav to Varun Sharma, generations of performers trace their creative DNA back to Asrani.

Asrani The Comedian Who Shaped Generations From Johnny Lever to Javed Jaffrey

Veteran actor Govardhan Asrani, who passed away at 84, was renowned for his comedic contributions over five decades. Known for nuanced humor in films like "Sholay" and "Chupke Chupke", he influenced comedians such as Johnny Lever and Javed Jaffrey, leaving a lasting impact on Indian comedy.

Switch To Shorts

In an era when comedy was often loud or slapstick, Asrani brought discipline and subtlety to the craft. He could be funny without being farcical, silly yet sharp, and exaggerated yet deeply human. His performances in "Sholay", "Chupke Chupke", "Aaj Ki Taaza Khabar", "Golmaal", and "Chhoti Si Baat" demonstrated that comedy wasn't just about making people laugh - it was about timing, rhythm, and intelligence.

Johnny Lever, one of India's greatest comic actors, often mentioned how actors like Mehmood and Asrani "taught us what comic energy meant." Lever's mimicry, improvisation, and facial dynamism owe much to the path

Asrani paved - where comedy was an art form, not a filler. Asrani's ability to balance absurdity with emotion gave later comedians a new grammar of performance.

Many stand-up artists and mimicry performers cite him as an early influence. His characters were relatable, often caught in social ironies - the common man facing the absurdities of bureaucracy, society, or power. This realism in comedy later became the foundation of the humour we see in Indian stand-up culture today.

Even in his later years, Asrani continued to evolve - playing endearing, elderly roles with the same spark that once made audiences roar with laughter. He adapted with time, proving that true comedians never age; they just find new ways to connect.

In the history of Hindi cinema, Asrani stands as a bridge - connecting the golden age of humour led by Mehmood to the modern sensibilities of Johnny Lever and Javed Jaffrey. His legacy is not merely in his lines or roles, but in the confidence he gave to comedy - that laughter, too, could carry depth, dignity, and timeless charm.

Asrani didn't just make India laugh; he taught India how to laugh - with intelligence, warmth and heart



Nagaland Minister Temjen Imna Along's Witty 'Anushka Sharma Ka Pati' Response Wins Internet's Heart

(Gns). Nagaland's Tourism and Higher Education Minister, Temjen Imna Along, is known for his sharp wit and light-hearted humour that often goes viral. Be it through his social media posts, speeches, or candid interviews, the minister's playful tone and comic timing have made him a beloved figure online.

Nagaland's Tourism and Higher Education Minister, Temjen Imna Along, responded humorously to a question about his current favorite cricketer by playfully asking, "What is Anushka Sharma's husband's name?" which led to a viral clip. Following this, he clarified that he remembered Anushka Sharma because she loves Virat Kohli.

Recently, his quick response during an interaction at the media interaction once again proved why he's a favourite among internet users.

A Simple Question Turns into a Viral Moment

During the session, Along was asked a casual question about his favourite cricketer. The exchange started off routinely, but his humorous twist quickly transformed it into a viral clip.

When asked about his

all-time favourite cricketer, Along promptly replied, "Sachin Tendulkar." The audience nodded in agreement - after all, Sachin remains an all-time cricketing legend for millions of Indians.

However, the real fun began when the interviewer followed up with another question: "Who is your current favourite cricketer?"

"Anushka Sharma Ke Pati Ka Naam Kya Hai?"

Without missing a beat, the minister looked at one of the interviewers and quipped, "Anushka Sharma ke pati ka naam kya hai? (What is Anushka Sharma's husband's name?)"

The interviewer burst into laughter and responded, "Virat Kohli." Along then grinned and said, "Haan, Virat Kohli." His unexpected and playful answer had the audience

roaring with laughter. Lighthearted Banter Follows

The humorous moment didn't end there. One of the interviewers teased, "Ye toh wahi baat hai - Rs 10 wala biscuit kitne ka hai? (That's like asking - how much is a Rs 10 biscuit?)"

Another chimed in jokingly, "Eska matlab ye hai ki aapki favourite actress Anushka Sharma hai, Kareena Kapoor nahi (That means your favourite actress is Anushka Sharma, not Kareena Kapoor)."

To this, Along chuckled and clarified, "Nahi nahi aisa nahi hai. Anushka Sharma yaad hai kyuki wo Virat Kohli ko pyaar karti hai (No, no, it's not like that. I remember Anushka Sharma because she loves Virat Kohli)."

Internet Applauds the Minister's Wit

The clip quickly spread



“Garv Se Kaho Yeh Swadeshi Hai”: Modi Promotes Local Goods During Festival Season

(Gns). On Sunday, October 19, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called on citizens to support Indian-made products during the festive season, promoting the slogan "Garv Se Kaho Yeh Swadeshi Hai" (Say proudly, this is indigenous).

In a post on social media platform X, Modi encouraged people to buy Swadeshi goods and celebrate the creativity and hard work of 140 crore Indians. He wrote, "Let's mark this festive season by celebrating the hard work, creativity and innovation of 140 crore Indians. Let's buy Indian products and say-Garv Se Kaho Yeh Swadeshi Hai!"

The Prime Minister also urged citizens to share their purchases on social media to inspire others to follow suit.

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"Vocal for Local" and Economic Self-Reliance

This appeal forms part of the government's "Vocal for Local" campaign, which promotes indigenous entrepreneurship, artisanship, and self-reliance under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

The campaign aims to strengthen domestic industries, reduce import dependency, and create livelihoods at the grassroots level.

The message was reinforced by MyGovIndia, which launched a nationwide campaign titled "Celebrate Diwali and Empower Swadeshi", encouraging citizens to pledge to purchase only Swadeshi products during the festive season.

Supporting this initiative, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) recently introduced the Khadi India-SBI RuPay Prepaid Gift Card to promote digital Swadeshi shopping across India. A promotional video featuring celebrities such as Madhuri Dixit, Varun Dhawan, Tripti Dimri, and Shankar Mahadevan was also released to amplify the "Vocal for Local" message nationwide.

Through this renewed Swadeshi campaign, PM Modi linked the spirit of Diwali with national economic pride, encouraging citizens to view conscious local purchasing as an act of patriotism and empowerment.



US Politician Chandler Langevin Faces Backlash for 'Deport Every Indian Immediately' Remarks

(Gns). Chandler Langevin, a conservative politician serving on Florida's Palm Bay City Council, is facing widespread criticism after making inflammatory comments targeting Indian Americans. His statements, shared widely on social media, prompted strong reactions from residents, advocacy groups, and fellow lawmakers, ultimately leading to formal action by the city council.

Palm Bay City Council member Chandler Langevin received criticism and censure for inflammatory social media posts targeting Indian Americans, leading to a 3-2 censure vote and a request for his suspension due to calls for deportation and derogatory remarks. Langevin defended his views on immigration and framed the issue as a First Amendment concern.

Langevin triggered outrage with posts advocating for the deportation of Indians in the US. He claimed that Indians come to America to "drain our pockets" and then either return to India or, "worse... to stay." His comments drew condemnation from Indian American organizations, members of Congress, and local residents alike.

accused Indians of "taking advantage of America" in the context of the truck driver incident. Reacting to these comments, Palm Bay Mayor Medina stated that "words that demean or devalue others have no place in the Palm Bay we aspire to be."

Community Backlash and Council Action

Despite mounting criticism, Langevin continued his posts. On October 2, he tweeted: "Today is my birthday and all I want is for @realDonaldTrump to revoke every Indian visa and deport them immediately. America for Americans." That evening, more than 100 residents from Palm Bay and nearby cities attended a council meeting. Members voted 4-1 to send a letter to the governor requesting Langevin's suspension. Many attendees defended the Indian community and criticized Langevin's statements.

Afterward, Langevin claimed he had met some members of the community and issued an apology "STRICTLY to Patriotic Hindu Americans while reaffirming all of my views on immigration policy and Christianity."

Censure and Free Speech Debate

During the council meetings, officials urged formal action against Langevin. Deputy Mayor Mike Jaffe told him, "I am so tired of talking about this and hearing about this. Change your course, man."

Langevin, however, described the censure and calls for his removal as "reprehensible," framing the issue as a First Amendment concern. "This is a plain and simple case of 1st Amendment retaliation and sets a dangerous precedent that any majority can silence any minority within a representative form of government for disagreeing with their policy," he argued.



What Treasures Were Found As Banke Bihari Temple Vaults Reopen After 54 Years?

(Gns). After 54 years, the treasure rooms (toshkhana) of Mathura's famous Banke Bihari temple were reopened, revealing gold and silver bars, gemstones, and precious coins. The reopening, conducted under the supervision of a Supreme Court-appointed panel, also uncovered utensils and artifacts, which will be documented and presented to the panel before the chambers are resealed.

Temple priest Dinesh Goswami told TOI that "one gold bar and three silver bars, each around 3-4 feet long and covered in guld, were found in a long box inside the toshkhana." He added that red and green gemstones, old coins, and various metal utensils were also discovered during the exercise.

Mathura's Banke Bihari temple reopened its toshkhana after 54 years, revealing gold and silver bars, gemstones, coins, utensils, and artifacts, under Supreme Court supervision; the vaults, sealed since 1971, were last opened to transfer jewelry to a bank.

The rooms had remained sealed since 1971, and the decision to reopen them was made last month by a high-powered committee. Mathura DSP (Sadar) Sandeep Singh, who was present during the process, confirmed that the entire exercise was recorded on video, with both police officials and committee members witnessing the opening.

ADM (Finance and Revenue) Pankaj Kumar Verma said the recovered items would be submitted to the panel for review, after which the vaults have been sealed again for safekeeping.

During the first day of inspection on Saturday, only a few brass utensils and wooden artifacts were found. The toshkhana, built in 1864, is believed to house ancient treasures such as a peacock-shaped emerald necklace, a silver Sheshnag.



Balochistan No More Part of Pakistan? Salman Khan's Saudi Event Speech Sparks Debate - Video

(Gns). Bollywood superstar Salman Khan has found himself at the centre of an online discussion following his recent appearance at the Joy Forum 2025 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Salman Khan Balochistan Remark

Salman Khan's remarks at the Joy Forum 2025 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, sparked online debate after he seemingly separated Balochistan from Pakistan while discussing South Asian communities; the actor hasn't yet commented on the controversy.

The actor's brief comment during the event has become the talk of the internet, with many users debating whether he unintentionally separated Balochistan from Pakistan while describing South Asian communities living in the Middle East.

The Viral Clip from Riyadh Event

A video from the star-studded event has gone viral, showing Salman Khan talking about the global success of Indian films and the South Asian diaspora's growing influence.

In the video, Salman says, "Right now, if you make a Hindi film and release it here (in Saudi Arabia), it will be a superhit. If you make a Tamil, Telugu, or Malayali film, it will do hundreds of crores in business because so many people from other countries have come here. There are people from Balochistan, there are people from Afghanistan, there are people from Pakistan... everyone is working here."

The remark triggered a wave of reactions on social media, with some users pointing out that his phrasing seemed to place Balochistan outside of Pakistan. Others argued it was likely just an innocent mistake during an unscripted conversation.

Mixed Reactions Across Social Media

The clip, widely circulated on X (formerly Twitter), quickly became a trending topic. While some netizens accused the actor of making a politically charged statement, others defended him, saying the comment was taken out of context.

Salman Khan, who was joined on stage by fellow Bollywood icons Shah Rukh Khan and Aamir Khan, has not issued any clarification or response to the controversy so far.

Balochistan: A Region of Longstanding Sensitivity

Balochistan remains a politically sensitive area in South Asia. Several groups in the region have long demanded greater autonomy, alleging economic marginalization and political neglect.

