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'India is the future, a global superpower': Israel's big endorsement at New Delhi talks

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(Gns). India and Israel on Tuesday reaffirmed their bilateral partnership, stating it has withstood "testing times" and shares a common goal of eliminating terrorism. The two sides met here today and also discussed other aspects of the bilateral ties.

Visiting Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar, during delegation-level talks with External Affairs

Minister S Jaishankar in New Delhi, described India as "the future" and a "global superpower".

"I believe that India is the future... India is the world's largest democracy and the fastest-growing economy. India is a global superpower. Israel is a regional powerhouse. Our nations already share a warm friendship. Our goal is to build a long-term strategic partnership between Israel and India," FM Gideon Sa'ar said during the talks.

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"I believe that the future for regional partnerships is bright. Israel supports regional connectivity projects such as I2U2 (India-Israel-UAE-USA) and IMEC (India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor). We want to promote connectivity between South Asia, West Asia, and Europe," Gideon Sa'ar stated further.

On his part, EAM Jaishankar reiterated New Delhi's stand on terrorism, stating both India and Israel face a common challenge. "Our two nations face a particular challenge from terrorism. It is essential that we work towards ensuring a global approach of zero tolerance towards terrorism in all its forms and manifestations," he asserted.

Jaishankar further reaffirmed India's support for the Gaza Peace Plan and expressed hope that it will



pave the way for a durable and lasting solution in the region.

Gideon Sa'ar, on his part, condemned this year's Pahalgam terror attack and described "radical

terror" as a mutual threat to Israel and India.

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cal terror" as a mutual threat to Israel and India. "We strongly condemn the horrific terror attack in Pahalgam... Israel faces a unique phenomenon, which I call terror states. The radical terror states of Hamas

in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon, and Houthis in Yemen have established themselves over the past decades. Uprooting them is necessary for the security and stability of our region. The eradication of Hamas terror state is at the heart of President Trump's Plan. Hamas must be dismantled, Gaza must be demilitarised. We will not compromise on it," the Israeli minister stressed.

Speaking on bilateral issues, Jaishankar noted that the Israeli minister's visit presents an opportunity to review bilateral cooperation and further possibilities.

"The recent conclusion

of our Bilateral Investment Agreement is a notable step in that direction. It is noteworthy that your ministerial colleagues dealing with agriculture, economy, tourism, and finance have all visited us recently. In recent times, India has developed many new capabilities, especially in rail, road, and port infrastructure, in renewable energy, and in health. Our businesses are very keen to explore opportunities in Israel, and we would certainly like to give that more attention. We also have a very strong record of working together in agriculture and in innovation. Taking

that forward is very much in our mutual interest," the EAM said.

"There is a history of cooperation in semiconductors and in cyber. That has become more relevant now. We are hosting the AI Impact Summit next year in February in India. We look forward very much to Israel's presence," he added.

Jaishankar noted that there are some concerns with regard to Indian workers who are working in Israel and added, "They have some issues that need attention, and I hope that we can take that dimension of our ties forward."

'India's Mission LIFE Revives Time-Honoured Conservation Practices': PM Modi Highlights Bhupender Yadav's Write-up

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi has shared an article written by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, highlighting India's Mission LIFE (Lifestyle For Environment) initiative, which revives traditional conservation practices and promotes sustainability.

"With the stage set for COP30, in the arena of global climate advocacy, India stands at the forefront, championing lifestyle adaptations and advancements in clean technology," Bhupender Yadav wrote.

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with nurturing, not negotiations.

PM Modi praised Yadav's article, saying it showcases India's achievements in wildlife conservation and environmental sustainability.

Mission LIFE, launched by PM Modi at the Glasgow Climate Conference 2021, aims to promote environmentally friendly lifestyles and tackle the global climate crisis. The initiative has garnered international support, with world leaders endorsing India's efforts to address climate change.

scious acts of planetary service, underscoring that real sustainability begins

Amit Shah urges voters to wipe out Cong-RJD, which made Champaran a 'Mini Chambal'

(Gns). Union Home Minister Amit Shah urged the people of West Champaran, Bihar, to completely wipe out the parties of Lalu Prasad and Rahul Gandhi, accusing them of bringing jungle raj (lawlessness) to Bihar and making Champaran district infamous as a "mini Chambal."

Addressing a public rally in Bettiah, West Champaran, Shah said that the district had witnessed jungle raj in the past, when nine people were murdered in a single incident. Bihar's land, he said, was once soaked in blood due to crimes such as kidnapping, extortion, and murder.

"Now, that same jungle raj is trying to return, disguised in new clothes and faces. It is your duty to stop it," he told the gathering.

He added, "The Tirhut region has suffered from

Naxalism for decades. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we have freed the country from terrorism and Bihar from Naxalism. By 31



March 2026, Naxalism will be completely eradicated from the entire country. In the coming days, we will move forward toward making Bihar a fully developed state."

Appealing to voters, Shah said, "In the last election, you gave us eight out

of nine seats here. But with folded hands, I request you, this time, give all nine seats to the NDA. We must completely wipe out the parties of Lalu and Rahul, who



brought jungle raj and made our Champaran infamous as a 'mini Chambal'."

West Champaran district has nine assembly constituencies: Valmiki Nagar, Ramnagar (SC), Narkatiaganj, Bagaha, Lauriya, Nautan, Chanpatia, Bettiah, and Sikta.

Speaking later in Darbhanga, Shah said that while the UPA government ruled at the Centre for 10 years and Lalu-Rabri governed Bihar for 15 years, they did nothing for the development of Darbhanga.

"When Modi's government came to power, we established an AIIMS in Darbhanga. Now, the people of Mithila, Kosi, and nearby areas of West Bengal will no longer have to travel to Patna or Delhi for treatment; even the most serious illnesses will be treated right here in Darbhanga AIIMS," he said.

He added, "Today is the last day of campaigning here. On 6 November, all of you must press the lotus button (BJP symbol) and ensure victory for all three of our candidates. You must press the lotus button to stop jungle raj."

UP CM to hand over keys of flats built on land freed from Mukhtar Ansari's encroachment to EWS families

(Gns). Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will on Wednesday hand over keys of flats constructed on the land recovered from mafia leader Mukhtar Ansari's illegal possession in Lucknow's upscale Dalibagh area to 72 EWS (Economically Weaker Section) families.

The keys will be distributed to the beneficiaries at a ceremony organized at Ekta Van, opposite the DGP's residence.

Built under the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Housing Scheme, the flats are priced at ₹10.70 lakh each. The lottery process for the allotment of the flats was

completed on Tuesday. According to Lucknow

across the state. On approximately 2,322 square



Development Authority (LDA) Vice-Chairman Prathamesh Kumar, the project is the result of CM Yogi's zero-tolerance policy towards mafia under which illegal land was freed

meters of land reclaimed from Mukhtar Ansari's possession, the LDA constructed three G+3 blocks comprising 72 flats, each measuring 36.65 square meters. Situated on the 20-

meter-wide Bandha Road, the housing complex enjoys a prime location just minutes away from Balu Adda, 1090 Square, Narahi, Sikandar Bagh, and Hazratganj Square. The project includes modern amenities such as water and electricity supply, two-wheeler parking, security, and landscaped parks.

Online registration for the scheme was open from October 4 to November 3, during which nearly 8,000 applicants registered. The distribution of keys by the Chief Minister marks a major milestone in the state's campaign to convert land once held by the mafia into housing for the poor.

No land for industry but poor farmers' land available to Adani for Re 1 per acre: Rahul in Bihar

(Gns). Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday accused the BJP-led NDA government of snatching land from poor farmers in Bihar and giving it to businessman Gautam Adani at a throwaway price of Re 1

per acre. Addressing an election rally in Kutumba, Rahul Gandhi said, "What PM Modi has not told you is that land was snatched from poor farmers

and given to Adani for a price of Re 1 per acre. Amit Shah ji had said that there is no land available in Bihar where a factory can be built. But

land is available to give to Adani ji."

He also highlighted the plight of people of Bihar engaged in labour work in several states of the country in the absence of better employment opportunities in the state.

Dr. Jitendra Singh addresses a Round Table on "VAIBHAV Vision for Viksit Bharat" with eminent NRI Scientists and scholars, during the 3-day "Emerging Science, Technology, Innovation Conclave (ESTIC 2025)"

"You are not outsiders - you are part of the Indian scientific family", says Dr Jitendra

Minister calls for transforming India's engagement with its scientific diaspora from the era of "brain drain" to a model of "reverse brain drain" or "brain exchange" where knowledge, innovation, and ideas flow seamlessly between India and its global talent pool

Dr Jitendra Singh reaffirms PM Sh Narendra Modi's consistent outreach to the Indian scientific diaspora

India Enters Its Golden Era of Science and Innovation, Says the Minister

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Technology, Innovation Conclave" (ESTIC 2025), Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh said, "You are not outsiders — you are part of the Indian scientific family."

The Minister was interacting with VAIBHAV Fellows from across the world, who offered a range of constructive suggestions to strengthen India's science and technology ecosystem.

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The meeting was moderated by Principal



Scientific Adviser to the Government, Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, with Secretary, Department of Science and Technology Prof. Abhay Karandikar (Gns), delivering the welcome address.

VAIBHAV Fellows, representing universities and

R&D centres from countries such as the US, Canada, Sweden, and Australia and more, praised the government's efforts to institutionalize diaspora engagement through the VAIBHAV fellowship. They shared practical ideas for improving collaboration between Indian institutions and global Indian researchers.

One of the strongest recommendations was to create a structured mechanism for student mobility, allowing Indian students to spend up to a year working with their mentors abroad and for host scientists to bring foreign students to Indian labs — a move many said would "extend horizons and nurture global talent."

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Editorial

Overstepping the Mark

India's first Women's World Cup victory in Navi Mumbai is not just a sporting conquest; it is a cultural reckoning. It signals the moment when the idea of women's cricket in India finally broke free from the margins and claimed its rightful space in the national imagination. Under the floodlights of the DY Patil Stadium, amid rain delays and midnight celebrations, something irreversible happened ~ Indian cricket's gender divide began to blur. For decades, the conversation around Indian cricket revolved almost exclusively around men ~ their triumphs, failures, and heroes.

The women's team, despite flashes of brilliance, remained peripheral, its achievements treated as footnotes in a larger male narrative. But the night India lifted the World Cup, that hierarchy began to crumble. The crowd that stayed until past midnight, the millions glued to their screens, and the spontaneous celebrations across cities all bore witness to a profound change in emotional allegiance. What makes this victory extraordinary is the journey that preceded it. India's women were not favourites. They stumbled in the group stages, lost momentum, and faced the spectre of early elimination. Yet, when it mattered most, they found a way – first against the formidable Australians in the semi-final, and then against a tenacious South Africa.

It was a triumph carved out of grit and composure, powered by Shafali Verma's fearless stroke-play and Deepti Sharma's all-round mastery. Their partnership of belief and skill captured the essence of a new India ~ confident, unafraid, and unwilling to wait for validation. This was not merely a victory in sport, but a redefinition of belonging – a declaration that women's sport, too, can command devotion, drama, and destiny on India's grandest stage and spawn a set of superstars such as Smriti Mandhana, Harmanpreet Kaur and Jemimah Rodrigues, each of whom played a major role in setting up Sunday's date with destiny. But the impact of this win transcends the dressing room. The packed stands and frenzied public response point to a deeper societal shift. For the first time, young girls watching cricket could dream of glory without apology.

They saw women not as exceptions, but as equals. The Women's Premier League had already laid the groundwork by professionalising the sport; this World Cup victory gives it emotional legitimacy. There will, of course, be the temptation to romanticise the moment, to celebrate it as an endpoint. But this is only the beginning. Real transformation will depend on how institutions respond ~ through better infrastructure, equal pay, and sustained investment in the grassroots. The heroes of Navi Mumbai have shown what is possible; it is now for the system to ensure that their success becomes the norm rather than a miracle. In 1983, when India's men won their first World Cup, it altered the nation's sporting consciousness. Forty-two years later, the women have done the same. The baton of destiny has changed hands. From here on, Indian cricket's story will no longer be told in one voice, but in harmony.

Iconic Atal Bridge: Over 77.71 Lakh People Visited in the Last 3 Years; Over ₹27 Crore Revenue Earned

Over 8.50 Lakh Tourists Visited Atal Bridge Between April and October 2025 (7 Months)

Atal Foot Over Bridge Becomes a Major Attraction for Ahmedabad Residents And Tourists from India and Abroad

Gandhinagar, November 4, 2025: The iconic Atal Bridge over the Sabarmati River in Ahmedabad (India's first heritage city) has become a major attraction for city residents as well as tourists from across the country and abroad. Whether during Diwali or summer vacations, the Atal Foot Over Bridge has emerged as one of the most popular destinations for visitors. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated the bridge to the public on August 27, 2022. As per data from the Sabarmati Riverfront Development Corporation Ltd. (SRFDCL), 77,71,269 people have visited the advanced city of Gujarat, continues to preserve its rich heritage while embracing modernisation. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Modi Stadium, the old Pol culture, and the Ahmedabad Heritage Walk. Among them, the Atal Foot Over Bridge stands as a shining symbol of modern architecture, Gujarati culture, and urban beauty.

Year-wise Statistics of Tourists Visiting Atal Bridge

The Sabarmati Riverfront Development Corporation Limited (SRFDCL), a subsidiary of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC), constructed and manages the Atal Bridge. As per SRFDCL's year-wise data, 21.62 lakh tourists visited the bridge between August 31, 2022, and March 2023, generating ₹6.44 crore in revenue. Between April 2023 and March 2024, 26.89 lakh visitors generated ₹8.24 crore, while between April 2024 and March 2025, 20.67 lakh visitors contributed ₹8.19 crore. From April to October 2025 alone, 8.51 lakh people visited the bridge, adding ₹4.82 crore to the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation's revenue. The iconic Atal Bridge, built at an estimated cost of ₹74 crore, has generated ₹27.70 crore in revenue for the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, accounting for over 37% of the total project cost.

SHORT MESSAGE SERVICE (SMS)

Nath and Sandeep Mehta recently advised her, "There's this indigenous app called Arattai...use that. Make In India!" These judicial remarks, seemingly casual, reflect a deeper concern about India's digital sovereignty. "Arattai," Tamil for "conversation," is a Made-in-India messaging app hosted on Indian servers. It gained popularity following endorsements from senior Cabinet Ministers and has now crossed one crore downloads.

For over a decade since the era of chargeable Short Message Service (SMS), global platforms have monopolised our private conversations, expanding from text to multimedia messages and even video calls, all for free; Some say there is no free lunch. Foreign-hosted apps pose a critical legal issue for Indian users, public servants in particular. When they communicate through these servers, they may risk violating the Public Records Act, 1993. Section 4 explicitly prohibits "taking out of India any public records of the Government," including digital records. Section 9 even prescribes imprisonment of up to five years for such violations. Few have been charged, and the practice remains widespread.

The National Informatics Centre (NIC) launched Sandes as an indigenous alternative, but it has not gained much traction among the general public. At the heart of modern messaging is End-to-End Encryption (E2EE), which ensures a message is encrypted on the sender's device and decrypted only by the recipient, protecting data both in transit and at rest. WhatsApp (about 3 billion Monthly Active Users (MAUs)), Apple's iMessage (1 billion MAUs) and Signal (70 million MAUs) apply E2EE by default.

Snapchat (432 million MAUs) uses E2EE for 1:1 'Snaps' (photos and videos), but not text messages. Telegram's chats are server-encrypted, readable by the platform, except "Secret Chats." X (237 million MAUs), Facebook Messenger (1 billion MAUs), and Instagram DMs (part of Insta's 3 billion MAUs) are rolling out default E2EE. E2EE is like locking a box containing a few rupees with a golden lock; the protection often exceeds the value inside. Even a casual "good morning" message receives military-grade encryption.

Championed by privacy advocates as a cornerstone of digital freedom of expression, E2EE has become a double-edged sword. Criminal messages also get this protection, whether it is someone harassing a woman by sharing her intimate image or video without consent, or coordinating extortion. This prevents law enforcement from intercepting communications in real-time or decrypting stored messages, even for serious crimes like digital fraud, terrorism, and sexual exploitation. Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV) has surged.

In April, in Varanasi, a 19-year-old woman was allegedly raped, filmed, and blackmailed with threats of social media circulation, leading to her gang rape by 22 others. In June, a Kolkata law college student faced similar threats of her assault videos being circulated on social media to coerce her from reporting a sexual assault. Platforms with E2EE react only when a user files a complaint, post-crime. Though WhatsApp's reactive model led to 99.67 lakh accounts being banned in January alone, this approach is not preventative. By contrast, YouTube uses AI and human oversight to proactively detect and remove objectionable content quickly. The Supreme Court had earlier ordered review of obscenity regulations for social media and OTT platforms, in a PIL filed by Uday Mahurkar and others, in April. This raises a crucial question: does absolute, unqualified privacy serve the public interest?

Arattai responds with a balanced encryption middle ground. Voice and video calls use E2EE, but text messages and media do not. Indian law is evolving to address the challenges. The Information Technology Rules, 2021, require platforms to remove unlawful content swiftly and to trace the "first originator" of such content. Telegram recently agreed to provide user data (IP addresses) in response to legal requests. However, WhatsApp is challenging in the Delhi High Court the "traceability" mandate. Further, the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, to be enforced soon, grants citizens the "Right to be Forgotten." The Data Protection Board can order erasure of personal data, with fines up to Rs 50 crore for non-compliance. E2EE platforms face a fundamental challenge here, as they cannot erase any specific content. Their only recourse is to block an account, to prevent future sharing. This is now part of a global debate.

The USA's "Tools to Address Known Exploitation by Immobolizing Technological Deepfakes on Websites and Networks (Take It Down) Act," the UK's Online Safety Act, and the European Union's proposed "Chat Control" law are pushing for similar measures to scan even E2EE content. Platforms often boast about sender privacy but neglect the privacy of the recipient. Read receipts, features like blue checkmarks or "Seen" labels let senders know when their messages have been read. They come at a cost, creating an expectation of immediacy. A culture of instant replies has emerged, creating a constant, low-grade anxiety and an implicit demand to stay perpetually alert. This serves the commercial interests of platforms, which are designed to keep users glued to screens. The typing indicator is a classic example. Snapchat offers no option to disable read receipts. WhatsApp provides a setting to turn them off, but only for 1:1 chats, not for group messages, where senders can always see who has read their messages.

This creates a sense of surveillance, especially in work environments where employees may feel obligated to respond at all hours, undermining work-life balance. Even family members may feel hurt when a message is read but not immediately answered. The slower, more forgiving pace of email and SMS, where same-day or next-day replies were the norm, has now been replaced by an expectation of instant reply.

The right solution is offered by Signal, a non-profit platform. Its read receipts setting, when disabled, applies universally to all chats, 1:1 and group, helping users reclaim some autonomy. It is time for the commercial social media platforms, including Arattai, to rethink read receipts and let users opt out of the guilt and urgency these features quietly impose. Arattai is a step toward building an indigenous communication ecosystem that is both lawful and humane. India's pursuit of digital sovereignty calls for a thoughtful balance between privacy and public safety.

REMOVAL OF PRINCE ANDREW'S ROYAL TITLES

The removal of Prince Andrew's royal titles and his eviction from the Royal Lodge in Windsor estate mark an extraordinary rupture in the fabric of Britain's monarchy. In renaming him Andrew Mountbatten Windsor and stripping him of his privileges, King Charles III has done what once seemed unthinkable, subordinating family loyalty to public morality. The decision signals that the House of Windsor, long accused of protecting its own, has finally drawn a red line between personal disgrace and institutional integrity. The reckoning has been slow but inevitable.

Years of scrutiny over Andrew's association with Jeffrey Epstein, the convicted sex offender, eroded whatever goodwill remained from his days as a working royal. The recent publication of posthumous allegations revived wounds that the Palace had hoped were fading. Against that backdrop, the King's statement was not merely punitive; it was a declaration that moral accountability within the royal household must no longer depend on the silence of history. For decades, the monarchy has functioned on a delicate balance ~ reverence tempered by restraint, privilege justified by duty. There have been Royal scandals ~ Edward VIII, Diana, and Charles himself ~ but Andrew's fall is different.

The symbolic power of stripping a prince of his title and home lies not in humiliation but in acknowledgment: that the public's trust cannot coexist with lingering entitlement. When personal conduct undermines the moral standing of the Crown itself, exile becomes the only credible response. This is not only a royal crisis but a moral parable, a reminder that even the most gilded institutions must answer to the principles that govern ordinary lives. In political terms, the move also reflects an evolving monarchy more attuned to modern expectations. The Palace's statement explicitly affirming solidarity with victims of abuse is a muted but unmistakable acceptance of accountability. It suggests that the institution is learning, albeit painfully, that moral authority is earned not by divine right but by public consent.

The government's quiet endorsement of the King's decision reinforces the convergence of constitutional symbolism and democratic sentiment. For Andrew, the consequences are devastating. To lose not only his title but also Royal Lodge ~ his residence for over two decades ~ is to be stripped of both identity and belonging. What remains is a private citizen burdened by scandal. Yet, for the monarchy, this act of internal discipline could prove restorative. By confronting disgrace openly, it may reclaim the credibility eroded by decades of perceived privilege without accountability. The episode also exposes a deeper truth about monarchy in the 21st century: survival depends on legitimacy. The Crown cannot reform society if it cannot reform itself. In taking decisive action against his brother, the King has not merely protected the throne ~ he has reminded the nation that no bloodline, however blue, stands above the moral expectations of its people.

The essence of religion

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Religion is the enquiry into the beyond that marks the difference between the lives of human and animals. This is how Swami Vivekananda explained the essence of religion. He said: "So if man rests content with the present and gives up all search into the beyond, mankind will have to go back to the animal plane." Religion is a complex human phenomenon encompassing various spiritual practices. It throws light into the inner world as well as engages in exploring answers to timeless, existential questions.

Religious feelings descend from one generation to the next. Swami Vivekananda held that the lowest stage of religion is the religion of fear when people turn to God and perform rituals and religious practices to protect themselves from harm. These are the external forms of devotion through which one has to pass. But according to Vivekananda "Temples or churches, books or forms are simply the kindergarten of religion, to make the spiritual child strong enough to take higher steps, and these first steps are necessary if he wants religion. "But if he is sincere, if he really wants to reach the truth, he goes higher than this, to a plane where forms are as nothing... External worship, material worship is the lowest stage; struggling to rise high, mental prayer, is the next stage; but the highest stage is when the Lord is realised...We have to analyse our own souls and find what is there...Only the man who has actually perceived God and the soul has religion...But if there is a God, He is in our own hearts.

Have you ever seen Him? Religion is, therefore, realization. This was the assertion of Vivekananda about the highest stage of religion. He said: "This is one great idea to learn and to hold on to, this idea of realisation. This turmoil and fight and difference in religions will cease only when we understand that religion is not in books and temples." Religion brings to man eternal life. It is the highest echelon of religion one must desire to reach. However, the vast majority of people today are more akin to perform only the basic rituals. People love to worship God, an external idea. It gives more reliance on external strength than on an eternal one.

Most people rely on faith often indulged in by institutions. Societal and Institutional impetus encourage people to congregate in large numbers at places of worship to perform religious practices. Therefore, a vast majority of people in India are at the preliminary stage of religion as propagated by Vivekananda. The desire to move to the higher stage of religion is visibly absent. "We often consider a man religious who can talk well. But this is not religion," said Vivekananda. "Religion is a matter of growth, not a mass of foolish words." Vivekananda added: "Wonderful methods of joining words, rhetorical powers, and explaining the texts of the books in various ways ~ these are only for the enjoyment of the learned, and are not religion." These words of Vivekananda are still relevant today. Vivekananda lamented: "We are all atheists, and yet we try to fight the man who admits it. We are all in dark.

Religion is to us mere intellectual assent, mere talk, mere nothing." The strong words of Vivekananda remind us ~ "We want everything but God. This is not religion that you see all around. ... They have all sorts of things for enjoyment, and unless they add a little flavour of religion, life is not all right, because society would criticize them. Society expects it, so they must have some religion." It is social compulsion that makes us religious if we recognize the words of Swami Vivekananda. However, a society does not literally force everyone to adhere to a specific religion but exerts significant pressures and influences that can promote specific religious beliefs and participation. Society is a stage of growth through which a man passes. Society is good at a certain stage, but it is not the ultimate aim, not the ideal.

One may argue that people act under irresistible compulsion because an individual is fully dependent upon the society in which he lives and must therefore accept its rules and dictums. But the formulation of this idea forces us to think what extent such a concept contradicts our sense of justice. The conscience of individuals must also work. An individual can think and create new ideas and values, set new standards for society. After all, the health of society depends upon the independence of its individuals. Society is in constant flux. The development of society is possible only when individuals composing it can think and judge independently. So, freedom of mind is extremely significant. Practical religion, according to Vivekananda, is to get the state of freedom, the attainment of freedom. It is the renunciation of the lower senses ~ all temptations ~ through which one can attain freedom and wisdom.

BLOCK FOR DELAUNCHING OF FOOT OVER BRIDGE AT BHARUCH YARD

Mumbai, Few trains to be regulat-
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A Block of 3 hours will be undertaken on Wednesday i.e. on 05th November, 2025 from 12:50 hrs to 15:50 hrs, for De-launching of Foot Over Bridge (FOB) at Bharuch yard between Vadodara – Surat stations.

The block will be undertak-
en on UP & Down Main Lines, due to which a few Western Railway trains will be affected.
According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details of the trains which will be

affected due to the block are as under:
Regulation of Trains on 05th November, 2025:
1. Train No. 12656 Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G.R Chennai Central – Ahmedabad Express will be regulated by 01 hour 25 minutes.
2. Train No. 09003

Mumbai Central – Shakur Basti Special will be regulat-
ed by 01 hour 30 minutes.
3. Train No. 09075 Mumbai Central – Kathgodam Special will be regulated by 55 minutes.
4. Train No.09095 Bandra Terminus – Ayodhya Cantt Special will be regu-
lated by 45 minutes.

Canada Tightens Student Visa Rules, Rejects 3 In 4 Indian Applicants

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Canada's latest changes to international student permits is notably impacting Indian applicants. The Government data reveals a significant drop in the number of study permits issued to Indian students, once a major group in Canada.
This shift is due to Canada's efforts to manage temporary migration and address student visa fraud, CTV News reported citing Reuters.
Canada's recent changes to international student permits notably impacted Indian applicants, with a 74% rejection rate in August 2025, a significant increase from the previous year, leading to declines in enrolments at universities like Waterloo and triggering diplomatic tensions and tighter visa rules.
The Immigration Department reported that 74% of study permit applications from India were rejected in August 2025. This is a stark increase from the 32% rejection rate in the same month last year. Overall, nearly 40% of all study permit applications were denied, with 24% of those from China also turned down.

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The University of Waterloo has experienced a two-thirds decline in Indian student enrolments over the past three to four years. Ian VanderBurgh, associate vice-president of strategic enrolment management at the university, attributed this drop to government caps on foreign student visas.
Other universities like the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan have reported similar declines. Jaspreet Singh from the International Sikh Students Association noted that earlier encouragements for newcomers to "Study, work, stay" have diminished.
Tighter Visa Rules and New Powers
Ottawa is seeking new powers to cancel groups of temporary visas over fraud concerns related to India and Bangladesh. Internal documents obtained by CBC News revealed that Immigration Canada formed a working group with US partners to detect fraudulent visa applications.
The proposed authority is part of Bill C-12 within a broader border legislation package called Bill C-2. However, this measure has alarmed over 300 civil soci-

study permit applications linked to fake acceptance letters, mostly from India. Last year alone, an enhanced verification system flagged over 14,000 potentially fraudulent documents across all applications.
In response to these findings, Canada's immigration department tightened verification processes and increased financial requirements for applicants. The Indian Embassy acknowledged the increased rejection rate but stated that issuing study permits "is Canada's prerogative."
University Enrolment Decline



Gopichand P Hinduja, Head of Hinduja Group, Passes Away at 85

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He was the second of the four Hinduja brothers, following the death of his elder brother Srichand Hinduja in 2023. The other two brothers, Prakash and Ashok Hinduja, continue to be active in the family's vast business empire.
A Visionary Leader Who Transformed Hinduja Group
Fondly known as 'GP' in business circles, Gopichand Hinduja played a pivotal role in expanding the Hinduja Group's footprint globally. Joining the

family business in 1950, he helped transform it from a modest Indo-Middle East trading venture into a diver-

major sectors, including automotive, banking and finance, IT, healthcare, power, real estate, and

wealth and success, the Hinduja family faced internal disputes that drew public attention. In 2021, a legal battle erupted in a London court when Srichand Hinduja's daughters, Vinoo and Shanu, accused their three uncles Gopichand, Prakash, and Ashok of excluding them from family funds and decision-making.
The three brothers responded by referring to a 2013 family agreement that stated, "everything belongs to everyone and nothing belongs to anyone." The feud, marked by emotional exchanges and conflicting claims, became one of the most talked-about family business disputes in recent years.
Legacy of Leadership and Vision
Gopichand Hinduja leaves behind a legacy of resilience, vision, and entrepreneurial excellence. His leadership not only strengthened the Hinduja Group's global presence but also set a benchmark for Indian industrialists on the international stage.



NHRC, India takes suo motu cognizance of the reported paying of bribe to ambulance driver, police, crematorium staff and civic officials by a father after his daughter's death in Bengaluru, Karnataka

(Gns).
The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India has taken suo motu cognizance of a media report that while mourning the death of his only daughter, a grieving 64-year-old father was made to pay bribes at every step, including an ambulance driver, police, crematorium staff and civic officials in Bengaluru, Karnataka. According to the media report, carried on 30th October, 2025, what should have been a solemn farewell turned into a night-

mare of corruption, bureaucracy and inhumanity.
The Commission has observed that the contents of the news report, if true, raise serious issues of violation of human rights. Therefore, it has issued notices to the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police, Karnataka, calling for a detailed report on the matter within two weeks.
Reportedly, an IIT

Madras and IIM Ahmedabad graduate woman working in the city suffered a brain haemorrhage on 18th September, 2025. When the father called an ambulance after the death of his daughter, the ambulance driver apparently over-charged for the services. When he reported his daughter's death to the police, they not only displayed a lack of empathy but gave copies of



TN gangrape accused trio shot in legs, arrested in late-night police operation

(Gns).
A day after the gang rape of a 21-year-old college student near the Coimbatore international airport, the Tamil Nadu police arrested the three culprits by shooting them down on their legs on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday.
Congratulating the police for nabbing the accused within a day by acting swiftly, Chief Minister M K Stalin said no amount of strong words would suffice to condemn the inhuman crime. He also directed the police to file the charge sheet within a month and secure maximum punishment for the culprits.
Earlier, Coimbatore City Police Commissioner A Saravana Sundar, explaining the operation to the media, said, "The police were forced to open fire since the trio attempted to escape from their hideout at Vellakinaru near Thudiyalpur on the outskirts."
He gave the identities of the three arrested as

Karuppasamy @ Satheesh (30), his brother Kaleeswaran @ Karthik

from the deserted vacant land behind the airport where the incident took



(21) of Singampunari in Sivaganga district, and their distant relative Guna @ Thavasi (20) of Madurai District. The brothers have multiple cases against them including murder and theft, the Commissioner added.
While Karuppasamy and Guna sustained bullet injuries in both their legs, Kaleeswaran was shot in one leg when they tried to assault the police team and attempted to flee the place. All three have been admitted to the Government Medical College Hospital.
"The accused were staying in Irugur, about 4 km

place. On Sunday night, after consuming liquor at Irugur, they came in a stolen two-wheeler to the vacant land and consumed another bottle at around 11 pm.
"On sighting the lonely car and the duo inside, they broke the glass window with stone and when the male friend came out, they attacked him with a sickle and stone on the head before dragging the woman forcibly out. They took her to a deserted place and committed the crime and fled the place leaving the two-wheeler near the car," Sundar explained, adding

Parties set up war room as ECI undertakes SIR exercise to cover 403 assembly segment in UP

(Gns).
As the Election Commission of India (ECI) launching its Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday, political parties have pulled up their socks to join the campaign.
The ECI has a herculean task to cover over 1.62 lakh polling booths with 15.44 crore voters in just a month time.
Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have started reaching door-to-door from Tuesday as the voter list prepared after the SIR will serve as a crucial basis for the 403 seat during the 2027 Assembly elections in the state. The entire process is a rigorous test for the ECI, BLOs, political parties, and even voters.
In Lucknow, the state capital, over 3,800 BLOs have started reaching out to the voters from Tuesday morning.
Political parties too are not lagging behind in joining the SIR. They have set up 'War Room' to ensure the presence of Booth Level Agents(BLA) to ensure that no eligible voter get rejected in this one month long campaign.
The Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP) and the Samajwadi Party(SP) have formed strong teams at each booth for SIR while the Bahujan Samaj Party(BSP) has also assigned SIR responsibilities to booth presidents, sector presidents, and BLAs. However, other parties, including the Congress, were lagging behind in deputing BLAs and were working hard to match with on another.
On the other hand, under the Election Commission's new system,

a booth will now have a maximum of 1,200 voters, making it easier to contact them and get them to vote

have to talk to the district and assembly coordinators related to their area every day and take reports. Also,

12 booths. Each sector has a team of 11 people, including the chairman. They are also tasked with booth-wise monitoring. While each assembly constituency has 35 to 40 sectors. The two assembly coordinators are also responsible for monitoring. Above them, the district coordinator, district president, and, above all, the divisional coordinator are entrusted with monitoring," the BSP leader said.
Samajwadi Party has also geared up for SIR. Party's national spokesperson and MLC Rajendra Choudhary said that the party is deploying agents at the booth level, who will do the work of coordination between the Election Commission and the common voters. Booth level agents have been asked to ensure that no voter's name is left out from being included in the voter list.
A helpline centre is also being set up at the Samajwadi Party headquarters, where if anyone is facing any problem, they will be helped by the party, he said.
UP Congress's preparations for the SIR are currently lagging. The Congress party is currently in the process of deploying BLA-1s at all 1.62 lakh booths in the state.
"A deadline of November 6 has been set for naming BLAs. They will begin their work at the booth level from November 7. For monitoring, the Congress has established a Connect Center, which will serve as a war room to oversee the entire process," informed UP Congress President Ajay Rai.
"Each sector has 10 to



Efforts on to include Sonbhadra's Salkhan Fossil Park in permanent list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites: UP minister

(Gns).
Uttar Pradesh Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh on Tuesday said that serious efforts are underway to include the Salkhan Fossil Park in Sonbhadra district in the permanent list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
The park, located in Sonbhadra district's Salkhan village near the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary, covers an area of approximately 25 hectares and is one of the largest fossil parks in India.
In a letter to Union Tourism and Culture

Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in September

ment that the Government of India is making serious

ted to the Government of India to include Sarnath in Varanasi in UNESCO's list. The Tourism Minister also expressed his gratitude to Union Tourism and Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
He stated that inclusion in the permanent list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites would enhance the park's global recognition and importance, while also promoting tourism and scientific research. Currently, India has 43 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, seven of which are under the natural category.



Strict action will be taken against those selling banned drugs in Haryana: Minister Arti Singh Rao

The minister has directed officials to carry out inspections.

(Gns). Haryana Health Minister Arti Singh Rao has said that strict action will be taken against those involved in the illegal sale of narcotic and banned drugs. She emphasised that any chemist or medical store owner found selling prohibited or psychotropic substances will not be spared under any circumstances.

The minister has directed officials to carry out inspections. Under the Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan, Commissioner of Food and Drugs Administration, Haryana, Manoj Kumar, has initiated further action on the minister's directions. He informed that a large-scale

raid was conducted in the Sirsa district to curb the illegal sale of narcotic drugs. The operation involved 35



Senior Drugs Control Officers (SDCOs) and Drugs Control Officers (DCOs) from various zones and districts.

To ensure the effectiveness of the operation, eight special teams were formed and assigned to conduct surprise inspections at chemist shops suspected of

misusing psychotropic or dual-use medicines. The raid was directly supervised by State Drugs

Controller Lalit Kumar Goyal, accompanied by Assistant State Drugs Controllers Parvinder Singh, Karan Singh Godara, and Rakesh Dahiya from the FDA headquarters.

The operation was simultaneously carried out in several areas of Sirsa district, including Kalanwali,

Badagudha, Dabwali, Rania, Ellenabad, and Sirsa city. The inspections began at 11:30 am and continued until 6 pm.

During the campaign, 67 medical stores were inspected, and 16 shops were sealed for failing to present required records and other violations. Fifteen samples were also collected during the drive. Show-cause notices will be issued to all erring shops, and further action will be taken under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

Health Minister Arti Singh Rao reaffirmed that the state government is committed to making Haryana drug-free and that such drives will continue. She made it clear that the illegal trade of narcotic substances will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

Rajasthan HC takes suo motu cognizance of rising road accident deaths

(Gns).

The Rajasthan High Court has taken suo motu cognizance of reports over the worrisome loss of human lives in gruesome road accidents at various places, including Phalodi, Jaisalmer, and Jaipur.

A division bench of the court, headed by Justice Dr Pushpendra Singh Bhati, while taking cognizance of the matter on Tuesday, sought a report from the state government on plans and measures taken or being taken by the officials to prevent the tragic incidents.

The court has also appointed an amicus curiae to make suggestions in the matter for curbing accidents. A letter petition is

also submitted by a lawyer, Rajendra Sharma, before the Acting Chief Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma. The court has sought a reply from Advocate

several tragic mishaps with high casualties in recent weeks in Rajasthan have attracted the attention of the entire country. Notable among these, a



General Rajendra Prasad.

The rising trend in road accidents seems to be a pan-India issue; however,

massive fire in a Jodhpur-bound AC sleeper coach took place on October 14 on the outskirts of

Jaisalmer, claiming the toll of 28 lives. Several injured.

Just two days ago, on Sunday last, 16 people, including 10 women and 4 children, were killed in a massive collision between a Tempo Traveler and a stationary truck near Matoda on the Bharatmala Road in Phalodi district.

Yesterday, on November 2, 14 people were killed and around 10 were injured when an uncontrolled dumper ploughed through pedestrians and two-wheelers, hitting many other vehicles in the Harmada area of Jaipur.

A report said that more than 100 people have died in road accidents in the state in almost a month.

Devotees beat up policemen in Banke Bihari temple, four arrested

Mathura. On Tuesday morning, there was a fierce fight between the devotee family coming from Aliganj and the policemen in Thakur Banke Bihari temple under Vrindavan Kotwali area. Other devotees were also injured in the dispute over stopping the devotee family who were adamant on leaving the entry gate of the temple. Police reached Bihariji police post with the devotees. Regarding the incident, Additional Superintendent of Police, City, Rajiv Kumar said that on Tuesday morning at 10:53, some people indecently assaulted Head Constable Raghavendra, who was on duty in the temple, the evidence of which is present in the



Women and men misbehaving with policemen

CCTV. A case has been registered in connection with the incident and action

is being taken. Accused Abhay Singh Sanjay Singh and Rahul Singh, residents of Esunita, Aliganj Etah, have been detained. It is said that at around 11 am on Tuesday, ten members of a devotee family resident of Aliganj, Etah, reached the Thakur Banke Bihari temple to have darshan in the temple from gate number two. When the devotees were coming out through this entry gate number two,

the policemen posted at the gate stopped them and appealed to them to come out through the exit gate number one. There was an argument between the devotees and the police regarding this matter and within no time the devotees started misbehaving with the policemen. Some people present in the temple made a video of this. In the video, the devotee family is seen fighting fiercely with the policemen. While some policemen are trying to intervene. Devotees allege that the policemen misbehaved with family member Anita, 40. As soon as he protested, a fight started. Yatindra of the devotee family sustained injuries in the incident

“ Microfinance: A powerful tool for employment generation” - Upma's 8th Annual Convention on 6th November in Lucknow.

Lucknow, November 4, 2025: With the aim of promoting employment generation and economic empowerment in Uttar Pradesh, the Microfinance Association of Uttar Pradesh (UPMA) is organizing its 8th Annual Convention on November 6, 2025, at Hotel Taj, Lucknow. The main theme of the convention will be “ Microfinance: Supporting Employment.”

On this occasion, top financial experts of the country like former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India, Shri M.K. Jain and former Chairman of SIDBI, Dr. Kshatrapati Shivaji will specially come to Lucknow from Mumbai to address the convention.

During the convention, a detailed report will also be presented on the role of microfinance in making Uttar Pradesh 'Uttam Pradesh', which will show how microfinance institutions are giving new direction to employment, self-reliance and women empowerment in both rural and urban areas of the state.

Representatives of major financial institutions of the country will also participate in the program, prominent among them are -

Shri Ganesh Narayanan, Chairman, Credit Access Grameen, Mr. Vivek

Tiwari, Head, Satya Micro Capital and Chairman, Upma , Mr. Anoop Singh,



Head, Sonata Finance , Shri Pramod Kumar Pandey, Executive Director, Utkarsh Bank

Shri Vivek Tiwari, Chairman, UPMA informed that the convention will discuss various important topics like whether microfinance has lived up to the expectations of its customers, responsible financing within the guidelines of Reserve Bank of India, strategies for responsible business growth.

“We hold this convention every year. This year, it's our eighth, and it will be informative and inspiring for workers and stakeholders in the microfinance sector,” said Mr. Paras Wasnik, Minister of UPMA.

Currently, Uttar Pradesh's total microfinance business is approximately ₹15,137 crore, with approximately 5.3 million

women as clients. The average loan per client is ₹55,045 . Microfinance services now reach every

district in the state. On this occasion, those personalities will also be honoured who have provided direction and guidance to the microfinance sector during their tenure.

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Mr. Vivek Tiwari, Managing Director, Satya MicroCapital& Chairman, UPMA

Mr. Anup Singh, Managing Director, Sonata Finance

Mr. Pramod Kumar Pandey, Executive Director, Utkarsh Small Finance Bank

According to Mr. Vivek Tiwari, Chairman of UPMA, the convention will feature deliberations on key topics

silent in the face of hate,” Krishnamoorthi said in a post on X.

Vance, who is married to Usha Vance, an Indian-American, sparked criticism after remarks made during a public event at the University of Mississippi.

Responding to a question about his interfaith marriage, he said, “Now, most Sundays, Usha will come

with me to church. As I've told her, and as I've said publicly, and as I'll say now in front of 10,000 of my closest friends, do I hope, eventually, that she is somehow moved by the same thing that I was moved by in church? Yeah, I honestly do wish that because I believe in the Christian gospel and I hope eventually my wife comes to see it the same way.”

Braj Raj Utsav 2025 inaugurated by District Magistrate-SSP by cutting the ribbon of Traffic Month

Traffic awareness rally flagged off, balloons flown

Mathura. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar inaugurated the Traffic Month November 2025 by cutting the ribbon at the Braj-Raj Utsav 2025 program organized at the Railway Ground in Dhaulipyau. District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar flagged off the traffic awareness rally. He released balloons in the Traffic Month November 2025 awareness program.

District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar garlanded and laid flowers on the picture of Mother Saraswati in the Traffic Month November 2025 program. He lit the lamp in front of Mother Saraswati and inaugurated the program. In the program, District Magistrate Chandra



District Magistrate CP Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar inaugurating the ceremony by cutting the ribbon.

Prakash Singh has requested all the residents of the district to follow the traffic rules. He said that do not drive at high speed, use only high security number plate, do not drive under the influence of alcohol. The District Magistrate said to drive slowly, save your life as well as the lives of others.

The District Magistrate said that the traffic awareness rally is an initiative whose objective is to increase awareness about traffic rules and safety among the people. The

general public, school children, and members of various organizations participate in such rallies and motivate people to follow traffic rules. In the Traffic Month November 2025, the importance of road safety will be explained through awareness rally and people will be motivated for safe travel. Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar said that traffic rules are those rules which are made to make the traffic on the roads safe and orderly. By following these rules, road

accidents can be prevented and traffic can run smoothly. He said that it is mandatory to wear a helmet while driving a two-wheeler, it is mandatory to wear seatbelt while driving a car, one should follow traffic signals such as red light, green light and traffic police signals. He said that one should drive according to the prescribed speed limit, be careful while overtaking and follow the rules. Vehicles should be parked at designated parking spots only and it is the responsibility of all of us to follow the traffic lanes and not disturb other vehicles.

MP representative Janardan Sharma, District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar, SP Traffic Manoj Kumar, SP Security Rajkamal Aggarwal, Area Officer Mont Ashish Sharma, Area Officer Umbrella Bhushan Verma and other officers were present in the program

DRDO to lead session on Electronics & Semiconductor Manufacturing at ESTIC 2025

(Gns).

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) will lead the thematic session on ‘Electronics & Semiconductor Manufacturing’ during the ongoing Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2025, underway at Bharat Mandapam in the national capital. The session, which will be conducted on Wednesday, will be chaired by the Secretary, Department of Defence R&D, and Chairman, DRDO, Dr Samir V Kamat.

Semiconductors play a vital role in modern technology ecosystems, powering critical systems in healthcare, communications, transport, defence, and space. DRDO has made significant progress in semi-

conductor technology by developing indigenous methods for producing 4-inch Silicon Carbide wafers

Micro Electronic Devices, Computational Systems & Cyber Systems, Suma Varughese; Director,



and fabricating Gallium Nitride High Electron Mobility Transistors of up to 150W, the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

Other DRDO officials in different panel discussions include Distinguished Scientist & Director General,

Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory, Hyderabad, Dr Ramalingam Balamuralikrishnan; and Scientist-G, Solid State Physics Laboratory, Delhi, Dr Somna Mahajan.

The three-day conclave, themed ‘Viksit Bharat 2047

TMC anti-SIR rally: Mamata says will ensure fall of BJP govt if a single eligible voter is deleted from rolls

(Gns).

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday led a massive protest march in Kolkata against the Election Commission of India's (ECI) Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise to revise electoral rolls.

The chief minister was accompanied by her nephew and Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Abhishek Banerjee during the protest march from Red Road to Jodasanko.

Religious leaders representing all the prominent

faiths, including Hinduism, Islam and Christian, were seen walking together at the forefront of the rally, sending out a message of unity.

Banerjee's party, the TMC, has termed the Election Commission of India's SIR exercise “Bangla-Birodhi”.

Addressing the rally, CM Banerjee accused the BJP of branding Bengali migrants as Bangladeshi and spreading fake news against Bengal. Stating that SIR in Bengal took two years to be completed in 2002, Mamata asked the ECI why it was in a hurry to complete it in a

month this time.

The West Bengal CM also demanded that the ECI reveal how many Rohingyas and Bangladeshis were found in Bihar after the SIR exercise.



Mamata warned that “if a single eligible voter is removed from electoral rolls in Bengal, we would ensure fall of BJP govt.”

She also questioned the purpose of Aadhaar card if the document is not accepted for voter list and ration

card.

“How much did you pay for Aadhaar cards? You (Centre) took Rs 1,000 from each person. If you took Rs 1,000 from the public to make Aadhaar cards, then why do you still say no Aadhaar card for the voter list, no Aadhaar card for the ration card? Who are you cheating?” she asked.

“...the best thing is to make this one change and remove the Delhi government from the country. There will be no need for Aadhaar. How many cards will you make? Ration card, health card, PAN card, Aadhaar card, caste certificate, Kisan card, labour card...,” Mamata added.