



## PM Modi Meets Italy's Giorgia Meloni On G20 Sidelines In Johannesburg

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Johannesburg, where both leaders participated in the ongoing multi-lateral discussions.

The meeting took place shortly after PM Modi arrived at the G20 venue and was welcomed by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa. The formal reception began a series of scheduled engagements for the Indian Prime Minister during the summit.

During the G20 Summit in Johannesburg, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Modi's

visit to South Africa included interactions with Indian-origin tech entrepreneurs and attendance at a cultural program featuring the Tamil song "Ganga Maiya."

Modi reached South Africa on Friday to a warm welcome. A cultural troupe greeted and bowed to him at the airport, symbolising the historic ties between India and South Africa. This trip marks his fourth official visit to the country. He previously travelled to South Africa for the BRICS Summits in 2018 and 2023, as well as for a bilateral visit in 2016, reflecting the growing strength of the partnership between the two countries. This year's G20 Summit continues the grouping's rotation across the Global South for the fourth consecutive year, fol-

lowing Indonesia, India, and Brazil. With South Africa set to assume the presidency in 2025, the Global South's significance within the G20 continues to expand.

Modi also began his bilateral engagements on Friday with a meeting with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Their conversation focused on ongoing cooperation and areas of collaboration, bolstering India's diplomatic outreach ahead of the summit's main sessions.

During his visit, the

Prime Minister also interacted with Indian-origin tech entrepreneurs in



Johannesburg. Sharing a message on X, he wrote: "Met the winners of the

Bharat Ko Janiye Know India Quiz in South Africa. This Quiz encourages members of our diaspora to learn more about India's history, culture and more. It truly strengthens our diaspora's connect with India."

He later held talks with the chairman and CEO of Naspers, discussing grow-

ing investment opportunities in India's digital economy. The discussions reinforced the increasing global interest in India's tech landscape and the expanding role international companies are seeking within it.

PM Modi also highlighted a cultural programme he attended in Johannesburg.

In a post on X, he said: "It was a very joyful and emotional experience for us to witness the performance of the South African Girmitya song Ganga Maiya in Johannesburg. Another special aspect of this performance was that the song was also sung in Tamil! This song embodies the hope

and unwavering courage of those people who came here many years ago. Through these songs and bhajans, they kept India alive in their hearts. Therefore, witnessing this cultural connection still vibrant today is truly commendable."

## Rahul Gandhi Alleges 'Nationwide Chaos' During Special Intensive Revision; 16 BLOs Dead

(Gns). Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Sunday alleged that "chaos" has been created nationwide under the guise of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. He claimed that 16 Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have died due to stress and overwork during the ongoing revision exercise.

The SIR process is currently underway in nine states and three Union Territories, with its first phase conducted in Bihar ahead of the assembly elections. The final electoral list is expected to be released in February 2026.

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Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, claiming 16 Booth Level Officers (BLOs) died due to stress in nine states and three Union Territories, while the final electoral list is expected to be released in February 2026. Data from a media report posted by Mallikarjun Kharge indicated that the deceased BLOs were from Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala.

In a post on X written in Hindi, Rahul Gandhi said, "Under the guise of SIR, chaos has been unleashed across the country - the result? In three weeks, 16 BLOs have lost their lives. Heart attacks, stress, suicides - SIR is no reform, it's

an imposed tyranny." He further alleged that SIR is a "calculated ploy" where citizens are being harassed,



while the deaths of BLOs due to pressure are dismissed as "collateral damage." According to him, this is "not a failure but a conspiracy" meant to safeguard those in power at the cost of democracy.

The data shared from a

media report posted by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge stated that the 16 deceased BLOs were from six states - four each from Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, three from West Bengal, two from Rajasthan, and one each from Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

In West Bengal, the death of BLO Shanti Muni Ekka, who allegedly died by suicide due to "unbearable pressure" linked to the SIR work, triggered a political row. Governor C.V. Ananda Bose said the matter would be examined thoroughly. "It is better to avoid a knee-jerk reaction. What the Chief Minister said must be examined in detail."

## Kejriwal Honors Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's Legacy, Highlights AAP's Commitment To Religious Freedom

(Gns). The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) paid homage to Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji on his 350th martyrdom anniversary, recognising his immense sacrifice and enduring message of religious freedom. Arvind Kejriwal, AAP National Convener and Delhi Chief Minister, described the Guru's legacy as a "beacon of courage, compassion, and unwavering commitment to humanity."

At the commemoration event, Kejriwal pointed out the uniqueness of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's sacrifice. "There have been many occasions in humanity when someone has sacrificed to protect their own religion, but to sacrifice

one's life for the religion of another is rare," he stated. The Guru's belief in every

person's right to follow their own religion was highlighted.



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The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), led by National

Convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, commemorated Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's 350th martyrdom anniversary, recognising his sacrifice for religious freedom and highlighting values of unity and

brotherhood in India's civilisational ethos.

The gathering featured spiritual leaders and representatives from various faiths, reflecting the Guru's philosophy of universal respect. Kejriwal emphasised the significance of having gurus and religious leaders from diverse communities, which underscored the values of unity, mutual understanding, and brotherhood. These principles are central to AAP's governance and social initiatives.

In his address, Kejriwal stressed that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's martyrdom transcends Sikh history, serving as a defining moment in India's civilisational ethos.

## 'BLOs in UP are untrained': Majority of voters won't be registered, says Akhilesh

(Gns). Samajwadi Party National President Akhilesh Yadav, reiterating his demand to extend the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) by three months, alleged that the BLOs are not properly trained which would only lead to rejection of a majority of voters in the voters list.

"BLOs have not been properly trained for SIR. The Election Commission is claiming that all forms have been distributed, but in reality half the voters have not received them," he said.

In a statement issued here on Sunday, Akhilesh Yadav accused the BJP



government of conspiring against the public through this SIR.

"The Commission is conducting the SIR without any preparation. Samajwadi Party leaders and workers are assisting people with caution and vigilance during the SIR to ensure that

all voters are registered," he said while alleging that if the work is not done as per the procedures established by the Election Commission, the forms will be rejected and the votes will be cancelled.

The SP president said that Uttar Pradesh is a very

large state where crores of voters have to cast their votes.

"There are weddings and other ceremonies going on, so the Election Commission should extend the SIR process by three months, giving people a chance. BLOs and party BLEs should also be properly trained so that all voters can enroll their votes," he said.

Meanwhile, SP's UP President Shyam Lal Pal submitted a memorandum to the state Chief Electoral Officer for conducting SIR in a transparent manner at 1,62,486 polling stations in 403 assembly constituencies of the state.

## Punjab Govt Calls for Statewide Blood Donation on Nov 25 to Commemorate Guru Sahib

(Gns). The grand commemoration of the 350th martyrdom day of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji is set to begin in Sri Anandpur Sahib on 23 November. The three-day event, concluding on 25 November, promises a deep message. The Punjab government has crafted this occasion to embody spirituality, humanitarian service, nature conservation, and the true essence of "Sarbat da Bhala".

The final day will commence with the completion of Akhand Path Sahib, attended by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. This marks the culmination of three days of continuous prayer, dedicated to honouring Guru Tegh Bahadur

Ji's sacrifice. The event is deeply emotional for many, symbolising completeness, respect, and spiritual energy in Sikh history.

The Punjab government is holding a three-day event in Sri Anandpur Sahib from November 23 to 25 to mark the 350th martyrdom day of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, including a blood donation drive, a plantation drive of 3.50 lakh trees, organ donation pledges, and a drone show, all under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

Following the Akhand Path, a historic state-wide

blood donation drive will be launched by the Punjab government. The teachings of the Gurus highlight that



no religion surpasses humanity. Blood donation is akin to life donation, and this campaign is a testament to the Sikh tradition of serving humanity.

The event continues with a large-scale plantation drive, aiming to plant

3.50 lakh trees across the state. This initiative is not merely about planting trees; it connects future generations with the Guru's message of respecting nature and creation. The Punjab government has transformed this gathering into more than a religious event, linking it to the upliftment of society, the environment, and humanity.

Programs from Gurbani kirtan to the "Sarbat da Bhala Unity Centre" will deepen the day's spiritual significance. "Sarbat da Bhala" is the Sikh faith's core spirit, wishing well-being for all humanity. In line with this, a large state-wide organ donation pledge drive is scheduled for 25 November.

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## Gautam Adani Announces Rs 100 Cr Contribution to Indology Mission Editor's Synopsis

(Gns).  
At the inaugural Adani Global Indology Conclave, Adani Group Chairman Mr Gautam Adani announced a landmark commitment to building the Bharat Knowledge Graph — a first-of-its-kind digital framework designed to preserve, structure and future-proof India's civilisational knowledge in the age of Artificial Intelligence.

Adani Group Launches Bharat Knowledge Graph Initiative

The Adani Group, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education's Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), is hosting the three-day Global Indology Conclave to revive Indology — the global academic study of India's civilisation, languages, philosophies, sciences and cultural heritage.

Delivering the keynote address at the event, Mr Gautam Adani said, "As a



beginning, I am humbled to announce a founding contribution of ₹100 crore towards building the Bharat Knowledge Graph and supporting the scholars and technologists who will contribute to this Indology mission. This is the repayment of a civilizational debt."

At the Global Indology Conclave, Gautam Adani announced a ₹100 crore

Shankaracharya of Jyotir Math — the 46th in an unbroken lineage of revered acharyas who trace their spiritual authority to Adi Shankaracharya himself. Addressing the conclave, the Shankaracharya said, "When I assumed the position of Shankaracharya, I had said that my role would become meaningful only when India becomes the Vishwaguru (global teacher). And today, Gautam Adani ji's initiative is a major support to that very dream of mine".

The Global Indology Conclave is being held at the Adani Corporate House (ACH) in Ahmedabad from 20 to 22 November 2025. At a time when Indology departments worldwide are shrinking, this effort seeks to reassert India's owner-

commitment to the Bharat Knowledge Graph, aiming to preserve India's civilisational knowledge and support scholars in Indology. Switch To Shorts  
The guest of honour at the conclave was Swami Avimuktेश्वaranand Saraswati Ji, Jagadguru

## NCERT to Remove 'Great' from Akbar, Tipu Sultan's Names: Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma Says 'Good Move'

(Gns).  
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Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma welcomed reported revisions by the National Council of Educational Research and Training to school history textbooks, removing the epithet "great" from Mughal emperor Akbar and Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan; the changes were also mentioned by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh leader Sunil Ambekar.

Sarma Applauds Reported Changes

Speaking to ANI during his visit to Bongaigaon, Sarma said he was not completely sure whether the revisions had been



implemented but praised the move if it had indeed taken place. He added a sharp remark, saying, "Tipu Ipu ko maro ekdum. Jahan bhejna hai, udhar hi bhej do. Samundar mein phek do." He further told ANI, "I have

not seen whether they have done this. If they have done this, then many thanks to the NCERT from my side."

The comments followed

the Great" or "Tipu Sultan the Great." Ambekar said, "I could see that many good changes have been brought in the history books, and more could be done in the future. But now, they do not have 'Akbar the Great' nor do they have 'Tipu Sultan the Great'."

Ambekar noted that the revisions were not aimed at removing individuals from the narrative. Instead, he said the intention was to ensure that students remain aware of historical actions and their consequences. He added, "Many changes have been brought, although nobody has been removed from these books as the new generation should know their cruel deeds and should also know because of whom we were victimised and from whom we should be free."

a statement by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh leader Sunil Ambekar, who said on Friday that several changes had been made to the history curriculum. According to him, the texts no longer refer to "Akbar

## 161 Gelatin Sticks, 20kg Explosives Found Near School in Uttarakhand's Almora

(Gns).  
A major security scare unfolded in Uttarakhand's Almora district after a large cache of gelatin sticks was discovered close to a government school in Dabara village.

In Uttarakhand's Almora district, police discovered 161 gelatin sticks near a government school in Dabara village, prompting a police investigation and deployment of bomb disposal units. Authorities registered a case against unidentified individuals under the Explosive Substances Act and are investigating possible links in light of recent explosive seizures across the country.

Switch To Shorts  
The discovery has prompted an intensive police investigation at a

time when agencies across the country are already on high alert following recent explosive seizures.



Suspicious Packets Found Near Government School Principal Subhash

Singh was the first to spot unusual packets hidden in nearby bushes and promptly alerted authorities. Two

positional and dog squads from Udham Singh Nagar and Nainital. Search Operation Reveals More Explosives  
During the sweep, sniffer dogs detected several packets of gelatin sticks concealed in vegetation. Additional packets were located roughly twenty feet away. The bomb disposal squad collected and sealed all the material before shifting it to a secure location.

"161 gelatin sticks were recovered from the bushes near a school in Dabara village. The police reached the spot. The bomb disposal squad also conducted an inquiry. The nearby areas were also searched," Senior Superintendent of Police Devendra Pincha said.

police teams reached the location without delay and secured the area, followed by the arrival of bomb dis-

## China Used India-Pak Tensions to Test Weapons in Real Conditions: Report

(Gns).  
A US congressional panel's recent report has brought renewed focus to Operation Sindoor, accusing China of exploiting the brief India-Pakistan conflict in May as an opportunity to showcase its military prowess. The four-day skirmish from May 7 to 10 provided China with a stage to test and promote its latest weaponry, enhancing its military image without direct involvement.

China's involvement in the clash between India and Pakistan, which was sparked by a terrorist attack in Pahalgal, Jammu and Kashmir, that killed 26 civilians, has gained international attention. The report highlights China's strategy of using

the conflict to demonstrate the capability of its modern military systems, including the HQ-9 air-defence system, PL-15 air-to-air missiles, and J-10 fighter jets.



A US congressional panel report details China's Operation Sindoor exploitation during the India-Pakistan conflict from May 7-10, showcasing weaponry like HQ-9, PL-15, and J-10 jets while offering military sales to Pakistan, including J-35 fighter jets, post-Pahalgal terror

attack.

China's Strategic Moves  
According to the report, China saw the conflict as a chance to advertise its advanced weapons while avoiding escalation.

This approach aligns with China's broader defence industry ambitions and its ongoing tensions with India. The clash allowed China to gather valuable data and publicity, marking the first use of its modern weapon platforms in real combat scenarios.

The confrontation led to China reportedly offering Pakistan military sales, including 40 J-35 fifth-generation fighter jets, KJ-500 aircraft, and ballistic missile defence systems. These

offers came shortly after the conflict, indicating a strategic move to strengthen military ties with Pakistan.

Propaganda and Disinformation

The report also revealed that Chinese embassies openly celebrated the performance of their military systems during the conflict. This was part of an effort to boost arms sales. Additionally, French intelligence noted that China engaged in a disinformation campaign to undermine the French Rafale fighter jets, favouring its J-35s. The campaign included fake social media accounts spreading AI and video game images of debris allegedly caused by China's weaponry.

## Tejas Crash: Wing Commander Namansh Syal's Mortal Remains to Return to Himachal Pradesh

(Gns).  
The mortal remains of Wing Commander Namansh Syal, who lost his life after his Tejas Light Combat Aircraft crashed during a flying display at the Dubai Airshow, are being flown back to India. A special Indian Air Force aircraft is transporting him home, and his village in Himachal Pradesh will receive him by Sunday.

Wing Commander Namansh Syal's mortal remains are being returned to his Himachal Pradesh village after his Tejas aircraft crashed at the Dubai Airshow; the 37-year-old pilot leaves behind his wife and daughter, and the Indian Air Force has paid tribute to his service.

Officials confirmed that arrangements for the final rites are in place in his

hometown of Kangra. His uncle Jogindernath Syal said, "We have made all arrangements for the cre-



mation."

Syal, aged 37, leaves behind his wife who also serves in the Air Force, their six-year-old daughter, and his parents.

IAF Pays Tribute to a Committed Officer

The Indian Air Force expressed deep sorrow over the loss of the sea-

soned pilot, recalling his professionalism and steadfast service. In a heartfelt statement on X, the force

wrote, "His dignified persona earned him immense respect through a life devoted to service, and was visible in the send-off attended by UAE Officials, colleagues, friends, and the officials of the Indian Embassy. The IAF stands in solidarity with his family in this hour of profound

grief and honours his legacy of courage, devotion and honour. May his service be remembered with gratitude."

Images and videos from the airshow showed the Tejas aircraft striking the ground and bursting into flames. The pilot was executing low-level aerobatic manoeuvres on the final day of the five day event, which commenced on November 17.

Ongoing Concerns and Previous Crash

This incident marks the second crash involving the India built Tejas since its induction into the Air Force in July 2016. The force currently operates two squadrons of the aircraft in its Mk 1 configuration, which includes the IOC and FOC variants.

## Sabarimala gold loot: SIT to probe former TDB chief's foreign trips

(Gns).  
The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Sabarimala gold loot case has decided to conduct a comprehensive inquiry into the foreign trips of former Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) president A. Padmakumar, who was arrested on Thursday.

The probe team aims to determine the purpose of Padmakumar's foreign travels and examine financial transactions between him and Unnikrishna Potty, the prime accused in the case, during those trips. Investigators are also looking into whether Padmakumar accompanied Potty on his visits to



England.

During a raid at Padmakumar's residence in Aranmula on Friday, the SIT confiscated his passport and seized documents related to financial dealings between him and the first accused, Unnikrishnan Potty. Income tax documents belonging to

Padmakumar and his wife were also taken into custody.

Investigators have reportedly found that after stealing gold from the gold-plated coverings of the Dwarapalaka sculptures and the door frame of the sanctum sanctorum in 2019, Unnikrishnan Potty

## NIA on the hunt for IIT student in Red Fort blast case

(Gns).  
In a latest development in the Delhi Red Fort blast case, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) is reportedly searching for a student from the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) who had been in contact with the "Doctor Module".

According to sources, the student was in constant touch with Dr. Shahida Syne.He had taken admission in an IIT in 2019, They revealed that Dr. Umar was inspired by slain terrorist Burhan Wani.

Furthermore, there were reportedly disagreements over funding between Umar

and Muzammil. The financial disputes are said to have led to an argument between them.

The NIA has so far arrested six people in con-

nection with the Red Fort blast case. Initially regis-

tered by the Delhi Police, the case was later transferred to the NIA by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The NIA has confirmed that a Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) was used in the Delhi blast



## China is alienating the younger generation from Tibetan identity: Pempa Tsering

(Gns).  
President of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile (Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) Pempa Tsering has stated that China is attempting to eliminate the younger generation.

He said Tibet has a population of 7.5 million, with one million consisting of children aged four to young adults. By putting these young people in boarding schools, China is alienating them from Tibetan language, culture, and religious sentiments, even though the language of Chinese boarding schools is Chinese.

Pempa Tsering, who arrived in Lucknow yesterday. Speaking to the media on Sunday, he stated that Tibetan Buddhist institutions are facing increasing pressure due to policies aimed at Sinicization. China claims that Tibet is an autonomous region, but there appears to be no sign of independence. During the presentation, he gave a comprehensive presenta-

tion on Tibetan history, culture, and the current situation in Tibet. He explained that the Tibetan script evolved from Devanagari.

He emphasized Tibet's long-standing role in preserving Buddhist teachings of India's ancient Nalanda tradition. He stated that these cultural traditions continue to serve as an important repository of ancient Indian knowledge. During the 8th and 13th centuries, numerous Buddhist texts were translated, and work is now underway to translate them into Sanskrit.

When asked about mobilizing public support for Tibet's independence worldwide and independence from China, President Pema Tshering said many people are still unaware of Tibet's situation. Therefore, it is important to educate

everyone. As regards independence from China, it can only be resolved through face-to-face dialogue. "We are not in favour

of war. India will not fight China over Tibet, nor will NATO or the US. In such a situation, the issue cannot be resolved without discussion," he said. When asked about the improving India-China relations, he said sometimes both countries move forward and sometimes backward. He said he has a very deep relationship with India and is deeply grateful to the Indian government for this. Tibetan President Pempa Tshering expressed con-



by Dr. Umar Nabi, a suicide bomber. He was driving an i20 car that was used as a VBIED, which exploded outside the Red Fort, killing fifteen people and injuring over thirty.

In a separate development, the Crime Branch of the Delhi Police has registered two FIRs and issued two summons to Javed Ahmed Siddiqui, Chairman of Al Falah University. Following the Delhi Police FIR, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has also registered a Prevention of Money Laundering Act case and arrested Siddiqui after conducting raids.

Earlier, President Pempa Tshering met with several political figures in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, on Sunday morning. During the meeting, he discussed the current state and direction of Tibet and sought cooperation in maintaining its autonomy. Following this, the President of the Tibetan Government in Exile (Central Tibetan Administration – CTA) addressed aspiring army officers at the Warriors Defense Academy in Lucknow.

He provided detailed information on Tibetan history, culture, and the current situation in Tibet. Dr. Sanjay Shukla, Regional Coordinator (U.P. & Uttarakhand), Core Group for Tibetan Work, highlighted the introduction of the programme.



