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Modi hails organization as fearless voice of Indianness and patriot-150 years of Arya Samaj: PM

tion that has "fearlessly spoken about Indianness" and described it as a body of staunch nationalists and patriots.

Addressing International Aryan Summit held as part of the "Jyana Jyoti Festival", commemorating the 200th birth anniversary of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati and 150 years of Arya Samaj's societal service, PM Modi highlighted the organization's pivotal role in India's freedom struggle and social

"Revolutionaries like Lala Lajpat Rai and Ram Prasad

organization's deep-rooted Prime Minister Narendra connection with India's fight Modi on Friday lauded the for independence. However, Dayanand Saraswati as a Arya Samaj as an organiza- he regretted that due to

identity of India". He praised Maharshi visionary who understood



political reasons, Arya Samaj's significant contribution to the freedom movement did not receive the honour it deserved.

The prime minister underscored that the cele-Bismil drew inspiration from brations are not confined to the Arya Samaj," PM Modi any one community or sect stated, emphasizing the but represent the "Vedic

that India's true progress required not only liberation from colonial rule but also the eradication of social evils like discrimination and untouchability. Dayanand actively opposed discrimination and untouchability, urging society to strive for inclusiveness and

We will restore Bihar's glory to the era of Chandragupta and Chanakya, usher in a new golden age: Yogi Adityanath in Bihar

(Gns).

Minister Yogi Adityanath destroyed delivering a clear mes-

sage that the return of hereditary mafia and mafia rule in the state will not be tolerated under any circum-

Despite continuous and adverse weather, he heartily thanked the crowd and said that on Siwan's land, the reign of fear and terror would never be allowed to public for their enthusiasm

CM Yogi Adityanath stat-Chandragupta

He warned that the descening them apart and opening addressed a large crowd in University are today trying

the land of Maa Sita.

CM Yogi Adityanath expressed gratitude to the despite heavy rains in Bihar. He said he had visited ed, "The NDA government Raghunathpur the day will restore the splendour before yesterday because that Bihar had in the time of a hereditary mafia there Bihar back to a golden age." to crush such mafias, tear-remarked.

Uttar Pradesh Chief dants of those who the way to hell from UP's Nalanda soil," he added.

CM Yogi Adityanath said Bihar's Siwan assembly to obstruct development that no Marich or Subahu constituency on Friday, with the intent of political would be allowed to raise their heads again on

> He added that the enthusiasm of the youth and mothers at the Raghunathpur rally, despite heavy rain, showed that a big wave is rising in Siwan. Yogi said the intellect and talent of Bihar's youth are recognised wherever they

go in the country and the world. "Over the past 20 years, under Nitish Babu's leadership, good governance has built a strong foundation. Now, the time has come to build a strong and was trying to regain control. structure on it with the help Chanakya, and will lead "In UP, we used bulldozers of Bihar's intellect," he

Sanjay Raut to stay away from public life for two months for health reasons

announced Friday that he would stay away from public life for the next two months due to health issues. He, however, did not mention any specific details about his health.

Coming does months before crucial

political circles Maharashtra.



Brihanmumbai Municipal have always believed in me Corporation (BMC) elec- and loved me, but now sudtions, the sudden and denly there has been a unusual announcement of serious deterioration in my Raut has sent ripples in the health. Treatment is on and have done considerable in I will come out of this soon. organisation and prepara-As per medical advice, I tory work.

On Friday, he posted a have been restricted from Ùddhav Thackeray-led letter on his X handle going out and mingling with Shiv Sena's Rajya Sabha addressed to party workers crowds. There is no way and chief party in Marathi reading: "Jai around it. I am sure I will spokesperson Sanjay Raut Maharashtra! All of you recover and come to meet

you in the new year. May your love and blessings remain."

Raut's message came as a complete surprise to both Uddhav-led Shiv Sena leaders as well as other political parties since he was expected to participate in the joint rally by Opposition parties

Mumbai on Saturday, November 1, against manipulated voters' lists for which Raut is known to

After Tariff Strains, India and US Renew **Defence Partnership with 10-Year Pact**

the two countries signed a continuing momentum in

10-year defence framework agreement in Lumpur, Malaysia, on Friday. After inking the deal, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh dubbed it as a "signal" of growing strategic convergence between the two nations.

Singh met with US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth during the ongoing 12th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting - Plus (ADMM-Plus). Post the delegation-level talks, the two leaders had a one-to-one meeting on the sidelines of the summit.

According to a state-Following the strained ment, the Ministry of ties between India and the Defence said that the two US over the tariff conflict, leaders appreciated the



the bilateral defence cooperation and reaffirmed their commitment to further build upon the mutually beneficial partnership across all its pillars. They reviewed the ongoing defence issues and the challenges that persist and deliberated upon the ongoing defence

industry and technology collaborations. The Secretary of War

reiterated that India is a priority country for the US in defence cooperation and they were committed to working closely with India to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific.

After the meeting, both leaders signed the framework for the US-India major defence partnership' which will usher a new era in an already strong defence partnership. The 2025 framework marks a new chapter to further transform the partnership over the next 10 years. It is intended to provide a unified vision and policy direction to deepen defence cooperaequity," Mr. Modi remarked. He further reflected on India's eternal civilization, rooted in Vedic traditions that have endured through centuries as great personalities have risen to meet evolving challenges.

Highlighting modern India's achievements, PM Modi pointed to the rise of women in leadership roles

across science, technology, that India has the highest and defense. "Just two President days ago, Droupadi Murmu flew a Rafale fighter aircraft accompanied by Squadron Leader Shivangi Singh," he said. "Today, daughters of the country are flying fighter jets and promoting modern

agriculture as Drone Didis." He also proudly noted

number of female STEM graduates worldwide and is a global voice for sustainable development. The event also featured

addresses by Gujarat

Governor Acharya Devvrat and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta.

Representatives from Arya Samaj units across India and spiritual upliftment,

and abroad gathered to reflect on Maharshi Dayanand's reformist ideals and the organization's global outreach.

An exhibition titled "150 Golden Years of Service" showcased Arya Samaj's transformative journey through contributions to education, social reform, reinforcing its enduring legacy in Indian society.

The prime minister's remarks reaffirmed Arya Samaj's role as a fearless challenger of anti-India ideologies and divisive mindsets, continuing its mission to preserve Indian culture and values both nationally and internationally.



Shri Narendra Modi Hon'ble Prime Minister



Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel Hon'ble Chief Minister, Gujarat

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Editorial

El-Fasher Falls

The capture of el-Fasher by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) marks the darkest moment yet in Sudan's unravelling civil war. After 18 months under siege, the last army-held city in Darfur has fallen, completing the paramilitary group's control of the vast western region What began in April 2023 as a contest for power between two generals has now metastasized into one of the worst humanitarian disasters of this century, and the world, once again, has watched in silence.

For the Sudanese army, the withdrawal from el-Fasher was justified as an act to "save civilian lives." But for the hundreds of thousands trapped in the city, there was no salvation. Satellite evidence and eyewitness accounts speak of mass killings and bodies left near defensive walls and roadsides, chilling echoes of the genocidal violence that scarred Darfur 20 years ago Entire families have vanished; communication lines are severed; hospitals have been attacked. The remaining civilians, mostly from non-Arab ethnic groups, now live in fear of retribution from the victors. The RSF's advance is not simply a tactical win. It has effectively divided Sudan into two – with the army confined to the north and east, and the RSF ruling the west and parts of the centre.

The collapse of state authority has allowed warlords and militias to carve up territories, leaving a country that once symbolised the crossroads of Africa drifting toward permanent fragmentation. What was once a battle for Khartoum has become a struggle for survival across a dismembered land. The city's fall also underscores the quiet death of diplomacy. Endless peace talks without enforcement have only emboldened those who kill faster than the world negotiates. The numbers tell their own story: tens of thousands dead, 12 million displaced, entire towns reduced to rubble. Food supplies rot in fields that cannot be harvested, and famine stalks mil-

Yet the response from the world has been a familiar chorus of condemnation without consequence. Regional bodies issue statements, global powers express concern and the United Nations repeats its appeals for restraint while Sudan's civilians bleed in silence. This abdication of responsibility has moral weight. The phrase "never again," invoked after the atrocities in Darfur two decades ago, now rings hollow. The same militia, reconstituted and rebranded, has returned to commit the same crimes, only this time with greater impunity and fewer witnesses. If the international community cannot summon the will to halt the slaughter or open humanitarian corridors, it will bear complicity in the destruction of an entire people.

El-Fasher's fall is not just a defeat for Sudan's army; it is a collapse of international conscience. The tragedy unfolding in Darfur is no longer a warning, it is a reckoning. Unless decisive action replaces diplomatic caution, Sudan will not merely be a failed state; it will become the graveyard of global promises.

India beckons the world

Standing at the threshold of global scientific rentechnologyaissance, enriched India today is no longer a follower, but beckons others to follow her. Over the past decade, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has witnessed an unprecedented surge in science, technology, and innovation. From digital empowerment to space exploration, the contours of a self-reliant, technology- driven India an Atmanirbhar Bharat are becoming unmistakably

From the triumphs of

Digital India and Startup India to the success of Swachh Bharat and One Health, the nation has demonstrated that largescale transformation can be driven through science, technology, and innovation. The UPI revolution has redefined digital payments globally. India's bioeconomy has seen exponential growth from growing sixteen-fold from \$10 billion in 2014 to an impressive \$165.7 billion in 2024 leading the way in biofuels, bioplastics, and green chemicals. The Chandrayaan and Gaganyaan missions have cemented India's place among spacefaring nations, while the 5G rollout and digital diplomacy have brought connectivity and empowerment to the last mile. India is now emerging as a global leader in Al for all, ensuring that intelligence and innovation reach every sector, from agriculture to healthcare to governance.

With over 100 unicorns and a thriving ecosystem of youth-led startups, the

country's scientific and entrepreneurial spirit is unmatched. The rise of green hydrogen, quantum science and technology, semiconductor manufacturing and precision agriculture, shows that India is not merely catching up with the world, it is helping to define the future. This is the story of Atmanirbhar Bharat in motion – a self-reliant, forward-looking India steering confidently toward Viksit Bharat 2047, the centenary of its independence Against this backdrop of progress, the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) - to be held from November 3-5, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi – marks a bold new step.

Convened by 13 ministries of the Government of India, ESTIC is more than a showcase of achievement; it is a crucible for collaboration, foresight, and national strategy. To be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, ESTIC 2025 will bring together leading scientists, innovators, policymakers, and global experts to deliberate on the future of emerging technologies. It will serve as a platform to identify gaps, forge partnerships, and co-create pathways that align science and technology with India's developmental priorities. This is not just an event – it is a national convergence platform. uniting academia, industry, and government around one shared purpose: to power India's journey toward Viksit Bharat 2047, a fully developed, innovation-led nation by the centenary of its independ-

Built around 11 thematic

forces with Mallika, offering

to help her bail out

Aishwarya. Together, they

hatch a twisted plan to

recreate Vikrant's child-

hood trauma and drag him

into his buried past. Their

before Mannat can heal his

As old wounds begin to

areas crucial to India's selfreliance in science and technology, ESTIC will serve as a nerve centre for strategic dialogue, collaboration, and showcasing

scientists who innovate, transforming industries that scale ideas, and start-ups that disrupt. It celebrates both the journey so far and the road ahead toward sustainable, inclu-Indian excellence. Besides, sive, and transformative



achievements, it will also enable brainstorming, gap identification, and policy interventions to ensure that India's scientific progress remains closely aligned with societal needs and global opportunities. At its core, ESTIC is about connecting the ecosystem -

around eleven thematic tracks that together capture India's technological ambitions. These include Advanced Materials & Manufacturing for building stronger, lighter, and smarter materials to power defense, space, and indusministries that design policy, try; artificial Intelligence for

and

ESTIC 2025 will revolve

smarter and more inclusive; Bio-Manufacturing that is scaling the green economy with sustainable bioproducts and circular solutions; Blue Economy that is harnessing ocean resources responsibly for prosperity and resilience; Digital Communications driving connectivity from 4G to 5G and now towards 6G, empowering rural India, and leading in global digital diplomacy; Electronics & Semiconductor Manufacturing, turning the

making

vision of "Make in India" into a silicon-powered reality; Emerging Agriculture Technologies that can ensure food security through innovation, precision, and sustainability; Energy, Environment & Climate that is pioneering renewable energy and green hydrogen as models for the world; Health & Medical Technologies that is delivering affordable innovation for ensuring health equity; Quantum Science & Technology for a leap in secure communications, sensing, computing and materials, and Space Technology inspiring generations, and expanding scientific horizons.

These tracks together reflect India's comprehensive innovation map - a matrix where deep science, entrepreneurship, and policy converge. In many ways, ESTIC represents the curriculum of India's growing confidence as a knowledge and innovation leader. It is a national mission to ignite imagination, inspire young minds, and innovate for the century ahead. By bringing together thought leaders. Nobel Laureates, policymakers, and industry pioneers, ESTIC2025 will position India as a scientific superpower and a global hub for innovation-led development. As India marches towards 2047, ESTIC stands a symbol and a catalyst - a space where India's scientific achievements meet its developmental aspirations, ensuring that every innovation contributes to a resilient, sustainable, and

GST and real estate

Since 22 September 2025, economic excitement has been generated in the aftermath of the declaration of reduced rates of the Goods and Services tax (GST 2.0). Leading FMCG brands, automobile manufacturers, elec-

tronic retailers et al have been announcing reduced and therefore more attractive rates on their products to entice consumers. The reduced rates of GST have been hailed as the harbinger of enhanced savings and higher investment, thereby propelling economic growth fueled by the engine of domestic

In this backdrop. given that the real estate sector contributes around 7.8

markets.

per cent of the country's GDP, next only to GST, 8 per cent GST was construction quences of the reduced rates of GST on the real resurface and hidden truths estate sector. GST is a destination-based, multi stage, comprehensive tax levied at each stage of value addition. This tax, aimed at simplifying the structure of indirect taxation in India, is levied on crumble under Vishakha's goods and services sold for domestic consumption in the country. As GST is levied on the final market price of goods and services manufactured within the domestic boundaries, it reflects the maximum retail

> GST is a form of indirect taxation which is passed on to consumers, of GST, embedded in the final purchase price of the product, is ultimately paid by the consumer.

The concept of destination-based levy also implies that the item is to be taxed where it is consumed. GST on real estate

is paid by investors and rationalized 5 per cent home buyers on "under without input tax credit construction" properties. GST replaced the array of taxes such as VAT. Service associated charges payable by home buyers. With the onset of

> TWO-TIER SYSTEM SEPTEMBER

18% NO NSURANCE GST

RECLASSIFICATION

while the rate remains at 1 per cent for the affordable segment with no input tax credit. GST 2.0 also announced that rates would be reduced on key

SIN GOODS

TAX

EXPANDED

ZERO-RATED

LIST

Ensuring fairness and transparency is the key to building up consumer confidence While legal protection of consumer rights has largely been insti-

of finance, consumer confi-

dence and the ecosystem

of associated infrastruc-

ture and connectivity.

tutionalized through the promulgation of the Real Estate Regulation Development) (RERA), 2016, prudent pricing by developers, straight-forwarding of invoices, strict supervision of the rules on anti-profiteering and digital surveillance are some of the steps the government may take to translate the "feel good" factor of GST 2.0 nto boosting consumer desire to invest more in purchase of real estate and the developer to

materials, that will drive the economy agriculture and the IT sec- payable on "under con- such as cement and ready- in an upward trajectory. tor in employment genera- struction affordable hous- mix concrete which will Another fiscal reform to goal is to break his mind tion, it would be of interest ing" purchased in associa- now attract 18 per cent improve affordability could Credit (ITC).

invest in new projects

As developers cannot claim input tax on credit, they pass on these costs as a direct tax multiplying thereby the tax burden of the buyers. If their ability to claim such input tax credit is restored, this element of double taxation on the purchaser would be reduced, enhancing affordability of the housing projects. To ensure transparency, it would be worthwhile to place emphasis on more transparent audit trails, on transparent supply chains and on ensuring that developers source supplies from GST registered suppliers. To strengthen consumer confidence, it is equally important that the reduced housing prices are tangible and not merely cosmetic in import.

Developers who benefit from the reduced construction costs would need to balance the ideas of pragmatic pricing with their legitimate profit expectations. Once convinced of tangible affordability, consumers would generate increased demand for housing which would, in turn, encourage developers to invest in newer projects. The take home message is that the "feel good" factor emanating from GST 2.0 should be a reality and the consumer should be in a position to acknowledge their actual savings consequent to the modified tax structure. This will build consumer trust not only in the real estate sector but also in the government machinery intending to introduce fiscal

Get ready for a psychological showdown like never before as Vishakha and Mallika join hands on COLORS' 'Mannat - Har Khushi Paane Ki'

wedding lights, a dark psychological trap is being set, one that could destroy COLORS' everything. 'Mannat – Har Khushi Paane Ki', a gripping story of love that battles against all odds and refuses to surrender, starring Avesha Singh as Mannat and Adnan Khan as her fiancé Vikrant, races into its most explosive chapter yet. As the Saluja family prepares for their much-awaited wedding. Joy and excitement fill every corner, but bond as Mannat fights to beneath the sparkle of celebration, danger quietly brews. Mannat uncovers a truth that shattering changes everything, Vikrant and Dhairya are biological brothers. The

In a house glowing with psychological war that stakes spiral out of control. and dangerous, she joins threatens to unravel every Vishakha, Vikrant's biologi-



protect the man she loves from the shadows of his past before they destroy

them both. After an emotionally charged confrontation between Mannat and

cal mother, issues her final ultimatum: sign over the entire Saluja property or face the consequences. But when Mannat discovers Vishakha's true evil intentions, she stops Ronny from surrendering everyrevelation rips through the Vikrant's adopted parents, thing. This defiance ignites

threaten to erupt, Mannat stands at a crossroads. Will she be able to protect Vikrant from the flood of flashbacks that'll tear the Saluja family apart or will her fight to protect him deceit?

heart.

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Saluja family, unleashing a Ronny and Neetu, the Vishakha's fury. Desperate **Tackling Trump**

Trump's visit to Japan, following his stop at the was more than a diplomatic engagement. It was political theatre with carefully layered intent. For Japan's newly-elected Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, the first woman in that office, it was both an initiation and a test: how to handle an unpredictable ally whose goodwill often hinges on economic concessions. For Mr Trump, the pageantry and praise masked a familiar mission, to reassert American leverage in Asia through deals, not doctrines. The optics were flawless.

Mr Trump was received at Tokyo's Akasaka Palace with military honours, golden halls, and speeches of mutual admiration. A new "golden age" of US-Japan relations was proclaimed, to Mr Trump's economic sealed by agreements on rare earth minerals and defence cooperation. Yet was pragmatic: keeping the

US President Donald the visit reflected the trans- ioning Japan from tariff Trump's foreign policy ~ Asean summit in Malaysia, alliances reframed as bar- ism ~ American rice and

behind the ceremonial glow, alliance intact while cushactional heart of Mr retaliation. Mr Trump, in turn, relished the symbol-



loyalty is proven through investment figures and trade openings. Japan's \$10 billion investment pledge in US manufacturing and its rare earth supply partnership appeared designed to appeal directly nationalism.

Ms Takaichi's gesture

gaining platforms where beef served at the lunch table, promises of missile deliveries, and the optics of Japan aligning closer to his economic playbook. But the choreography also revealed Japan's tightrope. Ms Takaichi must balance Mr Trump's appetite for concessions with the sensitivities of her own domestic lobbies ~ from powerful

farmers opposing US grain

imports to auto manufacturers still reeling from tariff shocks. While she inherits the conservative mantle of trade surpluses and political flattery.

Mr Trump's Asia stratereassurance to bilateral extraction ~ each ally judged on what it delivers to American interests. That shift is reshaping the regional dynamic. bypassing Asean's collective agenda and zeroing in on individual partners, Mr Trump is rewriting the terms of engagement, offering visibility and praise in exchange for tangible commitments. For smaller nations, this might seem transactional diplomacy; for

to be collected by sellers who would then pay such taxes to the government. her mentor Shinzo Abe, her Intended to operate as a challenge is sharper: how consolidated, "one umbrelto defend Japan's autono- la" indirect tax structure, my while maintaining GST replaced all indirect favour with a US President taxes levied on goods and who measures loyalty in services produced within the country. The objective is to provide a unified system of centrally set tax gy, as seen from his back- rates for a good or service to-back stops in Malaysia that was to be followed by and Japan, has shifted all states in India. It decisively from multilateral accounts for every stage of manufacture whereby the value added to, as well as a change of destination of an item, is taxable. As the item passes from one link of the supply chain to another, an indirect tax is levied at every stage and this indirect tax, in the form

tion with the interest subsidy scheme of CLSS (Credit linked subsidy scheme); 12 per cent GSŤ was payable on "Other under construction properties, 18 per cent was payable on works contracts, 18 per cent on composite supply of works, 12 per cent on composite supply of works to the government authority, 12 per cent on composite supply of works of use by public and 12 per cent on composite supply of works for affordable housing. GST was not levied on readymade houses with a completion certificate, resale of house property or sale of land. Since 1 April 2019, the government had declared that the GST rates on under construction houses under Rs 45 lakh would be reduced from 8 to 1 per cent so as to enable pur-

their purchase of properties. Luxury properties were taxed at 5 per cent without any window to claim input credit tax. To pull the under-construction housing sector out of the ongoing slump, in addition to reduced GST rates, the tax deduction limit on housing credit interest repayments was reduced. The GST regime also extends an abatement of 33 per cent of the contract amount as land value. Effective from September 2025, GST rates on most construction services will continue at 18 per cent for commercial civil works and composite works contracts including

material and labour. The

non affordable housing

sector will be imposed a

chasers of affordable

housing to save more on

as opposed to the earlier rate of 18 per cent, and paints and varnishes will be reduced to 18 per cent as compared to the erstwhile rates of 28 per cent. In the opinion of real estate experts, such reduced rates on construction materials are expected to lower construction costs by 3 to 5 per cent. This may potentially reduce housing purchase prices by 1 to 1.5 per cent, translated to Rs 1000/per square meter, provided the developers are willing to transfer the reduced con-

taxation as compared to

the previous rate of 28 per

will be taxed at 5 per cent

Bricks, tiles and sand

ized purchase prices for ensuring buyers, enhanced affordability and more competitive pricing. For home buyers, this means: * The reduced rates of 1

struction costs to rational-

implying thereby stability for home buyers. The lowering of prices of retail and consumables will leave the average consumer with more dispos-

per cent on affordable and

8 per cent on other hous-

ing remain unchanged,

able income. With falling property purchase prices, their ability to negotiate reduced loan amounts and flexipayments would encourage more purchases especially in the affordable and

the middle-income sectors. * Reduction in marble, granite and stone prices could rationalize construction costs for the luxury housing sector. Ultimate housing demand, however, reforms will depend on availability

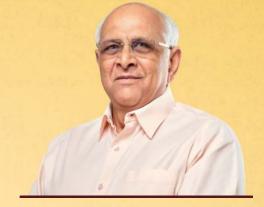
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Cactus Garden • Butterfly Garden • Arogya Van • Children Nutrition Park • Vishwa Van

9 Statue of Unity, Ektanagar

SIT seizes key records from Travancore Devaswom **Board in Sabarimala Gold heist probe**

(Gns). Investigation Team (SIT), probing the Sabarimala temple gold heist, has on Friday seized extensive records and documents related to the original gold cladding and subsequent repair work at the Sabarimala Ayyappa temple as part of its ongoing

investigation into the case. The records and documents were seized from the Devaswom



Board (TDB) office in Thiruvananthapuram.

The seized documents reportedly spanning around 420 pages, pertain to the original gold plating work conducted in 1999, which was sponsored by industrialist Vijay Mallya. The SIT scrutinizing these records, which were held in the office of the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) in Thiruvananthapuram, to determine the exact amount of gold used and to verify procedural compli-

BBMB, Chandigarh observes Rashtriya Ekta Diwas During the run, partici- lighted the importance of

Beas Management Board (BBMB), Chandigarh observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on 31st October 2025 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. On this occasion, a Unity Pledge was administered by Er. Manoj Tripathi, Chairman, BBMB to all officers and officials, reaffirming their commitment to uphold the unity, integrity, and security of

Following the pledge ceremony, BBMB organcleanliness and physical event.

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fitness. The run commenced from the BBMB

pants also collected litter unity, cleanliness, and



Secretariat ized the Fit India Swachhta Sector 19-B, Chandigarh, Freedom Run 6.0 as part covering a distance of of the Swachh Bharat approximately 2 kilometres. Swasth Bharat Campaign More than 250 BBMB under the Fit India employees participated Movement, promoting both enthusiastically in the

Building, from the roadside in bin physical fitness in building bags, which were later disposed of properly, reinforc- nation. He urged all particing the message of cleanli-

ing, Er. Manoj Tripathi, activity as a part of daily Chairman, BBMB high- life for overall well-being.

a strong and healthy ipants to maintain cleanliness in their surroundings Addressing the gather- and to adopt physical

Ladakh council's term ends amid public anger, unrest; no word yet on polls

The five-year term of the **BJP-controlled** Ladakh Council Development (LAHDC) Leh has expired, but the administration has not issued a fresh notification for holding elections of the representative body.

Its term expired yesterday and the sprawling Leh district that borders China and Pakistan is now without an elected institution that takes care of the requirements of people of

accused the administration of deliberately delaying the elections as the atmosphere was highly charged in the 2020 elections. The against the BJP following four deaths in police firing on 24 September and injuries to more than 90 persons.

the LAHDC office besides install the new Council on 1 setting many other build- November. The ings, including the BJP office in Leh on fire.

Moreover, there was ernance in the region. annoyance among the people over the detention of climate activist Sonam LAHDC might go to some Wangchuk and non-fulfil- bureaucrat.

ment of the promises that the BJP had made during

The Leh Apex Body (LAB) and the Kargil



the area. Kargil has a sepa- the last elections. They are Democratic Alliance (KDA), demanding Sixth Schedule Opposition parties have status and statehood for Ladakh.

The BJP had won 15 of the 26 seats of the LAHDC Ladakh administration was expected to issue the notification for fresh polls for the LAHDC by 25 September so that elections could take A mob also ransacked place by 28 October and LAHDCs were constituted in 1995 to decentralise gov-

> With the delay in fresh polls, charge of the Leh's

which are spearheading the agitation for implementation of their four-point charter of demands, have become politically strong.

The Home Ministry recently resumed dialogue with representatives of LAB and KDA over their demands.

While congratulating the 6th LAHDC Leh and its Chairman Tashi Gyalson for the successful completion of their term, Lt Governor Kavinder Gupta commended the Hill Council for undertaking numerous development initiatives aimed at fulfilling of government staff in the aspirations and expec- remote areas.

tations of the people of the Leh district. The LG highlighted that,

despite historical discrimination by the erstwhile J&K government, Ladakh has emerged among the country's leading Union territories, owing to the dedication and efficiency of both the Hill Councils and government officers.

Tashi Gyalson conveyed his gratitude to the government of India, under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for its instrumental support— superannuated after a an alumnus of the highlighting schemes such as Jal Jeevan Mission, which has brought tap water connections remote locations like

Demchok. He thanked the UT Administration and the government of India for enabling access resources essential for serving the people of Ladakh. He also outlined various development and welfare measures undertaken by the LAHDC Leh to meet the expectations of the Leh district's residents and safeguard the interests

LG Ladakh launches digital citizen-centric initiatives on 6th UT Foundation Day

of the Union Territory of Ladakh was celebrated with great patriotic fervour on Friday. Lieutenant Governor Kavinder Gupta inaugurated a series of digital citizen-centric initiatives, marking another milestone in Ladakh's journey toward transparency, good gover-

through technology. Notably, Ladakh became a separate Union Territory on 31 October 2019, following the abrogation of Article 370. Since then, it has witnessed six the region's progress since years of remarkable transformation under the visionary leadership of Prime Ladakh has emerged as a

nance, and empowerment

the LG said.

day as a proud reminder of said.

to the people and officials healthcare, power, water The 6th Foundation Day of Ladakh, describing the supply, and tourism," he



attaining Union Territory status. "In just six years, Minister Narendra Modi, shining example of balanced growth and progres- of good governance — effi-Among the major digital sive governance. Despite initiatives launched by the geographical challenges, accountability. Lt Governor were the the Administration has Grievance Redressal Portal. achieved significant strides

Commending the officials for launching the new platforms, he digital remarked, "These initiatives reflect the core values ciency, accessibility, and Ladakh today stands as a model of transparent and technolo-He extended greetings in infrastructure, education, gy-driven administration."

The Lt Governor reiterated that Ladakh's progress is a testament to Hon'ble the Prime Minister's commitment to fulfilling the aspirations of the people and ensuring holistic regional growth. 'The journey from 2019 to today reflects the collective efforts of every citizen working for a better and stronger Ladakh," added.

Highlighting sustainability as a key focus, the Lt Governor said that Ladakh is setting new benchmarks in renewable energy and environmental conservation. "The dream of a Carbon-Neutral Ladakh envisioned by Prime Minister Modi is now a people's movement. Our solar energy initiatives and growing awareness about sustainable living showcase Ladakh's collective determination," he said.

Lawyers can't be summoned over advice to clients unless exceptional circumstances exist: SC

The Supreme Court on Friday ruled that, as a general principle, investigating agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) cannot summon advocates in connection with the legal advice they have given to their clients. However, it clarified that under exceptional circumstances covered by the exceptions specified in Section 132 of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, such a summons may be issued. The apex court also cautioned investigating officers against overstepping this statutory privilege, warning that any impulsive transgression into the confidencommunications between a lawyer and their client would amount to a violation of the law.

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Client-Advocate privilege Justice Vinod Chandran ensure that the privilege is as codified in Section 132 said, "On a broad conspec- not impinged upon by to 134 of the BSA; though tus of the Client-Advocate valiant investigators or



we are not persuaded to lay down any guidelines, a bench of Chief Justice B.R. Gavai, Justice K. Vinod Chandran and Justice N.V. Anjaria in a judgment today issued a slew of directions to ensure that the privilege is "not impinged upon by investigating

Section 132 to 134 of the BSA, we are not persuaded to lay down any guidelines, which we believe are sufficiently available on an interpretation of the provisions itself, which also professionals, we issue the the Constitution of India.

Speaking for the bench, following directions; to overzealous parties to a litigation, purely on the basis of the interpretation of the evidentiary rules codified the gallant Investigating Officers from transgressing impulsively, the privilege under Section 132 BSN."

The apex court issued directions which essentially seek to guard against the investigating agencies taking recourse to the exceptions under Section 132 of the BNS, and impulsively transgressing the clientadvocate privilege, which could result in violating the statutory provision and, more importantly, result in the infringement of the fundamental rights guaranteed restrains us from constitut- to the person whom the ing a committee of legal Advocate represents, by

India sets three Guinness World Records under 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar' campaign public participation in campaign focused on "Our mothers and sisters —

India has set three Guinness World Record titles under the nationwide 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan" (SNSPA), launched by the Union Health Ministry, according to an official document from the Ministry released on Friday.

The government highlighted that the records include 3.21 crore registrations on a healthcare platform within a month, 9.94 lakh online breast cancer screenings in a week, and 1.25 lakh vital signs screenings in a week at the state level — marking an health initiatives.

strengthening early detec- our women power — are Launched by Prime tion, ensuring access to the foundation of our Minister Narendra Modi essential health services, nation's progress. If a



October 2, in conjunction lifestyles among women, of-Society' movement," an unprecedented scale of with Poshan Maah, the adolescents, and children. official statement read

from September 17 to and promoting healthy

Expanding on the vast reach of the project, the ministry noted that the initiative reached every district across India, organizing 19.7 lakh health camps and drawing over 11 crore participants. "Over 20 central ministries, medical colleges, and private institutions joined the effort, makit a 'Whole-of-Government' and 'Whole-

mother is healthy, the

whole family stays healthy,

the Prime Minister said.

Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena takes over as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command

(Gns)

Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena assumed charge the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief,

Southern Naval Command, today. He succeeds Vice Admiral V Srinivas who and Direction. He is career close to four National Defence decades in the Indian Navy.

Both the Flag Officers paid homage to brave hearts who made the supreme sacrifice in service to the Nation at the Newport, USA.

SNC War Memorial, Naval Navy on 01 July 1989 and is a spe-

cialist in Navigation Academy,

Khadakwasla, Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, and the Naval War College

VAdm held several key opera-Sameer Saxena was com-tional, staff and training missioned into the Indian appointments. As a nonspecialist officer, he served onboard Indian Naval Ships:

> the Direction team onboard the aircraft sequently as

carrier, INS Viraat and subthe Naval Ships

The Flag Officer has Godavari and Delhi. He has been the Executive Officer

of INS Mumbai. His Command tenures include the Mauritian Coast Guard ship Guardian, and Indian Naval Ships Kulish

Ajay, Sukanya and and Mysore. He also Akshay. As a spe-served as Fleet Operations cialist, he served on Officer of the Western Fleet. His important appointments ashore include Director of Personnel and Principal Director Foreign Navigating Officer of Indian Cooperation at Naval Kuthar, Headquarters.











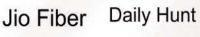


















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