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India-China Flights Resume After 5-Year Hiatus, First Plane to Depart Tonight at 10 PM

After a five-year gap, and China are finally connecting Kolkata to would resuming today. The move has been welcomed as a positive step to strengthen people-to-people

exchanges between the two nations. The very first flight is scheduled to take off at 10 PM tonight.

flights Direct between India and China are resuming, starting October 26 with IndiGo's Kolkata-Guangzhou route and expanding to Shanghai-New Delhi on November 9,

and Delhi-Guangzhou on Flights between Shanghai November 10, after a sus- and New Delhi are set to pension since 2020 due to restart from November 9, the pandemic and border while IndiGo's Delhi-Flight Schedules and mence on November 10.

The first resuming flight announced on October 2 today. Shanghai ↔ New direct flights between India will be operated by IndiGo, that direct flights to China Delhi starts Nov 9, flying 3

October 26. Highlighting

the development, Yu Jing,

Spokesperson of the

Chinese Embassy in India,

shared on X:"Direct flights

between China and India

resume from times a week."

Why Flights Were Suspended

Air services between ndia and China had been halted in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They remained suspended not only because of the pandemic but also due to the prolonged border standoff in eastern Ladakh, which lasted over four years.

Diplomatic Developments Paving the Way

The resumption comes after an ice-breaking meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and China's President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the Shanghai are now a reality. Kolkata Cooperation Organisation

India had officially → Guangzhou launches (SCO) Summit. Following would restart. this. India's Ministry of External Affairs confirmed that direct flight services Ministry spokesperson Guo India relations from a stable development of bilat-

briefing, Chinese Foreign view and handle China- the continued healthy and

Jiakun stated, "China is strategic and long-term Speaking at a media willing to work with India to perspective, and promote

'Will Throw Waqf Act in Dustbin': Tejashwi Yadav **Makes Strong Statement Ahead of Bihar Elections**

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and INDIA bloc's Chief Ministerial face in Bihar, Tejashwi Yadav, made a bold statement on Sunday, declaring he would throw the Waqf Act "in the dustbin" if his party came to power. Rashtriya Janata Dal

(RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav stated he would remove the Waqf Act if his party won in Bihar, while the Supreme Court has partially stayed the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025; Yadav also promised employment, increased allowances for representatives, and interest-free

While addressing a massive public gathering in Katihar, Yadav launched a sharp attack on the BJP and reaffirmed his party's stance against the Waqf Act, promising to restore communal harmony and

development in the state. Yadav said, "When we cized the Waqf Act. were in power under Lalu Recently, a video surfaced Yadav and Rabri

Devi, Rashtriva Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) did not dare to come to Bihar and create chaos between brothers. We never kneeled. Lalu Yadav always fought the 🏻

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and we are doing so as well. If the BJP is scared of anyone, it is Lalu Yadav."

"I promise the Waqf Act that they have brought, I will throw it in the dustbin once we come to power," he said, drawing loud cheers from the crowd. He also assured that his government would focus on employment opportunities and curb corruption if elect-

Speaking at the rally, an RJD leader has crition social media

> showing Qari Sohaib, another leader, party addressing campaign rally in Khagaria. appeal to all sections of the society, forget about everything, don't

come under anyone's influence... people who passed the Wagf bill need to be treated," he said. "To save Bihar and our

country, defeat NDA, and vote for the Mahagathbandhan government. Once Tejashwi Yadav becomes the Chief Minister, Muslim for five years to creall such bills will be torn and thrown away, be it the Waqf bill or any other bill, Sohaib added.

"Vote for RJD and make Tejashwi bhai CM of Bihar. tation.

This is not the first time He will give proper treatment to all who are against us. People who brought bills like Waqf will be treated properly and these bills scrapped." he said in the viral video.

Supreme Court Puts Partial Stay on Wagf (Amendment) Act, 2025

In a recent development, the Supreme Court temporarily stayed several provisions of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025. A bench led by Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and Justice AG Masih issued an order halting key sections of the law.

Among the provisions stayed was Section 3(1)(r), which required an individual to be a practicing ate a Waqf. The court stated this condition would remain suspended until state governments formulate rules for its implemen-

Bihar Elections 2025: JDU Expels 16 Leaders For Anti-Party Activities

just before the Bihar Assembly elections, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's Dal (United) expelled 16 leaders for alleged anti-party actions. This announcement on October 26 followed the removal of 11 party members the previous day for similar reasons. The expelled individuals

include sitting MLA Gopal Mandal, former MLA Maheshwar Yadav, and former MLC Sanjeev Shyam Singh. The party stated leaders were interests and discipline, anti-party activities, follow- bloc, highlighting the NDA

with some reportedly plan- ing the removal of 11 mem-In a significant move ning to contest elections independently.

Guangzhou on October 26.

Guangzhou route will com-

bers the previous day, including MLA Gopal Ahead of the Bihar Mandal and former minister



Assembly elections, Janata involved in activities that Dal (United) expelled 16 went against JDU's core leaders on October 26 for

Shailesh Kumar. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar criticized the opposition INDIA

government's minority welfare initiatives since 2005, with elections scheduled in two phases on November 6 and 11, and results on November 14.

The initial list released on October 25 saw the expulsion of 11 senior leaders. Among them were former Minister Shailesh Kumar, former MLC Sanjay Prasad, and former MLAs Shyam Bahadur Singh and Sudarshan Kumar. Other expelled members included former MLCs Ranvijay Singh, Amar Kumar Singh, Asma Parveen, Love Kumar, Asha Suman, Divyanshu Bharadwaj, and Vivek Shukla.

Dr. Jitendra Singh reviews preparations for Sardar Patels's 150th birth anniversary 'Sardar@150' commemoration campaign, oversees district-level coordination in J&K

Singh, today chaired a review meeting through campaign video conference to assess the ongoing preparations for the Sardar@150 Campaign- the nationwide commemoration campaign marking the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The Minister is personally overseeing the campaign's rollout across five districts in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure that the event becomes a people's movement celebrating unity and national integration.

cussed district-level activi- Marches will take place emphasized

already underway online since October 6, Dr. Jitendra Singh had earlier formally launched it from Kathua in Jammu

Kashmir through a press conference on birthplace of Sardar Patel, October 16. The next major phase will begin on embark on the National October 31, coinciding with Unity March to Ekta Nagar, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas the birth anniversary of observed as Constitution Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel — Dr. Jitendra Singh dis- when district-level Unity Dr. Jitendra Singh ups with officials, youth

and coordination across the Union Territory. Sardar@150 is not just a Union Minister and mechanisms to ensure These marches will contin- ceremonial observance but Member of Parliament from effective community partici- ue until mid-November, a "whole-of-nation" exer-Udhampur, Dr. Jitendra pation in the coming weeks. engaging schools, colleges, cise, reflecting the values As the Sardar@150 youth clubs, and local pan-

chayats to spread Patel's message of national integration. The cam-

paign will culmi-

November 25 at Karamsad, the from where participants will Gujarat, on November 26,

nate

of unity, integrity, and collective responsibility that Sardar Patel stood for. He noted that district-level teams have already been formed under the leadership of local administration, while civil society groups, elected representatives, and members of District Development Councils are working in close coordination to make the event a grand success.

As both a Union Minister and Member of Parliament, Dr. Jitendra Singh has been holding daily followthat organizations.

Himachal strengthens technical education, boosts employment technical and vocational Pradesh have evolved from modernised curricula, insti-

Over 12,378 youth have been employed and 14,421 trained through Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and SWAYAM platforms, highlighting the Himachal Pradesh government's commitment to skill development, digital learning, and preparing its youth for future-ready careers.

government spokesperson said here on Sunday that under the leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the state has made remarkable progress in

education. During Sukhu's traditional diploma and tenure, students have degree-awarding bodies secured employment into strategic engines of through job fairs, campus employment recruitments, and joint placement drives, while over 1,200 faculty

and SWAYAM. "These

reflect a focused effort to industrial required for a technology- ready skills. driven economy," he added. Technical and vocational reforms emphasise technol-

institutions in Himachal ogy-integrated

members have benefited from digital learning initiatives via MOOCs

equip youth with the skills innovation, and future- ing engineering colleges, "The

into measurable improvements in employability, entrepreneurship, and global competitiveness," he said. "Currently, the state

learning,

generation,

operates a network of 348 technical and industrial collaboration, training institutions, includpharmacy colleges, polygovernment's technics, and ITIs in both government and private

tutional capacity building,

and strong industry link-

ages aligned with emerging

technologies. These meas-

ures are already translating















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Fertilizer crisis in UP: Akhilesh accuses **BJP** govt of indifference to farmers' woes

Samajwadi stantly grappling with the fertilizer crisis under the BJP government. "After paddy, fertilizers are not available to farmers in the state for the wheat

alleged. In a statement here on Sunday, Akhilesh Yadav stated that long lines of farmers are seen at cooperative societies

and other crops. They are

made to run from pillar to

post for fertilizers," he

Uttar Pradesh are con- fertilizers. Ever since the ances to offer to farmers,"

doors of the DAP and NPK, ue with BJP members their woes. He called the hundreds of farmers return themselves involved in this President Akhilesh Yadav home disappointed every racket. The government claimed that farmers in day unable to obtain the has nothing but false assur-

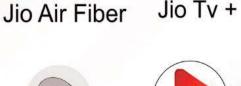


in BJP government came to he claimed. Lakhimpur Kheri, Mahoba, power in the state, the Fatehpur, Badaun, Amethi, farmers are facing the fertiland other districts. "After izer crisis as black marketwaiting for hours at the ing and profiteering contin- but remains insensitive to

SP The president alleged that the government has ruined farmers

BJP government in the state anti-farmer. "The BJP wants farmers to remain in distress and abandon farming and sell their land to industrialists at throwaway prices. Hence, the party is conspiring to drive farmers away from farming and their land. Due to the hardships, a large number of farmers are forced to abandon farming and become labourers," he said.

Akhilesh Yadav stated that farmers across the state initially lacked fertilizer for paddy crops. They were lathi-charged at many places. Now, they are facing the same situation for the wheat crop.



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Editorial

Gender Equality in Development

Development is a process of growth in the direction of modernity especially towards nation-building and socioeconomic progress. Development is referred to as a process of continuous progress, unyoking the people from the stages of dependency towards self reliance assuring equitable distribution of opportunities and resources, and ensuring socio-economic justice and harmony among all sections of the society. Rural Development is a process of developing and utilizing natural and human resources, technologies, infrastructural facilities institutions and organisations, and government policies and programmes to encourage and speed up economic growth in rural areas, to provide jobs and to improve the quality of rural life.

Although in rural development programmes, priority should be given to the marginalized, poor and deprived section of society, they encompass all aspects of rural life, including nature and its elements, i.e. development of agriculture and allied sectors, socio-economic and political development, improving quality of rural life and rural disaster risk mitigation. The objectives of rural development, according to the World Bank, are not restricted to any single department but spread over several, and the resultant mix serves to raise agricultural output, create new employment, improve health and education, expand communications, provide housing,

Women's participation in rural development is crucial for social, economic, and environmental progress, as they are central to agriculture, household management, and community cohesion. Their involvement ensures that development initiatives address key issues like education and healthcare, promote gender equality, and lead to more sustainable and inclusive growth. Empowering women through access to resources, education, and decision-making roles is vital, as it directly contributes to improved livelihoods and community well-being. India has been a welfare state since Independence and government policies and programmes were designed to alleviate rural poverty.

It was realized that a sustainable strategy of poverty alleviation had to be based on increasing productive employment opportunities for the rural poor and providing a better and higher quality of life. Rural development is defined as the process of sustained growth of the rural economy and improvement of well-being of the rural population. The community development programme inaugurated on 2 October 1952, was an important landmark in the history of rural development. This was renamed as the Ministry of Rural Development on 23 January 1982. As per the 2001 Census, the total Indian population was 1027.01 million of which women accounted for 495.73 million. They constituted about 48.27 per cent of the population, performed two thirds of the work and earned one third the remuneration. Rural women in India constitute 77 per cent of the female population.

They take abundant responsibilities and perform a wide spectrum of duties apart from household activities. Their significant contribution to the family makes them think critically about their poverty problems and the ways to overcome them. The participation of women in rural development is essential for building a strong economy and society. Women are vital for the sustainable development of rural areas, bringing added value to local communities. They are frequently the driving force behind innovation, diversification, and the development of new opportunities. In short, women give life to rural areas. When rural women are empowered, entire communities benefit.

Self-help is an ideology which aims at promoting selfreliant, self-manageable and sustainable institutions of the poor and the marginalized. Self-help promotion is a process. Self-help groups are structures which enable people's participation to achieve self-management, selfreliance and sustainability. SHG is a vibrant, democratic and viable entity at grassroots level, which involves the people in planning, implementing and monitoring their development activities, and by mobilizing resources with its own strength. It encompasses economic, social, cultural, political aspects and is characterized by self-management. Economic activity such as savings and credit is one major activity that SHG undertakes, which has the potential to grow and bind the people together.

If SHGs, being small groups, are not found to be having sufficient bargaining strength or scale economies, they can be federated at village or mandal or block or taluk level. Such apex bodies would also add to their collective strength or contribute to scale economies. The Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) was launched in 1978-79 in India. Through the SHG approach the poor rural women are prepared to build self-confidence through community action. Interactions in group meetings and collective decision-making enable

them to identify and prioritize their needs and resources. Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (1999), the most important programme for self-employment for the rural areas of the country was introduced by Central and State Governments. Like other centrally-sponsored programmes, it is implemented in the districts by the District Rural Development Cells (DRDC) of the Zilla Parishad. The main emphasis of the programme was to organize the poor in Self Help Groups (SHGs) and to augment their capacities for taking up economic activities for generation of income. Financial assistance in the form of bank credit and subsidy is provided for taking up economic enterprises. SGSY was restructured in 2010-11 for its implementation as the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) or Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojananational Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NALM). Out of an estimated 25 million households organized into SHGs until 2010, only 22 per cent succeeded in accessing l bank credit.

Studies showed that there were significant variations in the extent of mobilization of the poor through the formation of SHGs and the quality of their operation Further, the SGSY programme focusing on single livelihood activity did not meet multiple livelihood requirements of the poor. The government restructured SGSY into National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) in FY 2010-11 to provide a sharper and greater focus as well as momentum for poverty reduction. India has around 1.2 core SHGs, 88 per cent being all-women SHGs. Success stories include Kudumbashree in Kerala, Jeevika in Bihar, Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahila Mandal in Maharashtra, and recently, Looms of Ladakh.

The SHG Bank Linkage Project (SHG-BLP), launched in 1992, has blossomed into the world's largest microfinance project.

Lines that touched a nation

tural

(Gns)

It was one of those mornings when the news hits harder than your first cup of coffee. Piyush Pandey, the master craftsman of Indian advertising, has left us. And with him goes an era when advertisements didn't just sell products but told us stories about ourselves. If advertising mirrors society, Pandey's advertisements reflected simplicity, hope and the little things that brought us joy. His work told us that India's beauty lies not in perfection but in connection. His copy was as sharp as his handlebar moustache and just as iconic. He had the rare gift of noticing the obvious and turning it into magic.

The iconic Cadbury advertisement sold that fleeting moment when a young girl danced through a cricket field, a bar of chocolate in hand, telling us, "Kuch Khaas Hai Zindagi Mein." We might be in 2025, but it still holds the same charm it did when it first came out. That one slogan made us look for joy

in the ordinary. His work with the Polio campaign, "Do Boond Zindagi Ki," is perhaps the best example of advertising as a force for social good. Coupled with Amitabh Bachchan's gravitas, those four words changed behaviour across a nation. Two drops. Life itself. The simplicity was deceptive, the impact monumental. That's what happens when you understand people, not just consumers.

Pandey had a particular

genius for turning mundane

products into memorable characters. Take Fevicol. In addition to promoting adhesive, he developed a whole universe in which the product's potency served as the joke. A Fevicol advertisement on the back of an overcrowded bus held everyone together while they dangled precariously, defying the laws of physics. When a confused man tried to crack an egg for breakfast, he found that the hen had been pecking at Fevicol and producing eggs that were indestructible. While a hobbyist with pricey equipment watched

in shock, a local fisherman used a stick to dab with FeviKwik and pluck fish straight out of the water. "Yeh Fevicol ka jod hai, tute-



for anything that could not be broken, from friendships to questionable life decisions. Then there was the little pug that became a cultural phenomenon.

The Hutch campaign showed a boy being followed everywhere by a devoted pug, quietly communicating network reliability through the simple metaphor of loyalty. The ad was so effective that an entire generation started calling pugs "the Hutch dog." That's the kind of culfeels like it is written for algorithms, not people. Lines are crafted to please search engines and eventually find their way to the consumer. There is polish, but little pulse. Everyone's chasing the next viral campaign while forgetting that the best ones were rarely designed to go viral.

today's ad campaigns,

despite their multi-platform

strategies and influencer

Advertisements today have their own rhythm, no doubt - influencer collaborations, viral trends, content that lives and dies in 24-hour cycles. Nothing has given way to the formu-

highlighting that while the

UN can facilitate dialogue

or deliver aid, it struggles to

shape outcomes in envi-

ronments dominated by

competing great-power

interests. Despite these dif-

wrong with that, but something feels missing. When was the last time you remembered an ad? Not just laughed at a meme or shared a reel, but actually remembered the message, the product, and how it all came together to build a brand? The iconic ads, whether it was Asian Paints' "Har Ghar Kuch Kehta Hai" or the soul-stirring "Mile Sur Mera Tumhara," had recall value that transcended their media spends. You didn't need a hundred influencer partnerships to make people remember. You needed one good insight, executed brilliantly. Pandey's copywriting was surgical. Every earned its place.

Each punch line was a jugalbandi of ideation, rationality, human experience, and real-life situations. Compare that to today, when we are drowning in content but starving for meaning. We've got 10 different ways to say the same thing, all optimized for SEO, all sounding vaguely similar. The craft

replaced by the template. What's missing? human touch. The cultural understanding. patience to sit with an idea until it reveals itself. Pandey believed in peoplecentric advertising, and his love for cultural design thinking gave Indian advertising a global presence. Today, we're so busy chasing virality that we forget to chase truth. So here we are The man who taught us that every home has a story, that there's something special in life, has directed his final scene. The credits are rolling, but the taglines remain, echoing across generations with unbridled enthusiasm. And as we sit here, scrolling through our algorithmically curated feeds, perhaps Pandey's greatest legacy isn't just the ads he created, but the reminder he left behind: that good storytelling never goes out of fashion. The platforms may change, the formats may evolve, but the human need for connection remains constant

la. The insight has been

reinforce trust in UN Time for the world to

(Gns). United Nations Day, celebrated each year on October 24, commemorates the entry into force of the United Nations Charter in 1945 – a document born out of the ruins of World War II with the solemn promise "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war." Marking eighty years in 2025, this day stands as both a celebration and a moment of reckoning. The world, burdened by conflicts in Gaza (amidst a ceasefire over 70,000 dead bodies), with Ukraine, Sudan, and Myanmar, and troubled by global polarization, climate catastrophe, and humanitarian crises, faces a criti-

Has the UN lived up to

cal question.

its founding ideals of peace, security, and cooperation among nations? When established in 1945 by 51 nations, the UN's purpose was to provide machinery for collective action to prevent conflict, promote numan rights, and uplift global living conditions through cooperation rather than competition. United Nations Day, formally recognized in 1948 and later declared an international holiday in 1971, honours the institution's mission -'to maintain international peace and security, develop friendly relations among nations, and foster social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom'. As the UN turns eighty this year, celebrations around the world from educational panels to cultural exhibitions - reaffirm its ideals. Yet, behind these festivities lies a growing recognition that the UN's capacity to act meaningfully has been weak-

ened by geopolitical divisions and funding crises.

Reports indicate that the United Nations system in 2025 faces one of its most severe crises in decades. According to 'International Crisis Group', the return of President Donald Trump to the U.S. presidency in January 2025

has had reaching implications for multilateralism. If reports are to be believed, the United States, the UN's largest single donor, has significantly reduced its funding across agencies, including the World Food Programme and the UN High

Commissioner for

Refugees, both of

which rely heavily on U.S. contributions. These cuts have forced the UN into what Secretary-General António Guterres calls the "UN80 retrenchment," a drastic reform programme requiring a 20 per cent reduction in Secretariat staff and widespread budget tighten-

ing. This has led to freezing peacekeeping funds and disputing even the use of terms like "gender" and "sustainability". Moreover, other major powers, such as China and Russia, have exploited this vacuum by advancing their own spheres of influence rather than bolstering the collective mechanisms of peacekeeping and humanitarianism. The most immediate tests for the UN lie in the world's active war zones. In Gaza, amidst the ceasefire and jubilations on the exchange of hostages, the

devastation resulting from Israel's campaign against Hamas since 2023 has exposed the limits of UN authority.

Israel has marginalized UN aid agencies, particularly UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works

ficulties, the UN continues Agency for Palestine to lead vital humanitarian and development opera-Refugees. The result has

UNITED NATIONS DAY

starvation, been mass widespread destruction of UN facilities, and the Agencies such as WHO, UN's enduring value lies deaths of more than 360 UNICEF, and WFP (World not in the power it wields, (Gandhi's) lead, end the UN statt members – making Gaza the deadliest mission in the organization's history. Reports further indicate the institution's inability to enforce international law or ensure civilian protection, thereby revealing a deep erosion in its foundational promise "to international maintain peace and security." In Ukraine, the war with Russia continues into its fourth year, testing the UN's relevance once again.

the General While Assembly reaffirmed Ukraine's territorial integrity in early 2025, global support for such resolutions weakened markedly, with only 93 votes in favour compared to 141 in previ- is now pivoting toward Nations continues to

tions that no other organi- solidarity. These achievezation Food Programme) provide life-saving aid to millions, deliver education and vaccination campaigns, and coordinate climate and disaster responses. In Gaza and Sudan, UN convoys remain the only credible relief channels despite logistical barriers and

Despite the challenges, UN Sustainable the Development Goals (SDGs), although delayed by economic crises and wars, still serve as a blueprint for inclusive growth that no state can achieve alone. While funding and the continuity of such programs are a concern, reports indicate that the UN ous years, which is clearly "light-footprint operations,"

active conflict zones.

a sign of diplomatic fatigue, focusing on mediation and local conflict prevention instead of large-scale interventions. In all these circumstances, it is essential to recognize that the UN remains the only truly universal forum where nearly every nation can voice its concerns. From steering international climate agree-

ments under the Paris framework coordinating pandemic paredness through the WHO,

the UN continues to offer a moral compass for cooperative action. Humanitarian aid, refugee protection, and edu-

cational empowerment through agencies UNESCO persist as daily expressions of global

can replicate. ments demonstrate that the but in the legitimacy and ideals it embodies. In a fractured world defined by nationalism, technological disruption, and climate emergency, the path forward for the United Nations requires reimagining multilateralism beyond traditionstate diplomacy. Partnerships with civil society, regional organizations, and private actors must complement formal state mechanisms. The UN's focus should increasingly shift toward global challenges that transcend borders - climate change, cyber threats, and migration. Given the magnitude of growing challenges, it is undeniable that the United embody the world's collec-

tive aspiration for peace. Thus, the choice before humanity is not whether to abandon the UN but whether to empower it anew and prove, once again, that the quest for peace and justice among nations is not a relic of history but the unfinished task of today, which Antonio Guterres, the UN Secretary General had reiterated in his messages on the International Day of Nonviolence commemorating the 156th birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. Antonio Guterres said, "... We are witnessing a troubling erosion of our shared humanity.

Violence is displacing dia-

loque. Civilians are bearing

the brunt of conflict

International law is being

flouted. Human rights are

being trampled. And the

foundations of peace are

under strain". He added, "... In these dangerous and divided times. let us find the strength to follow his suffering, advance diplomacy, heal divisions, and create a just, sustainable and peaceful world for all". Antonio Guterres further stated in his message for the UN Day on October 24, this year: "As we look ahead, we confront challenges of staggering scale: escalating conflicts, climate chaos, runaway technologies, and threats to the very fabric of our institution. This is no time for timidity or retreat. Now, more than ever, the world must recommit to solving problems no nation can solve alone.... Let's show the world what is possible when "we the peoples" choose to act as one." The choice is ours!

Watchful generation

(Gns).

India's Generation Z ~ the 370 million under-25s who now define the nation's social media pulse ~ stands at an unusual crossroad. They are informed, expressive, and globally connected like no generation before them, yet they are strikingly absent from the streets. Their silence is not apathy, but a reflection of how power, fear, and identity have reshaped dissent in the world's largest democracy. Across Asia, young people have shaken governments and forced policy reversals, mobilised through encrypted apps and digital solidarity. In India, however, the same digital fire burns inwardly, fuelling awareness but rarely action. This

is a generation that grew up witnessing protests turn violent, leaders jailed, and universities stripped of their activist traditions.

They understand the costs of defiance. In a society where dissent is easily branded "antinational," rebellion demands a courage that many cannot afford. Many in this generation carry the memory of earlier protests that ended in disillusionment or repression, shaping a pragmatic instinct that values survival and opportunity over confrontation. But fear alone does not explain their restraint. The deeper issue is fragmentation. India's youth is not a monolith – it is a mosaic of castes, languages, faiths, and regions,

each carrying its own set of single voice. Unlike Nepal



cultural exclusion, or environmental neglect. Each cause is real, yet together they fail to converge into a

grievances. For some, or Bangladesh, where injustice is economic ~ the young anger coalesced into lack of jobs, housing, or national purpose, India's healthcare. For others, it is youthful energy disperses

Adding to this is the weight of economic insecumeasure risk in terms of lost opportunities, not ideals. With unemployment high and competition fierce, be a mistake to dismiss few wish to jeopardise their

future by courting political trouble. Migration, freelancing, or quiet self-advancement have become safer routes to agency. The digital world gives them the illusion of participation without the dangers of protest. Yet, beneath this cautious exterior lies a subtle defiance. India's Gen Z may not march in protest, but they express micro-videos, and online crowds. India's Gen Z is not challenge politicians, stereotypes, and mobilise empathy for causes ranging from mental health to rity. Many young Indians climate justice. Their becomes an act of quiet

activism is dispersed but

not dormant – it lives in pixels, not placards. It would them as indifferent.

They are watchful, observant, and selectively engaged, choosing their battles carefully. What they lack in street energy, they compensate for in digital influence. If their predecessors roared in the streets, this generation murmurs online ~ but those murmurs may yet grow into a new form of civic expression, one that challenges authordiscontent through memes, ity through ideas, not debates. They question a silent generation; it is a cautious one. In a time when protest can cost one's freedom or future, watchfulness itself

(Gns).

Nation pedals together every Sunday — from gyms to government offices, a fitness revolution on wheels

Fit India Sundays on Cycle becomes a nationwide fitness movement uniting over 14 lakh citizens across 1,20,000 locations

World Boxing Champion Meenakshi Hooda joins the 45th edition as India's leading gym chains take part in the weekly celebration of fitness

When World Boxing Champion Meenakshi Hooda arrived at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium early this Sunday morning, she found herself among hundreds of cyclists, fitness enthusiasts, and families ready to ride together in the spirit of health and community. "I feel so happy to join today," she said. "Just like I maintain my fitness through boxfor every woman, especially homemakers and girls

father from Deeg district of

Rajasthan was raping his

two daughters for five

months. Troubled by their

father's actions, both the

daughters came to their

aunt's house living in

Kosikalan police station

area of Mathura and told

them the whole story. Aunt

called the sisters' brother

here. When the father

came to know about this,

he also came to the village

of Gopalbagh Chowki area

of Kosikalan police station

area at 1.30 pm on Sunday

afternoon. Where there

was a dispute over the

daughters speaking openly.

The drunken father took

out a gun and tried to kill

his daughters. Before this,

the son and cousin

snatched the pistol and

killed him. After this he was

chopped with an axe.

Police reached the spot

after receiving information

and took the accused son

brate the 150th birth

anniversary of Sardar

Vallabhbhai Patel on a

grand scale. On Sunday,

the metropolitan and dis-

trict units jointly organized

a press conference at the

party office and the outline

of the programs was

explained in the press con-

ference. The party will run a

special campaign across

the district from October 31

to December 6 with the

message of unity and

nation building. During this

period, a target has been

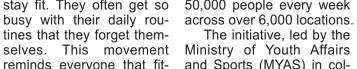
set to deliver the message

of Sardar Patel to every

Under the programme, Kataria,

booth and every ward.

busy with their daily routines that they forget themreminds everyone that fit- and Sports (MYAS) in col-





Father who was raping his daughters for five

months was killed by his son and nephew

Police interrogating the scene after the incident

The father was mur- and was doing obscene spot with heavy force. The addict and was doing lewd

nephew on Sunday after- daughters for the last 6 tody and sent for post- daughters for the last six

noon on Nagla Islampur months. At around 1:30 pm mortem. Police have months. Today, the son

Road under Gopal Bagh on Sunday afternoon, arrested both the accused committed this incident due

Chowki area of Kosi. The when he again tried to and started interrogation. to misbehavior with his

BJP will celebrate the birth anniversary of

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel with grandeur

Mathura. BJP has start- conference, MLC and dis- will not be just a function between November 1 and

Addressing during the press conference, MLC

and district in-charge Ashok Kataria, MLA Puran

Prakash, Govardhan MLA Thakur Meghshyam Singh,

District President Nirbhay Pandey, Metropolitan

President Raju Yadav etc.

deceased used to be cruel force himself on his daugh- Kosikalan police station in- minor sisters.

to his own daughters. Fed

up with this, the son along

with his cousin took this

step. The deceased has

been identified as Ramlal,

55 years old, resident of

village Badangarh Deeng

(Rajasthan). Who was liv-

given statements against Road. It was told that received, Gopal Bagh

their father for raping them. Ramlal was a drug addict Chowki police reached the

dered by his son and acts with his own two body was taken into cus-

ed preparations to cele- trict in-charge Ashok but a campaign for nation

and cousin into custody. ing with his family in a

Both the daughters have house located on Islampur

ters, son Mohit and

nephew Amit, son of

Rohitash tried to stop him.

During this altercation,

both of them together

attacked him with a sword

and then shot him with a

pistol. Due to which he

died on the spot. As soon

as the information was

ness can be simple, joyful, and for everyone." Her words captured essence of Fit Sundays on Cycle, now in its 45th edition. What began in December 2024 with around 500 participants in Delhi and 1,000 ing, it is equally important locations nationwide has today become a vibrant public movement that who may not play sports, to brings together more than

laboration with the Cycling Federation of India (CFI) Yogasana Bharat, and MY Bharat, has become a flagship community fitness campaign under the Fit India Movement. It embodies the spirit of "Aadha Ghanta Roz – Fitness Ka Dose", inspiring citizens to dedicate 30 minutes daily to physical well-being.

The growing impact of Legislative Assemblies.

stay fit. They often get so 50,000 people every week Fit India Sundays on Cycle was highlighted in the 117th episode of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat, where he appreciated how citizens from all walks of life were uniting every Sunday to celebrate health, joy, and togetherness through fitness.

> Under the guidance of the Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour Employment,

Mansukh Mandaviya, the initiative has evolved into a true Jan Andolan for fitness, bringing together new groups and communities each week. Participants have included Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), Doctors Teachers, Government Employees, Schoolchildren, Members Parliament/Member

charge Ajay Kaushal said

that at present the police is

Sisters had come home

The minor daughters

aged 13-14 years told that

their school holidays were

on 11th October last, after

which they had come to

their home. Since coming

home, he was being mis-

treated by his father. He

had told the whole incident

to the aunt due to which

the father was angry and

today he came with a knife

and pistol in his hand and

said that you are defaming me. After this he started

becoming aggressive, then

snatched the gun and knife

from his father and

attacked him.

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investigating the matter.

on Diwali holidays

India to host Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group meeting and workshop for first time

Around 90 aircraft accident investigators expected to participate in 4-day event beginning October 28

Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) on behalf of Ministry of Civil Aviation, will be hosting a four-day Asia Pacific Accident Investigation (APAC- AIG) meeting along with workshop from 28-31 October 2025. Union Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Rammohan Naidu is scheduled to inaugurate

the event. The APAC-AIG meeting is held annually and ICAO authorirtes of Asia Pacific the group aims to promote member states in the Asia Pacific region along with various international organizations participate in the craft accident investiga-

meeting said The meeting is generally hosted by any one of the ICAO member in the states APAC region. India will be

the hosting APAC-AIG meeting for the first

time. There will be particpations,

countries as well as from the ICAO.

Various aspects of air-



including tion of approximately 90 processes and reporting, representatives from air- will be discussed at the craft accident investigation meeting. The meetings of

the sharing of expertise, experience, and information among accident/incident investigation authorities and aims to develop and strengthen cooperation among them to improve the accident/incident investigation capability in the Asia and Pacific Regions.

The workshop will be held on 28-29 October 2025 which will cover topics related to aircraft accident investigations. The workshop will have officials from AAIB, DGCA along with international partici-

pain. The 20-year-old stu- quarrel about a month ago. giving police crucial leads. dent was soon taken to On Monday, he allegedly

A second-year Delhi

Instinct saved her face.

A 20-year-old Delhi University student was attacked with acid near Laxmibai College at around 10 a.m., resulting in burns on her hands after the accused, Jitendra, and two accomplices threw acid. The Delhi Police registered a case under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and investigations are ongoing, with arrests expected soon.

Switch To Shorts

Deep

Chand Bandhu arrived with two friends,

Justice in Motion

Delhi Police have registered a case under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, which covers crimes involving acid attacks. Multiple police and crime branch teams are conducting raids to trace three accused. Forensic experts have collected samples from the scene, and authorities say arrests are expected soon.

"The victim has shown remarkable courage," a senior officer from Ashok Vihar station said. "She shielded herself and survived what could have been far worse."

A City on Edge

As news of the assault spread, students and community members gathered outside the college, voicing fears that Delhi still isn't safe for its daughters. The attack has once again drawn attention to easy acid availability and the slow pace of preventive

Delhi Crime: Acid Attack On 2nd Year Student Near DU's Laxmibai College, Probe Underway

DELHI STUDENT TARGETED

University student, walking to Laxmibai College for an extra class, suddenly found herself in a nightmare that would replay across headlines by afternoon. Around 10 a.m., a motorcycle skidded to a halt near her. Within seconds, a bottle was hurled - and a corrosive liquid splashed toward

Her hands, raised in defense, bore the burns

Bystanders rushed to

Hospital and later shifted to Ishan RML, where doctors con- Witnesses said firmed her injuries were not handed the acid-filled bottle life-threatening.

The Attack and Its Motive

Police investigations revealed a chilling familiarity: the main accused, facial injuries, her arms Jitendra, was known to the victim. He lived in Mukundpur, the same Delhi traffic - but not unnoneighborhood. Officials say ticed. Surveillance cameras he stalked her for months around Ashok Vihar cap-

to Arman, who threw it before the three sped away.

and

While the young woman's quick reflexes saved her from severe were scorched. The attackers disappeared into the The deceased was a help as she screamed in and grew hostile after a tured parts of their route, enforcement.

Omar Abdullah 'betrayed' the trust of Budgam electorate: Mehbooba

Accusing the ruling National Conference (NC) would bring accountability responsibility, but a person- historical and political of betraying the electorate of the Budgam assembly constituency in Kashmir, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday said that Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had "deceived" the people by winning the Budgam seat in the last elections and later resigning from it and retaining the Ganderbal seat.

Mehbooba was campaigning for PDP candidate Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi in Budgam, which will go to

by-polls on 11 November. Addressing a rally, Mehbooba accused the NC leadership of neglecting the common people of Kashmir and "betraying" the trust of voters in Budgam. "They used the constituency merely as a political ladder." She said the PDP stood for "responsible and people-

centric leadership" and shown that they don't treat a bright future." promised that her party the constituency as a

and genuine public service to the region.

"Voting for NC again would be tantamount to endorsing the mistakes they've made in the last one year. The way they have neglected the people of Budgam, abandoning their own promises, speaks volumes. By disregarding Budgam despite being elected with the highest number of votes, Omar Abdullah and NC have course of their lives towards to elect him," she said.

al privilege."

would be his But today, he has turned his back on the very people who trusted

him. This is nothing less than betrayal," Mehbooba

said. "For the past 50 years, people of Budgam have elected NC leaders, made ministers, and this time Chief Minister. Yet, the way CM turned away from Budgam immediately after winning is disappointing. Now, the people of Budgam have a chance to take charge and change the Highlighting Budgam's

importance, she lamented "He won with a that the district had long massive margin, been ignored and deprived assuring people of real development. She asserted that Budgam deserved "a leader who political home. belongs to the soil and stands by the people in their difficult times".

During Omar Abdullah's tenure, thousands of our youth were imprisoned, and families were pushed into despair. The NC government not only failed to protect the common man but also alienated an entire generation," she alleged.

"People of Budgam know the truth of the past one year, not even a single promise was fulfilled. Today, there is a young, educated leader in Aga Muntazir Mehdi; you have the power

#GoRedforDyslexia Campaign goes global to mark the Dyslexia Awareness Month

To spread awareness and promote inclusivity for Secretary of the Department of School Education & Literacy Shri Sanjay Kumar along with Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Shri Rajesh Aggarwal flagged off the 'Walk for Dyslexia'. October is observed as the Dyslexia Awareness Month every year while October 8 is recognised as the International

acceptance Specific larly Dyslexia, common yet misunderof life, the stood learning differences "Walk4Dyslexia" was coamong children.

Changeinkk Foundation, ently. Dyslexia is not a limi-screening tool developed UNESCO MGEIP, Orkids tation but a different way of by NCERT, in helping Foundation, and Soch understanding Foundation on Saturday, expressing 26th, October 2025 at Kartavya

Speaking at the event, Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education

Path in New

Delhi.

sized the importance of creating awareness and

around Learning which

He underlined the cru-

and schools identify children knowledge. with disabilities, including Dyslexia, at an early stage. He noted that early detection, coupled with greater awareness among teachers, parents, and the wider community, can make a real difference in ensuring that every child with Dyslexia receives the right support and opportunities to learn and thrive within an inclusive education system. The Secretary also

acknowledged the tireless efforts of civil society organizations such as the Changeink Foundation, Orkids, and SOCH Foundation, whose initiatives have helped bring visibility and support to children and adults with learning differences.

Competition, Speech Competition and District President Nirbhay eight km padyatra will also Swadeshi Campaign will Pandey, also be organized in the President Raju Yadav etc. assemblies of the Lok entire district. In the press said in the press that this Sabha

Unity March, Run for Unity, Prakash, Govardhan MLA Thakur Meghshyam Singh, sage to every booth. An

MLA

Puran Metropolitan be taken out in all the

building. The party will deliver Sardar Patel's mes-

of youth will also participate in Run for Unity on 31st October. On the same day, floral tributes will be offered to the portrait of Sardar Patel at all the booths. Also, there will be a Run for Unity race in schools, colleges and universities, the winners of which will be rewarded. Chetan Swaroop

November 25. Thousands

Parashar, District General Secretary Anil Chaudhary, Chaudhary, Satyapal Mahipal Chaudhary, District Media Incharge Shyam Chaturvedi, Mahila Morcha President Mudita Sharma, Manisha Parashar, Aman Thakur, Ajay Parkham, Bhagat Singh Jadoun Gyanendra Rana, Suresh Tarkar Main Kant, Yatendra Faujdar, Tarun Saini etc. were present in the press

Who Was Adeel Akbar? Superintendent of Police in Islamabad Suspected To Be An Indian Spy

Islamabad, Superintendent was rushed to the of Police Adeel Akbar, 35, Pakistan Institute

In a shocking incident in suspicious call. He

after receiving a Medical

securing second place, and was considered a rising officer in Islamabad police. Superintendent

exams in 2017, Hotel while overseeing security, succumbing to a gunshot wound from a ing a suspicious call; a gov- across age groups and ernment investigation is included people from all underway, with authorities walks urging caution regarding unconfirmed reports.

Literacy, empha-Dyslexia cleared the CSS near Islamabad's Serena Awareness Day. As part of a country wide campaign to raise awareness, which included service pistol after receiv- more than 300 persons

by

organized

Disabilities (SLDs), particuremains one of the most

"Every child learns differ-

With early identification, support, and empathy, children with Dyslexia can achieve remarkable success. Today's walk is a walk for awareness, for compassion, and for inclusion," said the Secretary.

cial role of PRASHAST 2.0, a mobile app based

reportedly took his own life near the Serena Hotel Sciences, but docwhile overseeing security tors were unable operations. According to to save him. reports, Akbar used a subordinate's service pistol Kamoke near Sialkot, had died by apparent suicide

Akbar, who hailed from of Police Adeel Akbar, 35,

Big Break in Paris Louvre Museum Robbery as Two Arrested Over \$102 Million Heist

French authorities have made a major breakthrough in one of the most audacious jewel thefts in modern history. Two individuals have been arrested in connection with the \$102 million Louvre Museum heist.

French authorities arrested two individuals in connection with the \$102 million Louvre Museum heist, a major breakthrough in the investigation; the men, in their early thirties, were apprehended at Charles de Gaulle Airport and Seine-Saint-Denis.

The case has attracted worldwide attention since the jewels vanished from the prestigious Paris landmark. According to Le released the suspects' Parisien, both suspects identities, citing the confiwere detained on Saturday dential nature of the continevening and are currently uing investigation.

being questioned by inves-



in Ongoing Investigation The arrests represent a critical turning point in the extensive probe launched by French law enforcement. Authorities have not yet

exact role in the operation." Police officials are also working to trace other possible accomplices involved in the theft.

Sources close to the

case told Le Parisien. "The

Suspects Caught While Attempting to Flee

One of the men was apprehended around 10

Charles de Gaulle Airport while allegedly trying to leave the country. He was immediately detained and transferred to police custody for interrogation.

The second suspect was captured later the same night in Seine-Saint-Paris. Both men, reportedly in their early thirties, remain under custody as poll. questioning continues.

Million Heist

Investigators suspect the two arrested individuals were part of a four-member gang that carried out the daring Louvre robbery. The operation reportedly involved sophisticated planning and insider knowledge of museum security

Odisha braces for another Nature's fury as IMD issues cyclone alert

Odisha, which has a history of cyclonic strikes in braces for yet another cyclone even as the State government issued directions to the district officials in vulnerable pockets to stay in preparedness to of today, the successfully tackle exigencies of the situation.

As the depression in the same Bay of Bengal has intensified into a deep depression and is slowly moving towards the east coast, the State Government has directed the Collectors of all 30 districts to be on alert. Distant Cautionary Signal ed at all ports of Odisha. Marine fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea till October

the revenue and disaster west-northwestwards. department on Sunday.

October and November, over southwest Bay of west & adjoining west-cen-Bengal moved northwest- tral Bay of Bengal during wards with a speed of 5 the next 12 hours. kmph during past 6 hours, Thereafter, it is likely to and lay centred

at 1130 hrs IST 26th October 2025, over the region, about 620 km west of Port Blair (Andaman Nicobar Islands),

770 km east-southeast of Chennai (Tamil Nadu), 820 km south-southeast of Visakhapatnam (Andhra No-I (DC-1) has been hoist- Pradesh), 810 km southeast of Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh) and 920 km south-southeast Gopalpur (Odisha).

"It is likely to move nearly Machilipatnam

intensify further into a "The deep depression cyclonic storm over south-



move northwestwards, then north westwards and intensify into a severe cyclonic storm by the morning of 28 October. Continuing to move further north-northwestwards, it is very likely to cross Andhra Pradesh between coast

Kalingapatnam Kakinada evening/night October as a severe cyclonic storm with a maximum sustained wind speed of 90-100 kmph gusting to kmph", Bhubaneswar regional Centre stated in the latest

weather update.

Though the IMD has cyclonic alert mainly for southern Odisha with an orange warning, the intensity of the storm is likely to be experienced in lesser scale with Andhra Pradesh mostly likely to bear the brunt of the brewing cyclone in the next 48 hours, said an official, adding that at least 15 districts of the State are likely to be battered by heavy rain and squally wind on 27,

India's true empowerment lies in the health of its citizens: Rajnath Singh

cated to uplifting the poor and the underprivileged, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said that he believes that India's true empowerment lies in the health of its citizens.

"We believe that India's true empowerment lies in the health of its citizens. Our goal is to make India a developed nation by 2047, and for that, ensuring a healthy populace is paramount," he said at the inauguration ceremony of Yashoda Medicity here.

President Murmu Adityanath, Deputy Chief rural population." Minister Brajesh Pathak,

Emphasising that the Patel, and other dignitaries. Defence Minister said that Arora's personal loss when

Union Minister Anupriya tion's achievements, the from Chairman Dr P N



stated, "We are moving towards the India our ancestors envisioned; a Droupadi Every step, every policy, redefine medical education inaugurated and every effort of our gov-Yashoda Medicity in a ernment is dedicated to grand ceremony attended uplifting the poor, the by Chief Minister Yogi underprivileged, and the

Highlighting the institu- Medicity, he said, came become their right."

earned recognition as a leading robotics surgery training centre in South strong and healthy nation. Asia. This milestone will and technical research. He added that behind every great success lies a story of deep personal struggle. The inspiration for Yashoda

The Defence Minister Yashoda Medicity has he witnessed his mother's suffering due to cancer in

"This pain gave birth to this institution, which today stands as a symbol of trust and care for the last person in society," he remarked.

Commending the hospital's social commitment, Rajnath Singh said, "Just as Yashoda Medicity has fulfilled its responsibility towards society, we too are committed to the welfare of every citizen, especially the most vulnerable." He noted that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India's healthcare system has been completely transformed. "Once a cause of concern for the poor, good healthcare has

Jewar Airport to set a new benchmark in digital connectivity

(Gns)

Jewar Airport is set to establish a being installed across the as a fully smart, futurenew benchmark in digital infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh.

Built in alignment with Chief Minister Adityanath's vision, this airport is ready to begin operations soon. It will not only be the most modern airport in the country but also a hub of digital connectivity equipped with future-ready technology systems.

According to officials, the airport will feature a dual-fibre-optic network to ensure seamless, secure data connectivity. Two independent data centres are being established at differairport infrastructure will be connected through an inte-

grated network. A video ports, Jewar International rate data centres, located International surveillance system is Airport is being developed



airport campus. International Airport is set to become not just a gateway for flights but a symbol ent locations. The entire of a new era in digital infra-

structure.

ready digital network. The facility will feature dual fibre-optic connectivity with two independent networks, ensuring uninterrupted data flow even in the event of a Unlike traditional air- technical glitch. Two sepa-

at different sites, will serve as the airport's digital backbone.

Officials said all systems, from terminal operations to runway managewill be linked through a unified digital network. Every activity, movement, and information flow will be monitored and controlled in real time.

Adding an extra layer of safety, a state-of-the-art video surveillance system will cover every corner of the airport. Licence plate recognition and driver imaging cameras installed on entry and exit routes will enable smart vehicle tracking, enhancing both security and passenger conven-

EC, handmaiden of BJP; SIR in TN a Bihar model shortcut to facilitate AIADMK-BJP in assembly poll: Stalin

Slamming the Election Commission of India (ECI) as a handmaiden of the BJP, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK president MK Stalin on Sunday alleged that the Special Intensive Rolls revision exercise in the poll-bound state was a replication of Denis, a northern suburb of the Bihar model designed to facilitate the AIADMK-BJP in the 2026 assembly

"By removing the work-Gang Behind \$102 ing people, scheduled castes, minorities, and women from the voters list through the SIR, the BJP and its ally, the AIADMK are calculating to win the election. But, as far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, it will prove to be a wrong calculation of those who don't have the strength to meet the people," he said in a letter to the party cadre.

His strong reaction EC informing the Madras than 65 lakh people have anti-democratic



commence in Tamil Nadu in ing rights, the DMK and the "as a dangerous ploy to remove genuine voters from the marginalised sections of society and also to alter the political demography by including migrant workers from northern states to help the BJP," the letter said.

a week. The DMK govern- INDIA Bloc have been ment is opposed to the SIR warning against the BJPled Union Government implementing the exercise in Tamil Nadu by turning the EC as its handmaiden. While the DMK has met the EC and insisted that due procedure should be followed with the required the training. time for holding the SIR,

"Citing the SIR in poll- the party has the strength comes in the wake of the bound Bihar, where more to effectively counter the through legal means and by standing with the people," said the letter.

"With the motto of 'My Booth is Booth of Victory'. the DMK chief said a massive training conference is being held on Tuesday (October 28, 2025) at the coastal heritage town of Mamallapuram on the East Coast Road. With Stalin presiding over it, top guns in the party, from the General Secretary to Deputy Secretaries and others. would be participating in the meet, which will discuss the steps and programme

of action for the election.

Right from secretaries of

town panchayats to MLAs

and MPs will take part in

Kejriwal and Mann to address Farmers' Mahapanchayat in Gujarat

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann are scheduled to address a Kisan Mahapanchayat in Gujarat's Surendranagar district on October 31, the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The event, announced by senior AAP leader Gopal Rai, is planned as a show of solidarity with farmers in Gujarat who are protesting against the state's agricultural marketing system, known as the Karda system. The party alleges that the BJP-led state government has responded to peaceful

protests with a brutal crack- during their visit, Kejriwal down, including lathi and Mann will meet with the



charges, tear gas, and the families of farmers who imprisonment of farmers.

have been jailed and will Gopal Rai stated that chart the future course of

the movement. The AAP has demanded the abolition of the Karda system, which they described as exploitative, and the implementation of a legal guarantee for Minimum Support Price (MSP).

The party claims that the agitation began on October 10 and that state authorities have since used forceful measures to suppress it, including turning protest sites into "cantonment zones" and arresting AAP leaders. Gopal Rai alleged that 69 people remained in jail, having spent the Diwali festival

ADM Naveen Babu's family files ₹65 lakh defamation case against PP Divya, TV Prasanthan

The family of Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Naveen Babu, who was found hanging at his official quarters in Kannur, has filed a defamation suit against former Kannur Panchayat President P.P. Divya and TV Prasanthan for allegedly making false bribery allegations.

In their plea, the family alleged that Divya and Prasanthan attempted to portray the late ADM as a corrupt officer. They have sought compensation of lakh. Pathanamthitta Sub Court is scheduled to hear the

case on November 11. delayed issuing a no-objec- during his farewell function Earlier, the police had tion certificate for a petrol charged Divya with abet- pump and later granted it



The case stems from a complaint filed earlier by

ting Naveen Babu's suicide. after taking a bribe of ₹98,500.

Following these allega-Prasanthan, who had tions, Divya allegedly alleged that Naveen Babu humiliated Naveen Babu

According to the family's complaint, Babu took his own life, deeply distressed by the incident. Naveen Babu was found dead at his official quarters

at the Kannur Collectorate.

in Kannur on October 15, 2024, a day after being publicly humiliated by Divya at the farewell func-Divya, who was then

serving as the Kannur Panchayat District President, had attended the event without an invitation and made corruption allegations against the

69,000 teacher recruitment vandidates seek Mayawati's intervention

The protest by candi-

dates of the 69,000 teacher recruitment in Uttar Pradesh entered its second day on Sunday, as demonstrators gathered outside BSP chief Mayawati's resiin Lucknow, dence demanding her intervention in their case.

Chanting slogans such as "Behenji, give us justice" and "PDA ko nyay do" (Give justice to PDA), the candidates urged Mayawati to ensure strong legal reprement, parking, and security, sentation in the case pending before the Supreme

The protest wit-

nessed

exchanges between police and demonstrators, with the candidates refusing to disperse. Eventually, a fourmember delegation met BSP General Secretary Mewalal Gautam and submitted a memorandum

requesting Mayawati's sup-

The candidates alleged

tation by the state government in court, their appointments have been delayed

INS Sutlej Completes 18th Joint Hydrographic Survey with Mauritius In a statement issued

INS Sutlej successfully

completed a joint hydrographic survey with the Mauritius Hydrographic Service, covering an extensive area of approximately 35,000 square nautical

The survey was conducted in close coordina-



under the existing MoU between India Mauritius.

here on Sunday, the Indian Navy said that the initiative will significantly contribute to marine charting, coastal regulation, resource management, and long-term environmental planning, thereby supporting Mauritius's Blue Economy goals.

that due to weak represen- for over five years. They pointed out that the next Supreme Court hearing is scheduled for October 28 and demanded that the government present a robust argument in their favor. Manoj Kumar Yadav from Jaunpur said, "We are tired of fighting on the streets. We belong to the PDA, Bahujan, and SC communities. We are Behenji's children and have come to share our pain with her. We won in the High Court, yet no one is supporting us now."

> Deoria added, "Behenji is our last hope. She is the leader of the backward and Dalit communities. We request her to speak to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and ensure justice for us. The Backward Commission had acknowledged irregularities in seat allocation, and even the High Court ruled in our favor, but the case has stalled in the Supreme Court because government lawyers neither appear nor argue properly."

Dhananjay Gupta from